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L.A. Opera principal performer and teaching artist Miki Yamashita as legendary character Princess Turandot and Chavez students bask in the limelight between

Chavez Elementary joins L.A. Opera for live performance

NORWALK - For one day the cafeteria at Chavez Elementary School in Norwalk was transformed into an opera house, with dozens of Chavez fourthand fifth-grade music students joining professionals from the Los Angeles Opera to tell a story of immigrants struggling to overcome discrimination in a new world, with two performances of "Legends of Cannery Row," on

The 30-minute opera, inspired by Puccini's "Turandot," concludes a fiveweek residency program in which world class L.A. Opera teaching artists instructed Chavez students in the intricacies of performing opera, while Chavez fourth- and fifth-grade teachers Sandra Montoya, Gina Townsend and music coordinator Penelope Barron integrated the opera into studies of history, geography and human rights. Chavez is one of only 13 L.A.-area elementary schools to participate in this year's residency.

"The opera brilliantly blends creative expression with the actuality of the immigrant experience, which resonates greatly within our community," Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "We are extremely grateful to the L.A. Opera for providing our students with the opportunity to participate in such a joyous and significant production. Bravo!"

A packed house of students, parents, faculty and administrators delighted in the humorously thrilling tale of an elementary school class field trip to the famous Cannery Row in Monterey to learn the history of Chinese immigrants, where the sudden appearance of Princess Turandot begins a discussion - in song - bringing to life the plight of those who came from abroad to work in the mid-19th century Bay Area fishing trade.

"This is our fifth year presenting a student opera, which we have found is an excellent way to engage students in a collaborative educational experience, then present what they have learned to their schoolmates, parents and the community," Chavez principal Gabriela Galvez-Reyna said. "We truly value the tremendous work done by our exceptional teachers in preparing the students, especially our music coordinator Penelope Barron."

The L.A. Opera provides the "learning-by-doing" in-school opera program as a way to teach music and theater fundamentals to students who, in the process, learn self-discipline and cooperation while working as an ensemble. In addition, teachers receive an opportunity to support student exposure to the arts and integrate the themes of the opera into a comprehensive lesson plan.

"Norwalk-La Mirada is committed to providing every available academic resource to our students to ensure they grow up to be life-long learners," NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison said. "Not all educational opportunities will come in conventional forms. By encouraging our kids to explore their creative sides, they gain confidence in their ability to challenge themselves in new ways."

Upcoming events at the library

NORWALK - An adult coloring club, Color Us Happy, meets at the Norwalk Library every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Supplies are available, but participants can bring their own. The program is free.

•Norwalk Library is hosting a smart gardening workshop this Saturday

from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, and grass-cyclying.

Compost bins will be available for purchase (cash or check).

•Norwalk Library, in partnership with the South Asian Network, will host a citizenship clinic Thursday, March 10, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Participants will receive application support, legal advice, study materials, and a fee waiver application.

Call the library at (562) 868-0775 to register.

•In celebration of Teen Tech Week, Norwalk Library will host a scavenger hunt throughout the library Saturday, March 12.

The tech and internet-inspired scavenger hunt begins at 4 p.m. It is

intended for teens in grades 6-12. Participation is free.

•The "holiday bunny" will visit Norwalk Library on Tuesday, March 22,

Children and their parents can take a photo (bring your own camera), and also participate in an art activity.

'ARTastic' returns to Norwalk March 18

NORWALK - Norwalk's annual "ARTastic" event will take place Friday, March 18, from 6-9 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center.

"ARTastic" features free art activities, multiple art exhibits, live entertainment, a Ferris wheel, book fair, art competition, a street fair with food trucks, an art walk, open mic, and a chalk art competition.

Local artists are invited to participated in the art competition, art walk and chalk art contest.

For more information regarding "ARTastic" or the art competition, call (562) 929-5521. For questions about the chalk art contest, call (562) 929-

Legislators rally behind light-rail line from Artesia to downtown LA

By Christian Brown **Staff Writer**

PARAMOUNT - In the hope of easing traffic congestion and spurring economic development, state legislators and local city officials last month called for renewed efforts to construct a 20-mile light-rail system from Artesia to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

Gathered inside a conference room in Paramount, state Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) reiterated his support for the light-rail Eco-Rapid Transit line, formerly known as the Orangeline.

"I am pleased with the tremendous support shown from statewide and regional leaders for this project," said Mendoza. "We must ensure that the 'Gateway Cities' receive their fair share of funding to complete the Eco-Rapid Transit light-rail line.

"The project will transform our region and provide much-needed transportation options for the 'Gateway Cities' residents."

and ABC, Downey, Lynwood,

Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount,

Pasadena Unified School Districts,

and St. John Bosco High School have

signed new articulation agreements

that will allow qualified high school

students to earn college credit at

agreements

seamless pathways in advanced

manufacturing and engineering

technology for high school

students to earn their certificates

of achievement at Cerritos College

"These agreements represent

opportunities for future engineers

and other careers related to STEM,"

said Marco Antonio Firebaugh

High School Instructor John Ude.

"Students who enter college under

these agreements will have a clearer

path and focus for a successful

up to 12 units of credit through

High school students can earn

while in high school, officials said.

Cerritos College.

deal with high schools

Transit, thanked Mendoza for his commitment to the rail line.

"With his support, we were able to bring together the largest and most influential gathering ever of local and statewide officials to support the project," Kodama said.

Ultimately, officials hope to connect over four million residents Railroad route via the new regional funding is the biggest hurdle.

While the Eco-Rapid line was approved as a Measure R project, Los Angeles County is considering a bond measure to raise the remaining funds. Last week, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority Board (MTA) officially released \$18 million in Measure R funds for the Pacific Railroad predevelopment and planning stages.

Overall, \$240 million from Measure R will go towards the project, which estimated to cost upwards of \$4.3 billion and will created an estimated 52,000 construction jobs. But officials maintain the transit line

Cerritos College signs new pathways

Cerritos College.

Design (IED)

Architecture (CEA)

•Computer

Machining (CIM)

NORWALK - Cerritos College the new articulation agreements at accept the course for transfer and

The Engineering Project Lead

The Way (PLTW) classes articulated

•Aerospace Engineering (AE)

•Civil Engineering

•Digital Electronics (DE)

To view the complete list of

College credits earned through

articulation agreements at Cerritos

College, go to http://goo.gl/Umhzry

articulation agreements are placed

on the Cerritos College student

transcript with the course number

and course title. The credits may be

applied at Cerritos College, may be

transferred to other colleges that

Michael R. Kodama, executive will eventually serve a daily ridership director of the Eco-Rapid of 75,000, generating \$6.68 billion in economic growth as redevelopment spreads around every station.

> Mendoza praised the MTA's decision to kick start the project last

"This investment of resources brings us one step closer to ensuring that the necessary funds are available to develop and build the light-rail along an old Union Pacific line to completion," Mendoza said in a statement. "I look forward to transportation system, but finding continuing to work with all our partners to build a 21st century transportation system that will benefit the Gateway Cities' residents for generations."

> Slated to open in 2027, the Eco-Rapid Transit will run along the West Santa Ana Branch Transit corridor, an abandoned Union right-of-way from Artesia north through Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cudahy, Downey, Gardena, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate, and Vernon before heading along the northwest side of the L.A. River to Union Station.

may be accepted by the armed forces

opportunity for students interested

in a career in engineering technology

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Career Pathways Trust.

"In 2015, six students from

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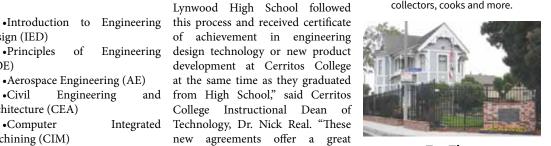
Pippi Longstocking Sunday - The Regent in Los Angeles,

A celebration of Pippi Longstocking, including rare films and a costume



Spook Show Saturday, Halloween Club in La Mirada, 12-7 p.m.

An outdoor, all-day festival featuring horror vendors, artists, collectors, cooks and more



Tea Time Sunday, Sproul Museum in Norwalk, 1-3 p.m.

Enjoy a tea or hot chocolate while touring Norwalk's Sproul Museum. Free



Gardening Workshop Saturday, Norwalk Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Learn backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, and grass cycling. No reservations needed.



Inflatable 5K Saturday, El Dorado Park in Long Beach, 8:30 a.m.

A 5K run/walk unlike any other, with inflatable obstacles along the course. Details at insaneinflatable5k.com



Abbey Road Friday, La Mirada Theatre for Performing Arts, 8 p.m.

The Beatles tribute band performs. Tickets start at \$36

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@Principal Lancer: Installed new digital signage in the main office and Career Center! Awesome way to greet our community.

SHARED STORIES:

college experience."

THE TIES THAT BIND

The Gift

For Gail Earl, the value and meaning of life are rooted in family and friends. A recent dream brought all of her loved ones together in a way that was "logical" to her heart. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol

By Gail Earl

As I awoke this morning I was overcome with emotion as I lay in my bed. I closed my eyes and recounted what I had experienced during the night. I didn't just relive moments of my past life but had new ones created

I spent the entire night walking, laughing and living with my parents and relatives who had passed away years ago. Now that I am awake I realize that everything that I dreamed was not something that had happened before, but rather just events in daily life that never happened at all.

I saw my mother or father and sisters and brother in different situations that never really happened. It was definitely their personalities, and everything we did in the dream could very well have happened in real life, if that situation arose.

For example, in the dream we and friends who in real life wouldn't were traveling. We were on a large ship somewhere in Europe. We were children and mom and dad behaved as they would have if this really happened. Mom was cooking her specialties and she was showing the chefs how she did certain things.

Each of us kids had the actual jobs we had as kids. Sharon helped measure, Don and Jan set out ingredients, and I loaded the dishwasher. Dad stood by and watched and helped each of us kids achieve our task.

In the very next minute we were all at a family reunion at my aunt's house in Michigan. This actually happened regularly in real life. In the dream, my Aunt Muriel and Uncle Frank were hosting and all of our young cousins were there. We played and ran around as children would.

I was one of the young children, but I was also an adult commenting on how wonderful it was that we could all get together. In the dream it didn't matter that I was both young and old. Everything made perfect sense and only now that I am awake do I see the impossibility of what I just witnessed.

In the dream it was absolutely wonderful seeing all of the family members whom I haven't actually seen since my childhood. Family members from one family were in attendance along with people from other families

necessarily be together. Some were still the children I knew as a kid and others were grownup versions of that People who weren't even born yet

were there mingling with each other. Example: my granddaughter was at the party with all of my old relatives from the past. I remember introducing her to my father and how happy he was to read her a story. He in turn introduced her to his

mother who actually died when I was only two years old. She had on her favorite navy blue dress with white dots all over it. That dress was a true Everything was very logical in the

dream. Of course now that I am trying to write the wonder of all that I saw during the night, I couldn't even begin to explain how amazingly wonderful it was and how much I loved seeing all these people again. I have always been a very active

dreamer but this morning as I awake, I feel absolutely blessed with the gift of their company again. I stood in their presence. I had conversations with them and actually held their hands and kissed their cheeks. This night was the greatest gift anyone could ever receive. All I can do is bow my head and say, "Thank You."

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The Arc's 20th Walk for Independence



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A one or three mile Walk to raise funds for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Stonewood Center – Downey

Acapulco Restaurant (Corner of Firestone and Lakewood)

Opening Ceremonies 8:00 a.m.

Walk Starts at

8:30 a.m.

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COLUMN: A news-filled week in Norwalk

By Raul Samaniego Contributor

NORWALK - It has been what we call in journalism, a News Rich week, in the city of Norwalk, some good, some not so good.

Currently I am the star reporter here in the city of Norwalk. Oh, I don't mean that I am a Pulitzer quality star (the Pulitzer is the Oscar of the Journalism/writing world), I mean that as we used to say in the private sector, my job takes me to all

You know, one week I am covering Hermosillo Park in the farthest southern portion of the city, then the next, I might write about

Having missed the two shooting events near Cerritos College, I took some solace in that I originally thought the shootings were in the city of Cerritos. After looking closely at a map of Norwalk, I saw that indeed, the convenience store where the shootings originated or took place, are in fact Norwalk.

When did life become so cheap?

La Mirada: circa 1982

Back in the early 1980,s when I was a very young 21 year old attending Cerritos College the first go around, I worked as a Security guard, a Bouncer, in a couple nightclubs in the area. This was my way of having some money to pay a few expenses at

There were the usual scuffles and drag 'em out fights, but I was never hurt on the job. Everyone had each others back. It was after the most severe event which directed me to get serious and finish school.

One night after closing, something occurred outside the club. I heard screaming and yelling as hoards of guests who had just left were running back towards the open front door. The head bouncer and other security started closing the heavy wooden front door.

was trying to keep them out. The over my right shoulder startling me. sight of arms being crushed from the weight of the door being closed on them is something I can still see. Yet, it happened.

allowed to leave. My friend Bob Reeves and I made for the parking lot. There on the sidewalk was a man being worked on by paramedics.

man's life was bleeding out and Bob a carjacking suspect. felt it. I could see it in his face.

breakfast?" were my words.

Norwalk: Saturday Feb. 27, 2016

Waking up after a long week of writing about the labor issue at Cerritos College and the Chinese "Year of the Monkey" celebration, I was looking forward to an old fashioned pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions Club.

Pancakes come and pancakes go, but getting up early on a Saturday morning for pancakes would be nice

Arriving at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, I saw the volunteers

Yuuuuuum Yum!

Ah, this was going to be a nice quiet, breakfast morning. Wrong.

Turning the corner, I entered the complex as Mayor Leonard Shryock was exiting. We shook hands, offered each other greetings and I continued

Well, as I said last time, "You are never off the record."

So, as I sat, I brought out my points of my territory, hence, like a camera, voice recorder and notepad. I never made it across the room once without someone touching my elbow or greeting me with a smile and a, "How are you doing?"

That's fine. I know my nine the Pioneer Cemetery located just reader base may be a tad larger and North of Norwalk In the northern I am the worst for face recognition and remembering names. There were Norwalk-La Mirada School Board Members, Little Lake School Board members, as well as other Norwalk City Council members in attendance.

> Some asked if I was covering such and such story or that they had "a story' I should cover. My pancake breakfast became another "good" article worth of interviews and pictures. I left for home content.

The Afternoon Event

Later that day, remembering that I had promised both sides of the Cerritos College Labor negotiations a copy of the week's paper, I decided to ride up to the Senior Center and gather a few copies.

Arriving about twenty minutes to closing, I grabbed about fifty copies and started out for home, again.

My route usually takes me down San Antonio Drive to Five Points (the area at the intersections of Rosecrans Avenue, Pioneer Blvd, and San Antonio). As usual, I had my press kit with me, but this time I had my camera in by padded bike bag on my rear rack.

It was easier to access in the event of a story presenting itself to me. One did.

Riding south on Pioneer, I passed Lindale, Mapledale and finally Imagine the scene; People were Excelsior Drive. As I rode, a green trying to get back inside and the staff and gold colored helicopter swooped

Now, I am not accustomed to riding into harms way. As a matter of fact a couple times I have found myself cowering behind a car or After some time, we were whatever protection was available as sheriff Deputies did their duty in a few events.

There was that SWAT operation a couple years ago near Cerritos Bob was visibly shaken up. The College where they were looking for

Then, that incident in South "So, where do you want to get Norwalk where a domestic dispute had occurred. Last week I watched from the safety of my living room, not one but two shooting episodes across the street from Cerritos near information as to whether the person Alondra Blvd and Studebaker Road.

> Riding South I didn't hesitate. I rode straight to where the helicopter was hovering. It took me, maybe thirty seconds to reach the area.

As I passed Cheshire, I slowed down. The helicopter was hovering so low, I could see the pilot's faces through the open windows. The door out, right? was open as well. I rode on.

staffing the huge outdoor griddle. someone popped out one of the side gates of an apartment row. I have a good mind for observation. I thought,

> "Helicopter overhead, guy pops out. He doesn't even look up, he pulls his baggy jeans up, he has a white A-shirt on. This looks suspicious,"

> I can remember three incidents where someone pointed a gun at me. One was a robbery with the gun in my face. The second was another robbery with the gun in my back and the third was several Sherriff Deputies pointing their weapons at me and my friend Javier Tovar at an ATM on San Antonio. I survived all three with nothing more than stories

> > Now, I have four.

Fifteen feet behind the stranger, continued riding. Sure enough, two Sherriff squad cars pulled up blocking him off at the corner of Lowemont and Pioneer. His hands went up in the air faster than the deputies could shout, "Hands in the

Me, I went for my camera. Which was probably the second stupidest thing I've done in my life?

Looking up, I saw one of the deputies now pointing his weapon

"PRESS! PRESS!" was what I shouted with my camera and left arm in the air.

recognized me because he lowered his weapon and asked, "Did you get a good picture of

Whew, maybe the Deputy

I took some photos as I made my way over to the sidewalk near the

ARCO station.

As I stood on the corner, I snapped away. Later I checked and there it was, BINGO!

I had taken a perfect photo of the handcuffed individual in the back of the squad car looking directly into

Sharing the incident with my Editor via text, we agreed that it could have ended tragically.

Monday, I called the Norwalk Sherriff to find out what the incident was about?

A voice on the other end of the phone simply said, "A report of an individual pointing a shotgun was received at that location."

Continuing, "A shotgun was retrieved from the scene."

Thinking about those words, I realized I was one "He was reaching for something," comment away from having my brains blown out.

Wednesday, according Norwalk Sheriff Watch Sergeant Garcia, he could not provide me detained was a juvenile or an adult.

While I can't answer the question, "What is happening to Norwalk?" It may be answered at the upcoming "State of the City" by City Manager Mike Egan.

After all, he knows what happens here in Norwalk after the lights go

Me, well, let's get back to those Just as I passed Cheshire, shootings at Cerritos College and that darn labor dispute.

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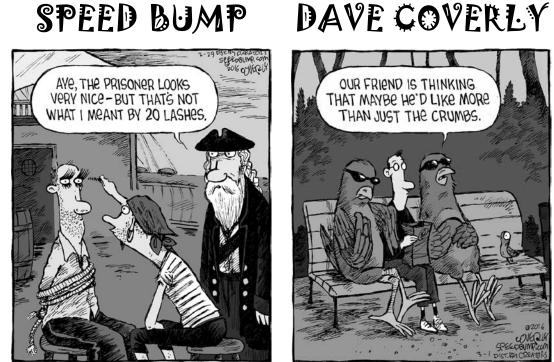
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of the Bellflower Library will be sponsoring a book sale on Saturday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room of the Brakensiek Library in Bellflower.

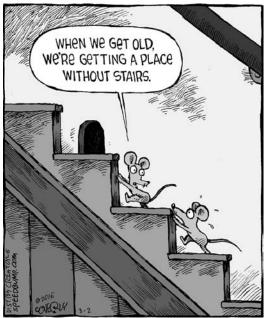
A large number of books will be offered at the sale including paperbacks, fiction, non-fiction and children's books, along with a selection of collectible books and textbooks.

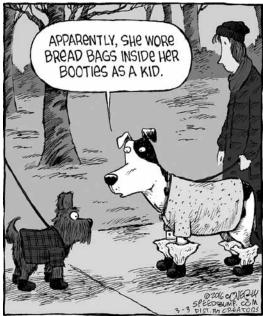
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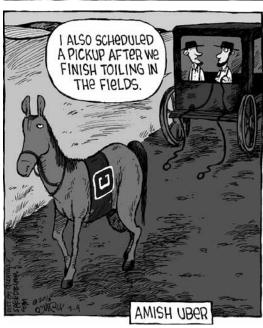
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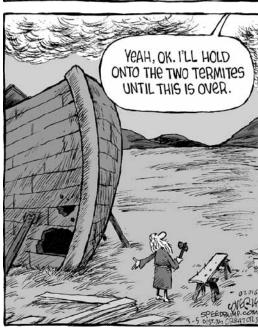












On This Day...

March 4, 1681: England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.

1789: The Constitution went into effect as the first Congress met in New York City.

1997: President Bill Clinton barred spending federal money on human cloning.

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11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Gardening Workshop - Norwalk Library

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM CERRITOS: Landscape contracts awarded

CERRITOS - The Cerritos City maintenance. Council recently approved several contracts to maintain arterial, center median, public landscape areas and

Complete Landscape Care, Inc. of Whittier was awarded a \$374,440 contract for landscape and irrigation maintenance of the center medians and arterial planters.

Landcare of Santa Fe Springs received a \$320,800 contract for landscape and irrigation maintenance and freeway landscape.

\$53,114 contract was awarded to Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. of Anaheim to maintain landscape and irrigation at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and other City-owned property.

with provisions for two one-year

A multi-year contract was also the amount of \$1,162,400.

•The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$184,700 contract to Petra CPS of Placentia for the resurfacing of the main stage at the Cerritos Center for the Performing

The project includes resurfacing the main stage, the main theater floor and seating storage areas. The project also includes repairing the seismic anchors for the storage of the theater's movable towers and relocating the anchors to maximize the main stage's usability.

The work will be completed in June when the theater is closed for

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•The Cerritos City Council recently expanded its existing ban against medical marijuana by prohibiting the cultivation and commercial delivery of medical marijuana within city limits.

Medical marijuana dispensaries are also prohibited within the City of

the modifications, Under commercial deliveries of medical marijuana in the form of wholesalers, transporters and dispensaries are

•Verizon has informed the City of Cerritos that its landline telephone and FiOS cable television operations in the City have been purchased Frontier Communications. Verizon also reported that according Frontier Communications, Each contract is for three years, transitioning customers' services and pricing will not change.

Verizon is sending notices about the sale of its operations approved for Golden West Arbor to Frontier Communications to Services Inc. of Pomona for City-wide customers by postal mail, email tree-trimming and maintenance in and via bill messages through March 2016. Before the transfer, Frontier Communications will send transitioning customers via postal mail a Welcome Kit with information about their transition to Frontier. The company will also send these customers a follow-up email message with the information.

> The transaction is expected to be completed after Thursday, March 31, 2016. At that time the company will begin operating under the name on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, Frontier Communications. (Verizon March 20. Wireless customers and services are not affected by this transaction.)

The advance information that will be sent to customers by Verizon

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Frontier Communications before Thursday, March 31 will address customers' questions leading up to and following the transition to Frontier.

If, after reviewing these materials, a customer wishes to contact Verizon Customer Service prior to Thursday, March 31, the number to call is (800) VERIZON. After this date, these customers can contact Frontier Customer Service at (800) 921-8101.

•The Cerritos City Council recently approved rehabilitation and repairs for one of the City's wells.

General Pump Company, which has been maintaining the City's wells and water infrastructure, was awarded a \$423,434 contract to repair and rehabilitate Well C-2. which provides about a third of the water pumped by the City. The work is underway and is expected to be completed in April. Water customers will not be affected.

The project consists of removing the motor, column pipe, drive shaft and pump. The casing will also be examined to see if it needs to be replaced, repaired or modified.

The well, located at the Corporate Yard, is approximately 45 years old and was last rehabilitated in 2004.

•Have you always wanted to become a ham radio operator? Are you interested in learning disaster communications? A twoday Amateur Radio Technical Level class will be offered at the Cerritos Sheriff's Station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The course prepares students for the technician level exam. It includes theories, demonstrations, hands-on activities, videos and lecture.

There is a \$75 course fee. An additional \$14 test fee applies to each FCC exam. The test will be administered on Sunday during class time. Test results will be available

Class size is limited to 25 people. In order to receive course materials in advance, pre-registration is mandatory. To successfully complete the class, home study (including preclass homework) is required.

visit cerritosradio.org, contact markchung@cerritosradio.org or call (562) 708-3893. To register for the class, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266.

Affordable housing complex in Norwalk holds open house

for Personal Empowerment (HOPE), a Los Angeles County based nonprofit, apartment. hosted an open house on Wednesday for its newest site that is located on Flatbush Avenue. This facility will be home to three tenants with developmental disabilities. Ongoing services will be provided by Life Steps Foundation and the Harbor Regional Center. The event brought together neighbors, community partners, and local officials to celebrate the latest addition of affordable, rental stock in

The National Low Income Housing Coalition states in their publication, Out of Reach 2015, that affordability is measured by rent being no more than 30% of income. They further report, "In no State can a person working fulltime at minimum wage afford a one bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent." At this moment, California has the 3rd highest wage requirement in

NORWALK - Home Ownership the country- at \$26.65 per hour to afford a median priced 2 bedroom

Many people simply spend an outsized portion of their income on shelter. This leaves little savings available to purchase nutritious foods, cover healthcare expenses, pay for transportation, pursue higher education, and ultimately break the cycle of poverty. HOPE's program is exclusively for individuals with developmental disabilities, and they charge no more than 30% of a tenant's income on rent.

At the event, tours were provided by the present residents, proud to show off their new bedrooms to visitors. Later, attendees listened to Norwalk Mayor, Leonard Shryock; HOPE Board President, Bob Irlen; and Executive Director, Kristin Martin, as they gave speeches highlighting the housing crisis in the state and lauding the efforts of the community collaboration

that made this affordable home a reality. A special thank you was given to Kristin Maithonis and Jesus Sanchez in the city's housing department, whose inspired work on this project was critical to its success. The mayor made it a point to warmly welcome the new renters to the neighborhood.

Kristin Martin spoke in particular of the impact this location would have on its tenants. "This is our fifth affordable home in Norwalk, and I'm excited to be a part of the celebration. I am even more excited though for the opportunities the privacy, independence and safety of this house will afford our residents."

The evening ended with the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Leonard had the honors but invited the current tenants to join him as he officially opened the restored house for

Bellflower High earns award for civics course

School is being recognized as one of years ago, engages students in real- Instruction Tom Torlakson said the the three top schools in California by California's Civic Learning Initiative, a program run by State Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

The high school was named March 1 as a recipient of an Award of Excellence; two additional winners hail from Sacramento and San Diego counties. Six schools received Awards of Distinction and 78 schools posted Awards of Merit in the highly competitive program."

Bellflower Unified's victory is its second consecutive win. In 2014-15, Mayfair Middle School became the city to install better lighting on role-playing activities that bring first middle school recognized by the 4-year-old initiative.

"This award is a great validation of the civic-learning efforts that exemplify our social studies programs across Bellflower Unified," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "Our team of educators does an amazing job of connecting the abstract concept of civics to handson participation in our community."

A panel of experts chose the winning schools based on depth and breadth of civic-learning courses and programs.

Bellflower High School's civics-

BELLFLOWER - Bellflower High learning program, launched three world issues. Students are required to winners are preparing students for frame an inquiry into a community issue, investigate the issue, engage in civil dialogue and capture different points of view before drawing a conclusion they share with teachers and classmates.

> All students - from grade seven through 12 - present their findings during the Bellflower Civics Fair in and our democracy stronger," June. Juniors and seniors go a step further, taking an active role in their

> provided homeless residents with toiletry care bags and urged the understanding of civics, from crosswalks to shield pedestrians at historical elections to life to a public night. This year, students are highly service component that students are focused on elections, especially a push for Bellflower to adopt a district system for electing City Council members. Another group of students obtained city permission to create a mural at a local park. Many students also volunteer at the Bellflower Volunteer Center.

> schools innovating in engaging, real-world civic learning, and I students a grounding for how their congratulate the awarded schools education translates into how we at all levels," Chief Justice Tani G. handle real-world challenges." Cantil-Sakauye said in a release.

State Superintendent of Public their roles as citizens.

"Starting with students in elementary and middle school, teachers are engaging their students in mock trials, mock congress and other rigorous and relevant opportunities that develop civic skills. Their efforts make our students Torlakson said in a release.

Mayfair's program incorporates a variety of project-based and In recent years, students have collaborative learning efforts to give students a theoretical and practical required to lead.

"At Bellflower Unified, all of our educational programs are designed to prepare our students for the challenges that follow K-12 education - in the realms of career and higher education," Board of Education President Dr. Paul Helzer "It's exciting to see these model said. "This civic-learning program is part of that preparation, giving our





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