

McDonnell concedes sheriff’s race

► Jim McDonnell’s concession Monday concludes a stunning upset, marking the first time in more than 100 years that an incumbent L.A. County sheriff lost a re-election.

LOS ANGELES – Sheriff Jim McDonnell conceded in his re-election bid after new numbers were issued Monday that indicated an insurmountable gap between him and challenger Lt. Alex Villanueva.

McDonnell called Villanueva Monday to concede the race.

With 100,000 provisional ballots left to count, Villanueva has a lead of about 126,000 votes in the count issued Monday, putting him with 52.6 percent of the vote.

The stunning result marks the first time in more than a century that an incumbent Los Angeles County sheriff has lost a re-election bid.

Villanueva had already declared victory, but this is the first official acknowledgement from the incumbent.

“Today, I contacted Alex Villanueva to offer my best wishes for his administration as the 33rd elected Sheriff of Los Angeles County,” McDonnell said. “We are in the process of arranging an orderly transition and a series of briefings to assist the new administration and it is my hope that the Sheriff-elect will come to his new position with an open-mind.”

Villanueva then made his first public appearance for West Hollywood Democrats following the concession call from McDonnell.

“He’s a good person, but surrounded himself with some bad advice and that made him less effective than he could have been. Had he been effective, I wouldn’t be here today,” Villanueva said.

While he may have been outraised by McDonnell eight to one, he is the first Democrat elected in 138 years. It’s a stunning upset even for an election that propelled so many California Democrats into office.

“It’s a pretty good feeling and not so much for myself individually, but for a lot of people who have left the department in frustration,” he said.

Villanueva, who is Puerto Rican, served with the sheriff’s department for 30 years before retiring as a lieutenant. He sees his lack of executive leadership experience as an advantage.

“My experience is not with the entrenched bureaucracy or the status quo. I can actually see things through the lens of someone who has experienced the shortcomings of the organization, know where the problems are, know how to address them and I don’t have a dog in the fight in trying to preserve a failing status quo,” he said.

During the campaign, Villanueva attacked McDonnell for allowing ICE agents into county jails – something that resonated with voters.

Villanueva also discussed some of the changes he’s already working on.

“We’re going to have a new command staff. We’re going to have a whole new look of the department, physically. Come January, you’re going to see a whole new look for the sheriff’s department in terms of uniforms the deputies will use on patrol,” he said. “Our recruitment effort, you’re going to see how we’re going to change our course of action. We’re going to start recruiting locally instead of nationally.”

Villanueva will be sworn in on Monday.

Senator-elect makes Norwalk’s homeless top priority

► Bob Archuleta, who will become state senator Monday, says he wants to “take care of Norwalk” and make it an example for surrounding cities.

Archuleta indicated he would revisit utilizing the vacant California Youth Authority property to aid the homeless, though it remains unclear how.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK – State Senator-Elect Bob Archuleta got an official introduction to local leaders Monday during a meet and greet address held at the Columbia Memorial Space Center, voicing his intent to create cooperation between the cities of the 32nd Senate District.

Archuleta, a Democrat, won the 32nd State Senate seat during this past Nov. 6 election, defeating Republican nominee Rita Topalian. He will be officially sworn in this upcoming Monday, Dec. 3.

Senate District 32 includes 20 cities, including Downey and Norwalk.

At the morning event, Archuleta stood front and center in front of many of the City Council members, City managers, city staff, and some residents that we will soon be working with and presiding over for the next four years.

The soon-to-be senator first addressed that while every city may require different needs and carry different concerns, he planned on working with all of them equally.

“Everyone who is in the district, everyone who we serve and represent has to be treated fairly and equitably,” said Archuleta. “Every city has its own agenda no doubt, but every city has issues that may not affect the other city.”

“We talk about the 32nd Senate District; a million people. The issues are there. Here we are starting the year 2019 and God knows what’s ahead of us, but I know if we work together the 32nd District is going to come together like no other.

Archuleta described the region as the “Fighting 32nd.”

“We’re going to be fighting to serve and represent you,” said Archuleta. “If there’s a dollar on the table, we’re going to divide it up. There’ll be times where one time might get a big chunk of it, there might be times where the other city might get a big chunk and the other city will have to

Elderly woman killed in hit and run

► 79-year-old Marilyn Joy Haight was struck and killed after picking up groceries the day before Thanksgiving.

NORWALK – Authorities are looking for a driver who struck and killed a 79-year-old woman after she had just left a grocery store in Norwalk last week.

The crash occurred Wednesday, Nov. 21, at around 5 p.m. on Pioneer Boulevard near Lindale Street, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

The victim, later identified as Marilyn Joy Haight, had just picked up groceries for Thanksgiving and was walking



Reducing Norwalk’s homeless population will be a priority, said State Senator-Elect Bob Archuleta. The future senator made the comments at a regional meeting Tuesday in Downey.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

wait. It just depends on the issues and what’s taking place.”

Topics covered ranged from crime, to homelessness and housing, to infrastructure, to senior services and veteran aid. Many of these issues, Archuleta alluded, he planned to tackle using teamwork between the cities of the district.

Archuleta said that the cities would “joint venture.”

“We’re going to be partners,” said Archuleta. “I’m going to pool from you and give to someone else.”

Archuleta also took time to point out different individual issues affecting many of the cities within the 32nd district, stating that he eventually plans to visit each and every city to identify their needs.

One of the first thing’s he’d like to do is “take care of Norwalk.” Specifically, Archuleta took aim at homelessness and a currently unutilized 30-acre parcel of land.

“You and I may have driven in and out of Norwalk, but do we really know Norwalk,” said Archuleta. “We’re talking about mental health, we’re talking about homelessness. Norwalk has a facility there that I think is underutilized: the hospital that’s there. There was juvenile hall that that was there that’s empty. We want to look at that. Can we build housing? What can we possibly do there?”

“I’ve already contacted Sacramento, and I’ve told them that one of the things that we’re going to do for my district is homelessness, and we’re going to look at Norwalk with that huge 30-acre parcel...I’m so pleased

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across Pioneer Boulevard, grocery bags in hand, when she was hit by a car headed north on Pioneer Boulevard.

The driver sped away after hitting Haight. She died at the scene.

Police said Haight was unable to be identified until her family arrived at her house for Thanksgiving the following day, Nov. 22, unaware that she had been killed in the crash, the sheriff’s department reports.

She was identified after they called authorities to report her missing.

There was no immediate description of the suspect or the suspect’s vehicle.



Anyone with information on the driver’s identity should call sheriff’s detectives at (562) 863-8711.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Happy Liquor
11829 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/26/18
Grade: **A**

RJM Vallejo Mini Market
13340 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/16/18
Grade: **A**

Randy’s Donuts
10989 Rosecrans Ave B-14
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

Rancho Grande
10935 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/15/18
Grade: **A**

Ana’s Bionicos
10977 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/22/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Los Guerro
12115 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/18
Grade: **B**

7 Eleven
10962 E Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/18
Grade: **A**

China Bowl Express
11031 Firestone Blvd Ste 102
Date Inspected: 11/7/18
Grade: **A**

RC Burger Cafe
10961 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/18
Grade: **B**

Ana’s Bionicos
11005 Firestone Blvd. Ste 112B
Date Inspected: 11/7/18
Grade: **A**

7 Eleven
11461 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/6/18
Grade: **B**

Zury’s Raspados
11405 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/6/18
Grade: **A**

Circle K
11405 Firestone Blvd. Ste A
Date Inspected: 11/6/18
Grade: **A**

Wok California
12551 1/2 E Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/5/18
Grade: **A**

Yum Yum Donuts
15900 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/1/18
Grade: **A**

Subway
15925 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/12/18
Grade: **A**

Weinerschnitzel
11660 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/30/18
Grade: **A**

Mariscos Las Islitas
14419 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/30/18
Grade: **A**

La Lupita Supermarket
15704 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/30/18
Grade: **A**

R&G Food Basket
14407 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/29/18
Grade: **A**

Costco
12324 Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/25/18
Grade: **A**

Sanchez Restaurant
12061 162nd St.
Date Inspected: 10/25/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 68°

Saturday 65°

Sunday 64°



SnowFest

Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 12-8 pm

Sled rides, train rides, live music, food booths, and Santa Claus’ arrival. Tree lighting is at 6 pm.



Downey Christmas Parade

Sunday - Downey Avenue, 1 pm

An annual tradition in Downey, featuring floats, marching bands, equestrian units, and more.



Cradle of the Cosmic Age

Sunday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 11 am

Join Atlas Obscura Society Los Angeles on a private, guided tour of Downey’s aviation museum, led by Ben Dickow. \$25; tickets on eventbrite.com



Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

Saturday - Belmont Shore, 6 pm

Floats, marching bands, local personalities, and dignitaries. Grand marshal is the Long Beach State men’s volleyball national champions.



East L.A. Christmas Parade

Sunday - Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles, 12 pm

This parade with floats, equestrian units, marching bands, and celebrities will march down historic Whittier Boulevard’s shopping district and on through the heart of downtown East L.A.



Waterfront Tour of Lights

Sunday - Legends Long Beach, 5:15 pm

Take a 30-minute waterfront tour of beautiful Long Beach aboard a classic cable car. \$30 adults, \$20 for kids. More details on Long Beach Trolley’s Facebook page.

Quotable

Three things that cannot be long hidden:

the sun, the moon, and the truth.

NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

“Almost, Maine”, 8 pm. Nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Quartermania Fundraiser, 10:30 am. Quartermania is a cross between an auction and a raffle, where people “bid” to win a prize. Bids are 1-4 quarters. Southeast Academy, 12940 Foster Rd.

Sapphire Dreams, 11:30 am. The annual philanthropic extravaganza by Soroptimist International of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

SnowFest, 12-8 pm. The city hall lawn is transformed into Snow Fest, Calif., with snow slides, a snow play area, train rides, game booths, craft tents, face painting, and live performances. The event is capped with the lighting of a 30-ft. Christmas tree. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Indoor Soccer, 12 pm. The American Outlaws of Long Beach face the American Outlaws of Los Angeles in an indoor soccer rematch. Urban Soccer 5 Center, 12000 Firestone Blvd.

International Food Festival, 6 pm. Taste food from different parts of the world. Plus jumpers, basketball and a photo booth. Adonai SDA Church, 13246 Mapledale St.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

Film Screening: Oxygen, 4 pm. The Gujarati Society of Southern California presents a free screening of the Gujarati film, “Oxygen.” No fee but donations accepted. Sanatan Dharma Temple, 15311 Pioneer Blvd.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Children’s Holiday Show, 4 pm. Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre presents the holiday show, ‘Tis the Season to be Jolly,’ an interactive show for all ages. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Holiday Mixer, 5:30-7:30 pm. Social networking, beverages, and a canned food drive to benefit the Norwalk Food Pantry. Bring a canned food to receive a free raffle ticket. Sproul Reception Center, 12239 Sproul St.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

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FRIDAY, DEC. 7

“Almost, Maine”, 8 pm. Nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

“Almost, Maine”, 8 pm. Nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine.

Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

“Almost, Maine”, 2 pm. Nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Holiday Concert, 6 pm. A free holiday concert by the Praise Symphony Orchestra. Norwalk Missionary Baptist Church, 11429 Beaty Ave.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

LED Greeting Cards for the Holidays, 2 pm. Learn a few simple rules for making circuits on paper and create a hand-made greeting card with working lights for the holidays. This program is suitable for adults and will be in English and Spanish. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Holidays at the Museum, 1-4 pm. Holiday entertainment and refreshments at Norwalk’s historic home and museum. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Creating Connections Luncheon, 12 pm. Enjoy a lunch and gift exchange (value no more than \$20) hosted by the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. Outback Steakhouse, 12850 Norwalk Blvd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

Pokemon Premiere Challenge, 12 pm. A Pokemon video game competition, with prizes for each age division. \$5 buy-in. Unrated Gaming, 15617 Studebaker Rd., Suite 3.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Las Posadas, 6 pm. An annual tradition, this event features a candlelit procession, caroling of holiday songs, performances by mariachis and folklorico dancers, pinatas for kids, and more. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

Blood Drive, 12-6 pm. Donate blood to the American Red Cross and help save a life. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Self Defense Workshop, 2 pm. A basic introduction to hand-to-hand self defense. Plus, learn about non-lethal weapons such as pepper spray, stun guns and pressure point tools. Z-Ultimate Self Defense Stud

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

CalJOBS Workshop, 2 pm. Are you searching for a career, looking to change your career, or just browsing what’s available? Attend the CalJOBS workshop to learn about the 10-Steps for Job Seekers and view a live demo of the CalJOBS website. This program is suitable for adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

Baseball author returns to Norwalk for book signing

NORWALK– Dr. Richard Santillan, a former Norwalk High School student who has published books on Mexican-Americans and their history in baseball, returned to his hometown last month for a book-signing and fundraiser.

Santillan contributed to “Mexican American Baseball in the San Gabriel Valley,” the 14th book in a series covering 20 states.

After attending Norwalk High, Santillan received his MA from San Fernando Valley State College, and his doctoral degree in 1978 in American Politics and U.S. Foreign Policy from the Claremont Graduate School.

He has taught Chicano Studies for the past 45 years in the California State University system, the last 37 years as Professor Emeritus at Cal State Pomona. He currently teaches part-time at East Los Angeles College in both the Chicano Studies and Political Science departments.

The book signing was held at TNT Mexican Restaurant in Norwalk. The book chronicles several local baseball teams from Norwalk, Whittier and Pico Rivera, including past teams from Norwalk Little League and Norwalk High.

The signing event was attended by former players and family members of the Dukes Softball Club, which was founded in 1981 by Norwalk residents Thomas Espinoza and John Lemos. The Dukes started in park leagues in Norwalk, and by the mid 80’s the team would go on to play in local, state, regional and national tournaments.

This club of primarily Norwalk residents became one of the fastest promoted teams in USSSA (United States Slo Pitch Softball Association) history, moving from the “D” division to the “AA” division within a span of four years.

During the 80’s and 90’s, The Dukes were a

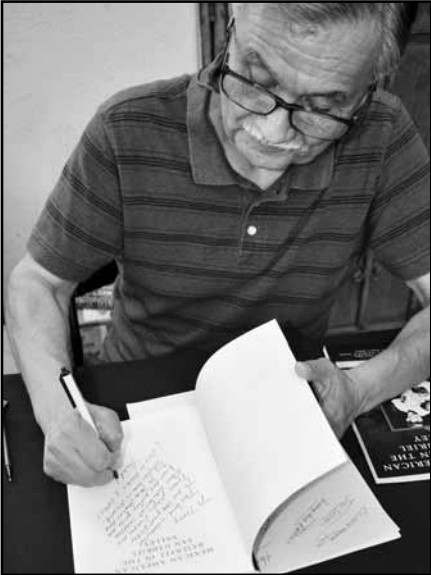
perennial power and would maintain state and national top 10 rankings by winning numerous tournaments in AMCOM, SCSA, and USSSA. During this time The Dukes would win state, divisional and regional championships in addition to Hispanic World Championships, proudly representing the city of Norwalk and the state of California.

The Latino Baseball History Project was established in 2006 in order to collect, preserve, and promote the long and rich history of Mexican American baseball and softball in both the United States and around the world.

The project is comprised of volunteers who engage in a variety of activities including exhibits, conferences, newsletters, first-pitch ceremonies, book-signing events, oral interviews, forums and symposiums, academic courses, memorabilia donations, and other activities.

Dr. Richard Santillan signs copies of his book, “Mexican American Baseball in the San Gabriel Valley.”

The book chronicles several local baseball teams, including from Norwalk.



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The Norwalk Patriot Newspaper advertisement featuring a collage of local news snippets and community events. The main headline is 'Norwalk man charged with murder'. Other snippets include 'Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months', 'SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE LAWN', and 'Norwalk restaurant grades'. There is also a 'Weekend at a Glance' section with weather forecasts for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Do you have a moral obligation to leave Facebook?

By S. Matthew Liao

I joined Facebook in 2008, and for the most part, I have benefited from being on it. Lately, however, I have wondered whether I should delete my Facebook account. As a philosopher with a special interest in ethics, I am using “should” in the moral sense. That is, in light of recent events implicating Facebook in objectionable behavior, is there a duty to leave it?



Mark Zuckerberg

In moral philosophy, it is common to draw a distinction between duties to oneself and duties to others. From a self-regarding perspective, there are numerous reasons one might have a duty to leave Facebook. For one thing, Facebook can be time-consuming and addictive, to no fruitful end. In addition, as researchers have demonstrated, Facebook use can worsen depression and anxiety. Someone who finds himself mindlessly and compulsively scrolling through Facebook, or who is constantly comparing himself unfavorably with his Facebook friends, might therefore have a duty of self-care to get off Facebook.

From the perspective of one’s duties to others, the possibility of a duty to leave Facebook arises once one recognizes that Facebook has played a significant role in undermining democratic values around the world. For example, Facebook has been used to spread white supremacist propaganda and anti-Semitic messages in and outside the United States. The United Nations has blamed Facebook for the dissemination of hate speech against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar that resulted in their ethnic cleansing.

Facebook also enabled the political data firm Cambridge Analytica to harvest the personal information of millions of voters in the United States so they could be targeted with personalized political advertisements. A significant amount of fake news can be found on Facebook, and for many users, Facebook has become a large echo chamber, where people merely seek out information that reinforces their views.

Some people might think that because they mostly share photos of their cats on Facebook, such concerns do not apply to them. But this is not so, for three reasons. First, even if one does not contribute directly to the dissemination of fake news or hang out in echo chambers, simply being on Facebook encourages one’s friends to stay on Facebook, and some of those friends might engage in such activities. This influence on others is known as a (positive) network effect, where increased numbers of people improve the value of a product.

Second, by being on Facebook one serves as a data point for Facebook’s social media experiment, even if one encounters none of Facebook’s experimental manipulations. In doing so, one could be helping Facebook to refine its algorithms so that it can better single out specific individuals for certain purposes, some of which could be as nefarious as those of Cambridge Analytica.

Consider an analogy. When testing the safety and efficacy of new drugs, subjects are randomly assigned either to an experimental group or a control group, and only subjects in the experimental group receive the new drug. Nevertheless, the subjects in the control group are essential to the experiment.

Third, using Facebook is not just an individual action but also a collective one that may be akin to failing to pay taxes. A few people failing to pay taxes might not make much of a difference to a government’s budget, but such an action may nevertheless be wrong because it is a failure to participate in a collective action that achieves a certain good end. In a similar vein, choosing to remain on Facebook might not directly undermine democratic values. But such an action could also be wrong because we might be failing to participate in a collective action (that is, leaving Facebook) that would prevent the deterioration of democracy.

So do we have an obligation to leave Facebook for others’ sake? The answer is a resounding yes for those who are intentionally spreading hate speech and fake news on Facebook. For those of us who do not engage in such objectionable behavior, it is helpful to consider whether Facebook has crossed certain moral “red lines,” entering the realm of outright wickedness.

For me at least, Facebook would have crossed a moral red line if it had, for example, intentionally sold the data of its users to Cambridge Analytica with the full knowledge that company would use the data subversively to influence a democratic election. Likewise, Facebook would have crossed a red line if it had intentionally assisted in the dissemination of hate speech in Myanmar. But the evidence indicates that Facebook did not intend for those things to occur on its platform.

The fact that those things did occur, however, means that Facebook needs to be much more proactive in fixing such problems. Will it? The recent worrisome revelation that Facebook hired an opposition-research firm that attempted to discredit protesters by claiming that they were agents of the financier George Soros is not encouraging. While there still appears to be some daylight between Facebook and what is being done on its platform or in its name, darkness is crowding in.

That said, we should not place the responsibility to uphold democratic values entirely on Facebook. As moral agents, we should also hold ourselves responsible for our conduct, and we should be reflective about what we say, react to and share when we are on social media. Among Twitter users, a common refrain is “retweets are not endorsements.” In a similar manner, one might also think that “sharing” or “reacting to” are not “endorsements.” This is a mistake. By sharing or reacting to a post, even if one explicitly criticizes the post, one is amplifying the message of that post and signaling that the post warrants further attention.

For now I’m going to stay on Facebook. But if new information suggests that Facebook has crossed a moral red line, we will all have an obligation to opt out.

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Americans are united in restoring felons’ right to vote

By Steve Chapman

For anyone who cares about politics and government, it is easier to find reasons to complain than to give thanks this year. The Republicans have to deal with losing the House of Representatives. Democrats have to deal with the continued presence of Donald Trump. Independents have to deal with Republicans and Democrats.

But there is a powerful glimmer of light. On one important matter, Americans have grown more unified, less partisan, more farsighted and more humane. The latest proof came on Election Day in Florida, when 65 percent of the state’s voters approved a measure to let felons vote.

The state has long had an exceptionally unforgiving policy, mandating the lifetime loss of the right to vote to anyone convicted of a felony. More than 10 percent of its citizens are legally barred from the polls. Among the 3.1 million Americans who have finished their prison time and other punishment but are not allowed to vote, reports The Sentencing Project, nearly half live in Florida.

Republican Ron DeSantis, who opposed the amendment, won the race for governor with fewer than 4.1 million votes. Republican Rick Scott, another critic, won the U.S. Senate race with only slightly more. Amendment 4 got more than 5.1 million votes. At a minimum, more than a million Floridians voted for candidates who were against Amendment 4 — and then voted for Amendment 4.

The political parties are more or less divided on the issue, with Democrats generally in favor of restoring voting rights to felons and Republicans against. But change has come about even in red states. Texas repealed its lifetime ban in 1983 and eliminated the waiting period for re-enfranchisement in 1997. Nebraska lifted its lifetime

ban in 2005.

Last year, Wyoming decided to allow voting by all those who have completed their sentences for nonviolent felonies. Alabama restored rights to 60,000 low-level offenders.

Partisan effects don’t seem to count for much with voters. A March HuffPost/YouGov poll found that 80 percent of Hillary Clinton’s supporters and 58 percent of Trump’s supporters favor granting the ballot to felons who have completed their sentences and probation.

Maybe that’s because there is no persuasive case for an unforgiving policy. We all hope that when criminals leave prison, they will change their ways, become law-abiding citizens, take honest jobs and contribute to their communities.

Denying them the vote, however, means that no matter how they strive to redeem themselves, their punishment will never end. Restoring the franchise to them conveys the message that they can overcome their past sins.

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan said as much in a 1958 opinion. Extinguishing the civil rights of criminals, he wrote, “constitutes the very antithesis of rehabilitation, for instead of guiding the offender back into the useful paths of society it excommunicates him and makes him, literally, an outcast.” Letting former inmates vote suggests that they have not only the right but the responsibility to share in the task of self-government.

The Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank, defended Florida’s policy on the ground that depriving felons of the vote “is warranted to deter recidivism.” This logic is precisely, completely backward. A felon who can vote has more to lose from re-offending than a felon who can’t.

The Sentencing Project cites research indicating that people who have been arrested and later voted are less likely to be rearrested than those who didn’t vote. This is not surprising. Incurable criminals aren’t likely to waste time watching candidate debates and trekking to the polling station. The felons most likely to be hurt by a voting ban are those who have gone straight.

Florida’s existing policy falls especially hard on African-Americans. More than one-fifth of the state’s black citizens have lost their right to vote. Piling that infirmity on top of the other punishments imposed on lawbreakers serves only to perpetuate racial inequities.

The majority of people in Florida and elsewhere have come to understand all this. Most states restore voting rights as a matter of course. Two (Maine and Vermont) don’t need to restore them because they don’t take them away — letting inmates cast ballots.

Since 1997, 23 states have liberalized their policies, to the benefit of 1.4 million felons. When Florida’s change takes effect, the latter number will double.

The policy of exiling felons from participation in democracy is harsh, pointless and self-defeating. In most states, thankfully, there is a better word to describe it: obsolete.

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A lesbian kiss, a parade of trauma

By Connie Schultz

Well, it was just the sweetest thing.

It happened during the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. All these happy cast members of the Broadway musical “The Prom” were dancing and singing, when — three minutes and 15 seconds into the performance — two of the actresses kissed.

Holy cannoli.

This was reportedly the first lesbian kiss on camera in the Macy’s parade. Social media exploded with expressions of joy and gratitude. It’s not hard to understand why if you know someone who is gay — and you do, even if you think you don’t. For this historic moment to happen during one of America’s most celebrated Thanksgiving traditions felt like hope with rhythm.

But a right-wing group called ForAmerica — of course it is — was having none of this.

“Millions of small children just watched two girls kiss and had

their innocence broken this morning,” it tweeted. Parents had been “blindsided.” Macy’s and NBC had colluded to “push their agenda on little kids.”

It’s just exhausting, isn’t it? All of it. The nonexistent tragedy. The false accusations to keep extremists frothing. The willingness to depict children, who are born with hearts wide-open, as small-minded simpletons unable to see a kiss for what it is, a tender act of love.

I feel only pity for the writer of that tweet. We lose such a vital part of ourselves when we are unwilling to see the world through the eyes of a child. It turns us into someone who thinks the sight of two women sharing a kiss is the greatest trauma facing today’s children in America.

I was reminded of Jesse Dorris’ story for The New Yorker in March, titled “What School Shooting Drills Look Like Through Students’ Eyes.”

As Dorris noted, the most recent federal data show that more than two-thirds of public school students went through active shooter drills during the 2013-14 school year. Dorris’ outstanding reporting allows us to see, through the eyes of children, what it’s like to train as if your school will be the next target of a mass murderer.

One account: “George Groves, who is ten, is a fifth grader at Henry Barnard School, in Providence, Rhode Island. He said that he

has been doing drills since he was in kindergarten, around once every three months. ‘In the classrooms, there’s usually cubbies with coat hooks, and we know to go over there and sit down when the teacher says,’ he said. ‘We have little slides on our door windows. One’s green and one’s red. If it’s red, it means we are missing a kid or a few kids.’ The teachers, he explained, ‘pull down the shades and lock the doors, and we wait.’”

But that kiss.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, CBS News’ “60 Minutes” aired a story about children who were ripped from their migrant parents’ arms and shipped hundreds of miles away, often for months. One of them, a curly-haired cherub named Immers, was arrested — yes, arrested — and taken from his father without having a chance to say goodbye.

For 73 days, Immers lived with a foster family in Michigan as his parents fought for asylum in the U.S. His father has a visible scar from being shot in the back by a gang member in Honduras. A judge has ruled that he may qualify to move his family here.

The scene of Immers’ return to his parents illustrates the dangers of these separations for children. His mother is on the floor, sobbing as she repeatedly attempts to hold her son, who is wriggling and escaping her grasp. He does not want her kisses.

“I’m your mother, honey,” she says in Spanish. “What is wrong with my son?”

She later told “60 Minutes” Scott Pelley, “It felt like he wasn’t my son anymore. It felt like a nightmare, like I was dead.”

Her little boy is different after his time away. She describes him as withdrawn and moody and says it’s been very difficult to deal with him.

Most of us want to believe that children like Immers will recover, that they’ll return to the cheerful and outgoing little kids they used to be.

This is often unlikely, psychiatrist Pam McPherson told Pelley.

“When a child looks to their parent for comfort and the parent’s not there, the child quits looking for comfort. Once the child detaches, they can have lifelong difficulties forming relationships.”

As “60 Minutes” also reported, the Trump administration has been ripping apart migrant families for far longer than it claimed, taking away more children than it admitted.

But sure, that kiss at the Macy’s parade. How will our children ever recover?

Connie Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and professional in residence at Kent State University’s school of journalism. She is the author of two books, including “...and His Lovely Wife,” which chronicled the successful race of her husband, Sherrod Brown, for the U.S. Senate.

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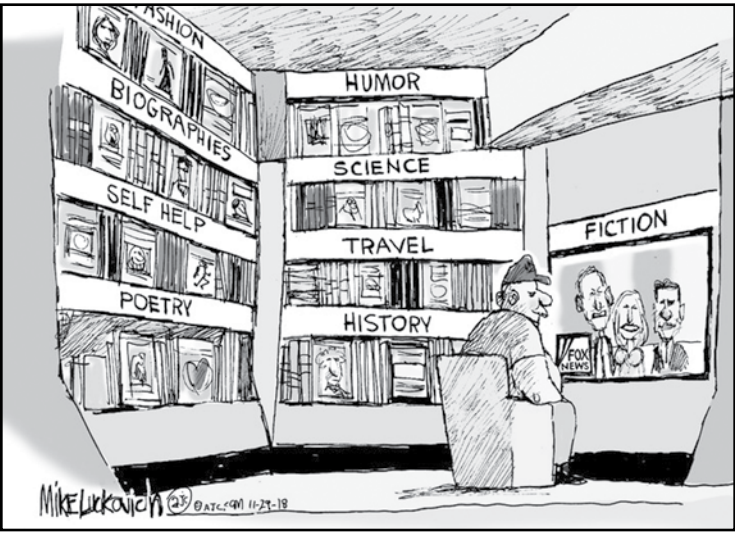
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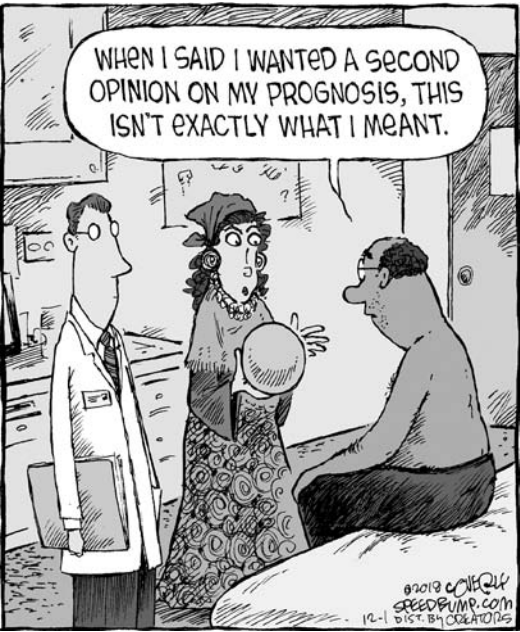
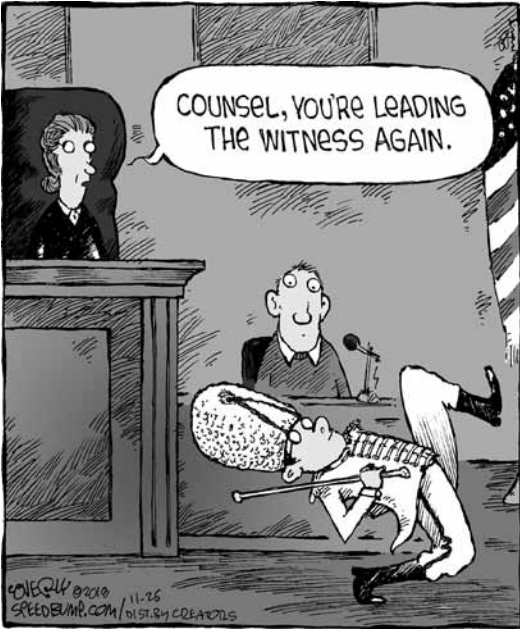
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On This Day...

- November 30, 1782:** The United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.
- 1858:** John Landis Mason received a patent for the first pepper shaker with a screw-on cap.
- 1940:** Lucille Ball and Cuban musician Desi Arnaz were married.
- 1981:** The U.S. and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva that were aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.
- 1995:** President Clinton became the first U.S. chief executive to visit Northern Ireland.

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TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office

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

3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village

1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant

2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge

2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center

2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers

4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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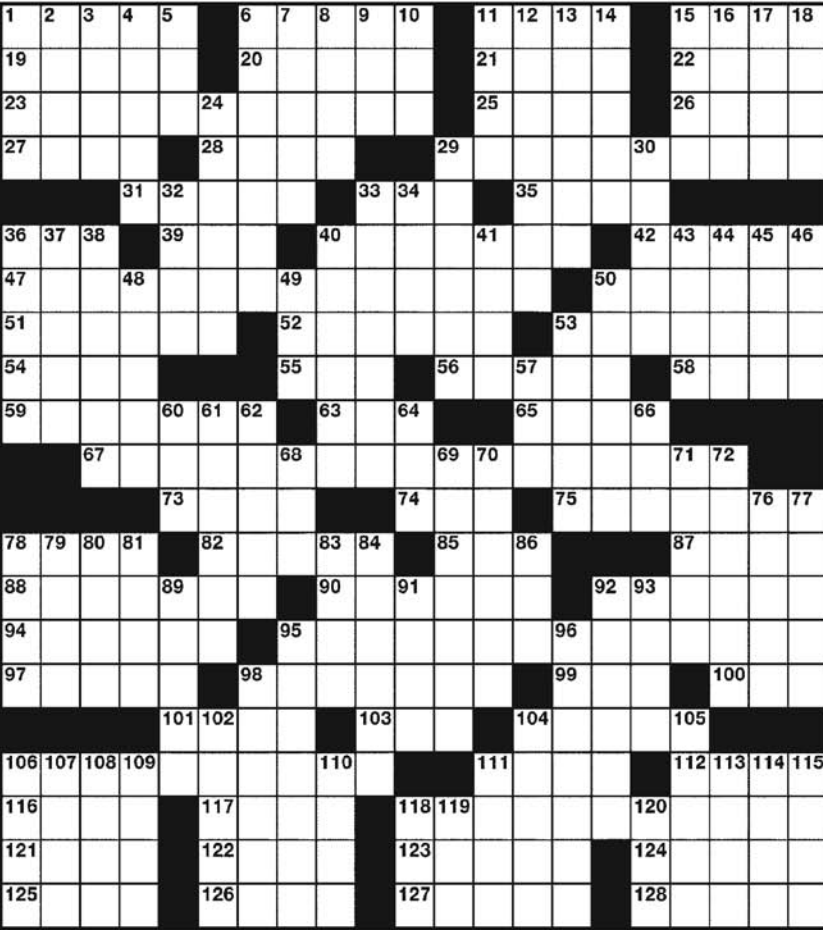
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Joe PESCI (1 Across) was a childhood friend of Four Seasons lead singer Frankie Valli, and was partially responsible for creation of that group's A&P card (55 Across) identifies and authenticates the subscriber; the acronym stands for "subscriber identity module." The "doe" hidden within RALPH WALDO EMMERSON (67 Across) is a female rabbit.



LEGALS

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 002507-RG

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: HAWA DUKHAN CORP., 11029 DOWNEY AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 11029 DOWNEY AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: THE FANTASTIC 4 GROUP, INC., 11029 DOWNEY AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: GOODWILL AND/OR TRADEMAN, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT AND CUSTOMER LIST of that certain business located at: 11029 DOWNEY AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: MOSAIK HOOKAH LOUNGE
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is DECEMBER 18, 2018, at the office of M ESCROW, INC, 10727 PARAMOUNT BLVD., UNIT 7 DOWNEY, CA 90241, Escrow No. 002507-RG, Escrow Officer: RUTH GALVAN
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
(9) The last date for filing claims is: DECEMBER 17, 2018
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE
Dated: NOVEMBER 20, 2018
TRANSFEREES: THE FANTASTIC 4 GROUP, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018280176

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REPTILES AND FEED, 1091 E ARTESIA BLVD, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO VOLUNTAD, 1091 E ARTESIA BLVD, LONG BEACH CA 90805
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/SERGIO VOLUNTAD, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 06, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018273388

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PERFECT EVENTS AND PARTY RENTALS, 10656 E. ROSECRANS AVE., NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RODOLFO DANIEL ESPINOZA, 13919 HARVEST AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) AIDA FABIOLA ROMERO CUEVAS, 13919 HARVEST AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ RODOLFO DANIEL ESPINOZA, HUSBAND (CO-OWNER)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 5, 2018
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018274932

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SAI TRADING, 15225 ALBURTI AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SURESH MOTILAL BALSARA, 15225 ALBURTI AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business

and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/SURESH MOTILAL BALSARA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 30, 2018
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018281763

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C & M HANDYMAN SERVICES, 14102 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ABEL CERVANTES, 14102 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ ABEL CERVANTES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 7, 2018
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018287403

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAMIELA INK, 9933 LIGGETT ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAYMIE MASCARDO, 9933 LIGGETT ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2018
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S/JAYMIE MASCARDO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 14, 2018
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018276154

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) V AND M GARDENING AND HANDYMAN SERVICES, 17108 JANELL AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VINCENT S. MARTINEZ, 17108 JANELL AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/VINCENT S. MARTINEZ, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018281120

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KARTRIDGE KUSHIONS, 7332 S. WHITTIER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90602, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FELIPE D. AVINA, 7332 S WHITTIER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90602 (2) NELSON A MORAN, 8402 GREENLAF AVE, WHITTIER CA 90602
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ FELIPE D. AVINA, GENERAL PARTNER
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LIEN SALES

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

10950 Firestone Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

12/19/18 11:30am

Julia Martinez
Household items

Erica Peterson
Household items

Irma Bautista
Household items

Ramon Gonzalez
Household items

Irving Velasquez
Household items

Victor Mendiola
tools

Felipe Soto
Household items

Dinesha Cooley
Household items

Cecilia Corrales
Household items

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00050
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JAYCEL OANDASAN AND RICARDO P. OANDASAN JR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JUAN ANDREI JAVIER or Proposed name (1) JUAN ANDREI JAVIER OANDASAN
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: January 23, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 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 NOVEMBER 27, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
JAYCEL OANDASAN AND RICARDO P OANDASAN JR ON BEHALF OF: JUAN ANDREI JAVIER
15948 ALGECIRAS DR.
LA MIRADA, CA 90638
(562) 298-0665

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SUPERIOR-COURT-OF-CALIFORNIA-COUNTY-OF-LOS-ANGELES-STANLEY-MOSK-COURTHOUSE CASE-NUMBER: 18STCV03721

debbie-ann: winzelberg, beneficiary/plaintiff versus
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YOU-ARE-HEREBY-NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title the following described real property in Los Angeles County, California, to-wit: CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER 7053 92751 filed on
November 19, 1965 in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk located at 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, California 90650, STATE FILE NUMBER 65-282670, located at

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1501 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95814
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on debbie-ann: winzelberg, beneficiary/plaintiff whose address is 17216 Satcoy Street #129, rural route 91406 Van Nuys, California Republic on or before the 31st of December, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on beneficiary/plaintiff or immediately thereafter: otherwise a decree shall be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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AMENDED SUMMONS (PARENTAGE – CUSTODY AND SUPPORT)

CITACION (PATERNIDAD – CUSTODIA Y MANUTENCION)
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name) ÁVISO AL DEMANDO (Nombre): EDGAR PEREZ
You have been sued. Read the information below on the next page.
Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.
PETITIONER'S NAME: EL NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE: CRISTINA AMBRIZ
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): RI D1801221

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-220 or FL-270) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you.
Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-220 o FL-270) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una cara o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.
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Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención de los hijos, y honorarios y costos legales. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local bar association.
Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suecorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org), o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE: The restraining order on page 2 remains in effect against each parent until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it.
AVISO: La orden de protección que aparecen en la página 2 continuara en vigencia en cuanto a cada parte hasta que se emita un fallo final, se desdipda la petición o la corte de otras órdenes. Cualquiera agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas orden puede hacerla acatar en cualquier lugar de California
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Attorney for petitioner: STEPHEN MARC DRUCKER ESQ SBN 76279
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUSSELL WILLIAM BLAINE CASE NO. 18STPB10548

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RUSSELL WILLIAM BLAINE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHELLE NIEDRINGHAUS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHELLE NIEDRINGHAUS 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: 12/14/18 at 8:30AM
Dept. 67 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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SUPERIOR-COURT-OF-CALIFORNIA-COUNTY-OF-LOS-ANGELES-STANLEY-MOSK-COURTHOUSE CASE-NUMBER: 18STCV03722

randy-scott: moody, beneficiary, beneficiary/plaintiff versus
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1501 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95814
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on randy-scott: moody, beneficiary/plaintiff whose address is 17216 Satcoy Street #129, rural route 91406 Van Nuys, California Republic on or before the 31st of December, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on beneficiary/plaintiff or immediately thereafter: otherwise a decree shall be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANTONIO RUBEN LERMA aka ANTONIO R. LERMA aka ANTONIO LERMA Case No. 18STPB09839

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ANTONIO RUBEN LERMA aka ANTONIO R. LERMA aka ANTONIO LERMA A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ruben Lerma in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ruben Lerma be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 27, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: STEPHEN MARC DRUCKER ESQ SBN 76279

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUSSELL WILLIAM BLAINE CASE NO. 18STPB10548

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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHELLE NIEDRINGHAUS 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: 12/14/18 at 8:30AM
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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.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ERNESTINE ALVISO aka ERNESTINE GONZALES Case No. 18STPB10284

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ERNESTINE ALVISO aka ERNESTINE GONZALES

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to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 06/18/2014 as Instrument No. 2014-0630515, notice is hereby given that on 12/06/2018, at 10:00AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST Commonly known as: 12724 LEIBACHER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The sale will be held: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$330,336.41. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$33,033.64 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$33,033.64 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for a 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee will be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of

HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$330,287.71 as of 12/05/2018, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. DATE: 10/23/2018 FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER: MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Fax: (916) 962-1334 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com TARA CAMPBELL, FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER OFFICER NPP0343549 To: NORWALK PATRIOT PUB: 11/16/2018, 11/23/2018, 11/30/2018

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Rick Rodriguez chosen to be next mayor of Downey

►Rodriguez says his focus as mayor will be collaboration between Downey's extensive volunteer network.

Blanca Pacheco was chosen as mayor pro tem.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Council members Rick Rodriguez and Blanca Pacheco were unanimously voted to fill the roles of mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively, in 2019.

The selections of Rodriguez and Pacheco came with little to no surprise, as they were the seemingly natural successors to the roles. Rodriguez has served as Downey's mayor pro tem for the past year.

While it is not official -- nor guaranteed -- until after the council votes on the matter, the mayor pro tem is usually elevated to mayor the following year.

The decision came after a motion from current mayor Sean Ashton – whose first stint as mayor is ending early next month – and a second by Councilman Alex Saab.

Rodriguez said that he is excited to step into the mayor's chair.

“I love this community,” said Rodriguez. “What an honor it is to serve as mayor.”

As Rodriguez looks ahead, he said he hopes to tap into Downey's spirit of giving and charity.

“My plans are to really expand on the whole volunteerism piece that I started years ago,” said Rodriguez. “I’ve been in office two years and we already have this clergy council well underway. And now with this new program we started as of today...DCC, the Downey Care Collaborative, it's all about serving.”

“We have that heart of the volunteer in our community, and I want to expose that. Everything should not cost tax dollars; there



Rick Rodriguez was elected Tuesday to be Downey's next mayor. He will be sworn-in Dec. 13.
Photo by Claudia Gomez

should be a lot of goodwill in our city, and there is.”

The DCC was announced by Rodriguez during his personal comments earlier in the meeting. Its purpose is to target and aid at-risk youth, especially in foster care.

“The County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family services receive 100 calls a month on child abuse and kids being hurt,” said Rodriguez. “I wanted to attack that number and get them mentored by veterans, and get them services like ASPIRE after school care.

Downey police chief retires

►Carl Charles retires next week as Downey's chief of police. On Wednesday, the community gathered to say goodbye.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – After a 28-year career in law enforcement, the city of Downey officially said goodbye to Police Chief Carl Charles on Wednesday.

City officials, school district and Board of Education representatives, law enforcement, and residents gathered at the Rio Hondo Event Center to celebrate and honor the retiring police chief, who will step away effective Dec. 5.

Charles earned a bachelor of arts degree in criminology and corrections from Cal State Northridge and a master of public administration degree from USC. He entered the Downey Police Department in 1990 as a police officer, rising through the ranks before being the successor of former Chief of Police Rick Esteves in December 2012.

During his time as chief, Charles is credited with equipping all officers with body-worn cameras, installing license-plate readers citywide, the creation of 10 new police officer positions, the formation of a homeless outreach team, improved communication with the public and media, including on social media, the implementation of quarterly “coffee with a cop” outreach events, the development of a citizen volunteer program, the reinstitution of K9 and mounted horse programs, allowing mental health professionals to ride with officers, and citywide active shooter training.

It is also generally accepted that Charles was influential in keeping the department strong and focused after the killing of Officer Ricky Galvez.

Overall in the department's history, Charles was the department's 10th chief. He was also Downey's first chief of African American descent.

Flanked by his family, Charles sat and listened as many city officials, colleagues, and friends stepped forward to give warm and fond remarks of himself and his service to the community.

“You’ve been under the spotlight as the head of the

department and in times you’ve faced undeserved scrutiny from both within and outside the department, not just for your actions and decisions but for the conduct of your employees,” said recently retired captain Steve Garza. “You were judged on your every decision, and on even on decisions that weren’t yours. Still you always remained calm and professional...You made difficult decisions, sometimes not the most popular decisions, but as you often said, ‘the right decision is often the most difficult one.’ That took courage.”

While she did not have any specific plans immediately in mind, Pacheco expressed a likewise excitement to continue to serve the community with Rodriguez in their new expanded roles.

“We’ll be a great team working together,” said Pacheco. “I don’t have anything set in stone just yet, but my whole intent in being on City Council is just to help the residents, so I’m just going to

department and in times you’ve faced undeserved scrutiny from both within and outside the department, not just for your actions and decisions but for the conduct of your employees,” said recently retired captain Steve Garza. “You were judged on your every decision, and on even on decisions that weren’t yours. Still you always remained calm and professional...You made difficult decisions, sometimes not the most popular decisions, but as you often said, ‘the right decision is often the most difficult one.’ That took courage.”

“To say you’ve had a few demands and expectations placed on you over the years is an understatement. You’ve gone above and beyond everything asked and expected of you as chief. You’ve been a counselor, a healer, a mentor, a parent, and a voice of reason. But most of all you’re our chief, our leader, and our friend.”

City Manager Gilbert Livas reflected on Charles's role during the tragedy of the Ricky Galvez murder.

“The job of a police chief is a tough one; making sure the department is trained, equipped, motivated and they adhere to the highest ethical standards. While you do that you need to maintain a close relationship with the community, your core constituent groups, and other law enforcement agencies,” said Livas. “As a city manager I was very fortunate when I had Carl there during one of the darkest moments in the city's history, when we lost Ricky Galvez...it took somebody like Carl with a steady hand to get us through that process.”

Charles's successor, current Captain Dean Milligan, also spoke.

“Through it all, Carl has remained true to his nature: a kind, caring, loving, respectful, dedicated professional with utmost integrity and the highest moral character,” said Milligan. “From him I have learned so much.

“Carl to you, I will always be grateful. I can never thank you enough for the opportunities that have provided me, as well as the challenges you presented me, to continue to grow and develop myself to become better.”

When it came time for the man of the hour to speak, his words were filled mostly with thanks.

Firstly, Charles addressed the men and women who serve in the

continue to helping them more as mayor pro tem.”

Rodriguez and Pacheco, who represent District 3 and District 1 respectively, were elected in 2016 and are nearing the half-way point of their first term in office.

Rodriguez will be sworn in as mayor on Dec. 13. Newcomer Claudia Fromenta, who recently won the seat currently held by soon-to-be termed out Fernando Vasquez, will be sworn in two days earlier on Dec. 11.

department which he has led for six years.

“It is my distinct honor to have been able to have been your chief for the past six years,” said Charles. “It’s easy for me to sit up here being mentioned, a lot of programs put into action. It’s easy to have an idea, but none of that happens unless you put it into motion...from the bottom of my heart, I love every one of you guys and I respect you. Please keep doing what you’re doing.”

Charles went on to point out and thank several in the audience, including former police chiefs, staff, council members, friends, and fellow officers.

He also took time to thank Livas.

“Gil took over slightly before I was appointed. I think the police chief appointment was his first department head appointment,” said Charles. “I will be forever grateful for you giving me the opportunity. The confidence you showed in me I’ll never forget.”

Charles also took some time to honor his family, many of which who were present, including a touching tribute to his mother and father.

“My parents have been married for almost 55 years. They grew up in a very segregated south in the 40's and 50's...but that didn't deter them,” said Charles. “My mother went to nursing school, and she was a nurse for over 40 years, the last 20 at Kaiser as a registered nurse. My dad got his bachelor's in biology and chemistry, served in the US Army, got his Master's degree, and then his Juror's Doctorate and was a practicing attorney for many years.

“When I looked for role models, I didn't have to look far. I know that you guys are extremely proud of me, but I am even more proud of you.”

Charles also honored his wife.

“I missed a lot of holidays...not once did she complain about me going to work. She's very supportive,” said Charles. “The day Ricky [Galvez] died, I got a call about midnight...For a second, I started to think about Ricky, and I couldn't move. Angie came up behind me, and she said 'It's alright. You've gotta take care of them, and I'll take care of you.' After that I was fine. I respect that, I thank you, I love you.”

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Paramount special needs students learn life skills in new adult apartment

PARAMOUNT – Paramount Adult School student Raul Flores loves to enter his adult skills classroom each day and fill a baking sheet with fresh cinnamon rolls. He applies just the right amount of frosting swirls before heating the treats and serving them to his classmates.

Flores is one of some 50 students with special needs who are using a newly built apartment on the school’s campus as a tool for learning the skills they need to transition to independent living. The class is the first to use the apartment, which was constructed in spring, and features a living room, kitchen and bedroom spaces along with a washer and dryer.

“Making cinnamon rolls is my favorite part of the apartment. But I also like learning how to do different things, like sweeping floors and washing clothes,” Flores said.

The District’s adult living apartment is a project that took one year to come to fruition. Scott Law, Paramount Unified’s Director of Facilities and Project Development, led the renovation of a bungalow on campus that now equips students to thrive in life after graduation.

The apartment is one open area room that sections off its kitchen, bedroom, living room space and laundry area. It is designed to allow teachers to be able to see across the room at all times without obstruction. The coffee table is adorned with flowers, and pictures hang

from the walls to give it a cozy feel.

“It was very important for us to create a space where students would actually want to live and spend time in,” Paramount Superintendent Ruth Pérez said. “We wanted the apartment to represent our very best so that students would be inspired to give theirs.”

Classes rotate use of the apartment throughout the day and experience curriculum that includes cooking and caretaking. Students prepare meals that include fettuccine and desserts like banana splits. Each class concludes with washing dishes and restoring areas of use.

“A big part of our curriculum is teaching our students to be accountable for themselves,” Paramount Adult School Principal Yvonne Rodriguez said. “By giving our classes responsibility, we are empowering them to be authoritative adults long after they leave our school.”

The Paramount Unified Board of Education recently took a tour of the adult transition apartment and was pleased with the layout.

“The apartment has such a personal touch, and was clearly designed with care,” PUSD Board President Vivian Hansen said. “Through this new facility, we are continuing to help our students grow inside the classroom as well as outside of it.”



La Serna High School debuts \$9.8M athletic fields

WHITTIER – La Serna High School students are enjoying newly renovated athletic fields, including a nine-lane synthetic athletic track, new high jump, long jump, pole vault, discus and shotput areas. The \$9.8 million project was completed over the summer with Measure W funds.

“Our student athletic teams and coaches couldn’t be more excited to have high-quality athletic facilities to strengthen their game and ensure a competitive sports environment,” La Serna Principal Ann Fitzgerald said.

Construction on the playing fields – which serves a variety of sports, including football, soccer, and track and field – began in May 2017.

The site features new baseball and softball natural grass and clay fields, which include new home and visitor dugouts with associated storage cubbies and benches, backstops, fencing, batting cages and five-row bleachers. The football and soccer fields include natural grass with five-row bleachers for spectators.

Upgrades include eight new tennis courts adjacent to the fitness center and basketball courts.

All irrigation systems were upgraded with new landscaping, trees and planted areas.

Measure W, a \$75 million facilities bond, was passed by voters in November 2008 to pave the way for Whittier Union to continue upgrading its educational facilities to better prepare students for their futures. The program has funded several upgrades throughout the District.

“It has been great to see this project come to fruition for our students at La Serna,” Superintendent Martin Plourde said. “I want to thank the community for supporting our efforts to ensure our students have high-quality learning and playing environments, where they can grow as athletes and scholars.”



Girl named ‘Abcde’ mocked by Southwest gate agent; airline apologizes

SANTA ANA – Southwest Airlines is apologizing after a gate agent apparently mocked a 5-year-old girl’s name and posted a photo of her boarding pass on social media, according to KABC.

The girl’s mother, Traci Redford, claims the agent mocked the girl’s name, Abcde Redford, and laughed at her while they were boarding the plane. She also posted a photo of the girl’s boarding pass on social media.

The girl’s name is pronounced “ab-city,” according to KABC.

“The gate agent started laughing, pointing at me and my daughter,

talking to other employees. So I turned around and said, ‘Hey if I can hear you, my daughter can hear you, so I’d appreciate if you’d just stop,’” Traci Redford said.

Redford said someone saw the photo of Abcde’s boarding pass on Facebook and brought it to her attention.

Redford said contacted Southwest Airlines about the photo. The airline issued a statement to ABC7 on Thursday:

“We extend our sincere apology to the family. We take great pride in extending our Southwest hospitality to all of our customers, which

includes living by the Golden Rule and treating every individual with respect, in person or online.

“The post is not indicative of the care, respect, and civility we expect from all of our Employees. We have followed up with the employee involved, and while we do not disclose personnel actions publicly, we are using this as an opportunity to reinforce our policies and emphasize our expectations for all Employees.”

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Coordinating Council hosting annual draw

NORWALK- Norwalk Community Coordinating Council will present its 2018 Holiday Draw on Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

Draw tickets are \$20 or \$100 for six tickets. The grand prize is \$1,000.

Funds raised will be used for scholarships benefiting veterans and high school students.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$10. To RSVP, or to purchase draw tickets, call Liz Rock at (562) 480-4741 or Gordon Steffenhagen at (562) 400-8188.

Deadline to RSVP is Dec. 10.



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Tree-lighting and SnowFest this Saturday

NORWALK- Norwalk will light its Christmas tree this Saturday at its annual SnowFest community festival on the City Hall lawn.

Families can enjoy snow slides, a snow play area, game booths, reindeer races, arts and crafts, face painting, and more.

Local entertainers will perform on stage throughout the event and food will be available for purchase.

While there, residents can visit the “Community Connect” booth from 12-5 p.m. for access to free resources. Meet with utility representatives, including Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas, Golden State Water, and Liberty Utilities to learn ways to reduce their energy and water use.

Free gas-saving kits, faucet aerators, and low-flow hose nozzles will be given away so residents should bring their utility bills. In addition, the first 180 households who bring in two old strands of holiday lights, along with their Edison bill and valid ID, will receive two new strands of LED holiday lights.

Below is the complete schedule of activities:

12-5 p.m.: Snow slides, snow play, game booths, reindeer races, face painting, arts and crafts, “Community Connect” and food booths

12-6 p.m.: Live stage entertainment

2 p.m.: Holiday light hunt prize presentation

6 p.m.: Tree lighting ceremony and Santa Claus arrival

6:15-8 p.m.: Santa Claus visits and live stage entertainment

For questions or more information, call the Recreation Department at (562) 929-5702.

Hargitt-House decorated and open for tours

NORWALK- Norwalk’s historic Hargitt House Museum has been decorated for the holidays and will be open for tours Saturday, Dec. 15, from 5-8 p.m.

The free event includes tours of the historic home, light refreshments, live entertainment, and arts and crafts. Photos with Santa Claus will be available for \$2.

The D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House was built in 1891 by one of the founding families in Norwalk and at one time held up to 200 acres of grape, avocado and citrus trees. The museum contains family heirlooms and other memorabilia providing a glimpse into Norwalk’s past.

The museum is located at 12426 Mapledale St. For more information, call (562) 929-5521.

Last weekend to participate in Angel Tree

NORWALK- Norwalk’s Social Services Department is again hosting its annual Angel Tree Project, which provides toys and gifts to local children ages 5-11 whose families are experiencing hardships during the Christmas season.

Angel Tree tags can be picked up at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.; Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.; Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.; and the Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd.

Wrapped gifts must be returned by Monday, Dec. 3. Financial contributions are accepted year-round.



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Sports complex holding canned food drive

NORWALK- The Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex is holding a canned food drive now through Dec. 22 to help local families in need.

The most needed items include canned meat and soup, dry cereal, grana/cereal bars, juices, instant potatoes, instant noodles, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, crackers, baby food, baby diapers, and baby formula.

Donations can also be made via Instacart, a grocery store delivery service, at instacart.com. Users can choose a local store, select food items and designate a location and time of delivery.

All collected food items will be donated to the Social Services Center’s emergency food cupboard for distribution to families experiencing hardships this holiday season.

The Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex is located at 13000 Clarkdale Ave.



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