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## Shared Stories: A day and a lifetime

*At first glance, Yolanda Adelé's wedding day might not seem an auspicious start for a successful marriage; but there are lessons to be learned about the importance of love and commitment. 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 Kearns.*

By Yolanda Adelé

Vic and I were married on July 2, 1962, while he was on a 48-hour leave from the Marine Corps after completing his boot-camp training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Vic was two months into his 19th birthday and I was two months into my 17th birthday. From the few snap-shots that were taken the day we married, I can see that we looked even younger than our tender years.

Vic wore his Marine Corp uniform handsomely. When he removed his cap to kiss me, I noticed he had a picture of me taped to the inside of his cap (shown in the left photo). I remember how that sweet gesture made me feel so very special. I wore a white satin suit (size nine). It had not occurred to me to buy or borrow a hat or veil to wear for our wedding ceremony.

Neither Vic nor I owned a car. My father had a car, but he drove it to work that day. Consequently, my mother and 12-year-old sister took the short bus ride with us to South Gate City Hall.

Only in retrospect does it seem odd to me that I did not question my dad or myself as to why he did not attend our wedding. There were no ill feelings between us for him not to want to be there. I know he liked Vic and loved me, so I can only surmise that dad could not afford to miss a day's pay. In those days I was good at accepting things as they happened.

We did not have an appointment with the Justice of the Peace. That was another thing that I did not think of, or knew to do. We were lucky after scouting around to find an official with some time in his schedule to marry us. Also, we needed to have another witness because my sister was a minor. The judge stepped out into the hall and asked a janitor to fill in.

When I tried to put the wedding band on Vic's finger I found that his knuckle was swollen and the ring did not slip on easily. I broke out in nervous giggles befitting the child-bride that I was.

After the civil wedding ceremony my mother treated us to hamburgers at a café across the street from the city hall and close to the bus stop. I was filled with joyous emotion at being a married lady having my first meal with my husband. Soon, we boarded the bus back to my parent's home.

The bus dropped us off on the corner of our street, several long blocks from the house. When I got off the bus I tripped, breaking my little toe. I was in pain as I hopped and limped, until Vic carried me the rest of the way. We never discussed where we would go, or what we would do after we got back from getting married.

My mother walked to the local market. Within an hour she returned carrying a small white cake along with a little plastic bride-and-groom ornament to put atop the cake.

Just before Vic and I posed for a picture with the cake, I remembered that my sister had a large bride doll complete with a wedding veil.

"Wait!" I shouted excitedly while I took the veil off the doll and arranged it on my head. It was a perfect fit, and it looked even better on me! I was so happy that the pain from my toe subsided, at least for a while.

When my father came home from work my mother announced, "The kids are married." He seemed genuinely happy, and hugged us.

That night as I soaked my badly swollen, blue toe in a pan of water, my parents, sister, Vic, and I watched a popular suspense program, "Thriller," hosted by the legendary king-of-horror actor Boris Karloff. It was not at all thrilling to the new Mr. and Mrs.!

Neither Vic nor I wanted to go to bed before anyone else. It was our wedding night; we felt awkward spending it in my parents' house. We did not have any resources to go anywhere else. Still, we were grateful to be together.

Our wedding is not a day that we look back on with the fondest of memories, yet I take solace in realizing that a wedding is only for a day, but a marriage is for a lifetime.

In 2012 we celebrated 50 years – our golden wedding anniversary. I reflect on our blessings, our two beautiful and accomplished daughters, their supportive soul mates, our six loving, talented grandchildren, and our soon-to-be great-grandchild.

I also reflect on our hardships and trials, as well as the insights that molded our tenacity to weather life's storms, much like we started out, but this time with the maturity that comes with a lifetime of experience.

Our love has been, and still is our fortress, our stronghold where we renew the vows we made to each other a half century and a lifetime ago. That is something to celebrate, on a daily bases.

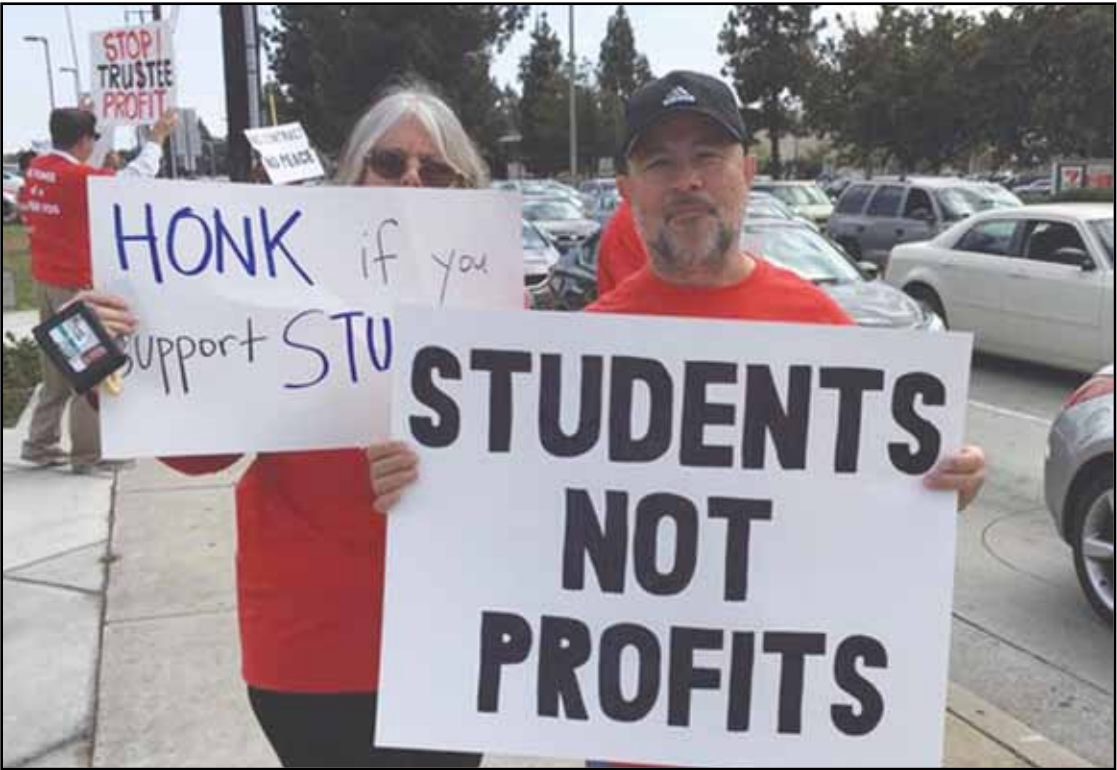
Happy 54th anniversary to us, 2016.



**DOWNEY** – Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti arrived in Downey on Tuesday in order to show his support for upcoming ballot item Measure M.

The press conference was held at Wilderness Park, using the notoriously congested 605 Freeway interchange as its backdrop. Garcetti used the opportunity to urge voters to vote yes on M.

"We're here at one of the most choked arteries – not just in America – but the intersection of two arteries at the 605 and 5. Three hundred thousand cars and trucks pass through this intersection every single day," said Garcetti. "That means traffic jams. And that's why we must vote yes on Measure M on Nov. 9."



## Cerritos College faculty, board agree on three-year pay increases in newly-approved contract

**NORWALK** – After nearly a year of negotiations, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new contract for the Cerritos College Faculty Federation last week.

The CCFF has been a commonly heard voice outside of the Board's meetings, as they have held several rallies in their pursuit for a contract.

A tentative agreement between the CCFF and the Cerritos College district negotiation team was brokered in mid-August. Members of the union then went on to ratify the agreement –nearly unanimously – which was then presented to the Board of Trustees at Wednesday's meeting.

The new contract will give full-time faculty a 10% raise over the course of three years, with part-time receiving 16.5% more over the same period of time. The number of paid office hours (including during summer session) are also increased.

The contract also includes an academic freedom article, regularizes funding for department chairs and program directors, and retains health and welfare benefits for full-time faculty.

Many of the CCFF members were in attendance at Wednesday's meeting, clad in their usual red.

Despite its eventual approval, the contract still managed to create its fair share of controversy when it arrived on the Trustees' desks.

Upon the Board's arrival from closed session, Board President Dr. Sin Liu explained to the crowd that the Board had yet to come to a decision and wished to discuss the matter further. The board then went on to discuss the school's budget for well over an hour.

The obviously frustrated crowd of union members left the room, and it wasn't long before the all-too-familiar chants of "What do we want" "A Contract!" echoed through the school's halls once again.

The uproar successfully derailed the Trustee's meeting; so much so that the Board was forced to go to recess. Eventually, the meeting was able to resume, and the Trustee Board was able to return to closed session to discuss the contract just a little bit more.

By night's end President Liu announced that all seven members had voted to approve the contract.

Reaction to the news by the union was eerily silent initially. However, as the CCFF members quickly exited, cheers of joy would soon be heard just outside of the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room. – **Alex Dominguez, contributor**

## Norwalk's Ken Cook fixes lives above all else

By William Odis Martin  
News Intern

**NORWALK** – An adventurous kid by nature, Ken Cook was always on his bike.

Cook recalls having to always wait for one his uncles to come over if his bike ever broke down -- and for a kid, it felt like an eternity. His mom suggested he go and ask the old man down the street -- who had the endless toolbox and the eternally open garage -- if he could fix it for him.

The old, grumpy man down the street surprisingly agreed to fixing little Kenny's bike, though they had never even exchanged a neighborly smile or nod. The next time something broke, old man Wendell refused to fix it for him. But instead, he agreed to show Cook how to fix his own bike.

Wendell helped Cook fix his bike, but most importantly taught him the virtue of paying it forward.

Today, Cook has a lot to be proud of. The army veteran and father of two young boys has been named one of Fender Bender Magazine's Most Influential Teachers for his great work in the community, both inside and out of the classroom. He has also put Norwalk High School on the map as one of the best automotive programs in the nation, winning back-to-back SkillsUSA's Model of Excellence awards for 2015-2016.

"We don't build cars; we build people," said Cook as he takes a moment to proudly reflect on some of his most memorable student success stories from over the years.

The program is fully inclusive by design because Cook remembers



growing up in a time when high school was less of a sanctuary and more of a penitentiary for students like him, who would much rather work with their hands than take a standardized test.

While 41 percent of the students enrolled in the collision repair program at Norwalk High have a range of special needs, each student brings a special attribute to the team. Cook puts each in a position to succeed.

One of the big projects for last year's collision repair class was to convert a trailer into a fully functioning mobile BBQ equipped with a grill large enough for two people, a sink, and a refrigerator.

Last Thursday, Cook's class took the BBQ trailer out for a spin and showed off their grilling skills along with the culinary program. The students set up outside of Lowe's in Norwalk serving up free tacos for the community from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Last year's trailer was such a success, Cook is building a new and improved mobile BBQ trailer this year but this time with twice the grill space and a custom paint job. The class is currently finishing the trailer, which will be done within the next few weeks, said Cook.

By helping kids in the neighborhood however he can, Cook hopes to steer the students in the right direction just as Wendell did decades earlier for him.

A complete stranger taking the time to teach him how to fix his bike made such a lasting impact on Cook's life that he in fact named his firstborn son Wendel (dropping the extra 'L').

Cook and his class now makes custom bikes for students with special needs in the community who don't have the means to afford them. Cook hopes to teach the next generation of little Kenny's to pass on the love of fixing things.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 87°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 76°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Spinal Injury Games

**Saturday - Rancho Los Amigos, 10 am**

Wheelchair sports demonstrations, innovative sports equipment, community resources and more.



#### Andrew Dice Clay

**Saturday - Gaslamp Long Beach, 5 pm**

The controversial comic performs live in this 21-and-over show. \$32 and up



#### Artesia Street Fair

**Saturday - Pioneer Blvd. in Artesia, 11 am to 11 pm**

Live bands, cultural performances, beer garden, international food.



#### WWE Live

**Sunday - Citizens Business Bank Arena, 7 pm**

WWE house show featuring John Cena, Randy Orton and other superstars. Tickets start at \$20.



#### Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival

**Saturday - Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre, 5 p.m.**

Gabriel Igelsias, Dane Cook, John Oliver, Tracy Morgan, Ali Wong and others join the largest traveling comedy tour.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

**First presidential debate inspires Norwalk resident to vote again after 20 years**

**Ron D King: Great. Everyone's vote DOES count!**

**Leilani Florez: I haven't vote in vote in 13 years and .....**

**Diana Gamez: It happens a everyday . That's politics for ya! It's a joke.**

**Rita Elizarraras: What took sooooo long???**

**Heriberto Villasenar : "I saw how belligerent Donald Trump was towards [Hillary] Clinton, and decided to come down today and register." That's a huge lie!! Donald Trump wasn't being hostile. Hillary is crooked.**

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Dr. Sandra Salazar promises to finish what she started

By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor

NORWALK – As she campaigns for reelection, Cerritos College Board of Trustee Member Dr. Sandra Salazar says that there is still more to be done.

Salazar currently sits in the Cerritos Community College Board of Trustee seat for Area 6. She was initially elected in 2012.

Salazar says she considers the past term to be a success, however “[there’s still] a lot of work to be done; change is slow.”

“We’ve created the first community task force to bring more public input into the college. We’ve championed student success initiatives – we had the largest graduating class this past year. And we passed a community benefits agreement, which would mean more apprenticeship opportunities for students, more jobs locally, more tax dollars in the district,” said Salazar. “So I think it’s been successful, [but] definitely more to be done.”

Salazar officially filed for reelection earlier this month. This will be her second term if reelected.

Salazar says that it’s the statistics in her district that keep her motivated in her bid for a return to her seat on the Board. Not surprisingly, it ties in with her ultimate goal of student success.

“Only 13% [of students] come college math and English ready, and that’s unacceptable,” said Salazar. “So you can imagine how much work is to be done in terms to improve those numbers.

“...The main goal of why we’re there is to make sure students succeed – whether it means obtaining a certificate or transferring to a four year institution – community college creates these pathways into the middle class for these students...”

The election will take place in early November.



First presidential debate inspires Norwalk residents to register to vote

NORWALK – The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters on Tuesday held a voter registration event on the lawn adjacent its Norwalk office on Imperial Boulevard.

Brenda Duran, public information officer for the Registrar of Voters said, “The purpose of the day’s event was to celebrate National Voter Registration Day and to encourage people to register before the Oct. 24 deadline for the Nov. 8 general election.”

“We’ve had 200 to 300 people come out today to register,” she said.

Booths were set up to show off the newest voting technology, recruit potential volunteers to work the polls, describe accommodations made for voters with special needs, and plenty of new voter registration applications for those who wished to newly register or update their current status.

Plenty of food was available from mobile kitchens parked and providing attendees with various selections.

Music was provided by a local radio station and the media was present in numbers with cameras, microphones and video recorders making their way down the row of canopies and tables.

Sitting in the shade under a tree and filling out a voter registration application, Norwalk resident Phillip Cazares said, “I haven’t voted for 20 years.”

Mr. Cazares had previously lived in Rosemead and hadn’t changed his registration address for two decades.

Having watched the presidential debate on Monday evening, Cazares continued: “I saw how belligerent Donald Trump was towards [Hillary] Clinton, and decided to come down today and register.”

According to Ms. Duran, “As long as the application is in our office or arrives with a postmark no later than Oct. 24, you will be allowed to vote.”

Regarding volunteering for the election, Duran said, “We are actively recruiting for poll workers for the general election.”

While not an employee, poll workers deemed clerks receive up to a \$105.00 stipend and a precinct inspector can receive up to \$175.00 for his or her efforts.

“Check our website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) for all the details,” Duran said. “And remember to vote Nov. 8.” – Raul Samaniego, contributor

Lynwood Unified launches community health clinic on middle school campus



Lynwood Middle School Principal John Terry (back, left) Superintendent Paul Gothold (back, center left) and Board Vice President Alfonso Morales, Esq. (back, center right) look on as Lynwood Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders get ready to cut the ribbon, marking the grand opening of the Lynwood community’s new Wesley Health Center on the Lynwood Middle School campus.

LYNWOOD – Lynwood Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders lined up to grasp the overly large pair of scissors, ready to cut the ribbon and mark the grand opening of the Lynwood community’s new Wesley Health Center.

Students, families and members of the Lynwood community can acquire free primary care and family planning services at the clinic, located on the Lynwood Middle School campus. Lynwood Unified, in partnership with JWCH Institute, celebrated the Sept. 21 grand opening with state and local representatives, health clinic operators and District administrators.

“Our number one priority is preparing our students for college and careers, and healthy students are able to perform their best in the classroom,” Superintendent Paul Gothold said. “Our partnership with JWCH and the Wesley Health Centers allows our students to have their health care needs met without worrying about costs.”

Part of Lynwood Unified’s robust health collaborative, the center also offers referrals to more than 30 participating organizations for specialized mental health, dental, counseling and other services from partners like SCHARP, Masada Homes, YWCA and more.

Lynwood Unified students and their families are encouraged to seek guidance and care from the center and the health collaborative partner organizations at any time, ensuring all students stay healthy and perform their best in class.

“This health clinic means so much for Lynwood Unified students, parents and the community as a whole,” Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said. “Teaching our students the importance in caring for themselves is so valuable and can empower them to take initiative in so many other aspects of life.”

The Lynwood Wesley Health Center held a soft opening last school year with restricted hours to begin building clientele, opening Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Now, the clinic is ready to expand its hours as demand increases. The JWCH Institute is a private nonprofit health agency that works to improve the health and wellness of underserved populations within Los Angeles County.



Bellflower breaks ground on events center, fire museum


BELLFLOWER — The city of Bellflower, the Los Angeles County Fire Museum Association, and LEDCOR Construction gathered together last Thursday for a long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony to kick off a unique addition to Downtown Bellflower.

The city of Bellflower Events Center & Fire Museum will begin construction October 2016 on the vacant lot south of the historic Pacific Electric Train Depot located at 16394 Bellflower Blvd.

The new two-story, 24,000 sq. ft. building is intended as a place to learn about fire department history, providing an up-close look at equipment used to save lives and make rescues. The first floor will serve as the Los Angeles County’s only fire museum dedicated to housing a wide variety of firefighting apparatuses dating back to the 1800’s, including one of the museum’s most popular pieces - the famous Squad 51 fire engine from the hit television series “Emergency.”

A 300-person-capacity banquet center will occupy the second floor and offer full catering services for private parties and special events. Since December 2009, the LA County Fire Museum has temporarily occupied a large warehouse at 9834 Flora Vista St. in Bellflower and has worked toward securing funds to build a state-of-the-art facility. During construction, the temporary location will remain open for public tours every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The anticipated completion is in the Fall of 2017.

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Misleading title

COMMENTARY: Derogatory words fly during Norwalk-John Glenn high school football game

Face the facts, the climate change debate is over

Dear Editor:  
I'm confused. Why would a person use the term "Dr." in order to run for public office?

Is it to trick us through deceit?  
There is a candidate, Tammy Ashton, who is using the word "Dr." before her name even though she is not a doctor.

I looked her up and she went to law school but failed the bar exam. Thus she is neither a lawyer nor a doctor.

Does she know that in America people that went to law school are not referred to as as "Dr."?

She may have a law degree, but I've never met anyone that calls their attorney "Dr.", especially one that hasn't passed the bar exam.

Does that give her a right to deceive voters in making them think that she is really a doctor?

It's a sad day when candidates have to trick people into thinking they are something they are not just to capture their uninformed vote.

Mrs. Ashton, just be honest with us and let us decide on the merits, not your deceit and false games.

I know voters have become more uninformed recently, but come on, some of us actually pay attention.

Robert Santana Downey

By Raul Samaniego Contributor

NORWALK – At Excelsior Adult School Stadium last Friday night, fans were treated with expletives and derogatory chants by students during the first half of a competitive high school football game.

Families sitting in the stands on the John Glenn High School home side on Sept. 23 listened to the Eagle band playing alongside a student section standing and doing what students do at high school football games.

The students encouraged their team on while challenging the "visiting" Norwalk Lancer side with chants of, "We can't hear you!" throughout the game.

The adolescent group of students shouted expletives, including the "F" word, freely amongst the families trying to enjoy the long-time, cross town rivalry football contest.

With each kick-off after a Norwalk and Glenn score, the John Glenn student cheering section greeted the boot of the ball with a derogatory Spanish homophobic word -- "puto."

The word is no stranger for futbol (soccer) fans. It was a recent point of controversy in both the 2014 World Cup and Olympic

Soccer Championships. Both tournaments were held in Brazil.

If the international sports community recognized that the word was indeed offensive, why has the administration leadership at John Glenn failed to curb this addition to the repertoire of English four-letter words coming from their student section?

The John Glenn High student section had many opportunities to yell their inconsiderations since their team was outscored, 46 – 14. Counting both opening kickoffs and touchdowns, the word was audible 12 times.

When asked on the sideline about the use of the derogatory word, fifth-year school Principal Greg Puccia was surprised to hear it was occurring on the Eagle side of the field.

"If that is being yelled, we need to put a stop to it," he exclaimed.

Also in attendance, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District President Karen Morrison, when asked the same question regarding the offensive chant, replied, "No comment," and that she, "was not interested in discussing this right now."

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Non-discrimination statement says:

"District programs, activities,

employment, and practices shall be free from discrimination, sexual harassment, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information..."

When are offensive, derogatory and hateful words okay? Is the use of these words a reflection of the students, family, educators, administration, society or whatever?

When asked about the situation at Norwalk High School, an employee who asked to remain anonymous said that they (staff) heard the word coming at an earlier event and "Nipped it immediately."

No words of hate were observed emulating from the equally raucous student section on the Lancer side.

The question is then, when will you, school board president Morrison, be interested in discussing the conduct of students from a Norwalk public school, during a public event, held at a publicly-owned facility, being attended by the public, with you, a publicly-elected official?

Former Downey mayor: Before we vote, we need to know...

By Mario A. Guerra

November 8th is set to be a highly contentious election day with Californians helping to select a new President, deciding who is best qualified to represent the Golden State in the U.S. Senate, and forging our state's future by voting on 18 (yes 18) ballot propositions. Seven of these propositions include tax increases, not counting local county and city measures.

A record setting voter guide – it is 224 pages long, cost \$15 million and took seven weeks to print – will be mailed to each registered California voter, 18 million of us starting September 29. While the top of the ticket races are what consume the media and social activity, there are literally 1,000 races in California that will affect our everyday lives.

Propositions are nothing new in the election landscape of our state, but there seems to be an interesting relationship between our legislative leaders in Sacramento and individuals who use ballots as a means to bypass the legislative process. Some, like Proposition 59, are strictly advisory and have been criticized as basically a taxpayer-funded public opinion poll put on the ballot by the majority party in Sacramento.

Essentially ballot propositions are a way to pass the onus of creating state policy to the voters. As the electorate we should know what we have in store for us come November 8 at the ballot box.

So let's take a look at some of the more controversial ones:  
**Proposition 64 (Marijuana)** – Our Lieutenant Governor and Napster founder and former Facebook president are large contributors to this proposition. If passed, anyone over 21 can purchase marijuana but it will still be in violation of federal law. It would also allow smoking ads back on television if the show targets an adult audience.

**Propositions 62 & 66 (Death Penalty)** – Actor Mike Farrell of M\*A\*S\*H\* fame is looking to rid the state of corporal punishment while former NFL player Kermit Alexander, who lost his mother, sister and two nephews to a senseless murder, is behind a proposition to speed up the process.

**Proposition 63 (Gun Control)** – Lt. Governor Newsom also wants to limit access to ammunition with his second of two propositions. The California Senate and Lt. Governor could not agree on the wording and who was to take credit for this so the Senate passed its own version of this Proposition earlier this year.

**Propositions 55 & 56 (Tobacco & Taxation)** – If you are a smoker or earn a targeted income of \$250,000 or more the California Teachers Association (CTA) and billionaire Democratic funder Tom Steyer have proposed ways to tax you. CTA wants to add 12 years to the Proposition 30 ("temporary tax") tax increase originally championed by Governor

Brown. If passed the surtax would run through 2030. Steyer and his supporters would like to place an additional \$2 per pack surtax on any smoking product containing nicotine (e-cigarettes included). The largest majority of cigarette smokers are in lower income groups.

**Proposition 54 (Legislative Transparency)** – It is scary that this is not a law now. It is a simple and important law if we are serious about transparency in government. It requires our legislators to wait 72 hours after a bill is made public before voting on it. It would also require that public hearings are recorded and are allowed to be posted on the internet. It was amazing that they could not agree to do this in Sacramento and a Proposition had to be written. Common sense hopefully prevails.

**Proposition 57 Prison (Sentencing Reform)** - This measure makes changes to the State Constitution to increase the number of inmates eligible for parole consideration and authorizes the parole board to award sentencing credits to inmates. The measure also makes changes to state law to require that youths have a hearing in juvenile court before they can be transferred to adult court. Since the passage of AB 109 and Proposition 47 in the past few years this proposition is being opposed by many in the judicial branch and law enforcement community.

New bonds for schools, more attempts to make the legislative process more accountable, and more requests of voters to regulate retailers are again on the list of "To-Dos" for the public to take action on. The irony here, of course, is politicians are asking us to do their work in an election year where they want us to vote them into office to get things done.

While these are only a partial list of 2016 ballot propositions in California, if you are planning to vote this November, remember to register by October 24 and to look up the complete list of propositions at the Secretary of State's office website.

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Metro Proposes Measure M  
On November 8, 2016, LA County voters will be asked to authorize a Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan called Measure M. Currently, there are 10.2 million people living in LA County, and we are projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years. Angelenos spend an average of 81 hours a year stuck in traffic, and congestion and air pollution are expected to get worse with more growth. The measure is intended to raise funding to meet those needs. Get educated before you vote at metro.net.

Silver Line All-Door Boarding Public Hearing  
Metro wants to know what you think about All-Door Boarding on the Silver Line. Please join us at a public hearing on October 19 to discuss the proposed permanent implementation of this program; the pilot is due to end in December 2016. Find out more at metro.net/silverline.

Rideshare Week is October 3-7  
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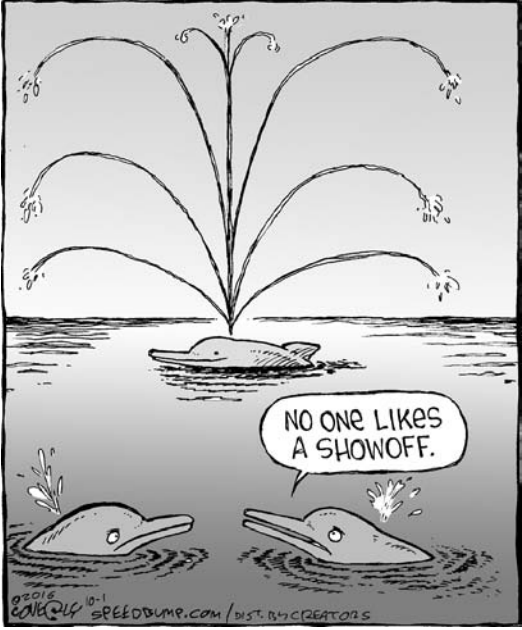
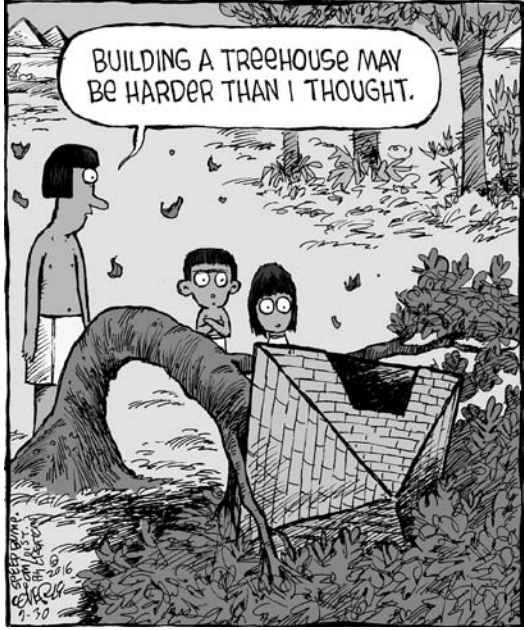
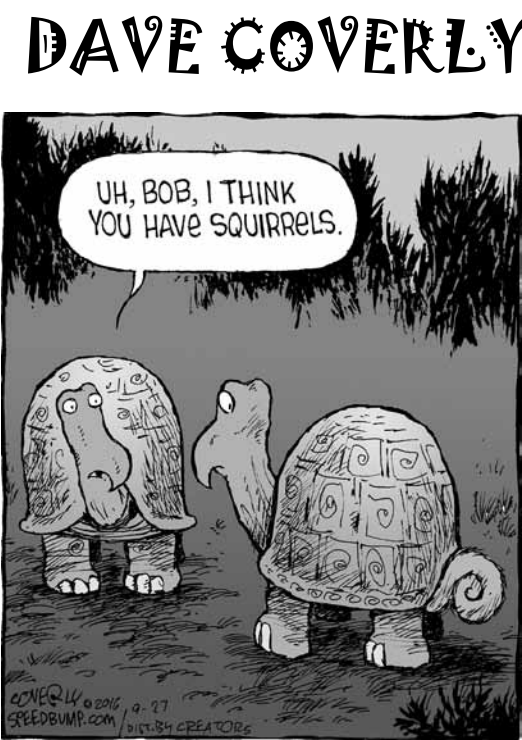
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**On This Day...**

**September 30, 1787:** The Columbia left Boston and began the trip that would make it the first American vessel to sail around the world.

**1947:** The World Series was televised for the first time. The sponsors only paid \$65,000 for the entire series between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees.

**2014:** Amazon filed for a patent on a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) configured to autonomously deliver items to customers. The patent was related to Amazon's plan for their Prime Air service.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
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**MONDAYS**  
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**THURSDAYS**  
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7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
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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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA COTTRELL aka BARBARA ANN DALLY COTTRELL Case No. 16STPB04144

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBARA COTTRELL aka BARBARA ANN DALLY COTTRELL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Raymond D. Kelly, IV in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Raymond D. Kelly, IV 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 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 on Oct. 13, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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 and 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.

Attorney for petitioner: RONALD BERMAN ESQ SBN 079775 BERMAN & BERMAN APC 16633 VENTURA BLVD SUITE 940 ENCINO CA 9146-1854 CN929100 COTTRELL Sep 16,23,30, 2016

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-710863-JB Order No.: 160119171-CA-VOI NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVIDED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR (Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 2923.3) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/1/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial C ode and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELIMINATE BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): DEON L. BLACK, AND ARNITA D BLACK, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS** Recorded: 11/30/2005 as Instrument No. **05 2915042** and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 6/6/2013 as Instrument No. 20130847263 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **LOS ANGELES** County, California; Date of Sale: **10/6/2016 at 10:00 AM** Place of Sale: **Behind the Fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$480,277.79** The purported property address is: **12031 CYCLOPS ST, NORWALK, CA 90650-1959** Assessor's Parcel No.: **8024-003-010** **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. 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T. S. No: L547968 CA Unit Code: L Loan No: 0016616955/ALCALA Investor No: 23302029 Min No: 100122200002467675 AP #1: 8052-010-022 13943 DUMONT AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: JOSE ALCALA Recorded April 10, 2006 as Instr. No. 06 0773601 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, CALIFORNIA pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded May 6, 2016 as Instr. No. 20160517597 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 31, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 13943 DUMONT AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 "(If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: OCTOBER 28, 2016, AT 10:30 A.M. "NEAR THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA, CA 91766 At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$461,546.88. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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. 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In Cerritos, it's now illegal to feed wild animals

CERRITOS - The Cerritos City Council recently approved a ban on feeding wildlife at Cerritos recreation facilities with areas of water to protect the health and safety of the public and birds and animals.

The city's Parks Division has reported an increased accumulation of excrement and uneaten human foods at the bottom of the pond, walkways and surrounding areas of Heritage Park, which experiences the highest number of patrons feeding ducks, fish and turtles in the moat.

There has also been a continuous decline in the water quality of the moat, which is attributed to the increase in the duck, fish and turtle populations.

Signs banning wildlife feeding will be posted at all Cerritos recreation facilities with bodies of water.

WATER MAINS: The Cerritos Water Division started flushing the water mains throughout the city last month in response to the California State Water Resources Control Board's recommendation that all public water distribution systems be flushed to reduce stagnant water and sediment build-up.

Notices, placed on the front doors of residences, ask residents to refrain from using the water between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on their designated flushing days. If residents see discolored water during the flushing, they should refrain from using the water in their homes.

Residents should check the water at the front hose faucet periodically to see if the color has cleared up. If the water looks clear, residents may run the faucets in their homes to flush out remaining sediment.

Direct questions or concerns to the Water Division at (562) 860-0311, ext. 2031.

WATER TREATMENT: Cerritos has entered into an

agreement with ES Engineering regarding the groundwater treatment system for the Cerritos Civic Center parking structure.

The arsenic levels in the water discharged from the Civic Center parking structure were found to exceed regulatory limits. ES Engineering has proposed a treatment system that will route water through filtration vessels that are designed to remove arsenic prior to the water being discharged into the storm drain system.

The installation and cost of the equipment is approximately \$400,000 with an annual maintenance expense of about \$50,000. Under a grant program with the California Energy Commission, ES Engineering will pay for the design, equipment acquisition, installation and maintenance of the system for two years.

At the end of the grant term, ES will transfer ownership of the system to Cerritos at no charge, thus saving the city approximately \$500,000 in expenses.

ES is expected to install the system and begin operation no later than January 1, 2017.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS: The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract to Sully-Miller Contracting of Brea for \$237,780 to repave the Liberty Park parking lot. The cost of the project was funded by a Proposition A grant awarded to the City by Los Angeles County.

The project included curb and gutter improvements, the installation of two ADA-accessible ramps, re-striping and the replacement of the existing chain-link fence with a three-foot-high wrought iron fence.

The project was completed last month.

SEWER WORK: The City Council recently renewed a two-year contract with Empire Pipe Cleaning

& Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$243,435.50 for maintenance of the Cerritos sewer system.

Empire Pipe Cleaning & Equipment, Inc. of Orange will maintain the City's sewage system, which consists of about 103 miles of sewer main lines and six submersible lift stations.

Empire Pipe Cleaning & Equipment has performed maintenance on the system since 1986.

GRAND JURY: The County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Office is seeking "well-qualified" citizens to volunteer for the 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury that will be impaneled on July 3, 2017.

The Civil Grand Jury is virtually a full-time commitment for a period of one year. The deadline to submit the application form is Friday, November 4. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Los Angeles County for at least one year, of ordinary intelligence and good character and have a working knowledge of English.

The responsibilities of the Civil Grand Jury include a careful examination of the operations of various government agencies within Los Angeles County, including special districts, to ensure that they are operating efficiently and managing taxpayer monies appropriately. A commitment of 30 to 40 hours a week is required.

Participation is strictly voluntary. Employers are not obligated to provide participants with time off or to pay their salary when they serve on the Civil Grand Jury.

Each year every Superior Court judge may nominate two persons that he or she deems qualified to serve as Civil Grand Jurors. To be considered for nomination, submit an application to the Superior Court Criminal Justice Center, 210 W.

Temple Street, 11th Floor, Room 11-506, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Jurors Committee to determine each person's qualifications. The applications of qualified individuals are then made available to all Superior Court judges for possible nomination.

The 23 Civil Grand Jurors and Alternates are required to complete the financial disclosure forms in compliance with California Government Code Sections 81000-91015. Swearing-in for the Civil Grand Jurors is July 1 of each year (or the earliest day thereafter if July 1 falls on a weekend.). Jurors are required to be present for the Swearing-In Ceremony in July to receive the Charge to the Civil Grand Jury.

All Civil Grand Jurors must be available during July and August. For more information or to request an application form, call (213) 628-7914 or go to [grandjury.co.la.ca.us](http://grandjury.co.la.ca.us).

MLK CEREMONY: Planning is under way for Cerritos' annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, January 16, 2017.

The Community Participation Division is seeking resources from the public for the event. Members of the community are invited to suggest speakers, inspirational text, quotations or other resources by calling (562) 865-8101 or submitting suggestions to the Community Participation Division, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, CA 90703.

Suggestions may also be submitted by e-mail to [webmaster@cerritos.us](mailto:webmaster@cerritos.us).

ARTS MONTH: "Cerritos Celebrates the Arts," a month of art-themed activities, will be offered by the city of Cerritos throughout October. The Americans for the Arts has designated the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

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School board considers bond measure to renovate schools

Council approves CDBG spending plan

City sticks with landscape company

Effects the good, Norwalk Patriot

By Christian Brown Staff Writer

NORWALK - School board members were all but in agreement on Monday - the Norwalk City Council should consider a bond measure to renovate the city's schools. The board of education unanimously approved a \$100-million bond measure to renovate the city's schools. The board of education unanimously approved a \$100-million bond measure to renovate the city's schools. The board of education unanimously approved a \$100-million bond measure to renovate the city's schools.

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# PREVIEW: Norwalk Lancers face-off against top-ranked La Mirada Matadores

By William Odis Martin, News Intern

**NORWALK** – The (4-1) Norwalk Lancers football team is set to face-off with the (3-2) La Mirada Matadores on Friday at 7 p.m. Although the schedule says Norwalk is the home team, they will be entering hostile territory as the game will be on the La Mirada football field.

The Matadors come into the game as the fifth-ranked football program in the state and the 31st in the nation, according to MaxPreps. Their only two losses were to Mater Dei and St. John Bosco, two of the nation's best football programs who often springboard their student athletes to Division 1 college football programs after graduation.

The Matadors were shutout in both their defeats allowing a combined 82 points over the two outings, though La Mirada is coming off an impressive 62-0 shellacking over Cerritos High School last week. La Mirada's senior stud quarterback Tristen Meyer's numbers are impressive through five games, completing 40 of his 60 passes for eight touchdowns and allowing only one interception.

Meyer is coming off his best performance of the season scorching Cerritos for five touchdowns. His 169.5 quarterback rating was nearly perfect as he completed 10 of 11 passes for 264 yards including his longest of the season of 51-yards.

The Lancers have a better record so far but have played weaker opponents. Over the last three games, the Lancers have outscored their opponents 108-27. Norwalk's only loss this year was to Jordan High School (Long Beach), 6-7, in a defensive grudge match.

Both teams come into the game (1-0) in league action with the winner going home in first place with four remaining league games.

# Downey sailor talks life on a Navy destroyer in Hawaii

■ **NAVY MAN:** Fausto Arteaga is stationed aboard the USS Chung-Hoon in Hawaii.

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**DOWNEY** – A 2012 Downey High School graduate and Downey native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the guided-missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Fausto Arteaga is a gas turbine systems technician aboard the forward-deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer operating out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

A Navy gas turbine systems technician is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the propulsion and power generation systems on the ship.

"I work in the oil lab, testing fuel and lube oil for the whole ship," said Arteaga.

"I test for flash point, contamination and water, so we know we're getting good fuel so our engines can operate at maximum efficiency and safety."

USS Chung-Hoon measures approximately 500 feet and is powered by four gas turbines that allow the destroyer to achieve more than 30 mph in open seas.

According to Navy officials, destroyers are tactical multi-mission surface combatants capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare, as well as humanitarian assistance.

Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required warfighting



expertise and operational flexibility to execute any tasking overseas.

"Our Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific guided-missile destroyers are poised, trained, equipped and ready to deploy forward and support the Fleet," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"Working with friends and allies, our MIDPAC sailors provide sea control, advance maritime security, enhance regional stability, and foster continued prosperity in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region."

Approximately 30 officers and 300 enlisted men and women make up the ship's company. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the cruiser running smoothly, according to Navy officials. The jobs range from maintaining engines and handling weaponry to washing dishes and preparing meals.

"Besides being my job, the Navy is my life," said Arteaga.

"The other sailors I work with are like brothers, and very close friends, and that's something I never had before."

Challenging living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew, Navy officials explained. The crew is highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

"Being in the Navy has given me so much opportunity," said Arteaga. "I never would have imagined myself traveling the world, working on millions of dollars of equipment. It's a lot of responsibility for someone my age, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

# Norwalk man sentenced to 45 years in prison for fatally shooting friend

**NORWALK** – A 33-year-old man was sentenced Wednesday afternoon to 45 years to life in state prison for shooting his friend in the head and staging the incident as a suicide, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Wednesday's court appearance, Diego Arnold Castro of Norwalk pleaded no contest to one count of first-degree murder in case VA138175.

Additionally, the defendant admitted a special allegation that he personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

Deputy District Attorney Don Syn, who prosecuted the case, said Castro and victim Jose Angel Rios Alvarez, 25, had gone to school with one another and been friends for many years.

On Jan. 15, 2015, Castro picked up Alvarez and took him to the defendant's Norwalk home, the prosecutor said.

While Alvarez was sitting on Castro's couch, the defendant came up behind the victim and shot him in the left side of his head, according to the prosecutor.

The defendant then shot himself in the leg to make it seem as though the victim had shot Castro and then committed suicide, the prosecutor added.

The defendant called 911 and told authorities Alvarez had shot him and then killed himself, the prosecutor said.

Law enforcement initially believed Castro's story, however, through further investigation, including learning that the victim was right handed, they discerned that the defendant's account was untrue, the prosecutor said.

Castro was subsequently arrested and charged with murder on Jan. 27, 2015.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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