

Shared Stories: Spared Lives

Charlene Farnsworth shares a moment that many of us have experienced – watching a car come up quickly in our rearview mirror, and wondering if it will stop in time. 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 Charlene Farnsworth

On January 18, 1982, while driving home from Orange County after working late into the evening, I exited the freeway at Firestone Blvd. in Norwalk, California. I traveled slowly through town among very light traffic due to the late hour—around 10:00 p.m. I soon stopped at a marked crosswalk to wait for a pedestrian who was crossing Firestone to the north side of the street.

Suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere, came a speeding vehicle behind me. Helplessly I saw the car coming closer and closer through my rearview mirror. To warn the oncoming driver of my presence, I made quick taps to my brake to activate the brake lights while maintaining caution for the pedestrian's safety.

The driver never reduced his speed and, upon impact, my car and I careened through the intersection. I do not know how I escaped hitting the pedestrian and was sure he was under my car. The pedestrian was nowhere in sight and had simply vanished! I surmised that he had entered a nearby hamburger stand immediately after the crash.

Because there was so much damage to my Toyota Corona, I could not exit my car through the driver's side and had to do so through the passenger's side. The young man who had caused the accident immediately came to my assistance. Surprisingly, I had no injuries, but my car was severely damaged.

The driver and I needed to locate a telephone to report the accident, and I also wanted to call my family in Downey. (I did not own a cell phone at the time.) We entered the lobby of a nearby motel and asked the man on duty if we could use his telephone.

Before answering, the man asked, "What room are you in?" We told him we were not staying there but had a car accident right outside the motel. We were still denied access to his telephone.

Upon exiting the motel lobby, the driver and I sighted a telephone booth across Firestone. During our block-long walk, I asked the young man how he could have suddenly appeared because there was no one behind me when I stopped for the pedestrian. He admitted to me—and later to the police officer—why he was distracted and the accident occurred.

He said he entered Firestone off a nearby cross street while looking downward. He added that he was attempting to wiggle into his tennis shoes that had not been unlaced since the last time he wore them.

My Dad actually arrived at the scene before the police officer did. I had my car towed to a nearby repair shop that a boss of mine had utilized. I found, just as my boss had said, that their work was superb. My car was as good as new!

I did have to return for a trunk leak which was satisfactorily repaired. I remember one of the workers saying they check for leaks by having someone get in the trunk. I asked him who would volunteer to do that, and he replied their boss always gets that job!

I had the good fortune that the driver carried adequate insurance, even though he was driving a borrowed car. My insurance deductible was also waived with no increase in my policy premium.

This frightening experience will remain in my memory forever. However, I am very aware how blessed I am that the driver who caused the accident was honest and forthcoming and three lives were spared that day, that of an innocent pedestrian, the driver's and, of course, mine.



Cerritos College professor wins American Inhouse Design Award

NORWALK – Bonnie Barrett, professor of graphic art and computer graphics at Cerritos College, won the Graphic Design USA (GDUSA) American Inhouse Design Award for her 2015 Cerritos College Faculty and Student Art Exhibit catalog design.

The American Inhouse Design Awards is the original and premier showcase for inhouse designers, marketing and communications departments within corporate, publishing houses, non-profits, universities and government agencies.

It recognizes their creativity, the special challenges they face, and their contributions. Cerritos College is the only community college in the region that produces a full catalog for faculty and student art exhibits.

"Graphic Design USA is a highly-regarded organization with a long and storied history," said James MacDevitt, director/curator of the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

"The fact that GDUSA has acknowledged the design for the 2015 joint Faculty and Student Art Exhibition catalog is testament to the design skills and effort of our graphic design professor and art department chair Bonnie Barrett, as well as all the Cerritos College faculty and student participants that contributed their art to this publication."

More than 20 scholarships are given to student artists every year. To support the effort, donate through the Cerritos College Foundation.

Bonnie's award-winning design is featured in GDUSA's August issue.

Sandra Salazar announces reelection bid for Cerritos College Board of Trustees



NORWALK – Dr. Sandra Salazar filed last week for re-election to the Cerritos Community College Board in Area 6, which consist of the city of Norwalk and portions of Santa Fe Springs, Cerritos and Artesia.

"I have been honored to have served our community for the last 4 years on the Cerritos Community College Board," said Salazar. "Growing up, my parents taught me the value of hard work and the importance of giving back to my community. I was the first in my family to go to college and I recognize the vital role education plays in opening up doors to success and pathways to a brighter future."

"As a resident of Norwalk and a proud mother of two young children, I care deeply about the challenges we face collectively as a community, and in particular, those affecting the chances for young people to succeed," she said.

Salazar is a family physician. The first in her family to attend college, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College in Massachusetts and a Doctorate of Medicine from Saint Louis University in Missouri. She further completed a year-long research fellowship at Mayo Medical Clinic in Minnesota where she conducted cancer research and went on to complete her medical training at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles.

A product of public schools, Salazar grew up in South Los Angeles. She is the daughter of a gardener and a domestic worker.

Salazar said she has endorsements from many community leaders including Rep. Linda Sanchez, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon, California State Treasurer John Chiang, and State Superintendent Tom Torlakson.

Ex-Assemblyman Tom Calderon sentenced to one year in prison for bribery payments

LOS ANGELES – Thomas M. Calderon, a former member of the California State Assembly who became a political consultant, was sentenced Monday afternoon to one year and one day of incarceration after he pleaded guilty to money laundering for allowing bribe money to be funneled through his firm.

Tom Calderon was sentenced by United States District Judge Christina A. Snyder, who ordered that the sentence be served half in federal prison and half in home detention. In addition to the period of incarceration, Judge Snyder ordered Calderon to serve 100 hours of community service.

Tom Calderon, 62, of Montebello, pleaded guilty on June 6 to one count of money laundering and admitted that he agreed to conceal bribe payments coming from two undercover FBI agents by having the money go through his political consulting company, the Calderon Group.

The bribes were made to Tom Calderon's brother, Ronald S. Calderon, who at the time was a California State Senator. Ron Calderon pleaded guilty on June 21 and admitted accepting bribes from the undercover agents and a businessman in exchange for performing official acts as a legislator. Ron Calderon, 59, also of Montebello, is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Snyder on Monday, although he has asked to continue his sentencing date.

When he pleaded guilty, Tom Calderon specifically admitted

that in 2013 he deposited a \$30,000 bribe payment from an undercover agent into the Calderon Group's bank account and then wrote a \$9,000 check to Ron Calderon's daughter.

"Tom Calderon was all too aware of the bribe payments to his brother and that his brother had agreed to a quid pro quo with the undercover agents," said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. "Tom Calderon facilitated these bribe payments by helping to conceal his brother's corrupt activities from the public."



"Today's sentencing sends a message to those interested in using access to public office in order to reap personal benefits that they will be held responsible for their actions," said Deirdre Fike, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. "Mr. Calderon used his family ties to benefit personally

at the expense of the constituents represented by his brother's office."

Tom Calderon and his brother were both indicted by a federal grand jury in 2014. Tom Calderon was charged with conspiring with his brother to commit money laundering and seven substantive counts of money laundering. The money laundering charge that Tom Calderon pleaded guilty to was count 22 in the indictment.

"IRS Criminal Investigation tirelessly untangled the web of illicit transactions that lead to Thomas Calderon being held accountable for his role in this scheme," stated IRS Criminal Investigation's Acting Special Agent in Charge, Anthony J. Orlando. "IRS CI remains committed to investigating those who engage in political corruption and tarnish our democratic system."

The investigation into the Calderons was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and IRS Criminal Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mack E. Jenkins of the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section.

Ian Calderon (D-Whittier), the nephew of Ron and Tom Calderon, is currently the Democratic majority leader in the California state Assembly representing the cities of Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, South El Monte, La Mirada, La Habra Heights, and the city of Industry.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 84°

Sunday 92°

THINGS TO DO



End of Summer Festival

Saturday - Lynwood Skate Park, 11 am - 4 pm

Art walk, live bands, skate competition, vendors and more.



Montebello Artfest

Saturday - Montebello City Park, 12- 6 pm

Art, vendors, live music, car show, food trucks, live mural installations.



Grandparents Day Dance

Saturday - Norwalk Senior Center, 1 pm

Music, dancing and ice cream sundaes. Open to grandparents and their grandchildren. \$3



Long Beach Comic Con

Saturday and Sunday - Long Beach Convention Center

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Friday - Downtown Santa Ana, 5 pm
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FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Former Assemblyman Tom Calderon sentenced to prison for laundering money

Armando Negrete: Corruption on the inside....Nothing new From the bottom all the way to the TOP

Mark Palencia: Why does this not surprise me?? Corruption is everywhere. Be surprised when it's not involved

Lilian Mazariegos: The sentence is ridiculous. A slap in the hand

Adan Tellez: I am sure Ian Calderón knew nothing about this...not...

Josh Forsythe: Disgusting and despicable. If anyone thinks these thugs in a black suit have your best interest at heart you are mistaken

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Families flock to Bellflower Unified's dual language immersion preschool program

BELLFLOWER – More than 240 families have signed up for Bellflower Unified's redesigned preschool program, which this year has added afternoon sessions, dual immersion, capacity for more children, expanded family eligibility and customized curriculum to align with TK/K-12 instruction.

The changes were made possible when Bellflower Unified switched operations from the federal Head Start program to the State Preschool Program, which offers districts more flexibility in designing programs.

Some 200 students have enrolled in the general preschool program, which is free to eligible families, and 40-plus have enrolled in the District's ground-breaking dual-language immersion preschool program.

"We are pleased and excited by the response from the community to our preschool program adjustments, which are designed to give our local children as much preparation as possible for entering transitional



Student Haylee Brandsgard works on a puzzle as part of Bellflower Unified's recently redesigned preschool program, which already has drawn more than 240 families. The program operates morning and afternoon sessions at six campuses.

kindergarten or kindergarten," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said.

Bellflower had long provided high-quality preschool programming under the federal Head Start program through a partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Jacobs said. But the District decided to shift to the state

preschool program because it offered a chance for greater local control.

The new system allowed the District, which had provided morning sessions at six schools, to add afternoon sessions at each campus and expand capacity from 216 students to more than 240. The District also more than doubled the maximum-allowed family income for cost-free services to about \$53,000 for a family of four.

The changes allowed Bellflower Unified to shape services, such as nutrition and mental health counseling, to meet the specific needs of its students, rather than following a one-size-fits-all model.

Already, the program is running near capacity as applications flood in for the few remaining slots.

The final component of this year's preschool changes is the addition of a dual-language immersion preschool, which starts children on a pathway to biliteracy in English and Spanish. The program complements an elementary school dual-immersion program launched by the District several years ago.

Preschool immersion students can transition directly into the elementary program, which spans kindergarten to grade three and adds a grade level annually.

"Our new preschool program offers parents an extraordinary opportunity to establish a firm educational foundation for their children in a secure, nurturing environment," Board of Education President Dr. Paul Helzer said.



The Norwalk City Council last Tuesday recognized the winners of its 2016 Home and Business Beautification Contest.

Reception for 'Life in Print' art and poetry exhibit opens next Saturday

NORWALK — Artists Hannah R. Matus and Alyssa J. Wynne will showcase art and poetry during the "Life in Print" exhibit at the Mary Paxon Art Gallery, located at 13200 Clarkdale Ave. in Norwalk. The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.

"Life in Print" is intended to give a voice to those who have been silenced all their lives through Matus's art and Wynne's poetry. Together the duo will display approximately 25 mixed media pieces that will shine light on the dark moments in American history and culture, such as the social perspectives on mental health, modeled minorities, women's suffrage, and police brutality.

"Life in Print" opens on Tuesday, Sept. 13, and closes on Saturday, Oct. 1. Matus's and Wynne's mediums include screen printing, calligraphy and spray paint on wood. The opening reception will feature refreshments, live entertainment and merchandise available for purchase.

Matus attends Fullerton College and has created art since the age of five. She previously worked with Hurley and currently works as an art instructor. Wynne has written seriously for the past six years and was published in the literary magazine of her alumnus, La Salle University.

Grandparents Day dance for seniors

NORWALK – The Norwalk Senior Center will host a special Grandparents' Day Dance on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 per person and include an afternoon of music and dancing, with opportunity drawings and ice cream sundaes served up to all participants. In addition to grandparents 50-years-old and up, participants are welcomed to bring up to four grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren with them as guests.

For more information, contact the senior center at (562) 929-5580.

NLMUSD shows improvement in standardized tests

NORWALK – Norwalk-La Mirada Unified students showed improvement during the second round of standardized testing on the new California Standards for English language arts (ELA) and math, according to a new state report.

The two tests are the centerpiece of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), administered to grades three through eight, and grade 11. The exams, created by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, gauge writing, critical thinking and problem solving skills far beyond the scope of California's previous standardized tests.

"Our students are showing great improvements on the Smarter Balanced tests, and we are using the results as a measure of how we can enhance our curriculum and programs to ensure that all of our students continue to be successful," Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified students met or exceeded state proficiency standards up to 4 percentage points. Additionally, NLMUSD students matched or beat most L.A. County district subgroups in ELA, while third-grade students' math scores exceeded L.A. County districts in most subgroups, and were especially strong for African-American students and students with disabilities.

This year, NLMUSD will begin implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to ensure that struggling students receive the personalized instruction they need to prevent them from falling behind their classmates. The MTSS, endorsed by the California Department of Education, consists of three tiers of education:

- First tier: generalized education for the entire student body with teachers providing research-based best practices and the latest technological tools.
- Second tier: intervention for students who are not responding well or are falling behind.
- Third tier: intensified support for students who are underachieving.

In August, NLMUSD launched the first phase of its 2020 Learning Initiative by making laptop computers and tablets available to second-, fourth-, sixth- and ninth-grade students. Programs will be made available to track individual student progress for teachers to pinpoint and address student needs.

"Our CAASPP scores show that our District is showing positive gains overall in helping our student become college and career ready," NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison said.

"By utilizing a multi-tiered system of support and increasing our connectivity throughout the district, we are providing our students high-quality instruction that will allow them to fulfill their potential."

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School board considers bond measure to renovate schools

By Christian Brown Staff Writer

NLMUSD board members are set to vote on Monday on a \$10 million bond measure to renovate schools. The measure would allow the district to raise money to improve schools and replace aging facilities. The board will also consider a measure to allow the district to issue bonds to pay for the renovation of schools. The board will also consider a measure to allow the district to issue bonds to pay for the renovation of schools.

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The closure area is circled on the map and the detour route is shown with arrows. Detour signs will be posted to direct motorists. The northbound Carmenita Road and Norwalk Avenue off-ramps will remain open.

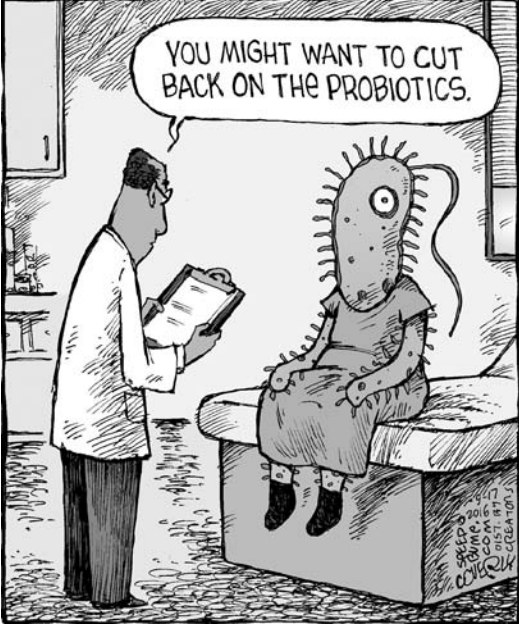
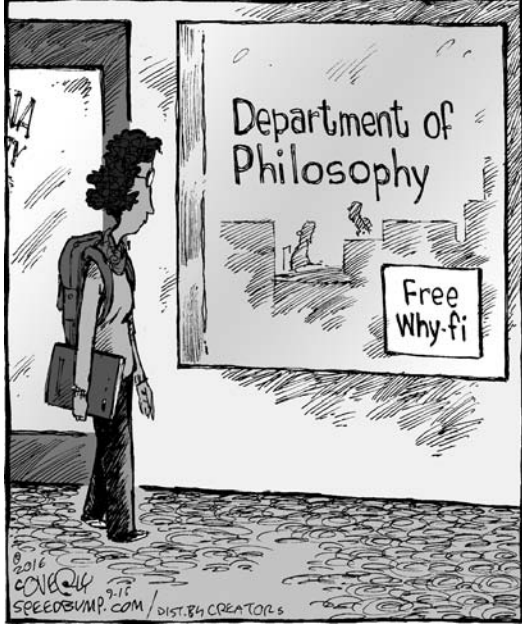
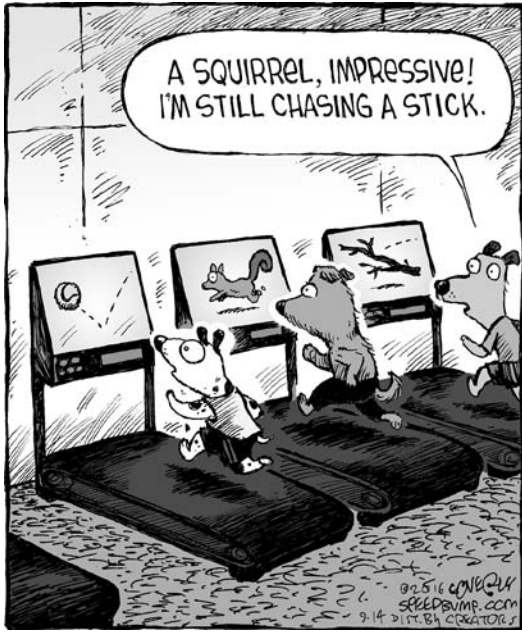
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On This Day...

September 16, 1620: The Mayflower departed from Plymouth, England. The ship arrived at Provincetown, MA, on November 21st and then at Plymouth, MA, on December 26th. There were 102 passengers onboard.

1976: The Episcopal Church formally approved women to be ordained as priests and bishops.

1994: Exxon Corporation was ordered by federal jury to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages to the people harmed by the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill.

BIRTHDAYS: Movie actor Mickey Rourke (64); Magician David Copperfield (60); Comedian Molly Shannon (52); Latin pop singer Marc Anthony (48); "Parks and Rec" star Amy Poehler (45); R&B singer Musiq Soulchild (39); Rapper Flo Rida (38); TV actress Alexis Bledel (35); Actress Kayla Pratt (30); Singer and actor Nick Jonas (24); and NBA player Aaron Gordon (21).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1:00 p.m. - Grandparents Day Dance - Norwalk Senior Center

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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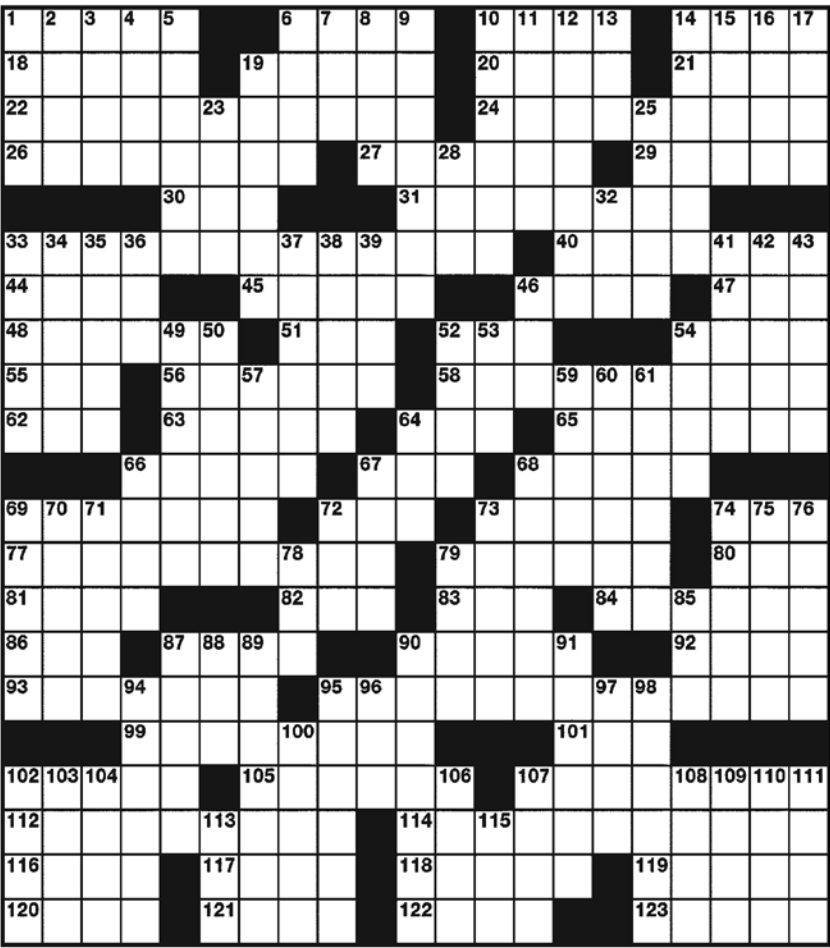
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FOR THE BUS STOP
RECONSTRUCTION AT
ALONDRA BOULEVARD AT
ELMCROFT AVENUE
CITY PROJECT NO. 7188**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk will accept bids for this project until the hour of **eleven o'clock A.M.** on **October 12, 2016**. Bids are to be submitted to City Clerk's Office Room 10, City Hall, Norwalk, California. Bids will be opened in the City Clerk's Office Room 10 unless otherwise posted.

Plans, specifications, bid forms, bonds and contracts may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Room 12, City Hall. Plans and specifications will be issued to prospective bidders over the counter for a \$10.00 charge. For plans and specifications that are required to be mailed the charge will be \$15.00. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Norwalk.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon all sub-contractors under him, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workmen employed in the execution of this contract in accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 to 1780 of the Labor Code. Said general prevailing rate of per diem wages and classification, if applicable, to said contract and work was adopted by the City Council of the City of Norwalk and is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Attention is directed to the provisions in Section 1777.5 (Chapter 1411, Statutes of 1968) and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the contractor or any sub-contractor under him. The Contractor will be required to submit weekly payrolls to the City of Norwalk to verify the above requirements. No payments shall be made until the above requirements are met. In performance of the terms of this Contract, the Contractor shall not engage in nor permit such sub-contractors as he may employ from engaging in discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, color, national origin or ancestry, or religion of such person. Violation of this provision may result in the imposition of penalties referred to in Labor Code Section 1735.

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Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the City of Norwalk is implementing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) "Proposal Requirements and Conditions," for this project with a goal of 5%. Federal wage requirements will apply.

The City Council of the City of Norwalk reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality on a bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL of the City of Norwalk, California this 5th day of July 2016.

/s/Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

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**CITY OF NORWALK
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FOR THE REHABILITATION OF
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk will accept bids for this project until the hour of **eleven o'clock A.M.** on **October 12, 2016**. Bids are to be submitted to City Clerk's Office Room 10, City Hall, Norwalk, California. Bids will be opened in the City Clerk's Office Room 10 unless otherwise posted.

Plans, specifications, bid forms, bonds and contracts may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Room 12, City Hall. Plans and specifications will be issued to prospective bidders over the counter for a \$15.00 charge. For plans and specifications that are required to be mailed the charge will be \$20.00. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Norwalk.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon all sub-contractors under him, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workmen employed in the execution of this contract in accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 to 1780 of the Labor Code. Said general prevailing rate of per diem wages and classification, if applicable, to said contract and work was adopted by the City Council of the City of Norwalk and is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Attention is directed to the provisions in Section 1777.5 (Chapter 1411, Statutes of 1968) and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the contractor or any sub-contractor under him. The Contractor will be required to submit weekly payrolls to the City of Norwalk to verify the above requirements. No payments shall be made until the above requirements are met. In performance of the terms of this Contract, the Contractor shall not engage in nor permit such sub-contractors as he may employ from engaging in discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, color, national origin or ancestry, or religion of such person. Violation of this provision may result in the imposition of penalties referred to in Labor Code Section 1735.

To perform work on public work projects, prime contractors and subcontractors must possess and maintain registration with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) at <https://efiling.dir.ca.gov/PWCR>. This is a separate requirement from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) licensing requirement.

Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the City of Norwalk is implementing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) "Proposal Requirements and Conditions," for this project with a goal of 5%. Federal wage requirements will apply.

The City Council of the City of Norwalk reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality on a bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL of the City of Norwalk, California this 5th day of July 2016.

/s/Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

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PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
GILBERT LOPEZ
CASE NO. 16STPB03926**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may

otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GILBERT LOPEZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LAUREN LOPEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LAUREN LOPEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/05/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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CN928668 FIMBRES Sep 9, 16, 23 2016**

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TRUSTEE SALES

**T.S. No. 16-41397 APN: 8056-009-015
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/13/2011. 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 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.

Trustor: SILVESTRE GARAY, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY
Duly Appointed Trustee: LAW OFFICES OF LES ZIEVE Deed of Trust recorded 12/27/2011 as Instrument No. 20111756669 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California.
Date of Sale: 9/26/2016 at 11:00 AM
Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$231,880.00**
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.
Street Address or other common designation of real property: **12361 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD NORWALK, CA 90650**
Described as follows: LOT 6 OF TRACT NO. 15206, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 255, PAGES 15 TO 17 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THEREFROM THE OIL, GAS, MINERALS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, AS PROVIDED IN DEEDS OF RECORD.
A.P.N #.: 8056-009-015 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.
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, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9987-0843. 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. Dated: 8/30/2016
**LAW OFFICES OF LES ZIEVE, as Trustee
30 Corporate Park, Suite 450
Irvine, CA 92606
For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920
For Sale Information: (888) 632-4482
www.realtybid.com
Ashley Walker, Trustee Sale Officer
THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. EPP 19537 9/2, 9/9, 9/16/16**

**The Norwalk Patriot
9/2/16, 9/9/16, 9/16/16**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
BARBARA COTTRELL aka
BARBARA ANN DALY COTTRELL
Case No. 16STPB04144**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBARA COTTRELL aka BARBARA ANN DALY COTTRELL A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Raymond D. Kelly, IV in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Raymond D. Kelly, IV be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 13, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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2016**

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9/16/16, 9/23/16, 9/30/16**

PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
FIMBRES, LINDA
Case No. 16STPB02942**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FIMBRES, LINDA A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Veronica Rubio in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Veronica Rubio be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 26, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent

creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-16-710863-JB**. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.** If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711** For NON SALE information only **Sale Line: 916-939-0772** O r Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> **Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-16-710863-JB** IDSPub #0114154 9/15/2016 9/22/2016 9/29/2016

**The Norwalk Patriot
9/9/16, 9/16/16, 9/23/16**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-710863-JB Order No.: 160119171-CA-VOI NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVIDED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR (Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 2923.3) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/1/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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Cerritos College board candidate Tammy Ashton hosts ‘meet and greet’

DOWNEY – Cerritos College Board of Trustees candidate Dr. Tammy Ashton is hosting a meet and greet event on Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 6–8 p.m.

In July, Ashton announced her intent to run for the board in District 2, which covers a large portion of Downey. She said her inspiration came after one of her sons decided to attend the community college.

Ashton has been a resident of Downey for over 40 years. During her time in the city she has volunteered for Keep Downey Beautiful since 2009, been a Downey Assistance League volunteer for over six years, and has stayed involved in PTA at Imperial Elementary, Old River Elementary, Stauffer (West) Middle, and Warren High Schools.

She is also wife to Downey Councilman Sean Ashton.

The meet and greet event is being held at the law firm of Matias Flores, located at 10846 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Whittier Union School District to host annual college fair for students, parents

WHITTIER – The Whittier Union High School District is holding its annual district college fair, where students and parents can meet with dozens of college representatives and get first-hand information about the college application process and financial aid.

The district-wide event will take place from 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 at California High School, located at 9800 S. Mills Ave., Whittier. The fair will feature more than 50 college representatives from UCLA, UC Berkeley and USC, among others.



Commentary: For L.A. bike commuters, patience and a backup plan are necessary

By Raul Samaniego
Contributor

NORWALK – Riding a bike in Southern California can be both challenging and rewarding at the same time.

Whether you ride a road bike, BMX, mountain, or an old fashion beach cruiser, riding has its important meaning for each rider.

I ride for many reasons. My bike is a comfortable cruiser style with seven speeds and a rack that holds a detachable bag for gadgets, tools and small shopping items.

Earlier in the summer, I removed the single bag and replaced it with my saddle bags which I took on my camping trip utilizing public transportation including a Metro bus and a Metrolink train.

Recently, in a letter to the editor, Downey resident Lacey Johnson shared her challenges in taking her bike on both the bus and Metrorail cars.

Having experienced both types of issues mentioned -- lack of available bike rack space and/or designated location to store a bike on a Metrorail car -- I have been able to overcome such challenges.

I learned the tricks of public transportation and biking from years of practice.

First, when I have a set appointment, I make sure I leave early. That is, just in case the rack is full.

Here in Norwalk with overlap from two bus service entities, the Metro and Norwalk Transit, I sometimes take the first bus if there is room on the rack. This guarantees a ride.

For the Metrorail, Los Angeles’ designated light rail system; there are some challenges that are always going to be present.

While the cars have minimal space designated for bikes, most riders with them do board and stand holding both the cycle and any available part of the car.

Some riders have elected to use smaller specialized folding bikes.

Others, like myself, have devised ways to overcome crowded cars. For example, if possible I try to travel at lower foot passenger times. When that isn’t feasible, I too look for the best location for my bike and stand with my bike holding onto something to steady me.

The best tool I have is a bungee cord I bring with me. I learned this riding the San Diego trolley for years. I used it to secure my bike in the front or rear of a car so I may sit down.

Recently, I spoke with Metro Customer Service Representative, “David,” about what options are available. He shared what I already knew.

“If the bike rack is full and it’s the last run of the day, a rider may bring it (bike) onto the bus.”

This is usually done in the back of the bus to keep the aisle clear. However, David said, “There is no policy for the morning run.”

BIKING IN LA

On Wednesday, I needed to be downtown near Hill Street. I left early enough to catch a ride on the NTS Number 2 or the Metro No. 62.

My first cause for stress was that I veered from my own guidelines and did not board the number 2 when it arrived with an empty bike rack.

Wednesday though, my right thigh was sore from riding the day before. I opted to wait for the Metro 62 which would drop me closer to the Metrolink station. It ran 10 minutes late.

From afar, I could make out a shape of a bike on the front rack. When it arrived, sure enough, two bikes were sitting in their spaces.

Fortunately, this bus was equipped with a three-space rack. After rearranging one of the bikes, I placed my bike on the rack and boarded the bus.

Speaking with Norwalk Transit Director, Jim Parker, he confirmed that the NTS has no three-space racks currently on any of its buses.

He did see them during a transportation event held recently here in the LA area.

Arriving at Bloomfield, I disembarked and rode over to the Transportation Center about a quarter mile away utilizing the recently completed pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

Locking my bike to the also newly-installed bike rack, I made it to the ticket machine with six minutes to spare before my “scheduled” train arrival time.

Once the seven-minute late Metrolink train arrived, I boarded the specially designated “Bike Car,” for the trip to Los Angeles’ Union Station.

The bike car has a lot of space for bikes and their riders. I have used the car before, most recently when I ventured to the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona via Bike, bus and train.

At Union Station, I transferred to a smaller Metrorail car going west towards my final destination. I noticed the space for bikes on the car had no straps to secure your bike -- thus requiring me to utilize my bungee cord.

FINAL THOUGHTS

My experience as a bike commuter for 20 years has taught me several things; patience, planning and to have a backup plan.

If I am counting on the bus to get me to my appointment on time, I am prepared to take the next one if necessary. If not, I am then prepared to leave my bike locked up at that stop awaiting me on my return trip (I have not had to do this so far).

For Metrolink riding, I have used both the Bike Car and designated bike areas when riding.

Metrorail is a little more challenging in that I have stood and have secured my bike to the designated rail with a bungee cord I carry in my bike bag.

David, from the Metro Customer Service, did say that “each coach [car] has a 20-30 year life expectancy and that no new orders were in place for modifications.”

He (David), did go on to say that there were new coaches ordered, but that their delivery time was up to 10 years from now.

Hence, Ms. Johnson and all bike commuters, thank you for your commitment to green transportation. I am right there besides you whenever you board a rack.

Inglewood man gets five years in prison for mail and wire fraud

INGLEWOOD – Erick Halkier Hansen, 58, of Inglewood was sentenced last Wednesday by Chief United States District Judge Thomas O. Rice to five years in federal prison as a result of his conviction for conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud.

Judge Rice also ordered Hansen to pay \$2,872,300 in restitution to 51 investors who lost money as a result of Hansen’s criminal activity and required Hansen to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his sentence.

On March 24, the defendant pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud with regard to his operation of BlueStar Digital Technologies, Inc. (“BlueStar”) and related entities in Spokane, Washington from Oct. 1, 2010 through Jan. 1, 2014.

Hansen was the President and Chief Executive Officer of BlueStar during the time frame alleged in the indictment. According to information disclosed during court proceedings, the conspiracy involved Hansen’s solicitation of funds from investors across the United States for three separate schemes.

First, in 2010, Hansen took funds from investors based on representations that BlueStar had a contract for the exclusive distribution rights to video footage of a recently deceased celebrity (the “Celebrity Footage”) and that BlueStar would replicate large numbers of Blu-ray Discs containing the Celebrity Footage for profit.

Hansen knew, however, that: 1) BlueStar, was not capable of replicating large numbers of Blu-ray Discs at that time and therefore could not perform under the contract regarding the Celebrity Footage; and, 2) BlueStar took no meaningful steps to undertake any production or distribution of the Celebrity Footage on Blu-ray Discs.

Second, in 2012 Hansen took funds from investors based on representations that BlueStar had a contract with a film company to release an animated film that BlueStar would exclusively distribute, including through distribution on Blu-ray Discs.

Hansen continued to take funds from investors after the contract with the film company expired based on BlueStar’s failure to perform under the contract.

Third, also in 2012, Hansen signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with an individual and another film company wherein BlueStar and the film company agreed to explore the possibility of the film company investing in BlueStar.

Hansen knew that the memorandum of understanding with the film company was not binding, but continued to collect investor funds as if the deal were imminent. The deal never materialized.

Chief Judge Rice found the total loss from Hansen’s criminal activity to be \$2,872,300.

Michael C. Ormsby said, “Today’s sentence reflects the seriousness of this major fraud scheme.”

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