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# Downey police get OK to buy armored vehicle

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer** 

**DOWNEY -** With several active shooter incidents still fresh in memory, the City Council approved on Tuesday the Downey Police Department's purchase of a tactical armored vehicle - also known as a "BearCat" - for future use in high-stakes situations.

According to the BearCat vehicle would significantly reduce the risk to officers who are faced with heavily armed suspects.

Total cost of the purchase comes to a grand total of including \$319,843.60, and delivery of the unit itself (\$279,476.80), as well as purchase and installation of emergency lighting equipment, police radio, computer and in-car video system equipment (\$40,366.80).

DPD Captain Mark McDaniel who was in attendance at Tuesday's meeting - said that the police department was thankful to the city council for their continued

"As Chief Milligan stated, it's a piece of equipment we hope we never use, but if we need to use it it's going to save lives," said McDaniel. "We can't put a price tag on an officer's life, we can't put a price tag on a resident's life. We put our officers in harm's way; we have to, it's important to provide them with the safe equipment to go home at night."

No new training or special licensing is needed for operation of the vehicle.

The decision to purchase the equipment comes shortly after a string of violent attacks in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio that has many throughout the nation on edge. However, McDaniel says that purchase of a BearCat has been in discussion for years.

'We understand that this is an expensive piece of equipment... it's been a discussion we've had for many years to be honest," said McDaniel. "But in the recent active shooters where we've seen throughout the country where rifles are being used, school shootings... time is of the essence in critical, tactical situations. This has been under discussion, but the timing is right to get that piece of equipment so we can save lives."

DPD were also recently involved in a violent police chase that ended in a standoff and police shooting in Vernon back in May. The suspect in the chase
- 24-year-old Dylan Andres
Lindsey of Torrance - was the same suspect involved in the fatal shooting of Downey liquor store owner Gurpreet Singh three days prior.

Lindsey succumbed to injuries from what was believed to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound a week later.

According to police, officers were forced to wait over 30 minutes for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team to arrive on scene, all while being exposed to great risk.

McDaniel says that possession of a BearCat vehicle would significantly improve officers' ability to respond in an effective manner.

"If you can put that vehicle which can withstand a rifle round or a high-caliber handgun round if you put it in an area where it can deflect or keep people safe, that's a piece of equipment you want to utilize," said McDaniel.



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Congresswoman Sanchez - who gave her address laying from a couch due to a recent surgery emphasized the importance of collecting an accurate census next year.

# Sanchez urges participation in 2020 census

Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-38) touched on a variety of topics in her annual State of the Nation address hosted by Norwalk.

#### **By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer**

#### NORWALK

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez emphasized the importance of the upcoming census to several local chambers of commerce and community elected officials during her State of the Nation event last week.

The yearly event was jointly organized by the chambers of commerce from the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, La Mirada, Lakewood, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. It was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Norwalk.

Sanchez described those in attendance as "a phenomenal

chambers of commerce in one but there are many other room together," said Sanchez.
"I really want to thank each and every single one of the individual chambers for coming together and working on this event, because I'm really proud of the communities I represent."

The Congresswoman opened her address with Congress's recent approval of a two-year bipartisan spending plan, which Sanchez called the "best news

and for our municipalities," said Sanchez. "The deal that they put together is a framework for future spending decisions, and it's going to help avoid the high-stakes drama of government..."

The plan will carry on through next year's presidential

Still, Sanchez cautioned that "just keeping the lights on isn't quite enough," moving on to one of the main points of her speech: the 2020 Census.

The Constitution mandates that a census be held every ten years to determine the number of congressional seats each state receives, based on current population.

Sanchez said it is "probably the issue that is most important right now."

"This particular issue is something that everyone in this room should care about," said Sanchez. "Clearly, in terms of "We have nine of my representation, it's important, reasons why an accurate census is important."

> The census is also critical in determining federal resource distribution.

"The census determines funding for about 130 different federal programs; some of those programs include public health, education, and infrastructure, said Sanchez. "If you are not accurate in counting the people in your state and you're "That is really good because it undercounting, you lose out



money."

Sanchez went on to add that 'we have to absolutely make sure that [California] has a full accounting so that we get our fair share of federal resources.'

Sanchez said that it is estimated that about 1.5 million Californians were not counted in the previous census, which was held in 2010.

"An undercount of 1.5 million means we basically could have two more additional congressional seats, but we don't because of the undercount," said Sanchez.

"In my district, in several of my communities - especially Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, Montebello, Norwalk, and South Whittier - they have census tracks that are considered hard to count. We need to make sure we're doing everything to make sure that those communities are

# provides certainty for our state, on billions of dollars of federal fully counted."

# Cerritos College makes upgrades to campus security

Students can now receive emergency alerts on their phones via text message or voicemail.

**NORWALK -** Cerritos College added another safety feature to its campus safety plan with a new mobile alert system.

The College adopted the Rave Mobile Safety (Rave) system that is used by more than half of the nation's Ivy League schools and Big Ten campuses. The College's mobile notification system communication by sending emergency and non-emergency emails, text messages, and voicemail through one platform.

Over the last three years, the College has installed 19 solar- two simulated active shooter powered emergency blue light scenarios staged on campus. The towers on campus to provide Campus Police Department has

students and staff with direct participated in similar training access to campus police if users off campus with local agencies in need to report a critical incident.

More emergency towers are being installed throughout the campus parking lots along Alondra Blvd., Studebaker Road, and 166th Street. The College is also enhancing interior building emergency phones for more visibility.

In 2016, the college facilitated a multiagency active shooter drill. The Cerritos College Campus Department, Police along with the L.A. County Sheriff's streamlines critical Department's Norwalk Station, L.A. County Fire Department, and local first-responder agencies practiced a real-world response to a potential campus threat.

The safety exercise included

2018 and 2019.

In October, the college will participate in the annual Great California Shake Out to practice disaster preparedness.

"Campus safety is our top priority," said Felipe Lopez, vice president of business services, Cerritos College. "The College is enhancing its emergency responsiveness and security features to provide our students, staff, and faculty with the best learning and work environment to better serve our students."

To receive Cerritos College campus safety alerts, opt in to the new system by texting the keyword "Cerritos" to 226787.

# **Norwalk** restaurant grades

**On and On Restaurant** 13019 Rosecrans Ave.

Inspected: 8/13/19 Grade: A

7 Eleven 10965 Firestone Blvd.

Date Inspected: 8/13/19 Grade: A Taco Bell / Pizza Hut Express

11005 E Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 8/13/19 Grade: A

Chuck E Cheese's 10949 E Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/13/19

Grade: A **VS Donuts Croissants** 

10959 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/13/19 Grade: A

**ABC Donuts** 

10620 E Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 8/13/19 Grade: A

Taco Joe

13019 Rosecrans Ave. Ste 103 Date Inspected: 8/13/19 Grade: A

**Un Ringconcito Argentino** 10633 Imperial Hwy.

Date Inspected: 8/8/19 Grade: A

Ihop

12623 S Norwalk Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/8/19 Grade: A

**McDonalds** 

10841 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 8/8/19 Grade: A

Sonoma Grill

13111 Sycamore Dr. Date Inspected: 8/7/19 Grade: A

Subway

12301 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 8/7/19 Grade: A

**Grill Town Korean Cuisine** 12227 Norwalk Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/7/19

Grade: A El Taco Loco 12341 E Imperial Hwy.

Date Inspected: 8/7/19 Grade: A

**Mariscos El Chilito Restaurant** 12531 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/5/19

> Grade: A Food 4 Less

10901 E Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 8/5/19 Grade: A

Food 4 Less (Meat) 10901 E Imperial Hwy.

Date Inspected: 8/5/19 Grade: A

DK's

12549 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/1/19 Grade: A

**Ana's Bionicos** 10977 Rosecrans Ave.

Date Inspected: 8/1/19 Grade: A

Wingstop

11739 Rosecrans Ave Date Inspected: 8/1/19 Grade: A

**Tacos Y Mariscos Mi Pueblo** 12001 Rosecrans Ave.

Date Inspected: 8/1/19 Grade: A

Jack in the Box 11353 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 8/1/19

Grade: A

# Weekend at a Glance

Friday

Saturday **79** 



**Aqua Carnival** 

Saturday - Norwalk Aquatic Center, 1:30-5:30 pm

In-water and out-of-water games, water slides, recreational swim, swim with a mermaid, food, and more, \$4 children/



#### **Taco Festival**

Saturday - Fullerton Museum Center, 5 pm

Purchase different types of tacos from a variety of vendors. Admission is free and then pay for as many tacos as you



**Rocket Fever** 

Saturday- Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am to 5 pm

A variety of rocket related activities including water rockets, stomp rockets, and straw rockets. Participate in a specialized rocket building classes for a small fee of \$7.



LA Zoo's Roaring Nights Friday - Los Angeles Zoo, 6 pm to 10:30

Enjoy live bands, DJs, pop-up zoo talks, animal close-ups, full service bars and food trucks. Admission to this adultsonly (ages 21 and up) is \$16.50.



**Summer Fest** Saturday- Citadel Outlets, 12 PM - 9 PM

With more than 200 multi-colored slinkies suspended in mid-air, life-sized board games and live music, The Citadel will transform into a neonthemed block party to celebrate family

summer fun.



**Neighborhood Block Party** Saturday- New River Park, 12 pm to

Meet with Public Safety and Sheriffs Personnel and obtain important resource information and learn how to partner on efforts to create stronger, safer neighborhoods. Free BBQ lunch.

# **NORWALK HAPPENINGS**

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30-11 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendence is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

Smart Gardening Workshop, 10 am. Learn the basics of backvard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, grass-cycling, and edible gardening. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Neighborhood Block Party, 12-2 pm. Meet with Public Safety and Sheriffs Personnel and obtain important resource information and learn how to partner on efforts to create stronger, safer neighborhoods. All attendees will receive a free barbeque lunch with games available for children. New River Park, 13500 Halcourt Ave.

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

Fairy Lights Jar, 4-5 pm. Bring the starry magic of the nighttime sky, inside your bedroom. We will dcorate jars to create portable glow-in-the-dark fun. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

#### Boards, Brushes and Beverages,

7 pm. Crafty fun for adults 21 and over. \$25 per person fee includes all materials, instruction, appetizers and soft drinks. Guests may bring alternative beverages from home. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center. 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

**Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30-11** am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendence is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

Lit Wits Book Club: Mary Coin, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss the novel, Mary Coin by Marisa Silver. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

Suncatcher, 4-5 pm. Join us for this fun program where we will make a dazzling ornament using glass pebbles and glue. Attendence is limited, and advance registration is required. Sign up at the customer servoce desk. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

Origami Lotus Flower Notebook, 2-3 pm. Join us as we create decorative mini-notebooks for notations, photos and more. For adults 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

Harbor Groove Band, 9 pm. Ring in September and the start of fall with live cumbia, Latin and R&B by the Harbor Groove Band. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Tea Time with OISS, 11 am. Practice your English speaking skills over tea with Cerritos

College's Office of International Student Services and hear from Cerritos College librarian Paula Pereira and her story as an ESL student. Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

Rain Barrel Distribution, 9-11 am. Learn about rainwater harvesting, water conservation tips, and benefits of a rain barrel. At the end of workshop, participants will have an opportunity to purchase rain barrels for \$20 each. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

#### Quartermania Fundraiser,

12-4 pm. Bring your quarters for bidding or purchase quarters from the vendors. Plus, enjoy shopping and lunch. \$10 admission. Norwalk Masonic Center, 12345 Rosecrans

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**Opening Reception: Southern** Geometries, 5-9 pm. Opening reception for "Southern" Geometries: Contemporary Non-Objective Art and the Latin American Diaspora" featuring artwork by Eduardo Aispuro, Marsia Alexander-Clarke, Linda

Arreola, Leonardo Bravo, Romina Del Castillo, Mariangeles Soto-Diaz and Sandra Vista. Cerritos College Art Gallery, 11111 Alondra Blvd.

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Fall Fiesta, 5-10 pm. A three-day carnival (Sept. 27-30) with carnival games, rides, live music, food, and more. St. John of God Church, 13819 Pioneer Blvd.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**Women's Personal Safety** Workshop, 2-3:30 pm. In this 90-minute workshop, receive a basic introduction to hand-tohand defenses and non-lethal weapons. If you've always wanted to take self-defense, this basic workshop is a good place to start. Out of Harm's Way, 12521 Alondra

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

#### Celebrity Waiter & Dance, 6 pm. Get waited on by local celebrities at this annual dance fundraiser in support of CAPC,

DoubleTree Hotel, 13111

Sycamore Dr.

which works on behalf of people with developmental disabilities.

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

Harbor Groove Band, 9 pm. Dance to live music by the Harbor Groove Band, playing a diverse playlist of 70s, 80s, and 90s music, plus Latin and R&B. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. An all-ages concert with music from The Radiacs (UK), The Quaranteds, The Peabrains, Radarmen, Lost Boys and Salems Ghosts. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. Live music by The Grim, Peabrains, and The Dead Ricardos. \$14 pre-sale, \$18 at the door. All ages show. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

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

# Good Samaritans honored for courage by district attorney

The citizens are credited with helping apprehend criminals and aiding in criminal prosecutions.

**LONG BEACH -** Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey on Wednesday honored four people for their courage in stepping up in the face of danger and helping to keep our community safe from violent crime.

Honorees included a man who witnessed a fatal shooting outside his San Pedro home and twice against the suspected testified killer; a Los Angeles mother who saw and tracked the man who sexually assaulted her 12-year-old daughter days earlier as he fled

by rail and bus; and two men who rescued a woman being beaten by her boyfriend outside their Signal Hill office.

District Attorney Lacev recognized the honorees at a Courageous Citizen ceremony. It was hosted by the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office presents these awards several times a year to people who have performed extraordinary acts of valor and selflessness in assisting in criminal prosecutions, aiding victims, preventing crimes or even capturing suspects.

> Awards were presented to: John Raski, 67, of San Pedro

Raski and his wife were reading in their bedroom when they heard loud noises outside their San Pedro home. Mr. Raski went to the window and saw a man chasing another man around a car. He then watched the defendant shoot at the victim, who later died from his wounds. Mr. Raski identified the suspect for authorities. He

testified for the prosecution at

two separate murder trials, after

the first jury could not reach a

years to life in prison. The case was

unanimous verdict. His testimony was essential in getting justice for the victim and his family. A jury convicted the defendant of first-degree murder on June 24. He is expected to be sentenced this month to a minimum of 25

On June 14, 2015, Mr. John investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

> Viridiana Chavez, 33, of Los Angeles

> On May 31, 2018, Ms. Viridiana Chavez's 12-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted while walking to school in Los Angeles. Five days later, Ms. Chavez was walking her daughter to school when the girl saw her attacker. Ms. Chavez called 911 and followed the man onto a Metro Blue Line train toward Long Beach and then, when he got onto a bus, chased him on foot, all while keeping sheriff's deputies informed of his whereabouts. Her courageous actions and willingness to testify at trial helped take a violent offender off our streets.

The defendant was sentenced to 40 years in state prison after pleading no contest to two counts of forcible lewd act on a child under 14 years old and admitting one strike. He was ordered to register as a sex offender. The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

John Laguna, 45, of Santa Ana, and Rogelio Martinez-Reyes, 27, of

Mr. John Laguna and Mr. Rogelio Martinez-Reyes were working in their Signal Hill office on March 9, 2018, when they saw a man assaulting his girlfriend in an alley. Mr. Martinez-Reyes yelled for the man to stop and ran after the fleeing suspect. Mr. Laguna stayed and comforted the injured

woman and called 911.

The men stopped the brutal attack, preventing further harm to the woman, and were ready to testify as witnesses for the prosecution, prompting a guilty plea in the domestic violence case.

The defendant pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of injuring spouse, cohabitant, fiancé, boyfriend, girlfriend or child's parent. He was sentenced to three years of summary probation and was ordered to complete 52 weeks of domestic violence counseling and has a lifetime ban from owning a firearm. A 10-year protective order was issued for the victim. The case was investigated by the Signal Hill Police Department.

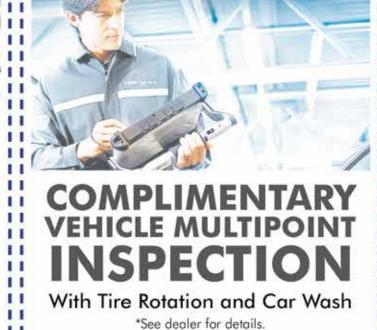


Most everyone used to have a friend in the car business. Someone you could trust to give you the straight scoop and a great deal. Now that most car dealerships are owned by mega corporations, it's harder to do business with the local dealer who will make your car buying experience a breeze. My Dad started selling cars in the Crenshaw district in the mid-50's and now we're managing a three- generation car business with 9 dealerships from South Bay to Laguna Beach. We have succeeded all these years by putting our customers first, and that is how we will continue to earn and keep your business. Plus, we support the local schools and charities in our neighborhoods because that's the right thing to do. Visit any of our 9 dealerships and be prepared to do business with a friend. It will be a surprisingly refreshing throw back to a simpler time.





\*Additional diagnosis may be required. See dealer for details.





# McKenna BMW

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# The case for a contender from the right

BY JOE WALSH

There's a strong case for President Trump to face a Republican primary challenger. I know a thing or two about insurgencies. I entered Congress in 2011 as an insurgent Tea Party Republican. My goals were conservative and clear: restrain executive power and reduce the debt. Barack Obama was president then, and it was easy for us to rail against runaway spending and executive overreach.

Eight years later, Mr. Trump has increased the deficit more than \$100 billion year over year — it's now nearing \$1 trillion — and we hear not a word of protest from my former Republican colleagues. He abuses the Constitution for his narcissistic trade war. In private, most congressional Republicans oppose the trade war, but they don't say anything publicly. But think about this: Mr. Trump's tariffs are a tax increase on middle-class Americans and are devastating to our farmers. That's not a smart electoral strategy.

It's one of the many reasons Mr. Trump is ripe for a primary challenger. In fact, it would buck the historical trend if he didn't have one. More often than not, unpopular presidents face primary challengers.

Since leaving Congress in 2013, I've been the host of my own conservative talk radio show several hours a day, five days a week. The only time a majority of my conservative audience has noticeably broken with the president is when he signed the omnibus spending bill in 2017 that ballooned the deficit. Fiscal responsibility is an issue the American electorate cares about but that our elected officials disregard from the top down — including the Tea Party in the Trump era.

Fiscal matters are only part of it. At the most basic level, Mr. Trump is unfit for office. His lies are so numerous — from his absurd claim that tariffs are "paid for mostly by China, by the way, not by us," to his prevarication about his crowd sizes, he can't be

trusted.

In Mr. Trump, I see the worst and ugliest iteration of views I expressed for the better part of a decade. To be sure, I've had my share of controversy. On more than one occasion, I questioned Mr. Obama's truthfulness about his religion. At times, I expressed hate for my political opponents. We now see where this can lead. There's no place in our politics for personal attacks like that, and I regret making them.

I didn't vote for Mr. Trump in 2016 because I liked him. I voted for him because he wasn't Hillary Clinton. Once he was elected, I gave him a fair hearing, and tried to give him the benefit of the doubt. But I soon realized that I couldn't support him because of the danger he poses to the country, especially the division he sows at every chance, culminating a few weeks ago in his ugly, racist attack on four minority congresswomen.

The fact is, Mr. Trump is a racial arsonist who encourages bigotry and xenophobia to rouse his base and advance his electoral prospects. In this, he inspires imitators.

Republicans should view Mr. Trump as the liability that he is: No matter his flag-hugging, or his military parades, he's no patriot. In front of the world, he sides with Vladimir Putin over our own intelligence community. That's dangerous. He encouraged Russian interference in the 2016 election, and he refuses to take foreign threats seriously as we enter the 2020 election. That's reckless. For three years, he has been at war with our federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as he embraces tyrants abroad and embarrasses our allies. That's un-American.

And despite what his enablers claim, Mr. Trump isn't a conservative. He's reckless on fiscal issues; he's incompetent on the border; he's clueless on trade; he misunderstands executive power; and he subverts the rule of law. It's his poor record that makes him

most worthy of a primary challenge.

Mr. Trump has taken the legitimate differences that Americans have on policy and turned them into personal division. He's caused me to change my tone and to reflect upon where I went over the line and to focus on policy differences moving forward.

We now have a president who retweets conspiracy theories implicating his political opponents in Jeffrey Epstein's death. We now have a president who does his level best to avoid condemning white supremacy and white nationalism.

Yes, William Weld, the former Massachusetts governor, is challenging Mr. Trump from the center. But the president is more vulnerable to a challenge from the right. I'm on the right, and I'm hugely disappointed that challenge hasn't yet materialized.

the case for strong borders — instead of warning of "invaders," dragging us down, turning neighbor against neighbor. A majority of Americans want fixes to our most basic problems.

We need someone who could stand up, look the president in the eye and say: "Enough sir We've had enough of your indecency."

Mr. Trump's most vulnerable against a challenger who'd make

eye and say: "Enough, sir. We've had enough of your indecency. We've had enough of your lies, your bullying, your cruelty, enough of your insults, your daily drama, your incitement, enough of the danger you place this country in every single day. We don't want any of this anymore, and the country certainly can't stand four more years of it."

Joe Walsh is a Republican and former Congressman. He is host of a nationally syndicated talk radio show.

# The ethical mess of our healthcare

BY AMY GUTMANN AND JONATHAN D. MORENO

The recent Democratic primary debates in Detroit made at least one thing clear: The party exclusively responsible for passing the Affordable Care Act is now waging political warfare over whether to reform it or eliminate it. Senator Bernie Sanders was loud but not lonely in advocating "Medicare for all," which would supplant the A.C.A. with a single-payer system and virtually abolish private employer-based health insurance. His predictable answer to who will fund its high price is apparently the 1 percent who need to pay their fair share.

But there is another 1 percent, and they are not the privileged ones you're thinking of. They are the roughly 1 percent of Medicare patients who have end-stage renal disease and cost the system \$34 billion every year. No matter how rich or poor, young or old, Medicare kidney patients are guaranteed treatment mostly paid for by American taxpayers.

The product of vigorous lobbying and minimal deliberation, this one-disease carve-out that Congress passed in 1972 exemplifies the highly politicized patchwork design of the American health care system and its scandalous lack of universal coverage and adequate cost controls.

Anyone with a sense of compassion can applaud saving three-quarters of a million Americans with failing kidneys from death each year. But this program is exorbitantly expensive, and preventive therapies and other effective treatments can be made available at lower costs. It enriches two for-profit companies that control about 70 percent of the dialysis market. It has created perverse incentives for health care providers to supply too many patients with dialysis while devoting scant resources to preventing end-stage kidney disease and providing more kidneys for transplants.

These problems have long been known. Yet for decades policymakers faced insurmountable obstacles in Congress to making valuable reforms, such as controlling the price of renal dialysis, incentivizing less expensive and more convenient at-home dialysis and increasing the number of kidneys available for transplant.

This one-disease benefit raises a broader ethical question: Why is renal dialysis worthier of such generous federal funding more than other lifesaving treatments for other deadly diseases? While almost 750,000 Americans have end-stage kidney disease, over 30 million are diabetic, over two million are insulin-dependent and diabetes treatment costs less and saves many more lives. Why shouldn't treatment for severe cases of diabetes and other life-threatening diseases like hemophilia, leukemia and other cancers also be fully funded by Medicare?

While Congress was debating the renal disease benefit, Senator Wallace Bennett, a conservative Republican from Utah, argued "A more reasonable way to handle this amendment" was to make it "part of a broader health insurance bill" — not just insurance against one disease. Yet Congress still has not made good on this basic principle. Instead the kidney disease carve out serves as the most glaring example of the country's counterproductive patchwork of health coverage.

The Trump administration is now proposing to rein in costs for end-stage renal disease treatment in a way it says will not undermine care. Its recommendations — which include enabling more kidney donations by compensating donors for forgone wages and child care — would be both cost-saving and lifesaving.

But the administration's plan underscores the absurdity of our current health care debate: It would revamp the program using a provision of the A.C.A. that authorizes the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test models of care that work in the private sector and that can enhance service to patients while also reducing costs. This is, of course, the same health care law that Mr. Trump has

pledged to dismantle, including by ordering the Justice Department not to defend it in a major challenge heading to the Supreme Court.

Whether or not the administration succeeds, our health care system will remain sorely lacking in basic justice and economic efficiency. It is a system that too often creates perverse incentives favoring the overtreatment of diseases. To avoid this, we must start treating sick people fairly.

Such a path exists: Rather than repeal and replace the A.C.A., we need to revise and reinforce it. With about 90 percent of Americans now covered by health insurance, the A.C.A. was highly successful in improving our irrational system by expanding coverage for effective treatments while also reining in some spending.

That does not mean the law could not be improved by, for instance, reducing the high costs of drugs, co-pays and deductibles. But instead of calling for improvements, Republicans and now even many Democrats are threatening to dismember the law. That would be a tragic mistake when there is nothing close to a consensus on how to replace it.

There are multiple ways to achieve the worthy, non-utopian goal of reducing the uneven, crazily complicated nature of health care coverage, which has contributed to Americans' having among the lowest life expectancies and highest infant mortality rate of any affluent nation. Reinforcements to the A.C.A. should include a voluntary public option — "Medicare for more" — that would coexist with common-sense improvements to the private employer-based coverage enjoyed by roughly 160 million Americans.

There's also an economic and an ethical imperative for employers to improve prevention. They can use their leverage with private insurers to insist on health plan performance metrics and innovations like digitally based care systems that track medical problems before they become dangerous.

By revising and reinforcing the A.C.A., we can benefit all Americans without threatening any with the loss of hard-fought, lifesaving health coverage. Surely our fellow Americans with life-threatening diseases of all sorts are also worth saving.

Amy Gutmann is the president of the University of Pennsylvania, where Jonathan D. Moreno is a professor of bioethics.

### I don't want a tree

Dear Editor:

Today we received a notice on our mailbox that a tree is to be planted in our front yard by TreePeople. Apparently the city of Downey has agreed to allow this group to plant trees on the city easement.

I realize the city has an easement on our property so that we unfortunately hae no choice but to allow this to happen.

We have chosen landscaping and hardscaping for the front of our property based on water needs and on what we are willing to do to care for it. We are not being given a choice as to if we want a tree or what kind of tree is to be planted. Our notice didn't say when this is to occur.

Plus we have over and over again been encouraged to save water. We may have had a rainy winter but it is inevitable we will have more dry winters. And now we are to add trees that will need 15 gallons of water a week. Water that I will have to pay for, of course.

So in addition to the time I'm to spend caring for this tree, I will have to pay for the water used to support it. In a future drought, when the city asks us to save water and threatens to start fining households, will we get a break on this?

I called the City Council office and was told my councilperson is on vacation. I was referred to the Public Works Department. They could not tell me when the tree is to be planted.

I asked what would happen if our sprinkler system is damaged in the process of planting. The reply was, "They'll take care of it."

When I asked for elaboration of that point, the same phrase was repeated. I was told to call the number on the notification. I did call that number and left a message, as no one answered.

It sounds like the city agreed to this but doesn't know any details other than trees will be planted.

We're not talking about a sidewalk that would facilitate public safety. This is something that will need care. It's going to grow big and need care. I am not willing to care for a tree that I don't want and have no say about.

I also think we should have received a notice from our city first, with a number of someone at City Hall who could answer questions.

From what I have observed on my regular walks is that trees get planted on city easement property and grow too big for where they are located. They do not get regular trimming and roots stay shallow because they do not get regular deep watering, causing sidewalks and curbs to raise. The city deals with raised sidewalks by grinding down the sidewalk in an attempt to even the sidewalk.

I do think trees can add to the environment but this is the wrong way to go about it.

Suzanne Dodd Downey

#### Gun debate

Dear Editor:

I agree with U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris's comment on the recent spate of mass shootings.

Why do the gun enthusiasts even need AR-15 assault rifles? To go hunting? For what? A deer?

After you pumped 60 or 70 high-caliber rounds into it, you would probably be left with little more than a steaming pile of hamburger.

Jack Russell Downey

Dear Editor:

Despite the tragedy at the Walmart in El Paso, Texas, the store is going to continue to sell guns and ammunition.

I guess making a profit is more important than showing respect to the people who died.

Mike Sandoval

Dear Editor:

Obviously Froma Harrop was too quick to write an article condemning "good men with guns." ("Good Men with Guns Won't Protect Us," 8/8/19) Especially with the most recent attempt by yet another lunatic to shoot up a Walmart in Missouri.

In this latest incident, an off-duty fireman who was shopping, held a heavily armed shooter at gun point until police arrived. Luckily, no shots were fired and no one was hurt. Lucky for all that this "good man" had a carry permit and was in the right place at the right time.

It is interesting to note how quickly the gunman surrendered. Obviously he expected helpless people to be his targets but instead found himself at the wrong end of a gun.

Good, responsible citizens, men and women, can defend themselves and others when allowed to carry concealed weapons after undergoing a basic level of training.

Este Delmore Downey

Dear Editor:

"Good men with guns won't protect us." That is the most ignorant statement written by a liberal columnist (Froma Harrop) that lives in the posh area of NYC.

The way to stop a bad man with a gun is to have a good man with a gun. This is absolutely true. Who else is going to stop the bad man? Another bad man?

When seconds count, the police are minutes away. An officer/deputy is dispatched after the 911 call is received. Their response time is dictated by availability, time, distance, traffic and weather. Don't blame the officers.

Gun free zones do not work. If a good man (citizen with a concealed carry weapon) was allowed to carry in the GFZ, the bad guy could have been stopped sooner. There will be casualties because the bad guy determines when he will attack. Don't say there were casualties because of the evil AR-15. A semi auto pistol would have done the same damage at close range.

Another dumb statement Froma was that she would prefer a psychotic man without a gun than a good man with one. Well, who is going to stop the psycho? The psychotic will buy or steal a gun regardless of the law. Does Froma know that knives are carried by all criminals. Look at all the innocent victims that were sliced and gutted walking on Hollywood Boulevard or around homeless areas.

Citizens in good standing in California should be allowed to conceal carry if they wish. But this is California, home of the violent gangs and criminals. It's impossible to obtain a CCW in L.A. County and L.A. City. Only the rich and famous can carry because their lives are more important than yours.

The Supreme Court ruled that law enforcement has no obligation to protect you. You are your first responder to protect yourself and your loved ones. That is why it's called self defense.

#### Bob Rodriguez Downey

Dear Editor:

Froma Harrop was absolutely correct that good men with guns won't protect us. That is a statement of fact attributed to the sheer destruction caused by assault-style rifles.

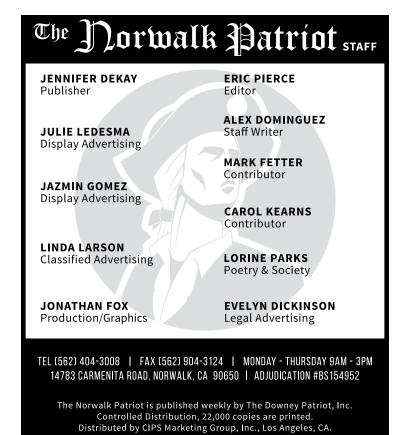
The shooter in Dayton, Ohio, was armed with a semi-automatic AM-15. According to Dayton Police, law enforcement officers engaged him within 20 seconds of when the shooting started. Within 30 seconds after the shooting started, police had killed the gunman.

In that very brief time period, the gunman killed 10 people and injured 27 others.

It's the guns.

Barbara Walker

Barbara Walk Downey

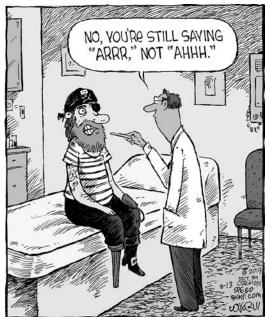


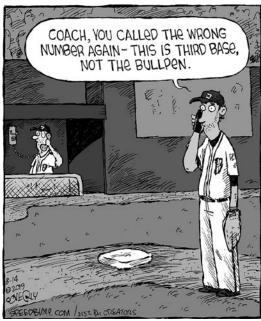
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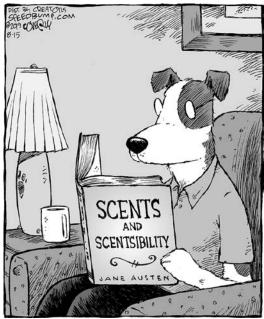
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#### **MONDAYS**

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

#### **TUESDAYS**

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

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

# **SATURDAYS**

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

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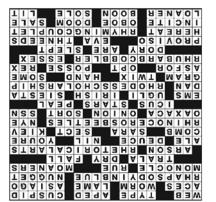
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019207105
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MAROBA,
18333 DELOISE AVE, CERRITOS CA
90703, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 4374,
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA LINA PEDREGON, 18333 DELOISE AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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/MARIA LINA PEDREGON, OWNER

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019207132

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) URBAN KITTY, 12109 164TH STREET, NORWALK CA

90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A Number (II applicable): AI #UNI: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OLGA GODOY, 12109164TH STREET, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) THERON CHARLES WELLS, 12109 164TH STREET, NORWALK CA

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: 07/2019

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 pulsuant 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/OLGA GODOY, GENERAL PARTNER

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

THE NUMBER 2019194824
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ANGELA
ALCERO TUTORING AND CREATIVE,
9869 KARMONT AVENUE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

CA 90280, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELA
CECILIA ALCERRO, 9869 KARMONT
AVENUE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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 knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ANGELA CECILIA ALCERRO, OWNER

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### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019200236
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DI ORO SHINE
SOLUTIONS, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY UNIT
# 129, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
# ticles of Incorporation of Comparison # 129, NORWALK CA 90630, LA COUNT Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS ERICK AGUIRRE, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY UNIT # 129, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2019

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thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/CARLOS ERICK AGUIRRE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019 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 then 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 2019215511

File Number 2019/215511
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) D&B LUNA
ENTERPRISES LLC, 11110 ALONDRA
AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY,
10609 SCOTT AVE, WHITTIER CA 90603
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) D&B LUNA
ENTERPRISES LLC, 10609 SCOTT AVE,
WHITTIER CA 90603

WHITTIER CA 90603 State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

Limited Liability Company
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/D&B LUNA ENTERPRISES LLC, MANAGER, DANTE LUNA
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Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 7, 2019 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 then 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

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# FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019200502

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUCKYLAND COMPANY, 12527 ALONDRA BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMUEL CHAI, 10939 ROBERTA STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703 (2) LONKY CHAI, 15322 LOFTHILL DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638 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

names listed above: 05/2014

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# **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019190671
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KAILEE NAIL
SPA & BEAUTY SALON, 15933 PIONEER
BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) POV NOU, 14809 WHEATSTONE ÀVE, NORWALK

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an 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

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S/POV NOU, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 10, 2019 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 then 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

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### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019203100
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GLOVALINK
XPRESS, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE#
289, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS LARA SALAS, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE# 289, 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: 07/2019
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/JESUS LARA SALAS, OWNER
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# FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019200480
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MOON PACIFIC
NURSERY, 13749 SAYRE ST, SYLMAR CA
91342, LA COUNTY, 15116 GERMAIN ST,
MISSION HILLS CA 91345
Atticles of Incorporation or Organization

MISSION HILLS CA 91345
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN
MOSQUEDA, 15116 GERMAIN ST,
MISSION HILLS CA 91345 (2) MARIA
A GONZALEZ DE MOSQUEDA, 14801
CHATSWORTH DE MISSION HILLS CA CHATSWORTH DR. MISSION HILLS CA

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/MARIA A GONZALEZ DE MOSQUEDA,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019

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 then 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.

The filing of this statement does not of itself

authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business

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# FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WEALTH AND
SAVINGS, 17105 GARD AVE., ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY

CA 90/01, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARQUES
JORDAN, 17105 GARD AVE., ARTESIA

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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

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/MARQUES JORDAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 2019 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 here it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. 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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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### NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019185684
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HAKMA NATURALS, 12802 DUNTON DR WHITTIER CA 90602-3413, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): All #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ, 12802 DUNTON DRIVE, WHITTIER CA 90602 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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/CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 3, 2019 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 then 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.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019218507
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GRB RANCH,
11369 E. CARSON STREET, LAKEWOOD
CA 90715, LA COUNTY, 3553 ATLANTIC
AVENUE #187, LONG BEACH CA 90807
Atticles of Incorporation or Organization AVENUE #187, LONG BEACH CA 90007
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHELE
GARDNER BLOOMQUIST, 3553 ATLANTIC
AVENUE #187, LONG BEACH CA 90807
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

Individual he 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/MICHELE GARDNER BLOOMQUIST,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 12, 2019 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 then 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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019208509
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GM TIRES,
14237 DILLERDALE ST., LA PUENTE CA

14237 DILLERDALE ST., LA PUENTE CA 91746, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EVA
HORTENCIA MORALES, 14237
DILLERDALE ST, LA PUENTE CA 91746
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2006

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

The date registrant started to transact

thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/EVA HORTENCIA MORALES, OWNER S/EVA HORTENCIA MORALES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 30, 2019
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 then 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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# FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019199921
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PACIFIC
MARKETING SERVICES, 23111 BERENDO AVE, TORRANCE CA 90502, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): All #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1)
GABRIELLA LOGOLUSO, 23111
BERENDO AVE, TORRANCE CA 90502
State of Incorporation: N/A State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A 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/GABRIELLA LOGOLUSO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019 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 pursuan to Section 17913 other then 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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019196552 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ANGEL COLE (2) NICOLE GENTRY, 17330 BARNHILL AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY, 17357 CERRITOS CA 13337 SOUTH ST #355, CERRITOS CA

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KIM-Z ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, 17330 BARNHILL

AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: 04/2019 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/KIM-Z ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, MEMBER, WILBERT L KIMSEY II

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 17, 2019 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 then 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 2019199934 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOUTH BAY BOOKKEEPING SERVICES, 1859 W 152ND ST, GARDENA CA 90249, LA COUNTY

Avicles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOLENE LOGOLUSO, 1859 W 152ND ST, GARDENA CA 90249

State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2019 or names listed above: 07/2019
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/JOLENE LOGOLUSO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019

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 pursuan to Section 17913 other then 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

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019210036
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SHARP ON, 748
E. FRANCISQUITO AVE., WEST COVINA
CA 91790, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE
TORRES, 748 E. FRANCISQUITO AVE,
WEST COVINA CA 91790

WEST COVINA CA 91790 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name r names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this

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/JOSE TORRES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 1, 2019 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 then 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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### GOVERNMENT

**CITY OF NORWALK** PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS
2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk will conduct two community meetings on September 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., regarding the development of the 2020 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The purpose of the community meetings is to provide a forum for residents and interested organizations to express their views on the City's development of these plans:

Consolidated Plan

Consolidated Plan
The City is required to prepare a five-year
Consolidated Plan describing the use of
Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships
funds. The City anticipates receiving
approximately \$6.1 million in CDBG funds
and \$1.5 million in HOME funds over the next
five (5) years. The Consolidated Plan will
describe the City's strategy for addressing
bousing and community development needs housing and community development needs

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

Choice
The Analysis focuses on actions, omissions and decisions made because of race, color and decisions made because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin, which restrict, or have the effect of restricting, housing choices or the availability of housing choices in the City of Norwalk.

Meeting Details
Date: September 5, 2019
Time/Place: 10:00 a.m. at Norwalk Senior
Center, 14040 San Antonio Drive, Norwalk
Time/Place: 6:30 p.m. at Social Services
Center, 11929 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk

#### Public Comment

Accessibility

Interested persons and organizations are invited to attend either public meeting regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the meeting to to: Attention: Kristin Maithonis, Housing Manager, City of Norwalk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650 or email kmaithonis@norwalkca.gov

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, or if

you need special equipment for the hearing impaired, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least

48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service.

Dated this 16th day of August 2019. Theresa Devoy, CMC

City Clerk The Norwalk Patriot

# **TRUSTEE SALES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA17-766114-RY Order No.: 170108650-CAVOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A
DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/5/2005.
UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO
PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE
SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED
AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF
THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU
SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public
auction sale to the highest bidder for cash. 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): JUAN CARLOS MICHEL AND LETICIA MICHEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 12/12/2005 as Instrument No. 05 3037664 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 9/24/2019 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: \$1,035,923.62
The purported property address is: 11208
HERMES STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650

Assessor's Parcel No.: 8019-021-010
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may 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-17-766114-RY. 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 ritten request 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. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 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-17-766114-RY IDSPub #0155619 8/9/2019 8/16/2019

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8/23/2019

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000008220568 Title Order No.: DS7300-19001397 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 197-7992090-703-203B ATTENTION 197-7992090-703-203B ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THE RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT Friday, Aug. 16, 2019 The Norwalk Patriot

# **LEGALS**

ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/13/2017. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS LIP as duly appointed Trustee and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/17/2017 as Instrument No. 20170420269 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: JOHN A. ALEMAN JR., A SINGLE MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/12/2019 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any of the and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11213 BRINK AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8015-009-008 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$510,044.52. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and Deed of Irust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at trustee auction. You will be bidding on a 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 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 mortgage hepsficiary trustee or a court 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 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www. auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000008220568. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site.
The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM 800-280-2832 www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 08/05/2019 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4701256 08/16/2019 08/33/2019 08/30/2019 08/16/2019. 08/23/2019. 08/30/2019

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# Demographic Change: Meet the new neighbors, same as the old neighbors

#### **Part VI of VII**

**By Aron Ramirez** Contributor

The early years of Downey's demographic transformation were marked by uneasy racerelations. White residents who remained in the early 1990s were generally poorer than the white residents who left, and therefore felt stuck as the city changed before them. Some white residents overestimated the cultural differences between themselves and the middleclass Mexican Americans; this perceived difference undermined the existing peace.

But this scarcely discouraged Downey's middle-class Mexican Americans from expressing the assimilated civic identity. This was because they genuinely believed in several of its component actions. Unlike earlier years where the civic identity secured their place among the white majority, in the 1990s, Mexican Americans perpetuated the civic identity to steward the community through challenges to the middle-class quality of life.

One principal holdover was the emphasis on home-owning customs and practices that maximized property values. Middle-class Mexican Americans in the 1990s headed, created, and participated in "propertyvalues"-minded programs. Ironically, this responded to the economic turmoil caused by the very housing bubble that first facilitated Downey's white flight in 1988. In this essay, I'll detail a number of programs Mexican Americans championed as part of their civic identity.

Demographic change in the 1990s coincided with tax problems in Downey. Unsustainable economic growth, the 1986 Tax Reform Act, Federal Reserve policy, and personal debt accumulation caused a national recession in 1990, a counter-boom of sorts to the nousing market of 1988. Locally, this recession and the end of the Cold War spelled far fewer aerospace construction contracts at the Boeing plant in Downey. This revenue formed a significant portion of the city's collected taxes in earlier years, so by 1998, when Boeing shut the Downey plant down entirely, the city's tax base faced major problems. This, combined with fluctuating property values caused by the housing bubble, concerned homeowners in

The other threat to property values came in the form of gangs. White and Mexican American residents feared that overwhelming demographic turnover could lead to the infiltration of unwelcomed elements and urban-related vices like gang activity. Surprisingly, Mexican Americans and whites alike held these fears and responded in similar ways.

In the 1980s, some gangs trafficked in a lucrative illicit drug trade, while others formed in response to inter-ethnic tensions. Rhetoric like Ronald Reagan's "War on Drugs" initiative found support in communities like Downey where gang activity threatened residents' middle-class standard of living. The gang problem in Downey existed more in imagination than in reality. (More on this later.) Some gangs, though, sprouted from Downey and named themselves after the neighborhoods in which they formed; the Dog Patch Criminals, Brock Avenue Locos, and Margaret Street Locos are three such examples. Many Downey gangs grew from the central Downey working-class barrio, resulting from the lower levels of economic and social capital allocated to these streets.

High school teachers recalled certain students in the 1990s being involved with organized gangs and posing trouble for the administrators on campus. But many gang groups or members came from outside the city.

Community groups like Gangs out of Downey (GOOD) provided grassroots solutions to these threats. Phil Presicci and former school board member Betty Ferraro founded GOOD in 1989 to steer Downey youth from gang involvement. GOOD tapped Downey resident (and former Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder) Darrell Jackson to helm the program.

A grassroots organization, GOOD was a youth-group alternative to gangs. Through its early years, GOOD enjoyed moderate success steering dozens of youth-mostly lowincome Mexican Americans from central and south Downeyfrom gang influences.

Widely publicized testimonies like that of Francine Perez stoked the community's support. Once an at-risk youth from south Downey, Perez nearly dropped out of school and joined gangs before Darrell Jackson invited her to GOOD. Through the programming of GOOD, especially the mentorship of Jackson, Perez remained in school, maintained a 3.0 grade point average, and joined the cross country team.

By 1993, the organization had attracted a large following. GOOD hosted a "Youth Program Day," with a food court, entertainment, youth sports registration, and a walk-a-thon to raise money for the group's functions. Turnout at the event helped attract corporate sponsorship from Downeybased organizations like Keep Downey Beautiful, the Police Department, and Downey City Services. Kaiser Permanente Hospital topped them all with a \$5,000 check; in later years, more companies donated larger sums to GOOD.

As the city demographics changed, Mexican Americans transitioned to leadership positions—with much of the same success. This stemmed from Mexican American desires as business owners, parents, and residents to keep streets safe. Safety was as good for business as it was for raising children. Latino/a/x-owned businesses like Lopez Insurance Co. publicized their financial contributions to GOOD to signal their literal investment in safety. Raul Lopez then became the first Mexican American to join GOOD leadership when he assumed the office of vice president in 1996. The next year, Lopez became president and continued the same levels of programming, fundraising, and

When asked about his intimate involvement with GOOD, Lopez cited concern for "a decent place for his wife, Arlene, and his five children to live." Lopez and other Mexican Americans genuinely cared for the program. Their support was but one way to uphold the quality of life that first attracted them to Downey and separated the middle-class suburb from nearby minority-majority cities. Their efforts worked, too: in 1996, Lieutenant Wheatly of the Downey Police Department announced that programs like GOOD caused a five-year hiatus in gang-related homicides.

(In truth, the community overestimated GOOD's role. Contemporary crime statistics by the FBI showed falling rates of serious crime throughout metropolitan Los Angeles and across the nation as a whole. When compared to cities like Long Beach or Los Angeles, both of which had much larger populations, Downey actually had slower rates of declining

During this period, middleclass Mexican Americans also participated in neighborhood improvement programs. One such program was the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Started in January 1997, the Preservation Program grew from the city's commitment to maintaining high property values through demographic change; resident participation ensured the

program's success. Orange County cities introduced similar initiatives in prior years.

The program created a citypaid position for a Community Outreach Officer (later Neighborhood Preservation Officer), who liaised relations between neighborhood residents and various city departments like Code Enforcement. The first budget provided \$71,000 for three neighborhoods—mostly in the apartment-dense fringes of south Downey—with the goal to peruse streets looking for signs of blight: "buildings in need of repair, litter-cluttered yards, cars that don't run parked on lawns, and other signs of gangs and crime.'

On paper, the position resembled the usual powers assigned to code enforcement officers. In practice, the Neighborhood Preservation Officer became integral to the program's success.

The inaugural Preservation Officer, Cristina Garcia, epitomized the incoming middle-class Mexican American. (This Cristina Garcia is not the same as our current State Assemblymember.) Garcia was 24 years old at the time of appointment, but she had impressive credentials. In her few years after graduating from the University of California, San Diego with a degree in political science, Garcia interned at a public policy institute, worked as an administrative aide for the City of Beverly Hills, and participated in the federal AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America, the Waron-Poverty-era domestic version of Peace Corps. Garcia had also begun a graduate degree in public administration at the University of Southern California.

Her father, Ernie Garcia, was the city manager of neighboring Norwalk, but she omitted this from her application so she could earn the job by her own merit. The city lauded Garcia's qualifications and hired her over forty-one other candidates, including police officers and university professors. Her hire signaled the city council's recognition of the new demographic landscape.

Garcia represented the new Downevite: an American-born college-educated Latino/a/x who, having tasted the middleclass life in some way, upheld a civic identity that promoted high property values through a culture of code enforcement and neighborhood improvement. The city banked on Garcia's ability to resemble and relate to the incoming middle-class Mexican Americans. The high property values would not come from forcible code enforcement by white homeowners and policymakers, but rather from the middle-class Mexican Americans themselves.

Residents from all neighborhoods enthusiastically participated in and ensured the program's success. In the first Neighborhood Preservation meeting, seventy residents from one neighborhood aired their concerns over issues like crime, traffic, and property maintenance. The most common complaints, though, came from Downey residents concerned by juveniles from Paramount.

Residents blamed Paramount youths for generating most threats to their property values, from litter in the park to graffiti on walls to a general familyunfriendly atmosphere. Garcia and other city officials promised to address all concerns from that meeting, and scheduled follow-up events, litter cleanups, and family-friendly programming to reclaim the spaces. City councilmembers were thrilled with the success and enthusiastic community reception of the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

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# Demographic Change: Downey residents find they have more in common than previously assumed

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The program also coincided with the maintenance of higher property values: throughout the 1990s, the median value of owner-occupied homes in Downey remained higher than the county median—and \$60,000 higher than in nearby suburbs. The newspaper lauded the program, Police Chief Caldwell praised Garcia, and councilmember Gary McCaughan's only concern was that the program deserved more

After just seventeen months, the fiscal conservatives of city council offered the Neighborhood Preservation Program a blank check to ensure its growth. The next year, the program expanded to include another salaried officer. Such was the allure of programs that stabilized property

Mexican Americans also participated in private programs that privileged home upkeep as a civic duty. Independent programs like Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) incentivized home improvement by awarding recognition to homes from all parts of Downey. KDB grew out of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a national program started in 1953 to prevent littering in urban and suburban streets. The association created several initiatives, from hazardous waste disposal to littler clean-up grants. In Downey, KDB hosted recycling drives and litter cleanups, but was known to most residents as the trustee of the Home Beautiful awards. Residents submitted pictures of their homes for yearly award consideration in a number of categories. Judges assessed homes on maintenance, overall appearance, use of landscaping, and "neighborhood impact." Though principally

for immaculate single-family homes, KDB also recognized Most Improved and Rental Housing categories to encourage improvement even among those who were not middleclass homeowners. As if to lend implicit support for the property improvement competition, the city allowed KDB to host the awards show every year at city hall, which was itself a model for tasteful midcentury modern buildings.

Home Beautiful award winners, at the very minimum, complied with a strict municipal code. The municipal code of the 1990s shared most of the structures of the original 1956 code required by state law for incorporated cities. That municipal code reflected an apparently-timeless obsession with property values. The municipal code required meticulous attention, lest a homeowner deviate from the prescribed homogeneity. Landscaping requirements provide one such example. The city code forbade reasonably offensive appearances like broken windows or vegetation that promoted fire hazards. Some requirements, however, were more subjective. Technical charts filled the "Landscaping Requirements" section that

Except in the R-1 and R-2 zones, the total number of trees required shall be as follows: One (1) tree for every five (5) parking spaces; and One (1) tree for every twenty (20) linear feet of street (include street side) frontage...Except in the R-1 and R-2 zones, the size of trees, at time of planting, shall be required in Table

Or, that homeowners must

should be established at the base of buildings. Avoid asphalt edges at the base of structures as much as possible. Plant materials located in containers are appropriate...Planting masses on-site should assume a simple, non-uniform arrangement. The diversity of massing types should be great enough to provide interest, but kept to a level that evokes a relaxed natural feeling.

Compliance ensured the continuation of the manicured single-family ranch-style aesthetic. Conformity, not flexibility, was required. But these requirements were prohibitive on two levels: initial cost and cost of maintenance. For new developers, compliance with ordinances, especially fanciful tree and sightly vegetation requirements, could add significant costs.

By design, the middleclass Mexican Americans who moved to Downey needed to have the means to afford these costly requirements. The cost of maintenance similarly prohibited certain property owners. For front lawns, prohibitions included vegetation "out of conformity with neighboring community standards to such an extent as to result in, or contribute to, a diminution of property values," such as "[1]awns with grass in excess of six inches (6") in

Maintenance was required almost weekly, lest a lawn grow more than a disorderly six inches. Thus, a family moving into Downey needed to allocate, on a weekly basis, either hours of their day or monetary pay to maintain their vegetation. Such costs added up to a significant yearly investment, and restricted homeowners to those of middle-

Home Beautiful competitions [a] colorful landscape edge [that] thus embodied two key aspects

of the civic identity. For one, compliance with the municipal code preserved the ranch-style aesthetic popular in middle-class white suburbs and prevented Mexican Americans from introducing architectural styles like the Spanish mission style that are associated with Mexican culture. Second, Home Beautiful incentivized Mexican Americans to publicly privilege a "high-property-values" framework during the years of demographic transformation. Home Beautiful therefore not only helped to stabilize property values but also tied the new demographic to the civic identity.

Latino/a/x families like Irma and Marco Barrios enthusiastically participated in KDB competitions. By 2000, the Barrios family, like many other Mexican American families, were perennial winners. Even families from south Downey showed up on Most Improved lists, suggesting earnest efforts by working-tolower-middle-class families to uphold the higher property

These programs were but some of the ways the incoming middle-class Mexican Americans perpetuated a "high-propertyvalues" framework in the 1990s. To them, this component of the assimilated civic identity offered the proper remedy for fluctuating property values. But by perpetuating this framework, middle-class Mexican Americans unknowingly calcified a very specific definition of "Downey living," one epitomized by programs like GOOD, the Neighborhood Preservation Program, and KDB, to name a few.

This was not inevitable. Home-owning practices and customs of minority-majority cities like Paramount or South Gate did not independently

threaten property values (and therefore the quality of life). To be sure, some attitudes like intolerance of gangs did, on their own, protect against damage to property and life. But "intolerance of gangs" as a proxy for "intolerance of Paramount," as residents at Neighborhood Preservation meetings suggested was altogether different. Similarly, Spanish-style mission homes did not independently pose threats to property values. (Consider how the opposition to such styles is along the lines of "it's an ugly style" or "it's not like classic Downey homes,' which are subjective assessments of valuation, as opposed to "it

promotes a fire hazard.") But Spanish-style mission homes as metonyms for the home-owning practices and preferences in, say, Huntington Park (where the style is more common), were what posed the threat to Downey property values. This has less to do with the buildings themselves, and more to do with how ideas about the built environment suggested what constituted "good" suburban

living. It was about "keeping South Gate" (or any southeast Los Angeles suburb) out of Downey.

Which is to say that by perpetuating many components of the "high-property-values" framework of white-majority Downey, middle-class Mexican Americans were perpetuating the racial ideology that first informed ideas of "good" and "bad" homeowning practices. This was not a conscious association, but it had far-reaching implications, some of which are still a part of the way Downeyites think about their homes today.

There is a more immediate example of this. In the 1990s, undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America fled economic and natural disasters and trekked north. Some made their homes in Downey. Their presence ignited very public clashes between Mexican Americans' ethnic and class identities. I look forward to concluding the series with that story next week.

#### In Memory of

# **Alan Perkins**

June 16, 1954 - December 24, 2018



Alan Perkins passed away on December 24th, 2018. Alan is at home with his Lord and Savior. He was a member at Calvary Community Church for many years. Calvary Community Church in Norwalk, will be hosting an memorial service for Alan Perkins at 14626 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 with friends and family.

The service will be at 10:30am Sunday August 18, 2019. It will be followed with light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

# Rio Hondo College enrolls first class in Homeland Security degree program

**WHITTIER** – Rio Hondo College will be expanding presentation of its core and elective classes for its groundbreaking Associate of Science and Certificate of Achievement program in Homeland Security.

The program, approved in 2018 by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, builds on Rio Hondo College's nationally recognized public safety programs.

Classes offered this fall in the interdisciplinary degree program include Introduction to Homeland Security, Hazard Mitigation in Emergency Management and Cybersecurity: Policy and Practice.

"Homeland security expertise has never been in such high demand as it is today - a fact sadly reinforced by frequent violent incidents across our country," Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes said. "This degree program will help prepare students and a new generation of public safety officials who understand the issues, tactics and options necessary for ensuring our safety.'

The program was designed by Rio Hondo College faculty with deep knowledge of public safety needs in collaboration with experts in law enforcement, fire services and homeland security. Besides the core classes in homeland security and emergency management, the program incorporates courses in fire technology, wildland fire technology, administration of justice and geographic information services.

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# All My Cars

# Shared Stories Buick from.

By Anthony Kingsley Contributor

I bought my first car shortly after I arrived in New York. It was a used green and white 1960 Plymouth Savoy with huge fins at the back. But the hood had some paint damage so I got a \$29.95 Earl Scheib paint job and made it all white.

The Savoy was similar to the Plymouth Fury that was featured in the movie "Christine" except that the Fury had smaller fins. I drove it until it was rear-ended by a truck on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. This car was the cause of my first lawsuit in the United States.

I was planning on moving so I did not get another car. The metro went anywhere I wanted to go.

When I came to California and got a job, I bought a used Oldsmobile for \$300. As they say you get what you pay for.

My next car was a used green 1968 Ford Torino with a big V8 engine. A nice car but it gave me some problems. I wrote to Ford and they said sorry but it is out of warranty. I said I would never buy a Ford again.

Next came a used blue 1955 Chevy Nova - a nice little car. Then came a used green 1966 Chevy Nova which was totaled on the Long Beach Freeway. Next, a friend of a friend sold me a red Buick Century that lasted a

Then came my first new car - a black Chevy Monza, a nice car but with no air-conditioning. The nice thing about this car was that the rear seat folded down and made a complete flatbed up to the back of the front seat. I took my father in it to Palm Springs where it was 125 degrees when we got there. The old man had never felt heat like that before. We lay in the shade in the park to recuperate. I sold it to the person I had bought the

Next came a new stick-shift white Chevy Camaro with airconditioning. I drove that for 168,000 miles before it died. We had a lot of fun together. That was some car.

A new white Chevy Cavalier was up next. It got totaled while parked in a strip mall by a woman who put her foot on the accelerator instead of the brake. She refused to provide her insurance information. So, of course, another lawsuit was

It turned out that she did have insurance. I won a judgment but the insurance company refused to pay and they filed for a new trial. I won that

Next came a new silver Nissan Versa. That got totaled at night by a hit and run driver on Rosecrans Avenue in Bellflower. The police report said it was my fault because I had crossed Rosecrans in front of a speeding truck with no lights. No injuries.

Then I broke my promise of 40 years earlier. I bought a new white Ford Fiesta. It is a nice little car. It had a fluid leak shortly after I got it but that was fixed under warranty.

I drove it to Arlington, Texas and another trip to Chicago via Route 66. I also drove it to Las Vegas and Bullhead City, Arizona

After the warranty had expired, a light came up on my instrument panel. No advice in my owner's manual so I took to the internet. The solution was to turn the key to the accessories position, put your foot on the brake and the accelerator at the same time and hold them down for thirty seconds. Bingo - that

So far so good.

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# Miles of Smiles

# **Shared Stories**

By Maria L. Garcia Contributor

Who would ever think that one can experience a life changing moment by merely sitting on a couch?

Watching the 2018 movie, "Pope Francis Man of His Word," gave me such an experience. It was at the movie's end when Pope Francis declares his true confession: "I pray every day for two things: To smile and to have a sense of humor."

Smile — it can cost from nothing to millions of dollars. Either way, it's a win-win fashion statement if one chooses to wear it.

I got a recent email from Darlene, daughter of Phillip Lucas, our very first friend whom I met together with his wife, Lumen, in 1982 as a new immigrant. She had attached two photos of her dad marking his death at age 105. Interestingly, one picture was labeled "Dad's Classic Smile" and the other, "Dad's Million Dollar Smile" Though Philip's smile was worth its weight in gold, it must not have cost him a single dime.

School pictures require payment with the pro photographer making profit out of the student's free smile, with just a click. So much so with investors who set up photo booths at events for guests to pose, smile and stare at the dot within five second countdowns.

The unfading enigmatic smile of Mona Lisa is classic. Currently costs \$837 million in insurance value though, in reality, this Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece is un-insurable as it is irreplaceable. Mona Lisa is the inescapable Renaissance painting on the course outline I had taught for 12 years. Not until 1985 did I see the painting before my very eyes at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

In 1958, transcending into the world of music, was the popular song, "A Certain Smile." Lifetime Grammy Achievement awardee, Johnny Mathis, became a household name with many impersonators imitating his Certain Smile. I was one lucky fan who made it to his sold out concert at the Araneta Coliseum in Manila, Philippines in 1960.

"Suddenly you know why your heart sings when a certain face leads an unsuspecting heart on a merry chase." Six years later, the lyrics resonated in my nostalgic mind when I met the boy in college whom I eventually married.

Icon singer Nat King Cole, of over a hundred songs, popular for his song, "Smile:" "that even through fear and sorrow when you smile, you'll find that life is still worthwhile.'

I, too, was one of hundreds of fans who would not miss Nat King Cole for the world when he performed live at the same venue in Manila in 1961.

A smile can be attractive, infectious...or non infectious to one's health. Studies show a smile can lower one's blood pressure, lessen pain, strengthen one's immune system, and relieve stress. Even the dentist uses images of healthy teeth through a smile to advertise a dental product.

With apologies to those who have lost their teeth for one reason or another, my best friend, Victoria from Virginia battling with cancer, had lost her tooth from chemo treatment; nonetheless, she smiles and bears it. She says, "My smile has generated virtues of love and compassion from others who attend to me during my 48-hour infusion and more.

Myself, while pregnant with my youngest child, partially dislodged my front tooth from a fall on the driveway after the rain. Pushing back the displaced tooth, I managed smiling with it for several years until the doctor prescribed a root canal to save it. To this date, I can smile with it, unconscious of its history.

My mom smiled through 11 years of confinement in a rehabilitation hospital at Laguna Honda in San Francisco from 1987 to 1999. Her massive stroke resulted in aphasia, but smiles and laughter became her signature form of

communication.

I would drive or fly from LA to visit Mom. In one of those visits, unaware that I had a smile on my face as I walked eagerly through rows of beds in Mom's ward, a voice from one of the patients, called out: "Your smile erases a multitude of sins!" I was astounded and puzzled by the remark but it was like finding a treasure in a smile.

What children would do at school to earn a smiley sticker as a reward. The yellow emoticon in the 80's has evolved into a myriad of emojis displaying reactions on FB, in texting, posting positivity or negativity.

Smiles have existed through generations way back in the time of King David. In Psalm 39:13, "Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again Before I depart and am no more." David asks God to look away from his sin and forgive him, for strength that he may be prepared for the

Mindful of King David's pearls of wisdom, I too plead for God's mercy that I may have miles of smiles before I sleep.

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# **Boarding School**

# **Shared Stories**

By Helen Hampton Contributor

In 1934, when I was 10 years old, I had my tonsils taken out. After I came home from the hospital, I had a hemorrhage and almost died.

It caused a heart murmur as I lost so much blood. I was so sick that I missed a full year of school.

My mother thought I would need a good school to get caught up with my studies. She decided that I should go to a private school. I began attending a convent boarding school called Mount Merci in Waterville, Maine. It was taught by Urseline nuns. I would board there Monday through Friday and

return home each weekend.

Life in a convent was quite an experience for a child of 11. The sleeping quarters consisted of a long line of beds, head to head, in the middle of a large dorm room. The room had sleeping alcoves along the walls, with drapes that could be drawn for privacy. I had one of these private rooms with the bedspread and curtains of my choice. It was quite nice.

We ate our meals at long tables in a large dining hall. The nuns would walk up and down to see that everyone ate all their food.

We wore black stockings, black dresses with white hard collars and cuffs that needed to be scrubbed every week with Bon Ami. A big black bow tie completed the costume.

If anyone in the dorm came down with a cold, every child was given a dose of castor oil. There was only one bathroom at the end of the dorm. Needless to say, it was a very disturbing situation when we had to stand in a long line waiting for our turn to use the bathroom. Everyone was hopping up and down in great distress. But I guess we must have managed to live through it.

We had great fun on our time off from our studies. There were many activities to fill our spare time. We roller-skated in the fall and spring, and we ice-skated in the winter. We put on plays, and I had many singing parts in our musicals.

I boarded at Mount Merci for three years. By then I was caught up with my studies, so I was able to go to public school for my remaining school years.

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