

Shared Stories: Name That Tune

As the proud mother of four children, Kacie Cooper shares her experience with the tremendous challenge and decision required of all parents – what to name the baby. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Kacie (Kathy) Cooper

“Name That Tune” was a T.V. game show in the 1980’s where thousands of dollars were given away to a worthy contestant who could guess the name of a song being played in the least amount of notes. Amazingly, some songs were identified in only one note. The doctor who delivered my last child was one such winner.

I guess he was a lot better at naming tunes than he was at naming babies. He had absolutely no clue about how to help me come up with a name for my youngest, unborn child. At every doctor’s appointment with him, I would ask him to help me come up with a name; but to no avail.

He had no ideas at all, except to say, “Well, just try to keep it to one or two notes...I mean syllables.”

We ended up naming my baby after our great friends from Utah who had about ten daughters, all of whose names began with the letter ‘M’. We named our daughter Monique - with two notes (syllables), but sometimes we call her Mo-nee-queee, which is actually three notes. So where do a mother and father actually find the perfect name for their little bundle-of-joy? From a book? A family name? An old boyfriend or girlfriend who got away?

When I was pregnant with my oldest son, the movie “The Godfather” was playing and the name of Vito was introduced to me. Every night I would dream about that name...Vito Corleone. Vito... Vito... Vito. I really loved that name, but I feared that with my luck, years later my beautiful baby boy would turn into a mobster.

Luckily, at that time Tony the Tiger was also quite famous, so we ended up naming my son Tony. As easy as that. He’s a D.J. now and refers to himself as “Tony Tigah”, which I think is Grrrrreeaaaaat!!! So I guess many of our hopes and dreams go into the choosing of our children’s names.

I always dreamed of being a movie star. During the pregnancy of my first daughter, the movie on the big screen was Liza Minelli’s “Cabaret”. I surely did not want my daughter to have to say “Liza with a ‘Z’” every time she told someone her name. So I went with “Marissa,” who was Liza’s supporting actress, Marissa Berenson.

I probably did it in the hopes that my daughter would someday become a beautiful actress. She’s not an actress, but she is beautiful. Now with my younger son I decided to go with a family name; perhaps my grandfather’s name. I adored Gramps and his sense of humor. His first name was Lloyd, spelled L-l-o-y-d. Whenever I would ask him to spell it he would say, “Big hell, little hell, o, y, d.” I contemplated Gramp’s last name, Benedict.

Unfortunately the only person I knew with that name was Benedict Arnold. Again, with that name and my luck, I was afraid my baby boy might become a traitor. So we ended up naming my son Benny. Of course when the risqué T.V. show Benny Hill appeared on the scene, I had to resort to calling him Benny Boy and then just hope for the best.

Expectant parents have many important things to think about regarding their unborn child. Surely agreeing on a ‘perfect’ name has got to be one of the more challenging aspects for a parent to contemplate - no matter how one arrives at it or how many notes they name it in.

Former state senator Ron Calderon accepts plea deal, admits to accepting bribes



LOS ANGELES – Former California State Senator Ron Calderon has agreed to plead guilty to a federal corruption charge and admits in a plea agreement filed Monday that he accepted tens of thousands of dollars in bribes in exchange for performing official acts as a legislator.

Calderon, 58, of Montebello, agreed to plead guilty to one count of mail fraud through the deprivation of honest services to resolve a case against him that was filed in 2014. The plea agreement comes several weeks before Ron Calderon was scheduled to go on trial on charges contained in a 24-count indictment.

In the plea agreement, Calderon admits accepting bribe payments from the owner of a Long Beach hospital who wanted a law to remain in effect so he could continue to reap millions of dollars in illicit profits from a separate fraud scheme and from undercover FBI agents who were posing as independent filmmakers who wanted changes to California’s Film Tax Credit program.

Calderon’s brother, Tom Calderon, 62, also of Montebello, a former member of the California State Assembly who became a political consultant, pleaded guilty last Monday to a federal money laundering charge for allowing bribe money earmarked for his brother to be funneled through his firm.

“Public officials who engage in corrupt behavior threaten the basic fabric of our democracy,” added Deirdre Fike, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI’s Los Angeles Field Office. “While in office, Ron Calderon and others profited handsomely when bribe money was accepted and laundered, and I’m gratified that he has chosen to take responsibility for his actions.”

“My office will not tolerate pay-to-play corruption by public officials and their associates,” added Deirdre Fike, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI’s Los Angeles Field Office. “While in office, Ron Calderon and others profited handsomely when bribe money was accepted and laundered, and I’m gratified that he has chosen to take responsibility for his actions.”

Ron Calderon is expected to plead guilty to the mail fraud charge this week before United States District Judge Christina A. Snyder.

In the plea agreement filed Monday, Calderon admitted participating in a bribery scheme involving two areas of legislation and the hiring of a staffer at the behest of those paying bribes.

In the first part of the bribery scheme, Calderon took bribes from Michael Drobot, the former owner of Pacific Hospital in Long Beach, which was a major provider of spinal surgeries that were often paid by workers’ compensation programs. (The spinal surgeries are at the center of a massive healthcare fraud scheme that Drobot orchestrated and to which he previously pleaded guilty. Calderon is not implicated in the healthcare fraud scheme.) Drobot was a client of Tom Calderon’s political consulting firm.

California law known as the “spinal pass-through” legislation allowed a hospital to pass on to insurance companies the full cost it had paid for medical hardware it used during spinal surgeries. As Drobot admitted in court, his hospital exploited this law, typically by using hardware that had been purchased at highly-inflated prices from companies that Drobot controlled and passing this cost along to insurance providers.

Three La Mirada graduates headed to top universities



La Mirada High Class of 2016 graduates Dante Gonzales, Vittorio Reynoso-Avila and Meghan Miller display the pennants of the universities they will attend in the fall.

LA MIRADA -- Three La Mirada High School students have crossed the globe, hiked soaring mountains and dedicated hundreds of hours to volunteer service in pursuit of passions that next will take them to some of the most prestigious universities in the country.

Vittorio Reynoso-Avila, Meghan Miller and Dante Gonzales will be graduating as some of La Mirada High’s top students with experiences that led them to be school leaders and passionate individuals.

“These three outstanding students are representative of the hard work and spirit you find throughout our District,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “Vittorio, Meghan and Dante are an inspiration to students and teachers. I wish them the best of luck in their journeys.”

Reynoso-Avila can break down complex mathematical equations in the classroom and perform magic on the basketball court. As a starting guard for the La Mirada High basketball team, Reynoso-Avila led the team to its first CIF State Championship in 2015, attracting the attention of college recruiters offering full athletic scholarships.

Drobot bribed Ron Calderon so that he would use his public office to preserve this law that helped Drobot maintain a long-running and lucrative healthcare fraud scheme, which included Calderon asking a fellow senator to introduce legislation favorable to Drobot.

The payments from Drobot came in the form of summer employment for Calderon’s son, who was hired as a summer file clerk at Pacific Hospital and received a total of \$30,000 over the course of three years, despite the son doing little actual work at the hospital.

In another part of the bribery scheme, Calderon accepted bribes from people he thought were associated with an independent film studio, but who were in fact undercover FBI agents. In exchange for the payments – including \$3,000 monthly payments to Calderon’s daughter for services she never provided – Calderon agreed to support an expansion of a state law that gave tax credits to studios that produced independent films in California.

The Film Tax Credit applied to productions of at least \$1 million, but, in exchange for bribes, Calderon agreed to support new legislation to reduce this threshold to \$750,000, according to the plea agreement.

Calderon took several official actions with respect to reducing the threshold for the Film Tax Credit, prosecutors said. He signed a letter on his official Senate letterhead indicating that he would propose legislation lowering the threshold, introduced a “spot bill” he told an undercover agent would be used to propose such legislation, and promised that he would vote in favor of that proposed legislation.

In addition to the payments to his daughter for work she did not do, Calderon had one of the undercover agents make a \$5,000 payment toward his son’s college tuition and a \$25,000 payment to Californians for Diversity, a non-profit entity that Calderon and his brother used to improperly pay themselves.

As part of the agreement with the undercover agents, Calderon performed official acts that led to the hiring of another undercover agent as a staffer in his district office at an annual salary of \$45,105.

Calderon “knowingly concealed his bribery scheme from the public by submitting a false Statement of Economic Interest, California Form 700, to the California Fair Political Practices Commission, which failed to disclose the money and other financial benefits he had received from Drobot” and the undercover agents, Calderon admitted in his plea agreement.

As part of Calderon’s plea agreement, federal prosecutors have agreed not to seek a sentence of more than 70 months in federal prison, a term that is expected to be within the United States Sentencing Guidelines advisory range for this case. However, Judge Snyder would not be bound by any sentencing recommendation and could sentence Calderon up to the statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

Tom Calderon pleaded guilty last week to money laundering and admitted that he agreed to conceal bribe payments for his brother from the two undercover FBI agents by having the money go through his company, the Calderon Group. Tom Calderon allowed payments to be made to the Calderon Group “to conceal and disguise the fact that the money represented the proceeds of bribery,” according to his plea agreement.

Tom Calderon “deposited the \$30,000 bribe payment from [the undercover agent] into the Calderon Group’s bank account and then wrote a check for \$9,000 from the Calderon Group’s bank account to Ron Calderon’s daughter,” Tom Calderon admitted in his plea agreement.

“Tom Calderon provided a conduit for illicit bribery payments and played a key role in hiding corrupt activities from the voting public,” said United States Attorney Decker.

As part of Tom Calderon’s plea agreement, prosecutors have agreed to recommend a sentence of no more than one year in prison. However, when Judge Snyder sentences Tom Calderon on Sept. 12, she could impose a term of up to 20 years in prison, which is the statutory maximum penalty for the money laundering count.

“The Calderon brothers shamelessly defrauded the citizens of California to their right to honest services through an illicit bribery scheme,” stated IRS Criminal Investigation’s Acting Special Agent in Charge Anthony J. Orlando. “IRS CI tirelessly untangled the web of fraudulent transactions that lead to these corrupt individuals being held accountable for their actions.”

Reynoso-Avila, who has a 4.69 GPA, earned a full-ride Basketball scholarship to Princeton and chose the Ivy League university as part of a long-term career strategy.

“Eventually, the ball will stop bouncing,” said Reynoso-Avila. “This is not a four-year decision. It’s a 40-year decision.”

Miller has a deep passion for adventure and travel, and an eye toward a career in international business and finance. After being accepted by 11 colleges, Miller, who has a 4.83 GPA and is president of the Matador Scholar Association (MSA), chose Vanderbilt University for its idyllic campus, academic rigor and potential for networking.

Miller visited South Africa during her senior trip, where she went on a safari and came face to face with great white sharks while scuba diving. Miller interned at a wildlife sanctuary, which extended an offer for her to come back and work for its rescue center. She plans to return in July.

“I am most proud of my work with the MSA, and greatly appreciative of the guidance of my adviser Melissa Naudin,” Miller said. “When I joined the MSA in my freshman year, we had 40 students. Now we have over 200 and it continues to grow. MSA is helping La Mirada students realize their potential and attend the college of their dreams.”

Gonzales divides his time between the National Honors Society, California Scholarship Federation, MSA, the campus microbiology and tennis clubs, and school studies. In addition to his academic responsibilities, he has logged more than 1,600 volunteer hours since his freshman year and is a dedicated Eagle Scout. He has also scaled Mt. Whitney twice.

Gonzales is preparing for a career in environmental politics. Passionate about his Latino heritage, he chose UC Berkeley for its culture and academic reputation. Gonzales credits his Spanish teacher, Manuel Jaen, for going beyond the classroom curriculum, stressing character and urging Gonzales to make choosing his college a personal endeavor.

“When I went to Berkeley, I saw a history of my heritage in all the new people I met,” Gonzales said. “As I toured the campus I could see how all of our personal experiences are being added together, and it makes me hopeful for the future.”

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 88°

Sunday 96°

THINGS TO DO



KTOWN Night Market

Friday and Saturday - Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools

Hundreds of food and merchandise vendors offer the traditional night market experience.



LA Vegan Beer & Food Festival

Saturday - Rose Bowl Stadium

Food trucks, vendors, and breweries showoff 100% vegan food, beer, and clothing products.



Sleeping Beauty

Saturday - Downey Civic Theater, 7:30 pm

The classic fairy tale is performed by Southern California Dance Company. Tickets start at \$24



WWE Live

Saturday - Staples Center, 7:30 p.m.

Roman Reigns puts his heavyweight title on the line against AJ Styles and Seth Rollins in a triple threat match.



Mase

Saturday - Observatory, 8 p.m.

The multiple platinum-selling rapper performs live. Tickets only \$10



Food Truck & Music Fest

Sunday - Angel City Brewery, 12-7 p.m.

Food trucks, live music from three bands, and beer. Kids 14 and under OK with parents.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@AsmGarcia: <3 must win! We can’t turn 1 grp against another We are all 1- LGBTQ, Muslim, Latino. We need prayers & we need gun reform #WeAreAllPulse

@DowneyPatriot: Downey Police announces support for raising local sales tax

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Lynwood High DREAMer earns \$25,000 college scholarship to UC Merced



LYNWOOD -- Lynwood High School senior Jonathan Galvez earned a 4.3 GPA and served as a campus leader, but his status as an undocumented immigrant nearly stymied his dreams of studying mechanical engineering at UC Merced.

Now Galvez will realize that dream thanks to the \$25,000 TheDream.US Scholarship, which eases the path to college for those who qualify for the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. DACA suspends immigration action against children brought to the U.S. under age 16 and who have lived here continuously since their arrival.

"I want to earn a degree and then come back to Lynwood to help others like me, and give them hope," said Galvez, who came to the U.S. with his parents when he was a 1-year-old. "Just because you live in a

low-income household or don't have papers, that doesn't mean you aren't smart. You can achieve anything. There is no excuse for not achieving."

Galvez and others in his situation are called DREAMers after the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act pursued by federal legislators. Created in 2012, DACA mirrors DREAM Act legislation.

"Jonathan is an inspiration to all students, and a role model for DREAMers, showing that there are no limits for those who are determined to succeed," Lynwood Unified School District Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "I congratulate Jonathan for all he has achieved, and wish him the best of luck in college."

As a child, Galvez enjoyed tearing apart toys just to see how they worked and putting them back together again. These days he divides his time between a full schedule of

Advanced Placement courses and watching engineering tutorials on YouTube.

Galvez is vice president of the campus Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) club, and a member of the National Honor Society and Lynwood High Link Crew, which mentors incoming freshmen.

"When I started high school, I had no one to guide me. It's very easy to become directionless and fall behind," Galvez said. "I tell the freshmen that this is your start, this year will determine where you wind up. I want to set an example for them."

Lynwood High engineering teacher Christian Munguia, who also came to the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant, saw the potential in Galvez and knew firsthand the difficulty Galvez faced as a DREAMer. He urged him to apply for the scholarship.

"Being undocumented in this country does not tell the entire story of our struggles, goals, dreams and aspirations — it simply represents a temporary legal status," Munguia said. "Jonathan understands that being in the service of others in our community is not only an essential and transformative process that speaks of the nature of our humanity, but simultaneously helps uplift those who turn to us for guidance. He hopes to be the change he wants to see in Lynwood."

The TheDream.US Scholarship is available to high school seniors or graduates with a DACA card, who have a 2.5 GPA or higher and have been accepted into an in-state partner college.

"Students like Jonathan make everyone in our District so proud, and we are committed to supporting all DREAMers and their families achieve their goals," LUSD Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said.

Library taking bids on auction items

DOWNNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent auctions to raise money for library programs. June's items include:

"Fragments-Poems, Intimate Notes, and Letters of Marilyn Monroe" (includes lots of photos and stories); "Cars 1886-1930" (covers the development of gasoline engines as well as steam and electric power); "Make Me-A Jack Reacher Novel" (the latest thriller in the Jack Reacher series);

"Dream Destinations-The World's Most Unforgettable Places" (lavishly illustrated, includes traveler tips and practical advice);

"America's National Parks" (our parks from both an historical and aesthetic perspective with lots of pictures); "Encyclopedia Prehistorica-Sharks and Other Sea Monsters" (full of captivating facts enhanced by 35 pop-ups; entertaining for children and adults);

"Everyday Italian" (fresh, simple recipes that are incredibly quick to make and perfect for everyday cooking);

"Picasso-60 Years of Graphic Works" (featured here is the entire body of his work in graphics, including dry points, etchings, linoleum cuts, lithographs and woodcuts); "Container Gardening Through the Year" (learn how to select containers, plants, and soil and how to make everything work together);

"The Iliad-The Odyssey" (Homer's two epic poems are contained in this volume); "The Golden Years of Baseball" (captures all the glory of baseball at its finest with more than 400 photographs, statistical charts and fact-packed text).

Bids can be made through noon, Saturday June 25, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.



The Angels won the West Downey Little League Minor A division championship and qualified for the District 29 Tournament of Champions, where they reached the semifinals and finished in third place.

The team is coached by Javier Ducreux, David Carreon and Julio Cabrera.

Back row, from left: Alexander Cabrera, Andres Angulo, Gabriel Escobedo, Elijah Sorto, Alejandro Ducreux, and Seth Carreon.

Front row, from left: Michael Ramirez, Marcus Morales, Efrain Aguayo, Anthony Fletes, Ben Collins, and Isaac Mora.

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HARD STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

An Inflatable Idea

Hard Stories is a weekly column featuring articles from a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Yolanda is a life-long Norwalk resident who likes to see everyone with a smile on their face. In this piece she explores with dramatic flair the feelings of two young girls who find a Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue. The names have been changed to protect the innocent. Created by Carol Kearns

By Yolanda Adele

NORWALK – While walking home from my junior high school one day I saw a Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue lying on the sidewalk. I was excited to find it, but there were several pedestrians on the street and I felt uneasy until they passed before I turned back to pick up the forbidden catalogue.

Children my age were "Too old for toys and too young for boys." It was the era of liberated women burning their bras; I didn't think "training bras" counted. Still, Frederick's merchandise defined sexy; just what an adolescent, almost blossoming, teenage girl wanted to get her hands on. I could hardly believe that I now owned a coveted catalogue.

I did what came naturally. I ran to my best friend's house to share my miraculous find. Had I been in a backstreet I'd have come in first place. It seemed that I reached Carla's front door in a few minutes. I tucked the catalogue into my skirt's waistband and stood with my arms across my waist.

It was difficult to contain my excitement. I was relieved when Carla opened the door instead of her mother. She had a puzzled look on her face when she asked,

"Jane are you alright? You look kinda weird."

"Jane you won't believe what I just found on the street!"

"You found money?"

"No. Something even better. Let's hurry up to your room. Just then her mother called out from the kitchen, Carla who is at the door?"

"It's just Jane, Mom. We are going to do our homework. Please tell Jimmy to leave us alone."

The kitchen phone rang and her mother picked it up. Carla and I ran up the stairs as if we were being chased by wild dogs.

Carla quickly locked her bedroom door behind us. Her eyes were wide like Betty Boop, she demanded to see what I had found. "Not so fast!" I said. "First close your eyes." I pulled the shiny catalogue from my skirt and held the front cover that had a picture of a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like model wearing a pink and black sequined outfit.

When Carla opened her eyes, her jaw dropped. She let out a loud "WOW!" We both jumped up and down giggling before we fell on her bed.

"Carla, Carla, shhhhhhh, listen." I whispered. The best part is that there's an order form attached inside the pages where we can send a way for a sexy... something."

After the twelfth or thirteenth time pouring over the pages we decided to pull our babysitting money and our best friend to buy a "Shelf Bra." Well be co-owners of a brassiere that'll lift and squeeze what little we had on our chest. The ad said that this bra was revolutionary. It came with a magical straw, which allowed a woman to inflate her screen sex goddess.

"We will look like movie stars," I promised.

"Yes, yes!" Carla yelled. I smiled as I noticed that she was even more fixated on it than I was. We were exhilarated at the potential promises this bra would "lulife" for us.

We stood up on the bed bouncing and laughing, throwing pillows in to the air. After a few minutes we felt down, exhausted with joy, talking quietly.

"I just thought of a plan, Carla. We will flip a coin to see who'd get to wear it to the Sock Hop next month."

"I can bet one of us is not going to be a wallflower. I will not be a plain-Jane. Can you imagine the look on Mr. Smith's face when she sees the new glamorous Me wearing my secret weapon?"

"Marilyn's such a stuck-up witch with a capital 'B' since she got all the boys' attention after padding her 'training bra'."

"Carla if we want to look more grown up we will have to practice walking differently."

"Like how?" she asked me.

"I got up from the bed. "With shoulders swaying, like this," I said as I demonstrated my best Marilyn Monroe "The Sheld."

"Oh Jane, you can already walk like Marilyn, but I bet that you will do it even better when you are wearing "I really have to go home now!" I finally said. "The catalogue will be safer here. You don't have a rug-tat sister to share your room with. Do you want to put the catalogue under your mattress?"

"Ha! No. That's where I leave my "G" rated diary for my mom to snoop through. I will put it in the big dictionary on top of the bookcase. Not even my brother will look there."

"By the way, where is that cute brother of yours?"

"Cute? Oh yuck! You have got to be kidding me, Jane."

"You're not so bad. He is tall and a bit mature."

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CERRITOS LIBRARY INVESTS IN TECH FOR TEENS

Rachel Tagawa and Nathaniel Yu use an iMac inside the Cerritos Library's new teen technology center. The facility officially opens Saturday.

CERRITOS – In an effort to expand educational and creative resources for teenage patrons, the Cerritos Library on Saturday will unveil a new, 2,500-sq-ft, teen studio, featuring 18 Apple iMac work stations, three 65-inch interactive touch screens, and more than 7,000 books and documents.

City council members on Monday lauded the new state-of-the-art facility as the next generation of technology for the next generation of learners.

"This is not just a library for books, but for learning," said Councilwoman Carol Chen, who initially proposed the concept of a teen studio. "It's not just for reading. It's a whole learning experience with the newest and latest technology — we want to nurture that in our kids."

Filled with everything from classic literature and graphic novels to popular books and non-fiction, the teen studio is just as much a library as it is a computerized classroom with space for both group and individual study.

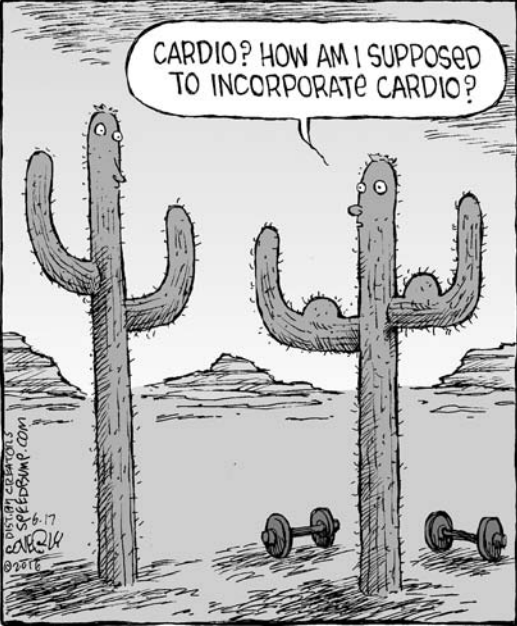
In addition to new iMac computers, the studio center also boasts a 40-inch computer touch screen that allows up to four people to view and interact with the same content. The room is also equipped with the modern devices," said Cerritos High senior Alexa Flores. "The tone of the room is very calming and relaxing. It's a better, more open place to do research."

Similarly, junior Isaac Flores believes the new teen studio will help students take the most of their time at the library. At a cost of more than \$290,000, the teen studio, which is approximately 70 people, will be a library for all ages. The library is located at 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, CA 90650. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



On This Day...

June 10, 1801: The North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

1977: James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others. (He was recaptured three days later.)

2007: The final episode of "The Sopranos" aired on HBO.

Birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Hurley (51), R&B singer Faith Evans (43), retired figure skater Tara Lipinski (34), model Kate Upton (24) and presidential daughter Sasha Obama (15).

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MONDAYS

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
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 - 7 Ellipse segment
 - 8 Japanese drama
 - 9 Voter
 - 10 Quite a few
 - 11 Abrasive material
 - 12 Call companion
 - 13 "Not good!"
 - 14 Utility conduit
 - 15 Cut back
 - 16 Highbrow title for a tailor
 - 17 Surfing mecca
 - 18 Go to a lot of trouble
 - 25 Rodeo worker
 - 28 Jacob's dozen
 - 31 Research ctr.
 - 33 Blasts verbally
 - 34 Omen
 - 35 Toss out
 - 36 1836 battleground
 - 37 In-town
 - 38 Paella tidbits
 - 39 Ring-shaped cake
 - 41 Kiddie chorus conclusion
 - 42 Ryan debater in 2012
 - 44 Winemaking ingredient
 - 45 Recital number
 - 48 Sporty Fords of old
 - 50 Farmer's area
 - 53 Further along, in a document
 - 54 ... fours (crawling)
 - 55 B.B. King's music
 - 56 Ability to reach (disputed Mideast region)
 - 57 Author Santha __ Rau
 - 59 Easy __ (simple)
 - 60 Geometric surface
 - 65 Zenith
 - 66 Kitchen scrubber
 - 69 Get __ of (grasp)
 - 70 Enticing ads
 - 74 His and hers
 - 75 Barnyard complaints
 - 78 Cut back
 - 79 Cut back
 - 80 Ren s refusal
 - 81 Grassy fields
 - 82 Get wind of
 - 83 NL West team
 - 84 Hunter's device
 - 86 Formal attire
 - 88 Builder of Civic centers
 - 89 It might be in the bag
 - 90 Still with a chance to win
 - 91 Hard to impress
 - 92 Follow everyone
 - 93 Nations
 - 95 Alaskan river
 - 96 Green garnish
 - 97 Rather like
 - 99 Printer cartridge contents
 - 100 Following orders
 - 104 For fear that
 - 105 Objects of scorn at the Round Table
 - 109 The Lion King villain
 - 110 Supermarket department
 - 111 Lauder of lipstick
 - 112 Show silent approval of
 - 113 Roof feature
 - 114 Oil cartel
 - 115 Got a hand going
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DUSD announces start of summer enrichment programs

DOWNEY – Beginning this week, Downey Unified has launched its summer enrichment programs for students.

This includes summer school at each high school, Extended School Year (ESY) programs, Summer 101 and STEAMworks. Available at Columbus, Downey and Warren high schools, Doty Middle School and Alameda Elementary School, the ESY summer school program is available for students Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

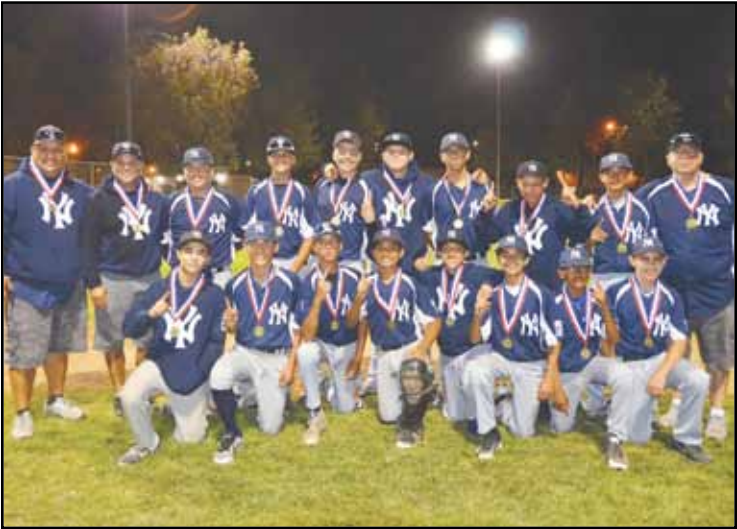
For the second year, an enrichment program that instructs students on the basis of Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Mathematics, STEAMworks, is located at Price, Lewis and Unsworth elementary schools as well as Sussman Middle School, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Summer 101, a program for students entering first through eighth grade, has proudly hit its full enrollment. This five week program is located at Stauffer Middle School, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with onsite YMCA childcare until 6 p.m.

Downey Unified is also participating in the Seamless Summer Food Service Program, providing meals without charge to all children, ages 18 and younger. Meal services are on a Monday through Thursday, with some school sites now providing meals on Fridays for the first time.

The following school sites and times are available for this program: breakfast only at Alameda Elementary School, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Doty Middle School, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Mon.-Thurs.) now through July 14, 2016; breakfast and lunch at Lewis, Price and Unsworth elementary schools (Mon.-Fri) starting on June 20 through July 15, from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; also serving both breakfast and lunch starting on June 20, Monday through Friday.

The Downey Unified School District office hours have also been altered during the summer, now open Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.



The Yankees from the Northwest Downey Little League - Juniors Division won the Tournament of Champions against La Mirada Falcons.

“The team played hard all season and I’m very proud of these young men and now they are champions!” said coach Ricardo Dacosta.

The team includes Christian Casillas, Isaac Chavez, Ricardo Dacosta Jr., Angel Diaz, Steve Espinoza, Arturo Farias, Christopher Hernandez Jr., Diego Jimenez, Nikolas Molina, Daniel Padilla, Samuel Parra, Nathan Quigg, Matthew Quiñones, Justin Sanchez, and Evan Schmidt.

Coaches are Ricardo Dacosta, Art Farias, and Frank Sanchez.



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More than 3,000 graduate from Whittier high schools



Whittier High School graduates celebrate during their commencement ceremony on June 2.

WHITTIER – More than 3,000 students from the Whittier Union High School District’s five comprehensive high schools, two alternative high schools, adult school and transition program celebrated the end of their high school careers and beginning of the next chapter of their lives at commencement ceremonies last week.

Whittier Adult School, Sierra Vista and the District’s transition program held ceremonies May 31. La Serna High School, Frontier High School and California High School held ceremonies June 1. Whittier High School, Santa Fe High School and Pioneer High School held ceremonies June 2.

Outgoing Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson congratulated members of the class of 2016 for their academic and personal achievements and encouraged students to pursue their dreams for life after high school.

“While our schools provide a foundation of knowledge upon which to further their learning and education, it is the dedication, commitment and hard work our students have demonstrated over the last four years that has led to them to reach this important milestone,” Thorstenson said. “I want to congratulate these students for all they have achieved thus far, and all that they will accomplish in the future.”

Presiding over Whittier High’s commencement ceremony, retiring

Principal Lori Eshilian encouraged Cardinals at the school’s 116th graduation ceremony to be excited and hopeful for all of the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead.

“Class of 2016, I share your anticipation and excitement for the future as I, too, will wake up tomorrow morning with a new feeling of promise and possibility,” she said. “My additional hope for you is that you find a career that you love as much as I have loved being your principal, that you never forget where you came from – once a Cardinal, always a Cardinal and always, always love and appreciate Whittier High School.”

This year, Whittier High had six valedictorians: Dylan Carranza, Andrea Pelayo, Chastity Baeder, Matteo Muñoz, Yulissa Serrato and Pavle Pejovski. Its salutatorian was Mark Rojas. Cal High’s valedictorians were Cecilia Villanueva and Vincent Navarro and salutatorian was Haley Nelson. La Serna’s valedictorians were Elizabeth Israelian, Mariam Mnatsakanian and Caleb Lessard-Clouston and its salutatorians were Lindsay Ann Baca and Lindsey Blaire Canavan. Pioneer’s valedictorians were Arianna Beltran and Michael Hernandez and its salutatorian was Patrick Macasaet. Santa Fe’s valedictorians were Bernadette Bermudez, Sarahi Garza and Bailey Hernandez. Sierra Vista’s valedictorian was Megan Lopez, the salutatorian was Sierra Moul and the student speaker was Jennifer Vazquez. The Adult School’s student speaker was Alejandra Barragan.

Frontier High School’s graduation speaker Lisbeth Lozano, who read a poem called “Don’t Quit,” congratulated her peers for overcoming barriers and obstacles to achieve their high school diplomas.

“I would like you all to know that it is OK to find yourselves feeling confused or uncertain about your life decisions,” said Lozano, who earned enough credits to graduate early and will attend Rio Hondo College. “Do not think you are supposed to have your whole life figured out. We will all face adversities throughout our lives, but it will be up to us to keep a positive mind to keep pushing forward.”

The vast majority of the District’s graduates are pursuing higher education, ranging from four-year universities and community colleges to technical education colleges. Some will also be entering military academies and military service.

Whittier Union’s graduates will be attending state and national universities, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USC, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Whittier College, University of Michigan and colleges within both the University of California and California State University systems.

10-time Grammy winner Bobby McFerrin coming to Cerritos Center

CERRITOS – Legendary vocal innovator, 10-time Grammy winner, and Cerritos College alumnus Bobby McFerrin will take the stage at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Sept. 15 with students, faculty, and fellow alumni to celebrate the musical legacy of Cerritos College.

Proceeds will benefit the Cerritos College scholarship fund. The event will also celebrate progress on the new Cerritos College Performing Arts Center and Fine Arts Complex.

McFerrin’s first recorded work, the self-titled album Bobby McFerrin, was not produced until 1982, when McFerrin was already 32 years old. Before that, he had spent six years developing his musical style, the first two years of which he attempted not to listen to other singers at all, in order to avoid sounding like them.

He was influenced by Keith Jarrett, who had achieved great success with a series of improvised piano concerts including The Köln Concert of 1975, and wanted to attempt something similar vocally.

In 1984 McFerrin performed onstage at the Playboy Jazz Festival in Los Angeles as a sixth member of Herbie Hancock’s VSOP II sharing horn trio parts with the Marsalis Brothers.

In 1986, McFerrin was the voice of Santa Bear in Santa Bear’s First Christmas, and in 1987 he was the voice of Santa Bear/Bully Bear in the sequel Santa Bear’s High Flying Adventure. That same year, he performed the

theme song for the opening credits of Season 4 of The Cosby Show.

In 1988, McFerrin recorded the song “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, which became a hit and brought him widespread recognition across the world. The song’s success “ended McFerrin’s musical life as he had known it,” and he began to pursue other musical possibilities on stage and in recording studios.

The song was used in George H. W. Bush’s 1988 U.S. presidential election as Bush’s 1988 official presidential campaign song, without Bobby McFerrin’s permission or endorsement. In reaction, Bobby McFerrin publicly protested that particular use of his song, including stating that he was going to vote against Bush, and completely dropped the song from his own performance repertoire, to make the point even clearer.

At that time, he performed on the PBS TV special Sing Out America! with Judy Collins. McFerrin sang a Wizard of Oz medley during that television special.

In 1989, he composed and performed the music for the Pixar short film Knick Knack. The rough cut to which McFerrin recorded his vocals had the words “blah blah blah” in place of the end credits (meant to indicate that he should improvise). McFerrin spontaneously decided to sing “blah blah blah” as lyrics, and the final version of the short film includes these lyrics during the end credits.



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Also in 1989, he formed a ten-person “Voicestra” which he featured on both his 1990 album Medicine Music and in the score to the 1989 Oscar-winning documentary Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt. The song “Common Threads” has frequently reappeared in some public service advertisements about AIDS. McFerrin also performed with the Vocal Summit. A modified version of the song Thinkin’ About Your Body (as Thinkin’ About Your Chocolate) from the album Spontaneous Inventions was used in a series of UK Cadbury’s chocolate adverts in 1989/1990.

In 1993, McFerrin sang Henry Mancini’s “Pink Panther” theme for the movie Son of the Pink Panther.

In addition to his vocal performing career, in 1994, McFerrin

was appointed as creative chair of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra. He makes regular tours as a guest conductor for symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Canada, including the San Francisco Symphony (on his 40th birthday), the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic, the Vienna Philharmonic and many others.

In McFerrin’s concert appearances, he combines serious conducting of classical pieces with his own unique vocal improvisations, often with participation from the audience and the orchestra.

For example, the concerts often end with McFerrin conducting the orchestra in an a cappella rendition of the “William Tell Overture,” in which the orchestra members sing their musical parts in McFerrin’s vocal style instead of playing their parts on their instruments.

In 2009, McFerrin and musician-scientist Daniel Levitin served as co-hosts of The Music Instinct, a two-hour award-winning documentary produced by PBS and based on Levitin’s best-selling book “This Is Your Brain on Music.” Later that year, the two appeared together on a panel at the World Science Festival.

Newcomers Club fashion show

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will host its annual fashion show Monday, June 20, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The show, which features fashions by Nena, begins with a 10:30 a.m. social, 11:30 a.m. lunch, and the fashion show at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Barbara Emery at (562) 869-1044.

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