

Shared Stories: The Ties That Bind

Sadly, there are many who can relate to the story of a family member suffering from addiction. Yolanda Reyna shares a loving tribute to her sibling Gilbert. 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.

“My Beloved Brother” By Yolanda Reyna

My brother Gilbert was taken away from my mother when he was a young teen. My mother had six children from my father, three boys and three girls.

We called ourselves the Brady Bunch, after the sitcom on TV. So, I guess I was Jan Brady and my brother was Peter Brady. We were the middle children. I felt a connection with Jan. I'm not sure if Gilbert felt a connection with Peter. I thought each one of the Brady children reminded me of my siblings.

My brother was a happy child; we were all happy children. Sure, we were disciplined, and that meant getting yelled at a lot and getting the belt to our butts.

My mother had so many children that when she called out to one of us, she'd say every name except the one she was calling. We'd laugh as she called out the names. We'd wonder which one she was calling.

We knew that one of us either had to take out some trash or run to the store to get something she needed for dinner. That was a daily routine in our family.

One day my father and mother got into an argument, but that was not the first time. They had had many arguments. I never knew what they were arguing about because they spoke to each other in Spanish. So whatever this one was about, it was big!

My father left the home and took my brother Gilbert with him. To this day, I never knew why my dad took him. I do know that he favored Gilbert. They were gone for a very long time. I remember missing my father, not that I didn't miss my brother, but I really missed my father.

They went to live with my grandmother in Watts. My brother Louie even ran away to be with them. But my father told him to go back home. I didn't know at the time how long they were gone but I believe it was a year. That is a very long time.

When my father finally brought Gilbert back home we noticed a change in him. He was very rebellious, hanging out with the wrong crowd, and drinking alcohol. Rumor had it that my father had brainwashed him.

When Gilbert was seventeen, he wanted to join the air force. Because he was a minor, he needed the consent of our parents. I believe my parents were separated at the time, and I guess, they gave their consent, for whatever reason. Maybe they thought it would give him some structure in his life. Somehow they weren't having any success.

When he was given leave from the air force, Gilbert would visit our family. I remember being so proud of him, and he was proud of himself too. I thought he looked so handsome in his uniform.

Everyone made a big to-do when he visited the family. There were a lot of hugs and kisses! My mother cried a lot. She also cooked a lot of homemade meals. That's what he looked forward to – homemade enchiladas! He was basically treated like a king!

After Gilbert served in the air force, he attended mechanics school. He then met a girl named Rita. She wasn't Hispanic, she was a white girl. That's how my father referred to her.

Rita's culture was very different, but in other ways, she was like us. She was very outspoken and she fit in well with our family. They soon got married and had a very nice wedding. I was a bridesmaid! It was a wonderful day for both of them. They had two sons, Gilbert III and David.

My brother decided to live in Arizona, so we didn't see him as often as we wanted to. But, he did visit during the holidays.

I knew my brother drank alcohol, but I never knew it was a problem. Often times Rita would call my mother to let her know that my brother was being very abusive toward her and the boys, and that he was spending his hard-earned money on booze. He was a mechanic and earned very good money.

My mother occasionally sent Rita money to ease the burden. The years went by, and Rita continued her calls to my mother.

Finally, Rita could not put up with him anymore. She told Gilbert to leave their home. My mother sent Gilbert a plane ticket to come back to Los Angeles. Only then did we realize and see what Rita was talking about.

Gilbert lived with my mother and he stayed in the garage. I lived with my sister Ophelia at the time. Gilbert was out of control. He lost his job, was drinking every day and was mistreating my mother. He could be like a roaring lion waiting for his prey.

The only thing my mother could do for him was pray. He started to roam the streets and was often spotted panhandling.

But there were days when he was sober. When he was sober, he was caring and funny. He loved Bugs Bunny, and he'd go on and on, talking about the cartoon character. It was amazing to me what joy he found in that cartoon character.

He had a lot of favorite TV shows. The Rockford Files was one of them. He was also extremely intelligent, using words that I didn't understand. He quoted scripture from the bible. That was impressive!

When my car needed fixing, he was always there to service it. He taught me how to change the oil. He was my mechanic back in the day.

When I wanted to visit my mother and my father, I'd call to see if he was around and drinking. When I knew he was sober, I would sit in the garage with him. He would be so quiet and reserved. I could not comprehend the two personalities!

He'd sit there and smoke cigarettes and watch TV. When I think about it now, it breaks my heart, but for some reason, my brother had



Photo: William Odis Martin

La Mirada Matadores faceoff with Chargers for CIF Championship

LA MIRADA – The (11-2) La Mirada Matadores have the rare opportunity of repeating their CIF Southern Section Championship tonight as they host the (12-1) Edison Chargers.

The Matadores are 7-1 at La Mirada Football field this year, with their only loss coming to St. John Bosco.

Last week, the Matadores extended its winning streak to 10-straight after a dewy but decisive, 36-20, semifinal win over the Los Alamitos Griffins at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

La Mirada senior standout, Elijah Hicks, took over the semifinal game against Los Alamitos and looked like a young Charles Woodson the year he won the Heisman Trophy. Woodson also wore the No. 2 as a Wolverine and also played both sides of the ball including special teams.

Hicks had a handful of critical plays that helped the Matadores knockoff the Griffins, but the most crucial was a timely interception in the redzone to conclude the first half and maintain the 20-14 lead. Hicks had one man to beat before he took it to the house but a shoelace tackle stopped him from returning the pick six. The La Mirada faithful went nuts and the momentum was definitely in their favor going into halftime.

The talented senior had four tackles on defense including three solo tackles on top of that big time interception. On offense he added a game high nine receptions for 183 yards and a touchdown. Hicks's omnipresence on the field was phenomenal. Hicks will join the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame next season.

Nick Hernandez, the senior running back, was a workhorse in the backfield. Hernandez carried the ball 39 times for three touchdowns and 142 yards.

The Chargers have only one loss this year and it was early in the season against arguably the best team in the nation, Mater Dai.

MaxPreps.com ranks La Mirada and Edison No. 11 and 12 in the state respectively.

Hicks will have his hands full tonight as he will try to slow the high powered Charger passing attack led by junior quarterback Griffin O'conner who has thrown for 33 touchdowns on the season.

The Chargers have two explosive deep threat wide receivers. Seniors EJ Ginnis and Shaun Colamonico have combined for 23 touchdons and over 1,800 yards receiving this year. – **William Odis Martin, Intern**

More potential candidates emerge in bid to fill three open seats on the Norwalk City Council

NORWALK – More potential candidates have pulled nomination papers in order to possibly campaign for three open seats on the Norwalk City Council.

On March 7, 2017, Norwalk residents will vote to fill two, regular four-year terms and a single two-year term. The two-year term is a special election to replace former Councilman Marcel Rodarte who retired in June.

According to City Clerk Theresa Devoy on Wednesday, only Harvey Cardenas has filed his nomination paperwork to officially run for the four-year term.

However, five other residents have pulled nomination papers for the four-year term seats, including incumbent Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley, Jack Aduna, Tony Ayala,

Marcel Mercado, and Dr. Sandra Salazar, who was just elected to serve another term on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.



Margarita Rios pulled papers to run for city council.

Ayala has not filed his nomination papers yet, but the longtime Norwalk resident

announced he is running for City Council via a Facebook page, citing local endorsements and requesting others to join in supporting his bid.

Devoy said five candidates have pulled papers to run for the two-year term, including former City Council candidate Candy Martinez, Thomas Vernola, Ken Menchaca, Alberto Uribe, and current Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School Board Member Margarita L. Rios.

In addition, Norwalk Planning Commissioner Jennifer S. Perez filed a candidate statement to explore the possibility of raising funds for campaign, but she has not yet pulled papers to run.

The window to file nomination papers officially opened on Monday, Nov. 14. and closes on Friday, Dec. 8.

Driver killed in VFW crash identified as Norwalk resident

NORWALK – The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has identified the man killed in a car crash at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building last Saturday.

Lt. Larry Dietz of the L.A. County Coroner-Examiner's office identified the driver as Martin Castro Jr., 21, of Norwalk.

Castro was killed when his car crashed into a VFW building in Norwalk. The single-vehicle crash was reported at 1 a.m. last Saturday near the intersection of Front Street and Funston Avenue, according to LACSD Sgt. Eric Arias said.

Castro was pronounced dead at the scene and his passenger was taken to a hospital in critical condition, Arias said.

No one was in the VFW building at the time of the crash.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 68°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 72°

THINGS TO DO



SnowFest

Saturday - Norwalk City Civic Lawn, 12-8 pm

A Winter Wonderland with snow slides, game booths, and a holiday train ride.



Mac & Cheese Smackdown

Sunday - Bank of America Plaza, DTLA, 12-7 pm

Restaurants offer creative takes on this cheesy classic in the ultimate showdown to crown L.A.'s top mac.



Downey Christmas Parade

Sunday - Downey Avenue, 1 pm

The parade starts at Downey and Florence, heading south on Downey and ending at City Hall.



Belmont Shore Parade

Saturday - Belmont Shore, 6 pm

More than 100 entries, including marching bands, floats, local dignitaries, and Santa Claus.



Chicano Soul

Saturday - Honda Center, 7:30 pm

Hosted by Art Laboe with performances by Tierra, Malo, Thee Midnites, Joe Bataan, and more.



The WAVE's Holiday Party

Friday - Honda Center, 7:30 pm

Stevie B & Exposé plus Shannon, Ready for the World, Club Nouveau, Klymaxx, Rob Base and Newcleus.



Bernie's Unity March in L.A.

Sunday - Hollywood & Highland, 11 am to 4 pm

A gathering of Bernie supporters will rally and march for love and unity.

HOLIDAY EVENTS: Norwalk Woman’s Club collects gifts for hospital patients to give

NORWALK – The Norwalk Woman’s Club is seeking donations of holiday gifts for the patients at Metropolitan State Hospital.

The fundraiser is a part of the club’s annual project “Gifts for Giving,” which allows patients at Metropolitan State Hospital to pick out holiday gifts for their family and friends.

Members of the Norwalk Woman’s Club will then wrap the gifts for mailing.

The club is in need of gift donations -- such as new puzzles, games, slippers, toys, books, etc. Members will wrap the gifts on Dec. 5 and 6 at the James Hall, located inside the hospital at 11401 Bloomfield Ave. in Norwalk. Volunteers are welcomed to participate in wrapping gifts.

Founded in 1922, Norwalk Woman’s Club has been providing volunteer service to Norwalk for 94 years.

Norwalk Woman’s Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 10:30 a.m. inside the Masonic Lodge, located at 12345 Rosecrans Ave.

For more information, contact club President Betty Lou Larsen at 562-864- 7167.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS: The city of Norwalk Social Services Department’s Angel Tree Program is seeking both monetary and gift donations for its annual holiday efforts to supply toys and clothing for families in need.

In order to donate, residents are encouraged to pick up a clothing tag from a city facility to donate a gift to be distributed during a pre-scheduled holiday celebration. Clothing tags are available at the following locations: Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Norwalk Senior Center, Norwalk Social Services Center, and Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

Gifts must be returned to the facilities by Monday, Dec. 5. The project also accepts financial donations year round. This past year alone, more than 1,500 Norwalk elementary school children benefited from the Angel Tree Project.

For more information, please call the Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544.

SNOWFEST: The city of Norwalk is transforming the City Hall Lawn into a Winter Wonderland on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 12-8 p.m. filled with snow slides, a snow play area, game booth, a holiday train ride, craft tents, and face painting.

Residents are invited to join the Norwalk City Council as they ring in the holiday season by lighting the Norwalk Christmas Tree at 6 p.m.. Local entertainers will also perform on stage throughout the day.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to help the Norwalk Transit Department’s “Stuff-A-Bus.” For more information, please call (562) 929-5566.



Linda Sánchez elected to House leadership

WASHINGTON, DC– Rep. Linda Sánchez (CA-38) on Wednesday was elected by her colleagues to serve as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus for the 115th Congress, the fifth-ranking position in House Democratic leadership. She becomes the first Latina elected to the House leadership. After the election, Rep. Sánchez released the following statement:

“I am honored to have the confidence and support of my colleagues, and I look forward to working on behalf of the entire Democratic Caucus. Every day I will do everything I can to strengthen our Democratic Caucus and put us in the strongest position,” said Sánchez. “Together with Leader Nancy Pelosi, Whip Steny Hoyer, Assistant Leader James Clyburn, and Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, House Democrats will fight for an agenda to help every working family achieve their American Dream.

She continued: “I have the utmost respect for Rep. Barbara Lee and thank her for running a spirited campaign. She will continue to be a leading member of our Caucus. We all value her knowledge and passion which will be critical to our success as we move forward together.

“Let’s get to work.”

Sánchez was nominated to the position of Vice Chair by Reps. John Larson (D-CT), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), and Pete Aguilar (D-CA).

COMMENTARY: Urban fishing returns to Downey, Cerritos, and La Mirada park lakes

By Raul Samaniego
Contributer

NORWALK – Fresh water Trout fishing returned to the Southland area on Nov. 17 in the form of urban fish plants at local park lakes, including Downey’s Wilderness, Cerritos Regional and La Mirada Regional parks.

Each May, people of all descriptions make the 300-mile pilgrimage to the Eastern Sierra Mountains in and around the Mammoth Lakes area.

What is it that drives these folks to go crazy for a weekend and longer?

Rainbow Trout is the culprit.

Fishing gear, camping gear, food, gas...it all adds up.

However, if you can’t go to the fish, why not bring the fish to you.

Nov. 17 saw the second Trout fish plant at area community lakes with Downey’s Wilderness Park receiving the first plant of the day approximately 11 a.m.

The California Department of Fish and Game are responsible for bringing the “action” to urban Anglers.

Locally, Norwalk residents aren’t far from a day in the sun fishing (catching is another thing) at surrounding lakes mere minutes away.

In addition to Downey’s Wilderness Park, plantings at Cerritos Regional and La Mirada Regional Park lakes received about 300 to 500 pounds of the catchable yummy fighters.

The fish are trucked from the Fillmore Hatchery in special tanker trucks designed specifically for such a purpose.

Dropping the first load of the day after his three hour drive from the Fillmore Hatchery, DFG driver Gaffney DeLongfield said, “[I] sometimes plant up to five lakes in one day.”

DeLongfield has been planting fish for 18 years now.

When asked how many fish

license (16 and older), a fishing device (usually a reel and pole) and the necessary tackle, bait and/or artificial lures.

All standard California fishing rules and laws apply at all lakes, but check local guidelines (Cerritos has a catch and release for bass and a five fish limit for catfish).

All three local lakes are no more than fifteen minutes or so away from civic center and have grassy and shaded areas for a morning or afternoon of fishing (catching is up to your luck and skill).

The standard gear should include a net for some surprise catches (like a holdover catfish).

They can easily break a lightweight caliber trout line. Also, a longer handled net may be needed for the drop to the water is a bit different at each lake (La Mirada for example).

While not always on the same day, you can check the week of a planting on the California Fish and Game website to get a good idea of the week of the scheduled trout plantings at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/m/fishplantings>.



were planted, he stated, “ We usually don’t give those numbers until the end of the planting season.”

Most lakes have a handful of dedicated anglers who are used to the schedule of the stocking trucks and have come to coordinate their fall and winter days accordingly.

If there were official numbers assigned to the lake, some anglers might complain if they were not put into the lake. The same goes for the size of the fish as well.

For the parks surrounding Norwalk (Wilderness, Cerritos, La Mirada), the usual planting day is Thursday or no later than Friday.

For the seasoned Urban Angler, you need a California Fishing

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Defending Trump

Dear Editor:

I'm sure the Downey Patriot won't mind if this letter is long since most of the Opinion page was dedicated to trashing President-Elect Donald Trump, who has been condemned before he has done anything as President.

Re: the op-ed "Sorry, I Can't Give Trump a Chance" by Jill Richardson -- sorry, you don't have a choice. Ms. Richardson authored the book, "Recipe for America: Why Our Food System is Broken." Could the inept administration of President Obama be the reason it's broken? He had eight years and it is not fixed.

Was she referring to the marriage of Bill and Hillary in the marriage section? I believe it was Anito Rivero who wrote we all should get behind Hillary and give her a chance. Now is she ready to get behind Mr. Trump and see what he will do?

When Ms. Richardson says Trump does absolutely everything he can get away with, I see she has totally overlooked what Hillary has done. Can't count how many emails she has allowed to be leaked to foreign governments have hacked into them, is constantly losing papers and has "shaken down" every foreign country she visited for her foundation, even to pay for Chelsea's wedding dress out of foundation money.

I think President Obama has already wrecked our democracy -- correction, our republic. Who is going to pay the almost \$20 trillion debt? This is not counting much more in unfunded pensions.

Also, I'm sick of people calling people homophobes who do not believe in same-sex marriage, who don't believe in Biblical teachings and who believe in uni-sex bathrooms. Mr. Trump has addressed same sex marriage by saying "it is the law" (Supreme Court).

Though I don't believe in it, I'm not in the streets picketing and destroying property. I also don't like NAFTA and by now most of the nation realizes that Obamacare premiums are out of sight and it's a total failure.

Now to our humble school librarian, Julia Desalernos. Since Mr. Trump was elected, she won't salute the flag, dishonoring the brave men who have died fighting for the U.S. She will just bow her head and pray? What is her prayer? Remember the U.S. had a Democrat President for eight years. Does she pray for change? I do.

What specifically have the people done that causes shame? Was it voting in an election? Other than that, the new administration has not yet taken office. What have they done to the children? If they're in poverty, it would be the Obama administration that put them there.

Your beloved President Obama has put this country in an unmanageable debt, and in danger because of his weak approach to ISIS. He hasn't made us feel safe or supported. I'm sure many have worked hard to give all children a safe and excellent education.

Mr. Trump has not yet changed any health plan. If your neighbors don't feel safe, maybe it's because of President Obama's sanctuary cities where crimes are committed and then protected.

I, too, wonder what happened to this great nation in the past eight years.

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Dear Editor:

God blessed and saved America on Election Night, Nov. 8, for all the world to see.

It had to be a miracle when you consider all the mighty adverserial forces aligned against one man, Donald Trump, a true American. I said so in a letter printed by the Downey Patriot, for whcih I am truly grateful to them for doing so.

So many members of his own Republican party, some former primary candidates, political hacks, entire Democratic party, some governors, many newspapers, radio and TV commentators, many cable TV networks, NAACP, Washington, District of Columbia, Latino organizations and leaders, hyphenated so-called Americans, President Obama, VP Joe Biden, Hollywood entertainers, and other die hards all aligned against Trump.

True common sense Americans voted with their hearts and mind to put America first, above all mob forces and power mad politicians. Trump can do no worse than has already been done to America. America has been given another chance to survive in a hostile world bent on destroying it by evil forces and people.

Let's make it worthwhile by giving him a chance and support, after all, all our lives are at stake with America's survival.

Nathan Hale said it truly, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country." Thank you, God!

Joe Cvetko
Bellflower

Critical of Assemblymember

Dear Editor:

Please publish my letter to the Assemblymember of Downey, Cristina Garcia:

Not everyone in your district is a Democrat, but whether we like it or not, you are our Assemblymember. I am writing you in regards to your post on your official website and the article that you posted: "It's not safe to wear my hijab now that Trump will be President."

As a political leader you represent all of us and you should carry yourself in a dignified, unbiased, professional manner. Because of people like you it's not safe for anyone in the 58th District or in the State of California to wear "I Support Trump" t-shirts yet Trump supporters still pay for your salary with our hard-earned tax money.

Patty Jackson
Downey

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Get an IUD while you can

By Olivia Alperstein

As soon as the presidential election results were announced, alarm bells went off for anyone who cares about reproductive rights.

Lawmakers around the country have been moving for years to restrict abortion rights. But for millions of women who've taken proactive steps to prevent unplanned pregnancy, there's a much more direct threat: the next administration coming after their birth control.

As organizations like Planned Parenthood put out urgent calls for resources and support, ordinary women are asking: What do we do if we no longer have access to affordable birth control next year?

For many, the answer could be to get an intrauterine device, or IUD.

These tiny devices last either three or five years, depending on the model. Shaped like a small "T" with a thin string attached, they feature a variety of combinations of hormones and come with a near-perfect guarantee to prevent pregnancy.

After a short procedure, the IUD stays put for years without any muss or fuss. No hustling to take a pill at the same precise time each day, no anxiety about missing a dose, and no worries about getting a full period each month.

In short, the IUD is a great option for many women — and particularly attractive in the face of a possible near future without birth control access.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, most insurance plans are required to cover the cost of prescription birth control, including IUDs. That means no co-pays, deductibles, or out-of-pocket costs. Unfortunately, Republicans have repeatedly tried to gut the Affordable Care Act, and they'll have an ally in the next president.

If Congress dumps Obamacare, some 20 million people — including over 250,000 people who have signed up since the election — could be left without the means to access proper healthcare, including reproductive healthcare.

Meanwhile, other lawmakers are attempting to deny women the right to birth control point-blank. Laws like the proposed Russell Amendment would let doctors, pharmaceutical employees, and other health care

By Sarah Anderson

A couple years ago, two South Dakota men on opposite ends of the political spectrum got into a nasty fight over marriage equality. But after one offered the other an olive branch, they wound up forming a bipartisan alliance that won big this election year.

Their story offers important lessons for our divided country.

It all began with a Twitter feud between Steve Hildebrand, a gay former Obama campaign adviser, and Steve Hickey, a conservative pastor and former Republican state legislator. To defuse the tension, Hickey decided to invite Hildebrand out for coffee.

Eventually, the two men realized they had something in common: a deep concern about poverty and homelessness. They also agreed that the payday loan industry in their state was making these problems much worse.

Payday lenders give customers short-term cash advances, typically for two weeks, against their paycheck or Social Security check. But most borrowers can't pay back the loan when it comes due — which is exactly what the lenders want.

According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the majority of all payday loans are renewed so many times that borrowers end up paying more in fees than they originally borrowed. In South Dakota, the average interest rate on such short-term loans is 574 percent.

In a show of bipartisan unity, Hickey and Hildebrand resolved to work together to crack down on these loan sharks. They formed a coalition, South Dakotans for Responsible Lending, to take the issue of predatory lending directly to the voters. Their goal: a 36 percent interest rate cap on short-term payday loans.

The coalition's first step was to marshal a volunteer army of all ages, income levels, and political stripes to collect almost 20,000 signatures to get the proposal on the ballot. To build support, they held prayer vigils, gave talks at churches and Rotary and Lions clubs, and wrote letters to the editors of newspapers across the state. For Halloween, they painted pumpkins with their campaign slogans.

On November 8, despite being outspent 16 to 1 by industry opponents, the coalition won a crushing victory. More than three-quarters of South Dakota voters supported the rate cap measure.

Reflecting on their success, Pastor Hickey said, "Knowing that today in America we have reached perhaps the apex of hyper-partisanship, our efforts

Self-defense for whom?

By Nia Nyamweya

In every state in the country, the right to self-defense is considered a mitigating factor in criminal prosecutions. If you use violence to defend yourself in an extreme situation, most Americans believe, the law should treat you gently.

But not everyone gets to enjoy this right. Just ask Bresha Meadows, who was arrested earlier this year for allegedly shooting and killing her father. She was just 14.

Advocates say that prosecutors failed to account for Meadows' home situation. Her father, they argue, was a violent and abusive man who terrorized her family and threatened to kill them. "In the 17 years of our marriage," her mother wrote in a court complaint, "he has cut me, broke my ribs, fingers, the blood vessels in my hand, my mouth, blackened my eyes."

She went on to warn: "I am 100 percent sure he will kill me and the children."

More troublingly, the evidence suggests authorities had failed Bresha and her family at earlier moments of crisis. Bresha herself cried out for help to family members and repeatedly ran away from home to escape her situation. Yet law enforcement never questioned Meadows without the presence of her father and sent her home every time she tried to escape.

Now 15 and detained in Trumbull County, Ohio, Meadows faces charges for aggravated murder. Denied pre-trial release, she's been locked up away from family, friends, and school for months. In October, she was placed on suicide watch.

Unfortunately, Meadows' case is not unique.

In fact, 84 percent of girls in juvenile detention have experienced family violence. And the number of girls in juvenile jail is rising, especially for black girls. Even as a national conversation around mass incarceration and racial profiling

providers claim a religious right to refuse to provide birth control. Employers could even fire workers for using birth control on their own dime.

With their reproductive rights at stake, it's no wonder many women are hedging their bets right now and looking for a long-term birth control option.

Ninety-nine percent of women of reproductive age have used some form of birth control.

That includes women of all religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, from all walks of life, and with all sorts of life experiences. From young women with medical conditions that affect their hormones to teenagers to mothers of multiple children, we run the gamut.

It's not just cis-gender women — transgender, agender, and intersex people use birth control, too.

And we aren't about to let anyone take our access to affordable birth control away.

"The pill" has been around since the 1960s — and so, I was surprised to learn, has the IUD. We are the many, the proud, and we're not willing to go back to the time when back-alley abortions, coat hangers, and turpentine were acceptable methods of reproductive healthcare in the United States.

We're not willing to go back to a time when women didn't have control over their own bodies.

If you're considering using a long-term birth control method and have any questions, ask me — or anyone else in your community who may know the answers. Or check out bedsider.org, an online resource recommended by women's healthcare providers. There are millions of us out there happy to reach out.

If, on the other hand, you seek to deny us the right to choose what to do with our bodies, remember: We have a voice, and we will not be silent. History is on our side

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Steve Hildebrand

here of working together across the party lines is really a breath of fresh air, and we believe this is the way forward."

Hickey also made clear that the coalition's fight isn't over. They're worried the loan sharks may pursue new legal tricks to keep exploiting the poor, and they're looking for ways to make credit more affordable for low-income South Dakotans. One option they're looking into is using a fraction of the state's reserves to guarantee affordable loans through credit unions.

But even though there's more work to be done, this coalition's bipartisan ballot box success is an inspiring example of how we can still make progress in our polarized nation.

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gains momentum, black girls like Meadows are often left out. That sends a harmful message that they aren't valued.

The Meadows case is one of many examples in a larger trend of policies that criminalize girls and leave trauma unaddressed. These systems fail young girls when they need help the most, and then punish them for the result.

"Countless black women, girls, and gender-nonconforming people face similar matrices of interpersonal violence and state violence," the advocacy group Love and Protect explained in a statement. "Many, like Bresha, are criminalized for choosing survival."

Worse still, the juvenile justice system doesn't work to rehabilitate anyone. Instead, it's often damaging and re-traumatizing, especially for people who come from violent homes. Affordable, community-based solutions that prioritize assessing family security needs over sending teens that lash out to prison would be far preferable to incarcerating traumatized children.

Each day Bresha spends in prison is a reflection that the law doesn't apply to everyone. "We should be worried about Bresha," says Mariame Kaba, the founder of Love and Protect. "With the charges they put on her, it could be 25 years to life."

Though incarceration rates are rising, violence against black girls isn't new. Our justice system has been failing them for a long time.

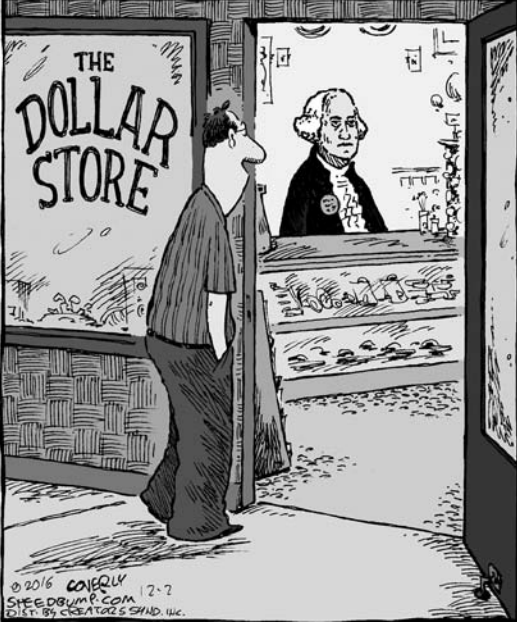
A petition is circulating calling for prosecutors to release Bresha Meadows and drop her charges. Like all victims of domestic and family violence, she deserves support. Meadows' release from detention would send a different message: that black girls' lives are worthy of defense.

Nia Nyamweya is a Next Leader with the Criminalization of Poverty project at the Institute for Policy Studies.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



On This Day...

December 2, 1927: The Ford Motor Company unveiled the Model A automobile. It was the successor to the Model T.

1961: Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared in a nationally broadcast speech that he was a Marxist-Leninist and that he was going to lead Cuba to communism.

1983: MTV aired Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video for the first time.

2010: NASA announced the discovery of a new arsenic-based life form.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - SnowFest - Norwalk City Civic Lawn

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

12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

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

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

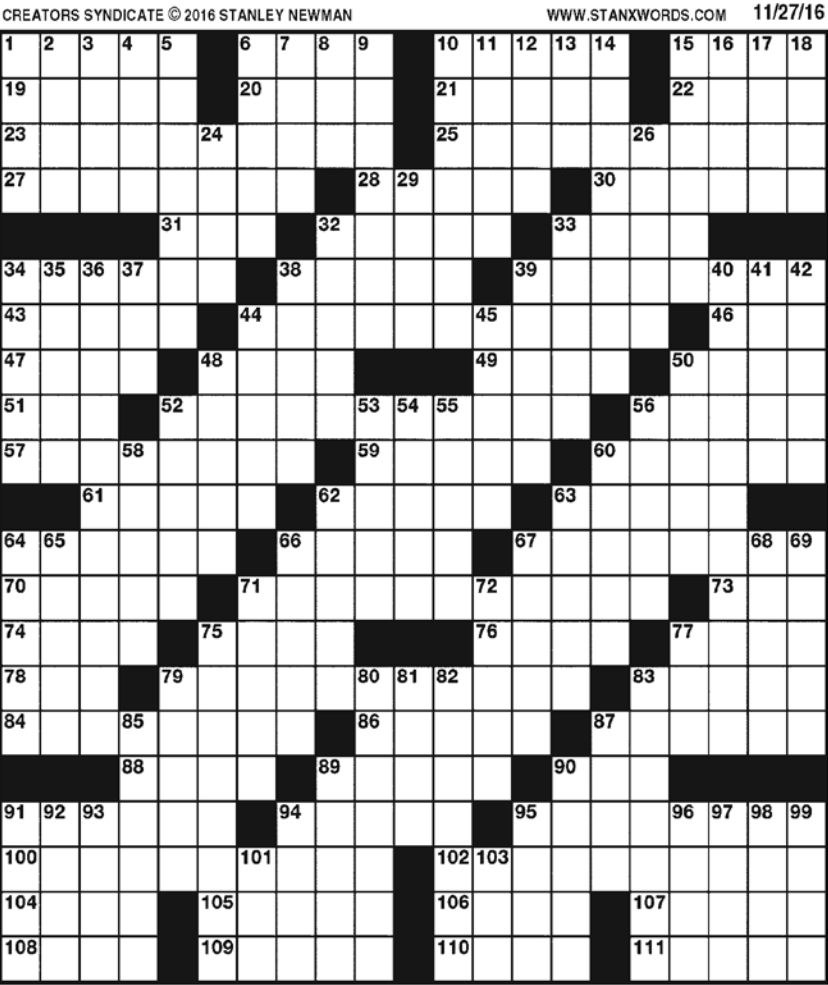
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROSA TAVAREZ

Case No. 16STPB06305

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROSA TAVAREZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Beatrice Padilla in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Beatrice Padilla be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 12, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 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.

Attorney for petitioner: STEPHEN MARC DRUCKER ESQ. SBN 76279 LEGAL ACTION WORKSHOP PC 417A N GLENDALE AVE GLENDALE CA 91206 CN930892 TAVAREZ Nov 25, Dec 2,9, 2016

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TONY KENNY VIVEROS

CASE NO. 16STPB06062

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both, of TONY KENNY VIVEROS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHELLY MUNNERLYN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHELLY MUNNERLYN AND ALAN MUNNERLYN 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 with limited authority. (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.

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Attorney for Petitioner TAMSEN REINHIMER SBN 234257 NOAH B. HERBOLD SBN 231984 MORTENSEN & REINHIMER, PC 2855 MICHELLE DR. STE 120 IRVINE CA 92606 11/18, 11/25, 12/2/16 CNS-2946992# THE NORWALK PATRIOT

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 128143 Title No. 160225708 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVIDED UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/16/2016 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/01/2007, as Instrument No. 20071813863** and Modified on 9/28/2009 by Instrument No. 20091472133**, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Luis Casarez, a Single Man, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8050-023-014 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13205 Fairford Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession,

or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and costs of the sale created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$471,285.76 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 against the Trustee. The sale of this property, under the terms of the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 11/7/2016 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Rivas/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE 228 TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.servicelinkASAP.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 128143. 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. A-FN4597622 11/25/2016, 12/2/2016, 12/9/2016

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APN: 8045-004-049 TS No: CA05000861-16-1 TS No: 8650773 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2)). YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 16, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 5, 2017 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 20, 2007 as Instrument No. 20071813863** and Modified on 9/28/2009 by Instrument No. 20091472133**, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by JOHN DAVID HUEY, AND LISA ANN MORSE-HUEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, at payable at time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12921 NAVAJO LANE, NORWALK, CA 90650-3317 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$242,740.07 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-741933-AB Order No.: 730-1607967-70 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 10/27/2008. 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 duly appointed trustee. 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Claudia Perez, a married woman as her sole and separate property Recorded: 10/15/2008 as Instrument No. 20081835788 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 15/20 at 9:00:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$316,090.69 The purported property address is: 12413 ROSETON AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8023-009-010 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 00000005007670. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 11/10/2016 NPP0295879 TS: NORWALK PATRIOT 11/18/2016, 11/25/2016, 12/02/2016

TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 10/27/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2386547 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: JAIME L. SANCHEZ AND CYNTHIA SANCHEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/16/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15105 DOMART AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8076-019-056 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$609,817.36. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 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 00000005007670. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 11/10/2016 NPP0295879 TS: NORWALK PATRIOT 11/18/2016, 11/25/2016, 12/02/2016

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CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8048-019-015 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 888-988-6736 for information regarding 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-16-740789-BF. 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 sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary'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. 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: 888-988-6736 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-16-740789-BF IDSPub #0117047 11/18/2016 11/25/2016 12/2/2016

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T. S. No: A549496 CA Unit Code: A Loan No: 572372/HODGE Min No: 1007487-0000572372-1 AP #1: 8056-005-013 12122 OLIVE ST, NORWALK, CA 90650-3133 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T D SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashiers, cashier's check, or other funds specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property heretofore described: Trustor: THOMAS T. HODGE Recorded June 2, 2015 as Instr. No. 20150643124 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, CALIFORNIA, pursuant to Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JANUARY 6, 2017, AT 10:30 A.M. *NEAR THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA, CA 91766 At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$308,853.38. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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

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CERRITOS COLLEGE

TALON MARKS

Despite 4-6 record, Cerritos Falcons football has 19 All-Conference players

By Terrel Emerson

NORWALK – Despite missing out on a bowl game for the first time since the 2012 season, the Cerritos Falcons football team still had its fair share of names receiving season ending awards.

Sophomore linebacker Alex Bush took home the highest honor, being named the All-Northern Division Defensive Player of the Year.

“It was a huge accomplishment for me, I really put in a lot of work during the offseason. Being under recruited made me push myself to my limit,” he said.

Bush’s 106 tackles led all of Southern California while he finished tied for third-most in the entire state of California.

“Finishing No. 1 in Southern California is another big accomplishment for me. SoCal has some of the best football in the country, I hope schools will recognize that and continue to recruit my teammates and I,” he said.

One highlight from the year for Bush was his game-saving tackle at the two-yard line against College of the Canyons to preserve a 24-21 Cerritos win.

Bush is currently mulling offers from Bowling Green University, Marshall University and the University of Rhode Island. He is hoping for more offers in the month of December.

On the other side of the ball, sophomore running back Kishawn Holmes was a unanimous choice for first-team honors.

“I was running and my line was blocking that’s what that means. My coaches were calling good plays and other coaches saw what was taking place,” he said.

Rose Hills hosts Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration play

WHITTIER – To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Rose Hills Memorial Park will present “Juan Diego & the Beautiful Lady,” a free, bilingual outdoor theater performance at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The play is performed by students of the Theatre Rehearsal and Performance class from Rio Hondo College’s Performing Arts Department, along with students from St. Marianne de Paredes Elementary School in Pico Rivera.

The event is free with viewing areas set up at Mission Hills Plaza at Rose Hills, 3888 Workman Mill Road, Whittier.

The performance will move across several stages within Mission Hills and the surrounding hillside.

After the play, a traditional procession will begin at Mission Hills Plaza and end at SkyRose Chapel, where the event will continue with a special blessing. Food and special Guadalupe items will be available for purchase.

“We have been fortunate to receive the replica image and original basilica stone, and it has become a tradition to share them with our communities,” said Patrick Monroe, president of Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary.

Holmes finished the season as the state’s leading rusher with 1,120 rushing yards, while rushing over the century mark six times this season. He also finished second in all-time rushing in Cerritos history behind Andre Wooten in the 1986-87 season.

Despite wanting to reach the 200-yard milestone in one game, Holmes finished with a career-high 185 yards in four games this season.

“Like the Golden West game, if you go off of penalties, I ran for over 200 yards. It’s just what got recorded down, everything just got called back,” Holmes said with a smile. “I still went over 1,000 yards and that’s all that matters.”

To put his numbers more in perspective, Holmes did not find the end zone on the ground until his sixth game of the season. Yet,



he finished fifth in the state with 11 touchdowns.

“It was the sixth game? I just knew once conference play hit I had to go savage mode. I didn’t even know I didn’t score until the sixth game,” Holmes said.

He is currently looking over offers from different schools, so he has yet to make a decision regarding his further education.

Joining Holmes on the first-team All Conference was sophomore offensive lineman Anthony Cerrillo.

Aside from Cerrillo, sophomore center Daniel Alanouf, sophomore offensive lineman Jason Sitala and sophomore guard Eric Golston were honored with second-team honors.

Holmes couldn’t be more thankful for his offensive line.

“[Those] boys are amazing. I don’t know what I would do without them. We all started off slow and rocky and for them to make first and second team; they’re all first-team to me.

“How can [any of them] be named to the second-team and I’m the leading rusher in the state? Yeah, they’re all first-team to me,” he added.

The Falcons had three defensive players named to the first-team All Conference; freshman defensive tackle PJ Naufahu, sophomore strong safety Elijah Walker and sophomore cornerback Brandon Ezell.

In addition to the first-team selections, Cerritos had five additional players named to the second-team; freshman defensive ends John Collins and Siupeli Finau, freshman cornerback Darien Cornay, sophomore linebacker Daniel Moore and sophomore safety Tyler Rios.

Bush feels the defense of the Falcons was one of the best in recent memory and it was because the team gave its all every time on the field.

“The defense had a great overall season finishing No. 1 in the conference. We really took pride in playing 110 percent every time we stepped on the field,” he said.

For the second consecutive year, sophomore tight end Elijah Rogers was named to the conference’s second-team. Joining him was the freshman wide receiver duo of Stacy Chukwumezie and Jacob Gasser.

Sophomore kicker Adrian Saldana was rewarded for his stellar season with a second-team All Conference selection.

After much criticism, Oregon State transfer quarterback Nick Mitchell was named the second-team as well.

This story was originally published in Talon Marks, the student-run newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original version, visit www.talonmarks.com/sports/2016/11/30/despite-4-6-record-falcons-football-has-19-all-conference-players/



The La Mirada High School Boys Varsity basketball team on Nov. 23 volunteered to help feed the homeless at the Union Rescue Mission in Downtown Los Angeles.

Big Love coming to Cerritos College Theatre

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Theatre Department is hosting several performances of the Charles L. Mee play “Big Love” starting Friday, Dec. 2 at the Burnight Studio Theatre.

“Big Love” follows the journey of 50 runaway brides who flee to Italy to escape forced arranged marriages to their cousins.

Inspired by Aeschylus’s The Suppliants, the play by American playwright Mee updates the ancient Greek plot into modern times.

Norwalk Library hosts color club

NORWALK – Norwalk Library’s adult coloring club, Color Us Happy, is seeking new members for its weekly gathering every Thursday in December from 1-2 p.m.

Supplies will be available, but members are welcome to bring their own.

In partnership with L.A. Law Library, the Norwalk Library is also offering free law librarian assistance on Dec. 1 and 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

L.A. Law Library does not provide legal advice, but does provide legal resources and assistance with legal research as an educational service.

These programs are all free and open to adults.

The play tackles contemporary issues of gender politics and the balance of power, love, refugees seeking asylum, and domestic violence.

Performances are scheduled for Dec. 2-3 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8-10 at 8 p.m.

There is also a 2 p.m. showing on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Tickets priced pre-sale at \$15

for adults, \$14 for seniors 60+, and \$12 for kids 5-12 are available online or in the box office one hour prior to each performance.

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In addition, Scholastic Reading Club will match each dollar of Patterson's donation with "bonus points" that teachers can use to acquire books and other materials for their classrooms.

Carpenter Elementary was selected among thousands of applications for funding grants.

James Patterson and Scholastic Reading Club announced in March 2016 that Patterson would donate \$1.75 million to save school libraries nationwide in the second installment of his School Library Campaign.

As part of an ongoing effort to keep books and reading a number one priority in the United States, selected school libraries will be receiving grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Since the grant program's launch in 2015, Patterson has donated \$3.5 million to school libraries nationwide, with all funds are being personally donated by Patterson.

"I've made it my mission to underscore the vital role reading plays in children's lives and the need to sustain school libraries is at the heart of that mission," says Patterson.

In the first-ever partnership of its kind, Patterson joined forces with Scholastic Reading Club to administer funding applications to their network of 62,000 schools and 800,000 teachers.

"The funds from the grant will be used to bolster our book collection at Carpenter, purchase reading furniture for the library and support book-related prizes for Carpenter's new club; Book Club O-Rama," expressed Karen Beliakoff, grant applicant and Carpenter Elementary teacher. "Our goal is to share our love of reading and to help everyone at Carpenter find their inner bookworm!"

Schools entering were asked to share the story of their school library, including past efforts to make improvements and "great ideas to help create a brighter future." Patterson personally read and selected the winning

recipients of the grants.

"Last year's 'Patterson Pledge' showed communities nationwide how important school libraries are, but also how gravely desperate they are for books to fill their shelves in the midst of steep budget cuts," said Judy Newman, President of Scholastic Reading Club.

"The amazing outpouring from schools combined with the continued generosity of James Patterson helped us solidify a second year of grants to help more children have access to high-quality books and, ultimately, revive school libraries. We are proud to announce this year's new grant recipients and thank James Patterson for his continued personal commitment to save school libraries."

Based on past winners, school libraries across the country have been using this funding to purchase new books, add bookshelves, make improvements to their catalog systems, and expand their programming. The full list of grant recipients is available online at <http://www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership/recipients>.

STORIES: My beloved brother Gilbert and his two personalities

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this inner torment. He used to say, when he was drunk, "I can't get this monkey off my back."

One day my mother called me and asked if I could get him out of the house. I went to pick him up. I said to him, "Come on, Brother, let's go for a ride!" The first thing I noticed was that he was very drunk, and his demeanor was overbearing. There were two things my brother demanded respect for – the Los Angeles Rams and the name Reyna, which was our last name. When he was fueled with alcohol, he would remind you of those two things.

So when he said to me, "What's your name?" I said, "Yolanda."

"Yolanda what?" he snarled.

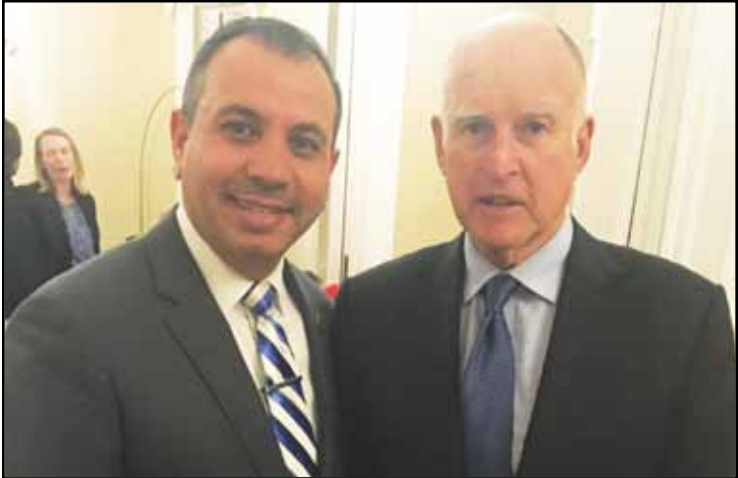
I said, "Yolanda Reyna." And with a furrowed brow and tightened lips, he'd answer, "That's right, and don't you forget it!"

I just could not comprehend the two personalities, and I was torn between the two of them. But that is what alcohol does to a person. I saw him slowly deteriorate from being very handsome to looking bloated, very dark-skinned, and meaner by the day.

One day I received a phone call. It was November of 1997, Thanksgiving weekend. My sister Mary called me.

She said, "Yolie, are you sitting down?"

My beloved brother Gilbert, who was so proud of his military service, is buried at Riverside National Cemetery. He was forty-one years old when he passed away.



Tony Mendoza fined \$57,000 by ethics watchdog

DOWNEY – Tony Mendoza, Downey's representative in the California Senate, has been fined \$57,000 by a state ethics group for violating campaign finance laws.

The Fair Political Practices Committee levied the fine last week.

From the Sacramento Bee:

"Mendoza, an Artesia Democrat, led the caucus from December 2010 to March 2012. About a month before he resigned as chairman, the caucus voted to endorse candidates in the 2012 primary election. Former Sen. Ron Calderon, then vice chairman of the caucus, took issue with the fact that his brother, former Assemblyman Tom Calderon, didn't initially get the nod in the 58th Assembly District race against Luis Marquez, Mendoza's longtime friend, according to the documents related to the Fair Political Practices Commission's investigation.

At the time, Mendoza said he didn't want Tom Calderon to win the race because he knew Tom Calderon later intended to run against Mendoza in the 32nd Senate District, according to the FPPC. Mendoza later won the Senate seat, which covers most of southeastern Los Angeles County, in 2014."

"Following the drama over the endorsement, Mendoza heard that the Calderons, his political rivals, were planning to remove him as chairman and use money from a committee, dubbed "Yes We Can," that he formed in the early days of his leadership to fund their own political campaigns and oppose Mendoza and his allies. Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, later succeeded Mendoza as chairman of the caucus.

"Mendoza 'wanted to move the money out of Yes We Can so the Calderons could not use the money,' the FPPC said. In his final days as chairman, he moved the money through various committees before it eventually trickled down to three state candidates running for office in 2012: Rudy Bermudez, who ran against Assemblyman Ian Calderon (Ron and Tom's nephew) in the 57th Assembly District; Marquez, in the 58th Assembly District, won by Cristina Garcia; and Rudy Ramirez, who lost in the 79th Assembly District race to Shirley Weber."

Long Beach man gets 4-year prison term in foreclosure rescue scheme

LONG BEACH – A Long Beach man was sentenced on Monday to four years in federal prison in relation to a mortgage rescue scheme that brought in nearly \$3 million from fees from distressed homeowners.

Karl Robinson, 52, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Manuel L. Real, who also ordered the defendant to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Robinson pleaded guilty in August to one count of bankruptcy fraud in connection with a five-year scheme he operated under his own name and companies with names such as "Stay In Your Home Today," "21st Century Development" and "Genesis Ventures Corporation."

Robinson solicited clients who were facing foreclosure with false promises that he could save their homes. Instead of providing legitimate services to his clients, Robinson filed hundreds of fraudulent bankruptcy petitions that delayed foreclosure and eviction proceedings.

"This scheme was never about providing assistance to distressed homeowners," said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. "It was about lying to distressed homeowners and collecting fees based on false promises. This defendant abused the bankruptcy system and stole identities to perpetrate his fraudulent scheme.

"The FBI and our partners with the FHFA-OIG and the U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to combat schemes that manipulate government rules and target victims faced with losing their homes."

The case against Robinson was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Kerry L. Quinn of the Major Frauds Section.



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