

Gateway cities collect \$2M to combat homeless crisis

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis directed almost \$2 million in county funding to an innovative program coordinating homeless services in the Gateway Cities region.

"Since we started funding this program, we have been able to lift over 2,000 people off of the streets of the Gateway Cities and into housing," said Hahn. "The homelessness crisis demands attention at every level of government, and I appreciate the Gateway Cities Council of Government's willingness to put resources to work, connect people to stable housing, and be part of long-term solutions. I am more than happy to do everything I can to support their efforts."

The creation of the Gateway Connections Program in 2011 was widely considered to be the first attempt at addressing homelessness through a coordinated, regional effort of a group of cities, in partnership with Los Angeles County.

The mission of the program is to identify homeless encampments in the 27 cities that make up the Gateway region of the County, conduct intensive outreach and connect homeless individuals and families to supportive services, temporary housing, and permanent supportive housing.

"Homelessness is a crisis, and to end homelessness we must work together to identify creative solutions. That is why I am allocating \$156,438 for a three-year term from the First District's Homeless Prevention Initiative Fund to support the Gateway Connections Program," said Solis.

"The County, in partnership with local cities, must extend a helping hand to uplift our sisters and brothers who are experiencing homelessness. In my District, the Gateway region includes the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Industry, Maywood, Montebello, Pico Rivera, South Gate, and Vernon. This region saw a 12% increase in its homeless population, where nearly one-third of the individuals experiencing homelessness are women, and more than half are Latino/Hispanic.

"The Gateway Connections Program has led to regional partnerships between the Gateway Council of Governments (COG), Gateway cities, the County, and homeless service providers. To tackle homelessness effectively, we must treat our neighbors humanely by offering them wraparound services that will help them get back on their feet. We cannot stop until everyone can rest in a bed of their own."

Over the next three years, the Gateway Cities Council of Government will receive \$635,750 annually for the Gateway Cities Connection Program from both the First and Fourth District's allocation of Homeless Prevention Initiative funds totaling \$1,907,250.

The First District's allocation is set at 25% of the annual contract total while the Fourth District will allocate the remaining 75%.

The contract term will be for three years with two option years contingent on available funding from the Homeless Prevention Initiative funds.

2 killed near Holifield Park

DOWNEY - Authorities have publicly identified two men who were shot and killed in a late-night shooting in Norwalk earlier this month.

Gabriel Andrew Chavez, of Norwalk, and Martel Vicente, of Cypress, were killed in the shooting, which occurred shortly before midnight Sept. 6 on the 15500 block of Claretta Ave., near Holifield Park.

Both men were shot in the head, authorities said. Chavez and Vicente were both 24 years old.

The shooting is believed to be gang-related. Anyone with information is asked to call homicide detectives at (323) 890-5500.

Eric Pierce, editor

Newsom signs bill banning school suspension for defiance

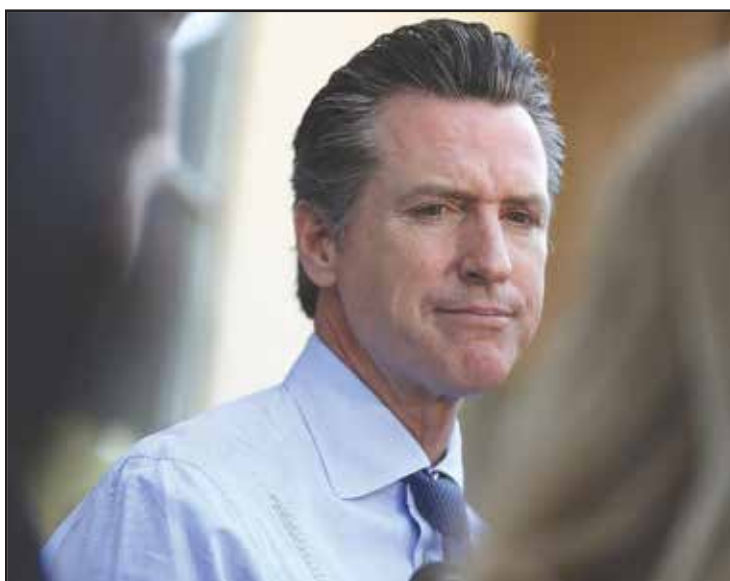
SACRAMENTO - Starting next school year, principals and administrators will be banned from suspending students for "willful defiance" of teachers, staff, and administrators.

Senate Bill 419 bans schools from suspending students in grades 4-8 for disrupting school activities or willfully defying school authorities, including teachers and staff. The bill would also ban schools from suspending students in grades 9-12 for the same thing until January 1, 2025. The law would apply to both public and charter schools.

Governor Newsom signed the bill into law Monday. It will go into effect July 1, 2020.

Existing law already prohibits schools from suspending children in grades K-3 for disrupting or willful defiance. Existing law also prevents schools from recommending the expulsion of students in all grades for disrupting or willful defiance.

Students could still be suspended or expelled for other acts, including threatening violence, bringing a weapon or drugs to school, or damaging school property. Teachers could also still be allowed to "suspend pupils from class for the day and the following day who disrupt school activities or otherwise willfully defied valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of



their duties."

As part of the new bill, superintendents or principals would be asked to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are "age-appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil's specific misbehavior."

The Alliance for Boys and Men of Color supports the bill, writing:

"SB 419 would eliminate disruption/defiance as grounds for suspensions for all grade levels and keep more students in schools. If SB 419 is not passed, students will continue to be subject to suspension based on disruption/defiance, which means students will be suspended from school and denied valuable learning time for

anything from failing to turn in homework, not paying attention, refusing to follow directions, or swearing in class—including suspensions for just one isolated incident.

"Because it is so subjective, suspensions based on Section 48900(k) raise serious concerns about their disproportionate impact on students of color and other vulnerable student groups—including students with disabilities and/or those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and/or gender non-conforming.

"Research confirms that there is even greater disproportionality for students in these groups suspended for low level, subjective offenses,

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Sheriff's deputies file lawsuit alleging violence by LASD clique

LOS ANGELES - Eight L.A. County sheriff's deputies have filed a \$60 million lawsuit, claiming they were beaten and harassed by a clique of deputies that operate as a gang.

L.A. County and four sheriff's deputies are named as defendants in the lawsuit.

"We're hoping that the county and the Sheriff's Department finally changes, finally fixes what they admit has been a problem for 50 years," their attorney, Vincent Miller, told ABC-7. "It's unbelievable to anyone on the outside that you'd have gang-member cops."

According to the lawsuit, the attack took place after a party at Kennedy Hall last September that was sanctioned by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station.

The deputies say the deputy clique or gang ran the East Los Angeles station like a criminal enterprise - controlling schedules, demanding donations

and pressuring recruits to make arrests even if they were bad ones.

Deputies say the gang strictly enforces a code of silence.

"People see what's going on with us - how we are now being treated - and they are afraid to talk," said a deputy plaintiff who did not want to be identified.

County officials vowed to get to the bottom of this issue once and for all, but previous attempts have gone nowhere. An outright ban on deputy cliques or secret societies raised First Amendment issues.

"I do think that Sheriff McDonnell wanted to address this issue and that past boards have not always had the appetites to take this issue on," said former federal prosecutor Miriam Krinsky who worked with former sheriff Jim McDonnell on jail reform.

On Tuesday, researchers

with the nonprofit RAND corporation unveiled their plans for a year-long study of deputy subgroups in the LASD at a meeting of the Civilian Oversight Commission. Researchers expect to conduct interviews with LASD leaders, community members and anonymously survey all 10,000 sworn members of the department.

Meanwhile, the LASD's chief watchdog, Inspector General Max Huntsman, told commissioners he's ready to conduct a separate investigation, but needs subpoena power to get at the truth.

"I'm not backing down, I'm not slowing down," Huntsman told the commissioners. "I think it's crazy that we have an elected sheriff stating publicly that there are no secret societies, only station tattoos. Given what we all know publicly, given what happened with the Banditos that is common knowledge."

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Norwalk restaurant grades

Huh Daigam Restaurant
16511 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/12/19
Grade: **A**

Go Hyang Jib
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/12/19
Grade: **A**

3 Amigos Tacos
16441 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/12/19
Grade: **A**

Dippity Donuts
14636 Carmenita Rd.
Date Inspected: 9/11/19
Grade: **A**

Little Caesars
13019 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 9/11/19
Grade: **A**

KFC
12959 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 9/11/19
Grade: **B**

Good Fortune Tasty Restaurant
15912 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/10/19
Grade: **B**

RC Burgers
10951 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/10/19
Grade: **A**

Top Donuts
10939 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/10/19
Grade: **A**

Lupita's Mexican Restaurante
15018 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/10/19
Grade: **A**

Puro Fuego
15716 1/2 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 9/6/19
Grade: **A**

TNT Tostas and Tacos
11042 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 9/3/19
Grade: **A**

Ho Ho China
11568 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 9/3/19
Grade: **A**

Yasai
12200 Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 8/29/19
Grade: **A**

Rancho Grande
10935 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/29/19
Grade: **A**

San Antonio Spirit Shop
13806 S San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 8/29/19
Grade: **A**

Kikka
11660 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/29/19
Grade: **A**

Costco - Warehouse
12324 S. Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/28/19
Grade: **A**

Costco - Meat
12324 S. Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/28/19
Grade: **A**

Costco - Pizza Kitchen
12324 S. Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/28/19
Grade: **A**

Costco - Bakery
12324 S. Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/28/19
Grade: **A**

Village Liquor
12527 Alondra Blvd.
Inspected: 8/23/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 90°

Sunday 89°



International Food & Music Festival

Saturday - Downtown Downey, 4-10 pm

Six live bands, food trucks, beer and wine garden, festival attractions, face painters, henna artists, caricature artists, and more fun.



Montebello Art Fest

Saturday - Montebello Park, 12-6 pm

100-plus vendors, live music, live art demonstrations, car show, workshops, food trucks, and celebrity guests.



Harvest Festival

All Weekend - OC Fair & Event Center

Shop from hundreds of vendors selling handmade fine jewelry, food, blowing glass, wood art, metalwork, and more.



Latin Music Festival

Saturday - MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana, 1-6 pm

A pop-up festival featuring live music, ballet folklorico performances, food vendors, a margarita truck, photo booth, lawn games, and more.



Bumptown in Concert

Sunday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 12 pm

Formed in 1995, Bumptown is a band that plays Latin, old school, disco and select rock 'n' roll. All ages, \$2 cover.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@CityOfNorwalkCA: As part of our ongoing efforts to educate our community about the importance of participating in the 2020 Census, we are installing banners at all our parks sharing the message that #everyonecounts!



Which is hardest for you to say:

- 1.) I love you
- 2.) I'm sorry
- 3.) I need help
- 4.) I appreciate you
- 5.) Worcestershire sauce

NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Paint & Pancakes, 10 am. Share a special morning with your fave little artist. Fee is \$14 per person, and includes breakfast, painting supplies and instruction. Open to children ages 6 and up. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Family Place Parent-Child Workshop, 5-6:15 pm Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists in child development, during this enjoyable five-week series. Registration is required. For 0-3 years old and their parent/caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Ojo de Dios (Eye of God), 4-5 pm Weave colorful yarn around craft sticks to form an "Ojo de Dios" or Eye of God. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

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.

Ghosts & Goblins Movie Night, 6:30 pm. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a spooky night watching "Goosebumps

2: Haunted Halloween" on an outdoor 400-ft. screen. Food available for purchase. Glazier Park, 10810 Excelsior Dr.

Open Mic, 7 pm. We invite all types of performers, from singers, dancers, magicians, & beatboxers...to take center stage in front of an enthusiastic, hometown audience. We'll supply the mic, stand, speakers and auxiliary cord and you bring the talent. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Smart Gardening Advanced Workshop, 11 am. Learn the fundamentals of organic gardening, drought-tolerant landscaping, and integrated pest management. No reservations needed. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Women's Personal Safety Workshop, 2-3:30 pm. In this 90-minute workshop, receive a basic introduction to hand-to-hand 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 Blvd.

Games and Activity Day, 2-4 pm Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Lit Wits Book Club: The Story of Arthur Truluv, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss the novel, "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by bestselling author, Elizabeth Berg. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Legal Research Class: Legal Research on the Internet, 1:30 pm. This class introduces free and low cost websites for researching California and federal law. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Family Place Parent-Child Workshop, 5-6:15 pm Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists in child development, during this enjoyable five-week series. Registration is required. For 0-3 years old and their parent/caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Hispanic Heritage Month Art Activity, 2 pm Join us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating your own yarn painting inspired by the art of the Huichol. You'll use colorful yarn and glue. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Bookmark Contest, 4-5 pm. Join us as we create bookmark designs for the 40th LA County Library Bookmark Contest. We will provide all needed supplies. Be creative, original, and have fun. For ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

Celebrity Waiter & Dance, 6 pm. Get waited on by local celebrities at this annual dance fundraiser in support of CAPC, which works on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Latin Dance Class, 12 pm. Learn how to dance salsa, cha-cha, and merengue from U.S. Ballroom champion, Adrian Brian. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Blessed and Unstoppable, 12 pm. Motivational speaker Dr. Billy Alsbrooks will speak on the "art of greatness" and share how these principles can be applied to your everyday life. \$100 admission. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Classic Book Club - "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D. H. Lawrence, 6:30-7:30 pm. After a crippling injury leaves her husband important, Lady Chatterley is torn between love for her husband and her physical desires. With her husband's consent, she seeks out other means of fulfilling her needs. Copies of the book available at the library or online at lacountylibrary.overdrive.com. New members welcomed. For Adults 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Hispanic Heritage Month Art Activity: Yarn Painting, 2-3 pm. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating your own Yarn Painting (Nierkas) inspired by the art of the Huichol. Traditionally made from tree resin and beeswax, you'll make your own with colorful cotton yarn and glue. Join us and make your own colorful yarn art! For ages 18 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MakMo: K'Nex Sail Cars, 4-5 pm. Harness the power of the wind! We will design and build sail-powered cars, then test them to see which design works best! For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Beer Launch, 4-6 pm. Peroni Beer celebrates its official local launch. Northgae Market, 11660 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Holiday Boutique, 8 am to 2 pm. Get an early start on your holiday shopping. Pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 am, and vendor shopping from 8 am to 2 pm. Southeast Japanese School, 14615 Gridley Rd.

Game and Activity Day, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Origami for Adults, 2-3 pm. Join instructor Emmy Lam as she teaches about the art of origami. You will learn all about the origin of this art form and have the chance to create your own art out of paper. For ages 18 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Bookmark Contest, 4-5 pm. Join us as we create bookmark designs for the 40th LA County Library Bookmark Contest. We will provide all needed supplies. Be creative, original, and have fun. For ages 12-

18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade, 11 am. Dress in your favorite costume and join in the parade alongside marching bands, floats, show cars, and more. Costume contest begins at 9:15 a.m. Norwalk Boulevard and Mapledale Street

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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Family Worship Day, 10 am. Special worship service followed by a variety of fun games and food. Meet other families and make new friends. Trinity Lutheran Church, 11507 Studebaker Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Santa Sleigh Volunteer Meeting, 7 pm. Are you interested in helping spread joy as Santa Claus visits Norwalk neighborhoods this holiday season? Volunteers help as line monitors, elves, assistants to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and general helpers. Must be at least 15 years old. Norwalk Transportation Building, 12650 E. Imperial Hwy.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Origami for Adults, 2 pm. Join us to learn about the art of origami and create your own art out of paper. All materials will be provided. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

DIY Comic Books, 4-5 pm. Be a writer and illustrator of your own comic book. We have all the materials for this cool project. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Play & Explore, 10:30-11:30 am. Play and explore sessions are designed to promote toddler social skills as well as cognitive and motor skills. Ages 1-3 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Halloween Dance, 6-9 pm. Wear your appropriate Halloween costume and dancing shoes. This dance is designed for children, teens and adults with developmental, physical or learning disabilities. \$14 per person. Sproul Reception Center, 12239 Sproul St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Game and Activity Day, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Lit Wits Book Club, 2 pm. Join us to read and discuss the novel, The Women in the Castle by bestselling author Jessica Shattuck. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Toothpick Sculptures, 4-5 pm. Have fun constructing two and three-dimensional structures with simple materials. Great STEM project. For ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween Festival Dia de los Muertos, 6-9 pm. Family-friendly event with games, a costume contest, cake walk, music, crafts, an inflatable village, and candy. Food available for purchase. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

How to Avoid Holiday Weight Gain, 10 am. Learn how to indulge in the holidays in a healthy way and without being overly restrictive. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Daddy-Daughter Hollywood Glamour Dance, 5:30-8:30 pm. Light dinner, crafts, games, activities and dancing. \$20 per couple, \$7 each additional child. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

SnowFest and Tree-Lighting Ceremony, 12-8 pm. Snow slides, a snow play area, game booths, train rides, craft tents, face painting, live entertainment, and a visit from Santa Claus. The tree lighting is scheduled for 6 pm.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Holidays at the Museum, 5-8 pm. Tour Norwalk's historic museum which will be decorated just for this occasion. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Las Posadas, 6-9 pm. A traditional cultural celebration featuring a candlelight procession, caroling of holiday songs, performances by mariachis and ballet folkloricos, and more. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

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

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Canada cannot be America's pharmacy

BY PETER J. PITTS

Drug importation is no longer a pipe dream. Now it's a pipe bomb.

The Department of Health and Human Services recently floated a proposal, dubbed the "Safe Importation Action Plan," to allow Americans to use Canada as their personal pharmacy.

The FDA has stated over and over again that our government cannot vouch for the safety and efficacy of Canadian medicines. Pushing this policy through would needlessly threaten patient health and well-being. And, it's infeasible -- Canada simply doesn't have enough drugs to share with the United States.

The Safe Importation Action Plan offers two paths forward for drug importation. First, states, wholesalers, or pharmacists could submit plans for demonstration projects for HHS to review outlining how they would import Health-Canada approved drugs. Second, manufacturers could import versions of existing FDA-approved drugs into the United States.

The plan sounds reasonable enough, but neither the Trump administration or any state that's been pondering drug importation has ever consulted the Canadian government. Had they done so, they'd see

that our neighbors to the north have some serious concerns with the proposal.

Canadian officials have already stated that "Canada does not support actions that could adversely affect the supply of prescription drugs in Canada and potentially raise costs of prescription drugs for Canadians." These concerns are justified.

Canada is just one-tenth the size of the United States with a mere 37 million people. Given the sheer magnitude of the U.S. population -- a whopping 329 million people -- there's no way Canada could cover drugs for all Americans.

The strain on the Canadian medicine supply would likely lead to shortages and increased costs for Canadian patients. If Canada filled 10 percent of U.S. prescriptions, Canada's drug supply would run out in less than eight months, according to one study.

Even if Canada had an endless supply of treatments, drug importation is dangerous. Though the Trump administration's new plan states that the drugs would be verified before importation, the Canadian government has stated that it cannot guarantee a drug's effectiveness.

Counterfeit drugs are very common in foreign markets. In fact, one

out of ten medications is fake, according to a 2017 report by the World Health Organization. Nevertheless, counterfeit medicine sales add up to billions of dollars a year.

There are two types of counterfeit medicines. The first are cheap copies of commonly sold drugs masquerading as the real thing. They contain few if any active ingredients and have no quality control. Patients who purchase these medications may not realize they're taking ineffective drugs until their health condition fails to improve.

Other counterfeit drugs are composed of potentially deadly substances. Investigators have found counterfeit medicines that contain everything from paint thinner and antifreeze to arsenic and uranium. From April 2016 to March 2017 alone, Health Canada seized close to 5,500 packages of counterfeit drugs.

Access to high-quality medicines is a crucial issue, but drug importation is not the answer. The Trump administration's drug importation plan would create more problems than it would solve by jeopardizing Canada's drug supply and exposing Americans to deadly counterfeits.

Peter J. Pitts, a former FDA Associate Commissioner, is president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.

Who cares what the government thinks?

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

In 1791, when Congressman James Madison was drafting the first 10 amendments to the Constitution -- which would become known as the Bill of Rights -- he insisted that the most prominent amendment among them restrain the government from interfering with the freedom of speech. After various versions of the First Amendment had been drafted and debated, the committee that he chaired settled on the iconic language: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech."

Madison insisted upon referring to speech as the freedom of speech, not for linguistic or stylistic reasons, but to reflect its pre-political existence. Stated differently, according to Madison -- who drafted the Constitution as well as the Bill of Rights -- because the freedom of speech pre-existed the government, it does not have its origins in government. The use of the article the reflects that pre-existence.

The First Amendment also reflects the framers' collective belief that the freedom of speech is a natural right. It has its origins in our human nature. We all yearn to speak free from restraint, and we all understand that we can use our speech to express any idea we want to express without fear or hesitation. Those yearnings and understandings are universal -- hence, natural.

The framers wrote the First Amendment to codify negative rights. That is, the First Amendment recognizes the existence of the freedom of speech for every person, and it negates the ability and the power of Congress -- after the Civil War amendments, of all governments -- to infringe upon it. The First Amendment does not command Congress to grant the freedom of speech (it is not Congress' to grant); rather, it commands that Congress shall not interfere with it.

Nearly all of the rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights are negative rights. Their essence is not a grant of liberty. Their essence is a restraint

on the government from interfering with pre-existing liberty.

I articulate this brief understanding of the freedom of speech in our constitutional form of government as an introduction to a discussion of the dangers of government exercising free speech. We know from the plain language in and the history of the First Amendment that all persons have the freedom of speech. But what about the government? Does government have the freedom of speech?

That is not an academic question. The short answer to it is: Under the theory of the Declaration of Independence -- that our rights come to us from the Creator and are inalienable -- and consistent with Madison's understanding, the government has no freedom of speech. Government only can exercise the powers we have given it. Nowhere in the Constitution did the states give such powers to the feds, and nowhere did the people give such powers to the states. We don't elect government to identify ideas it loves or hates. We elect it to protect our freedoms.

Stated differently, who cares what the government thinks?

In San Francisco, one needs to care. Last week, the city government there condemned the National Rifle Association, labeled it a domestic terrorist organization and prohibited city agencies from interacting with it or with those with whom it interacts, because of the NRA's robust defense of the Second Amendment. Can any government in America constitutionally do that? In a word: No.

Surely, the folks who work in government have the same free speech rights as do the rest of us, and they are free to exercise them. However, they cannot commandeer the government -- local, state or federal -- and use it as an instrument to advance their own personal free speech. Why not? Because when the government speaks, it chills the rights of others to speak who disagree with it, and that chilling constitutes the very infringement that the First Amendment was written to prohibit.

Chilling occurs when the government makes it easier for some to

speak freely or more difficult for others to do so. Government does that when it expresses favoritism or hatred in the marketplace of ideas.

Whatever one thinks of the NRA, the government has no business condemning it. Can it condemn McDonald's as a health menace for selling fatty foods? Can it condemn pro-life groups as domestic terrorists for publicly attempting to dissuade young women from having abortions? Can it condemn young socialists for demanding confiscation and redistribution of property? Can it condemn the free press as a public enemy when the press criticizes it? The answer to all these hypotheticals (the last is not so hypothetical today) is: No. The First Amendment was written to keep the government out of the business of influencing the free market of ideas.

The whole purpose of the First Amendment is to encourage and foment open, wide, robust, unbridled speech about the government. Speech without fear or favor from the government. Speech without government interference. Speech without government challenge or reward.

In the most liberal city in America -- where free speech was once sacrosanct -- it is now subject to official government disapproval. That is, until the courts do their job of protecting the free speech of an unpopular minority so that individuals can decide for themselves what to hear and believe, free from government interference.

In America, thanks to the First Amendment, no one should hesitate to express any opinion publicly for fear of incurring the wrath of the government. And no government can punish or isolate any person or group because of their exercise of the freedom of speech. Any government officials not faithful to those first principles have violated their oaths to uphold the Constitution and are unworthy of holding public office.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

Shane Gillis and the privilege of comedy

BY MAEVE HIGGINS

I've been doing standup comedy for 14 years, and at some point, I came to despise it. It made me feel bad about myself, mostly. The thing I find hardest is the bullying nature, the punching down. I've heard comics onstage mock women and gay people and black people in a variety of ways that still manage to say nothing new. I've sat in grimy green rooms and witnessed the ego bloat that comes with applause and money, the rewards that come from maintaining the status quo. It's gross. But I stay for the rare and magic flashes of connection.

Sometimes, the funniest thing about comedy is how seriously people take it. I try to avoid the teacup storms that sometimes spill and stain the table around us, but this past week has been messier than usual. A comic named Shane Gillis was hired by "Saturday Night Live," then fired shortly afterward when footage circulated of him being racist on his podcast, calling Chinese people a racial slur, and when Variety reported that he'd also made anti-gay comments and stereotyped Muslims on his show.

That's just a slice of classic standup, nothing strange or startling to any of us who are used to being the butt of jokes. The fact that he was fired, the fact that perhaps people are sick of hearing that particular shtick -- that's the interesting part.

Many of my comedy colleagues are up in arms, at least digitally. They are calling Mr. Gillis's firing "cancel culture" and worrying about what it means for freedom of speech. I'm laughing.

These anxious comedians are worrying about the wrong problem. Here's where the real silencing happens in the comedy world: So many would-be comics -- women, people of color, other marginalized groups -- are silenced from the beginnings of their careers. Despite their talent and work ethic, they leave the industry and take their brilliance elsewhere, or perhaps nowhere. Reaching a level in their career where they could even get canceled remains a dream for most.

Comedy, like so many of our cultural institutions, remains dominated by men, usually straight and white men. I've seen countless versions of Shane Gillis and his material truly spread all over the world, and I'm not about to wrestle the mic from them. I have no problem with anybody

speaking their piece, even when it's lazy and xenophobic. I'm not going to listen, but please, get that off your chest, son! If the most absorbing and insightful thing Mr. Gillis and his buddies have to sound off on is that they find Chinatown to be ugly, then by all means, go right on ahead.

The problem is when Mr. Gillis -- and the others like him -- frame their words as bold and boundary pushing and brave. What would really be shocking, what would really be exciting and edgy to watch, would be a person climbing down from their safe height and fighting the powerful in a situation where there's a chance they will lose more than a role on a show. I'm not saying comics need to get into fistfights. We're too out of shape and anxiety-ridden for that. But a little real bravery wouldn't hurt.

When anyone disagrees with something a comic says, or there are repercussions for their behavior, the comic too often seems genuinely shocked. Your words have consequences. Imagine! What these men need to learn is that just because you want a job on "Saturday Night Live" doesn't mean you deserve one.

Expressing myself through comedy has saved my life. Connecting to others by trying to say what's happening inside my head -- and make them laugh while doing it -- is a beautiful thing. But when you do express yourself into a mic to a room full of strangers, or into a camera to

a country full of strangers, you might want to consider them, too.

My relationship with standup comedy has improved, especially since it started working on itself and trying to be a better partner. I don't fully trust it not to revert to being a bully, but when it's good, it's amazing. I'm glad I hung on.

I host a show every Monday in Brooklyn with two of my friends. Our producer makes sure the lineup isn't just straight white people, and that makes the show a lot better than most of the ones I've been part of for the past 14 years. I don't mean that any one type of person is funnier or more insightful than another. What I mean is that when just one voice is heard, that voice quickly becomes boring.

Roy Wood Jr., a correspondent for "The Daily Show" and a hilarious standup, closed the show last night, by workshopping some new stuff, playing with a routine about the civil rights movement and peanut allergies. Backstage he was checking notes, writing on his phone, running lines. His set was just joyful, and his care for the craft made the craft disappear. What happened was simply a funny person talking, telling his best stories, making a couple hundred people rock back with laughter and forget they had to go to work in the morning. A beautiful thing, isn't it? A privilege to be a part of.

Sean Spicer still defends the indefensible

BY CONNIE SCHULTZ

Earlier this week, Sean Spicer, Donald Trump's short-term press secretary with a long-term habit of sycophancy, made his debut on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

This was the premiere episode of the reality show's 28th season. Spicer showed up wearing white pants and shoes and a shiny neon green V-neck shirt with layers of ruffles to adorn both his cleavage and his arms. He looked ridiculous, but he was so jolly and jovial, you understand. "Brave," the reliably right-wing Mike Huckabee said on Twitter.

Spicer served as Trump's first press secretary for all of seven months. He kicked off his tenure by snarling at journalists for failing to repeat the president's lies about the size of his inauguration crowd. Spicer boasted that it was "the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration, period, both in person and around the globe."

As countless journalists noted, a time-lapse video produced by PBS showed otherwise. The National Mall was never full at any stage during that day, in stark contrast to Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration.

Eventually, Spicer said he regretted defending the indefensible that day. He has also expressed regret for an April 2017 press briefing, in which he discussed Syrian President Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons to attack civilians, and attempted to push back on comparisons to Adolf Hitler.

"We didn't use chemical weapons in World War II," he said. "You had someone as despicable as Hitler who didn't even sink to using chemical weapons."

When a reporter asked him to clarify, Spicer added, "I think when you come to sarin gas, (Hitler) was not using the gas on his own people the same way that Assad is doing."

And so there we were, in 2017, having to contradict the press secretary for the president of the United States and remind readers that Hitler did, indeed, use chemical gas agents to kill more than 6 million Jews and other prisoners in concentration camps -- not "concentration centers," as Spicer called them that day -- during the Holocaust.

But hey, he's in ruffles now! Giving lots of paid speeches, and consulting, too. And in January, the Newport Daily News reported that Spicer had bought a summer home for nearly \$800,000 in Rhode Island.

Most notably, Spicer is saying not one negative word about the man

he helped to become the most dangerous man ever to be president of the United States.

As Annie Karni wrote for The New York Times, "Mr. Spicer, more than any other staff member in the revolving door that is President Trump's West Wing, has become an avatar for the reputational sacrifice and ritual humiliation that come with trying to remain in Mr. Trump's good graces while also seeking mainstream acceptance."

That "mainstream acceptance" is where we, the American public, come in.

What do we think of all this?

Before his televised appearance, Spicer tweeted: "Clearly the judges aren't going to be with me. Let's send a message to #Hollywood that those of us who stand for #Christ won't be discounted."

Right-wing so-called Christians regularly try to wield God as a weapon, but I've never before seen Jesus cast as cha-cha-cha Christ.

Spicer later deleted that tweet.

His Facebook post, in part, later read: "What. A. Night. Playing the bongos to the Spice Girls, while wearing a low cut ruffled lime green shirt check every box I had for getting out of my comfort zone. I had a blast!"

There are many ways Spicer could choose to get out of his "comfort zone."

He could publicly apologize, over and over, for the harm he helped to inflict on this country. He could use his celebrity to raise money for food banks, to feed the hungry, or take up the cause of diaper banks, to clothe babes in poverty. He could raise money to house the homeless, from sea to shining sea.

Instead, Spicer chose to shimmy on a national television stage to fuel an apparently bottomless need for money and attention. Spicer thinks that we -- you and I -- should find this spectacle hilarious.

"I was wearing a lime green shirt and playing the bongos," Spicer said in the wake of withering criticism. "If you weren't laughing, then you have a problem."

There are times when we have to remind ourselves that an unwillingness to laugh does not mean we have lost our sense of humor.

This would be one of those times.

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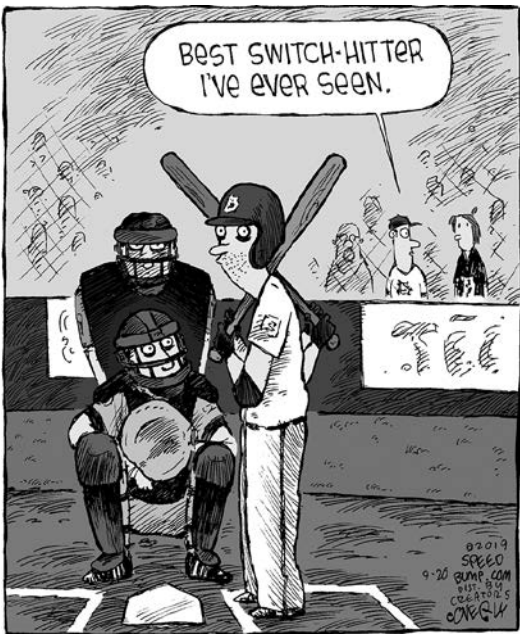
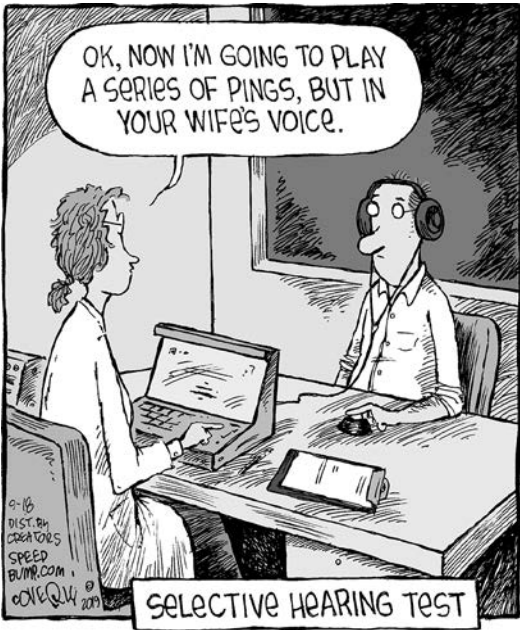
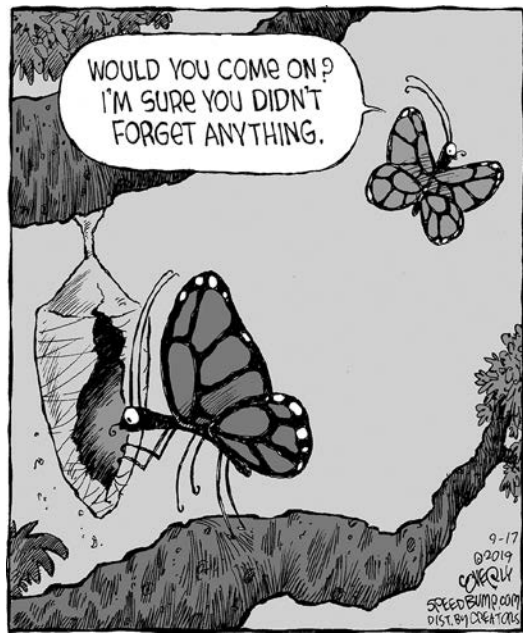
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00289
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AIDAN JOSE ARIAS-DUENAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) AIDAN JOSE ARIAS-DUENAS to Proposed name (1) AIDAN GEORGE DUEÑAS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **OCTOBER 9, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650**
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **NORWALK PATRIOT** AUGUST 6, 2019
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00340
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANITA HERLINDA VILLEGAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ANITA HERLINDA VILLEGAS to Proposed name (1) LINDA ANITA MATTHEWS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Date: **NOVEMBER 06, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: N/A**
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Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00341
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) NORA GRACE PADILLA to Proposed name (1) NORA GRACE CASTILLO
Present name (2) GIOVANNI PADILLA to Proposed name (2) GIOVANNI CASTILLO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Date: **OCTOBER 30, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk**

Bivd., Norwalk CA 90650
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Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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NORWALK, CA 90650
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STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15212 SYLVANWOOD AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8079-016-015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the 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 \$441,740.25. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default, as an Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.
Trustor: **ABRAHAM AGUILAR AND VIRGINIA DE AGUILAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS**
Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Ika Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 3/13/2015, as Instrument No. 20150273399, of Official Records in the office of the recorder of Los Angeles County, California.
Date of Sale: 10/10/2019 at 9:00 AM
Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$308,812.58**
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.
Street Address or other common designation of real property: **11815 LOWEMONT STREET NORWALK, CA 90650**
Described as follows:
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The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
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Hispanic Americans: A history of serving our nation

Hispanics have a long history of service in the United States military. The Army celebrates its diversity.

By Mario Guerra Contributor

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a great opportunity to pause and reflect on our shared history as Americans, and to celebrate the rich mosaic of people and cultures who, together, built and strengthened our Army and our nation.

This year's national theme – "Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving our Nation" – aptly captures that spirit as we come together to celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Americans to our nation and Army. Through hard work, devotion to family, loyalty to community and country, Hispanic Americans pursue the American dream and contribute to the strength, protection and diversity of our nation. Their culture, talent and passion shaped our past and will certainly shape our future. Hispanic Americans also enjoy a unique and storied history in our Army – serving and fighting in every war since the nation's birth.

Today, more than 142 thousand Hispanic Americans make up more than fourteen percent of the Army's Total Force.

Each year during Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the soldiers, Army civilians, and family members who have contributed – and continue to contribute – to our Army. Like many commemorations, this is a month-long observance, but it's unique because it begins in the middle of one month – September 15 – and ends in the middle of another, on October 15.

The reason for the mid-

month celebration is because September 15 is the day Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua celebrate their Independence Day. Mexico celebrates its independence shortly afterwards on September 16, and Chile September 18. October 12 is significant, too, as it's celebrated across Spain and Latin America as the Day of Hispanic Heritage.

As we celebrate these rich cultures, I'll share with you some of the contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout American history, and how they helped shape – and continue to enrich – our diverse Army. Spain officially entered the American Revolutionary War in 1779. Under the command of Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez, the colonial governor of Spanish Louisiana, volunteers from Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico defeated the British at Natchez and Baton Rouge, clearing the Mississippi River of British forces and putting the lower part of the river under Spanish control.

Baton Rouge remained in Spanish hands for the rest of the war, and Britain ceded both West and East Florida to Spain in 1783 under the Treaty of Paris.

During the Civil War, Hispanics lived in all parts of the country and some could trace their families back several generations before the English settlers. Many lived in the South and Southwestern states, but Northern states also had a significant population of Hispanics, many of whom supported the Union. Most came from big cities like Philadelphia, New York and Boston, which attracted immigrants from Spain, Portugal, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Many of these individuals wanted to integrate into American society but faced racial prejudice.

They thought becoming a U.S. soldier was the quickest and best way to be accepted as

an American. Hispanics fought on both sides in the Civil War. They came from all socio-economic levels, from well-established wealthy farmers who owned large plantations to poor laborers trying to improve their fortunes.

Now, let's fast-forward to the present. More than a decade ago, Congress directed a review of military records to ensure that leadership had not overlooked or rejected acts of heroism deserving of the Medal of Honor because of prejudice or discrimination. After years of review of thousands of records, the Army identified twenty-four Army veterans -- seventeen of Hispanic descent -- who should have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Evidence showed that these heroes fought for, and sometimes died for, a country that did not always regard them as equal. But that wrong was addressed in 2014. In a Medal of Honor awards ceremony that was one of the largest in history, President Obama presented our nation's highest award for valor to three of those twenty-four men, and family members for the twenty-one receiving the award posthumously.

One of the stories of one of these heroes is about Master Sergeant Leroy Petry. That tradition of valor and selfless service continues today. In 2011, Hispanic American Master Sergeant Leroy Petry received the Medal of Honor for his service with the 75th Ranger Regiment during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

As a Weapons Squad Leader, Staff Sergeant Petry moved to clear the courtyard of a house that contained high-value combatants. While crossing the courtyard, automatic weapons fire from enemy fighters wounded Staff Sergeant Petry and another Ranger.

Still under enemy fire, and wounded in both legs, Sergeant Petry led the other Ranger to

cover, only to have an enemy grenade land a few feet away. Without hesitating, Sergeant Petry moved forward, picked up the grenade, and threw it away from his eight fellow Rangers.

As he was releasing the grenade, it detonated, blowing off his right hand at the wrist and further injuring him with multiple shrapnel wounds. This heroic act saved his fellow Rangers and prevented the enemy from severely wounding or killing them.

Despite losing his hand, Leroy Petry was one of several Soldiers who returned to active duty after an amputation, where he continued to serve with distinction until retiring in 2014.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Master Sergeant Leroy Petry both in Washington and when we named the Camp San Luis Obispo AUSA Chapter after him. He is an amazing individual who continues to serve as an example to us all.

From the American Revolution through Iraq and Afghanistan, Hispanic Americans have fought bravely for our nation. But their contribution to our Army goes beyond their time in service.

You see, our Soldiers – both past and present -- are our connection to communities across the nation and to the Soldiers of the future. Most young people in our country do not know anyone who has served in the Army. They get their impression of Army service through movies and social media.



Medal of Honor recipient Master Sergeant Leroy Petry and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Mario A. Guerra each standing in front of their respective flags.

Consequently, this lack of connection to someone with Army service can be a factor in young people not being inclined to consider joining the Army. We need our Soldiers to go back to their communities and tell them about their service. After all, the stories of our Soldiers are the stories of our country, not limited or defined by race, religion or gender. America's diversity has always been one of our greatest strengths, as people of different backgrounds and cultures share their unique experiences and perspective to benefit all.

Our Army is much stronger because of its diversity, and we must continue to ensure that every member of the force has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Together, we must continue to strive for equality and treat everyone with dignity and respect, no matter where they come from, what they look like, or how they practice their faith. This teamwork and unity contributes to Army readiness, which is the cornerstone that enables the Army to accomplish a full range of military operations in defense of our nation.

It is fitting that we pause during this time to honor Hispanic Heritage Month and focus and reflect on how Hispanic Americans have served with distinction and how they have strengthened our Army team. This observance also gives us the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contributions of each of our Hispanic American Soldiers, Army Civilians and family members, who live by our core Army values each and every day. These core Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage continue to serve as a guide for the force, and in our celebration of diversity, provide a sense of common unity. Thank you for your contributions to our country.

Mario A. Guerra is the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and former Mayor of Downey. He immigrated to the United States as a boy and is co-author of Embracing Change; An Immigrant Saga. He can be reached at www.marioaguerra.com

Governor's plan to curb suspensions has skeptics

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like defiance/disruption, compared to higher level, more objective offenses. SB 419 and the elimination of suspension for disruption/defiance will result in an overall reduction in suspensions and an increase in positive outcomes for students and the communities in which they live."

The Charter School Development Center opposes the legislation, saying:

"Charter schools were created to be public schools exempt from most sections of the California Education Code. Imposing unnecessary restrictions on these schools of choice is counterintuitive to the original intent of the legislature. Charter law requires each school's petition to address issues of expulsion and this law would effectively overwrite the language of 1,300 charter petitions causing significant disruption at the local level. Further, this bill is based on no credible evidence of an expulsion problem in California charter schools. To the contrary, charter schools often serve as a school of last resort of students who have been expelled from traditional schools and these pupils thrive in a charter school environment."

Research has shown the category of willful defiance

was disproportionately used to discipline minority students, specifically African-Americans. Assembly Bill 420 was signed into law by Governor Brown in 2014, eliminating the expulsion option for schools. It took effect on January 1, 2015.

In the 2015-16 school year, 96,421 students suspended for willful defiance – a decrease of nearly 30,000 from 2014-15 school year. Willful defiance suspensions accounted for 24% of total suspensions statewide that school year. Willful defiance suspensions made up 20% of all suspensions in the 2016-17 school year, and 14% in the 2017-18 school year.

African-American students made up 5.6% of enrollment in California schools in 2017-18, but accounted for 15.6% of willful defiance suspensions. Conversely, white students made up 23.2% of statewide enrollment but made up only 20.2% of willful defiance suspensions.

The bill's author, Senator Nancy Skinner (D-9th District), previously talked about the need for the bill, saying: "Under this highly subjective category, students are sent to an empty home, with no supervision, and denied valuable instructional time for anything from failing to turn in homework, not paying attention, or refusing to follow directions, taking off a coat or

hat, or swearing in class."

In Governor Brown's veto message last year, he wrote in part:

"Teachers and principals are on the front lines educating our children and are in the best position to make decisions about order and discipline in the classroom. That's why I vetoed a similar bill in 2012. In addition, I just approved \$15 million in the 2018 Budget Act to help local schools improve their disciplinary practices. Let's give educators a chance to invest that money wisely before issuing any further directives from the state."

Pilot programs have been conducted in Orange County and Butte County and would provide the framework for the new statewide system. Several school districts, in San Francisco Unified, Los Angeles Unified, and Oakland Unified have already banned schools from issuing willful defiance suspensions and expulsions.

Free tax seminar for small business owners

NORWALK – Business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs are invited to attend a free small business tax seminar in Norwalk this Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Conducted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), the seminar will deliver informative presentations for those looking for assistance with state and federal tax issues, as well as those who want to expand their business knowledge.

Topics will include avoiding common sales and use tax issues, employee versus independent contractor status, better business through better records, and forms of ownership.

Representatives from the CDTFA, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, and Internal Revenue Service will conduct presentations and answer questions.

The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. inside the council chambers at Norwalk City Hall. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.

Persons requiring special accommodations should call

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The CDTFA administers California's sales and use, fuel, tobacco, alcohol and cannabis taxes, as well as a variety of other taxes and fees that fund specific

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Short Stories

My Teenaged Hero

By Anthony Caldwell
Contributor

Her name starts with "A" and her brother's name with "B". Their mother died and "A" and "B" were adopted by the mother's sister, who received foster care home payments and child aid to raise them.

Somehow little orphan "A" zeroed in on my friend and I having sweet rolls and coffee on my front porch. She demanded sweet rolls and hot chocolate for her and brother "B." Plus, she gave Tiger, her dog, pieces of the sweet rolls (very civic minded).

Then the ante was raised to hamburgers and French fries (almost every day). When I told her to take home some cup-o-noodles, she threw them at me.

She said, "That's all we ever get is cup-o-noodles, and mom and her boyfriend eat steak and drink beer."

I told a lady that "A" and "B" were starving. But the lady said, "They get good food, but they won't eat it."

Then came the ice cream man who sold shaved ice drinks and ice cream. "A" demanded that I get some for her and her brother, and I said, "I can buy it by the gallon at the store for much less." I took two gallons home and thought I had done well, until the next day when they were back.

They told me, "Mom and her boyfriend ate both gallons of ice cream last night, and we want to keep it over here in your freezer."

I went to a barbecue that the mom did on welfare day, and the kids both asked for small plastic bags or jars with tops. They proceeded to take food and put it in the bags and shove them into their pockets.

I told them that there was plenty of food, but they said, "You better get all the KFC chicken you can right now, because there won't be any later."

Now I was really worried and said, "If there aren't any leftovers, I'll buy you a bucket." Bad move because the next day I bought a bucket of chicken.

Then the mom moved to Utah, and I was told that she was doing fine and had "straightened up." The kids visited and seemed healthy and well. Then years passed.

The next thing I heard was that the kids had been taken away from the mom, and her boyfriend was in jail.

Miss "A" had been summoned to the counselor's

office because her brother "B" was absent too much and they couldn't contact mom. The sister told them, "My brother is in bed and can't get up because he hurts so bad. I think his arm is broken and no one will believe me. Next time I'm going to the cops and tell them you wouldn't help." Then things started getting hot.

In Utah, the Child Protective Services can't take a joke, or child abuse neglect. Mom was given the choice to surrender the kids to them and never see them or their foster parents, or do time.

Now "A" and "B" are in different foster homes, and will be successful adults. She writes that she is out of high school and loves her new foster parents. Praise God.

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Sheriff Alex Villanueva

Sheriff's deputies file \$60 million lawsuit

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is exploring how they can expand the Inspector General's authority to include subpoena power, which would give him the ability to force witnesses to talk.

Alarm among county leaders has been fueled by the millions in taxpayer dollars they've doled out to settle claims over the decades.

"For 50 years, the Sheriff's Department has not addressed this problem," said Huntsman. "And management has actually supported them by enforcing a code of silence. That is a 50-year problem -- it didn't just arise with our new sheriff."

With public outcry rising, county supervisors passed a motion earlier this year that blasts all past sheriffs for failing to root out the gangs. The board is demanding a full account of past gang or clique-related incidents and how much they cost the county.

Sheriff Villanueva has acknowledged the role of the "Banditos" and earlier this year told Eyewitness News he removed key members of the clique and the station's former captain.

"Pretty much they were calling the shots, they were dictating the decisions of the station and that has had a very bad outcome obviously," Villanueva said in June.

Attorney Vincent Miller said Villanueva's claim to have transferred 36 people out of the East Los Angeles station was contradicted by the current East Los Angeles Captain Ernie Chavez.

"The reality is there were only a few Banditos that were actually transferred out of the station," Miller said.

Villanueva presented a draft policy months ago that prohibits deputies from joining "any group which promotes conduct that violates the rights of employees or members of the public."

"It is embarrassing to know that the agency I work for hasn't done anything to fix the problem," said a plaintiff.

One of the alleged Banditos accused in the lawsuit is Deputy Gregory Rodriguez. He was previously fired for allegedly falsifying a police report. He was prosecuted, but at trial the jury deadlocked and the case was later dismissed. The man who was jailed based on that report sued the department and won a \$549,000 settlement.

Rodriguez got his job back and returned to the East Los Angeles Station just months before the Kennedy Hall attack in September 2018. The other defendants named in the lawsuit are Deputy Rafael "Rene" Munoz, Deputy David Silverio and Sgt. Mike Hernandez. The LASD says all four are on paid administrative leave.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office says the criminal case involving those deputies and the attack at Kennedy Hall is still under review.

Granny Houston's kerosene lamps

By Anthony Caldwell
Contributor

All I ever knew was her last name; her whole family just called her Granny. She was an invalid with arthritic hip problems. But she made up for it by sharing her stories and remembrances.

She had been born on a farm. She came to California with her husband, "Blackie," and settled in Los Angeles. She had a daughter named Nancy who she brought to our Cub Scout and P.T.A. meetings at the Fifty-Second Street School on Hoover Avenue.

Mr. Leonard Wheatley (who we called Rawhide Wheatley) said that P.T.A. stood for "Poor Tired Adults." We all enjoyed the parent meetings, school, and brother and sisterhood. We worked to iron out our math and spelling problems.

I was taking Leonard's and Beulah's son, Mike Whitely, to school every day. When Nancy found out about it, Nancy said her kids (Dennis and Mike) were having trouble at their Vernon Avenue school and wondered if she could register them using our address, which did not work because of school detectives separating districts.

We were invited to their home on Thirty-Seventh Street,

just above Vernon Avenue, to visit and talk things over. The Coliseum was very close and plainly visible from Hoover and Thirty-Seventh Street.

Granny Houston took to anyone she could talk to and proceeded to show us her kerosene lamps as well as her glass collection. Her prized pieces were Aladdin lamps from schools or big hotels or homes that had silver reflector mirrors on them with number one Pearl Oil; they blazed out white light. Blackie put up shelves facing east in the dining room; there glittered her lamps and glass garden. The shelves were very sturdy to hold the weight of very large wall-mounted swing-out Aladdin lamps on ornate hinges and smaller railroad lamps, even Acetylene/carbide mine or bicycle lights.

During the blackouts of WWII, she was ready with her number one Pearl Oil and Blue Diamond stick matches.

Granny explained that when she lived on the farm, they had to use old leaky storm lanterns or smelly candles. Both were dangerous and not bright. Candles caused fires and kerosene lanterns of soldered tin also easily dented and leaked.

Then the railroads adopted

the Aladdin lamps and others came out with reflectors that were more efficient and used on ships and naval vessels, until Edison bulbs and Westinghouse generators replaced them, about 1910.

But in the early days of rural electrification and electrical failures, they fired up the Aladdin lamps with their leak-proof copper caps and also barn storm lanterns.

Granny said the sun turned the glass purple like the Model T headlights from the lead in the glass or red from gold in the glass. Cobalt or silver glass turned blue or green, and then came cheap imports and machine blown thin glass with colored dyes.

In emergency power failures and earthquakes, I want plenty of batteries and L.E.D. flashlights. I still hope to buy a newly manufactured Aladdin lamp and some Pearl Oil and boxes of Blue Diamond stick wooden matches. My friend, Rosie, is still praying to find purple Model T headlights.

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