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Buren principal, teacher appeal to 'Ellen' for help

Guadalupe school needs to repair damaged library

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Help for Mary Buren Elementary's library may be coming from a surprising source.

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" has responded to a plea to restore the library at the Guadalupe school. The library was flooded in December and many of the 11,000 books,

furniture and other learning tools were lost.

DeGeneres invited Principal Jesely Alvarez and teacher Ashley Thompson to be her guests at the show in Los Angeles on Thursday.

A crew from "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" was at the school campus this week to document and film students, staff, parents, the school and damages from the flood.

The staff discovered a big winter storm had dumped nearly 2 inches of

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U-Haul defendant Aviles sentenced

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One of the 11 people arrested in the U-Haul murder case was sentenced Thursday to nine years and eight months in state prison.

The sentencing came more than a year after Verenisa Castillo Aviles, 21, pleaded no contest

to kidnapping, false imprisonment and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury to Anthony Ibarra.

As part of the plea deal, murder and conspiracy to commit murder charges were dismissed.

Aviles will serve at least 85 percent of her sentence. She also has 900

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Hancock Foundation honors its best, brightest

A record number of scholarships awarded

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Rewarding its students proved to be a bigger job than ever for the Hancock College Foundation Thursday night as it doled out a record-breaking \$537,000 in scholarships.

Three hundred sixty-four students received a total of 424 scholarships awarded by the foundation, with Aurora Ruvalcaba garnering the prestigious Marina Hancock Scholarship. Ruvalcaba, who was born in Sisquoc and raised in Santa Maria, will use the \$5,000 award starting this fall when she transfers to UCLA where she will major in sociology.

The number of scholarship recipients represents a 38-percent increase from last year. And the dollar amount



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Allan Hancock College President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. awards Aurora Ruvalcaba with the Marian Hancock Scholarship of \$5,000 Thursday.

is 12-percent more than the foundation awarded last year.

"I think what's happening here are people are understanding that if they don't step up — with money dwindling

— nobody will," foundation Executive Director Jeff Cotter said of the generous scholarship donors. "People are stepping up and donating more money.

"The community loves

our graduates. Many of them go right out into the workforce, while many others move on to four-year universities and their next step."

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» **'Zero to hero'**

Hancock grad makes academic comeback

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Aurora Ruvalcaba's path to the graduation podium at Hancock College has been long, arduous and full of unexpected twists and turns. But when she accepts her diplomas today, it will be an accomplishment that, at one point in her life not long ago, she probably thought might not happen.

Ruvalcaba has literally gone from Hancock's academic probation list to the honor roll in just the past two-and-a-half years.

"It's been a long journey. Obviously my education hasn't been a straight, narrow, nice and neat path," she said with a knowing smile. "I think I learned a lot from it. I



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Hancock College student Aurora Ruvalcaba will graduate today with three degrees. She will attend UCLA in the fall.

think I needed time to get to where I'm at now."

Where she is now is graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She is president of Hancock's chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma (the school's honor society). She has her own

nonprofit organization — a Santa Maria High School alumni group that works to help current Saints. And she's headed to UCLA to study sociology, which she said is her route to law school.

Where she was just

a couple of years after graduating from Santa Maria High in 2005 was flunking out of Hancock after a brief stint at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"I actually got kicked out of Hancock. I was on academic probation for two semesters. My GPA was in the dumps. It was not pretty. At that point was when I said, 'OK, I need to take a break, reassess things,'" she explained.

She took time to work for a local department store as a beauty adviser, but she always knew she would return to school. Her parents, Joel and Maria Ruvalcaba Cuervo, immigrated from Guadalupe, Mexico, over 35 years ago and raised their eight children to value

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U-Haul sentencing set for today

Five men found guilty last month in the murder of Anthony Ibarra are scheduled to be sentenced today in Department 6 of Santa Maria Superior Court. The defendants are:

- Ramon David Maldonado, David Murillo Maldonado Jr., Santos Manuel Saucedo, Reyes Gonzales Jr., Jason Michael Castillo

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DAILY 4 3-3-7-4	POWERBALL (Wednesday) 01-12-28-35-44 Powerball: 25 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$138 million
DAILY DERBY 1st: 1 Gold Rush 2nd: 9 Winning Spirit 3rd: 3 Hot Shot Race Time: 1:44.39 Estimated jackpot: \$399,000.	SUPERLOTTO PLUS (Wednesday) 01-04-11-22-29 Mega Ball: 20 Estimated jackpot: \$37 million
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PUBLIC NOTICE
County of Santa Barbara draft amendment to the FY 2014-2015 Action Plan and Public Hearing

The County of Santa Barbara Community Services Department (CSD) invites comments on a proposed FY 2014-2015 Substantial Action Plan Amendment to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County of Santa Barbara is the lead entity of the Santa Barbara County HOME consortium, which consists of the County, and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang. The County HOME consortium receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships funds from HUD to be used to expand housing opportunities for low-income households.

The County Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2014-15 Action Plan on May 6, 2014. The Board also reviews and approves all Action Plan Substantial Amendments. In accordance with the Santa Barbara County 2014 Citizen Participation Plan, notice is hereby given for the following recommended Action Plan Amendment. The FY 2014-15 Action Plan will be amended to include a change in programming for the \$118,124 in HOME funds allocated to the City of Lompoc (City). The City will use the funds for a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program (Program) to provide security and utility deposit grants on behalf of eligible low income households to enable them to find decent, affordable housing. The Program also permits the option of providing monthly rental assistance payments as well. To be eligible, the annual household income of tenants cannot exceed 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The maximum income for a family of four is \$48,120. Lompoc expects to serve approximately 56 households with security and utility deposit assistance through the Program over a two year period. The proposed Program meets the County's FY 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan priorities.

Public Comments: The public is invited to provide written comments during a 30-day public comment period, which commences on May 22, 2015 and ends on June 22, 2015 at 5:00 PM. The Public also may appear in person and provide comments during the Board of Supervisors Hearing to be held at 9:00 A.M. on June 23, 2015 at the County Administrative Building Board Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, 105 E Anapamu St., Santa Barbara. (The public may listen to and participate in the hearing via remote connection at the Joseph Centeno Beteravia Government Administration Building, Board Hearing Room, 511 E Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.) The Board will consider all public comments prior to approving the amendment to the FY 2014-15 Action Plan.

The public may review the draft amendment to the FY 2014-15 Action Plan on the County's website at www.countyofsb.org/housing or at the offices of the Housing and Community Development Division. Submit written comments to Housing and Community Development by mail to 123 E. Anapamu St., 2nd floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, via facsimile at (805) 560-1091, or by e-mail to HCD@countysanta-barbara.com no later than 9 A.M. June 23, 2015. Anyone who needs additional information, has questions, or requires special accommodations such as a language interpreter or hearing devices, may call (805) 568-3520. Si tiene cualquier pregunta, por favor llame a (805) 568-3520.