

Former Sheriff Baca found guilty of obstructing federal investigation into county jails

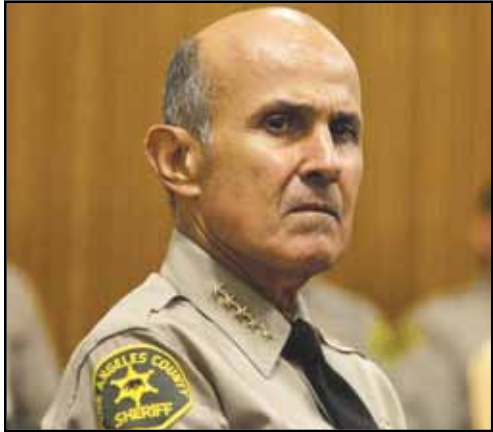
LOS ANGELES – Former Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca was found guilty of leading a conspiracy to obstruct justice by overseeing a scheme designed to impede a federal investigation into corruption and civil rights abuses at county jail facilities.

Baca was also convicted of lying to federal investigators when he denied knowledge of key aspects of the obstruction plot.

After about two days of deliberations, a federal jury on Wednesday found that Baca authorized and condoned a scheme that now has resulted in the conviction of 10 former members of the Sheriff’s Department. During the trial, prosecutors described Baca as being the top figure in the conspiracy, which also involved his right-hand man and deputies who implemented orders from the Sheriff.

The jury convicted Baca on three felony counts: conspiracy to obstruct justice, obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal investigators. As a result of today’s guilty verdicts, Baca, 74, faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

United States District Judge Percy Anderson, who has presided over several trials involving members of the conspiracy, is expected to schedule a sentencing hearing during a status conference on Monday.



The obstruction plot began in August 2011 after LASD officials discovered a cell phone in an inmate’s cell at the Men’s Central Jail, linked the phone to the FBI’s Civil Rights Squad and learned that the inmate was an FBI informant. The cell phone had been smuggled into the jail by a corrupt deputy who took bribes.

The FBI developed the informant as part of an investigation into the county jail system, which for years had been the subject of allegations of inmate abuse and subsequent cover-ups. The evidence presented at trial showed that the Sheriff wanted to avoid federal scrutiny of his troubled jails.

As part of the obstruction scheme, Baca ordered a criminal investigation of the FBI agents conducting an undercover investigation, and he directed that the informant be concealed from federal investigators.

‘Artastic’ showcase returns to cultural center tonight

NORWALK — Artastic is returning to the Norwalk Cultural Arts Center this Friday for its eighth year.

The free community festival is an award-winning celebration that showcases programming offered year-round at the CAC, including ceramics, painting, dance and choir.

One of the event highlights is the Community Art Competition and Scholarship Program, which recognizes local student talent. The competition is open to middle and high school students who live in Norwalk, attend school in Norwalk, or attend school in the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District.

Artwork entries across various art mediums will be on display with the top entries being recognized at a scholarship ceremony. Artastic takes place from 6-9 p.m. and will feature an art walk, sidewalk chalk art, arts and crafts, ice sculpting, scholastic book fair, live entertainment and food trucks.

In conjunction with the festival, the city will host Open Mic Night with featured musical guests Luna Nova, who will perform their unique brand of alternative rock for an anticipated crowd of hundreds.

Open Mic Night provides a forum for performers to share new material, for new performers to test out old material, and for all to gain exposure to an enthusiastic and receptive audience. Microphone, mic stand, speakers and auxiliary cord will be provided. Performers are asked to bring any additional equipment.

The CAC is located at 13200 Clarkdale Ave. For more information, call (562) 929-5521.

Members of the conspiracy then hid the informant from federal authorities, engaged in witness tampering in an effort to prevent information from being shared with federal authorities, and threatened to arrest the lead FBI agent on the case.

While Baca put his right-hand man, then-Undersheriff Paul Tanaka, in charge of the scheme, Baca participated in dozens of meetings and phone calls with members of the conspiracy and admitted directing his deputies to approach the FBI agent.

Baca participated in the scheme after being warned by a top deputy that the actions would amount to obstruction of justice.

“The former sheriff has now been held accountable for overseeing a widespread scheme to obstruct justice by issuing orders designed to protect a corrupt culture,” said Acting United States Attorney Sandra R. Brown.

“As the Sheriff for Los Angeles County, Mr. Baca had a duty to uphold the law, a duty he utterly failed when he played an active role in undermining a federal investigation into illegal conduct at the jails. Today’s verdict shows that no one is above the law.”

“By obstructing the rule of law, Mr. Baca failed both the dedicated men and women of the largest sheriff’s department in the country, as well as the community he swore to serve,” said Deirdre Fike, the assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Los Angeles Field Office.

“As this dark chapter for the LASD nears to a close and the department embarks upon reform under new leadership, we owe a debt of gratitude to the agents and prosecutors who worked on this case over several years and, at times, under very difficult circumstances. Their unflinching commitment to this case and to rooting out corrupt officials can only restore faith in law enforcement going forward.”

The case against Baca is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is one in a series of cases resulting from the investigation into county jail facilities in downtown Los Angeles that has resulted in 21 convictions.

As a result of the verdict, Baca becomes the 10th member of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department to be convicted in the obstruction scheme, including former Undersheriff Paul Tanaka, who was sentenced to five years in federal prison.

Eleven other former deputies have been convicted of federal charges, mostly related to unprovoked beatings of inmates and subsequent cover-ups.



NLMUSD school board votes down proposal to rename Excelsior High School auditorium after band leader

NORWALK – In a controversial split vote, The Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education voted to install a plaque in the Excelsior High School Auditorium to honor former educator Lee Mitchell.

This is not the first time that the Board has tackled this controversial topic. At their prior meeting, the Board was unable to come to a decision and instead directed staff to come up with several other options to consider.

Those options included the renaming of the building, making the auditorium a dual name facility, and the addition of a plaque in Mitchell’s honor.

Several community members came out to witness the decision, with three stepping forward to address the school board on the agenda item.

Of the three community speakers, two spoke up against the renaming, with the third individual supporting the plaque option if any change were to be made.

In fact, it became clear quite quickly that the board was leaning towards the installation of a plaque to honor Mitchell instead of renaming the auditorium. However, the decision came with the board split practically in half.

Board members Darryl Adams and Jesse Urquidi expressed disappointment in the decision to forgo the complete renaming of the building.

“We’re not going to have someone touch six generations – six plus decades – ever again,” said Adams. “...I’m just disappointed in the outcome.”

Board Vice President Chris Pflanzner stated that he had wished that the honor would be placed elsewhere – such as John Glenn High School – where Mitchell may have spent more time and work.

Board President Sean Reagan expressed that the plaque was still an honor, even if not the honor that Board member Adams had initially desired.

“I don’t think that it’s an insult to honor a man with a plaque. I don’t know if anyone else has a plaque in the Excelsior Auditorium,” said Reagan. “I think it’s still an honor, although not the kind of honor that Mr. Adams thinks that Mr. Mitchell deserves...”

The motion for the plaque was made by Reagan and seconded by Board member Ana Valencia. The final vote ended in a 4-3 split. – Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District celebrates annual Read Across America Week

NORWALK – The Cat in the Hat paid a visit to Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District elementary schools to help students and teachers commemorate the birthday of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss during a weeklong Read Across America celebration of literacy, from Feb. 27 to March 3.

Nuffer Elementary School students sported crazy hair-dos and Dr. Seuss costumes, and participated in a Power of Books assembly hosted by Ronald McDonald. On March 2, guest readers, including NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian, Norwalk City Council members and several Laker Girls dancers, came to Nuffer to read classic children’s literature.

“Literacy is the most powerful educational tool we possess,” Nuffer Principal Mak Sar said. “Books open the doors to fascinating new worlds, and inspire us to think and dream. Read Across America inspires us to be imaginative and creative.”

At Lampton and Glazier Elementary schools, it was a family affair for retired educator Chris Forehan. A former NLMUSD assistant superintendent of educational services, Forehan is a longtime champion of literacy initiatives at the District. Every



Former Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Chris Forehan (right) celebrates Dr. Seuss’ birthday with Lampton Elementary School students on March 2. Photo | NLMUSD

year for Read Across America, he returns to the District to read his favorite books for a special audience.

Forehan worked for the District as an administrator from 1981 to 2012. His wife Jill, is also a retired educator. Their son, Joseph Forehan, is a combination first- and second-grade teacher at Lampton Elementary. Joseph’s wife, Charlene, is a kindergarten teacher at Glazier Elementary. The family ties inspired Forehan to continue his mission of spreading literacy

and reading aloud to children.

“There is not one child who cannot benefit from reading a good book, and reading aloud builds strong bonds with children,” Forehan said. “If you choose the right book, you can build positive character, and the child will always remember it.”

2017 marked the 20th anniversary of Read Across America, a literacy initiative begun by the National Education Association to motivate children and teenagers to read.

Weekend at a Glance

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THINGS TO DO

Grease Sing-Along
Friday - La Mirada Center for the Performing Arts, 8 pm
An interactive performance of “Grease,” with audience members encouraged to sing and dance along.

Tierra
Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 12 pm
The Latin R&B band performs live at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.; concert is free with swap meet admission.

King of the Cage
Saturday - Citizens Business Bank Arena, 5 pm
“Prince” Ryan Fillingame and Juan “Spaniard” Archuleta defend their titles in live MMA fighting.

Marty Jannetty
Saturday - The Wrestling Guy Store in Huntington Park, 12 pm
Meet the former WWE wrestler and tag team champion. Photos and autographs \$15 each

St. Patrick’s Day Party
Friday - Bastards Canteen, 3 pm to midnight
Bastards restaurant celebrates St. Patrick’s Day with live bands, food, and green beer. \$5 cover after 7 p.m.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified teacher named ‘Woman of the Year’ by Ian Calderon

Ken Cook: Kelly Garcia- Congrats!!!!

Ale Gallardo: Congratulations Kelly!!!!

Raul Y Laura Ruvalcaba: Well deserved you are a great teacher!

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March events at Norwalk Library

NORWALK – Norwalk Library’s adult coloring club, Color Us Happy, is welcoming new members for its weekly gathering every Thursday in March from 1-2 p.m. Supplies will be available, but members are welcome to bring their own.

In partnership with L.A. Law Library, Norwalk Library is offering free Law Librarian assistance on March 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. Each office hours visit includes help locating information and resources concerning legal issues and court procedures.

Each program is free and open to adults. The Norwalk Library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway. For additional information, please call (562) 868-0775 or visit the County Library website at colapublib.org.

American Legion Post 359
March Madness Craft Fair
Craft Fair is March 18, 2017
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Metro’s annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. Metro will gather comments on the 2018 fiscal year budget at the Regional Service Council Meetings in March and May, and a public hearing on May 17th, before formal adoption by the Board of Directors. For meeting information or to provide your comments, go to metro.net/budgetcomments.

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Downey boy selling bubble gum to fight breast cancer

Matthew Trejo was inspired to do something after his aunt’s cancer diagnosis.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Matthew Trejo sells bubble gum after school, and donates the proceeds towards breast cancer research. Photo by Martin Trejo

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Carousel opens in Long Beach next weekend

LONG BEACH – Musical Theatre West will present Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musical “Carousel” from March 24 - April 9 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach.

Voted “the greatest musical of the 20th century” by TIME magazine, “Carousel” explores the timeless message of love, hope, forgiveness, and redemption.

A dazzling spectacle of music, dance, and spirit, MTW’s production features a full orchestra, performing “You’ll Never Walk Alone,” “If I Loved You” and the joyful “June Is Bustin’ Out All Over.”

Tickets are now on sale and are available by phone at (562) 856-1999, ext. 4, online at www.musical.org, or at the MTW Ticket Office. Tickets start at \$20.

DOWNEY – 11-year-old Matthew Trejo stands outside Rio San Gabriel elementary most days after school, armed with a small cart, some bubble gum, and a sign emblazoned with the words “Bubbles for Breast Cancer.”

His mission is simple: raising money for breast cancer research, 25 cents per piece of Dubble Bubble at a time.

Matthew’s inspiration comes from his aunt, Michele Frantz, who is a breast cancer survivor.

Frantz was diagnosed in June 2013.

“It really, truly caught our family off guard; there’s no history of breast cancer in our family,” said Frantz. “When I was diagnosed it really, truly for every member of our family – from my parents, to my brother and sister and their spouses, to the nieces and nephews – it just really felt kind of like the floor dropped out from underneath us...none of us were really prepared for that.”

“It was hard to go through,” said Matthew. “Some days we didn’t know if she’d live or die.”

Frantz is now cancer free, however her nephew has still taken initiative to take the fight to the often deadly disease.

At first, he wanted to dye his hair pink for breast cancer awareness month.

“I told him that was really drawing attention to himself, and

not really helping people with breast cancer,” said Martin Trejo, his father. “If he really wanted to help people with breast cancer, he should figure out a way to raise money.”

The future “Bubble Gum Kid” chose bubble gum due to its bright pink color.

“I like the color of it...like the breast cancer awareness color and breast cancer awareness logo,” said Matthew. “I thought that would fit in.”

His first effort during Breast Cancer Awareness month raised around \$200. Now back at it again, he hopes to possibly double that amount.

Matthew has received national attention ever since local media outlets picked up and ran his story. So much attention, in fact, that he was recently contacted by Dubble Bubble, who offered to provide him with free tubs of gum to sell.

He’s also been invited to a breast cancer awareness event held last weekend.

Matthew attended the Susan G Komen Race for a Cure event on Saturday, where he sold even more bubblegum.

“We’re going to sell bubble gum – and hopefully sell out,” Matthew said before the race. “And raise a lot of money.”

Ruby’s Diner now open at Downey Promenade shopping center

DOWNEY – Ruby’s Diner is now open at the Promenade at Downey shopping center.

Located near Cinemark Theatres, the new diner spans 3,100 square feet and is the first location in the brand’s portfolio to debut table-top ordering technology.

For the first time, Ruby’s Diner guests in Downey can order from a digital menu located at their table. Ruby’s employees will still be available for guests who prefer to order from a traditional waiter or waitress.

“We are excited to welcome Ruby’s fans and the community into the brand-new diner for a taste of classic American fare and offer the new experience of the table-top ordering technology,” said Abraham Kobi, franchise owner of Ruby’s Diner in Downey.

“We are looking forward to delivering the Ruby’s quality standard of unparalleled service and creating a dining option that is perfect for the whole family.”

The Downey location features an all-new breakfast menu in addition to the full dinner menu, which includes the Ruby Burger, along with handmade shakes, chili-topped tater tot appetizers, and more.

The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Downey residents warned about wild coyotes

DOWNEY – Representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife attended a neighborhood watch block captain meeting in Downey last week, where they cautioned residents about the looming threat of coyotes.

“Living next to wildlife corridors such as the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers, we know we will have frequent human-wildlife encounters,” said Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton.

“I want to strongly encourage our residents to be proactive about keeping their children and pets safe, and using the negative reinforcement measures suggested by Fish & Game to scare away coyotes.”

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GLASTRA: Instead of tearing down Obamacare, why can't Congress fix what's broken about it?



By Jazz Glastra

The Republicans just introduced a new plan to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act, or ACA — aka Obamacare. The rollout came after many members of Congress caught an earful from constituents trying to stop them.

Although I've voted for people in both parties in the past, I wanted to be one of them.

Residents in my central Ohio district started a petition in early January calling for our member, Republican Pat Tiberi, to hold a town hall meeting to discuss the issue. After all, he's the chair of the House Subcommittee on Health.

San Gabriel RiverPart Two

Dear Editor:

Part 1 appeared in the Downey Patriot last October.

The article outlined my concerns with the deteriorating conditions of the San Gabriel Riverbed, especially between Florence and Firestone.

Those concerns were the growing homeless population, the overgrowth of trees/bushes, the accumulation of debris and silt, and the potential of flooding during a major prolonged rainstorm.

My request was for the Army Corp of Engineers to address the concerns before disaster occurred claiming mitigation was more cost effective than disaster recovery.

I was pleased when on November 2nd, signs were posted on the riverbed fence between Florence and Firestone indicating that the riverbed would be cleared of all debris beginning November 22.

I was pleased and hopeful!

November 22nd produced the first rains of the season and rains continued until recently. Unfortunately, no clearing project could begin with the soaked riverbed.

While the rains were welcomed, the unfortunate result of the heavy rains was the washing away of debris in the river.

Much of the debris ended up in Los Alamitos Bay and some will eventually end up in the growing Great Pacific Garbage Patch (google it).

The ‘patch’ is a rapidly growing conglomeration of debris that has reportedly reached the size of Texas and Alaska combined.

Recently, I resumed walking the San Gabriel River Bike/Walkway and I'm still very concerned with the mounds of trash, filth, shopping carts, etc., left behind by the homeless and other debris that washed downstream from the nearby foothills.

I am overwhelmed by the amount of trash under the Florence Bridge that leads to the bike/walkway.

It is at least two feet high in each of the cubicles under the bridge.

The rainy season will end soon

and now would be a good time to plan the clearing of accumulated debris and silt in the riverbed between Florence and Firestone.

Hopefully, the city of Downey, the Los Angeles County Public Works agency in conjunction with the Army Corp of Engineers and other volunteer groups can coordinate this needed “cleansing” project before the next major rainstorms of future years.

It's in the public's interest for health and environmental reasons.

Let's Keep Downey Beautiful for the multitude of bikers, walkers, and hikers that use the bike/walkway on a daily basis.

Jim Weidner
Downey

Downey Planning Commission

Dear Editor:

Once again I find myself defending our planning commissioner, Jim Rodriguez.

Your paper published an article with comments criticizing Jim for doing his job well. Our mayor even chimed in, saying the Commission is to focus only on land use.

So, just rubber stamp any old plan as long as the land use is acceptable? Don't bother doing the oversight the commission should engage in, right? God forbid people have to sit through a meeting. How ludicrous.

I am ashamed of our mayor making a comment like that. I am in favor of Downey becoming more business friendly -- but not at the expense of wreckless development.

Keep asking questions, Jim!
Doug Anderson
Downey

Letters to the Editor

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The petition quickly garnered over 1,000 signatures, but Tiberi refused to hold a public event, claiming they're “unproductive.” Fair enough: I can see how it might be hard to have a discussion about complex issues in a hall filled to the brim with angry constituents.

So I decided to take Tiberi up on his offer to meet with constituents privately instead. When I arrived at his district office, I was surprised to find that eight other people had also been scheduled for the same time. It turned out that all of us were there to discuss the ACA.

Person after person shared gut-wrenching stories.

One woman was unable to find an insurer to cover her small business and its employees because of her Type 1 diabetes. Thanks to Obamacare, she was able to get coverage that's affordable and life-saving.

A young woman recovering from cancer explained how, before Obamacare, her diagnosis prevented the entire company she worked for from changing insurers because the new insurer wouldn't accept her “pre-existing condition.”

Another woman with breast cancer explained that if it weren't for the subsidized health insurance she received through the Obamacare exchange, she might not be here today.

My own story is much less dramatic — without the ACA, I never could've afforded to pursue my chosen career path in the nonprofit sector. Luckily, the ability to stay on my parents' insurance for a few years after college gave me the security I needed to take a risk on a low-paying but highly rewarding job that kick-started my career.

While Tiberi started out the meeting by declaring that he was “there to listen,” I left disappointed by how he treated our group. Not once during the entire meeting did he allow someone to finish speaking without interrupting to “give them the other side of the story.”

For many of the people in the room, Obamacare was literally the difference between life and death. Unfortunately, Tiberi only wanted to talk about how premiums are going up and in some places there aren't enough coverage options.

To be sure, these are real problems that need fixing. But how can you look a breast cancer survivor in the eye and tell her the law that saved her life needs to be thrown out because it's costing someone too much money?

My meeting with Tiberi took place well before Republicans released their Obamacare replacement plans, but even then Tiberi agreed that he doesn't want to go back to 2009, when 20 million fewer people had health insurance.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what's going to happen to many people under the Republicans' plan. That includes low-income patients on Medicaid and people who are young but have serious health conditions, like the woman at my meeting.

Someone recently asked me whether I consider myself a liberal or a conservative on healthcare. But what does that even mean?

We all want the same thing: affordable coverage we can actually use, lower costs, and a healthier population. I don't think the ACA achieved all of these goals, but getting coverage for over 20 million people was a huge step in the right direction.

Why tear down years of progress and start from scratch when we can simply fix what we have?

Jazz Glastra leads a nonprofit organization in Central Ohio.

Congressional reaction to health care proposal

Rep. Linda Sanchez: The latest Republican proposal is an assault on the health and wellbeing of the American people. It's no wonder Republicans chose to hide this bill from the public for so long. Never before has 124 pages of legislation taken so much away from so many people. Among the many terrible things in this bill, Republicans have taken away affordable health care for millions of Americans, raised costs for seniors, and put Medicare at risk. The best thing Americans can do for their health under the Republican proposal is to never get sick.

Essentially, the plan released this evening means Americans will pay more and get less. It increases costs for seniors while giving millionaires and billionaires six-figure tax cuts. It guts the protections from health insurance companies Americans have come to rely upon when they get sick. It provides little help when people get sick or need emergency care. Nothing in the Republican proposal is what I would call a ‘better way.

House Speaker Paul Ryan: Obamacare is rapidly collapsing. Skyrocketing premiums, soaring deductibles, and dwindling choices are not what the people were promised seven years ago. It's time to turn a page and rescue our health care system from this disastrous law. The American Health Care Act is a plan to drive down costs, encourage competition, and give every American access to quality, affordable health insurance. It protects young adults, patients with pre-existing conditions, and provides a stable transition so that no one has the rug pulled out from under them.

Working together, this unified Republican government will deliver relief and peace of mind to the millions of Americans suffering under Obamacare. This will proceed through a transparent process of regular order in full view of the public. I want to thank all of our members who have contributed their ideas, especially Chairman Walden and Chairman Brady, as well as Secretary Price and the Trump administration, for their commitment to keep this promise and get this right.

President Donald Trump: We're going to do something that's great, and I am proud to support the replacement plan released by the House of Representatives.

This will be a plan where you can choose your doctor, and this will be a plan where you can choose your plan. And you know what the plan is. This is the plan. It's a complicated process, but actually it's very simple, it's called good health care.

U.S. Sen. Mike Lee: This is not the Obamacare repeal bill we've been waiting for. It is a missed opportunity and a step in the wrong direction.

We promised the American people we would drain the swamp and end business as usual in Washington. This bill does not do that.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul: Republicans across America ran on repealing the Big Government takeover of our health care system that is ObamaCare. Opposition to ObamaCare helped the GOP win the House in 2010, the Senate in 2014, and the White House in 2016. Repealing ObamaCare has been a key facet of all our recent victories.

No Democrat will vote for a stand-alone, real repeal. But nearly every Republican will – in fact, nearly all of them already did in 2015.

We call on Congressional leaders to keep their word to the American people, to push a real repeal of ObamaCare, and to do it now. The only way to really do that in a way that ensures passage is to move forward with a “clean” repeal, such as the 2015 repeal bill.

Many conservatives have called for Replace bills at the same time as a repeal bill. A free market replacement bill has been introduced in the Senate and a companion bill endorsed by the House Freedom Caucus. Others have their own plans and ideas. The White House will no doubt

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



I love practicing medicine in 2017. There are so many more options at our disposal then there were even 10 or 20 years ago. It is interesting, however, just how many old or even ancient practices are still in use. Are they medical myths, barbaric treatments, or is there a modern rationale to support them?

Maggots can consume dead and infected tissue, which allows wounds to heal. Maggots have been used for healing since antiquity. In more recent centuries, military surgeons have observed and documented that soldiers who remained on the battlefield healed more quickly when flies laid eggs in their wounds.

In 2004, the FDA allowed maggots to be marketed for medical use on slowly healing wounds like diabetic foot ulcers and bedsores, chronic leg ulcers, post-surgical wounds and acute burns. This therapy has actually experienced newfound popularity due to growing antibiotic resistance.

Not long ago I wrote of a dear friend who swears by leech therapy for her arthritic knee. Leeches are worms with teeth to cut into flesh, and suckers to feed on blood. Since ancient times, leeches were used for bloodletting. The FDA has approved the use of medical leeches for venous congestion, a condition where blood pools in a particular area of the body, and the

veins aren't capable of returning it to the heart. This might happen after a surgery to reattach a finger or ear, or after major reconstructive surgery. Leeches are also currently being used to numb pain, reduce swelling, and keep blood flowing.

Are you aware that bloodletting is still performed? It is not done with leeches, and certainly isn't used for the wide range of diseases that it once was. It is, however, used for hemochromatosis, a condition where the blood contains excess iron. Too much iron can be toxic to the liver, heart, pancreas and joints. Bloodletting is performed by inserting a needle into a vein and drawing out a pint or more of blood, once or twice per week, over several months.

Would you consider allowing yourself to be stung by a bee in order to use the venom to heal? Apitherapy refers to a number of bee therapies, including bee venom, honey, pollen, and royal jelly. It's thousands of years old, depicted in ancient rock art and practiced in ancient Egypt, Greece (Hippocrates wrote of it), and China.

It's now being used by some to treat arthritis, immune system dysfunction, multiple sclerosis, hay fever, ALS, shingles, gout, tendonitis, bursitis, infectious diseases, wound healing, burns, fractures, and even cancer.

Do note that apitherapy gets mixed reviews in the scientific literature, and clearly more and better-controlled studies are called for. Further, there are potential risks to these therapies that may outweigh any benefits.

The great novel and movie *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* horribly featured ECT (electroconvulsive therapy). Developed in the 1930's, ECT passes electrical currents through the brain. It is actually still

used for those with treatment-resistant depression, but is now administered under general anesthesia. ECT affects brain chemicals and nerve cells, and can alter mood, sleep, memory and appetite.

Trepanation is the oldest known surgical procedure, dating back to the Stone Age. A hole was made in the skull, with the belief that this would rid the patient of the evil spirits felt to cause illness, or to treat headaches, epilepsy, head injuries and infections. Today, neurosurgeons perform a form of trepanation for very different reasons.

A small hole is drilled into the skull in order to treat epidural and subdural hematomas, or for surgical access for other procedures, such as intracranial pressure monitoring.

Lastly, let's move to the subject of stool. The concept of transplanting stool dates back to 4th century China. Doctors gave a healthy person's dried or fermented stool to a patient who was suffering from diarrhea, vomiting, fever or constipation. Today this is known as fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT). FMT directly transfers stool from healthy donors to the stomach or small intestine of the patient. The goal is to introduce a new mix of bacteria to restore a healthy microbial balance in the gut for those with recurring Clostridium difficile (C. diff) infections.

Some treatments have indeed withstood the test of time. Still, don't expect to find maggots, leeches, bees, or stool in my black bag...yet.

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Norwalk High Alumni Baseball Game

Norwalk High School hosted an alumni baseball game on Saturday, March 4 in order to raise money for the school's baseball program.

In honor of the 1992 CIF Finals team, over 30 alumni participated in this year's event. In attendance was Bob Billinger, head coach of the 1992 team and Norwalk High faculty member for 18 years. The alumni won the game 2-1 against current Norwalk students.



Shared Stories: My Second Home

Road trips with her father to his home in rural Arkansas were "golden," formative experiences for Sabreen Adeeba, despite the obstacles facing black families as they traveled in that era. 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 Sabreen Adeeba

When I was a young girl I recall my father and I leaving the hustle and bustle of big city life in Los Angeles. The familiarity of school, new construction, urban churches, taxi cabs, buses, neon lights, and sirens in the night were exchanged for summer vacations to the South, where my father was born and raised. El Dorado, Arkansas, was a simpler life and a second home for me.

Road trips were an enjoyable memory for transportation to Arkansas. I and my father enjoyed traveling by car. We always began the trip with food he had prepared.

Sometimes I sat in the front of the car with my father, but my favorite place was the backseat where I colored, played with my dolls, and, as I became older, loved to read. Most of all, I admired the views – horses grazing, cattle, and mountains.

We drove through three states before we arrived in Arkansas – Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. In Arizona there were grand canyons, so colorful. My favorite were orange, though they were all beautiful.

New Mexico was my favorite state. It was so cultural and very visual. My father would buy sombreros, moccasins, and jewelry to take home as souvenirs or gifts.

The last state we passed through was not as intriguing as Arizona or New Mexico. It became a learning experience.

Hungry and tired my father and I stopped at a small café in Texas. We sat down at a table and waited to be served. We never were. The treatment of the waitress towards us left me confused and my father angry.

“Let’s get the hell out of here,” I remember him saying as I followed him out the door.

We never stopped at hotels when we traveled to Arkansas. My father usually pulled over to a truck stop where there were restrooms and we slept in the car. All in all, I still loved the road trips to Arkansas.

I loved the big farmhouse my father grew up in with acres of farmland, the smell of fresh grass and the distinct color of soil that resembled red clay in looks and touch.

I have memories of a warm breeze caressing my cheeks, colorful butterflies, beautiful and free. Honey bees sucked pollen from flowers, while birds sang sweet melodies from their nests in the trees. Hens clucked happily about the yard.

Rural mornings awakened us with the aroma of baking biscuits in a country oven and the crispy smell of freshly sliced bacon from Uncle Charlie’s smokehouse. Grits were simmering in butter, fresh eggs from the hen house were waiting to be scrambled or fried, or sunny-side up.

Jams, preserves, maple syrup and butter, which was kept cool in the cellar, sat on a long wooden table in the kitchen where we all enjoyed the tasty delight called breakfast.

Lunch was simple for us kids involved in rigorous play. Lunch might not be more than biscuits left over from breakfast, with honey and lemonade, or cornbread and buttermilk.

Suppers were early in the South and may consist of fresh collard greens, from a well-kept garden, that I helped pick and wash. Hot water cornbread, yams, Aunt Betty Mae’s mac and cheese. Fried chicken or fish was a specialty. Peach cobbler, sweet potato pie, pecan pies were not uncommon for dessert.

After supper, when the dishes were washed, dried, and put away, we all sat outside on the wide porch. The elders told folk tales, sang blues, and played guitars. All was golden to a young girl’s memories.

Aunts, uncles, and cousins always came to visit when we came to Arkansas. Some stayed while we were there. Days were filled with Southern glee, plus joy. I was never bored.

Arkansas was as much my home as Los Angeles, if not more. My last visit to Arkansas was at the age of thirteen, but I remember it like yesterday, when I was a young girl.

Commentary: Excelsior Auditorium’s name change decision was motivated by color

By Raul Samaneigo Contributor

NORWALK – What’s going on with the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District Board?

At a time when all eyes, and I mean all eyes, were focused on the honoring of a long time school district music teacher, members of the school board and the superintendent were quietly meeting with a real estate developer regarding not only the auditorium, but the entire nearly 40-acre site located at the intersection of Pioneer and Alondra boulevards.

However, we may never really know the true nature of that meeting for no outsiders were welcome at that Feb. 16 event held at the area now referred to as the “Excelsior property.”

Granted, at Monday’s board meeting, the seven board members accepted a revised proposal to place a “plaque,” somewhere in the auditorium where Mr. Lee A. Mitchell Jr. for over 40 years brought warmth through music participation by the youth of the district as well as surrounding communities.

Even at Tuesday’s Hutchinson Middle School’s music festival held at the esteemed auditorium, there sat a stoic Mr. Mitchell listening intently as the John Glenn High School Concert band played several tunes, including a not-so-known piece by the master, Sousa.

On the podium, a 1990 former student and graduate of the very same band, Frank Hinojos, waved his hands as he swayed to the music while his former band teacher sat observing his

work.

But where were the board members?

While none were seen at the 6:15 p.m. performance, Mr. Mitchell walked through the doors of the auditorium with person after person walking up and saying hello.

Former students of John Glenn would approach and say, “I wasn’t a band member, but my child is now a music student.”

Music judge, Wayne Nelson, with the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) approached Mr. Mitchell offering his hand and welcoming his old friend to the music festival.

Hutchinson Middle School Band Director Craig Jordan shared with Mr. Mitchell that this was the “seventh year of the event.”

The schedule was full with 18 bands slated to perform over the two-day festival.

Again, where were the board members?

Were they that tired from voting 4-3 for a plaque for the man whom everyone seemed to recognize?

The original proposal from Board Member Darryl Adams called for the complete renaming of the semi-vacant auditorium to the “Lee Mitchell Performing Arts Center.”

What erupted through social media was a hard-pressed effort to not change the name at any costs.

At Monday’s meeting, I was surprised on several fronts. The level of adamant rejection from Board Vice President Chris Pflanzner of any

recognition of this man’s contribution was appalling.

The absolute ignorance of Board Member Ana Valencia reiterating in her statement that Mr. Mitchell had only taught at Excelsior for two years was absurd.

As a writer, I had done everything but lead a special lecture course on the history and journey of Mr. Mitchell from the bayoneted fixed 101st Airborne troops of segregated Little Rock Arkansas schools, through the heartache of teaching during the Civil Rights and Vietnam era.

If I had heard one more, “while I don’t mean to disrespect Mr. Mitchell,” I would have pulled my hair out. Don’t they realize that by saying those words, they were doing just that?

In the end, it all came down to color. Mr. Mitchell is black. But that is not the color that was discussed Monday night. It was the color of money -- green.

The district has a good dilemma, with those nearly 40 acres of underdeveloped, unused land at the corners of Alondra and Pioneer boulevards.

That’s money in the bank. What would \$100 million or more mean to the district coffers?

What about the other 40 or so acres in the general vicinity. Is the city licking its proverbial lips at the possibilities?

Can \$1 billion in potential commercial and neighborhood real estate development be ignored?

Name change? It was never about the name change. It was about the color of money.

Rental properties can make good financial investments, but they come with special risks

By Nathaniel Sillin

Maybe your financial house is in order. Your debt is manageable or paid off. You have an emergency fund and now you're looking for ways to grow your wealth.

Or, perhaps you're planning ahead by learning about different investment options. Have you considered becoming a landlord?

Rent prices tend to rise over time, providing an inflation-protected income into your retirement years.

You also might be able to cash in big later if the unit's value increases.

It doesn't always work out that way, though. Some landlords wind up with a trashed property after evicting a tenant or lose their savings in a natural disaster.

In between the extremes of easy, hands-off income and total ruin are the everyday concerns, benefits and risks that most landlords face.

A few risks you could face as a landlord. Investment property mortgages tend to be a little more difficult and costly to secure than primary residence mortgages.

It can also be harder to take cash out of investment properties – either with a

cash-out refinance or a home equity line of credit. In other words, you might not have access to the money during an emergency.

Owning a rental property outright can be risky as well.

Especially if you're placing a significant amount of your savings in a single investment, the lack of diversification could put you in a precarious situation.

Those aren't the only risks you could face when owning a rental.

Finding and keeping good tenants. Landlords learn from experience that it's worth leaving their rental empty for a month or two rather than pay for an eviction or expensive repairs later.

You can pay for professional tenant screening reports or credit reports and call applicants' references before offering a lease.

Covering your expenses. Between taxes, insurance, repairs, maintenance and mortgage payments the monthly and one-off costs can quickly stack up.

Some landlords lose money because their rental income doesn't cover their expenses, but they won't be able to attract tenants if they raise it.

If the housing and rental markets drop, you could be stuck losing money each month or selling the property at a loss.

The time or cost of managing a rental property. Becoming a landlord is often far from a hands-off job.

When the phone rings in the middle of the night because the roof is leaking, you'll need to figure out how to solve the problem.

You may be able to hire a property management company to take on this work for you, but they often charge about 8 to 12 percent of your rental income or a flat monthly fee.

Even with the risk involved, there are countless examples of successful landlords.

Many find the experience so rewarding that they purchase additional investment properties.

Set yourself up for financial success. What separates the successful and sorrow-filled landlords? Luck certainly comes into play, but you can also take steps to get started on the right foot.

Try to determine a property's capitalization rate, the estimated annual return, before making an offer. To calculate the capitalization rate,

divide the annual net income by the property's purchase price.

Your net income will be your rental income, which you can approximate based on rental prices for similar properties, minus your costs, such as maintenance, upgrades, vacancies and emergencies.

You may need to consult an accountant to understand how your new tax situation can affect your costs.

Cap rates tend to change depending on the area and type of property. But regardless of what's considered "good" in your area, you can use this formula to compare different investment opportunities.

Bottom line: Many people focus on the positives of owning investment property.

An extra income and potential to build equity with their tenants' money seems too good to be true, and it just might be.

If you're going to be successful, you should acknowledge the risks that come with the territory and plan accordingly.

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Mock interview helps student reach their Ivy League dreams

NORWALK – Norwalk High School senior Promise Agbo credits her acceptance to Columbia University on her strong interview where she used tools and strategies she learned preparing for Norwalk-La Mirada Unified's second annual mock interview.

"The mock interview practices helped me to secure a spot in Columbia," Agbo, 17, said. "I still have more college interviews, but I wouldn't have been as prepared if I didn't participate in the mock interview."

Agbo was one of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified high school students who attended workshops after school over two months, practicing common interview questions, perfecting their resumes and learning proper interview etiquette, including wearing business attire and giving a firm handshake. The students then sat down in front of industry professionals from across Norwalk for a mock interview on Feb. 22.

"I wanted to get better at answering interview questions and highlighting my strengths," Agbo said. "Even though it was a mock interview, I feel like I'm prepared to do actual interviews."

Students were able to ask their employer questions after being interviewed for 15 minutes, and then gathered in a debriefing room to share their experiences and write thank-you notes.

"We wanted to give students an experience that will help them prepare for a necessary skill that will ultimately determine if they will reach their dream job," NLMUSD College and Career Pathways Director Joanne Jung said.

"Our students now know what to expect when they go into an actual interview."

The Norwalk Education Alliance, a partnership with Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, City of Norwalk, Cerritos College, Southeast Los Angeles Workforce Development Board, and the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, developed the mock interview for high school students to practice articulating their strengths and presenting themselves in front of employers for jobs and internships, as well as university representatives for college entry.

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GOVERNMENT

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LUSD) Purchasing Department** invites all interested parties to make an offer to purchase various types of Surplus Early (Pre-K) Childcare Classroom Furniture.

Mandatory Site Visit: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 am

NOTE: Only those who attend the Mandatory Site Visit will be provided with the required Purchase Offer Pricing Sheet which needs to be submitted for consideration of any offer.

Location: NOVA Storage, 11230 Wright Rd Lynwood, CA 90262

The written Offer to Purchase is due: Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

Information and questions regarding this Public Notice must be sent by email to: dnavarro@mylud.org and cc: kwebster@mylud.org

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030084
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Timothy Duran filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Timothy Ruben Duran to Proposed name (1) Timothy Aguilarr
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: May 3, 2017, **Time:** 1:30 pm, **Department:** C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TONY VIVEROS CASE NO. 16STPB05671
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TONY VIVEROS.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LYNDA RAE VIVEROS PONGYOO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LYNDA RAE VIVEROS PONGYOO 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.
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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.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-21453-SP-CA Title No. 150331895-CA-VOI A.P.N. 80735-001-021 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/08/2007. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Alexander David Chon, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/18/2007 as Instrument No. 20071462060 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 03/24/2017 at 11:00 AM. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$246,351.78. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14325 Ilex Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650, A.P.N.: 8073-001-021. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)(923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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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 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 128379-11. 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. Date: 02/24/2017 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A. agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010. Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4611016 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017, 03/17/2017

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES ALVIN LINGO AKA JAMES A. LINGO AKA JIM LINGO CASE NO. 16STPB05956

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JAMES ALVIN LINGO AKA JAMES A. LINGO AKA JIM LINGO.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHARLES ROBERT LINGO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHARLES ROBERT LINGO 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 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.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/16/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 128379-11 Loan No. 0243981 Title Order No. 150014411 APN 8016-003-

009 TRA No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/31/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 03/24/2017 at 10:00AM, MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/31/2007 as Document No. 20072037199 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: CARMEN M. CASTANON, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), Place of sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 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, California describing the land therein: Lot(s) 63 of Tract No. 16167, in the City of Norwalk, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 542, Page(s) 17 to 21 inclusive of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County Except all water, claims or rights to water, in or under said land 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: 10905 MILANO AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)(923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to 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 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 128379-11. 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. Date: 02/17/2017 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: (916) 939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Tara Campbell, Assistant Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0302418 To: NORWALK PATRIOT Pub: 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017, 03/17/2017

T.S. No.: 9551-3916 TSG Order No.: 120347769 A.P.N.: 8052-016-050 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/20/2007. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 09/27/2007 as Document No.: 20072229327, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JOSE JAVIER SANDOVAL, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or

national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 04/10/2017 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10617 FIRWOOD CT, 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by 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, to-wit: \$423,491.20 (Estimated) as of 03/30/2017. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 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.# 9551-3916. 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. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Veronica Garcia, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0303396 To: NORWALK PATRIOT 03/17/2017, 03/24/2017, 03/31/2017

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| CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2016-2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS | | | |
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| Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 Description: Consider a substantial amendment to the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan. The 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan, which established specific activities and expenditures using funds received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was adopted by the City Council on May 3, 2016. The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following changes to activity funding levels: | | | |
| PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY CDBG | ADOPTED FUNDING | PROPOSED FUNDING | DIFFERENCE |
| Housing Rehabilitation | \$758,250 | \$822,250 | \$64,000 |
| San Antonio Village – Neighborhood Beautification | \$140,000 | \$76,000 | (\$64,000) |
| TOTAL | \$898,250 | \$898,250 | \$0 |
| PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY HOME | ADOPTED FUNDING | PROPOSED FUNDING | DIFFERENCE |
| Security Deposit Assistance Program | \$43,659 | \$3,659 | (\$40,000) |
| Home Improvement Program | \$10,000 | \$50,000 | \$40,000 |
| TOTAL | \$53,659 | \$53,659 | \$0 |
| Availability: The public is invited to review the Plan and submit written comments about the proposed amendment to the City. The Plan is available for review on the City's website at http://www.norwalkca.gov/city-hall/departments/community-development/housing-neighborhood-development or during normal business hours at the City of Norwalk, Community Development, Room #12, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. Early submission of written comments: The public is encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the public hearing so that the comments may be considered in preparation for the public hearing. Early submission of comments are due by April 18, 2017 and should be addressed to City of Norwalk, Attention: Kristin Malthonis, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650 or emailed to: kmalthonis@norwalkca.gov Public Hearing: The City Council will hold a public hearing on May 2, 2017. Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding the matter and/or submit written comments to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments for the public hearing to: City of Norwalk, Attn: City Clerk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 10, Norwalk, CA 90650. Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in ensuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification. Dated this 17th day of March 2017. Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk The Norwalk Patriot 3/17/17 | | | |

| CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2017-2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS | |
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| Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 Description: The proposed 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan is available for public review and comment from March 17 to April 18, 2017. On May 2, 2017, the public is also invited to attend a public hearing of the City Council to consider the Plan. The Plan establishes strategies for the next program year and identifies specific projects and activities that will be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the City of Norwalk estimates it will receive \$1,141,459 of CDBG funds through its entitlement grant, program income of \$91,300, and carry-over from the prior year of \$40,000. In addition, the City estimates receiving \$245,277 of Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, program income of \$24,000, and carryover of \$2,500. HUD has not provided the City with exact allocation amounts, so the above amounts are estimates based upon the City's 2016-17 grant allocations. The following table lists the proposed activities and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017-18: | |
| PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY CDBG | PROPOSED FUNDING |
| Housing Rehabilitation | \$803,250 |
| San Antonio Village – Neighborhood Beautification | \$65,000 |
| San Antonio Village – Commercial Facade Improvement | \$185,000 |
| Community Fund – Social Service Agencies* | \$67,270 |
| Community Fund – Graffiti Removal | \$53,948 |
| Community Fund – Emergency Assistance | \$50,000 |
| Job Training Program | \$20,000 |
| Program Administration and Fair Housing Program | \$228,291 |
| CDBG TOTAL | \$1,272,759 |
| PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY HOME | PROPOSED FUNDING |
| Community Housing Development Organization Project | \$36,791 |
| Security Deposit Assistance Program | \$40,000 |
| Home Improvement Program | \$167,809 |
| Program Administration | \$27,777 |
| HOME TOTAL | \$271,777 |
| TOTAL OF ALL PROGRAMS | \$1,544,536 |
| *Details about the programs and agencies that are proposed to be funded under this category are listed in Section AP-38 – Projects Summary of the draft Plan. Allocation of adjustments, carry-over and program income: As stated above, the funding amounts are estimates. The draft Plan contains a detailed policy describing how activity funding levels will be adjusted based upon the final funding amounts provided. Details about this policy can be found in Section AP-15 – Expected Resources of the draft Plan. The City Council, at the conclusion of the public hearing, may increase, decrease, or eliminate funding to the listed activities within the parameters established by HUD. Availability: The public is invited to review the Plan and submit written comments to the City. The Plan is available for review on the City's website at http://www.norwalkca.gov/city-hall/departments/community-development/housing-neighborhood-development or during normal business hours at the following locations: • City of Norwalk, Community Development, Room #12, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA • City of Norwalk, Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA • Norwalk Regional Library, 12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA Early submission of written comments: The public is encouraged to submit written comments about Plan in advance of the public hearing so that the comments may be considered in preparation for the public hearing. Early submission of comments are due by April 18, 2017 and should be addressed to City of Norwalk, Attention: Kristin Malthonis, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650 or emailed to: kmalthonis@norwalkca.gov Public Hearing: The City Council will hold a public hearing on May 2, 2017. Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter and/or submit written comments to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments for the public hearing to: City of Norwalk, Attn: City Clerk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 10, Norwalk, CA 90650. Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in ensuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification. Dated this 17th day of March 2017. Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk The Norwalk Patriot 3/17/17 | |

Norwalk church anniversary service next weekend

NORWALK –Walking in the Spirit Ministries in Norwalk will host a special service on Sunday, March 26 at 11 a.m. in celebration of the church's 9th anniversary.

The service, which includes breakfast, will take place at the Doubletree Hotel Sonoma Grill, located 13111 Sycamore Drive.

Last year, the ministry provided over 1,000 free meals for those in need and hopes to continue their outreach efforts. The service is open to the public.

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ASCC Senate approves funding for California Space Grant project, extended library hours

By David Jenkins

NORWALK – Senator David Ramirez was successfully able to get a legislation passed on Wednesday, March 8, at ASCC Senate in order to fund students for their Science Technology Engineering Math project with the California Space Grant.

“I’m happy that senate came together as a whole to work for the students and to fund their needs.” Ramirez said, “It’s not every day that you have the opportunity to enlighten and open doors for students to expand on themselves. At the same time, compared to last year, everyone is working really well this year.”

The legislation’s that were passed are:

- Extend the library hours
- Funding transfer request
- Funding Cerritos College Arduino Students
- Veteran Center funding trip
- Revision of election code
- Funding for Phi Beta Lambda Business Conference
- Funding Alpha Gamma Sigma AGS State Conversation

The meeting lasted about two and half hours.

Senator Jacqueline Mendez said, “I’m happy, I can’t wait to



On Mar. 8, Student Trustee Karen Patron helped Ramirez with the preparation of this legislation. She was happy with how effective this meeting was.
Photo | David Jenkins

tell everyone,” in regard to her legislation of extending library hours being passed.

“I want to speak to outreach, [and] if possible start promoting it. I just want students [to know] that these hours passed.” Mendez continued, “They should know of the opportunities that they have here. This school offers opportunities and they’re increasing.”

This is only going to be a trial run to see how students handle these additional hours.

The extension of hours will all be stretched till midnight. This of course will only take place during the week of finals. From Monday,

May 8 to Friday, May 19.

The other legislation that was passed in detail was the funding provided to the STEM project.

Ramirez said, “I’m happy because I got to participate in that program last year. I was there; I [went] to the NASA center, I [was able] to see how it was and I’m excited I [was able] to give these students opportunities that they wouldn’t be able to have this year.

“They’re going to be able to go out and build a project [and] present to NASA. Who knows, these [students] might be the next aerospace engineers, the next Tesla CEO’s. Elon Musk, Bill Gates, and I’m really excited about that.”

Student Trustee Karen Patron was also present in this meeting and she helped Ramirez with the preparation of this legislation. She was happy with how effective this meeting was.

Patron said, “There was enough discussion but not too much of it. Students are now starting to feel comfortable make amendments. Especially on the floor, speaking out [whether it is] for, or oppose something, which is very productive since we get different perspectives from different senators. This meeting was very long, but I think it was necessary.”

This story was originally published in Talon Marks , the student-ran newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original, visit www.talonmarks.com/news/2017/03/14/ascc-senate-approves-funding-for-california-space-grant-project-and-extended-library-hours-during-finals.



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