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Downey mayor talks candidly of health troubles

A cancer scare followed by a herniated disc have sidelined Downey Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

Downey Mayor Rick Rodriguez sat straight up in his backyard patio chair and reflected.

His face was noticeably thinner, the result of a 30-lb. weight loss in barely a month. His arms and shoulders – skinny also – disappeared underneath a black t-shirt emblazoned with his favorite slogan, “Always Forward.”

It was a rough summer for the Downey mayor, who endured multiple health scares that resulted in him being pricked, prodded and probed over the course of several hospitalizations and one surgery.

But Rodriguez’s health troubles were more than just uncomfortable — they were legitimately life-threatening.

“I planned my own funeral,” admitted Rodriguez, who is 59. “I called [Risher Mortuary owner] Greg Welch and he gave me a workbook. I told my oldest son, ‘The workbook’s in my top desk drawer. If something happens, don’t burden Mom or your brothers and sisters. You take charge of this. Everything’s done, everything’s paid for. Just go forthright.’”

Rodriguez has chosen to go public with his health battles for two reasons: to encourage other people, particularly men, not to ignore warning signs that something is wrong with their health; and to publicly thank the doctors and staff of Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center, who he credits with saving his life.

For Rodriguez, the first sign that something was wrong emerged earlier this year.

“I was going to the restroom four to five times an hour, sometimes 10 times an hour,” Rodriguez said. “I brushed it off. I felt like, ‘I’m getting older. I guess this is reality.’”

“Six months go by and then one morning, I got up and I noticed I urinated blood. I took a shower and it happened again. That was an eye-opening experience.”

Rodriguez visited a urologist and then an oncologist. Each visit came with biopsies, MRIs, scopes and cameras.

Doctors discovered Rodriguez had elevated prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels, which is oftentimes an early indicator of prostate cancer.

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PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Mayor Rick Rodriguez with his dog, Desi, on Oct. 21.



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Martha Corbett, center, was honored this week for the saving the life of a despondent 11-year-old boy.

Probation officer honored for saving boy’s life

NORWALK – A probation officer who helped save the life of a young boy in Norwalk earlier this month was honored by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

On Oct. 3, probation officer Martha Corbett, who is a probation liaison with the city of Norwalk, was visiting a local middle school to introduce herself to the school’s administrators.

When she arrived, school officials alerted her that an 11-year-old boy had run away from the school and was standing perilously close to nearby train tracks. Despondent by the fact that his parents were going through a divorce, the boy ran away from school officials and his mother during a parent meeting at the school that day.

School safety officers and administrators tried to help the boy and coax him away from the railroad tracks but he only walked further away from them and onto the tracks. The situation became urgent when the crossing arms of the railroad tracks lowered and Corbett could see the train’s headlights approaching.

Corbett managed to persuade the boy closer to her. Just in time, she quickly grabbed the boy and guided him to safety just moments before the train passed, avoiding what could have been a disaster.

“Her commitment to others in need is a proud example of what our Probation Department stands for,” said L.A. County Board Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Norwalk gives preliminary OK to 27 townhomes

NORWALK – A major potential housing development passed its first hurdle on Wednesday, but will still need the approval of the city council to move forward.

Located on the west side of San Antonio Drive between Sproul Street and Olive Street, the potential development would see the construction of 27 townhomes, 11 of which being

“live-work.”

The live-work townhomes would enable its residents to live and work within their space.

Currently, the city’s general plan does not contemplate a Live-Work Overlay zone within its codes, however Wednesday’s vote now opens the opportunity for the city to develop such a zone, and with it, establish regulations.

If all is successful and this project is seen through to its completion, it will include six three-story buildings containing between three and six units each.

Each unit will include two-car private garages, as well as private front entries.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Norwalk twins overcome odds to find success

NORWALK –Field of Dreams Learning has been helping the youth of Norwalk and the surrounding communities.

Here we have Nick and Nicole, twins that are exemplary citizens of Norwalk. They once struggled to make it to school and lost interest in schooling. However, due to their persistence and hard work, they are both on their way to start college at Cerritos College. Nick wants to explore career options but is gearing towards carpentry, and Nicole is set on being a registered nurse.

As FoDL has remained small, it has been through word of mouth that these two outstanding individuals learned about FoDL. As Nick described, the air at the facility was “thinner,” as he was able to focus on his work and build a secure connection with the teachers. Before lunch, Nick, Nicole, and many of the other students would play basketball with some of the staff.

Aside from achieving their



high school diploma, both benefited from other services that FoDL provides. Due to the construction academy, both of them are now OSHA certified.

With the daily challenges of being a teen, they were able to use the support from the volunteering Masters of Social Workers (MSWs) that came in weekly. They were able to understand their career possibilities through the onsite college advisor better.

Due to their graduation

status, they have secured two years of free tuition at Cerritos College. They have obtained work through another strong partnership with SELACO.

Nick and Nicole have a bright future. Everyone involved with FoDL is proud of these two individuals, and we wish them the best. We hope that they continue on their bright future so that one day they can give back to their community.

Contributed by Field of Dreams Learning.

Norwalk restaurant grades

The Green Blender
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Elbow Room
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Baja California Bar and Grill
11521 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Burger Basket
12155 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

La Mesa
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Albert’s Mexican Food
11543 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Perfect Timing
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Cilantro & Basil Pho Bistro
11770 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Stater Bros (Meat)
11300 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/21/19
Grade: **A**

Stater Bros (Market)
11300 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/21/19
Grade: **A**

Stater Bros (Bakery)
11300 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/21/19
Grade: **A**

RC Burgers
14041 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/16/19
Grade: **A**

Hibachi Grill Buffet
14021 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/16/19
Grade: **A**

Noemi’s Mexican Restaurant
14350 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/16/19
Grade: **A**

Ozen Sushi
16511 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/11/19
Grade: **B**

The Bucket Crab and Crawfish
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/10/19
Grade: **B**

88 Kings Chinese Fast Food and Donuts
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/10/19
Grade: **A**

Norwalk Senior Center
14040 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 10/9/19
Grade: **A**

SP Food Market
12844 Pioneer Blvd.
Inspected: 10/9/19
Grade: **A**

Douglas Burgers
16306 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/19
Grade: **B**

Antichucheria Peroana
14351 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/19
Grade: **A**

Starbucks
12051 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/7/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 94°

Saturday 86°

Sunday 72°



Gothic Tea Party

Sunday - Santa Fe Springs Town Center Hall, 1-3 pm

An English afternoon tea with special guests, costumes, and more. Gothic attire encouraged; teens and adults only. \$5 admission.



Historical Cemetery Tour

Saturday - Sunnyside Cemetery in Long Beach, 9 am to 3 pm

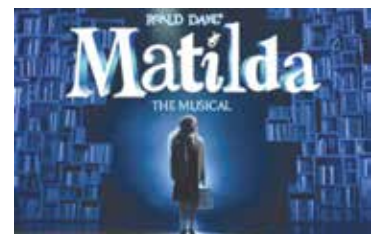
A unique, daytime family event that features quirky graveside storytelling by costumed actors portraying the people buried in the cemetery. \$8-\$25



Saturday Night Vibes

Saturday - Bastards Canteen in Downey, 9 pm

Porque Si and Monica O perform a classic mix of soul, reggae and classic rock. Free event but limited seating so arrive early.



Matilda the Musical

Sunday - La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, 2 pm

From Roald Dahl comes the story of an extraordinary young girl who dares to take a stand to stand against the tyranny of adults who seek to crush her imagination. \$14-\$98



Armenian Culture Festival

Saturday - Armenian Mesrobian School in Pico Rivera, 2-10 pm

A celebration of Armenian culture with food, music, dancing, arts and crafts, specialty vendors, and student performances. \$5 children, \$10 adults



Damage Inc.

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 12 pm

Metallica tribute band Damage Inc. performs live. Damage Inc. has been described as America’s premiere Metallica tribute group and has been featured on AXS TV’s “The World’s Greatest Tribute Bands.”

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I am always reminding my patients to drink more water. While there are a few disease conditions where people must watch their fluid intake, most people simply do not drink enough. Dehydration can have serious physical consequences.



When dehydrated, the body lacks enough water to function properly. We have water inside our cells, within blood vessels, and between cells; in fact, water makes up approximately 75% of the human body. A sophisticated water management system

keeps water levels balanced, and our thirst mechanism usually tells us when we need more fluid.

Water loss is natural. We lose water from sweating, breathing, urinating, bowel movements, tears and saliva. Dehydration is caused either by losing too much fluid, by not drinking enough to replace what is lost, or both. Additional fluid is lost from a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, excessive sweating, excess urination as a result of diabetes, diuretic medicine, or to some extent by consuming diuretics like alcohol or caffeine.

Outdoor work or exercise, especially in heat, increases the risk of dehydration, and when the air is humid, sweat doesn't

evaporate and cool the body as quickly as usual. This leads to an increased body temperature and the need for more fluids.

Many people choose not to drink in order to avoid having to get up to urinate. The elderly often make this conscious choice, as do those whose jobs make it difficult to take bathroom breaks.

Older adults are at greater risk for dehydration. They have smaller body fluid reserves. The ability to conserve water is reduced and the thirst sense becomes less acute. Compounding the problem, the elderly may suffer from chronic diseases like diabetes or dementia. They could be on medications that cause fluid loss. They may have chronic kidney disease or heart failure, which would require that they consume less fluid. Older adults also may have mobility problems that limit their ability to get water to drink, or to reach a bathroom.

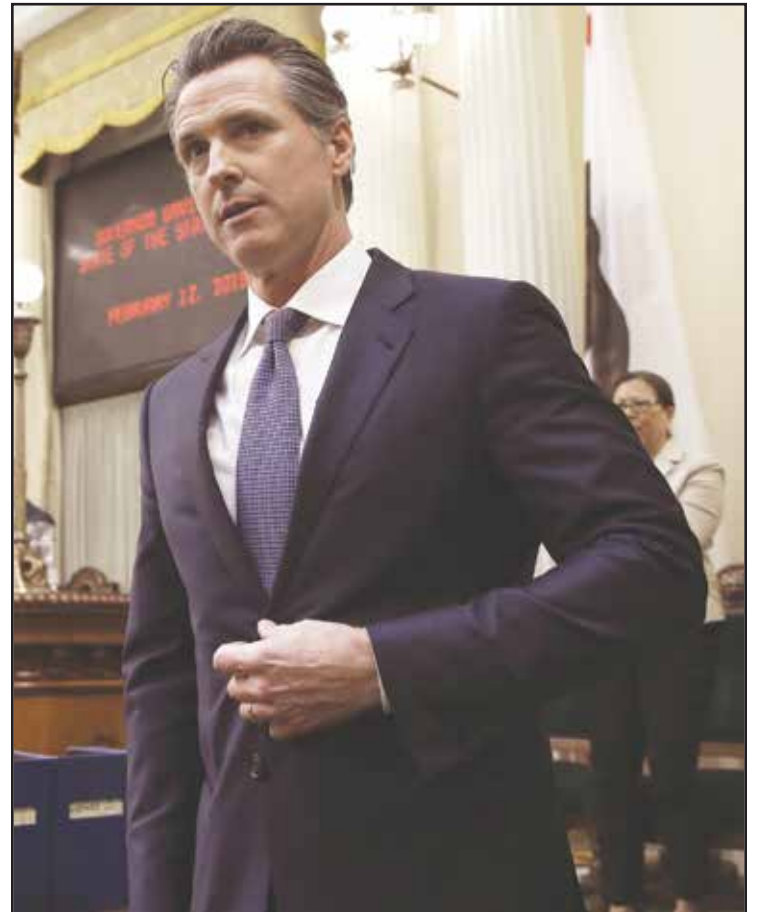
Signs of dehydration include thirst, dry or sticky mouth, decreased urination and dark yellow urine, dry, cool skin, headache, and muscle cramps. Signs of severe dehydration include infrequent and dark urine, very dry skin, dizziness, rapid heartbeat, rapid breathing, sunken eyes, sleepiness, lack of energy, confusion or irritability, and even fainting. Severe dehydration is a medical emergency that requires immediate attention.

Dehydration can lead to urinary and kidney problems which include urinary tract infections, kidney stones and kidney failure. It can cause electrolyte imbalances; electrolytes carry electrical signals from cell to cell, and an imbalance can lead to involuntary muscle contractions and even seizures. Low blood volume from dehydration can cause a drop in blood pressure, a drop in oxygen in the cells, and most severely, hypovolemic shock.

Always drink plenty of fluids, and eat foods with high water content, like fruits and vegetables. Most healthy people can let thirst be their guide. Note the frequency, quantity and color of your urine. Pay extra attention to hydration if you are strenuously exercising, or are experiencing vomiting, diarrhea, or other illness.

If you have had diarrhea for more than 24 hours, can't keep fluids down, or show any of the signs of serious dehydration, call your doctor immediately.

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Governor calls for investigation into gas prices

The California governor said there is "no justifiable reason" to support premium gas prices.

SACRAMENTO - California's governor has asked the attorney general to investigate why the state's gas prices are so high, pointing to a new report suggesting big oil companies are "misleading and overcharging customers" by as much as \$1 per gallon.

Name brand retailers - including 76, Chevron and Shell - often charge more because they say their gasoline is of higher quality.

But a new analysis from the California Energy Commission could not explain the price difference, concluding "there is no apparent difference in the quality of gasoline at retail outlets in the state."

The commission said California drivers paid an average of 30 cents more per gallon in 2018, with the difference getting as high as \$1 per gallon in April of this year. The result is California drivers paid an additional \$11.6 billion at the pump over the last five years.

"There is no identifiable evidence to justify these premium prices," Gov. Gavin Newsom wrote in a letter to Attorney General Xavier Becerra. "If oil companies are engaging in false advertising or price fixing, then legal action should be taken to protect the public."

Becerra's office said in an email it had received Newsom's request and "will handle accordingly."

The California Energy Commission said it "does not have any evidence that gasoline

retailers fixed prices or engaged in false advertising." But it said the industry did not provide any proof that its gasoline was better than what the state requires all retailers to sell.

Catherine Reheis-Boyd, president of the Western States Petroleum Association, said the industry trade group is reviewing the report. But she said it was important to note California's fuel taxes and standards, which are more strict than other states, account for the first \$1.07 per gallon at the pump.

"Everyone has to have a seat at the table to ensure policies provide adequate, affordable, reliable energy to the communities we serve," she said.

While California is known for its environmentally-conscious fuel standards, the state was the seventh-largest producer of crude oil in the country in March of this year. The oil industry is a powerful force in California politics, working to halt legislation in the state Assembly earlier this year that would have limited new oil and gas production around homes and schools.

But Newsom has expressed a desire to take on the oil industry during his first year in office. In July, he fired the state's top oil and gas regulator for doubling the state's fracking permits this year.

"This is the first time a governor has requested an investigation and prosecution by the Attorney General in modern history into the oil industry," said Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, which has criticized the oil industry. "I think it's a pretty big step."

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Every October is Adopt a Dog Month

The American Humane Association dedicates the month to making people more aware of the overabundance of shelter dogs in the US and how they can help.

There are many misconceptions about the types of dogs found in shelters and the need for them to find a good forever home. Often, people mistakenly assume shelter dogs are there because they are not friendly and won't make a good pet. That isn't the case. The truth is there are many reasons why dogs end up in shelters. For example, the dog could have been rescued from an abusive home or its previous owner simply couldn't afford to take care of it anymore. In recent years when families had to downsize and move into an apartment, they have no choice but to give up their dogs as well. As you can see, there is a great need for finding a forever home for many wonderful and loving pets.

There are several ways you can help out this month. If you are looking for a dog, start visiting local shelters or online pet organizations with profiles of dogs up for adoption and in need of a home. Also, spreading the word about adopting a dog as opposed to buying one can help inform friends and family who may be looking for one. Show your support for the cause whenever you can and let your others know how they can help.

If you have the time, animal shelters are always in need of volunteers. One of the best ways to keep dogs social and in good health is by having them stay with a family until a permanent home is found for them. If you have the room and desire to help in the short term, fostering can be a great experience for a dog. Animal shelters are also always in need of donations either in the form of food and supplies or a monetary donation.

There are so many good things a dog can offer like companionship and unwavering loyalty just for starters. Having a dog grow up with your children gives them a gift of unconditional love and a respect for animals. Many people adopt a dog as a companion for themselves, so that they have someone to talk to at night, for example. Pets bring energy and happiness to an otherwise quite home.

Shelter dogs are dogs that need a second chance at a good home and are just looking for someone to love. Keep them in mind for the month of October.

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Not your father's masculinity

BY MATT LABASH

John Wayne, that repository of testosterone — now considered an illicit substance in many states — once played a character who said, “You have to be a man first, before you’re a gentleman.” Who knows what, exactly, he meant by it? It sounded like a fine thing to say, back when men were unabashed “men.” Now, we have #MeToo, and toxic males, and even such a once man-friendly rag as Gentlemen’s Quarterly (i.e., GQ), which has historically celebrated men, seems to be just sick about them, eager to atone for their Y chromosome.

As a subscriber for decades — and as a biological male — I eagerly delved into GQ’s “New Masculinity” issue. I’ve historically read the magazine that “meets millions of modern men where they live” for high-grade long-form journalism, or to settle existential quandaries such as, “What the hell is face serum and do I need to use it?” Still, one generally doesn’t turn to men’s magazine editors with soft hands who fret about conquering “your complex pant-shoe relationship” for instruction on the meaning of manhood. Not to pick on GQ, which, after all, helps us perform vital functions, such as how to “salute the celebrity mustache.”

But after years of #MeToo scandals, which have revealed weirdos and perverts and sex criminals (and that’s just R. Kelly), “toxic masculinity” is now regarded as tautology in some quarters. In more than a few tellings today, just to be a man is to be toxic.

So GQ’s newish editor in chief, Will Welch, is taking a crack at overhauling our benighted gender, presenting an issue in which, as he puts it, “traditional notions of masculinity are being challenged” and “overturned.” In doing so, he holds, we can be more generous, empathetic humans, even to ourselves, since “toxicity simply cannot thrive in the golden presence of genuine self-love.” Tell that to Harvey Weinstein, who allegedly “self-loved” into a potted plant in front of one of his trapped victims.

For those curious to see just how much American masculinity is shifting — at least at Condé Nast headquarters in Manhattan — the trouble starts on the cover, in which the singer Pharrell Williams sports a canary-yellow, high-fashion Moncler sleeping-bag-as-gown, looking like Cinderella going to the Dick’s Sporting Goods ball. From there, “The Glorious Now of Men in Makeup” spread is little surprise, with lacquered-up boy-banders, models and influencers dispensing invaluable beauty pointers, such as Gen Z trans model Casil McArthur, who advises going with “mascara and lip tint. If I want to be extra, I’ll incorporate intense sparkles.”

It’s difficult to envision the guys down at the tackle shop or Tractor Supply going in for sleeping-bag couture and hot makeup tips. But then, they’re the Old Man, the kind of man the new masculinity seeks to leave behind. Maybe they haven’t paraded around female job applicants with open kimono, à la Charlie Rose, or haven’t traumatized female colleagues by subjecting them to pelvic pinball, à la Mark Halperin. But in GQ’s eyes they’re guilty of a more universal sin: They’re still living as men undefined by non-men.

The bulk of GQ’s conversation starter is a package in which “18 powerful voices” have their say on the new masculinity. You’d think this would make for an interesting cross-section of representative men, but there, you’d largely be wrong, since traditional men seem afterthoughts in their own discussion. As the writer Rod Dreher has noted in his own analysis of the GQ spread, scratching out some back-of-the-envelope calculations, of these 18 purportedly definitive figures, “there are perhaps four who are heterosexual [cis] men — about 20 percent.” (Even though 95 percent of all males identify as hetero.)

Aside from the views of men like the filmmaker John Waters

Newsom defends California against White House ‘vendetta’

Governor Gavin Newsom issued the following statement Wednesday after the Trump administration announced a lawsuit challenging California’s pioneering cap-and-trade program:

“The White House is yet again continuing its political vendetta against California, our climate policies and the health of our communities.

“Carbon pollution knows no borders, and the Trump administration’s abysmal record of denying climate change and propping up big polluters makes cross-border collaboration all the more necessary. California’s landmark cap-and-trade program has inspired the creation of dozens of businesses, is a model for similar policies around the world, and puts California well ahead of the pack as we prepare for a low-carbon future.

“For years our state has proudly participated in a number of environmental partnerships that tackle the devastating effects of climate change to our health and economy. This latest attack shows that the White House has its head in the sand when it comes to climate change and serves no purpose other than continued political retribution.”

California’s cap-and-trade agreement with Canada is meant to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

The program, enacted by Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006, requires industries to purchase pollution credits at market prices or to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

It aims to reduce emissions by gradually limiting the volume

(“men are the ones who have penis envy”), or Magic Johnson’s son, who has chosen a life “embracing traditionally feminine clothing and cosmetics,” GQ seems primarily interested in soliciting women’s opinions of what being a man means. Imagine Ms. or Jezebel doing the mirror version of this, with men mansplaining what women should be. Then run for your life.

You do get transgender men, like the boxer Thomas Page McBee, celebrating his “newly weaponized body,” which might sound like a threat to women if he hadn’t been originally gender-assigned to womanhood. There’s the rapper Killer Mike, who, along with his wife, Shana Render, is interviewed in one of Atlanta’s iconic strip clubs. But don’t strip clubs demean women? No bother. Killer Mike is otherwise woke enough to pass muster (he is, after all, a Bernie Sanders supporter), and Ms. Render informs that they do dispense investment tips to strippers. “Catering, massage companies, real estate,” Killer Mike adds.

Otherwise, there are a lot of women, all kinds of women. There’s the comedian Hannah Gadsby, who suggests men scale back their confidence, refrain from sharing their opinions, while looking “to traditional feminine traits” and then “incorporating them into your masculinity.” And there’s Al Freeman, whose soft-sculpture work is an effort to examine hypermasculine spaces, “a mirror of the things that I wish would be softer, or more benign, or less threatening somehow.” Think pillow versions of male genitalia or frat-house Jagermeister bottles. “I guess it’s castrating humor, to some degree,” Ms. Freeman says.

In an interview with Gayle King on “CBS This Morning,” Mr. Welch reported that in GQ’s survey of attitudes on masculinity, 97 percent said they felt masculinity was changing, and “30 percent of men said that they were confused by the changes.”

Wonder how that could’ve happened.

As for me, I might be tempted to answer Vox’s Liz Plank, one of GQ’s 18 voices, who recently published a book, “For the Love of Men.” While writing it, she went to Washington Square in Manhattan, thoughtfully asking men, “What’s hard about being a man?”

“Having to listen to people who aren’t men, or who are ashamed of manhood, constantly telling me how to be one,” would be my short answer, after I stopped, dropped and rolled for cover.

But for actual guidance — more sage than anything I read in GQ’s masculinity symposium — I’d turn to Edward Abbey, the ornery liberal who enjoyed baiting those on his own team. By most lights, he was a more reliable environmentalist than he was a feminist. (“The feminists have a legitimate grievance,” he said. “But so does everyone else.”) But Mr. Abbey, a former park ranger, did spend a lot of time observing nature up close, and not just the flora and fauna. Of man/woman relations, he wrote, “It is the difference between men and women, not the sameness, that creates the tension and the delight.”

Why keep fuzzing distinctions that for millenniums have resisted fuzzing? Punish the sex criminals and pelvic pinball wizards. Good riddance to them all. But otherwise, let men and women be men and women, however that appropriately breaks, without laboring so hard to fuse them. Maybe our opposites attracting, which the furtherance of our species has depended on, isn’t a design flaw, but its very essence. And maybe the wokerati ought to take their own most oft-repeated cliché to heart: Our diversity is our strength.

Matt Labash was a national correspondent at The Weekly Standard.

of available credits each year. Its initial goal was to cut greenhouse emission levels in the state to 1990 levels by 2020.

The Canadian province Quebec joined the agreement in 2014, followed by Ontario in 2015.

Trump’s Justice Department is arguing in a civil lawsuit, filed in Eastern District of California, that California has no right to “pursue an independent foreign policy in the area of greenhouse gas regulation.”

The Justice Department is asking the court to uphold the role of the federal government in conducting foreign policy by declaring the agreement unconstitutional.

Don’t underfund our military

Dear Editor:

Norwalk is fortunate to have a local newspaper that allows different opinions to be published.

In response to a contributor that questioned the funding of our military: our military consists of patriotic volunteers. 7.3% of all living Americans have served in the military at some point in their lives. Our military deserves the best equipment money can buy.

Yes, there is waste, fraud and abuse that can be solved with better oversight, but we must fund our military. China could possibly overtake the US in military power within a decade (non nuclear). I have 42 years of military and law enforcement experience and I know what defunding can do.

The Second Amendment will always be debated. “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state.” This means that the state has the right to protect itself from the federal government’s unlawful laws and its standing army. “The right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” The people have the right to arms to form organized and unorganized militia to protect themselves from the federal government.

The armed forces and law enforcement are not a well regulated militia. Law enforcement enforced the state’s penal code. Posse Comitatus prevents the Army and Air Force from being used against US citizens on US soil. Only if the state is unable or refuse to quell lawlessness can they be used. The Navy and Marine Corps can be activated, for example, if Los Angeles riots.

Great Britain and its colonies do not have a 2nd Amendment. That is why all firearms were confiscated. Knives and tools cannot be carried on your person. You can go to prison defending yourself against a violent criminal.

My last topic is gun related deaths. 65% of gun deaths are from suicide. Less than 1% are from “assault weapons.” Mass murder statistics are misleading. Four or more deaths are considered mass murder. 373 people died from mass shootings in 2018. 40,000 deaths occurred from car crashes in 2018. 4.5 million people were seriously injured in 2018. Where is the outrage?

Bob Rodriguez
Downey

America’s childcare deserts

BY SARAH PIEPENBURG

My husband and I run an oil and vinegar shop in Minneapolis. We love helping customers brighten their meals, but another reason we started our business doesn’t fit neatly into marketing materials: We needed child care, and we couldn’t make it work any other way.

Here in Minnesota, we have the fourth highest costs in the nation for infant care. What’s more, 44 percent of Minnesotans live in a child care desert, where there are simply no spots for anyone.

For two years after we had our son, we did our best to piece together day care and work. We sat on countless waitlists. I even delayed taking a job until my son had aged out of the most expensive infant care category, which costs more than in-state college tuition.

Even with all our juggling, I was still only taking home \$244 a week after child care expenses. It just didn’t seem worth it. I quit my job to stay home, but I knew we’d have to find another solution soon.

For my husband and me, the best choice was to go into business ourselves, arrange our schedules as best we could, and get help with child care from family and friends.

With this help, we got by. But the irony is that it’s very hard for family businesses to provide family-friendly jobs. We can’t offer the support with child care, paid leave, and health care that large corporations can.

And what about work schedules? Most daycares close at 6 pm, but we close at 7 pm. It’s even more complicated for shift workers and 24-hour employees in other industries.

We aren’t alone. Small businesses in our area are scrambling to retain employees with kids, or having to scale back hours and serve fewer clients. A lot of women leave the workforce entirely, like I did.

When one of our first employees was pregnant, we offered her more time off after her baby was born. But she wanted to come back after just two weeks because she needed the paycheck.

Luckily, she had a family member who could take care of her child. But whenever that fell through, she missed work.

According to Child Care Aware, over a six-month period, 45 percent of working parents missed work at least once due to child care breakdowns. Businesses lose over \$4 billion annually because of these issues.

This is unfair — not just for small businesses, but for our society as a whole.

Women are more likely to shoulder caregiving than men, and lack of affordable care limits their economic independence. Low-income families of color are disproportionately impacted by high costs, while rural communities are most likely to be classified as “child care deserts.”

And, of course, the current system puts small businesses at a major disadvantage to big corporations with the resources to subsidize on-site care.

We need lawmakers to invest in high-quality child care for everyone in our country. We need innovative solutions like the Child Care for Working Families Act that address the crisis from three fronts — maintaining care quality, ensuring quality jobs, and capping costs for families.

If we believe in small business, we need our lawmakers to change this system. Child care isn’t just a family issue — it’s an economic one, too.

Advice when buying a pet

Dear Editor:

Please tell me who Luis Rodriguez is? And what are his qualifications to critique my real-life experiences? (Letter to the Editor, 10/10/19)

Who is he to criticize my article, which was meant to keep people from being cheated and broken-hearted? Is he a veterinarian? Is he a breeder? Is he a pet store owner? Is he a rescuee? How many years has he been in the pet business? What are his qualifications to advise anyone? What inaccuracies? Nothing I said was inaccurate.

For everyone’s information, not all people looking for a puppy want to go to the pound. Purebred puppies are hardly ever at a pound. Bless all the people that go there and save a life but AKC puppies are what a lot of people want. There are two very different types of people.

I have saved hundreds of dogs and cats from going to the pounds for the last 45 years. How many dogs has Mr. Rodriguez saved lately? I have worked with veterinarians my whole life. Every week clients come in with horror stories about Craigslist scammers. I was trying to save people from getting caught up in all the sociopaths out there waiting for sweet, unknowing people to answer their ads. So if it sounds fishy, beware.

Let’s make Mr. Rodriguez happy: they answer the phone and want to meet you on a corner. They tell you to send money via Western Union (so you can’t get a refund). “Send us money!” They don’t have any dogs, their pictures are fake.

Never send anyone money. Never meet on a corner or the street.

And in case you haven’t heard, Mr. Rodriguez, the law says pet stores in California can’t sell dogs or cats unless they’re from the pound. I am not a pet store. I am a very experienced, knowledgeable pet professional. Sounds to me like Mr. Rodriguez thinks he knows more than any real pro.

He may be concerned about the pet scam problem, so let me correct his inaccuracies. If the seller sounds intelligent, go to their home. Is it clean? Do the puppies look well-fed and playful? If so, get a receipt with the seller’s name, address, phone number and price. California law says you have two weeks to return the puppy with a receipt from a veterinarian stating the problem. Or you may keep the dog and still get money back from the seller for the vet bill. If the dog dies, you must present to the seller a death certificate from the vet.

You also have a year guarantee for any congenital problem. You may choose to keep the dog and get the money back for the vet bill. You have five days from the time you learned about the sickness to call the seller and state your intentions. I tell this to clients all the time.

Also, a new law just passed in California that is heaven sent. Emotional support animal law. Go online and certify your dog or cat as an ESA. No landlord can tell you you can’t have your pet, and you can’t be charged a fee to have the pet. Also, your pet flies for free. You must show documentation to the airline when booking your flight. Always get info from whatever airline you are flying.

So in closing Mr. Rodriguez, all my information comes from real experiences I have had. Nothing was inaccurate. And most people I talk to are careful but the ones that do get cheated “have common sense,” they are just nice people who trust the wrong people. I know plenty.

That’s my goal, to educate everyone who listens. So Mr. Rodriguez, I hope these steps are useful, and help YOU out.

Anna Beradini
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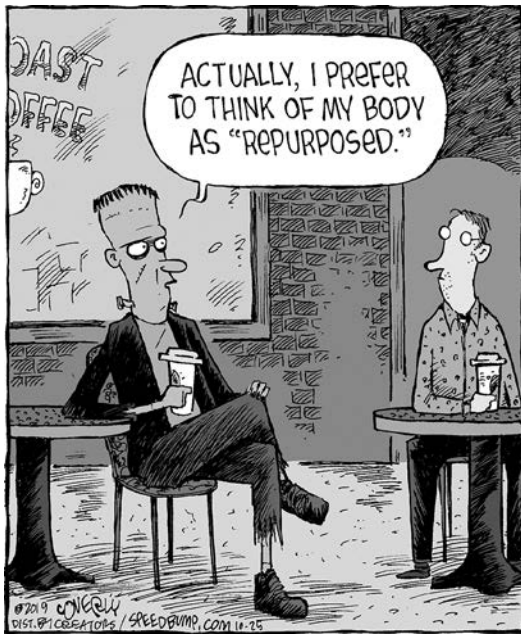
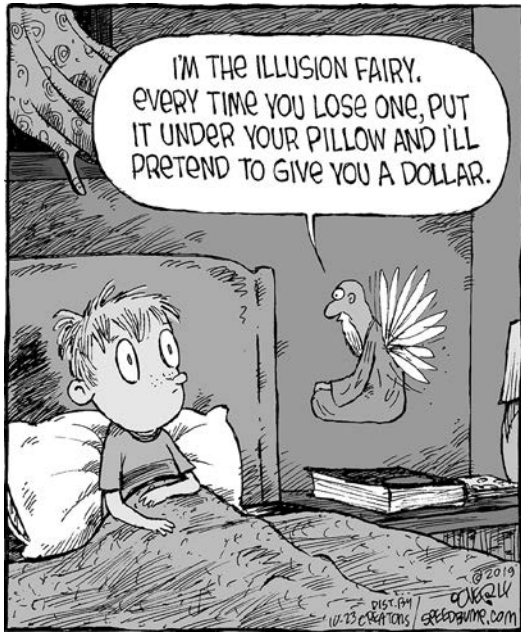
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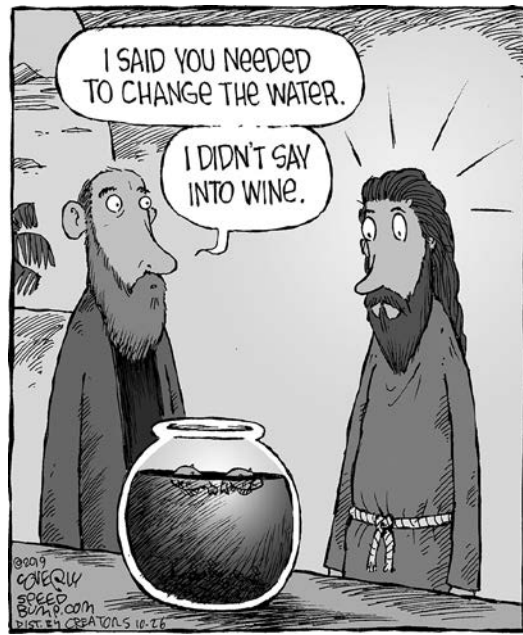
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1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
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WEDNESDAYS

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
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THURSDAYS

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2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS

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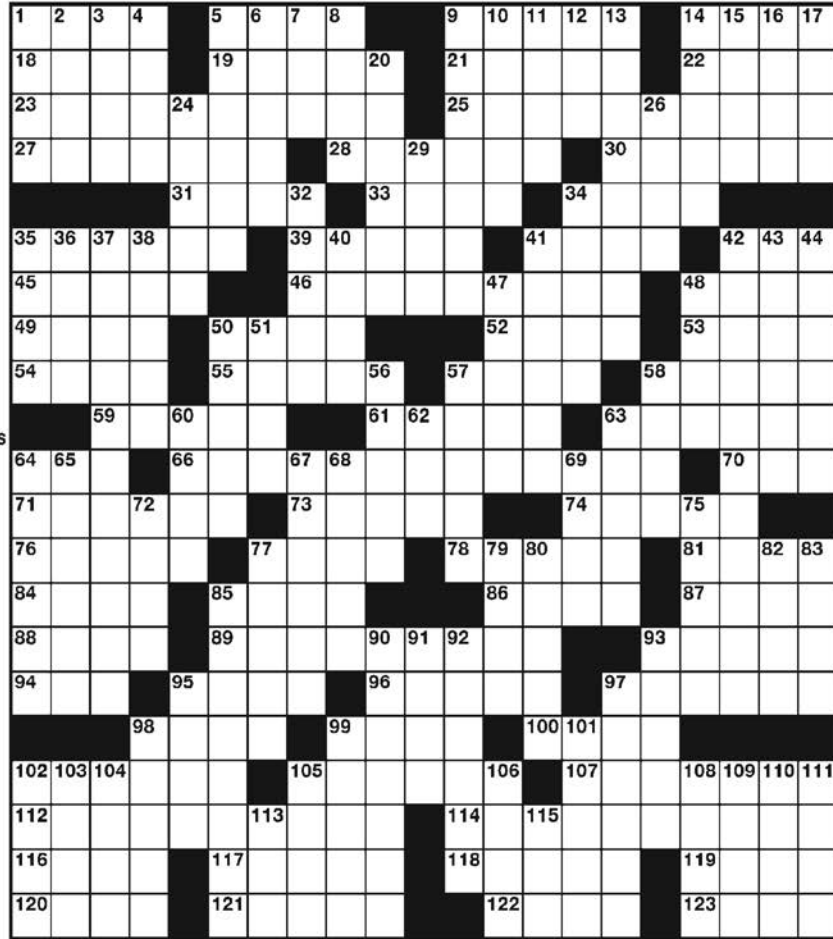
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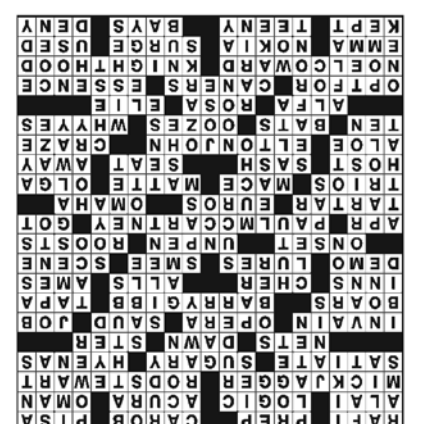
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL AKA ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL SR., AKA ROBERT P. PIMENTEL CASE NO. 19STPB08331

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL AKA ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL, SR., AKA ROBERT P. PIMENTEL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LISA AHUMADA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LISA AHUMADA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/13/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15423 BENFIELD AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$212,657.17 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The 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 and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor 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. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 083696-CA. 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 SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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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.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Legal Research Class: Custody and Child Support, 1:30 pm. Get the basics on child custody and support, including modifying and enforcing orders, and resources to help. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MakMo: Microphotography, 4–5 pm. Capture the unseen world with a combination of microscopes, fascinating slides and mobile phones! For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Corn Husk Dolls, 2-3 pm Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at the library by creating your own corn husk doll. These dolls were made by a number of indigenous groups across the Americas, and are still made today. Join us and make your own corn husk doll. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 – 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Clay Sculpture Class, 12 pm. Learn about the fundamentals of working with clay and create your own piece of art! Registration is required as materials are limited. Visit the Information Desk or call the library to sign up. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. An all-ages concert with music from The Radiacs (UK), The Quaranted, The Peabrains, Radamen, 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.

Classic Book Club – “Anne of Green Gables” by L. M. Montgomery, 6:30-7:30 pm. Anne, an orphan, is sent to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a farm in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward island and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. More than 50 million copies of the book have been sold since it was published. 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, NOVEMBER 13

Hopi Feathered Sun God Mask, 2 – 3:30 pm. Join us as we learn about the Hopi Native American Indian tribe and create a Feathered Sun God Mask using a variety of art materials. This program will be led by the Barnsdall Art Center. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Succulent Terrarium Workshop, 2 pm. Gardener Joan Borgman will teach you how to create your own succulent terrarium. Registration is required as materials are limited. Visit the Information Desk or call the library to sign up. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 – 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Citizenship Clinic, 9 am to 1 pm. Stop by for citizenship application assistance, fee waiver application, and study materials. Call the library or sign up at the Information Desk and receive a list of documents to bring to your appointment. In partnership with SAHARA. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Painting with Acrylics, 2-3 pm. Students will learn acrylic art techniques, learn how to mix colors, and complete a work of art on canvas. All materials will be provided. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 18 and up.

Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Kaleidoscope Fun, 4 - 5 pm. Construct your own optical instrument and watch shapes and colors turn into beautiful patterns. For ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 – 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Lit Wits Book Club: The Death of Mrs. Westaway, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss “The Death of Mrs. Westaway” by Ruth Ware. Hal receives a letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance but soon it dawns on her that there is something wrong about the inheritance. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Tower Building STEM Challenge, 4 - 5 pm. Work in groups to build the tallest tower out of basic materials! We provide all supplies. Best suited for ages 5 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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.

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, Peabrains, 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@thedownypatriot.com

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Celebrate Halloween at Norwalk’s Civic Center

NORWALK – The City of Norwalk will be hosting its annual Halloween Festival on Thursday, Oct. 31 on the Civic Center lawn.

Join thousands of community members in a night of music, food, games, and costumes from 6 to 9 p.m. in this safe alternative to trick-or-treating.

For more information, call the Recreation and Park Services Department at 562-929-5702.

Registration open for 5K run/walk

DOWNEY – Registration is open for the fourth annual 5K run/walk honoring fallen Downey police officer Ricky Galvez.

The run is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Columbia Sports Complex in Downey.

Registration opens a 6 a.m., with the singing of the national anthem at 7:15. The run/walk starts at 7:30, followed by closing remarks at 9 a.m. There will be on-site vendors from 9-11 a.m.

Register online at racewire.com by searching “5K for 5KING.” Registration is \$30 until Nov. 7; same day registration is \$40.

The event is hosted by the Downey Police Officers’ Association and Friends of the Downey Police K-9 Foundation.

Short Stories

The Glorious Silence

By Yolanda Adele Contributor

As caretaker at The All Souls Cemetery, I have come to understand that silence can vary just as the seasons when change is in the air.

I've observed many of the bereaved. They stay at the grave site after the ceremony and after the preacher, rabbi or priest has left along with most of the mourners. Unbeknownst to them, I have shared in their silence, which grips around the heart and mind when there are no more questions, because there are no more answers. This is a kind of silence that chokes when all hope is gone. What's worse is that this silence is a lingering intruder.

Other times silence begins to fall upon the living soul like tears or a veil covering the face of a widow.

Silence can pierce a heart and sever relationships. Silence is like a chameleon, which is why it can be misinterpreted.

At night, after a fresh grave has been added to the grounds, silence takes on a different ambiance, as it seems to perch and spread out on thin beams of radiant energy, streaming from the moonlight. This is my favorite silence. I call it the Glorious Silence. It is sternly beautiful as a rosebud breaking through the silent snow-covered ground at winter's end. The pure silence that resides here is on hallowed ground.

It's a pity, humans spend their lifetime covering the silence that is innate to their core being, yet it is no wonder, because the world is blanketed by a heavy barrage of pollutant noise.

Here at The All Souls Cemetery, the spirit returns to the awareness of the enlightening silence. I can tell you, peace resides in this unpolluted stillness where there is no forward or backward.

I have been the caretaker here and have observed as many silences as there are human beings buried here. I can tell you that everything you ever wanted to know about the purpose of life and your existence in it lies in the silence of your soul where the truth of your being resides.

Yolanda Adele is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

commercial route between San Diego and Yuma.

In following years, after splintered board and drifting sand provided endless maintenance headaches, the road was replaced by an asphalt road and today's four-lane highway. A surviving section (with its own historical sign) and parallel to the plank road can still be seen at Gray's Well exit of the I-8 freeway.

The "Old Plank Road" is now a landmark; it is a surviving remnant of Americana and an off-the-beaten-path travel destination known now as an unusual U.S. highway artifact.

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Back to my room I went. When the doctor was doing his rounds, I told him I had a class to teach in the morning and asked when I would be discharged.

"You're not going anywhere," he said. "While we were in there, we found two more problems that we have to fix."

Loretta turned up. She called the school, who said they could not wait for me.

Later, the hospital added two more stents to keep the other two company. Three days later, I was discharged and flew home.

When I deplaned, my wife Aida was waiting for me. The car was parked in a handicapped place. I said to her we could have gotten a ticket. She said, "If we had gotten a ticket, I would have gone to court and told the judge what had happened and as far as I was concerned, my husband was handicapped."

Later, I got a bill from the hospital for \$155,195. My insurance took care of it.

And I have not had a problem since.

Anthony Kingsley is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.



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Here's what's coming to the Cerritos Center in November

The Cerritos Performing Arts Center has a packed calendar as it heads into the holidays.

CERRITOS - The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is pleased to present a packed and exciting schedule for the month of November.

Share a night of belly-aching laughs with **Louie Anderson** and **Rita Rudner**, who kick off the month with "He Said, She Said" on Friday, November 1 at 8 p.m.

Named one of the "100 Greatest Stand-Up Comedians of All Time," two-time Emmy winner Anderson hosted "Family Feud" and is the producer-creator of the acclaimed animated series "Life With Louie."

Rudner's humorous comedy routines about life, men and relationships have earned her national acclaim and multiple honors - including an American Comedy Award. The comedians perform individually. Ticket prices start at \$60.

In "The Debut," multi-platinum recording artist **Jackie Evancho** matches her extraordinary voice to Broadway's New American Songbook, giving classic Broadway hits a fresh, more modern spin. Evancho will be the first recording artist to embrace this rich body of work and re-invent it as her own. Check her out when she returns to the CCPA on Saturday, November 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$70.

Comedian **Colin Mochrie** presents "HYPROV: Improv Under Hypnosis" with Asad Mecci on Sunday, November 3 at 7 p.m. After master hypnotist Mecci hypnotizes random audience members, the funny legend of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" manipulates them and turns the show into an improv extravaganza full of music, "horse" races and lots of laughter. Each show is guaranteed to be entirely original and completely unforgettable! Tickets start at \$45.

Escape to the land of Italy and bathe in its rich culture with the sounds of **The Four Italian Tenors**. For the first time in the United States, the foursome presents a program of the most beloved Italian Opera arias and songs, fusing wit and charm with romanticism, lyricism, verve and vivacity.

The tenors perform on Friday, November 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$60.

It's going to be a hot night when Emmy winner **Benise** unveils his spectacular new PBS production "Fuego!" on Saturday, November 9 at 8 p.m.

The musician debuts all new music, dance and costumes on a romantic and exotic journey of music and dance that celebrates the fire, passion and spirit of Spain. Tickets start at \$55. A limited availability VIP Meet and Greet with premier seating is available for \$95.

Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure is an immersive



Comedian Louie Anderson, joined by Rita Rudner, opens November calendar at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

experience that invites you to jump in and explore unknown ocean depths where prehistoric marine reptiles lived eons ago - and maybe live still today.

Using technology, puppets, science and imagination, actors create an amazing visual adventure that connects young audiences to the real science of paleontology.

recommended for children ages 5 and older, is on Sunday, November 10 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$10. This show is sponsored by Cress Capital.

The National Geographic Live! Series presents "Mireya Mayor: Pink Boots and a Machete" on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

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The Old Plank Road

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

This is another one of those memories that just had a way of "popping up" and pulling me in to pursue the subject further.

Growing up in the days of yore, I recall mom talking about "The Old Plank Road." It made such a lasting impression on her that she mentioned it often over the years.

Granddad and Grandma White, along with Mom and her brother, George, migrated from the State of Texas to Imperial Valley, and they used the plank road to get to their final destination. Mom had to have been a nine-year-old passenger when the family drove over it in 1923.

The road was built in 1915 to assist cars to get across the Im-

perial Sand Dunes, as back then it was looked upon as a seamless ocean of sand. Even then, during high winds, sand blew onto parts of the roadway, preventing our early automobiles from traveling any further until the sand could be removed.

Composed of pre-assembled thin pine planks in 8 ft. wide by 12 ft. long sections, they were then loaded on mule drawn wagons and lowered into place with crude cranes and bolted into place. In total, it was only six and one-half miles long.

Located within one-half mile of the Mexican border, the road was an east-west route over the Imperial Sand Dunes. It then connected the extreme lower section of Southern California to Arizona and provided the last link in a

When a Heart Attack Cost me a Job

By Anthony Kingsley Contributor

In 2009, I decided to visit my friend Loretta from my Peace Corps Armenia days who lives in Chicago.

Not being one who does things the easy way, I boarded a Greyhound bus in Norwalk into Los Angeles and picked up the bus heading to Las Vegas. After a short layover, it was on to Utah and Colorado. In Nebraska, a young lady got on and sat beside me.

Under normal circumstances this would not have been a problem. But she had a teddy bear that was larger than she was. The bus was full so the three of us had to share two seats. As luck would have it, she was going to Texas and changed buses in Omaha. Wow, two seats all to myself.

Then it was on through Iowa, finally arriving in Chicago after 46 hours. And Loretta was waiting for me at the bus station.

She took me to the university where she worked and introduced me to her boss. He asked me if I was interested in a teaching job. I said yes and said goodbye.

I boarded an Amtrak train for another 46-hour trip home. Later I got an email that said, "We look forward to you joining us. I will see you in my office on Thursday,

January 7."

This time I flew and again Loretta was waiting for me at the airport. I checked into a hotel she had booked for me near her home. On Thursday and Friday, I went to the university and arranged my paperwork, IDs, class schedules, etc.

On Saturday, I went for a walk around Chicago by myself. It was about minus 18 degrees Fahrenheit. A couple of sanitation workers gave me hand-warmers that you put in your gloves. I had something to eat and returned to my hotel.

On Sunday about 3 am, I woke up perspiring and a pressure running down my left arm. I knew that all those Irish breakfasts had finally caught up with me.

I went down to the lobby and told the desk clerk I was going to the hospital and got a taxi to Northwestern Hospital. I went in and told the receptionist what was wrong. She said I looked terrible. About 10 minutes later, I was in the operating room.

While the doctor was putting two stents in my heart, I was stretching and looking at the monitors. The doctor said, "Mr. Kingsley, I have a lot of work to do in a short time, so lie down and keep yourself quiet." It was one of the few times in my life I did as I was told.

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Downey mayor recovering from hospitalizations

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"It's not until they say, 'Hey look, I think you have a 60-65 percent chance of having cancer, we have to get in there,' that you take it serious," he said.

"At first when they say that to you, you say, 'Holy smokes, I'm going to die.' When there's a crack in the armor, you think, 'Holy smokes, what happens now? What happens to my family?'"

"But then you say, 'Time out. In order for me to die, I have to quit. I have to give up.'"

As this was playing out in private, Rodriguez continued to fulfill his obligations as mayor.

"I didn't want the city to know I had any issue with cancer, so I just put a smile on my face and said, 'Let's go.' I attended every meeting regardless of whether I had a biopsy two days prior. Being mayor was actually the best therapy for me."

Surgery was scheduled for Sept. 6, where surgeons removed 100 grams from Rodriguez's prostate, along with samples

of his kidney and bladder. The surgery was a success - no cancer - but came at a cost: severe internal bleeding.

"I never expected the pain in the abdomen that I had," said Rodriguez, who had back surgery in 2012. "The comparison would be to doing a thousand push-ups a day for 30 days. I couldn't sit up straight, I was consistently in the fetal position, I couldn't walk very well."

"And then lo and behold, what happens next, I herniated a disc. The disc slides out of my spine like a melted candle, and I couldn't move."

The Downey Fire Department transported Rodriguez back to Kaiser, where he was injected with morphine and spent four days in the hospital. Doctors wanted to operate on the mayor's back, but he declined, opting for physical therapy.

On Oct. 6, exactly one month after his prostate surgery, Rodriguez found himself at home debilitated from back pain and again urinating blood.

"I didn't want my wife (Lupe) to know what was going on,"

Rodriguez said. "But my Apple watch told me my heart was going into AFIB."

Firefighters again took Rodriguez to Kaiser's emergency room, where technicians performed an emergency ultrasound on his bladder.

"They came to find out my bladder was covered with blood clots, preventing me from making my own blood," he said. "They had to go into my body, get rid of those blood clots, get them all out of me - by this time I lost two pints of blood and was approaching cardiac arrest."

Over the next 24 hours, Rodriguez underwent two blood transfusions. A nurse called Rodriguez's survival "a miracle." He would spend an additional seven days hospitalized.

Today, Rodriguez is back home and on the mend but under strict orders to rest. He has more doctors' appointments this week and begins physical therapy this month. His goal is to recover well enough to return to City Hall in November and finish out his term as mayor.

"As timing would have it,

we have two grand openings planned for our city parks next month, which gives me an opportunity to start on my health goals," Rodriguez said.

In his time away, Rodriguez has stayed on top of local news and regularly watches video of City Council meetings, which Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco has led in Rodriguez's absence. He's aware of the criticism leveled by a small group of protesters who questioned Rodriguez's commitment to the city.

"The first reaction is kind of hurt," Rodriguez said. "I was in the hospital when I first read that. I had tubes everywhere..."

"I read that thing in my hospital bed, and it really broke my heart. I said, 'Man, is that what the residents really think of me?' If that's the case, then I'm OK with stepping down. Let somebody better than me have this job. Somebody smarter, younger, healthier, let them have this job."

"And then I started to receive emails and text messages and letters and cards, flowers, baskets that were sent by people

saying, 'Don't listen to the naysayers. We want you back. We need you back.' And that caused me to dig my heels in and say, 'I'm doing this. I'm getting back to my health, I'm getting back in my office.'"

"That's the long answer. At first, it was fear and hurt, and then it went to anger and persistence."

Rodriguez credits his ongoing recovery to his urologist, Dr. William Chu, the Downey Fire Department, and "the men and women of Kaiser Downey."

"They not only cheerfully cared for me during my recovery, which included two separate occasions in the Kaiser ER, but the compassion that they demonstrated to all Kaiser patients was amazing to witness first hand," Rodriguez said. "We are so fortunate to have these servants in our city. Words cannot express my gratitude for

these special people that have answered the call to save the lives of others."

"Going through this has served as a reminder of just how important regular health check-ups are. Health truly is wealth. It's easy to take your health for granted until you have something go wrong."



Mayor Rick Rodriguez reads get-well cards from local fifth-graders.

Paul Anka returns to the Cerritos Center next month

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Hailed as a "female Indiana Jones" and an inspiration to young women interested in science and exploration, the Emmy-nominated primatologist and wildlife correspondent for the National Geographic Channel shares stories of her adventures, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the hardships and danger of life in the field, along with the moments of discovery that make it all worthwhile.

Tickets start at \$45.

Davis Gaines and Dale Kristien are "Together, Again ...

for the First Time!" on Friday, November 15 at 8 p.m.

Twenty-five years since the record-breaking Los Angeles run of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera," the stage veterans will perform solos and duets from their favorite Broadway shows, share stories and reminisce about their long careers on Broadway and beyond.

Tickets start at \$50.

Created in collaboration with the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, "Harlem 100: Featuring Mwenso & The Shakes - Celebrating the 100th

Anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance" captures the sights and sounds of the city when legendary artists such as Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes and Billie Holiday made it the cultural center of the country.

The multimedia production features a band and dancers celebrating the music of Waller, Ellington, Holiday, Bessie Smith and Ethel Waters. See it Sunday, November 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$50.

Rob Kapilow's 2019-2020 "What Makes It Great?" series opens on Wednesday, November

20 at 7:30 p.m.

The composer and the Cal State Fullerton University Symphony Orchestra explore one of the greatest classical compositions ever written: Ludwig van Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7," which was widely considered as groundbreaking for its technical and emotional impact. Tickets start at \$55.

Paul Anka comes to the CCPA at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 21 with "Anka Sings Sinatra: His Songs, My Songs, My Way."

The Songwriters Hall of Famer delivers his hits, which include "Diana," "Crazy Love," "Lonely Boy" and "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," as well as legend Frank Sinatra's songs.

Born in Canada in 1941, teen singer Paul Anka's hit "Diana" sold millions of copies and set him up as a top teen idol with prolific songwriting abilities.

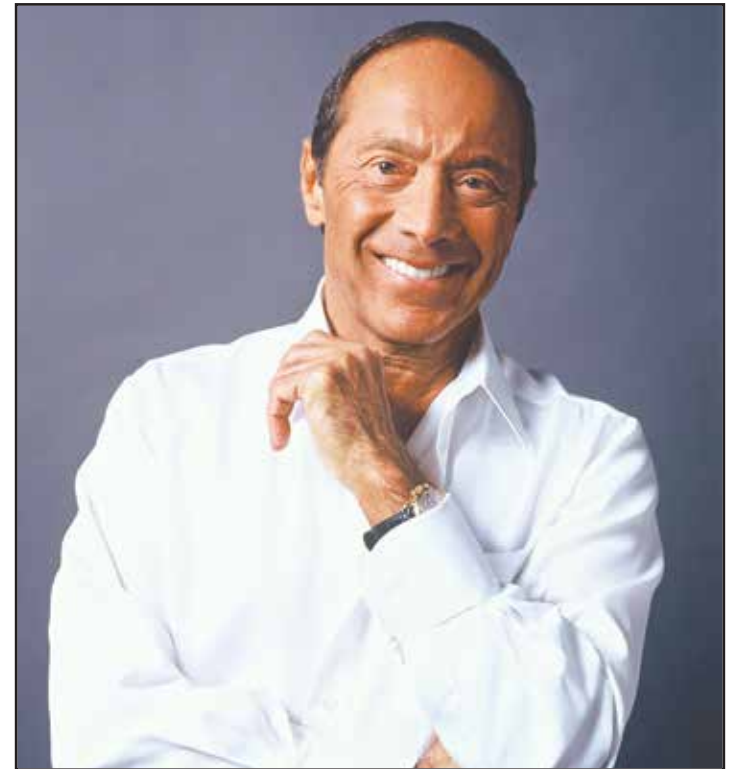
He then appeared in several films, headlined a Vegas act, hosted TV variety shows and wrote hits for the likes of Frank Sinatra and Tom Jones. He rose to the top of the charts again with the 1974 duet "You're Having My Baby."

Anka has released more than 120 albums, together selling more than 10 million copies globally, not counting singles.

Alone or in collaboration with others, he has written some 900 songs, placing singles in the Top 50 during five different decades.

When he was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2008, former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien gave his introduction.

Despite all these successes,



Anka still refuses to rest on his laurels. "I've always believed that if you don't stay moving," he said, "they will throw dirt on you."

Tickets for the show, sponsored by Aria Apartment Homes, start at \$100.

Join the famed Preservation Hall Jazz Band as it embarks on "A Tuba to Cuba" journey, retracing its musical roots from the storied city of New Orleans to the shores of Cuba. The group returns to the CCPA on Saturday, November 23 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$50.

Los Angeles Ballet presents "The Nutcracker" at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 30 and 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 1. The company stays true to the traditions of the holiday

story with some surprises! This production is set in 1912 Los Angeles.

Take home gifts and keepsakes from The Nutcracker Holiday Boutique and meet Clara and other characters after each performance.

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