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## Woman in Coma Gives Birth

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On Dec. 29, one of the patients at the Hacienda HealthCare facility in Arizona gave birth while in a coma. Nathan Sutherland, a nurse at the facility, has been charged with one count of sexual assault and one count of vulnerable adult abuse.

According to CNN, Sutherland's bond is set at \$500,000 and his next court appearance is Jan. 30. Along with Sutherland, there were two doctors that no longer work at the facility. One of the doctors resigned, while the other is suspended.

Thanks to the DNA provided by Sutherland, investigators were able to confirm that the baby and Sutherland had similar DNA. If Sutherland is able to post bond, he will be under house arrest and will have to wear an electronic bracelet while waiting his trial. Sutherland had worked in the facility since 2012 and had to undergo an extensive background check before he was hired. He was fired on Wednesday morning after the company was notified of his arrest.

According to the doctor who gave the patient her yearly check up 37 weeks prior to the birth, there were no changes to the conditions of her health. The patient had been in the facility since 1992 and is 29 years old. The facility has since increased security.

## Alhambra's Future Growth Plan Ignores Preservation

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The city of Alhambra recently constructed a long-lasting blueprint for the future. It is a general plan mainly focusing on the city's future growth. However, the plan did not include any protections for historic preservation. It also did not incorporate specific measures such as undertaking a citywide survey of historic resources, forming a cultural resources commission or applying to become an official local government. Residents who value Alhambra's historical structures opposed this plan.

In addition, members of the Alhambra Preservation Group, a local nonprofit, publicized their opinion on the matter. "We were disheartened to see that those items had been removed from the report because they were things we've been advocating for for years," Alhambra Preservation Group Vice President Joyce Amaro said. Currently, Alhambra has not established any historic protection measures due to the lack of input from the city's population. According to Alhambra Source, only 360 people out of about 86,000 participated in a general survey concerning their needs. Scott Chan, one of the commissioners, stated that the city's low input was notably concerning. "If we're talking about the most linguistically isolated - the folks who are hardest to reach in this communi-



Historical house on corner of Commonwealth and 4th St.

ty - things need to be done in Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese," Chan added. Chan believes that language barriers may be preventing all Alhambra citizens from speaking their minds. Alhambra was initially required by California law to create a general plan to satisfy housing needs. However, commissioners were unsure of how historic protection would affect that, according to the Alhambra Source. As a result, both historic protection and people's housing needs have been left unfulfilled. "Alhambra's historical buildings are important to our city because they help preserve our history," senior Erick Munoz said. L.A. Conservancy Director Adrian Scott Fine stated during a meeting with the APG that historic preservation was necessary to refine local preservation efforts and lift property values. The Planning Commission held another meeting on Feb. 4 to discuss matters further. Councilmember Katherine Lee asked the city manager to seek advice from cities like Pasadena and Monterey Park.

## Gene Modifying Babies

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In late November 2018 two twin female babies, known as Lulu and Nana to protect their identities, were born in China. Their births have sparked immense controversy because they are the first ever humans to be born with artificial gene modifications.

Chinese scientist He Jiankui was the mastermind behind it, saying the only modifications he made were to make the girls immune to contracting HIV/AIDs.

In China, human gene modification is illegal. The trial was conducted in secret and no paper has yet been presented for the scrutiny of peers in the genetic sequencing and editing space. The obvious question of whether or not this an ethical medical experiment thus arises.

Because this is the first experiment on human embryos, the risk factors could consist of inaccuracy, affected future generations and stigmatized disabilities. However, many people argue that this experiment opens a door to advancing medical research for deadly diseases.

"This is far too premature," Dr. Eric Topol from the Scripps Research Translational Institute in California said. "We're dealing with the operating instructions of a human being. It's a big deal."

The reason why people view this as unethical because the babies' genome was edited when it did not have to be. Since the mother does not have HIV/AIDs, there is no immediate risk that the babies would get contract the virus. Nevertheless, the question of whether or not genetic modification should be allowed on human embryos will continue.

## Collaboration Meeting Focus on Single Story Epidemic

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On Jan. 30 what seemed to be a typical collaboration meeting revolved around the topic of equity. Teachers were asked to talk about stereotypes and how they have been affected by them. Furthermore, they depicted the history of stereotypes and how to take steps to resolve this problem.

This is part of a new trend teachers have participated in, focusing on what is called the Single Story.

A Single Story is a stereotype, name or action designated to an entire group of people. These meetings were designed to help improve the school culture by having teachers speak about subjects such as racial discrimination.

Each of the three Wednesdays focused on a different theme. This was introduced to a group of about ten teachers,

each asked to share his or her thoughts and experiences based on the topic.

Spanish teacher Joshua Moreno designed the Single Story meetings to help teachers understand why certain things they say or do could be attributed to stereotyping and why students may take it this way. It was also to help teachers work together, and to help share ideas from teacher to teacher. The reactions so far have been positive.

"Most teachers felt this was powerful," social science teacher Travis Corona said. "At first they did not know where we were going with this but soon they were excited about what we were doing. The best case scenario is for teachers to be aware of the idea of the single story and to build counter-narratives to start going against that."

Some of the topics at the meetings include thinking about the different single stories on campus and the physical space

in which these stories are happening. The most recent meeting was about taking a personal look at teachers' own upbringing and childhood and whether they learned single stories from the media, from their families or from other sources.

Some of these single stories include assuming an Asian student is good at math. If he is not good at math, this could mean he would not get the attention he needs.

"I'm curious about what they plan on doing with this input and why students have not been invited to join the discussion," English teacher Rachel Farfaring said.

The next step, according to Corona, is to work on breaking away from the single story mentality. These meetings are intended to be implemented in teacher classrooms and help them get a better understanding of why racial discrimination and stereotypes might take place in the classrooms.

## Students Must Bring Their Parents to Saturday School

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Saturday School is form of detention that is assigned to certain students who have broken school rules. Most students who attend Saturday School are assigned the detention because they have too many tardies and/or unexcused absences.

Saturday school is held on some, but not all, Saturdays in the cafeteria from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

In order to make sure students attend, the school requires students to bring their parents with them. The students are parents do not just sit in silence for two hours, however. The event is planned with presentations that will be helpful

for students and their families. If a student comes alone and fails to bring a parent, the Saturday school session will not count in their favor and they will have to either leave and return with a parent or they will be assigned another Saturday School until they bring a parent.

In order to prevent students from cheating the system and bringing a family friend or another more lenient adult family member, staff members are assigned to regulate the session. They check I.D.s and school records to make sure that these people are, in fact, the students' parents.

At a typical Saturday School session, students and parents are seated and staff members talk about the con-

sequences of their actions and why it is important to improve their actions. They may also be given presentations on topics such as how to apply to college.

"I have attended Saturday School and during these two hours I sat with my parent and the staff talked the whole time about mental health and how a person's lifestyle can affect their overall mental health," senior Morgan Steglau said. "Somehow, they were able to tie this back to student's being excessively tardy and absent."

Saturday School sessions have been taking place for several years. If a student fails to improve even after Saturday School, the school will take appropriate measures to help the student.

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