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Inglewood Baseball Fund Welcomes Hall of Famer Winfield



Rockstar players, professional alums and Baseball Hall of Fame member Dave Winfield (fourth from the right, top row) celebrate the program's 10th anniversary at Serra High School in Gardena. The event was organized by the Inglewood Baseball Fund. Photo by Edizen Stowell, Venice Paparazzi

Lawndale Begins New Year with Homeless Census

By Haleemon Anderson

The City of Lawndale will join with volunteers throughout the South Bay to count the homeless population, it was announced at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council. A representative from the Los Angeles County Homeless initiative said teams will receive training on the morning of January 25 and conduct the actual count that evening. Additional volunteers are still being sought to help count the itinerant population.

"The goal is to canvass every census tract," said Caroline Taylor. A detailed report on the findings is to be compiled by summer.

In public comments, Library Manager Lyda Truick congratulated Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles on his recent appointment to the Los Angeles County Library Commission. Pullen-Miles said the nomination came forward at the City Selection Committee meeting. He noted the committee also voted to appoint Mayor Robert Garcia of Long Beach to the Metro Board of Directors as representative of the South Bay and Long Beach.

In other comments, resident Pam London asked homeowners in the city to demand a rental property inspection program. She said constant problems with renters, including parking and building violations, are bringing down property values.

Another resident, Johnny London, also criticized the unkempt properties and lack of parking enforcement. "I want to be proud of where I live," he said. "Lawndale is a great place for restaurants and people to thrive."

Resident Randall Abram pointed to the reduced speaking time for public comments, which was approved by the Council at last

meeting. Abram asked that the Council honor the mandate to respond to comments, per the City's by-laws. City Attorney Tiffany Israel noted the time is now set at three minutes per speaker.

Longtime resident Marge Heinemann thanked the Council, saying her garage doesn't flood anymore since storm drains clogged for years have now been cleared. She also applauded local law enforcement

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for a recent drug raid and seizure.

Councilman Daniel Reid suggested he and his colleagues might sponsor some workshops on property values and maintenance. Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney also requested staff follow-up on parking enforcement.

Mayor Pullen-Miles thanked Ms. London for her perseverance, saying he would also like to have staff look into parking violations and property maintenance throughout the city.

The consent calendar was passed unanimously, without objection, with nine items meeting approval. Councilman John Osborne was absent.

The Council approved a first reading of Ordinance 1128-17, which included a staff recommendation to amend the municipal code regulating construction and construction waste management.

City Manager Steve Mandoki announced

a vacancy on the Beautification Committee. Applications are available at City Hall and online.

The Council also discussed a City code requirement on undergrounding utility cables and other wiring—an item brought forth by Kearney. He requested that staff bring back a report to update the ordinance related to public works and utilities. The issue is costs related to so-called "granny housing"—basically add-on construction at existing properties and not new construction, in particular costs associated with undergrounding utility wires.

The Council asked staff to tighten up the language in the City code and bring it back for further review. If the cost of undergrounding exceeds 10 percent of the total price of the renovation, it would fall under a financial hardship waiver. However, the Council is interested in ensuring that waivers are not misused to circumvent the relatively low cost, in most cases, of undergrounding.

Mayor Pullen-Miles pointed out that with new construction, utility wires are mandated to be underground, but the City has become overrun with overhead wiring related to renovations and add-ons. He noted that he had never encountered an application for undergrounding in 14 years on the Council, that the City had not been waived. "The threshold is so low," said Pullen-Miles.

The Council went into closed session to discuss the potential of initiating litigation in the Metro expansion at the Airport and 96th Street commuter station, which would encompass Lawndale city proper.

The Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Rain/Wind
59°/49°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
60°/52°



Sunday
Rain
56°/52°



PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2016CU07**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit 2016CU07 as follows:

Day: Wednesday
Date: February 1, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit No. 2016CU07

Project Location: 14610 Kombium Ave., City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, State of California (APN 4071-003-032)

Project Description: Conditional Use Permit Application No. 2016CU07 is a request by Mr. and Ms. Klebe to add an additional two feet of wood fencing onto the existing 6 foot block fence (fence shall not exceed 8 feet in height). The project is located within the R-1 zone.

PURSUANT TO the provisions of the California

Environmental Quality Act, the application is categorically exempt from the requirements for preparation of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that any interested person may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments or submit oral or written information relevant thereto to the Planning Department, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 prior to the date of this hearing.

PLEASE NOTE that pursuant to Government Code Section 65009: In an action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul a finding, determination or decision of the Planning Commission or City Council, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised at the public hearing in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or City Council at or prior to the public hearing.

Maria Majcherek
Associate Planning
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**CITY OF INGLEWOOD
INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID
(Specifications and Conditions
Governing Bid Award)**

Project Subject to Bid:
"STREETS and ALLEYS REHABILITATION PROJECT, FY 2016-17"

The City of Inglewood invites and will receive bids duly filed as provided herein for the furnishing of labor and materials and/or the completion of the above-designated project.

A mandatory informational meeting for interested bidders will be conducted on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at the Public Works Department, on the Third Floor of the Inglewood City Hall, One Manchester Boulevard, CA, 90301.

Please call the Project Manager, Hunter Nguyen, at (310) 412-8768, or email at (h hunter@cityofinglewood.org), should you require further information.

Each bid, to be considered, must be delivered to and received by the City Clerk no later than **11:00 a.m. on February 15, 2017**, at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor of Inglewood City Hall, One Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, CA, 90301.

Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars using the form entitled, "Bidder's Proposal and Statement", attached hereto and must be enclosed, together with the requisite bid security, in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the designation of the project "STREETS and ALLEYS REHABILITATION PROJECT, FY 2016-17" appearing thereon. Each bid shall state the unit price of each item if called for on the Bidder's Proposal and Statement form. In the event alternative bids

are called for in said form, each alternative bid shall be completed. Each bid shall be submitted as one (1) original set and two (2) copies.

Bids will be opened in public in the **City Clerk's Office** and will then and there be announced to all persons present.

Specifications and other Bid Documents for the above items are on file in the Public Works Department and may be obtained upon request. Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of cash, a cashier's or certified check made payable to the City of Inglewood, or a bid bond, for an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will, within the time specified, enter into an agreement as provided in the Bid Document and furnish bonds when required in the Special Provisions: one for Faithful Performance in the amount of the Contract Sum, and one for Contractor's Labor and Materials in the amount of the Contract Sum.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in any bid, and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from and after the date bids are opened and announced. **Attention is directed to the provisions of Labor Code § 1725.5.** No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (with limited exceptions for this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1a). No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded

on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. All contractors and subcontractors must furnish electronic certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner for all new projects awarded on or after April 1, 2015. The Labor Commissioner may excuse contractors and subcontractors on a project that is under the jurisdiction of one of the four legacy DIR-approved labor compliance programs (Caltrans, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District and County of Sacramento) or that is covered by a qualified project labor agreement. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor or any subcontractor under them. The Contractor or any subcontractor shall comply with the requirements of said sections in the employment of apprentices. Information relative to apprenticeship standards and administration of the apprenticeship program may be obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations, San Francisco, CA, or the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and its branch offices.

Also, Amendments to Assembly Bill 219 became effective on July 1, 2016. The amendments made the following changes to Labor Code section 1720.9: a company hauling or delivering ready-mix concrete for a public works contract shall perform the following: (1) Register as a public works contractor; (2) Submit a certified copy of the payroll records required by subdivision (a) of Section 1776 to the party that engaged the company and to

the general contractor within five working days after the employee has been paid, accompanied by a written time record that shall be certified by each driver for the performance of job duties; and (3) Ready-mix concrete companies requirement to submit payroll online to DIR using its electronic certified payroll reporting system is temporarily on hold.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council has ascertained the prevailing rates of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be done for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the Contract in accordance with the provisions of Section 1770, etc. seq. of the Labor Code; said prevailing rates are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and are incorporated herein by reference. Copies shall be made available to any interested party on request.


Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 10164 concerning Contractor's licensing laws. This Contract requires a **Class A Contractor's License**. In addition, a City of Inglewood business license will also be required.



The successful bidder must obtain, and maintain current until completion of the Project, an Inglewood City Business License.

This Notice is given by order of the City Administrator of the City of Inglewood, California, and is dated this 19th day of January, 2017.

Arlie Fields, City Manager
City of Inglewood, California
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Hawthorne Happenings Community Brief

News for the City of Good Neighbors from City Clerk Huber



CELEBRATION OF LIFE – JOHN BAKER

There were over 200 people in attendance last Saturday afternoon at the VFW to honor a man they all loved, John Baker. Stories were shared, memories that have lasted for 50 or 60 years. The Hawthorne community will miss John's enthusiasm for life. Everyone agreed that cougartown.com must go on. The work to get it up and running again with someone to be the administrator will be a big task as we move forward.

RAMONA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING – THIS THURSDAY

You are invited to attend an open meeting of the Ramona Neighborhood Association to be held on Thursday, January 19th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Ramona School, located at 4617 W. 136th Street. The main presentation will be made by Constance Turner, a Southern California Edison Community Affairs officer for the Hawthorne area. Her talk will include: dealing with electrical outages (includes filing claims if necessary). This is an open meeting for all Ramona Neighborhood Association members, and other residents and neighbors of the Ramona Tract in Hawthorne.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

I will be hosting our annual golf tournament this year for Lutheran High School on Presidents Day, Monday, February 20th and then a few weeks later on Monday, April 10th the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation will be conducting their tournament. Both tournaments will be held at Coyote Hills Golf Club in Fullerton. If you are interested in playing in either tournament, please email me at the address listed below.

MEETINGS

The Hawthorne School District announced that they will be meeting only once a month to conduct business. Their meetings will be held on the third Wednesdays starting at 6 p.m. The Hawthorne City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month also beginning at 6 p.m.

DOWN THEY GO

The demolition of the old Hawthorne Police

Station will be taking place in the next couple of weeks. In some ways a lot of Hawthorne's history will go down with it and the surrounding buildings. One of the first places the city council met to conduct business was in the old Jones building that is located on Hawthorne Blvd. by the dry cleaners. The chambers was upstairs in a large room which later became a dance studio. Some reports have it that boxing fights were held up there and some of the city's larger events were up there also. The city then built the city hall on the south side of 126th Street and the chambers moved over there. The police were using that room for detective offices before moving to their present modern facility. The old city jail will also be dismantled. All of this had sentimental value to some, but we must move on. The development of the site was a 15 year process of finding the right match. The hotels going in will bring needed revenue to the city. We can't hang on to the past. We can celebrate it and try to keep mementos that will jog our good memories, but we work today to make a better future for our kids and grandkids.

SWEARING IN

The President-elect will be sworn in this Friday at 9 a.m. our time. He will place his hand on a Bible and swear to uphold the Constitution and defend our country against all enemies foreign and domestic. As city clerk I swear people in as they take their positions in our city's operation. The swearing in ceremony seems like a routine exercise. What really, does it mean? A formal definition: "an official ceremony in which someone starting a new official job formally promises to be loyal and honest and to perform their duties well". That last part is the one that is difficult. No matter what decisions a politician makes, there are going to be people that disagree. There has never been a national leader with a 100% approval rating. That is why I like to be city clerk and write this column. I don't have to make a decision on an issue and I can write whatever I want on a weekly basis and no one seems to care.

Contact email: norbhuber@gmail.com (If you do enjoy my weekly column, please shoot me an email. I love to hear from my readers.)

Coyote Management A Regional Approach

In early January the South Bay Cities Council of governments (SBCCOG) hosted a Coyote Management Task Force to discuss a regional approach to the coyote issues that almost all South Bay cities are experiencing.

Representatives from 10 cities and about 50 people attended the meeting for the full agenda of speakers who gave presentations on the need to educate residents that they should not be leaving 'attractors' out for the coyotes such as food or water for cats and dogs. Also, there was an emphasis on respecting the coyotes and managing the problems that occur.

Speakers included Kent Smirl, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and one of his volunteers for the Wildlife Watch Program, Dave Dodge; Bob Wieder, Pest Management Division, Los

Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures, Hoang Dinh, Wildlife Specialist officer with LA City Animal Services; and Dan Fox, Owner, Animal Pest Management Services Urban Wildlife Biologist.

City representatives will be attending some important workshops in February put on by State and County agencies and after those take place, the SBCCOG will hold another meeting which will focus on how to extend the Torrance Management Plan to other cities since they seem to be the farthest along. All agreed that the regional approach was extremely important. The speaker from the State Fish and Wildlife Department said that this was the first meeting to develop a regional approach that he had heard of thus far.

Barnes & Noble Del Amo Announces Free Storytimes and Events

Storytime and Activities

Featuring Nanette's Baguette

Saturday, January 21 at 11 a.m. Mo Willems' hilarious new picture book, *Nanette's Baguette*, follows the plucky heroine on her first big solo trip to the bakery.

The LEGO® Batman Movie Event

Saturday, January 28 at 3:30 p.m. In January and continuing February 25 and March 11, celebrate the LEGO® *Batman Movie*, coming to theaters on February 10. At each event, kids can collect two limited edition trading cards (while supplies last) featuring characters from the movie. The cards collected at all three events will unveil a special scene. Enjoy giveaways, make and play-themed moments with LEGO® bricks and blocks, plus more.

Storytime and Activities Featuring

I'll Never Let You Go

Saturday, January 28 at 11 a.m. *I'll Never Let You Go* celebrates the beauty of unconditional love. Join in for Storytime and activities. Available at \$10 (regularly priced \$16.99) through February 13, or while supplies last.

Barnes & Noble's Annual

My Favorite Teacher Contest

Content submission January 2 through March 1. Barnes & Noble's *My Favorite Teacher Contest* provides middle and high school students across the country with the opportunity to tell their community how much their teachers are appreciated. Join in our celebration of teachers and visit Barnes & Noble Del Amo for details or www.BN.com/myfavoriteteacher. Submission period ends March 1, 2016. •

Police Reports

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

ROBBERIES

3900 W EL SEGUNDO BL. PUBLIC PARK, PLAYGROUND. Crime Occurred: Wed. 01/04 18:13. Property Taken: Black iPhone 5s, grey iFrogs phone case.

4800-BLK W 145TH ST. OTHER. Crime Occurred: Sat. 01/07 01:05. Property Taken: Rose gold apple iPhone 6, house key w/box cutter attached, black iPhone 6s.

S BIRCH AV/W EL SEGUNDO BL. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Sat. 01/07 16:09.

12400 S INGLEWOOD AV. Crime Occurred: CAD: Sun. 01/08 11:57--No RMS Ent. Property Taken: Rose gold iPhone 6s 16gb, jet black iPhone 7 128gb, jet black iPhone 7 plus 32gb.

BURGLARIES

3800 W 139TH ST. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Mon. 01/02 00:28. Method of Entry: Opened.

11700 ACACIA AV. APARTMENT/ CONDO. Crime Occurred: Sun. 12/04/16 12:00. Property Taken: One white gold double halo engagement ring. Method of Entry: Unknown.

4300 W 133RD ST. Crime Occurred: CAD: Wed. 01/04 18:52--No RMS Ent. Property Taken: Silver MacBook Air laptop, misc.

gold rings, misc. denominations.

11500 S HAWTHORNE BL. FAST FOOD STORE. Crime Occurred: Thu. 01/05 02:10. Method of Entry: Smashed.

4200 W 118TH ST. APARTMENT/ CONDO. Crime Occurred: Tue. 01/05/16 10:30. Property Taken: Blue Spargo paint sprayer, blue Miller welding machine, red Milwaukee drill, router for making hinges or doorknob holes, blue vertical wet saw/ tile cutter. Method of Entry: Cut padlock.


14000 S YUKON AV. OTHER. Crime Occurred: Thu. 01/05 11:15 to THU. 01/05 13:45. Method of Entry: Pried.

4700 W EL SEGUNDO BL. CHECK CASHING. Attempted. Crime Occurred: Thu. 01/05 20:45 to FRI. 01/06 08:20. Method of Entry: Smashed/pried.

13900 S CERISE AV. OTHER. Crime Occurred: Tue. 01/05/16 21:00 to Wed. 01/06/16 14:20. Method of Entry: Pried.

13900 S YUKON AV. APARTMENT/ CONDO. Crime Occurred: Sat. 01/07 01:09 to Sat. 01/07 01:13. Property Taken: Misc. mail. Method of Entry: Pried.

13500 S YUKON AV. APARTMENT COMMON. AREAS (LNDRY,CLB HSE,ETC). Crime Occurred: Fri. 01/06 18:00 to Sat. 01/07 09:00. Method of Entry: Unlocked pried. •



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 Federal funding of nearly \$1.6 billion to help build the second phase of the Metro Purple Line Extension to downtown Beverly Hills and Century City was announced earlier this month. Metro is aiming to finish the project by 2024 before a potential Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Find out more at metro.net/purplelineext.

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Film Review

Michael Keaton Reveals the McDonald's Empire's Unsavory History in The Founder

By Jasper Bernbaum
for www.cinemacy.com

It feels eerily appropriate that *The Founder* is being released nationwide on the same day as the presidential inauguration. It's a film that serves as both a necessary history lesson and cautionary tale about the beginning of big business and modern consumerism, a concept that could potentially continue to dictate our political climate more than it ever has. Politics aside, *The Founder* is also a highly entertaining rush of popcorn Americana—light, enjoyable, dramatic fare. A tasty biopic, but one that may not sit well after you leave the theater—a little bit like the restaurant on which it focuses.

The Founder, directed by John Lee Hancock, follows not the foundation but the expansion of McDonald's into modern cultural ubiquity. Ray Kroc (another winning performance from Michael Keaton), a traveling milkshake machine salesman, finds his business stalling until he receives an unusually large order from a restaurant in San Bernardino, California called McDonald's, run by the eponymous brothers Mac and Dick McDonald (John Carroll Lynch and Nick Offerman). Kroc, fascinated by their innovative methods of delivering food in an instant, convinces the brothers to let him expand the business through franchising. Soon, Kroc's obsessive quest for success knocks the brothers out of the company and leads McDonald's to its current corporate domination.

The story of McDonald's is inherently fascinating to watch unfold (though especially now considering the current affluenza rampant in American politics). It is a saga that most consumers are ignorant to, despite being the origin of one of the most recognizable symbols of American culture. Thus, it provides a rather gripping tale of competing definitions of the

American dream. The warring visions of Kroc and the McDonald brothers establish a revealing dichotomy of old and modern business, and consequently old and modern America. Conceptually, these ideas are rich and compelling. Narratively, the film is quite compelling as well. A lot of this can be attributed to Keaton's nifty casting as Kroc. Slimy, but nimble as a lizard, his performance is quite magnetic.

But while the historical story is subjectively enthralling, it's hard to call *The Founder* a great movie. It is a highly competent film, but far too methodical. Its central conceit, putting Kroc as the main role, proves to be perhaps its greatest flaw. As an anti-hero, his character doesn't work because there isn't much he has been given in the film to make us like him. He's greedy. He's sleazy. All he does is take without much to lose and succeeds without much complication. Everything written into the film seems intended to forward Kroc's success and, in turn, the plot. If the supporting characters don't participate, they are unceremoniously dropped out of the film (i.e. Laura Dern's depressingly two-dimensional role as Kroc's first wife). Some characters exclusively speak blunt exposition. BJ Novak's role as Harry J. Sonneborn—the first president of McD's—is literally only inserted to explain McDonald's real estate business. One can only wonder if the film focused on the McDonald brothers, who actually have an emotional character progression, if that could have made *The Foundermore* effective (because at least they have a soul). But, like in the film, they sell out too, perhaps unintentionally, for something flashy... just like the Golden Arches at night.

The Founder is rated PG-13 for brief strong language. Runtime of 115 minutes. Now playing at The Landmark. •



Michael Keaton as Ray Kroc in *The Founder*. Courtesy of The Weinstein Company.

Classifieds

The deadline for Classified Ad submission and payment is Noon on Tuesday to appear in Thursday's paper. Advertisements must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or email. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa or M/C over the phone).

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Five Tips to Bring Organization to Your Post-Holiday Chaos



(BPT) - You have plenty of goals for 2017. Maybe you want to find a new job or be promoted at your current employer. Perhaps you want to lose weight, kick a bad habit, or learn a new instrument, skill or language. And if you're feeling daring, maybe this is the year you finally surf, skydive or ski.

There are plenty of exciting things you can do this year, but you can't tackle any of these lofty goals until you figure out a way to organize your day-to-day life. As daunting as that task may seem, even the smallest organizational changes can have a big impact, so start applying the five tips below and you'll be on the airplane, surfboard or skis before you know it.

• **Start small.** Rome wasn't built in a day and you won't conquer your organizational problems in one either. In fact, trying to tackle all your organizational problems at once will make the task seem more daunting and dissuade you from doing important work. Instead, start with a manageable task, be it cleaning a room, setting a budget or establishing a workout routine, then work from there. Thinking back to these early victories will give you the motivation you need to tackle those more difficult issues.

• **Prioritize your News Feed.** You visit Facebook to connect with others and stay up to date about the world around you. So instituting a little time-saving organization will make your time on Facebook even more meaningful. Visit your News Feed preferences to prioritize the people and things you care about most with the See First option. Facebook will then make sure you see any posts from them first. You can also choose to unfollow people or pages you don't

want to hear from right now, and they'll never know you did so. It's an easy way to bring some order to your digital life.

• **Dedicate 15 minutes a day to organization.** Maybe it's 15 minutes before you go to bed or it's a quick break from another task, but you'll be surprised how even these few minutes can support your overall organization goals. Sort the mail, clean a room or start the first in a series of sessions to see what's in the back of your cupboards. These sessions will help you keep organized and accomplish tasks you would have never thought of otherwise.

• **Shop smart.** Sometimes wandering around a store can be fun, but if you're looking to bring a little order to your shopping, start by liking your favorite publications and stores on Facebook. This way you'll get the news from the sources you value most and you'll never miss an event or sale because it slipped past you.

• **Use only one calendar.** You've heard advice before that you'll be more organized if you put things on your calendar. So you do, on all them, and the result is you're more lost than ever. Cataloging information on a calendar is great so long as the calendar isn't one of many. Consolidate your calendars to one master document and you'll never have to worry about writing that important date in the wrong place. Improving your organizational skills is a great habit to start in 2017, and there's no time like the present. Let these five tips be your starting place and introduce the world to a new, more organized you in the weeks and months ahead. •

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Sports

Inglewood Begins League Play with Big Win

By Adam Serrao

Keeping up in the Bay League standings is certainly no easy thing to do. Just ask head coach Pat Roy and an Inglewood Sentinels basketball team that finished in second place last season after a miraculous 22-9 record. One would think a record as accomplished as that would be good enough for a league championship. Divisional losses to both Redondo and Peninsula dashed those hopes, though. Roy and the Sentinels are back this year, looking to accomplish what they fell just shy of achieving one season ago. After a 59-50 victory last Tuesday night at Palos Verdes over the 12-5 Sea Kings, it looks like Roy and his Sentinels are back--this time with a Bay League championship on their minds.

Notching a victory against any Bay League team is no easy feat, but a win against a Palos Verdes squad that had won six in a row coming into the matchup was a task that loomed even larger than originally perceived. Roy and his squad were up to the task, holding the Sea Kings to their lowest point output in their last nine contests. The defense didn't look so hot in the first half, though. Palos Verdes came out of the gates on fire, outscoring Inglewood in both the first and second quarters to jump out to an early 25-21 lead heading into the half. "They did a really good job coming out and executing early," Roy explained. "We knew they were a good team coming into this game, but they hit open shots and executed well and did everything right."

Despite their opponents doing everything right, the Sentinels hung in the game and never quit. The Sea Kings widened their lead in the third quarter, staying hot from the field behind Toni Marinkovic. Marinkovic came alive in the quarter with seven points to give his team a boost and what felt like an insurmountable eight-point lead heading into the fourth quarter with all of the game's momentum on Palos Verdes' side. That's when Inglewood decided that it had enough.

Behind Miles James and Kyrstophor Smith, the Sentinels exploded on offense in the final quarter of the game while keeping a lackadaisical Palos Verdes team at bay on defense as well. James and Smith combined for 20 points in the quarter, which was one point shy of what the entire team scored in the first half combined. "We came out soft," James explained. "We had to mentally get back to our game. We came to win and we just had to pull it out." James pulled out a powerful slam dunk with less than five minutes remaining in the game that not only put his team in the lead, but gave the Inglewood sideline all of the momentum. Inglewood may have only led by three points,

but it was clear that after a 25-point quarter and an 11-point switch on the scoreboard that the Sentinels would win the game.

A stingy defense held a powerful Sea Kings offense to only eight points in the final quarter. A nine-point victory gave the Sentinels their third win in their last four games and gave the team a brilliant start to the league play portion of the season. Inglewood will move on to face another tough team in Mira Costa this Friday night while Palos Verdes stays on top of the hill for a rivalry game at Peninsula.

HAWTHORNE HIGH

It has been a long and trying road for the Hawthorne Cougars since their last victory in a high school basketball game. After losing their last eight games of the season last year, the Cougars came out and dropped their first 10 in a row this year. The pain and misery finally came to an end, however, with a 73-41 victory over Big Pine in one of the team's last games of the month of December. If that wasn't good enough, Hawthorne decided to provide an encore performance. A 46-44 victory over Wiseburn-Da Vinci got the team its second win in three games and finally had the Cougars rolling.

Unfortunately for Hawthorne, all of the celebration was rather short-lived once league play rolled around. The Cougars ran into a much superior opponent from Beverly Hills and were made victims to a horrible loss once again. A total of six first half points had Hawthorne down by 39 at the break. The Cougars eventually took a 72-17 loss, but will look to experience success once again as the league play season moves on and their rivals from El Segundo come to town.

LAWNDALE HIGH

The Lawndale Cardinals have been riding a rollercoaster of a season, taking the ups with downs while trying to survive in an Ocean League that can sink you if your team experiences any dip in play. Unfortunately for head coach Dave Miller, his team experienced that dip in play in the first league game against the perennially strong Santa Monica Vikings. The Vikings, who had lost three games in a row heading into their Ocean League opener, were clearly out to get back on track. A huge first half put the Cardinals behind early, and 84 points eventually proved to be too much for Miller and company to overcome. Last year's Ocean League and CIF champions easily disposed of Lawndale with an 84-72 win. Lawndale has now lost three games in a row and four of its last five, including its first league game. The team will look to bolster its chances in this year's Ocean League race when it takes on its rival from Beverly Hills this Friday night. •

Swinney, Tigers Get Their Revenge on 'Bama

By Adam Serrao

After four hours and eight minutes of competitive college football, the Clemson Tigers finally got their revenge on Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide. A sellout crowd in Tampa Bay, Florida arrived and paid steep prices to witness a National Championship rematch between Saban's Crimson Tide and Dabo Swinney's Tigers. Fans in attendance certainly got their money's worth after witnessing what was one of the most exciting title games in the history of the sport. College football enthusiasts across the nation rooted against Saban and a perennially dominant Alabama team and in the end got what they wanted. Saban and the Tide wound up crashing to shore as the Tigers pounced and clawed their way to a 35-31 win over Alabama in the College Football National Championship presented by AT&T.

Though there is no doubting that Nick Saban is one of the greatest college football coaches of all time, it undoubtedly feels good to everyone who is not an Alabama fan that he wound up on the wrong side of history for a change. Saban was looking for his fifth title in the last eight seasons with the Tide. Clemson's win at least did its part to add some variety to a championship stage that has recently been dominated by Alabama. Instead of Saban getting more attention, now the focus has shifted to Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson, as it should after his outstanding performance. Watson's two-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Renfrow with one second remaining in the game capped a wild come-from-behind victory for the Tigers. Watson was 36 of 56 on the night for 420 yards and three scores in his last college game before the quarterback enters the NFL draft. If that's not a great way to go out, then nothing is.

The win sealed Clemson's first national title since the 1981 season. It also snapped Alabama's 26-game winning streak and served as retribution for the Tigers' 45-40 loss at the hands of the Tide one year ago. "Eight years ago, we set out to put Clemson back on top," Swinney said of his team after the game. "We came up a little short last year, but today on top of the mountain the Clemson flag is flying." That flag is flying because of the comeback victory led by Watson that didn't see Clemson take its first lead of the game until the day after the game started. The over-four-hour contest went past midnight in Florida before the Tigers finally won on the last play of the game.

"I couldn't hear the crowd," Watson said of the last play that ultimately won the game. "I was just at peace." Despite being down by three points with just over two minutes left in the game, Watson remained poised. Like any great quarterback would do, he milked the rest of the clock--and with his last-second touchdown pass to Renfrow, led his team to victory. As Watson had images of former Texas quarterback Vince Young and his last-second touchdown pass that beat the USC Trojans in the 2006 Rose Bowl, all that the quarterback could say about his performance down the stretch was that "[he] was calm." Watson wasn't the only one making ridiculous plays out there on the field either. Starting wide receiver Mike Williams played an integral part in Clemson's comeback and victory.

Watson and Williams connected to start things off in a fourth quarter that saw the Tigers outscore Alabama 21-7. The duo's four-yard touchdown hookup cut into the Crimson Tide's lead and made the score 24-21. After another Clemson touchdown to finally give the team its first lead of the night, Alabama starting quarterback Jalen Hurts broke free from the pocket and ran the ball 30 yards for a touchdown to regain the lead at 31-28. Williams came up clutch again and again for the Tigers, though, specifically on the team's last possession to keep his team's drive alive on the way to what was ultimately the game-winning touchdown. The big pro-ready wide receiver climbed the ladder multiple times to high-point the ball and simply outmuscle Alabama's defense for multiple miraculous catches. Without the receiver's contribution, it's safe to say that Clemson may not have won the game.

Before its loss to Swinney and Clemson, 'Bama was 4-0 in national championship games under Saban. It was 96-0 when entering the fourth quarter with a double-digit lead, as it had in this year's championship game, and 106-6 in games it led at the half. In addition to Watson and Williams, Renfrow came up big with 10 catches for 92 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner. Clemson's offensive explosion destroyed Alabama's defense that has been so mighty all season long. A true team effort combined with 28 second-half points finally brought the mighty Crimson Tide to its knees. It was the first time in the school's history that Clemson had beaten a number one team. It certainly couldn't have come at a better time for Swinney and his Tigers.

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The "Fruit kittens," **Blueberry, Mango, and Kiwi**, were taken to the shelter at the age of two weeks without their mama. Kitten Rescue saved them from certain death (shelters don't want to kill tiny kittens, but they simply can't bottle-feed around the clock). They were raised in the nursery at the KR Sanctuary, and when weaned went to their foster home. Bottle babies tend to be extra affectionate with people, and these three gorgeous kittens certainly are! They love everybody and all are wonderful cuddlers. They're very playful and have welcomed their foster brother Lawrence into their family. Blueberry, Mango, Kiwi and Lawrence play, sleep and cuddle together. These siblings are also accustomed to adult cats and small dogs. Blueberry is the male, and Mango and Kiwi are the females. They look so much alike that we've had to color-code them with dots on their ears. Their personalities are similar: love, love and more love! It's best for the four kittens (including Lawrence) to be adopted in pairs--though if you have a playful cat, two of these kittens could be adopted singly. Lawrence really needs one of them in his forever home.

Lawrence and his sister were found in a backyard at the age of one day. An experienced Kitten Rescue bottle-feeder took them. The female kitten died, which is not unusual for newborns without a mama. Lawrence survived! After weaning, he went to a foster family with other kittens. That was his first experience with other cats and they taught him how to be a real kitten. Now he fits right into his family of three other kittens--playing, sleeping and cuddling with them. Lawrence is also accustomed to adult cats and small

dogs, too. Lawrence is small for his age, but handles himself with his foster siblings. He's playful, affectionate with everyone, purrs to the touch, climbs on laps and cries when he needs love. Lawrence is very handsome with his dark stripes and grey eyes. He'll need to be adopted with another kitten, even if you already have an adult cat at home. His siblings, any of whom would be ideal, are Blueberry, Mango and Kiwi.

Angel is a handsome, all-white kitty. The sweet boy was rescued from a vacant lot in Canoga Park. When you pet him, he purrs like a little locomotive and makes biscuits with his paws. He'll also sit on your lap and bury his little face into your arms. Angel is a bit timid at first, but warms up as soon as he feels comfortable. He needs someone with a little patience and lots of love. Come meet this wonderful boy and give him a chance and a home.

Jesse ("Jessie") is one of eight kittens rescued from the demolition site at the 6th Street Bridge. We thought there were three male orange kittens, but she is one of three orange female kittens from this litter! She was so tiny and sweet and struggled with flea bite anemia when she first came out of the river. Now she is healthy and loves to play with her siblings. Jesse is a confident kitty who loves affection and likes to talk to you. She's awesome! She is great with her siblings and would love to be adopted with another kitten or cat or be a companion for a kitty at home.

Venus is a friendly, sweet and spunky Calico kitten with beautiful gold-colored eyes. Venus loves her sister Mandy and gets along well with the three permanent cats in her foster home. Venus is curious and loves to sit on the kitchen counter and watch when her foster family cooks or putters around. She loves to play and her favorite toy is called "Da Bird." It's a feather toy on a string, and she will do



Jesse

amazing backflips while she tries to catch it! She also loves to run around with her sister, like they were a herd of gazelles. It's cute to hear the pitter patter of eight little feet. Venus loves to end her day by jumping up onto your bed when you are about to go to sleep, and purr on your chest. Then she usually finds a more comfortable place at the foot of the bed for a long catnap.

Mandy is a sweet Calico kitten with gold-colored eyes who was hand-raised with her sister, Venus. She's completely comfortable around people and is gentle and fun. Mandy has an easygoing personality and a very cute mew, which she uses to manipulate you into giving her treats. But she also loves to rambunctiously play with her sister. They chase each other and love racing up and down the stairs. Her favorite toy is a pink fuzzy ball that she bats around. Mandy is very tolerant of bathing and nail trimming--unlike her sister, who likes to let everyone know that she doesn't appreciate baths. After a couple of mews, Mandy usually just relaxes in the tub.



Venus



Mandy

Cappy is an affectionate, smart, energetic cat who is playful and fun. Absolutely devoted to playtime, Cappy will happily bat around spiral toys as if playing ice hockey. Up and down the hallway he'll slide, using his left leg and then his right to score a goal. He'll jump. He'll fall. He'll fearlessly throw his body against a wall. Then shake it off and get back into the game. In fact, Cappy would rather play than eat--which keeps him on the slim side. He is a curious kitty who explores on his own, as if hunting or in search of his next adventure. When Cappy misplaces his pucks (oops, his toys), he and his foster parent hunt for them together. The furniture is moved and Cappy runs behind each one to check. It's almost a game in itself. Cappy's wide-eyed expression is sure to make you smile. Scoop him up and kiss his belly. He'll purr and snuggle and then be off again. Arrange to meet Cappy soon. He's everything you are looking for in a kitty.

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

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Lawrence



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