

Charity worker shot and killed while collecting donations in Norwalk

By William Odis Martin
Contributor

NORWALK – The bullet holes scattered randomly around the usually quiet neighborhood of the 14400 block of Dinard Ave in Norwalk reminded residents on Tuesday just how fast life can be snatched away.

A 50-year-old man was gunned down on Tuesday evening around 5:30 p.m. in the residential neighborhood while collecting donations for painting curbs.

Robert Henderson, the president of Care for the Children, has identified the victim as Matthew Glover, though the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has not yet officially released his identity.

Glover was struck by gunfire



several times in the upper torso and pronounced dead at the scene,

according to police reports.

Authorities are still investigating, but have no suspects, or a motive. However, neighbors reported hearing approximately eight shots fired. Evidence at the scene reportedly suggests there were two assailants firing shots.

“Homicide detectives are actively searching for two male Hispanics, in their early 20s, driving a late model four-door white sedan,” said Deputy Caroline Rodriguez of the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

Dale Lendrum, a Downey native and former employee of Care for the Children, shared his “heavy heart” in a Facebook post after hearing news of his friend's passing.

“Care for the Children played a major role in me turning my life around,” Lendrum said. “In the early days of my recovery, Care for the Children gave me a job as a donation collector and Matt was the one who trained me.

“We had known each other in our addictions and supported each other in our recoveries.”

Anyone who may have tips or information about the shooting are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Department at 323-890-5500.

If you would like to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.



Photos | William Odis Martin

Local students combat illiteracy by installing dozens of free little libraries

NORWALK – Students at Field of Dreams Learning have launched a “Free Little Library” project that will install 20 small libraries around the community. On Tuesday, in collaboration with YouthBuild Los Angeles, 100 students from Norwalk, Compton, and Venice teamed up to build, paint, and catalogue over 5,000 books at a variety of reading levels.

“We are hoping to build literacy in order to combat the incarceration rate and the poverty level in our community,” said Sayaka Ponce, executive director of FoDL, a Norwalk non-profit.

“Students in our program conducted research and found a linkage between low reading skills and incarceration. We want to empower our community with knowledge through this project.”

It was an exhibition of just how much a diverse group with a mutual goal can accomplish. They collectively worked together to make positive impact within the community. Students and staff gathered in front the FoDL facility, located at 15014 Studebaker Road in Norwalk, for a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

Sara Silva, the co-executive director of the YouthBuild organization, said, “Today is really a day for young people to show the amazing service that they are doing for their communities. We are building 20

little libraries to distribute throughout the city of Norwalk so that people who traditionally do not have the access to literacy materials can go and pick out a book and bring it back when they are finished.”

The launch of the Little Libraries Project was one of four simultaneous community development projects around the greater Los Angeles area to commemorate YouthBuild Day.

FoDL was founded in 2011 to provide young people between the ages of 16 through 24 with mentorship, vocational skills and guidance. Their goal is to empower the next generation of leaders with skills that will help them succeed in the real world.

Ponce and her attentive staff build one-on-one personal relationships with each of their students in order to provide individualized teaching methods. To learn more about how to donate books, visit fieldofdreamslearning.org or call (562)409-5567. – **William Odis Martin, contributor**

6 La Mirada High student-athletes sign letters of intent for spring sports

LA MIRADA – La Mirada High School senior Alyssa Ramirez remembers Olympic gold medalist Jennie Finch, a Matador alumni, speaking about her professional softball experience after high school, and giving valuable advice that Ramirez would carry with her throughout her softball career: remember that feeling when you lose against a team.

“It helped to motivate me to be a better pitcher and to work harder,” said Ramirez, a pitcher. “It's been a blessing to play softball my whole life and to finally have it pay off.”

Ramirez signed a letter of intent on April 12 – National Signing Day for spring sports – to play softball for La Serna University. She was joined by five classmates, including La Mirada High second baseman Alex Gonzalez, who declared for Vanguard University.

Gonzalez started playing when he was 3 years old and credits his friends, family and coach for supporting him through the years.

“Coach Zurn always tells me to strive to push through and see how far baseball can get me,” Gonzalez said. “Hard work can get you



La Mirada High senior Andrew Diaz (right) committed to play baseball at Hope International, and signed his letter of intent on National Signing Day for spring sports. Photo | NLMUSD

anywhere.”

The following La Mirada High student-athletes also signed letters of intent on April 12: Andrew Diaz, baseball, Hope International; Alyssa Hana, softball, Wellesley College; Andrew Valencia: water polo, Whittier College; Justin Scroggin, baseball, Navy.

“Congratulations to all of our student-athletes for having their talents recognized by top colleges and universities across the nation,” Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said.

“Their energy and hard work will carry them to higher successes after high school.”

STATE OF THE CITY: Downey lays out plans for new tax dollars

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Mayor Fernando Vasquez outlined several new and developing programs within Downey's near future during Wednesday's State of the City Address.

The Mayor addressed several of Downey's notable community members, mostly speaking on many opportunities that Downey can look forward to in the near future.

“The days of being archaic and waiting for things to happen are far behind us,” said Vasquez. “In this day and age, a local government has to go out and find the right opportunities, and that means having a city council that has a vision...”

One of the first things Mayor Vasquez addressed was the effects of Measure S now being seen in the community's law enforcement.

This includes the addition of ten new officers that have been recently hired by Downey Police Department, two of which were in attendance and introduced by Chief Carl Charles. A new K-9 was also introduced.

Measure S has also allowed for the upgrade of DPD's radio system to the tune of about \$1.5 million dollars.

“Often times what happens is our radio frequency systems, we are unable to communicate outside of our jurisdiction,” said Vasquez. “So with the latest addition, we are joining now the county wide system that will allow our police officers to communicate with other agencies as they continue to do their police services.”

Downey's Fire Department is also currently undergoing a physical needs assessment due to Measure S.

“Close to 81% of our 9-1-1 phone calls today are now coming for emergency medical services; they're no longer your traditional fires,” said Vasquez.

“As a result of the building code and safety over the years vastly making improvements, what that's also changed [is] the needs for our urban fire services.”

Vasquez also took time to speak on the new “Smart 9-1-1” system that was announced late last year, describing it as “the first of its kind in LA County.”

“Close to 85% of our phone calls that people call 9-1-1 [from] now are cell phones,” said Vasquez. “Where you register your cellphone is not necessarily where you live. As a result of that, this system will allow us to get information for our 9-1-1 dispatch system is where you're at, what medications are you taking, who is your healthcare provider, where do you store your medications, are you allergic to anything, who is your healthcare prime, and which is your hospital within network...this will allow all residents to opt in and voluntarily sign up for free.”

Downey will also be partnering with Wesley Health Care Centers on the issue of homelessness.

“We're seeing a challenge all throughout California...and Downey is not immune to that,” said Vasquez. “With that also comes opportunities.”

“...90% of all homeless people have some type of mental health condition in LA County...We are addressing it. Wesley Health Centers has about 17 clinics...they will be instrumental in this, because they have a lot of experience in dealing with the homeless population and substance abuse.”

Currently, the issue is being spearheaded by Councilmember Rick Rodriguez.

Vasquez closed with the announcements of developments recently opened and yet to come, including Mi Cielo and the Algeria Restaurant coming to the former Avenue Theatre, the recently approved 3 ½ star hotel to be located on Firestone, a new La Barca restaurant, and the expansion of Downey Nissan.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 86°

Saturday 89°

Sunday 86°

THINGS TO DO



Tree Planting

Saturday - D.D. Johnston Elementary, 8 am

In celebration of Arbor Day, Norwalk residents are welcomed to help plant trees. Tools will be provided.



Chargers DraftFest

Saturday - StubHub Center, 9 am

Join the L.A. Chargers as they celebrate day 3 of the NFL Draft. Autographs, food, games and more.



Beer Festival

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 6 pm

Beer and live music with tributes to the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, The Doors and Led Zeppelin.



Fords Forever

Sunday - Knott's Berry Farm, 10 am

The biggest all-Ford car show on the West Coast. Free for spectators.



Lemon Festival

All Weekend - Downtown Upland

A celebration of all things lemon, featuring food, live entertainment, carnival games and more.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Charity worker gunned down while walking door-to-door in Norwalk

Janet Escobedo: This is so sad.... I just spoke to this man last Friday - he collected at my house and he was very nice and professional.

Darlene Darla: Sad to say this generation of punks are destroying families' lives and killing innocent people!

David Gabriel: This is why carrying should be more accessible. Situations like this will be much fewer and far between.

Anne Marie Garza: This is so sad.

Join the conversation at: [Facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot)

Upcoming Events

MISS BELLFLOWER: The community of Bellflower will crown a new Miss Teen Bellflower Queen and a new Miss Bellflower Queen at its annual pageant on Saturday, April 29.

Bellflower contestants for the Teen Division are Alisha Preciado, Fatima Castro, Neriaah Cervantes, Megan Huckins & Anisa Garcia. The Bellflower contestants for the Miss division are Hannah Mercado, Natalie Manriquez, Josephine Armendariz and Desiree Reyes.

The pageant will take place inside the William & Jane Bristol Auditorium at 16600 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 6 p.m. Tickets at the door cost \$25.

BLUES MUSICAL REVUE: The Cerritos College Theatre Department will present the musical revue “It Ain’t Nothin’ But The Blues” this weekend, which tells the history and evolution of the Blues music, how it began from African beats and rhythms and what is now known as “traditionals.”

The musical, which is being hosted inside the Burnight Center Theatre, will feature some of the most famous and celebrated songs in the history of the blues movement.

Performances start Friday, April 28 at 8 p.m. and run until Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cerritos.edu/theatre or in the box office one hour prior to each performance.

For more information on “It Ain’t Nothin’ But The Blues,” call (562) 467-5058.

Paging Dr. Frischer...
By Dr. Alan Frischer

You are taking the trip of your dreams to exotic _____ (fill in the blank!). But, hold on: what diseases might you encounter? What vaccinations will you need? What medicines should you pack? If you ask your primary care doctor, and he or she is anything like me, the answers you get will be incomplete.

Diseases, epidemics, and required vaccines are always in a state of flux, changing from month to month, week to week, and sometimes even day to day. Where should you go for accurate and up-to-the-minute information?

There are a number of excellent websites that will answer many of your questions, but three in particular are current and reliable:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website issues Travel Health Notices. These notices inform travelers and health care professionals about current health issues around the world, as well as any special events or natural disasters that might pose health risks.

Watch Level 1 recommends usual travel precautions. At this time, Level 1 warnings include various measles and Chikungunya virus warnings.

Alert Level 2 advises exercising enhanced precautions. Most level 2 warnings currently involve Zika virus outbreaks, as well as some malaria and yellow fever.

Warning Level 3 instructs that all nonessential travel to those areas should be avoided. As I write this, there are no current Level 3 warnings.

Also helpful on the CDC website is a packing list of health-related items, including, as required, pharmaceutical prescriptions, glasses with a spare pair, contact lenses with spares and related supplies, diabetes testing supplies, needles and syringes, inhalers, Epi pen, and a medical alert bracelet.

Typical over-the-counter medicines to pack might be antacids, diarrhea medicine, antihistamines, motion sickness medicine, cough drops and liquids, decongestants, pain medicine, laxatives, and sleep aids. Also suggested are hand sanitizer, water purification tablets, insect repellent, sunscreen, sunglasses and hat, and earplugs.

A basic first aid kit is described, along with a list of paperwork to pack, like health insurance information, a detailed medication list with doses and frequency, and emergency contacts.

Check to see whether there are any required or recommended travel vaccinations for your destination. While your primary care doctor may have access to some vaccines, you will typically need to visit a travel doctor (a doctor who is a specialist in preventive medical care while traveling) or a travel clinic if you need to be vaccinated for yellow fever, typhoid, rabies, cholera, hepatitis E, tick borne encephalitis, etc.

Visit the website of the World Health Organization (WHO) for information regarding disease outbreaks or areas with danger of violence.

Lastly, I recommend the *U.S. Department of State’s* Travel Alerts for important information on short-term events, listed by country. A Travel Alert might include an election season that is likely to have strikes, demonstrations, or disturbances; a health alert like an outbreak of H1N1 flu, or evidence of an elevated risk of terrorist attacks.

Travel has become easier and more affordable, and as a result, our world has become smaller. However, it is also much more complex. I urge you to become as educated as possible about your destination, so that you can have the safest and most enjoyable trip possible.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center.

Downey’s Measure S oversight committee includes 3 former city council members

DOWNEY – When Downey voters approved a half-cent sales tax increase last November, it included a stipulation that an independent oversight committee would ensure the money was spent as intended: on public safety and quality of life enhancements.

On Tuesday night, the City Council formally approved the committee members; of the five members, three are former council members and mayors.

- Members include:
- former mayor David Gafin, an accountant by trade, appointed by Councilmember Blanca Pacheco;
 - former mayor Mario Guerra, an insurance broker, appointed by Councilman Alex Saab;
 - former mayor Roger Brossmer, an assistant superintendent at Downey Unified, appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton;

Rio Hondo College’s food festival returns Friday night

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College Foundation’s popular “A Taste of Rio” evening of wine, beer and food tasting – set for 6 p.m. Friday, April 28 – is expected to draw more than 350 guests to sample cuisine from local restaurants as well as select libations, entertainment and scores of prize drawings.

The Rio Hondo College Foundation is an independent nonprofit that raises funds to promote student success at Rio Hondo College, which is gaining a reputation for its innovative and proactive approach to providing students with support as they pursue college and career goals.

“ ‘A Taste of Rio’ has become a signature event for Rio Hondo College and the Foundation – it celebrates our community and provides an amazing backdrop for our supporters to gather and have a lot of fun,” Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. “And it all happens while giving to a great cause – our students!”

The event began in 2012, but was replaced by the College’s 50th anniversary gala in 2013 before resuming in 2014. Since then, each succeeding year has brought a significant leap in participation and in funds raised for students.

“It’s incredibly rewarding to be

able to contribute so significantly to Rio Hondo College’s community-driven mission,” Foundation Executive Director Howard Kummerman said. “Our growing participation from across the community as well as from faculty and staff speaks volumes about the support Rio Hondo College receives.”

Each year, the event grows. In 2016, organizers expanded the number of restaurants, added new tastings of wine, craft beer and spirits and included 60 compelling drawing prizes.

Registration and information can be found at www.riohondo.edu/a-taste-of-rio/ or (562) 908-3476.

Live music by Trio Nacimiento will add to the atmosphere.

Guests will vie for more than 120 opportunity drawing prizes – doubling those offered in 2016.

“You can actually sense the excitement across the campus as the event nears,” Board of Trustees President Norma Edith Garcia said.

“It’s become more than a scholarship event – it’s become a way for supporters of the College to gather and reconnect each year, and to celebrate our shared vision for what we can accomplish together.”



Cerritos College Board in search of new appointment to fill John Paul Drayer’s vacant trustee seat

NORWALK – Cerritos Community College District’s Board of Trustees announced on April 20 that it will accept letters of interest with statements of qualifications for appointment to fill a board vacancy created by the resignation of board member John Paul Drayer on April 11.

Those interested in an appointment to the vacant trustee position for the remainder of Drayer’s term may submit a letter of interest with statement of qualifications directly to Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fierro at 11110 Alondra Blvd. no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 18.

While not required, candidates may also submit a letter of recommendation as a part of their application package. Drayer’s term ends in November 2018.

The college said letters of interest will be reviewed for the following characteristics: commitment to enhancement and further development of Cerritos College; familiarity with community; familiarity with college; commitment to higher education; enhancement of current board’s skills base; and added value that the candidate brings.

On Tuesday, May 30, the college said it will notify candidates of open interviews. Open interviews will take place at the Board of Trustees’ regular meeting on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Interested applicants must reside in the Cerritos Community College Trustee Area 3, which includes portions of the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, and South Gate.

For questions or for more information regarding the vacant board seat, contact the Cerritos College President’s Office by phone at (562) 860-2451, ex 2204.

- Jeanette Baumann, executive vice president of the Downey Association of Realtors, appointed by Mayor Fernando Vasquez; and
- Dorothy Pemberton, a realtor and civic leader, appointed by Councilman Rick Rodriguez.

The City Council has already begun allocating proceeds from the sales tax measure, also known as Measure S, voting two weeks ago to bolster the Downey Police Department by hiring 10 additional police officers.

“[Last week’s] actions demonstrate our commitment to carry out the voters priorities under Measure S,” Mayor Vasquez said in a statement. “By adjusting this year’s budget to include the hiring of ten new officers, we continue to stay true to our commitment in always keeping public safety the city’s number one priority.”

Eric Pierce, editor



Tenth- and 11th-grade John Glenn High School teacher Jennifer Naumann and other Norwalk-La Mirada Unified teachers attend a Pathways to Success after-school lecture to learn strategies for teaching students how to analyze and understand themes in literary works. Photo | NLMUSD

NLMUSD student work published in literary journal as part of writing program

NORWALK – Norwalk High School freshman Dominique Guerrero saw the possibility of becoming a writer after her short story, “This is For You, Mom,” was published in a University of California, Irvine literary journal, which featured 18 writings from students across Norwalk-La Mirada Unified.

“When I heard I got published, it just blew my mind,” Guerrero said.

“I think it’s very inspiring and great motivation to know that I can do this and that people are actually interested in my work. I could use writing to express myself and show my personality and maybe to inspire other people.”

The literary journal, Pathway to Academic Success, is a collection of exemplary essays, poems and narratives written by NLMUSD students from 2014 to 2016.

The District partnered with the Pathways to Success program to adapt a professional development program created by Carol Booth Olson, director of the UCI Writing Project, to improve the reading and writing skills of English learners.

The program provides strategies for teachers to help students interpret, analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions.

Students take test evaluations to gauge improvements throughout the school year and have their essays assessed by UCI students for an extra level of feedback.

Tenth- and 11th-grade

teacher Jennifer Naumann, who went through the writing program’s training, saw significant improvements in her students’ writing and reading levels.

“I’ve never seen a class of students make this much progress in one year and I know it’s because of the tutorials and the strategic way that the lessons are laid out for the students,” Naumann said.

“It’s easier for our students to grasp the concepts.”

The Pathways to Success program provides six professional development workshops and five after-school workshops for seventh-through 12th-grade District teachers. It runs through 2017-18.

The program is funded by a four-year U.S. Department of Education grant, and provides the district with \$750 annually for books in each participating teacher’s classroom and a \$1,000 yearly stipend for teachers who administer evaluations and attend professional development workshops.

“We are very proud of the students who were selected to be included in this literary magazine and of their academic advancements,” Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said.

“The Pathways to Success program has been a major success. We look forward to seeing even more benefits that will ensure that our students have the skills they need to excel in college and beyond.”

Church undergoes remodeling

NORWALK – Apostolic Lighthouse in Norwalk is temporarily holding church services in the fellowship hall while the church is being remodeled.

Sunday services are at 11 a.m., with a Spanish service at 3 p.m.

For a complete list of service and bible study times, visit alighthouse4ur.org or call (562) 863-6727.



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HAMILTON: We need to safeguard the ‘public’ in public office

By Lee H. Hamilton

For the last few years, I’ve been keeping a file of clippings about the erosion of transparency and candor in government. I’m sorry to report that it’s getting rather full.

This is not a good thing. Public officials should feel strongly obliged to do their business in an open and upfront manner. When you hold public office, the presumption ought always to be in favor of the people’s right to know what’s going on. If you don’t want to be open to scrutiny, then the burden surely has to be on you to say specifically why that’s necessary.

This doesn’t seem to be a commonly held view in Washington these days, though the precedent for non-disclosure is bipartisan. News conferences have been rare for Mr. Obama and Mr. Trump. During the George W. Bush administration the NSA was wiretapping Americans’ overseas communications based on legal justifications that were withheld from the public. Under the Obama administration, the Justice Department pushed to compromise a fundamental principle under which federal agencies made public their rationale for how they interpreted and administered the law.

The current administration has made policy-making more secretive than ever. President Trump refuses to release his tax returns, making it impossible for Americans to know whether his actions also happen to affect his financial bottom line. There have been constant attempts to draw a curtain over possible ties between Trump aides and Russia. The secretary of state talks about shifting policy toward North Korea — but gives no indication of what that policy is. The President has promised to rip up the Iran nuclear agreement, but has

not done it and doesn’t tell us what his policy toward Iran is.

Vice President Pence has said all options are on the table with regard to Syria and that its conduct “cannot be tolerated,” but the administration is mum on what that actually means for strategy. Indeed, when asked his Syria intentions by reporters, President Trump responded, “I’m not going to tell you.”

This attitude is especially worrisome when it comes to foreign policy — where robust public debate over policy serves our national interests. Yet Secretary of State Rex Tillerson traveled to Beijing, Seoul and Tokyo for key meetings without a press accompaniment,

“We need more open communication, straight talk, and more complete disclosure of information.”

went for weeks without holding a press conference, and has yet to deliver a speech outlining U.S. policy in any detail. He says, “I’m not a big media press access person.” Yet, he is officially our face both at home and abroad on relations with allies and rivals, and we don’t actually know what policies he’s pursuing.

There are legitimate secrets and reasons for non-disclosure, of course, and I’m confident that most Americans understand that they’re sometimes necessary. When public officials state occasionally that they cannot speak to a given question and lay out the reasons why, people tend to accept it.

LIMBAUGH: Looks like Trump is caving on building that wall

The following is an excerpt from Rush Limbaugh’s syndicated radio show.

I’m not happy to have to pass this on. I’m very, very troubled to have to pass this on. And I want to say at the outset that I hope my interpretation is wrong, and I hope this is not the case. But it looks like, from here, right here, right now, it looks like President Trump is caving on his demand for a measly \$1 billion in the budget for his wall on the border with Mexico.

The Democrats are threatening a government shutdown. It’s the same old same old, and I was hoping that Trump would throw this shutdown thing right back in their face and have everybody realize they’re the ones engineering these shutdowns that nobody would notice anyway unless a big hullabaloo was made about it. The Democrats seem to have successfully used this stupid, silly threat of a government shutdown to get their way. What Trump is saying is if we need to get this done, then I’ll delay the spending on the wall until September. And it’s just a measly billion dollars.

But the problem here, folks, is one of politics. If this happens, if Trump does — and I use the word “cave” guardedly. Trump, I’m sure, does not ever think he caves on anything. But outward appearances are what they are. And the bottom line is that if he is willing to withdraw a demand of his for a measly billion dollars for the wall because the Democrats are threatening a shutdown then the Democrats will have just learned that this threat works on Trump, too, not just all the other Republicans.

We know that the threat of a government shutdown, once it’s even whispered in the Drive-By Media, paralyzes the Republican Party. And then they spring into action trying to assure everybody that we’re not gonna shut down the government. And whatever the Democrats need, the Democrats, the losers in the last election, whatever they need, whatever they need is what we’re gonna do if we have to avoid a government shut down, because the media’s gonna blame us even though we’re not responsible for it and the country is gonna hate this and we can’t afford this. And so we can’t have a government shutdown.

And not having a shutdown has been the single focus of Republican policy for I don’t know how many years now. And it has translated into the Democrats being able to deny Republicans most of what they want and Democrats to get what they want. You know, once they get away with it, they’re gonna keep trying. And if they get away with it once, they’re just going to keep using it.

The key here is the filibuster again, the 60-vote thing, as it was Supreme Court nominations. If they want to nuke the filibuster in this

sense, and certain elements of the budget, you can use reconciliation because the budget, by law, has to be done on a date certain, and so it is exempt from the 60-vote rule in some instances, but not all. But I’d like to see somebody take this on and reverse this and so that if the government gets shut down, that the Democrats get blamed for it.

I know, I know, you’re saying, “But Rush, the media will never



blame the Democrats.” That’s okay. We’re here. We can blame the Democrats. The country’s ready to blame the Democrats, for crying out loud, look at the election results. The country blamed Obama. The country blamed Democrats. That’s why Trump was elected. But look, we have until Friday for this to play out. This is only Tuesday. So we’ll bide our time and be patient on this.

But I’ll tell you what, along these lines, have you seen the latest Pew Research Center People in the Press? “More Americans Now Prefer a Bigger Government With More Services to a Smaller One With Fewer Services.” And it has been

trending this way for quite a while. In fact, many in the conservative movement have said, “Look, we’ve lost the battle over small versus big government. And so what we need to do is announce that we understand that people want a large government taking care of goods and services. What we need to do is position ourselves as the smartest people to run it. We understand that the people want an active, engaged executive.” That’s the phrase from the intellectual conservative side of Washington, D.C.

“Fifty-seven percent say that government should do more to solve problems and meet the needs of Americans, a 20-year high.” So if you put this poll together, these results with this government shutdown story, you could draw the conclusion, “Well, the American people want a big government, they want an active government, and they don’t want it shut down. Because when the government gets shut down, then they don’t get to solve problems or meet the needs of Americans.” (interruption) Well, no, it doesn’t totally depress me, because I’m, again, with a poll, it’s the Drive-By Media, it still is the Drive-By Media and the questions and the respondents and the people that were found. But you can’t cherry-pick polls that you believe and don’t believe based on the outcome. It’s tempting to do that, but so many of the polls we get seem to be conflicting.

Now, let’s take this answer. Fifty-seven percent say government should do more to solve problems and meet the needs of Americans. Now, the way the Democrats would

interpret that is the government needs to be bigger, to provide welfare and income and services and yada yada yada. Some people who answered this question might actually have meant that the government better get busy and close the border. The government better get busy and handle immigration. The government better get busy and fix Obamacare.

Let’s face it: More and more people do think that the government is where solutions to problems exist. It just depends on your ideology as to what problems you want solved. The real argument here is what is the best mechanism for a large nation to create economic growth which then translates into rising standards of living? And a big government is not how you do that. A large government is not the mechanism to create personal wealth and increase standards of living. It just isn’t. The free market is the mechanism for that.

Nowhere in the world where you

All too often, though, classification and obfuscation are used to avoid debate and scrutiny for political reasons — or to protect bureaucrats or public officials whose actions simply could not hold up under the light of rigorous scrutiny. That’s why leaks, as much as presidents and cabinet members decry them, can be so important: that’s how we learned about the Watergate scandal; about the sale of weapons to Iran in Iran-Contra; about the torture we conducted at Abu Ghraib; about the NSA’s spying. And it’s why financial disclosure at every level, from the presidency to city hall, matters.

For in the end, people need to know what policymakers are doing and why. And policy makers need to respect the interest and the intelligence of the voters, and heed their obligation to the voter for candor and disclosure. Our representative democracy depends on voters developing discriminating judgments about policies and politicians, and they can’t do it if vital information is withheld from them. In a democracy like ours, it’s the height of disrespect for public officials to keep their actions and thinking cloaked.

There’s no reason for the public to brook such disrespect. We need to demand open communication, straight talk, and more complete disclosure of information. We need to expect that our public officials will do their business in public — and that if they can’t, they’ll explain clearly to us why not. This is our democracy. Let’s treat it that way.

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have a central command authority government is there a rising middle class with standards of living on the uptick, the rising tide lifting all boats. There is not a place in the world where government central activity brings that about. In fact, large government retards all of that. The free market is simply the finest way. I mean, it’s inarguable. But then you have within that argument, you have realities that people can use to shoot the argument full of holes.

Okay, if the free market’s the best way then how come the gap between the haves and have-nots is getting bigger? And if the free market is the way, how come all of these jobs haven’t been present for 15 years and how can standards of living haven’t risen? Well, because we don’t have a free market when you get down to it. And we haven’t had a pure free market. But we’ve had encroaching and creeping government. The tentacles of government are woven deep into our society, from regulations that

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The free market theory, free market economic reality has not been disapproved by virtue of American circumstances today. What has been proven is that a growing government with ever-increasing power — I mean, why are people ticked off? Why were people ticked off before the election? You can take any number of examples. But they all boil back down to economics, stagnant incomes, open borders. You name it. The culture was being rotted from within.

I mean, there’s nothing here to recommend Big Government. And yet people in the PEW survey, 57%, that’s a high, it’s a 20-year high. And I think one of the reasons for it is that people think there is no other way to solve it. That there needs to be command-and-control authority such as presidents using executive power to fix things that are wrong. So we’ll see how this continues to play out.

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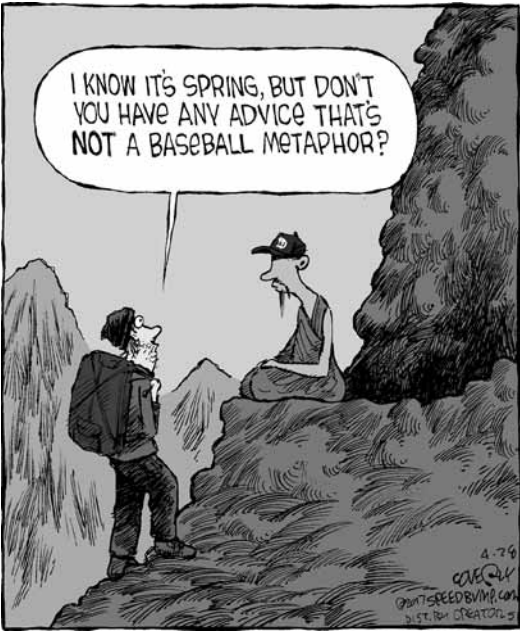
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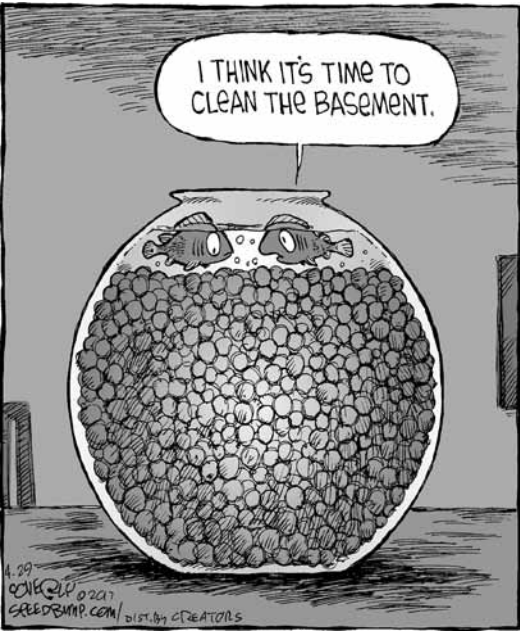
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1967: Muhammad Ali refused induction into the U.S. Army and was stripped of boxing title. He cited religious grounds for his refusal.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 a.m. - Tree Planting - D.D. Johnston Elementary



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

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2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library

1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers

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10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge

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2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

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2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk

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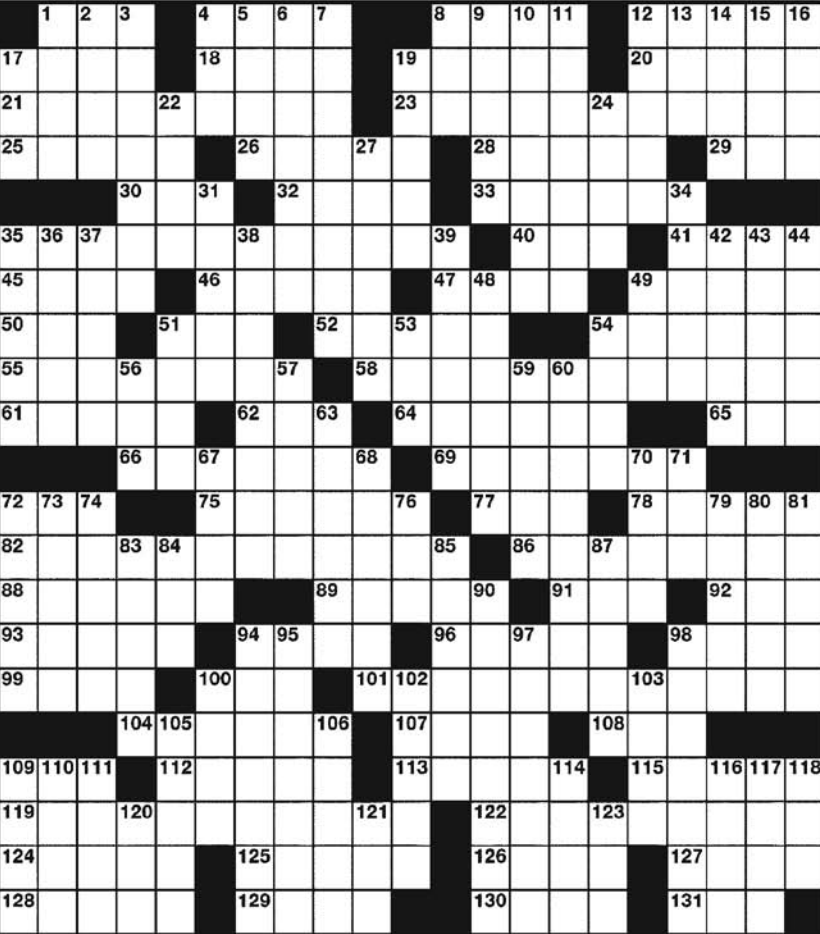
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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: VS030296 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Miguel V. Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Maya Nena Terrazas to Proposed name (1) Maya Nena Lopez Present name (2) Davanee Monae Terrazas to Proposed name (2) Davanee Monae Lopez

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: June 21, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, California 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT April 14, 2017

Judge Of The Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Miguel V. Lopez, In Pro Per 14609 Domart Ave. Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 868-7309 mlo208@yahoo.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GARY F. CHERNEY CASE NO. 17STPB02907

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GARY F. CHERNEY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LISA A. DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LISA A. DAVIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/04/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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 PAUL HORN, ESQ. - SBN 243227 THE PAUL HORN LAW GROUP, PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/17 CNS-2997063# THE NORWALK PATRIOT

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAUL T. TORENA

Case No. 17STPB03017

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAUL TORENA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Tracy M. Vander Meer in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Tracy M. Vander Meer be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Petitioner: Tracy M. Vander Meer TRACY M VANDER MEER 2912 DAHLGREEN RD RALEIGH NC 27615

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-15-667042-BF Order No.: 150243122-CA-VOI NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVIDED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR (Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 2923.3) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/22/2004, 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 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 to 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): JOSEFINO L SALES AND ADELINA M SALES, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded: 11/1/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2810786 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 5/9/2017 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$345,162.78 The purported property address is: 12708 HALCOURT AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8050-003-035 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 http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-15-667042-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: 916-939-0772 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-15-667042-BF IDSPub #0124944 4/14/2017 4/21/2017 4/28/2017

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T.S. No.: 9551-2826 TSG Order No.: 8559797 A.P.N.: 8047-007-050 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/31/2007. 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 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 02/07/2007 as Document No.: 20070264752, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: DAVID KIM, A MARRIED 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: 05/23/2017 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: 12828 SYCAMORE VILLAGE DR, 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: \$339,523.19 (Estimated) as of 04/14/2017. 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

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Shared Stories: The Ties That Bind

Cynthia Vanasse recalls a special summer as a young child with a special aunt. 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.

“Aunt Helen” by Cynthia Vanasse

Do you have a favorite relative? Most of us do, I think. Mine was Aunt Helen, my father’s sister. I was lucky to have spent a summer with her and her family when I was about ten years old.

My parents, younger sister, and I lived in Missouri and were moving to Long Beach. My father had been hired as one of 10 professors to start a new state college there. While they got settled, I stayed in Palo Alto with Aunt Helen, Uncle Ivan, and family.

I missed my family, but being with Aunt Helen was a treat! My mother was a brilliant, good-looking, well-dressed, lovely woman. She would have been happy to have had the services of a professional cook and housekeeper.

Our home was always clean and organized, but meals were not glorious affairs. Dinners consisted mostly of hamburger patties, tuna on toast, or liver and onions.

Imagine my delighted tummy when it was filled with Aunt Helen’s spaghetti, meatloaf, pies, and so many other culinary treats! As to Aunt Helen’s housekeeping ability, that left room for improvement. Who cares about that at age 10?

Aunt Helen’s casual house was similar to her parenting skills. Her four children and I enjoyed more freedom than I had previously known. Almost every day we would walk unescorted to the neighborhood swimming hole and stay to our endless delight. I now realize that Palo Alto, near the Stanford, campus, was semi-rural, a safe environment compared to crowded city living.

This new-found freedom was doubly enjoyed because of Carl, Helen’s only boy. She and Ivan, her husband, gave him every opportunity to learn practical skills like carpentry. I had not been exposed to these abilities and was intrigued. My only sibling was a “useless” sister who was six years younger and always sick.

It was with conflicting feelings that I greeted my family when they arrived to take me to our new home in Long Beach. Seeing my mother brought me great joy. She has always been number one with my affection. My sister remained a “pain in the rear,” and Daddy seemed pleased with his new position.

Leaving Aunt Helen and family, however, was sad. She taught me that all mothers are not the same. Each has her own personality that determines, to a large degree, how she relates to her children.

St. John Bosco High School honoring alumnus at annual gala

BELLFLOWER – St. John Bosco High School will honor 1970 graduate Joseph Sanchez III at the 2017 Braves Gala, taking place on campus Saturday, May 20.

The sixth annual Braves Gala will benefit academic, athletic and service programs that support students and faculty, advance the school’s mission, and “keep the spirit of Don Bosco alive.”



Sanchez was the founder and owner of Classic Distributing & Beverage Group, Inc. in Montebello and a long-time Bosco supporter. He passed away in March.

“The Braves Gala is a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and showcase the impact our faculty, staff, students and families have within the Bosco community,” says Dennis Mulhaupt, President of St. John Bosco High School. “We are honored to present

the Distinguished Alumnus Award to legendary Brave, Joseph Sanchez III, who not only achieved excellence in his profession but as an alumnus shared in our mission of making an impact in the lives of each of our students.”

Bosco families, faculty, staff, coaches and supporters are expected to gather for the highly anticipated annual event. The gala begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and a silent auction featuring more than \$100,000 of items to bid on. Guests will also enjoy dining, entertainment and a live auction.

The night culminates with the presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the highest honor bestowed on a graduate of St. John Bosco High School, to Sanchez.

“On behalf of the Sanchez family we are grateful that Bosco has chosen to honor Joe and his contributions and positive impact he had as an alumnus,” said Victor Fiss, President of Classic Distributing & Beverage Group, Inc.

The event is open to the public. Tickets to the Braves Gala are \$175. To learn more about the Braves Gala, visit Bosco.org/BravesGala.

CERRITOS COLLEGE TALON MARKS

Funding for student outreach campaign approved by campus Senate

By Jocelyn Torralba

NORWALK – Senators David Ramirez and Joseph Escandon were able to successfully pass the Student Outreach Program legislation at the Wednesday, April 19 ASCC Senate meeting.

The goal of the program is to better promote club activities, athletic events, scholarship and application deadlines and availability of student resources through media to students on campus.

Senator Ramirez said, “What we’re attempting to do is to get students more informed, more knowledgeable, have them come out more and participate more.”

He added this is an opportunity for students to find out about scholarships, deadlines, club awareness and an opportunity for clubs to get more student engagement.

Senator Escandon said the program will provide televisions around campus.

Projected on the screens will be live video streaming campus games, events, and meetings on YouTube.

The program will be using social media as one of its biggest platforms to spread the word around to students.

“There’s been years of issues were students felt there was not enough transparency within the ASCC government, this will



Student senators Joseph Escandon and David Ramirez explaining to ASCC Senate the Student Outreach Program on Wednesday, April 19. They were inspired by Megan Kim’s Kiosk Legislation. Photo | Jocelyn Torralba

be an opportunity for us to live stream for them [students] to see what’s going on at our meetings,” Escandon said.

He added they will also live stream of ASCC Court and ASCC Cabinet meetings.

Camera rentals will be offered for club members to take pictures and share them to be displayed on the plasmas around campus.

Clubs will have to check out the camera in the ASCC office.

The televisions will be installed during the summer semester, and be ready by the 2017 Fall semester.

Senator Escandon said he and Senator Ramirez teamed up because they noticed the lack

of student participation in the Student Trustee Forum and in many other events.

They wanted to come up with something that will get the students more involved in school activities.

They were inspired by Megan Kim’s Kiosk legislation because students use media more often, so they came up with the usage televisions and social media.

Ana Sosa, Kinesiology major and Vice President of iFalcon said, “I think it’s beneficial for the school and clubs, it gets more students involved with school events.”

She added that, the Student Outreach Program will definitely benefit her club with more student participation.

She likes the idea that the program will offer cameras for club members to rent and share their club event memories with everyone on campus.

Nancy Jimenez, Sociology major said the program is a great idea because, she doesn’t see many students at school events and the program will help advertise the events more.

She also said the program would also allow her to get informed about scholarships, important deadlines, and events she doesn’t know about.

“I like this idea because I could see the televisions on my way to class or when I’m waiting for class [and] I could get informed about what’s happening in school,” Jimenez said.

Senator Linda Sanchez, said more work on the program needs to be done; to get students informed, such as doing face to face outreach for the program so students know about the program and take advantage of it.

“How are students going to know unless you tell them one on one, the Senate passed this program we’re doing it for you guys if you have any questions come to the Senate,” Sanchez said.

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New location for Downey flower shop after 50+ years

DOWNEY – After more than 50 years, a Downey flower shop has moved from its long established location.

A Unique Florist had served its community from its location on Lakewood Boulevard since around 1965, when it took over a space formerly occupied by Minnie Pearl Fried Chicken restaurant.

Current owner Teri Head began at the shop when she worked there as a teenager in 1972, when the shop was known as Artistic Florals.

She briefly left for employment in banking but returned in 1988 to work during the holidays after becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Head was give the shop in 2000 when the original owner passed away, under the sole condition of renaming the shop.

The property’s former location on Lakewood Boulevard saw a change of ownership a few years ago, when the original property owner passed away and his children inherited it.

“The one owner came in about two years ago and introduced himself and [said] how he loved having a flower shop; that it’s



Teri Head owns and operates A Unique Florist, which recently moved to its new location at 8130 2nd St. Photo | Eric Pierce

always good to have a quaint little home business,” said Head.

However, he also seemed to notice something that may have caused a shift in direction.

“Then he saw the old restaurant vent over my work station,” said Head.

“I don’t think he even realized it had been anything other than a flower shop...it’s been almost 52 years.”

Now, Head says that her new property owners have voiced desire to put in a food establishment and needed her and her shop to move out.

She has since relocated the shop to a new location at 8130 2nd St. in downtown Downey.

Head says that she believes that her previous location will be occupied by a coffee shop, however, the Downey Patriot was unable to confirm this information. – Alex Dominguez, staff writer.

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