

## Shared Stories: Old Wheelbarrow

*With a poet's eye, Frank Novak imagines the history of a borrowed wheelbarrow. 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 Frank Novak

My neighbor on the corner is doing some remodeling. The contractors have built a large pile of dirt in the side yard, and they are hauling it away bit by bit at the end of each work day. Our back yard has some uneven places, some left where trees had been removed over the years, and others newly created by the excavations of our dog. Since we are having a party in a few weeks, I intend to fix some of those holes, and this looked like a good opportunity.

Toward the end of the day, I go over and ask the workmen if I could take some of the dirt. I bring my shovel, along with a trash can and a dolly. I think that the trash can would hold a few shovels-full, and with several trips I could fill a few of the holes.

The men are packing up for the day, and I see that they were storing some of their shovels in a corner of the back yard along with a pile of scrap wood. They have an old wheelbarrow leaning up against the fence.

“Mind if I borrow the wheelbarrow?” I ask. Maybe I can get a couple of quick trips before they leave.

“Sure,” they say. “Put it in the corner and close the gate when you’re done.” I’m free to take my time. I uncover the wheelbarrow from under some discarded wood, bring it out to the pile, and proceed to fill it up.

In earlier times, I have done my share of shoveling dirt. But it has been a while since I loaded a wheelbarrow, took hold of the two handles, and walked the weight of it down a path. It takes me a moment to recover the feel of the load as it bounces along balanced on one wheel.

A wheelbarrow is not a cart. A cart will stay motionless until you push, and will stop when you stop. The wheelbarrow relies on the triangulation of the single wheel and my two arms — each of us has to do our part.

I concentrate as I push the load of dirt out of my neighbor’s yard, shifting my lifting and pushing effort from one handle to the other to keep the load balanced, while at the same time guiding it safely down the driveway as it bounces on its soft wheel — up onto the walk, over the bumps, and into my back yard.

I dump the dirt near the little gully that I am trying to fill, and retrace my steps around the corner to the neighbor’s dirt pile for another load. As the empty wheelbarrow bounces on its tire, free of its burden, the frame rattles and twists.

The backbone of a wheelbarrow consists of two stout pieces of wood, spread apart at one end and shaped to form handles. At the other end, the pieces of wood are drawn almost together to support the axle for the wheel.

Laid down flat, it would look like a shallow “V,” with the ends of the opening (the handles) connected by a metal brace. The bucket of the wheelbarrow rides on the middle of these two beams.

This brace has been cracked apart by repeated flexing, and a heavy lacing of bailing wire serves to hold the two pieces of the frame together. Now with the bucket empty, this flexible connection moves a little with each change of surface.

All traces of whatever paint this wheelbarrow once had, when it hung new on a hardware store wall, has long since dissolved into a muted abstract of gray steel and brown rust, layered in every pore and crevice with many shades of dirt.

Dents and pockmarks cover the bottom and sides, the memory of shovels stabbing at wet cement, and chunks of concrete and stone thrown into the bucket on countless demolition jobs.

Where rivet heads hold the bucket bottom to the beam, the friction of stucco sand mixed by hand in the wheelbarrow has worn the steel so thin that fine holes are just beginning to break through the bottom. And the entire bucket is twisted a little bit, the result of some trauma that has left this wheelbarrow useful, but permanently disfigured.

But it’s good enough for another load for me, and probably many more for the crew that will throw it up into the truck on top of everything else when they pack up for the last time.

It comes to me, the feeling of how much I love tools like this. So much of our doing, our building, our striving, pounded into the steel of this simple object, mute, but for me, more of a memorial than some of the grand constructions that we build.



## Pikachu selected as grand marshall of Sanchez Halloween Parade

**NORWALK** – On Saturday, Oct. 15, marching bands, civic organizations, school groups and even Pokémon will march down Pioneer Boulevard in the 33rd annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade..

Pokémon fever has taken over the city of Norwalk. Pikachu and friends will arrive from Japan to visit their Norwalk friends..

Grand Marshall Pikachu, along with Squirtle and Charmander, will make his Norwalk debut, joining elected officials, musicians, schools, local service groups and resident ghosts and goblins as the parade steps off at 11 a.m. at the corner of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street, concluding at Hermosillo Park.

A costume contest will be conducted at Pioneer and Mapledale at 9:15 a.m., with no registration required.

For more information, contact the city of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department at (562) 929-5521.



Photos by William Odis Martin

## La Mirada Matadores dominate Norwalk Lancers in 62-0 football victory

**NORWALK** – The La Mirada High School football team jumped up to No.6 in the state after dominating Norwalk High School in a 62-0 rout, extending its shutout streak of Suburban League opponents to two games. The Matadors’ quick strike offense and dangerous special teams lit up the scoreboard while the defensive unit never let the Lancers form any type of momentum.

Senior captain Elijah Hicks shined on offense, defense and special teams accumulating 168 total yards,returned a punt for a touchdown, caught an interception, and made five tackles.

The Matadors’ quarterback, Tristen Meyer, had another nearly flawless performance completing 8-of-9 passes for two touchdowns and no interceptions. Meyer was able to sit out the entire second half because of the lopsided score going into halftime.

Meyer has completed 90 percent of his passes for over 400 yards and seven touchdowns. His 168.7 Quarterback Rating (QBR) through those two phenomenal performances under center has him atop all other Suburban League QBs.

Almost every play Norwalk’s sophomore QB Brionne Penny dropped back to pass, he was quickly forced out of the pocket by the Matadors pass rush lead by defensive end Philip Cook (56). The La Mirada defense pressured Penny and made him leave the pocket, use his feet, and heave the ball in hopes of finding a Lancer receiver. Penny completed only 54 percent of his pass attempts for 84 yards and a forgettable 34.3 QBR.

The Matador’s next game is at home against Artesia while the Lancers look to bounce back against Mayfair on Friday at 7 p.m. – **William Odis Martin, News Intern**



## More than 1,000 backpacks, school supplies donated to NLMUSD’s homeless students

**NORWALK** – A national, federally funded program donated more than five tons of backpacks and school supplies on Sept. 19 to benefit 1,100 homeless and foster students at Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

K to College, in collaboration with the District’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program, delivered 10 pallets of school supplies, including 776 backpacks for homeless students and 324 for students who are foster children.

The first batch of backpacks was distributed at Sanchez Elementary on Sept. 21.

“Thank you K to College and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program for supporting our District’s focus on the success of all our students,” Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said.

“Our students need these tools to be fully engaged with their lessons.”

This is the second year K to College donated school supplies for Norwalk-La Mirada Unified’s students in need.

Each backpack comes with a tote bag and supplies tailored to the student’s grade, including:

- Lower Elementary: crayons, portfolio folders, index cards, whiteboard, primary pencils, washable markers, construction paper;
- Upper Elementary: spiral notebooks, colored pencils, ball-point pens, highlighters, wide-ruled paper, pencils, pens; and
- Middle and High School:



Norwalk-La Mirada Unified’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program coordinator Rosa Barragan gathers an armful of the five tons of school supplies donated by K to College for the District’s homeless and foster youth.

binders, correction tape, index cards, subject dividers, mechanical pencils, sketch pad, stapler, subject dividers, spiral notebooks.

“We value the partnerships we have with our community in helping us form a foundation of success for our students,” Board of Education President Karen Morrison said.

“Our students are better prepared in their classrooms thanks to this tremendous donation from

K to College.”

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program supports homeless and foster youths in overcoming challenges that may prevent them from having the same access to education as their peers.

The program provides counseling services and helps families in transitional housing – which includes families in shelters or sharing a household with multiple families – find permanent homes.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 93°

Saturday 93°

Sunday 91°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Document Shredding

**Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 9 am**

Free electronic recycling and document shredding (limit 5 boxes per vehicles)



#### We Own The 8th

**Saturday - The Great Company, Los Angeles, 7 pm**

The monthly celebration of Asian-American hip-hop dance. \$10



#### Aliens

**Saturday - Eagle Rock Recreation Center, Los Angeles, 5 -11 pm**

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the film with food trucks and a screening.



#### Observe the Moon Night

**Saturday - Columbia Space Center 6:30 pm**

Telescope viewings and a screening of “Apollo 13.” Bring lawn chairs.



#### Photographers Night

**Sunday - Aquarium of the Pacific 5:30 pm**

A “photographers only” night, both for professionals and amateurs.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

**Norwalk High’s Ken Cook wins ‘Most Influential Teacher’ award**

**Diane Luna:** That’s awesome Kenny!!! Congratulations!!!!

**Kelly Malin Mantooth:** He is a wonderful teacher!

**Ed Escoto:** Awesome job! Well done.

**John Zander:** What a blessing you are to those kids Ken Cook! Way to go!

**Kellie LaMantia:** Well deserved!!

**Sharon Libick:** So proud of you!!!

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## Norwalk headlines list of cities opposing Measure M

**NORWALK** – The Gateway Cities and South Bay Cities Councils of Governments, representing nearly half of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, oppose Measure M, the projected \$121 billion sales tax increase proposed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Measure M is intended to improve transportation throughout the county, but its priority list means that some communities won't get completed improvements for decades, city officials said.

"Measure M pushes back improvements to the I-5, I-605, and I-710 for 40 years. We don't think it's fair for working families to foot the bill today when they won't get significant traffic relief in their area for decades," said Michael Mendez, mayor of Norwalk.

Because Measure M puts many transportation projects in the region decades down the line, local elected officials have raised concerns about the expenditure of the projected \$121 billion in sales tax revenue.

"Who's to say there will be any money left when it comes time to do the work on projects like the I-405-I-110 interchange and the South Bay Curve," asked El Segundo Mayor Suzanne Fuentes.

As a sales tax increase, Measure M requires a two-thirds vote for passage. If passed, Measure M will double the transportation sales tax rate approved by voters in 2008 and have no end date.

"We think the people of Los Angeles County should have all the facts about this county-wide measure and project timeline," said Mendez.

## Mendoza praises advances in Eco-Rapid light rail system

**NORWALK** – Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) issued the following statement congratulating Eco Rapid for continuing to advocate for fully funding the Eco-Rapid Light-Rail Project:

"I congratulate Eco-Rapid's Board and staff and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments for their hard work and commitment in spite of delays in seeking to fully fund the Eco-Rapid Light-Rail Project," he said.

"Their advocacy has recently resulted in the unanimous approval of funding for the Eco-Rapid Light Rail Project's environmental impact study from Los Angeles's Union Station to Artesia.

"The Eco-Rapid line is projected to carry over 80,000 riders daily, matching or exceeding the ridership of any proposed light-rail project nationally."

Mendoza continued: "While my constituents are disappointed that the project was "redlined" for any funds for the next 15 years from Metro's Measure M which will be on the November ballot, they will be pleased that non-Measure M funds will be used to keep the line's planning process moving forward..

"I look forward to working closely with our southeast cities to ensure the study is completed as soon as possible."

In August, Metro voted to place Measure M on the November ballot, which if approved, will increase Los Angeles County's sales tax by a half-cent to fund indefinitely major expansions of Southern California's transit network.



Paramount students in grades 8-11 will take the PSAT for free on Oct. 19. The District has waived the registration fees as it strengthens its culture of college preparedness.

## Paramount funds PSATs for more than 5,000 students

**PARAMOUNT**– Paramount Unified will spend \$75,000 to provide free PSATs to more than 5,000 students in October as the District strengthens its culture of college preparedness. The \$15 registration fee will be waived for all high school students and about half the eighth-grade class when they take the test on Oct. 19.

"Exposing our students to the PSAT increases their rate of success on the SAT and beyond," Paramount Board of Education President Tony P  na said. "This helps ensure all our students have an equal opportunity to reach their goals, and we're proud to assist them in this way."

Fostering a college-going culture is a District priority. Nearly all students who take the PSAT indicate they plan to go to college, and by registering they are placed on a list to receive college information. As a part of the free PSAT program, the College Board provides Paramount with data that assesses the college readiness of its students and expands access to scholarships and tools for success. Students who take the test become familiar with SAT terminology and receive guidance on strengthening math and language arts skills.

"Ideally, we want our students to take the SAT more than once as statistically your performance improves the more you take it," Assistant Superintendent Ryan D. Smith said. "Offering the PSAT also allows our students to become comfortable with test taking and thrive on future tests."

Students who take the PSAT in October will receive results in January, when they can review their performance with counselors. The District also offers SAT prep classes in February.

"The cost of a test should never stand in the way of a student reaching their future goals," Superintendent Ruth P  rez said. "This is part of our duty to ensure each of our students receives a quality education."

## Lynwood Unified set to ask voters for \$65 million bond measure to upgrade 18 school facilities

**LYNWOOD** – The Lynwood Unified School District community will vote in November on a \$65 million bond measure that would fund upgrades, repairs and modernization of the

District's 12 elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools.

Many Lynwood Unified campuses require health and safety upgrades to align with state standards as well as to accommodate the latest digital classroom technology.

Bond measures, which must be supported by 55 percent of voters living within the school district, are the primary mechanism used by California schools to fund major infrastructure improvements and construct new buildings.

The terms of the school bond on the November ballot, Measure N, require strict accountability, establish an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandate annual audits.

The bond money can only be used for facilities-related expenses.

Taxpayers would pay no more than \$55 annually per \$100,000 in assessed property value.

For example, the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 would pay up to \$165 per year.

"If passed, this bond measure will fund a number of projects that would improve classrooms and ensure students have access to the latest tools and technology," Superintendent Paul Gothold said.

In 2012, Lynwood voters passed Measure K, which funded elementary drop-off zones, playgrounds, a new football field and track at Lynwood High School as well as drainage and roofing repairs, among other projects.

A number of projects remain, including upgrades to science labs and equipment, renovated playgrounds and sports fields, new security and fire alarm systems, improved school access for students with disabilities, classroom furniture and utility system upgrades to assist with technology integration, and configurable classrooms.

If passed, Measure N would make the District eligible for up to another \$65 million in matching funds from the state should Proposition 51, a \$9 billion school construction bond measure, also pass on the November ballot.

Election Day is Nov. 8.

## Cerritos College Job Fair coming on Oct. 18

**NORWALK** – As Los Angeles County's unemployment rate increased to 4.9% and approximately 248,000 people remain unemployed, job seekers will have an opportunity to speak with more than 40 employers at Cerritos College's semi-annual Job Fair.

The free Fair will be held at the College on Tuesday, October 18, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Library/Falcon Square sidewalk.

Attendees can explore current job opportunities, apply for some positions on site, and network with employers from several industries including healthcare, sales, retail, and government/public sectors.

Job seekers should dress in business attire and bring copies of their resumes.

## DENSO donates nearly 700 auto parts to Cerritos College's automotive class

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College's automotive technology program recently received more than 700 automotive parts donated by DENSO Products and Services Americas, Inc., an affiliate of DENSO Corporation, a global automotive components manufacturer.

The parts will be used for hands-on student training, and some components will be shared with local high school automotive programs, including Norwalk and Artesia high schools.

"We donated to Cerritos College because of its strong automotive technician training program and because it serves the Long Beach area," said Wayne Eiffes, senior manager, Quality, Technical Services and Warranty, DENSO Products and Services Americas, Inc.

"We hope the components will be used to teach future generations of automotive technicians how to repair and replace vital engine components and systems."

"The automotive department will utilize these components in the auto electrical classes, air conditioning classes, and engine performance classes," said David Roper, instructor in the College's automotive technology program.

"Students will be able to completely disassemble the donated components and see the internal workings, further enabling their ability to properly diagnose faults.

"We are thankful to DENSO for their continued support to our automotive program," Roper said.

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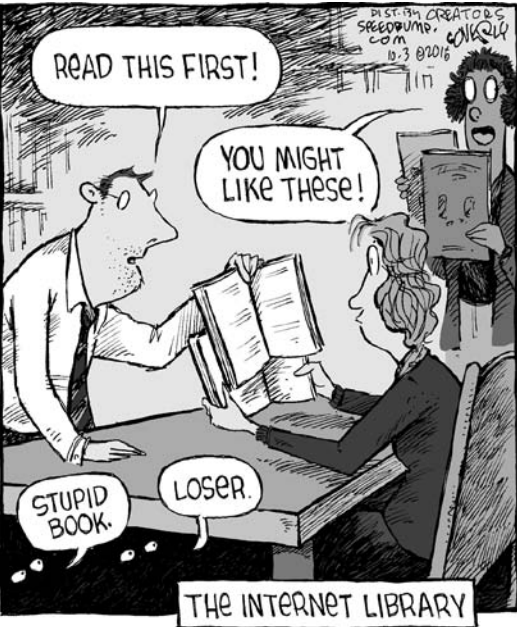
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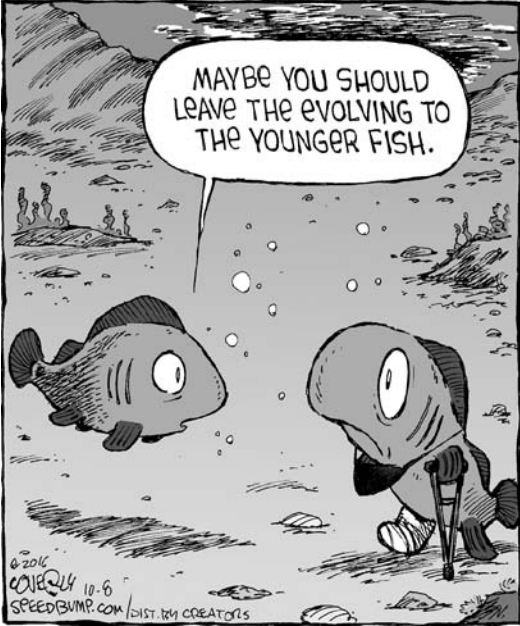
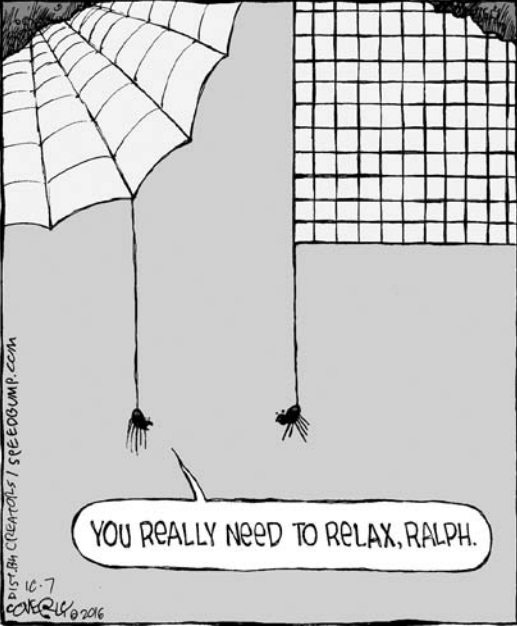
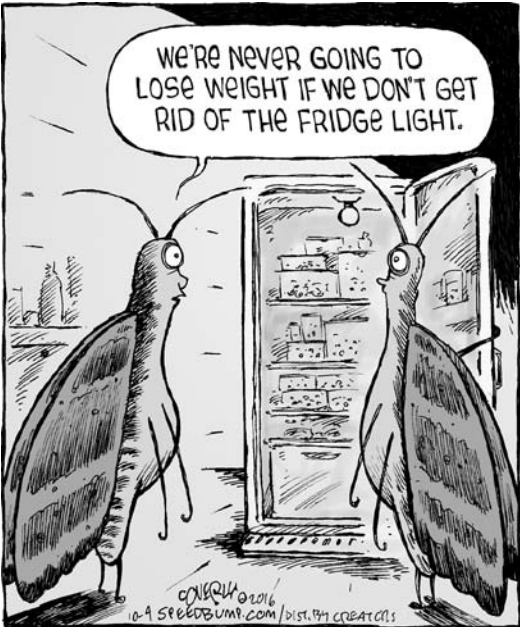




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On This Day...

**October 7, 1913:** For the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park automobile factory was run on a continuously moving assembly line when the chassis was added to the process.

**1950:** The U.S.-led U.N. forces crossed the 38th parallel and entered North Korea. China in November proved their threat to enter the war by sending several hundred thousand troops over the border into North Korea.

**2003:** In California, Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected governor in the recall election of Governor Gray Davis.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bishop Desmond Tutu (85); Rock singer John Mellencamp (66); Russian President Vladimir Putin (64); Cellist Yo-Yo Ma (61); Producer Simon Cowell (57); R&B singer Toni Braxton (49); TV actress Nicole Ari Parker (46); Actor Shawn Ashmore (37); Baseball player Evan Longoria (31); and Baseball star Mookie Betts (24).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 p.m. - "The Women of Juarez" perfomance - Cerritos College

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Pancake breakfast - 4615 Gridley Road  
9:00 a.m. - Document Shredding - City Hall

MONDAYS

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School  
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library  
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge  
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel  
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village  
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant  
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center  
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library  
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.

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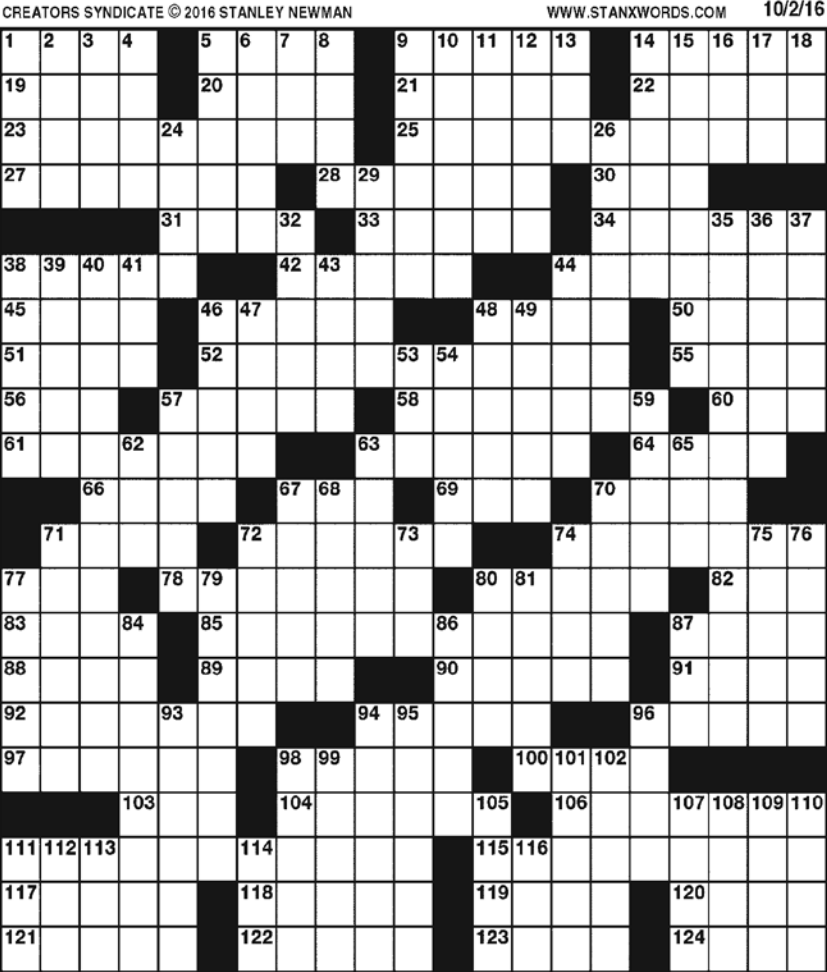
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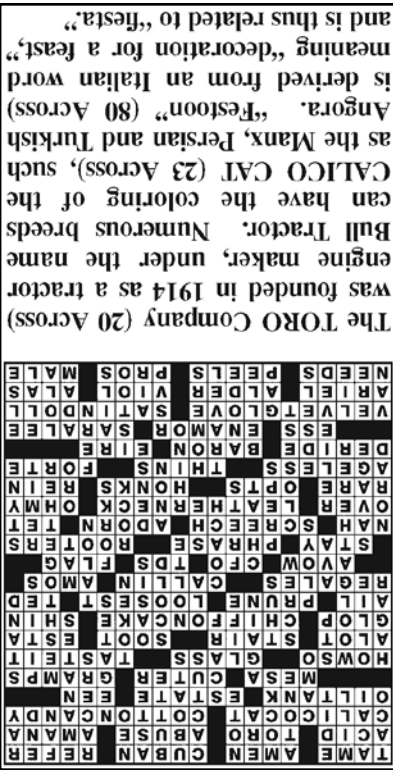


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PROJECT

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The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations. The City of Norwalk hereby notifies all prospective Bidders that the City will require each Bidder affirmatively demonstrate that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and sub-contracts financed in part or in whole under this IFB, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bids must be in writing and must be received by the City of Norwalk Purchasing Division by **11:00 a.m., on Monday, November 7, 2016** via U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS or courier or in person. Bids received after the above listed date and time will not be considered, regardless of postmark.

Copies of the IFB may be obtained from the City's website at <http://www.ci.norwalk.ca.us/businesses/rfp-posts-list>.

All contacts concerning this IFB must be referred to the City of Norwalk Purchasing Division, (562) 929-5712.

Dated: October 7, 2016

/s/ Darlene Mena  
Purchasing Agent

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10/7/16

CITY OF NORWALK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ZONE CHANGE NO. 351

**Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard  
**Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650**

**Project Description:** For the City Council to consider the following application filed by Yehia Zakaria; a request to change the zone designation of the project site from the Residential Horse (R-H) zone to the Single Family Residential (R-1) zone (10502 Cheddar Street, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8051-005-001 and the parcel immediately west of it, APN 8051-005-036). The project site property is generally known as 10502 Cheddar Street, and its westerly adjoining parcel, located on the south side of Cheddar Street, at its western terminal end in the City of Norwalk, approximately 450-feet west of its intersection with Newmire Avenue, in the R-H zone.

**Environmental Review Information:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared. The public comment period on the Negative Declaration began on June 17, 2016 and ended on July 7, 2016.

**Public Comment:** Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. Copies of the agenda report for the above-described project will be available for public review at [www.ci.norwalk.ca.gov](http://www.ci.norwalk.ca.gov) or at the City Clerk's Office, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to [clerk@norwalkca.gov](mailto:clerk@norwalkca.gov). If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior

to the public hearing.

**More Information:** Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner at (562) 929-5953 or [bchow@norwalkca.gov](mailto:bchow@norwalkca.gov).

**Accessibility:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 7th day of October 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC  
City Clerk

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CITY OF NORWALK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Congestion Management Program  
Local Development Report

**Date: October 18, 2016**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard  
**Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650**

**Description:** City of Norwalk's conformance with all applicable components of the Congestion Management Program and adoption of the Congestion Management Program Local Development Report. A copy of said report is on file and available to the public for inspection in the office of the Engineering Division (Room 12, Norwalk City Hall).

**Public Comment:** Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to [clerk@norwalkca.gov](mailto:clerk@norwalkca.gov).

**More Information:** Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to the Engineering Division at (562) 929-5723.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
NANCY J. RIVERA AKA NANCY  
JOANN KEAR

**CASE NO. 16STPB04518**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of NANCY J. RIVERA AKA NANCY JOANN KEAR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN S. SUTHERLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN S. SUTHERLAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal

representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/28/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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TRUSTEE SALES

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 2924(h) (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

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE Trustee Sale No: 128804-11 Loan No: 197-3521377 Title Order No: 95310510 APN 8053-024-013 WHEREAS, on 06/02/2005, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by BETTY M. BENNINGER, as trustor in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. as beneficiary and ALLIANCE TITLE, CA as trustee, and was recorded on 06/08/2005 as Document No. 05 1335248, and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment recorded 07/11/2016 in document no. 20160801857, of Official records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County,

CA, and WHEREAS a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 (A)(i), OF THE LOAN DOCUMENTS "AN IMMEDIATE PAYMENT IN FULL, AS DEFINED, THE LENDER WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AND ACCRUED INTEREST IF: A BORROWER DIES AND THE PROPERTY IS NOT THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE OF AT LEAST ONE SURVIVING BORROWER," INCLUDING ALL FORECLOSURE FEES, ATTORNEY FEES AND ADVANCES TO SENIOR LIENS, INSURANCE, TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 06/18/2014 as Instrument No. 2014-0630515, notice is hereby given that on 10/28/2016, at 10:00AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST Commonly known as: 11118 CRESTBROOK STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The sale will be held: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$376,235.56. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$37,623.56 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$37,623.56 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for a 15,000.00 paid in advance. The extension fee will be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure

completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$376,209.83 as of 10/27/2016, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. DATE: 08/12/2016 FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER: MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Fax: (916) 962-1334 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) TARA CAMPBELL, FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER OFFICER NIP0292729 To: NORWALK PATRIOT PUB: 10/07/2016, 10/14/2016, 10/21/2016

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# County commission on drugs, alcohol formally opposes Prop 64, citing the risk factors for youth

**NORWALK** – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ Commission on Alcohol and Drugs voted unanimously last month to oppose Proposition 64, the ballot measure to legalize recreational marijuana.

The commission is an appointed body of alcohol and drug experts, who among them have experience in the substance abuse treatment field, city government, community advocacy, and law enforcement.

The commission advises the Board on alcohol and drug issues with the goal of reducing problems and the negative impact of substance use disorders on the quality of life for individuals and their families residing in Los Angeles County.

Following a three-hour moderated debate between

proponents and opponents of Prop 64 and after multiple questions from community members, the Commissioners were unconvinced that legalizing recreational use would benefit our youth and communities. In an LA County Department of Public Health Auditorium, full with over 100 attendees, the commission unanimously voted to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors oppose Prop 64.

Panelist Police Chief Medrano from the Gardena Police Department commented that enforcement of marijuana delivery and personal use cultivation regulations will be a “low priority for officers in the field” and “nearly impossible to enforce”.

Prop 64 proponent, Lynne Lyman of the Drug Policy Alliance, spoke about the potential for

revenues from a 15% excise tax on recreational marijuana tax to fund research and prevention efforts. She emphasized that legislators and marijuana advocates are “still learning” how to best approach regulating recreational marijuana use and that the proposition could be subsequently amended by bills that pass in the California Senate with a simple majority.

Prop 64 opponent Moises Moreno of Smarter Approaches to Marijuana took issue with measure ballot provision to allow advertising marijuana on broadcast television, stating “If this passes, we could be watching the Olympics with our children and have them exposed to marijuana advertising”.

Commission member Lou Lamont is the mayor of one of the six cities in LA County that allow marijuana dispensaries, the City of Malibu, but was first to make the motion for the Commission to discuss the issue further before taking a vote. Several Commission members commented during the discussion that there remained many unanswered questions related to the implementation of Prop 64 and the potential for unintended consequences.

Ultimately, the decision to oppose the ballot measure was unanimous among the 12 Commission members that were present.

In public comment, Jennifer Harris, a Prevention Specialist from Behavioral Health Services, Inc. stated that the youth she works with “named marijuana as the number one substance abuse issue they face.”

In other public comment, Ruanda Frank from Rethinking Access to Marijuana stated that “Prop 64 would present an enforcement burden to all cities

and counties, so it’s problematic that Prop 64 excludes any local jurisdiction that bans marijuana activities from the tax revenues earmarked for enforcement.”

In closing remarks from the audience made by Gilbert Mora, Chair of Rethinking Access to Marijuana, stated that “commercialization of marijuana would lead to a normalization of its use and increase access to youth which in turn leads to more use by youth. If youth is the priority and not profit, then we need to ensure we do not make it easier for them to access.”

## Pancake breakfast at Southeast Japanese school

**NORWALK** – The Southeast Japanese School and Community Center, located at 4615 Gridley Road in Norwalk, is hosting its 23rd annual pancake breakfast this Saturday, Oct. 8 from 7-11 a.m.

This breakfast is done Hawaiian style with ample servings of pancakes, eggs, and a scoop of rice to go along with the Portuguese sausage and pineapple. Tickets are \$7, and include a chance to win a raffle prize.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the center is also offering a Holiday Boutique with more than 40 crafters selling jewelry, clothing, quilts, ceramics and more. During lunch hours, Chef Johnson Long will prepare and sell Orange Chicken, his honey BBQ pork and teriyaki spam musubi.

Proceeds from the pancake breakfast and holiday kitchen will benefit the center’s basketball and judo youth programs. For more information, call (562) 863-5996 or visit [www.sejssc.org](http://www.sejssc.org).

# Rio Hondo EMT student saves choking woman at Downey BJ’s

**DOWNEY** – A Rio Hondo College emergency medical technician student put his classroom training into practice this month when he stepped in to help a choking woman at an area BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse.

Mark King Jr., 23, of Lynwood, was celebrating a friend’s birthday at the restaurant in Downey on Sept. 16 when some of the guests told him a woman at the party was in distress, possibly having trouble breathing.

“They know I’m in school for EMT, that I’m CPR-certified and I know what to do,” King said.

“I rushed over and asked the woman if she was choking or if she just couldn’t breathe. She pointed at her throat and gave the universal sign that she was choking. She was gasping for air.”

King sprang into action.

“I got into position to give the Heimlich maneuver, the procedure you do to help someone who is choking. I gave three to five abdominal thrusts, and the food that was lodged in her airway came out,” he said.

The student’s poise and presence of mind were praised by Rio Hondo College leaders.

“Mark embodies the essence of the community service mindset we try to foster at Rio Hondo College,” Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. “I’m proud that our training played a pivotal role in helping him save this woman. He is a true hero.”

King who works at Disneyland, said he had been considering the EMT program for a while.

“I like helping people and I thought this would be a good field to go into. I have a couple of friends in the field and I have an older cousin who is an LVN,” King said.

To join the EMT program, King first needed to take a basic fire tech course over the summer. Then, in August, he began the eight-week program, which meets from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. four days a week.

He picked Rio Hondo College because the program has a sterling reputation while remaining affordable.

King said his experience at the restaurant solidified his drive to become an EMT.

“It reassured me that I’m able to act under pressure, to execute the procedures in a safe and effective manner, to help someone,” he said. “It also made me feel great.”



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School language

Dear Editor:  
Having read the commentary “Derogatory words fly during Norwalk-John Glenn high school football game” about the behavior of students at the Norwalk-Glenn football game, I am not at all surprised.

When the school district President has no comment, it emboldens the students to continue their unacceptable actions. Another example of young people not being held accountable for their actions.

Karen Morrison and the parents of these kids should be proud of their contribution to more society dregs.

Connie Aubuchon  
Norwalk

Pothole problem

Dear Editor:  
Two weeks ago, I called Norwalk City Hall to inform them about pot holes on Excelsior between Bloomfield and Norwalk. And low and behold, they were filled with in a few days.

But, if you were to look at the quality of the work that they did, now that is another story!

By looking at the job they did, one would think that it was done by some teenagers being paid \$7.50 an hour, not by high paid, union workers! Is this what we get for our money (taxes)?

Maybe the city should consider farming this kind of work out to China. Boy,are we (America) going to Hell in a handbasket. Where is the pride and craftsmanship that we once had in the quality of our work?

Lorenzo Arellano  
Norwalk

Peace in Colombia

Dear Editor:  
The “no” vote by Colombians last Sunday, to me, does not make sense.

We are going backwards in civilization. We are going back to our earlier part of civilization where our ancestors were basically fighting for survival. The cave.

Like it did not make sense that for almost a half of century the USA and Cuba did not have diplomatic relationship, and there were people who wanted to keep it that way ..forever!! But not anymore.

Colombians on the other hand, have been fighting with this organization FARC for more than half a century, and on Sunday they had the opportunity to change course toward peace, and people by a very small margin said “no.” What’s going on?

Remember the song by Bob Dylan:

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head  
And pretend that he just doesn't see?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind”.

That is where the answer seems to be in Colombia, Syria and other parts of the world where fighting to death is the answer.

We are going back to where our earlier ancestors lived: the cave. Fighting until death!

Guido Rivero  
Downey

COMMENTARY: Did school admins crack down on derogatory chants at football games?

By Raul Samaniego  
Contributor

NORWALK – Back in the day, we used to call the brown truck delivery person, the UPS man. Today, I am not sure what we call them.

It was my UPS man who taught me a life lesson, which indeed has lasted a lifetime.

It was a day when I was wearing a white shirt and tie when he noticed my disco-like knot. He took a few minutes, pulled me aside and introduced me to the art of tying a proper tie knot.

From that day on, I have always used a double Windsor knot when dressing professionally. I dressed that way for 30 years in the business sector.

Perhaps it does take a village to raise a child.

Artesia High School Stadium,  
Lakewood, Friday September 30

Needing to know if that unfortunate atmosphere experienced on the John Glenn High School side of the football game against Norwalk High last week was the trend or just one of those things, I decided to attend the game at Artesia High School.

Checking the bus schedules and Google maps, I saw that the Metro #62 would get me close to the Lakewood campus. (Why Artesia high school is in Lakewood, I don't know.)

Also, I still wanted to see a football game and decided to give it another chance.

Traveling the 20 minutes or so on the bus south towards my destination, there was a bit of traffic near the intersection of Gridley and 183rd Street. Up ahead, I saw the cause, some sort of traffic accident.

As we approached, I clearly

saw a person sprawled out in the crosswalk with an ambulance, fire personnel and sheriff vehicles about. I thought about exiting, but stayed on the bus heading towards my goal, the game.

The stadium is located where nearly 40 years earlier, my friends and I entered as varsity football players for Excelsior High School. That game ended in a 7-7 tie.

The gate staff allowed me to lock my bike inside with the usual disclaimer of no responsibility for it. I agreed.

Walking along the bottom of the seats, I greeted and shook hands with the John Glenn Eagle Band director. We exchanged pleasantries and I made my way to the open seat area.

The crowd on the visiting John Glenn side was about a third of what was present the week before at Excelsior Adult School Stadium.

That was where the fans were exposed to expletives and disparaging remarks emanating from the student section. I wondered if there would be a repeat performance.

Being a few minutes early, I took my seat near the top of the John Glenn side bleacher seats and awaited the opening kickoff.

The crowd was still making its way into the stadium from the far away parking.

Sitting in front of a group of men seemingly from Bellflower, I checked online and found that the Buccaneers were scheduled to play the Eagles (John Glenn) the following week.

They were scouting the play of both teams.

Everything was normal for a high school football game: teams, fans, bands, cheerleaders, scouts, security.

Security?

BERGER: Does Republican Donald Trump believe in the democratic rule of law?

By Dan Berger

Donald Trump’s rhetoric has been so dangerously outside the bounds of normal American political discourse — which, at least, pays lip service to constitutional governance and democratic rule — that legitimate questions about whether he could be relied on to fully and faithfully execute the laws of the United States have been raised.

In particular, Trump’s irresponsible threats have raised serious doubts about his knowledge and understanding of the Constitution, basic democratic procedures, and the extent of executive power.

That’s why it’s imperative that moderators in the upcoming presidential debates vigorously inquire about Trump’s commitment to constitutional and democratic rule. For the second debate on October 9, that burden falls on moderators ABC’s Martha Raddatz and CNN’s Anderson Cooper.

The president is both Commander in Chief of the nation’s armed forces and head of the agencies responsible for the external and internal security of the country.

Unlike the powers of the presidency in domestic affairs, which are limited by the power of Congress and the courts, when it comes to national security, executive power is much broader and less constrained.

That’s why executive power can be and has been subject to abuse. Indeed, in 1974, Richard Nixon was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives and accused of abuse of power for directing the IRS, FBI, and CIA to investigate his political enemies.

This danger takes on particular concern as a result of the vastly increased powers of surveillance assumed by the federal government post-9/11. And it’s especially disturbing in the hands of someone like Trump, who recently declared he wants “surveillance on certain mosques,” an obvious infringement on the constitutional right of religious liberty.

Up to the present, the dangers of NSA and other electronic surveillance agencies have been largely associated with using information for purposes other than terrorism prevention, in particular, by law enforcement.

But it can also be used for illegitimate political purposes. Such an abuse could push the nation to the threshold of a police state.

Given his vindictive nature, unusual sensitivity to criticism, and apparent indifference to the harm of others, his possible abuse of national security institutions and practices cannot be ruled out — and should be reasonably feared.

Trump’s unseemly relationship with Vladimir Putin should also give us pause.

He’s shown a strange admiration for Putin’s abuses, with the GOP candidate once praising Putin’s invasion of Ukraine as “so smart.” Getting cozy with Putin, who doesn’t exactly believe in democratic rule of law, shows where Trump’s values lie, and may breed more potential for unconstitutional abuse of power as president.

There’s also the possibility that Trump could embroil the U.S. in ramped up military action abroad. His foreign policy plans, which include “waterboarding and a whole lot more,” would violate all international laws of armed combat, according to former NSA and CIA Director, General Michael Hayden.

The recently released report of the special parliamentary inquiry into the UK’s involvement in the U.S.-instigated Iraq War revealed that George W. Bush recklessly ignored the risks of invading Iraq and cavalierly dismissed British misgivings out of total ignorance of the political and social effects that U.S. occupation would unleash.

And Bush had reasonably experienced advisers. Imagine the disasters Trump could unleash with the added dangers of ignorance and monumental hubris.

The thing about Trump is, we just don’t know what would happen. But we can assume that a combination of ignorance of foreign affairs and arrogance is a disaster waiting to happen.

Raddatz, Cooper, and all of the following debate moderators must force Trump to face the basic issues of constitutional and democratic law raised by his rhetoric to reveal if Trump truly grasps the scope of the high office he seeks.

Dan Berger is a Philadelphia lawyer specializing in complex litigation from the plaintiff’s perspective. For his long career in the law, he was recently named as a “Titan” in the field of complex litigation by the publication, Law 360.

Let’s choose religious freedom over LGBTQ rights

Dear Editor:

Just out of curiosity I picked up a copy of The Norwalk Patriot, in which was a lengthy article “Biola University shows up on ‘Shame List’ of worst campuses for LGBT youth” written by Shane Windmeyer, Executive Director of Campus Pride.

First, these people should be treated kindly. But what Shane needs to know is Christians are guided by Biblical Principles and we feel we are being discriminated against when we are made to accept same-sex marriage and some are sued for not baking cakes or photographing a same-sex marriage, etc. We are forced to have unisex bathrooms, even in our schools and other places.

Now, for the 121 colleges who teach Christian principles nationwide, I say “thank you” for standing up for your beliefs. I don’t know how many colleges nationwide there are, but I’m sure the LGBTQ’s could find one where you could demonstrate, form clubs and do just about anything you want, so please leave those who have Christian beliefs alone. If you don’t have any Christian values, why would you want to go to a school that does? This is just pushing your agenda and forcing everyone to bend to your way of life.

Also, I’m tired of the disgusting terms you apply to Christians, i.e., bigotry and harmful against LGBTQ’s.

We’re not out demonstrating against you; we just ask you to respect what we believe. Allow schools a Title IX exemption and go to a school that suits your lifestyle and has Campus Pride parades, etc. Maybe even get a little education while you’re there. Regarding the Department of Education, there is a lot of money put out for little education. One might rename it “The Social Engineering Department.” You’re asking everyone to boycott and DISCRIMINATE against anyone who doesn’t agree with you. Now who’s discriminating?

It isn’t only the college students who are actively discriminating against Christians, our Governor “Moonbeam,” i.e., Jerry Brown, has joined the discriminating chorus. He has decided that businesses must hire LGBTQ’s. They can’t discriminate. If they hire someone they think is a woman and shows up as a man the next day, they can’t fire them. If you own a business, you hire people who you want to represent your company in a way that pleases you. I would tell Governor Brown that it isn’t his business who a private company hires.

It isn’t his money that’s trying to make a living and paying taxes to provide his salary and the salaries of the State Legislature who thinks it’s their business to raise taxes and pass legislation regarding whom one may employ.

Lastly, I’m discouraged that so many churches and so many Christians will sit back comfortably and let these things go by, unchallenged without raising their voice.

Elsa Van Leuven  
Downey

Are U.S.-Saudi relations finally souring over 9/11?

By Alli McCracken

Congress recently passed the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA) allowing families of victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks to sue other governments, including Saudi Arabia, for possible damages.

Despite threats by the Saudi government to sell billions of dollars’ worth of their assets and reexamine the bilateral relationship with the U.S., Congress snubbed the monarchy and passed the bill, then overturned a presidential veto to it almost unanimously.

This is just one of the most overt pieces of evidence that the historically cozy U.S.-Saudi relationship is on the decline.

A couple years ago, few questioned the decades-old political alliance between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia. But, amidst a heated election season in the U.S., the bloody Saudi-waged war on Yemen has led to a wave of protest by Capitol Hill lawmakers and human rights organizations who want to reexamine this relationship.

During the Obama administration, a whopping 42 weapons deals have been brokered between the U.S. and the Saudi government, worth over \$110 billion. However, the latest deal, amounting to \$1.15 billion, was met with unprecedented opposition over concerns of apparent Saudi war crimes in Yemen.

In a letter to the White House, 64 members of the House of Representatives asked President Obama to withdraw the weapons deal, and 27 Senators voted in favor of a resolution opposing the deal.

Humanitarian and human rights organizations like Oxfam, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch got involved in the opposition movement too, pointing to the nearly 10,000 deaths and injuries caused by the Saudi war on Yemen using U.S.-made weapons.

Major media outlets like The New York Times penned editorials slamming the deal. This is a welcome and overdue change for many who believe that Saudi Arabia’s war crimes in Yemen shouldn’t go unpunished, but it’s also an important moment to rethink the entirety of the U.S. alliance with Saudi Arabia and the U.S.’ role in the Middle East.

The tension between the U.S. and the Saudi monarchy isn’t just manifesting in the legislative branch of the government — the executive branch has also sent clear signals that the tides are turning.

In 2015, President Obama, along with Secretary of State John Kerry, orchestrated one of the most successful diplomatic wins of the administration: the Iran nuclear deal.

The Saudi monarchy, nervous about the geopolitical and sectarian trends in the Middle East apparently aligning against them, felt threatened by the deal and lobbied in Washington against it.

This didn’t stop the White House and State Department from pushing the deal through, much to the chagrin of the Saudi royal family. While this eroding relationship is a much welcomed change after years of watching the U.S. government turn a blind eye to human rights abuses committed by Saudi Arabia and other regional allies, the path forward isn’t clear.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump both have problematic visions for the United States’ future relationship with the regime.

It’ll take years of hard work to persuade the next administration how rethinking our role abroad is in the best interest of America, nations in the Middle East, and the innocent victims of violence between the two.

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