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DOWNEY FIGHTER, 17, WINS THIRD MUAY THAI TITLE

►Only 17, mixed martial artist Jonathan O'Neill already holds three championship belts. He'll defend his latest title early next year.

By William Odis Martin Contributor

DOWNEY – Jonathan O'Neill is the newest North American WBC Muay Thai (under 18) champion after his most recent victory in Arizona.

At just 17 years old, O'Neill already holds three championship belts in Muay Thai.

Muay Thai is a form of martial arts that consists of stand-up striking using feet, shins, elbows, and fists. The combat sport that has been affectionately regarded as the Art of Eight Limbs, originated in South Eastern Asia, in countries near Myanmar and Thailand sometime in the 1700s.

Thai military and buddhist monks alike have been practicing the martial art for centuries before it made its way to the US. There you will find the best Muay Thai fighters in the world so O'Neill made the pilgrimage to Thailand in August to put his skills to the ultimate test.

Although he lost the fight, he gained priceless experience and learned what it will take to be a champion.

"That helped tremendously. I realized how good the competition is globally," said O'Neill. "The guy I fought swept me about four times too and ever since then I was determined to be able to sweep as well as he did.

"While I was there I watched hundreds of fights and saw their style and now I try to mix their style with mine, like the lead leg fighting. In America, you can't find anyone on that skill level to try to emulate so I watch my fight in Thailand all the time so I can fight like the guy that beat me in Thailand because his style obviously works."

It definitely was his edge in his championship fight. O'Neill had impressive sweeps that kept putting his opponent on his back. His brutal attack on the lead leg dominated the match by physically and mentally chopping his opponent down.

O'Neill improved his record to 7-1 overall and plans to defend the title sometime in early January or February. In just a few weeks he will go back to Arizona to compete in a Muay Thai tournament.



Muay Thai champion Jonathan O'Neill. Photo by William Odis Martin

The young champion credits the support of his father, Eric O'Neill, his coach and mentor Isaias Nambo, and the rest of the team at King Cobra in Downey for pushing him to the max every day so that fight nights come easier.

CDC issues nationwide recall of romaine lettuce

The Centers for Disease Control is advising U.S. consumers not to eat any romaine lettuce in response to a new multi-state outbreak of illnesses caused by a dangerous type of E.coli.

The CDC also says retailers and restaurants should not serve or sell any romaine lettuce until more is learned about the outbreak.

Officials say 32 people in 11 states were infected with the outbreak strain of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli between October 8 and October 31.

Thirteen people were hospitalized, including one person who developed a type of kidney failure.

No deaths have been reported.

The CDC advises anyone who has any type of romaine lettuce in his or her home should not eat it and should throw it away, even if

some of it was eaten and no one has gotten sick.

This includes all types or uses of romaine lettuce, such as whole heads of romaine, hearts of romaine, and bags and boxes of precut lettuce and salad mixes that contain romaine, including baby romaine, spring mix, and Caesar salad.

The CDC recommends that if you do not know if the lettuce is romaine or whether a salad mix contains romaine, do not eat it and throw it away.

The CDC also advises consumers to wash and sanitize drawers or shelves in refrigerators where romaine was stored.

According to the CDC, people usually get sick from Shiga toxin-producing E. coli two to eight days after swallowing the germ. Some patients may get a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic

syndrome.

E. coli infection is usually diagnosed by testing a stool sample.

If you have symptoms of an E. coli infection, talk to your healthcare provider.

Write down what you ate in the week before you started to get sick, and report your illness to the health department.

The outbreak is also affecting Canada, where 18 cases have been identified.

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

At 1:30 am, the victims were at an apartment complex on the 7300 block of Dinwiddie when a suspect tried to steal their marijuana. During a struggle with the suspect, one of the victim's was struck in the thigh by a small caliber bullet. She was medically treated for a non-life threatening wound. The suspect fled the location with the marijuana prior to police arrival. Detectives are investigating.

At 12:20 pm, officers responded to a robbery at the AT&T store at 8420 Firestone. Prior to our arrival, a male suspect grabbed a display phone from inside the store and ran towards the door. When an employee tried to stop him, the suspect made a verbal threat and simulated a handgun. The suspect then grabbed a second display phone and fled the location.

From 10:30 pm until 2:30 am, two officers working a foot beat in the downtown area issued 5 municipal code citations.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

At 9:25 pm, officers responded to a report of gunshots heard in the area of the 13400 block of Laureldale. Officers located five shell casings in the roadway. One witness confirmed the shots were fired from a vehicle into the air. Suspect vehicle fled the location prior to police arrival.

From 10:30 pm until 2:30 am, two officers worked in the downtown area and issued 3 municipal code citations, 8 traffic citations, and 2 parking citations.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

At 9 pm, officers responded to the 9800 block of Foster Road in regards to a robbery. A male victim was in front of his residence when he was approached by two male suspects. One of the suspects was armed with a knife and demanded the victim's phone and wallet. The victim handed over his iPhone and money. Both suspects fled the location on foot. During an area check, officers recovered the victim's phone to the front of an apartment complex. Detectives are investigating.

Downey restaurant grades

Michaels
12100 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/16/18
Grade: **A**

Kentucky Fried Chicken
7865 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/16/18
Grade: **B**

Subway
7930 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/16/18
Grade: **A**

Yum Yum Donuts
7410 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/16/18
Grade: **A**

See's Candies
203 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

Rosewood Liquor
7138 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

See's Candy Shop
9839 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Raul
8740 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

Frantone's Pizza and Spaghetti
9148 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

Chris's Best
9180 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

El Atacor
9456 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

The Hummus Factory
8266 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

Q's Authentic Mexican Shaved Ice
8272 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

El Tequilense
9126 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

Burger City Grill
8260 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

Golden Palace Restaurant
9116 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

Pepe's Mexican Restaurant
9020 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

Tamales Guadalajara
9134 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Don Goyo
8502 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/13/18
Grade: **A**

Milpas Meat Market
8434 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/13/18
Grade: **A**

Pleasure Liquor
8422 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/13/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 69°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 74°

THINGS TO DO



Santa Claus Arrival

Saturday - Norwalk Town Square, 12 pm
Watch as Santa Claus arrives via helicopter. Plus free train rides, carnival games, real snow play area and sledding, crafts, pony rides, and more.



Tamale Festival

Sunday - La Habra Civic Center, 9 am to 6 pm
40-plus food vendors, 80-plus general vendors, artwalk, tamale lessons, three stages of entertainment, tree lighting ceremony, and more.



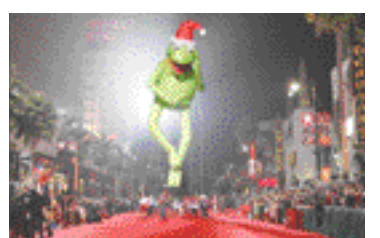
A Carpenters Christmas

Saturday - La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 pm
Singer and playwright Lisa Rock and her 6-piece backing band are keeping The Carpenters' holiday traditions alive by bringing their unforgettable Christmas songs to the stage. \$15-\$49



The Nutcracker

All Weekend - Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts
Los Angeles Ballet presents its version of the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," set in 1912 Los Angeles. \$34-\$102



Hollywood Christmas Parade

Sunday - Hollywood, 5 pm
Floats, balloons, costume characters, bands, equestrians and celebrities from all genres. Nancy O'Dell is this year's grand marshal.

Quotable

Don't be a parrot in life, be an eagle.

A parrot talks way too much but can't fly high but an eagle is silent and has the power to touch the sky.

Teenager fatally shot after fight at gas station

DOWNEY – A 19-year-old man was found shot and killed in a riverbed in Downey over the weekend after he was in a fight at a nearby gas station, police said.

Miguel Hernandez Bravo, of Bell, was pronounced dead of a gunshot wound before 3 a.m. Sunday near a bridge over the San Gabriel River by Foster Road and Carfax Road, just north of the city's border with Bellflower, said Downey Police Sgt. Kevin McCaster.

Detectives learned Bravo had been involved in a physical altercation with several people at the gas station a few blocks away on Woodruff Avenue and Foster Road, he said.

"It is believed the individuals may be involved in this crime and the victim was specifically targeted," McCaster said.

No arrests were announced and no further details were available.

Police asked anyone with information about the shooting to call them at 562-904-2308 or 562-904-2331. Anonymous tips can be made to Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or by using the P3 Tips smartphone app.

Stauffer students present 'Lion King Jr.'

DOWNEY – Stauffer Middle School advanced drama students will present "The Lion King, Jr." next week. Performances are free and open to the community.

The school's theater department has rented professional costumes and set pieces for the production, which will be performed Nov. 29-30 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Pyle is the director.

To reserve seats, email Mrs. Pyle at apyle@dusd.net.

Downey's Gene Cajigas named Player of the Game for his 17 points, six assists

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' basketball team kicked off their 2018-19 season last Friday night with a 58-48 win against Marina.

Downey took an early lead and led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Downey Vikings extended their lead in the second quarter by outscoring Marina's Vikings 20-13. Downey led 34-20 going into the locker room at halftime.

Marina's Vikings outscored Downey 12-10 in the third quarter and again 16-14 in the fourth quarter. The Downey's Vikings lead proved too big to overcome and defeated Marina's Vikings 58-48.

Downey was led by senior point guard Gene Cajigas. Cajigas was selected player of the game for his 17-point, six assist and three rebound performance.

Senior Omar Makhoulf also had an impressive game with 18 points, five rebounds and three assists and junior Armando Ramirez contributed with nine points and five rebounds.

Senior Brandon Garcia added eight points and four rebounds, junior Alec Lucatero had four points, three rebounds and one assist, and senior Tramaine Willis had two points, one rebound and one assist.

Downey is scheduled to play Huntington Beach on December 4th and Long Beach Jordan on December 5th in the Artesia Winter Classic. Downey is also scheduled to play Cerritos at the Staples Center on December 20th. The Vikings will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Paramount to play the Pirates on January 4th.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 10-16 and a league record of 4-6.

WARREN BOYS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School basketball team kicked off their 2018-19 season on November 13th with a loss to Beckma, 59-46, in the Rumble for Rosecrans Tournament.

The Bears quickly rebounded and won their next four tournament games and finished the tournament winning four of the five games they played.

Warren defeated El Segundo on November 14, 48-34, then defeated Paramount, 57-45, on November 15th, then defeated King of Riverside, 47-43, on November 16th and finally defeated California High, 60-47, on November 17th.

The Bears are also scheduled to compete in the Orangewood Academy Tournament after the Thanksgiving Break, December 4-8. Warren will play Arroyo de El Monte on December 4th, Orangewood Academy on December 5th, Gardena on December 6th and Costa Mesa on December 8th. The Bears will also host the California Academy of Math and Science (CAMS) on December 19th at Warren.

Warren is also scheduled to play in the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic Tournament over the Christmas Break, December 26-29. The Bears' opponents will be determined based on the results of each game played.

Warren will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Lynwood to face the Knights on January 4th. The Bears finished last

season with an overall record of 15-11 and a league record of 6-4.

DOWNEY SOCCER: The Downey High School boys' and girls' soccer seasons are getting underway. The fall sports seasons have concluded and the transition to the winter sports seasons are upon us.

The Downey boys' soccer team will begin preseason play next Wednesday when they host Mission Viejo at Downey at 6:00 p.m.

The Vikings are scheduled to travel to Capistrano Valley on November 30th, scheduled to travel to Loyola on December 4th and scheduled to travel to Edison on December 7th. The Vikings will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Paramount to play the always tough Pirates on December 21st.

The Vikings finished last season as S.G.V.L. champions with an overall record of 15-8-4 and a league record of 7-1-2. Downey was defeated by Loyola of Los Angeles 2-0 in the quarterfinal round of the Division 1 playoffs.

The Downey High School girls' soccer season will get underway when the Lady Vikings host San Gabriel Mission at Downey next Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Lady Vikings are scheduled to play West Covina at West Covina on December 5th, scheduled to host Long Beach Poly at Downey on December 7th and are scheduled to play two games on December 8th at Downey against Flintridge Prep of La Canada at 9:30 a.m. and against La Quinta at 12:40 p.m., respectively. Downey will begin league play when they host the Paramount Lady Pirates at Downey on January 2nd.

The Lady Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 12-7-4 and were 7-2-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Downey was eliminated by Mayfair in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

WARREN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: Warren High School's girls cross country out performed end-of-season CIF (Top 16) ranked San Clemente, Dana Hills and Beckman at CIF Division 1 Finals.

The Bears were one of the most improved teams, gaining on five schools from last week's Prelims, finishing 14th overall, and running (1:03) faster than the week before.

Improving most and making a substantial difference for Warren was Skye Gutierrez (19:24). She ran an all-time personal best and filled a void, keeping the Bears' 5th scoring position close. She alone made the largest swing of points in Warren's favor.

Top times went to Nadine Gomez (18:07) and Alicia Liera (18:28). Alicia improved by (:21) and ran a course-best personal record. Doing the same was Valeria Guerra (19:01). Arianna Cervantes (19:13) rounded out Warren's top 5.

Warren's team time (total 1:34:14, per runner average 18:50) is their second fastest on this course since its inception in 2015. They ran almost a full minute faster than last year.

WARREN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY: The Warren High School boys' cross country team saw their season conclude last Saturday morning at the C.I.F. Division 1 Final in Riverside.

The boys' Division 1 Final was run at 7:45 a.m. and the Bears finished in 20th place overall with a team score of 446. In cross country, the lowest score wins based on the order of finish of the top five runners from each school.

Great Oak took first place with 53 points, Dana Hills took second place with 96 points, West Ranch took third place with 135 points, Long Beach Poly took fourth place with 165 points and Crescenta Valley took fifth place with 183 points to round out the top five finishers, respectively.

Warren senior Antonio Munoz was the first Bear to finish in a time of 15:21.8. Munoz finished 48th overall. Junior Owen Franco was the second Bear to finish in a time of 15:43.4. Franco finished 86th overall. Junior Fabian Gomez was the third Bear to finish in a time of 15:59.5. Gomez finished 116th overall. Senior Alex Guardado was the fourth Bear to finish in a time of 15:59.6. Guardado finished 117th overall. Junior Gerardo Rubio was the fifth Bear to finish in a time of 16:04.6. Rubio finished 125th overall.

Seniors Andres Serna and Alfredo Santa were the sixth and seventh Bears to finish. Serna finished 152nd overall in a time of 16:16.8 and Santana finished 170th overall in a time of 16:36.7.

Paul Delgado has been tapped as chorus master for the upcoming "It's Christmas in Downey!" concert, taking place Dec. 16 at the Downey Theatre.

A resident of Whittier, Delgado has been an active choral musician since the age of 6. He attended the Biola University Conservatory of Music and currently serves as choir director and music director at Rancho Community Church of Temecula. He is founder of the Paul Delgado Singers, an auditioned high-level chamber choir located in Orange County.

For the Downey concert, Delgado has the responsibility of gathering singers from all over Southern California. There is still room in the choir for people interested in participating in the Dec. 16 concert; previous experience with Handel's Messiah is preferred.

For more information, or to purchase concert tickets, visit CathedralProductions.com or call (714) 883-7987.



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Downey High School's earliest yearbooks

Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce Contributor

DOWNEY – In the file with newspaper clippings of 1970 was a story headed, “Students Search for Oldest Book.”

Downey High School journalism students had recently thought they had

found the oldest copies of the school yearbook: 1921 and a 1923 issue, until David Shirley brought a copy of his great-uncle’s “Summary” to the school.

The great-uncle, Geroge Francher, now lived in Austin, Tex. Then a few days later, Rhea Rasmussem brought a copy of the 1915 “Summary” belonging

to a family friend, Mrs. Minnie Batson.

Poems, jokes, essays and short stories were included in both of the earlier books. Among the seniors in the 1916 book was Wallace Kincaid, father of Wally Kincaid, baseball and basketball coach at DSHS. Cecelia Mandala’s father was a senior and student body president in the 1923 book.

Downey’s first football team was formed in 1921 and the first yearbook now in the journalism files to have a picture of the football team is

the 1923 “Summary” brought recently by Martin Logan, a painter working on the new buildings.

The 1915 yearbook refers to the school by its original name, Los Nietos Valley Union High School, but the 1916 book calls it Downey Union High School, indicating that the name was changed between these dates.

Among the songs listed in the 1915 book as favorites of the seniors are “Put Your Arms Around Me Honey” and “You Made Me Love You,” both of them popular at the time.

Among the jokes were such killer-dillers as this:

“Do you know the difference between capital and labor?”

“No, sir.”

“Well, if I loaned you a dollar, that would be capital; if I tried to collect it, that would be labor.”

Increased enrollment forced construction of a new school in 1921.

OPEN HOUSE: The Downey Historical Society will be having an open house tour of

the Dismukes House built in 1887. The date is Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mark this Saturday on your calendar so you can enjoy seeing how early pioneers celebrated the Christmas holiday. Address is 12540 Rives Ave., just north of Imperial Highway in Downey.

The Downey Historical Society will be looking forward to your visit on Dec. 15.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

Downey PTA food drive starts Monday

DOWNEY – Downey Council PTA HELPS is holding a week-long food drive to collect food for needy families this holiday season.

The food drive begins Monday, Nov. 26, and continues through Dec. 14. Drop-off bins are located in Warren High’s administration building and at the Downey Police Department.

Donations can include, but are not limited to, the following items: cereal, tuna, bag rice, bag pinto beans, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, dry pasta, boxed macaroni and

cheese, canned beans, boxed rice, Hamburger Helper, canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit, soup, canned and boxed potatoes, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, muffin mix, chili, crackers, soap, toilet paper, and toothpaste.

Downey Council PTA HELPS is a non-profit food pantry started in the 1960’s by Downey PTA members and families to help families of the Downey Unified School District during times of hardship. They are an emergency-based food operation and cater to Downey students and Downey residents. The pantry also

assists elderly residents.

The pantry is open two days a week -- Wednesdays and Fridays -- and is completely volunteer-driven.

This year, the pantry has provided food for over 250 families, and last Friday it completed its Thanksgiving basket distribution, providing a turkey and three bags of food to hungry families.

Downey Council PTA HELPS will hold its Christmas distribution on Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with families again receiving three bags of

food.

“All this food is donated year round by our 19 Downey schools, as each school has their own food drive,” said Dorothy Pemberton, PTA HELPS director. “What we don’t receive, we purchase from funds that are donated by the public.”

For questions or more information, contact Dorothy Pemberton at (310) 717-3637 or email dorpemberton@ca.rr.com.



PTA HELPS volunteers at a Thanksgiving distribution last week.

Financial Partners Credit Union donated \$7,700 to the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities in support of their science camp that will send nearly 400 Downey Unified fifth grade students to a three-day, two-night learning experience in our local mountains.

Taking place next month, these student campers from Gauldin, Old River, Price and Unsworth elementary schools will be traveling to take part in an educational outdoor learning experience. Funding provided through FPCU’s donation will pay for bus transportation to and from camp, as well as camp tuition for eight students who were

selected through a raffle.

Science Camp is a new program being offered in Downey Unified for fifth grade students through a DFEO initiative to expose students to opportunities that will expand their independence and give them a learning experience they cannot get within the walls of their classrooms.

Supporting DFEO in other capacities as well, FPCU was also a Platinum Sponsor for the DFEO’s VIP Experience that took place during the Downey vs. Warren football game on Oct. 19.



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US proposal for defining gender has no basis in science

By the editorial board of Nature

According to a draft memo leaked to The New York Times, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposes to establish a legal definition of whether someone is male or female based solely and immutably on the genitals they are born with. Genetic testing, it says, could be used to resolve any ambiguity about external appearance. The move would make it easier for institutions receiving federal funds, such as universities and health programmes, to discriminate against people on the basis of their gender identity.

The memo claims that processes for deciding the sex on a birth certificate will be “clear, grounded in science, objective and administrable”.

The proposal — on which HHS officials have refused to comment — is a terrible idea that should be killed off. It has no foundation in science and would undo decades of progress on understanding sex — a classification based on internal and external bodily characteristics — and gender, a social construct related to biological differences but also rooted in culture, societal norms and individual behaviour. Worse, it would undermine efforts to reduce discrimination against transgender people and those who do not fall into the binary categories of male or female.

Furthermore, biology is not as straightforward as the proposal suggests. By some estimates, as many as one in 100 people have differences or disorders of sex development, such as hormonal conditions, genetic changes or anatomical ambiguities, some of which mean that their genitalia cannot clearly be classified as male or female. For most of the twentieth century, doctors would often surgically alter an infant’s ambiguous genitals to match whichever sex was easier, and expect the child to adapt. Frequently, they were wrong. A 2004 study tracked 14 genetically male children given

female genitalia; 8 ended up identifying as male, and the surgical intervention caused them great distress (W. G. Reiner and J. P. Gearhart N. Engl. J. Med. 350, 333–341; 2004).

Even more scientifically complex is a mismatch between gender and the sex on a person’s birth certificate. Some evidence suggests that transgender identity has genetic or hormonal roots, but its exact biological correlates are unclear. Whatever the cause, organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics advise physicians to treat people according to their preferred gender, regardless of appearance or genetics.

The research and medical community now sees sex as more complex than male and female, and gender as a spectrum that includes transgender people and those who identify as neither male nor female. The US administration’s proposal would ignore that expert consensus.

The idea that science can make definitive conclusions about a person’s sex or gender is fundamentally flawed. Just ask sports organizations such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which have struggled with this for decades. In the 1960s, concerned that men would compete in women’s events, officials tried classifying athletes through genital exams — an intrusive and humiliating process. DNA tests that check for the presence of a Y chromosome did not prove reliable, either: people with XY chromosomes can have female characteristics owing to conditions including an inability to respond to testosterone.

Nowadays, the IOC classifies athletes by measuring their testosterone levels, but this, too, is flawed. Certain medical conditions can raise women’s testosterone levels to the typical male range, and the tests leave them unable to compete among women.

If the Trump administration does attempt to impose genetic

testing, it will have many surprises. For instance, genetic recombination can transfer Y chromosome genes to X chromosomes, resulting in people with XX chromosomes who have male characteristics.

Political attempts to pigeonhole people have nothing to do with science and everything to do with stripping away rights and recognition from those whose identity does not correspond with outdated ideas of sex and gender. It is an easy way for the Trump administration to rally its supporters, many of whom oppose equality for people from sexual and gender minorities. It is unsurprising that it appeared just weeks before the midterm elections.

This is not the first time that the administration has attacked legal protections for transgender and non-binary people. Last year, Trump declared that transgender people would no longer be allowed to serve in the US military, and rescinded guidelines suggesting that schools should let pupils use the lavatory of their choice. An October 2017 memo from the US Department of Justice stated that laws prohibiting employment discrimination should not apply to gender identity.

Instituting a policy with a narrow definition of sex or gender and no basis in science would be a major step backwards for the United States in gender-identity issues. Sadly, the move is only the latest in a series of proposals that misuse and ignore science and harm marginalized groups as part of a quest to score cheap political points.

Nature (founded in 1869) is the leading weekly, international scientific journal. It is part of the Nature Research portfolio, which includes journals, online databases, and services across the life, physical, chemical and applied sciences and clinical medicine.

President Trump’s statement on Saudi Arabia

By President Donald Trump

The world is a very dangerous place!

The country of Iran, as an example, is responsible for a bloody proxy war against Saudi Arabia in Yemen, trying to destabilize Iraq’s fragile attempt at democracy, supporting the terror group Hezbollah in Lebanon, propping up dictator Bashar Assad in Syria (who has killed millions of his own citizens), and much more. Likewise, the Iranians have killed many Americans and other innocent people throughout the Middle East. Iran states openly, and with great force, “Death to America!” and “Death to Israel!” Iran is considered “the world’s leading sponsor of terror.”

On the other hand, Saudi Arabia would gladly withdraw from Yemen if the Iranians would agree to leave. They would immediately provide desperately needed humanitarian assistance. Additionally, Saudi Arabia has agreed to spend billions of dollars in leading the fight against Radical Islamic Terrorism.

After my heavily negotiated trip to Saudi Arabia last year, the Kingdom agreed to spend and invest \$450 billion in the United States. This is a record amount of money. It will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, tremendous economic development, and much additional wealth for the United States. Of the \$450 billion, \$110 billion will be spent on the purchase of military equipment from Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and many other great U.S. defense contractors. If we foolishly cancel these contracts, Russia and China would be the enormous beneficiaries — and very happy to acquire all of this newfound business. It would be a wonderful gift to them directly from the United States!

The crime against Jamal Khashoggi was a terrible one, and one that our country does not condone. Indeed, we have taken strong action against those already known to have participated in the murder. After great independent research, we now know many details of this horrible crime. We have already sanctioned 17 Saudis known to have been involved in the murder of Mr. Khashoggi, and the disposal of his body.

Representatives of Saudi Arabia say that Jamal Khashoggi was an “enemy of the state” and a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, but my decision is in no way based on that — this is an unacceptable and horrible crime. King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman vigorously deny any knowledge of the planning or execution of the murder of Mr. Khashoggi. Our intelligence agencies continue to assess all information, but it could very well be that the Crown Prince had knowledge of this tragic event — maybe he did and maybe he didn’t!

That being said, we may never know all of the facts surrounding the murder of Mr. Jamal Khashoggi. In any case, our relationship is with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They have been a great ally in our very important fight against Iran. The United States intends to remain a steadfast partner of Saudi Arabia to ensure the interests of our country, Israel and all other partners in the region. It is our paramount goal to fully eliminate the threat of terrorism throughout the world!

I understand there are members of Congress who, for political or other reasons, would like to go in a different direction — and they are free to do so. I will consider whatever ideas are presented to me,

but only if they are consistent with the absolute security and safety of America. After the United States, Saudi Arabia is the largest oil producing nation in the world. They have worked closely with us and have been very responsive to my requests to keeping oil prices at reasonable levels — so important for the world. As President of the United States I intend to ensure that, in a very dangerous world, America is pursuing its national interests and vigorously contesting countries that wish to do us harm. Very simply it is called America First!

Little League fees

Dear Editor:

\$100 for the first child (ages 4–7), \$140 (ages 8–12), \$140 (ages 13–18), plus each family will pay a \$50 snack shack deposit, plus all players are required to participate in one league fundraiser or pay a fee to opt out, plus a late registration fee of \$25 per player will be added for registration after Dec. 1.

When did Northwest Downey Little League become part of the Cosa Nostra? Looks more like paying protection than joining Little League.

Kenny Brown
Downey

Congresswoman’s website

Dear Editor:

I’m writing to bring to your readers’ attention that Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard does not own LucilleRoybalAllard.com. It is currently listed for sale at a number of outlets online.

Is she too arrogant to think that she needs to secure her personal and professional brand? Or is it a lack of wisdom on topics like business and the internet, which raises concerns that we allow her to represent our interests?

Mel Barnes
Winchester, Kentucky

Credit to Trump

Dear Editor:

I read the New York Times’ op-ed “Just Let Jim Acosta Do His Job.” I wonder if the NY Times has ever printed anything good about President Trump. Anything?

I, too, wish he would tone down his replies. He was elected by the American people to be President, but the liberals can’t accept it. The Democrats in Congress have done nothing but try to take him down. The same regarding Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh.

It didn’t bother them that Clinton lied to Congress but it is different if you’re a Democrat. Eric Holder lied and sent over 2,000 AK-47 rifles to the drug cartels in Mexico. One of the guns killed one of our Border Patrol officers. Nothing was done to him; he’s out now telling people to attack Republicans, as is Maxine Waters — nothing done there either.

I firmly believe that if every politician who has lied were put out of office, we would have to have special elections to fill a major part of Congress. I recall President Obama saying several times “you can keep your doctor” and “it won’t cost you a dime more for your healthcare.” If the Democrats have anything they wish to accomplish, I wish they would share it with us, other than take President Trump down.

These are some of the things Trump has done:

He has made headway with North Korea, trying to get them to take down their nuclear missiles and still working on it. Don’t recall Bush, Obama or Clinton trying to do this.

Trump has cut taxes so families with children get a greater deduction and Nancy Pelosi called it “crumbs” and wants the tax cuts back.

Does it bother you that more African Americans, more Hispanics and others are now working and wages increased?

Fewer are on food stamps.

Fewer are on welfare.

Trump has sent more MS13 gang members out of the U.S.

Trump is trying to get the border fence.

The stock market is up.

Jobs are coming back to the U.S.

The most surprising thing is Trump is trying to do the things on which he ran. That’s most amazing and highly unusual.

So maybe the left or socialists can sit back and relax for a couple of years, or six years, as those of us desire. But give President Trump credit for his accomplishments.

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Trump stands up for Saudi Arabia values

By the New York Times editorial board

President Trump confirmed the harshest caricatures drawn by America’s most cynical critics on Tuesday when he portrayed its central objectives in the world as panting after money and narrow self-interest.

Ignoring the findings of the C.I.A., Mr. Trump said in a muddled statement released by the White House that, in effect, no matter how wrong the murder of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi, no matter where true responsibility lay, he would not stand up to the Saudi regime. He would not take any chance of risking its supplies of money, oil and help in the Middle East by holding the crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, accountable for the killing.

The president made clear his commitment to the use of the exclamation point, if not to truth and justice: “It could very well be that the Crown Prince had knowledge of this tragic event — maybe he did and maybe he didn’t!”

Mr. Khashoggi, a resident of Virginia though not an American citizen, was a columnist for an American newspaper, The Washington Post. It did not serve the safety of journalists or Americans abroad that President Trump could not summon even a modicum of lip service to condemn the abomination of dispatching a hit team equipped with a bone saw to throttle and dismember Mr. Khashoggi for daring to criticize the crown prince. The crown prince, who is 33, is an ally and kindred spirit to Mr. Trump and his son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

At the outset of his statement, Mr. Trump declared, “The world

is a very dangerous place!” Indeed. He is making it more so by emboldening despots in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere. The killing, revealed in all its inhuman detail by a Turkish audio recording and followed by a stream of lies revising previous lies from the Saudi regime, seemed to reflect arrogance of a rising breed of autocratic rulers impervious to shame or moral judgment. Mr. Trump is confirming them in their impunity.

In simplistic and often inaccurate terms, the statement reflected Mr. Trump’s view that all relationships are transactional, and that moral or human rights considerations must be sacrificed to a primitive understanding of American national interests — or as he put it, “America first!” “We may never know all of the facts surrounding the murder of Mr. Jamal Khashoggi,” the president declared. “In any case, our relationship is with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.”

Mr. Trump’s first reference to Mr. Khashoggi came only after a long riff about Iran, which Mr. Trump depicted, remarkably, as solely responsible for the war in Yemen. With disregard for the abundant evidence that Saudi Arabia has waged an indiscriminate air campaign that is responsible for a humanitarian disaster, he claimed that the Saudis would “gladly” withdraw if Iran did, and would provide humanitarian assistance. That was followed by a passage on the tens of billions of dollars in arms sales and investment Mr. Trump claims he has extracted from Saudi Arabia — claims that are vastly overblown.

When Mr. Trump did briefly note Mr. Khashoggi’s murder — “a terrible one” — the president repeated Saudi slanders that the journalist was an “enemy of the state” and an Islamist, disingenuously adding that this did not affect his thinking. It’s not the first time Mr. Trump has suggested that this is not someone for whom America should jeopardize its interests.

In the absence of leadership from the president, it falls to Congress to take action and protect America’s standing in the world. Mr. Trump knows he is on a collision course with the legislature: His statement concludes with a challenge to members of Congress who “for political or other reasons, would like to go in a different direction” to go ahead and try.

Mr. Trump was referring to a swelling bipartisan demand to use the leverage of arms sales to punish Saudi Arabia. His words are above all a gauntlet cast to Senator Lindsey Graham, the South Carolina Republican who has vacillated between principled opposition and craven support for President Trump.

A few hours after the White House released the president’s statement, Mr. Graham issued a rebuke. “I firmly believe there will be strong bipartisan support for serious sanctions against Saudi Arabia, including appropriate members of the royal family, for this barbaric act which defied all civilized norms,” he said. “While Saudi Arabia is a strategic ally, the behavior of the crown prince — in multiple ways — has shown disrespect for the relationship and made him, in my view, beyond toxic.”

The murder of Jamal Khashoggi and the causes of human rights, justice and truth demand that no one in Saudi Arabia, certainly not the crown prince, escape accountability.

Your move, Senator Graham.

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On This Day...

- Nov. 22, 1910: Arthur F. Knight patented a steel shaft to replace wood shafts in golf clubs.
- 1942: During World War II, the Battle of Stalingrad began.
- 1950: The lowest scoring game in the NBA was played. The Fort Wayne Pistons (later the Detroit Pistons) defeated the Minneapolis Lakers (later the Los Angeles Lakers) 19-18.
- 1986: Mike Tyson became the youngest to wear the world heavyweight-boxing crown. He was only 20 years and 4 months old.
- 2005: Microsoft's XBOX 360 went on sale.

Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 8:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 8:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 3, 12223 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 8:30pm: 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 808-6478.
- 8:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 219-245-6810.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
- 2nd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 923-2823.
- 4th Mon., 7:00 pm: Downey Humanists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 662-6666.

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Valeri at 329-7936.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Florenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Greg Welch 323-816-4532.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalpueda@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11233 Hives Ave., call 923-3322.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Holm Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-4011.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorus, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorus.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6488.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 423-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 3, 12223 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 8 pm: American Legion #270, at Stolar Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Florenza 652-4399.

WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Robinson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 862-4368.
- 7 pm: Out Post 233 Royal Rangers, at Desert Holm Church, call 928-9030.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8034.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-9416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Haute Proce School cafeteria, call 928-3026.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 923-2823.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 am: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model & Club, at Galatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4332.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 800-5213 or Valerie 420-2971.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 504-0725.
- 2nd Wed., 10 am: O3P4 Women's Guild, at OLSM School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 808-3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 860-2192.
- 3rd Wed., 8 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Heasbalkroyd (562) 776-6138.
- 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 Singers, at Apollo Park, call 904-7222.

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info, call Rick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am: Somnolent Nat'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 606-8217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 832-4677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jaramar 923-2973.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 6244 3rd St., call 962-4176.
- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 7:30 pm: Downey #66 Lodge #2020, call 800-3557.
- 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: Bearing Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-7600.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 8 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 pm: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 662-2777.

FRIDAYS

- 7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Bailey Beard at 808-7828.
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

SATURDAYS

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

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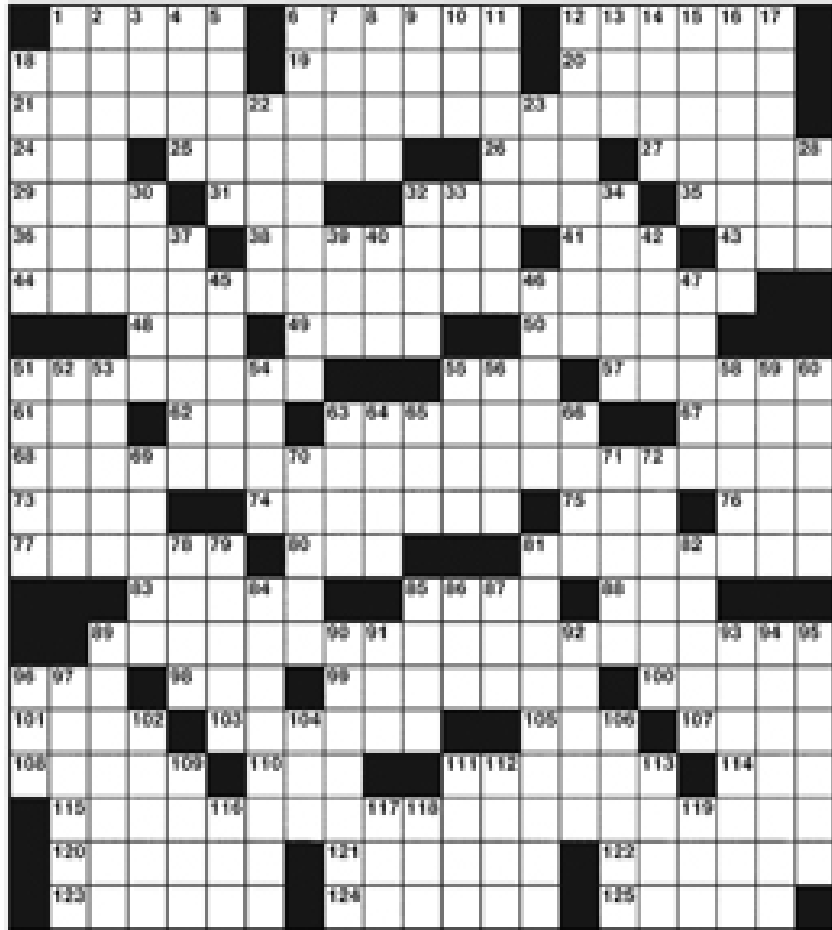
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Last weekend while making a sandwich, I pulled out the cheese and found a lovely kaleidoscope of colors. Colorful cheese is usually a bad sign, but it's actually a bit more complex - and how can we tell when other foods have gone bad?



No, please don't trust expiration dates; they're only a suggestion. An expiration date may encourage us to waste perfectly good food, or mislead us into eating food that has already spoiled. Trust me, I'm a doctor: food poisoning is no fun at all. Here are a few guidelines to follow.

We all know that it's easy to tell whether milk has spoiled - it just takes a sniff. Milk spoils due to microbes that pasteurization misses. Pasteurization is not perfect, so some bacteria are left behind. These bacteria dine on the lactose and excrete lactic acid, which starts a chain reaction.

Let me share my wife's trick: sometimes, the only milk that has gone bad is well above the level of the liquid, at the very top of the container. Give that top part inside a wipe with a clean cloth or paper towel and then sniff again. Another sign of spoilage is when the milk at the surface separates.

Non-dairy milk, such as soy and almond milk, is completely different. It's so stable that an unopened container has a shelf life of about a year, and once opened, will last up to 10 days. Separation in non-dairy milk is not a sign it has gone bad - shaking will restore the consistency. Sniff and look at the milk: if it has a sour smell, or is starting to clump, toss it.

Butter is perishable, and will eventually smell and taste bad. Its base of cream causes it to turn rancid. It's fine to keep butter out on the counter, but there it will be exposed to both heat and light, which will make it go rancid faster. Note that unsalted butter doesn't last as long as salted butter.

What about peanut butter? It's pretty amazing - even at room temperature, and even after opening, it can last for months. Due

to its high fat content and dry nature, most bacteria don't survive. Separation is not a sign that it has gone bad; just stir it again. It goes bad by becoming rancid, which changes the flavor and smell. The sniff test should work, and apparently, eating rancid peanut butter will not harm us.

If mold is visible on one slice of a loaf of bread, even with no visible mold on the rest, none of the loaf is safe to eat. This is because bread is porous, and mold spores can spread easily throughout the loaf. If bread has become hard and dry but has no mold, it's OK.

Many of us keep rice in the cupboard. Most rice, including white, wild, jasmine, basmati, and Arborio, can last a very long time if stored properly, keeping moisture and pests out. Brown rice, however, has a higher oil content, and can go bad in three to six months at room temperature (longer if stored in the refrigerator or frozen). If old rice has become contaminated with bacteria, cooking will not make it safe to eat. If your rice has started to smell a little off, or seems crunchier or drier than usual, throw it away.

If the color of red meat has changed, it hasn't necessarily gone bad. Meat may become brownish-red due to a reaction with air. However, fading or turning very dark is a sign of aging. Other very bad signs include developing an odor or turning tacky, sticky, or slimy.

How about poultry? Color alone is not the best indicator for whether it has gone bad, as color can normally range from a bluish-white to yellow, depending on living conditions. Seeing darkening around the bones and different shades of pink and red are all normal. However, bad poultry will smell, and develop a slimy or sticky texture.

Bad fish can make us quite ill. Choose fish that is cold to the touch and doesn't have a strong fishy smell. Fresh fish is extremely perishable: it must go straight into the refrigerator, and don't keep it around for more than a day or two.

Eggs are pretty easy. Spoiled eggs will give off the distinct odor of sulfur, even after cooking. Contrary to popular opinion, if an egg floats, it's not necessarily bad. It has, however, aged. When an egg is laid, there is no air inside. As it cools, the contents inside the shell contract. The porous shell allows air to enter, and the egg becomes buoyant. It must be cracked open in order to tell whether it is still good to eat.

What about canned foods? Beware of dented, corroded, or broken cans, as any damage to the can could compromise what is inside. If you see anything suspicious, throw it out. Non-acidic canned goods like soups and puddings last much longer than acidic foods like fruits and tomatoes.

It's fairly easy to tell when vegetables go bad. Keep an eye out for changes in color, or becoming soft or slimy. Wilted lettuce, celery, and other leafy greens are fine if you remove the bad parts. For cucumbers, zucchini, and squash, cut away the outer layer as necessary. Sprouted onions and potatoes are fine after removing the sprouted parts.

Fruit is more complicated. Take bananas - even when they turn black, they are perfectly fine to eat, and even sweeter when used in banana bread. Citrus fruit is only bad when it is rotten all the way through - just discard the bad parts. The same applies to bruised

fruits. If there is mold on berries, cherries, or grapes, throw away the bad ones and thoroughly rinse the rest before eating.

Personally, I think that mushrooms are bad from the start, but I'm told that's just my childhood bias! To me, they smell strange even when fresh, and always have an odd texture. They have a shelf life of about two weeks. Signs that they are turning bad include wrinkling, turning darker, having a changed smell, and slime.

Let's get back to cheese. Cheese is tough because there are so many different odors and types. For lifespan purposes, cheese falls into three categories. Dry, hard cheeses like cheddar and Parmesan can last up to six months in the refrigerator. Blue, green or white mold that may show up can simply be cut away. If the mold is any other color, throw away the cheese. Soft cheeses including cream cheese, mozzarella, feta, and Brie go bad quickly due to their high moisture content. When they start to turn, throw the entire cheese away. Other cheeses fall somewhere in the middle.

Freezing is generally the best preservative for our foods. If a freezer keeps a proper and consistent temperature, the food won't become dangerous - however, the quality will decline. In the event of a power outage, keep the door shut, and there should be a day or two before food spoils. If any frozen food has partly thawed, or rises above 40 degrees, or smells or looks bad, throw it away!

Bad food, or even potentially bad food, is NEVER worth the risk.

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

Downey PD awarded \$300K grant for traffic safety

DOWNEY - The Downey Police Department has been awarded a \$300,000 state grant for a year-long traffic enforcement and public awareness campaign.

The grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety will fund various education and enforcement activities for the 2019 federal fiscal year, which began Oct. 1 and continues to Sept. 30, 2019.

The police department plans to use the grant funds in several ways:

- DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols to find drunk and/or unlicensed drivers

- Traffic safety education presentations on distracted, impaired and teen driving, and bicycle/pedestrian safety

- Patrols at intersections with increased incidents of pedestrian and bike collisions

- Checking for seat belt and child safety seat compliance

- Motorcycle safety operations in areas with high rider volume and where higher rates of motorcycle crashes occur

- Speeding, red light and stop sign enforcement

- Compilation of DUI "hot sheets" identifying repeat DUI offenders

- Specialised DUI and drugged driving training to identify and apprehend suspected impaired drivers.

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POETRY MATTERS

Stomackes

We know far more about the philosophical underpinnings of Puritanism than we do about what its practitioners consumed at countless meals.
—James Deetz

Yes. So we must reconnect ideas of God, and the definitions of "liberty," and the psychology of our earliest models of governance, with *oyster peeces in barley beer & wheat, chopt cod & venyson seethed in a blood broth, hominy pottage, also squirrel.*

Their heads might well have brimmed with heaven and its airborne personnel, but still their mouths were a mash of *white meat [cheese] and a motley collation of eel leavings, a fine samp, and a roast Fowl.*

Worshipp first, then after—butter Biskuits!
"seeking transcendence but loving bread..."

... no wonder there's such pleasure in uncovering the solid fossil record of those appetites, and in emptying out its evidence grain by grain, a stone piñata. How often the stories bring us back to that grounding! In 1620, a first exploratory party from the Mayflower went ashore on the northern Cape Cod coast. The weather was bad and disorienting: a half a foot of snow, in air so thick as to be directionless. But we sense they recouped their spirits that night, from *three fat Geese and six Ducks which we ate with Soldiers stomackes...*

"There are times I think my friends might flimmer away in that high-minded mush... and I concentrate, then, on the names of those people from 1621, names that are true, specific labor and specific, beautiful common things. Cooper. Fletcher. Glover. Miller. Glazer. Mason. Carpenter. Cheerfull Winter. Oceanus Hopkins. Lydia Fish, Nathaniel Fish and Steadfast Fish, of Sandwich. Zachariah Field, father, and daughter Dutiful Field. Pandora Sparrow. Who wouldn't care to meet Peregrine Soule? And who could wish to let go of this life when faced by Countenance Bountie?"

Albert Goldbarthe, Poetry (February 2006)

Goldbarthe's authentic list of foods, "grain by grain, like a stone piñata," makes those difficult days in 1621, nearly 400 years ago, come alive, and gives us one more reason to be grateful today: Butterball turkeys sound better than "hominy pottage and squirrel." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

Photos with Santa Claus, 10 am to 3 pm. Free photos with Santa Claus, no appointment necessary. Financial Partners Credit Union, 7800 Imperial Hwy.

Thanksgiving's Dead Concert, 8 pm. East Los Records presents live music by Nightmare Enterprises, Nokturnals, Vatican Assassins, The Pawns, and Masaker 69. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

Marilyn Manson Tribute Night, 9:30 pm. A musical tribute to the goth-rock performer. Free entry before 10 pm. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

Tenant Workshop, 3 pm. Learn your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Presented by the Fair Housing Foundation, Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

Apollo Capsule Lighting, 5 pm. Join the fun as Downey's Apollo space capsule is lighted up for the holidays. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

Fall Dance Ensemble, 7 pm. Long Beach City College presents its annual Fall Dance Ensemble. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Fall Dance Ensemble, 7 pm. Long Beach City College presents its annual Fall Dance Ensemble. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Citizenship Clinic, 10 am. Receive free help filling out a naturalization application. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Painting with Elsa, 10:30 am. An in-house art teacher will help kids paint a masterpiece, while princesses Elsa and Ana assist. 530. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Love Letters Exhibit, 6 pm. Opening reception for Love Letters, a solo exhibit by Maricela Avina. Plus live music by Tree Souls. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

80's Party, 9 pm. Live music by Red Brick Road playing hits from the 80's, with more bands to be announced. Shuttle Inn, 9067 Imperial Hwy.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

5K Elf Run, 9 am. A 5K run/walk through downtown Downey. Top male and female finishers get to ride in the parade, plus prizes for top 3 elf costumes. Register on Downey Chamber of Commerce website. Downey Civic Center.

Cradle of the Cosmic Age, 11 am. A private, guided tour hosted by the Atlas Obscura Society Los Angeles. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

Christmas Parade, 1 pm. The 67th annual Downey Christmas Parade, featuring floats, bands, equestrian units, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue, between Florence and 3rd St.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

Tree Lighting, 6-8:30 pm. The city of Downey lights up its Christmas tree. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Small Business Survival, 9 am. A 3-hour workshop where small business owners can learn about data breaches, continuity plans, earthquake response, and more. SoCalGas Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd.

Holiday Open House, 5-7 pm. Live music, food, and a tour of LivingHelp Center's new facility. 8345 Firestone Blvd., suite 300.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 pm. Mascorro Insurance Agency celebrates its new office in Downey. 8301 Florence Ave., suite 203.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

Postpartum Meeting, 6:30 pm. A mom-to-mom support group that connects and uplifts new mothers. Different conversation topics each month. Coffee Bean, 9516 Lakewood Blvd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

Pancake Breakfast, 9 am. Free pancakes, juice, conversation and fellowship. Trinity Baptist Church, 8219 Florence Ave.

"Time for Trains" Luncheon, 10 am to 2:30 pm. Pacific Railroad Society presents its annual luncheon and fundraiser featuring raffle and door prizes, museum store, award presentations, and guest speaker. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

VendoRAMA, 11 am to 4 pm. Shop from local vendors while socializing with friends. Park in the OLPH School parking lot. St. Mark's School, 10354 Downey Ave.

Santa Paws, 11 am to 1 pm. Bring your pets for a photo with Santa Claus. \$10 donation to benefit SEAAACA. Lazy Dog, 8800 Apollo Way.

"Mi Pasion de Dos Decadas", 7 pm. "My Passion of Two Decades" is a folklorico performance paying homage to Mexican culture, beauty and tradition. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

Champions Golf Tournament, 7 am. LA County Department of Parks & Recreation hosts its Champion of Champions golf tournament for men's, women's, and senior golf clubs. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

6th Annual Toy Run, 10 am to 6 pm. Car show, raffles, and live music. Bring a new, unwrapped toy worth at least \$10. Parents in need of toys for their children also invited. 605 Motorsports, 12430 Bellflower Blvd.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

Calls from Santa Claus, 8 am to 5 pm. Santa Claus will be making

personalized phone calls to Downey children. Register between Dec. 4-10 at the Parks & Recreation Department.

Swearing-In, 5 pm. Newly-elected school board member Giggy Saab is sworn-in to office. Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

Mayoral Transition, 6:30 pm. The next mayor of Downey is sworn into office. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser, 9 am to 5 pm. Let students from the Girls in STEM club wrap your Christmas presents. Free but donations appreciated. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

Dismukes Open House, 10 am to 2 pm. Tour the historical Dismukes House, the oldest home in Downey, decorated for Christmas. Downey Historical Society, 12540 Rives Ave.

Mariachi Divas, 8 pm. The all-female mariachi group performs a special Christmas concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

It's Christmas in Downey, 4 pm. A holiday spectacular featuring performances by the All American Boys Chorus, Cooper Phillip, Mary Beth Nelson, Chris Job, and more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Winter Formal, 8 pm. Downey High celebrates its winter formal. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

The Nutcracker, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre presents the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

The Nutcracker, 2:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre presents the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Let's Do Lunch, 12 pm. A networking event sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Olive RestoBar, 8830 Apollo Way.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Stauffer Middle School library, 11985 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Downey Symphony, 8 pm. Performances of Mozart, "Peter and the Wolf," and a world premiere by Lars Clutterham. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles, 8 pm. A dynamic show saluting the work of The Eagles. Featuring mega hits such as "Take It Easy" and "Hotel California." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Villalobos Brothers, 8 pm. The popular Mexican trio perform their brand of jazz, rock and classical music. They'll be joined by Flor de Toleache. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Walk for Water, 9 am. The KIWIN's of Diamond Division raise awareness of the global water crisis. Downey High School football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Healthy Downey 5K, 8 am. A 5K walk/run to raise money for the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

NWDLL Opening Day, 10 am. Opening Day of Northwest Downey Little League. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

GOOD Luncheon, 11:30 am. Annual fundraiser benefiting Gangs Out of Downey. Rio Hondo Event

Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Blue Öyster Cult, 8 pm. The heavy metal band from Long Island, New York performs their canon of hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Amistad Gala, 5:30 pm. Annual gala fundraiser benefiting Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Westin Long Beach, 333 Ocean Blvd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Arc Walk for Independence, 9 am. A 1- or 3-mile walk to celebrate people with developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Downey Symphony, 8 pm. An all-Gershwin concert, featuring a guest solo by pianist Bernadene Blaha. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Billy Ocean, 7 pm. With more than 30 million records sold, Billy Ocean is a pop legend with no signs of slowing down. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Havana Cuba All Stars, 8 pm. Some of Cuba's greatest musicians and dancers perform everything from the cha cha to rumba. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Coffee with the Superintendent, 9 am. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Lewis Elementary cafeteria, 113220 Bellflower Blvd.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Downey Adult School Golf Tournament, 12 pm. Downey Adult School's annual golf tournament raising money for student scholarships. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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An interview with Mark Keller, Downey's official Santa Claus

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"It started with a red flannel hand-me-down Santa suit," Mark Keller said, "from Sears. Over the years I got high quality pieces to upgrade it. Velvets. And things you might never see, like Santa-size striped socks from All American."

Mark is this year's official city Santa Claus, a role he comes by naturally, his uncle and his grandfather having been Santa too.

"I started playing the part about 1985, when I was just out of Warren High School," said Mark, a Downey native. "My uncle's kids could always tell it was him, but they never suspected when it was me."

Mark got started as the Chamber of Commerce Parade's Santa in 1988 "because Marsha asked me to do it." That would be Marsha Moode, who for years did live commentary on local TV from a Parade-side booth, with guests like Supervisor Don Knabe. All-around genial master of ceremonies and incomparable greeter at the Downey Theatre door, as well as director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, Marsha always volunteered her services at the parade as a public service, as Mark does now.

Mark will ride in the Downey Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 2. "We'll be the last float in the show, the finale," he said. "And then on Monday I'll be the Santa at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Civic Center."

Ever wondered what makes some Santas more real than others? "Spoiler alert," said Mark. "Three hair pieces. Not

two. First the wig, and then I got good advice from another Santa, to get the moustache separate from the beard. So my jaws and chin and beard move together when I talk but the moustache stays put."

"The make-up is the hard part," Mark says. "First, a really clean shave," and Mark indicated his five-o'clock shadow skin. "Then I start gluing on the beard and the handlebar moustache. And the eyebrows. It takes hours."

But, he admitted, "there are worse characters to play. I could have to walk on my knees, like Jose Ferrer did for Toulouse Lautrec in the 1952 movie Moulin Rouge."

"God bless my wig man in Long Beach," said Mark, "he keeps mine in good shape. Babies get their hands tangled in the beard, and of course there's no eating while costumed for the part. No cocoa in the snowy white moustache."

Another personal touch: "I even got my prescription ground into the lenses of my Santa wire-rimmed glasses."

"Doing the Civic Light Operas I met a costumer, and he now hand-makes my costumes for me," said Mark. "For this year, we have added gold braid," and Mark pointed to his cuffs. "And I have a specially made leather pouch on my belt that I can get into real fast, for my candy canes. I start out with four dozen. Sometimes a child sitting on my knee will ask for a puppy. I never promise anything, so I say, 'We'll see what we can do. But here's a candy cane for you.' They're like Santa's calling card."

The theatre is Mark's passion, especially musical theatre, so

creating his Santa as a three-dimensional stage character comes naturally. Mark was the long-time house manager for Moode's famed Downey Civic Light Opera productions, overseeing all the public audience areas. Later as her technical director, Mark is credited with designing and building the sets for some of the intimate side-stage scenes which were a Moode trademark, notably Jud Fry's smoke house "lonely room" in Oklahoma.

The Downey Symphonic Society is also dear to Mark's heart. He is a member of the Board of Directors, and drawing on his years of experience backstage, he acts as stage manager for the Symphony Orchestra's performances in the Downey Theatre. Overseeing all the areas of the property where the performers and technical staff/stage crew need to be in order to do their jobs, his is the invisible off-stage voice you hear saying, "Take note of the Exits, and please unwrap your cough drops now."

What if it should rain on the parade, which it never does? "I have a Santa Sack," Mark says, "with emergency supplies. There are ponchos in it, for the kids riding on the float with me."

How does Mark get to the parade? "I dress at home and drive my car. When I get to where the cops are directing traffic, it's obvious who I am. Sometime they ask if they can escort me to my place. When it's over, I walk to my car, and drive home, waving to people as I go."

"I do Santa for the Children's Christmas Story Reading at the Library," said Mark, "and the Kiwanis Christmas Breakfast at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Each first or second grade teacher brings a boy and a girl who might

Mark Keller portrays Santa Claus at various Downey events, including the Downey Christmas Parade and the Christmas tree lighting outside City Hall.



not have a Christmas otherwise."

Mark also does private parties, and occasionally parents will prep him with "the goods" on the children. "Here's something you can work on," I'll say, taking the parents' cue." The children are convinced he really is the Elf who knows when they've been naughty and when they've been nice.

Biggest present he's ever brought? "A small two-wheeler bike, not a trainer. Somehow the father and I got it into my sack."

"Christmas Eve is my big day," said Mark. "I'm busy from early afternoon till 1 am. So I'm grateful to stay home on the 25th. Although once I did work on Christmas Day. Rick Rodriguez asked me to surprise his son who had just gotten back from duty overseas."

"And when Joyce Sherwin won the 'Rent-a-Santa,'" Mark said, "at a Downey Symphony Garden Party silent auction, she asked me if I would come on

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Kids & Cops Day, 11 am. Police officers and local kids come together for a day of games and activities. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

We've Only Just Begun, 7 pm. A 50th anniversary concert celebration of The Carpenters' first album with A&M Records. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Downey High Prom, 8 pm. Grove of Anaheim, 2200 Katella Ave.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Los Chicos del 512, 7 pm. Called "the best Selena tribute band out there," Los Chicos del 512 performs across the country, taking audiences back to 1995. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Columbus High Graduation, time TBA. Columbus High's class of 2018 graduates. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Warren High Graduation, 6 pm. Warren High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Downey High Graduation, 6 pm. Downey High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

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Knott's announces new water craft ride

BUENA PARK – A new expedition in an uncharted territory awaits eager explorers with the upcoming debut of Calico River Rapids, opening at Knott's Berry Farm in summer 2019.

Knott's popular Bigfoot Rapids white water raft ride will undergo a major renovation with the addition of new features to the attraction including new animatronics, themed show scenes, a new story overlay and plenty of dynamic water effects.

The arrival of Calico River Rapids is one of the many experiences that Knott's guests can enjoy in 2019.

Calico River Rapids will take voyagers on a search for new land through the outskirts of Calico, the richly themed area in Knott's esteemed Ghost Town. Guests will journey through the authentic setting with the help of legendary frontiersmen who have plotted the path for settlers to explore.

Rafters will encounter a variety of wild surprises along the way such as roaring rapids, indigenous wildlife, and peculiar homesteaders. The circular raft ride, which seats six passengers, will traverse through unexpected twists and turns, rushing waters and rapid currents as it navigates the unexplored river path.

The attraction will come to life with new animatronics and special effects designed and manufactured by Garner Holt Productions, Inc., the world's largest designer and manufacturer of animatronics for theme parks.

The park's popular Seasons of Fun events will kick off with the return of the newly-expanded Knott's Peanuts Celebration, a unique event dedicated to the beloved PEANUTS characters. Guests are invited to step inside the pages of a Charles M. Schulz comic strip as the characters take over the entire park, weekends from January 26 – March 10, 2019 and on President's Day, Monday, February 18.

In spring, the much-anticipated Knott's Boysenberry Festival returns with countless one-of-a-kind boysenberry inspired food and drink offerings created by the Knott's culinary team. Each year the menu ranges from deliciously sweet desserts to zesty savory dishes, plus tasty beverages bursting with tangy boysenberry flavors.

Unique entertainment and an array of artisan crafters round out the festival. Due to the festival's increasing popularity, it will be expanding to a full month of deliciousness from March 29 – April 28, 2019.

In summer 2019, the fan favorite Old West adventure will continue

with the return of Ghost Town Alive!, as a new storyline set in the town of Calico is unraveled for guests to discover starting May 25 – August 18 and weekends from August 24 through Labor Day, September 2.

During Ghost Town Alive! guests may return to the streets of Calico and experience an authentic western adventure by becoming a star in the day's evolving storyline, as they unlock adventures through interactions with the townsfolk or by joining in on the town's activities. And as night falls, even more summer fun will continue throughout the park with new entertainment offerings.

For fall, the spooktacular family-friendly daytime Halloween event, Knott's Spooky Farm, will invite families with little ghouls ages 3-11 to celebrate the spooky season exclusively on weekends starting September 28 – October 27, 2019, and Halloween day. Knott's Spooky Farm will offer little ones delightfully wicked Halloween themed activities, live entertainment and much more.

As winter rolls in, the feeling of Christmas will truly be discovered at Knott's Merry Farm, where joy will be in season from November 22, 2019 – January 5, 2020. Knott's Merry Farm will host holiday cheer for park goers as they create new holiday memories set to the backdrop of a true classic Christmas.

Whittier school district aims to ease transition from junior high to high school

WHITTIER – The transition from middle to high school can be difficult for students who are having trouble acclimating to the new academic rigors. Sierra Vista High School, Whittier Union's independent study campus, provides a bridge for these students through the Freshman Fresh Start program.

Launched in 2013 by Sierra Vista teachers Larry Neberman and Jenn Useda, Freshman Fresh Start is designed to support ninth-graders who are behind in credits, have poor attendance or need one-on-one teacher support. Students are recruited primarily from the Whittier Area Community Day School.

"There are many reasons that students fail to connect in middle school," Useda said. "They don't have the best social navigation skills or they feel they aren't academically inclined. We let these students know that they have a place to go at Sierra Vista. We're not concerned about their past, only what they can achieve in the future. Freshman Fresh Start is exactly that – a fresh start."

The program, which can accommodate up to 35 students a year, includes a-g college prep courses and teaches the same curriculum as what is taught at the comprehensive high schools.

"I honestly believe that Fresh Start will help me gain credits and go back to my regular high school," Sierra Vista freshman Jonathan Barradas said. "The teachers are nice."

Students attend one homeroom class, where Neberman and Useda teach four core subjects (English, math, biology and physical education) and two electives (living skills and child development). Classroom distractions are kept at a minimum and the personalized learning

approach helps students bolster their academic and social skill sets. About half of the students return to their home schools or stay at Sierra Vista to study independently.

"Fresh Start is helping me catch up on my work and helping me understand that school isn't supposed to be fun time," Sierra Vista freshman Humberto Perez said. "It's supposed to be about getting your work done and finish what you need to do."

At the end of each school year, Neberman and Useda go to the Day School and introduce themselves to students and parents, offering their support to those who are struggling academically and socially.

"On the first day of school, we meet with the students and tell them, 'You are smart,'" Useda said. "For many of our students, just the idea that they can have success in school is a tremendous boost to their confidence. For parents, we have an open-door policy. They are welcome on campus at any time and we invite them to join their children in the classroom if they want to."

The result for many Sierra Vista freshmen is better social skills, better grades, a restoration of confidence and new friends.

"Freshman Fresh Start is an invaluable resource for the Whittier community, helping to change the lives of students who are in danger of falling through the cracks and putting them on the path to being lifelong learners," Sierra Vista Director Nicki Buchholz said. "Larry Neberman and Jenn Useda have done an amazing job of identifying these students, bringing them into the program and working hard to help them achieve their academic goals."



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Short Story: Water War

By Yolanda Reyna

The year was 1971. It was a hot summer day. I was 12 years old, and most likely in pigtails.

My family and I lived in the town of South Gate, Calif. South Gate is located seven miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. We lived in a small 2-bedroom pink stucco house, one of the many houses I grew up in.

It had a hill-like front yard and patches of grass layered over it. The grass never had a chance with six kids running over it morning, noon, and night.

The day was a normal day, yet we were trying our best to beat-the-heat. Back then we didn't have air-conditioning. To us, air-conditioning was considered an upper-class luxury for a family. But my family and I were considered a lower-class family, living on welfare, eating poor people food and being raised by a single mother.

Our father was not living in our home at the time. Most times he and our mother would get into arguments and we would hear a loud door slam, then he was gone. But that was standard in our home.

Anyway, although we did have a fan, it wasn't enough to keep us cool. There were times when we all had to huddle in front of the fan to try to get some relief from the heat.

During the summer days back then, my siblings and I enjoyed the outdoors, playing hide-and-seek with our neighborhood friends, walking to the local store to buy our junk food, and watching and waiting for the good-ole ice-cream truck! But on this particular day things got a little heated amongst my family.

It started with a little splash of water thrown in someone's face. It was my brother Ricky. Ricky was known to be the prankster of the family. When that happened, the next person got a cup of water and threw it at his face! My mother had been sitting in the living room trying her best to beat the heat with her house dress tied between her legs and sweat beads dancing along her breast line. Once Ricky splashed the water, the Water War began!

It was as if a fire had broken out, or something out of a cartoon show. Arms were up in the air! We were running and trying to grab anything that could hold water, a cup, a glass, even the pots and pans were involved. And with our father not being in the home, we were allowed to run, jump and sometimes

stay out late at night. Our mother was a little more lenient and allowed the children to be carefree.

So we were running in and out of the house from the front door to the back door. My mother got smart and little did we know, she ended up outside with the water hose, and as we were running outside, she casually attacked us with the hose. Then it turned into a full-on battle with everyone hiding from each other behind doors, inside, outside, and watching and waiting for someone to appear to splash them with water.

We were all laughing so hard, even slipping at times as we were running. It was just belly aching fun. It was by far the best memory and experience I've ever had with my family. Seeing my mother involved in this Water War is something I will never forget.

Sad to say, there was some tragic loss in all of this. Ricky, the prankster, slipped across the concrete of the driveway and lost his two front teeth.

Sorry brother, but you started it...What a memory!

Yolanda Reyna is a student in the writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program.

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Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): **SANABRIA GALINDO, FACUNDO**

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): **VD085570**

You have **30 calendar days** after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

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2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): **SANABRIA GALINDO, FACUNDO, 5950 LOVELAND ST, APT. 1, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, (323) 681-9109**

Date (Fecha): **DECEMBER 17, 2014**
SHERRI R. CARTER Clerk, by (Secretario, por)

MARIA CEBALLOS, Deputy (Asistente)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018273861**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FUNDACION PUEBLA USA, 7780 OTTO ST, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FUNDACION PUEBLA USA, 7780 OTTO ST, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/FUNDACION PUEBLA USA, CEO, ARNULFO MORENO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 29, 2018 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 residence address of a registered owner. A

new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018263196**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **POSTRES CAFE, 16801 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GABRIELA CERVANTES, 9037 OLIVE ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706 (2) CELESTE MEJIA, 13820 SHADOW DR, FONTANA CA 92337

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2018 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/GABRIELA CERVANTES, PARTNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018273907**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MATRIX SOLUTIONS, 16406 CHANNELWOOD WAY, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBIN FORD, 16406 CHANNELWOOD WAY, LA MIRADA CA 90638

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2018 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ROBIN FORD, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018267422**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **COLLECTION & RECOVERY SERVICE (2) C&RS, 11725 PATON RD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NORBY SECLEN, 11725 PATTON RD, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/NORBY SECLEN, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018272424**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GREAT LAKES WALKSCAPING, 14519 FIDEL AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 22, 2018 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018289608**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CHIC PETALS CO., 16509 MYRS LANE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HESTER S TOLENTNO, 16609 MYRA LANE, CERRITOS CA 90703 (2) MAGDALENA BOLANOS, 17519 LESLIE AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703 (3) ALICIA MORADA, 6200 SOUTH STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713 (4) IRA R AMELO, 17816 ROSETON AVENUE, ARTESIA CA 90701 (5) FELICISMA LANTO, 16509 MYRA LANE, CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: NV THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/HESTER S TOLENTNO, GENERAL PARTNER, HESTER SEMANA TOLENTINO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018280355**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PERFECT AUTO COLLISION, 2600 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR UNIT B, LYNNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMUEL BRAVO JR, 6103 GIFFORD AVE APT B, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/SAMUEL BRAVO JR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018284452**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BUMPER REPAIR SPECIALIST, 12324 E. CARSON ST., HAWAIIAN GARDENS CA 90716, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AUTO WORKS INVESTMENTS, INC., 12324 E. CARSON ST., HAWAIIAN GARDENS CA 90716

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/AUTO WORKS INVESTMENTS, INC., PRESIDENT, ANTHONY R NIBO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 9, 2018

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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 and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 11/8/18, 11/15/18, 11/22/18, 11/29/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018272424**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GREAT LAKES WALKSCAPING, 14519 FIDEL AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTHUR E VIRGIL, 14519 FIDEL AVE, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2018

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ARTHUR E VIRGIL, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 26, 2018 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 and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **2018274960**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TRJ BEAUTY SALON, 1922 E FIRESTONE BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ JUAREZ, 8614 ELM ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90002

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2018

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ JUAREZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 30, 2018 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number **201828452**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BUMPER REPAIR SPECIALIST, 12324 E. CARSON ST., HAWAIIAN GARDENS CA 90716, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AUTO WORKS INVESTMENTS, INC., 12324 E. CARSON ST., HAWAIIAN GARDENS CA 90716

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

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EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 12/10/2018 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10285 BELCHER STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6280-007-033 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$433,818.94. 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 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000007583685. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 900 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 10/30/2018 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4674703 11/08/2018, 11/15/2018, 11/22/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-RCS-17017552 NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. (PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(A), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/13/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2891 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RCS-17017552. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. On December 6, 2018, at 09:00 AM, AT VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by HEE WEOON WOO, A TO BE MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trusters recorded on 2/22/2007, as Instrument No. 20070382756, modified under Instrument No. 20120932012, further modified under Instrument No. 20121055861, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD "AS IS - WHERE IS". TAX PARCEL NO. 6365-031-018 The Land referred is situated in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Downey, and is described as follows: Lot 84 of Tract 17438, in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 436 Pages 26 to 31 inclusive of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 7643 SHADY OAK DRIVE , DOWNEY, CA 90240. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$501,007.44. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that

the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Sale Information Line: 800-280-2891 or Website: www.auction.com Dated: 11/8/18 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC; AS TRUSTEE By Lilian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4675861 11/15/2018, 11/22/2018, 11/29/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-20560-SP-CA Title No. 180300640-CA-V.O.P.N. 6365-001-044 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession,

or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Vanessa Huerta, a single woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 08/23/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1879650 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/30/2018 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,158,905.59 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8810 Smallwood Avenue, Downey, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)(923.55(c)) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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

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