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## Man fatally shoots himself after firefight with Norwalk deputies

NORWALK - The L.A. County Sheriff's Department is still investigating a shootout between Norwalk deputies and a 24-year-old man, who fatally shot himself in the parking lot of Target last Friday.

Deputies from the Norwalk Sheriff's Station responded to the Target location on the 10000 block of Firestone Boulevard at 9:09 a.m. after receiving calls that Los Angeles resident Alejandro Gomez was pointing a gun at cars coming off the 605 Freeway, authorities said.

Upon arrival, deputies saw Gomez, who matched the description of the person in the call, attempting to break into vehicles near local businesses, the sheriff's department said.

Gomez began to walk westbound through the parking lot of the businesses, at which time, deputies saw him armed with a handgun. The suspect approached Firestone Boulevard, just west of the 605 freeway, and deputies tried to stop him from crossing the street, deputies said.

As the deputies tried to detain him, Gomez started to point the gun at his head. Deputy personnel gave Gomez numerous commands to drop the gun, at which time he placed the gun to his head again. Gomez then walked down the walkway towards the entrance of Target, said deputies.

After ignoring several commands, sheriff's deputies say he then turned and pointed the gun at them, at which time deputies fired multiple rounds, missing Gomez.

placed the gun to his head, and shot himself. Deputies later recovered a semi-automatic pistol at the scene.

Deputies said Gomez then ran between two cars in the parking lot,

Gomez was transported to a local hospital where he was placed on life support, but ultimately died of self-inflicted injuries, deputies said.

Anyone with more information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. - Christian Brown, Editor

## 21-unit townhome development in Norwalk gets swift approval

NORWALK - The Norwalk Planning Commission last month approved a new housing development by Brandywine Homes, which plans to replace the former Excelsior Drive Baptist Church with 21 townhomes.

Brandywine Homes will construct six, two-story buildings on the rectangular lot just adjacent the Norwalk Church of the Nazarene. According to the staff report, future tenants will choose between four different floor plans, varying from a 2-bedroom, 2-bath option at 1,108 sq. ft. to a 3-bedroom, 2.5bath option at 1,491 sq. ft.

Each unit consist of an open floor plan "great room," comprising a kitchen, dining room, and living

Brandywine Homes proposed amenities to include pre-wired individual security systems, a laundry in each unit, as well as a covered patio and BBQ in the common open space



area. Additionally, each townhome will have a form of private space such as separate entry areas, side yards, rear yards, or a balcony.

The exterior of the townhomes will mix both French and Craftsman design styles, highlighted by varied paint colors, decorative eaves and shutters, stucco finish, recessed windows, window trims, brick trims, and vinyl fences.

The housing tract will have one main entry and exit off of Excelsior Drive with a 3-foot-high, 8-foot-long monument sign made of concrete and smooth

The new development will incorporate 64 parking spaces in total for all units, including 42 spaces in garages, 15 uncovered spaces, and 7 guest parking spots.

"Staff believes that the proposed 21-unit townhome project is a quality project with a strong design component," said Norwalk Assistant Planner Monica Rodriguez. "All sides of the buildings offer varying and interesting architecture. The proposed development will have a positive effect on the appearance of the surrounding areas."

The Planning Commission approved the development on Sept. 28 in a 3-0 vote with commissioners Phyllis Barth, Jennifer Perez, and Victor Juan Jr. voting in favor.

This latest project, located at 11042 Excelsior Dr., marks Brandywine Homes' third housing development in Norwalk. Currently, the Irvine-based company owns a 16-unit townhome development on 11433 Excelsior Dr. and a 31-unit community at 11009 Pioneer Blvd.

The Norwalk Planning Commission also approved an updated drive-thru layout for the McDonald's near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Studebaker Road.

Beleaguered by a cramped drive-thru lane, the McDonald's site, located at 11053 Rosecrans Ave., requested to modify its existing drive-thru by providing two lanes, which separate the menu boards from the order points, according to city staff reports.

In order to accommodate the larger drive-thru, McDonald's will eliminate six parking spaces, bringing the number of spaces at the site down from 42 to 38. Currently, the Norwalk Municipal Code requires a building this size to have 96 spaces, however, a parking analysis by the city found only 34 spaces were needed even during this location's peak hours.

With the proposed modifications, approximately 28 vehicles will fit within the two-lane drive-thru, up from the 14 possible before, city staff said.

McDonald's will also update the exterior of the building by painting it an earth-toned color, removing the existing red, tile roof, and replacing the reddish tile base.

The Planning Commission also approved new drive-thru signage and internally-illuminated wall signs, which McDonald's will install. - Christian Brown, Editor



# The 33rd annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade kicks off Saturday

NORWALK - The final preparations are underway for the 33rd annual Arturo Sanchez, Sr. Halloween Parade, which is Saturday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. Beginning near the intersection of Pioneer Boulevard and Mapledale Street, the parade route heads south towards its final destination of Hermosillo Park in south

Having started out as a local neighborhood costume parade and contest, culminating in awards and prizes for costumes, it has grown into a major Southland fall event encompassing 21 marching bands and a cast of thousands marching in the legacy of the parade's namesake.

Speaking with Arturo Sanchez, Jr. recently, he shared the involvement his father had not only with the south Norwalk neighborhood, but with many in the local area.

Sanchez Jr. spoke of his father's "very hard to say no to" persona, recalling an incident after his father died that took place in the same local where the Sanchez restaurant establishment continues on 162nd Street.

"Shortly after my Dad died, some kids were hanging out in the store kind of restless. Finally, one of the kids said to another one, 'go on ask him."

"It was then that one of them asked, 'Is the parade going to continue?' We contacted the city and they

This year's Grand Marshall is Pikachu and his fellow Pokémon characters, Squirtle and Charmander.

In addition to the annual fun event, scholarships will be awarded to deserving high school seniors from

The Arturo Sanchez, Sr. Halloween Parade Foundation provides up to \$9,000 dollars in scholarships for high school seniors wishing to continue their education.

The recipients of this year's awards will be recognized Saturday during the presentation of the parade awards and costume prizes at Hermosillo Park.

While no candy will be thrown from moving vehicles, parade participants may hand out candy if they are

walking in the parade, according to Sanchez Jr.

The parade moves south along Pioneer, turning left on Alondra and making a right on Horst to 162nd Street where it veers right, ending at the Hermosillo Park parking lot. - Raul Samaneigo, Contributor

# Waite Middle School unveils Norwalk-La Mirada's latest college and career center

NORWALK - Decorated with college pennants and motivational words, Waite Middle School launched its College and Career Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 30, providing students with the opportunity to explore academic and career pathways at an early age.

agreed to continue the parade."

"I am very happy to see this," Waite Associated Student Body Treasurer Joseph Nunez said. "Students will get a chance to learn about colleges all around the country and can make an informed choice on classes and subjects they will study when they begin high school."

The college and career center features computers and college planning guides, and will host industry professionals for talks about their careers. One wall displays three career pathway groups that Waite students can potentially follow: Fire House, public service pathway; Earth House, a technology pathway; and Wind House, an arts pathway.

"I am so proud that we can provide this opportunity to support our community," Waite Principal Dr. Susan Newcomb said. "It was great to have city representatives for this dedication ceremony. They work collaboratively with us and our District schools in so many

Students can also learn about the college and career paths of Waite teachers and administrators by checking out the "Where Did Your Teachers Go to School?"



received her bachelor's and master's than we are." degrees at Cal State Fullerton and her Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University.

"We thought it would be neat for students to see where our own college and career paths have led us," Newcomb said. "You have to point, and there are many, many the store for a game or collectible.

Waite joins Corvallis, Benton and Hutchinson middle schools in having a college and career center on its campus, a resource typically only available at high schools. Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian pushed to open middle school career centers after listening to a Corvallis student.

Norwalk High and I saw that they had a college and career center and one?" Danielian said. "I always succeed."

The College and Career Center will also act as Waite's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports student store. Waite students receive "Panther Bucks" throughout the year when they display proper behavior. They can plan, you have to have a starting later redeem the Panther Bucks at

> The center will be supervised by Waite intervention counselor Paul Castaños and staff counselor Patty Sierra during lunch and break.

"Norwalk-La Mirada Unified middle school students will receive early guidance from counselors who are attuned to their needs and well-prepared to answer their questions," NLMUSD Board "A student said to me, 'I was at President Karen Morrison said. "Our District is committed to providing our students with every a counselor. Why can't we have tool and resource they will need to

## Weekend at a Glance









**Pasadena Octoberfest** Saturday - Rose Bowl, 2 p.m.

Craft beer festival with 50-plus breweries. Plus live music and food



**Muertos Artwalk** Saturday - Olvera Street, 10 a.m.

More than 30 artists selling original artwork, clothing, jewelry, and more



**Homecoming Game** Saturday - Cerritos College, 6 p.m.

Support the Falcons football team as they spar with Santa Monica College.



Beetlejuice Saturday - Huntington State Beach, 4 - 9 p.m.

Dress up in your Halloween costume and watch a beachfront screening of the 1988 classic "Beetlejuice."



**Parade** 

Saturday - Pioneer Boulevard and Maple Street, 11 a.m.

Watch 21 marching bands and local organizations parade in Hallowen costumes.



Saturday - Hollywood Bowl, 8 p.m. The Norwegian DJ and producer brings his EDM/Electronica to Los Angeles.



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Sunday - Downtown LA, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Neraly six miles of city streets in Los Angeles are closed to cars to allow recreational space for bikes, running, and exploring.

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## New baseball-themed playground to open at Zimmerman Park

NORWALK - The City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services department invites the public to celebrate the newest in a series of park playground equipment installations at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.

The new playground design was selected as an homage to America's pastime and Zimmerman Park's most popular recreation, the game of baseball.

With a state of the art jungle gym, five slides, four swings and a host of climbing gear, youngsters will have no shortage of ways to stay active. In addition, the northeast entrance of the park now has two adult exercise equipment stations.

All new equipment was funded through a \$300,000 grant awarded through Prop A and secured with the support of 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe.

The City's focus on the renovation and upgrade of community parks aligns with the goals of its 2020 Vision Strategic Action Plan. Zimmerman Park is located at 13031 Shoemaker Avenue.

For more information, please call (562) 929-5763.

## Cerritos College seeking speakers for upcoming TEDx Conference

**NORWALK** – TEDx, a local version of the popular TED Talks conference, is coming to Cerritos College on March 9, 2017. TEDx conferences are independently run and are designed to share ideas from every discipline and culture to seek a deeper understanding of the world through local TED-like experiences.

TEDx at Cerritos College is currently looking for speakers with "ideas worth sharing." Submit an online application by Nov. 1, 2016. Up to 10 speakers will be elected. Speakers will be notified on February 1, 2017.

For more information, requirements, and application, contact Monique family-friendly Valencia via e-mail at mvalencia@cerritos.edu.

TED Talks began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages. Many of the TED talks are available at TED.com.

## Downey credit union launches community education workshops

**DOWNEY** – Downey Federal Credit Union is hosting free Community Education Workshops in partnership with Collegiate Coaching LLC, a college admissions and career pathway coaching company.

Workshops will begin Wednesday, Oct. 19, and continue through Wednesday, Jan. 18, and will be held at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center at Apollo Park.

This series of workshops will cover a variety of topics such as College 101; Financial Aid; the California State University application process; adults and veterans going back to college; and more.

As college, career, and financial aid information is generally only touched on in a school setting, these workshops seek to cater to a larger audience beyond the school environment, and offer this information to the community at large. They are intended to reach residents of all ages and diverse backgrounds.





# Downey City Council hopefuls make their cases, clash over issues at Downey Patriot debate



**■ ELECTION:** Nine candidates participate in debate hosted by The Downey Patriot.

By Alex Dominguez Contributor

**DOWNEY** - All nine City Council candidates stood front and center Friday at the Downey Civic Theatre for a debate presented by the Downey Patriot.

The event was free and sponsored by PIH Health, Downey Federal Credit Union, and Downey Brewing Company.

This year, three of Downey's five districts - Districts 1, 3, and 5 - are up for reelection. Every district up for election is contested, as every candidate has at least one opponent.

Blanca Pacheco, Alma Marquez, Hector Lujan, Rick Rodriguez,

Frine Medrano, Art Montoya, Louis Morales, Mayor Alex Saab, and Art Gonzales all came face to face with a crowd of 300-400 residents and supporters in the Downey Civic Theater, answering question compiled by the debate's moderator, former Downey Patriot staff writer and current Norwalk Patriot editor Christian Brown.

Several questions were also received from community members through email and social media.

Mayor Saab stood as the sole candidate who was running for reelection, as evident by his opening

"I want to thank the residents of Downey for affording me the opportunity to represent them the last four years, and I ask for another four years to represent them [and] continue the momentum that we have worked so hard on for the city and the residents of Downey," said

Saab is running for District 5.

Running opposite of the sole reelection hopeful is Art Gonzales, who could be described as the Pacheco said that the sales tax freshest face to Downey out of the group. Gonzales is still relatively new to the city, having only moved to the city around five years ago.

The other two districts up for election are almost evenly split amongst the candidates: Pacheco, Marquez, and Lujan are running for District 1, while Rodriguez, Medrano, Montoya, and Morales are all vying for the District 3 spot.

Each candidate was allowed 60-second opening statement, along with 60 seconds to respond to debate questions, and 30 seconds for rebuttal.

Most questions were addressed by district.

The possible half-cent sales tax increase was a big topic at the debate, splitting the candidates three to six, with candidates Rodriguez, Montoya, and Gonzales supporting.

"I was at that city council meeting where the fire department pleaded for more funding to better staff their department, and I know that the fire stations as well - three of four of them - are in need of upgrade," said Montoya.

He continued: "How can they do their jobs if they don't have the right equipment or the right funding to make sure that they can proceed in their daily operations...," said Montoya.

"... No one is going to want to come to Downey to buy anything or do business if there's a fear of them getting hurt..."

On the side of the opposed, increase might hinder the continued growth of the city.

"We are a city that is growing. We are continuously expanding. We have a Downtown Downey area, we now have a Promenade, and it's nice; this growth is nice," said

"My concern is that this sales tax increase would hinder that growth, and I'm seriously concerned about

Other topics discussed by the candidates included public safety, housing, and homelessness.

For those who missed the event, video of the debate will be posted online in the coming week.

# Norwalk hosting Halloween bash

NORWALK - The Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department will host the city's annual Halloween festival on Monday, Oct. 31, from 6-9 p.m.

This free event is open to the iblic and takes place on the Civic Center Lawn at Norwalk City Hall, located at 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

The evening's theme, "Monster Bash," celebrates witches, ghosts, goblins and all creatures who call Halloween their favorite holiday. Activities, entertainment and costume contests also highlight the evening's programming, which focuses on family and community.

New this year, the Scarecrow Contest offers prizes to participants with the best homemade creations in three categories: Traditional, Most Original and Monster Bash. Application deadline is Oct. 24.

Visit Norwalk.org or call (562) 929-5521 for details. Food will be available for purchase at the event.

## NLMUSD to host fifth annual college expo

NORWALK -Mirada Unified will host its fifth annual district college expo on Oct.

The college expo offer students and parents the opportunity to speak with dozens of college representatives and take workshops to learn more about university admission requirements, financial aid and more.

John Glenn High School, located at 13520 Shoemaker Ave., is hosting the expo, which will showcase more than 50 college representatives from UCLA, UC Berkeley, USC and more.

Students and their parents can participate in informative workshops from 6-8:30 p.m. financial aid, college saving strategies, admission to independent colleges, UCs and CSUs, and the SATs.

For more information, contact Valerie Martinez at (909) 445-1001.

# NLMUSD's Johnston Elementary honored for \$10,000 Relay For Life donation



American Cancer Society representatives presented Johnston Elementary School first-grade teacher Dan Calma, center, with a Spirit of Relay award Sept. 23 at the school's flag ceremony.

NORWALK - The American Cancer Society (ACS) honored Johnston Elementary School's Relay For Life Norwalk fundraising team with the Spirit of Relay award, recognizing its efforts to raise \$10,000 in donations during the 2016 Relay For Life event.

Relay For Life Norwalk coordinator Jennifer Perez and ACS representative Sarah Ambrose presented the award to team captain and Johnston first-grade teacher Dan Calma during a flag ceremony at the elementary school on Sept. 23.

"We do this for our family and our friends," Calma said. "The motto of the Relay For Life is that cancer never sleeps. We will continue to relay as long as cancer is an issue."

The team's 53 members reached their \$10,000 fundraising goal by hosting pizza parties, bake sales, selling popsicles and holding other events. Students also raised \$1,000 from filling empty water bottles with dimes via their "Silver Saves Lives" project.

The Johnston Relay For Life Norwalk team was formed in 2012 to honor the elementary school's office secretary, parent and former PTA president, Sue Evangelho, who was a cancer survivor along with Calma and Attendance Clerk Norma Avila. She helped organized Johnston's first fundraising team, which raised \$5,000 in its first year. Evangelho agreed to co-captain the 2013 team after she planned to retire, but unfortunately passed

To continue the fight against cancer in Evangelho's honor, Team Johnston has since raised nearly \$50,000.

"Team Johnston are truly heroes in the fight against cancer," Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Board of Education President Karen Morrison said. "To see our District rally together in support of Evangelho and continue her mission is an inspiration to us all."

Team Johnston has been recognized with a series of individual and group awards since 2012. The team was named to the Jade Club for raising \$10,000, and won awards for having the largest team and selling the most luminaria bags, which are personalized bags lit by a candle in honor of someone affected by cancer.

Calma and Johnston attendance clerk Norma Avila were named to the Grand Club for raising more than \$1,000 each. Calma was also named to the National All-Star team for raising more than \$2,500 - he raised more than \$3,300 this year.

After the award presentation, Calma and Avila shared an emotional moment with Doug Schiefelbein, whose wife, Peggy, a longtime Johnston attendance clerk, passed away from cancer in January.

"I am so proud of Dan Calma and Team Johnston, who have worked so hard to keep Sue and Peggy's memory alive, and are giving hope to so many battling this disease," Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "Thank you to the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life Norwalk for recognizing their dedication and spirit."

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## Potholes problems fixed

Recently, you printed a letter from a concerned resident regarding potholes on Excelsior Drive between Bloomfield Avenue and Norwalk Boulevard. We are writing to clear up any misunderstanding of our procedures for this type of street repair.

The letter mentioned that within a few days of reporting the potholes, "low and behold, they [the potholes] were filled." The resident went on to mention that the "quality of work" was comparable to a teenager's, and questioned this use of taxpayer dollars.

In explanation, the City of Norwalk Public Services staff follow a standard maintenance procedure for large pothole repair. The stage that Mr. Arellano described was only the first of several steps in the process. We initially fill the hole with what is called "cold patch," a temporary repair that will provide an immediate smoother ride for vehicles while the more complex, permanent step is scheduled.

The second step is to return to the pothole location, saw cut and excavate the area, fill the area with a "hot patch" of asphalt and roll the asphalt into the street creating a level and seamless permanent repair. This step sometimes can come a few weeks after the first, as was the case in this instance. The potholes on Excelsior were repaired with hot patch by the time Mr. Arellano's letter went to press.

The City gladly welcomes feedback from our community so that we can keep them informed and knowledgeable about the services we

Gary DiCorpo **Deputy City Manager Director, Public Services** City of Norwalk

## Jorge Montero for President

Dear Editor:

Two elections ago I offered myself as a better alternative than Barack Obama to be President of the United States (The Downey Patriot, June

Surprisingly, the Democrats didn't take me up on my offer even though I proved that my credentials were better than Obama's. He got elected and you know the results.

I now feel myself obligated to offer the same alternative to the Republicans because I can do a better job than Donald Trump could do as President.

to explain why I can't show my tax returns. My taxes, though modest, will contribute to the national budget -- something that Donald will never do.

Second, I am short and homely and rather than seeing me as a threat, I awaken women's maternal protective instincts. This will win me the female vote. I won't have to apologize for misogyny attitudes like Donald

Third, I am an immigrant and know how to handle the illegal immigration problem. My solution is simple and effective. Throw in jail the CEO of any company or any individual who hires illegal immigrants. This action will stop the hiring of illegals. Once they realize they can't have jobs in this country, they won't come and the ones here will leave on their own accord.

Fourth, I know international trade. I have exported American products for 34 years and know how to open markets for American products. Donald only talks about trade. I do it every day.

Finally, since I have told upfront that I am an immigrant, there will be no birthism issue to exploit. These are difficult times for the country And the things we take for relief from that pounding — drugs or sugarand my place of birth should not be relevant to this election. I am sure that Congress will pass a temporary exception to the American born rule because they care for the future of the country and see that I can do help us understand the importance of doing all that we can to reduce a better job than Donald and provide real competition to Hilary.

Jorge Montero **Downey** 

## Support for Tammy Ashton

Dear Editor:

All seven members of the Downey Unified School District Board of Education are supporting Dr. Tammy Ashton for election to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Ashton will bring a knowledgeable, deliberative and fair-minded approach to the issues facing Cerritos College. Her only agenda is to do what is best for the studnets, faculty, employees and taxpayers of the college. Her clear-headed leadership is needed on the Cerritos College **Board of Trustees** 

On a personal note, Dr. Ashton has every right to use the title of doctor. AFter all, she earned a valid Juris Doctor degree from Glendale

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# Research links income inequality and the poor fitness habits of America's youth

By Sam Pizzigati

The United States, anyone could reasonably argue, has the most accomplished elite athletes in the world. The best evidence? In Rio this past summer, young American men and women finished at a comfortable first place in the Olympic final medal tally.

But what if we compared nations on the fitness of average young people, not elite athletes? How would the United States stack up then?

Not too well, concludes a global study just published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

This new research — conducted by a team of academics from Canada, the United States, and Australia — looked at the fitness levels of 1.1 million young people aged 9 to 17, from 50 different nations.

In this competition, young people in the United States didn't finish first. They finished an appalling 47th out of 50.

"If all the kids in the world were to line up for a race," report author Dr. Grant Tomkinson summed up, "the average American child would finish at the foot of the field."

How could the United States, a nation that prides itself on nurturing Olympic champions, have an overall population of young people so

The new study doesn't answer that question directly. But it does make a fascinating connection. In nations with smaller gaps between rich and poor, young people show higher levels of fitness.

Income inequality, as the study puts it, appears to be a "strong structural determinant of health" in children and youth.

This linkage won't surprise anyone who's been following research on inequality. In recent years, investigators have detailed that people in societies with lower levels of inequality live longer than people in nations with high inequality, like the United States.

Residents of more equal nations also trust each other more, bully each other less, and enjoy better mental health.

But why should social indecency and ill health thrive in unequal First, I am not smart so I have paid taxes all my life and will not have places? And, more pointedly, what explains the link between inequality and youth fitness?

No one knows for sure, but analysts have some ideas.

Some lean toward a fiscal explanation. In unequal nations, they point out, wealth and political power tend to concentrate in the hands of an awesomely affluent few. These privileged individuals typically don't use public services and often resent having to pay taxes to help fund them.

In deeply unequal nations, this combination of political power and resentment ends up generating government budgets that gut public services the rich seldom use — everything from public parks to public

Amid the resulting fiscal austerity, public parks start closing. Public schools start charging parents hefty fees if their kids want to play school

As a result, fewer kids get to play and exercise. A top-heavy distribution of wealth translates, in effect, into less-active childhoods.

Other analysts take a more physical approach and focus on the stress that inequality inevitably generates.

This ongoing stress pounds relentlessly on our immune systems. packed snacks, for instance — typically leave us less fit.

Both these fiscal and physical explanations have merit. And both

If we want to see all kids have the chance to become champions in life, we'll need to start adopting, as the authors of the new global fitness study conclude, "policies aimed at reducing the gap between rich and

Sam Pizzigati, an Institute for Policy Studies associate fellow, coedits Inequality.org. His latest book is The Rich Don't Always Win: The Forgotten Triumph over Plutocracy that Created the American Middle Class, 1900-1970.

## Missing python

Dear Editor:

My husband and I adopted a beautiful, friendly, albino Burmese python a few years back. We named him Babs and although most people view snakes as scary or creepy, we loved him and treated him just like any other pet.

Unfortunately, Babs escaped while we were moving to our new home. We didn't notice he was missing until we were 60 miles away! That night, September 28, we received a phone call from our

Babs is a very well-behaved snake and loves attention from people.

Paramount neighbor and close friend. He told us that SEAACA found Babs and we could pick him up at the shelter the next morning.

Come the next morning, SEAACA has no idea what we're talking about and doesn't have our snake. Our neighbor, along with other witnesses, told us one member of SEAACA was praising our snake and taking pictures with him. Our neighbor described Babs perfectly and was sure that the people were from SEAACA because of their uniform

So did a member of SEAACA keep our snake for him/her self? Did they kill our snake? Something happened and we don't feel good about

When I called SEAACA about what happened, they kept transferring me and giving me the run around. I spoke to a supervisor who, in my opinion, was very incompetent. I got nowhere with him so I decided to reach out to the community.

A few neighbors back in Paramount have pictures and videos. I don't have their contact information so I'll be making a visit to them soon and hopefully I can get to the bottom of this.

Kassandra Dennis

## Cerritos College announces support for Prop 55 and its new education funding

NORWALK - California's per-student funding is among the lowest in the nation, which is why the passage of Proposition 55, The Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016, is critical to continue much-needed funding for K-12 districts and community colleges across

Proposition 55 will be on the Nov. 8 ballot and will extend taxes on personal incomes over \$250,000 approved by voters in 2012 under Proposition 30. Proposition 30 provided temporary relief after the state's economic downturn significantly reduced funding for California schools and community colleges.

Key provisions of Proposition 30, including the quarter-cent sales tax increase, are set to expire in December 2016, and taxes on higherincome earners under Proposition 30 will expire in 2018 if the new law

Without the passage of Proposition 55, California's education funding will drop significantly once again. Proposition 55 will extend taxes for 12 years and adds a health care component for students, which ensures the long-term fiscal stability of California's public schools.

Cerritos College joins school districts and community colleges across the state in support of Proposition 55 to invest in California's future and provide high-quality educational opportunities for students.

### Napolitano, Hahn spar over donations

LONG BEACH - Kevin Wen, campaign manager for L.A. County Supervisorial candidate Steve Napolitano, released a statement on Sept. 29 regarding Rep. Janice Hahn, who admitted to accepting more than \$280,000 in illegal political action committee contributions.

Hahn acknowledged the contributions, which exceeded the County limit of \$150,000, after the Napolitano Campaign filed a lawsuit last

"Congresswoman Janice Hahn was forced to publicly admit - for the first time - that they violated the County campaign contribution laws," said Wen. "If 2016 has taught us anything it's that desperate politicians are delusional about the facts. The fact is Janice Hahn was caught redhanded breaking the County's campaign finance laws and today the Court's -- and she herself -- confirmed the violation."

By law, Hahn is required to give the excess funds back.

# Do the presidential debates help us choose wisely?

By Lee H. Hamilton

We're in the middle of the presidential debates, and not surprisingly, they're drawing viewers in great numbers. The contest is close, and the chance to watch the two candidates spar with one another face-to-face makes for entertaining television.

for the public dialogue. They get tremendous coverage throughout the media universe, both while they're taking place and in the days that follow. They let the voters see the candidates under pressure and gauge their performance.

candidates think on their feet. They're serious events, and are certainly more substantive than campaign speeches and television commercials.

It's true that they don't usually change the trajectory of a race although we won't know until Election Night whether this year's debates played a role in the outcome. They can reinforce enthusiasm, but it's rare that they create it from scratch.

Yet I think our focus on debates — at least in the form they currently take — is misplaced. It's not so much that they reward one-upmanship, a quick wit, and clever zingers — although they do. Rather, I think they don't actually help us make a good choice. Over my years in Congress and afterward, I've sat in on a lot of

meetings at the White House where foreign and domestic policy were the toughest questions on those matters — people who are sharp and discussed. For the most part, I came away impressed by the process incisive and are prepared to follow up and press candidates when they by which presidents make tough decisions. They go around the room, asking each guest, "What do I do now?"

They ask participants to define the issue, lay out the options, identify sustained, unhurried process, with very little fancy oratory: instead, I've heard sharp debate and thorough discussion characterized by forceful, reasoned, fact-based, and responsible arguments.

to hear different opinions, seek advice, and then go off and make a

You have to remember that the choices a president has to make are complicated and often very difficult — almost by definition, an issue

doesn't get to that level unless it's a tough one. I've sat in on meetings with both Democratic and Republican presidents, and one of the things that often impressed me is that ideology has played a smaller role than you'd imagine. The conversations are quite pragmatic.

What all this means is that the real quality you're looking for in a This is hardly a bad thing. Overall, presidential debates are a plus President is judgment: the ability to consider issues from all angles, weigh options carefully, and then choose the wisest course — sometimes from among a tangle of unpalatable alternatives.

That is what presidents do.

But the qualities necessary to do this do not come through in the As scripted as they can sometimes seem, they still let us watch the debates, which tell us very little about how candidates would do at exercising judgment in the fog of policy-making. A campaign event that calls for impassioned oratory, a quick wit, one-liners, and sharp digs is not especially helpful for helping us choose who is going to make the

> I think we can do better. Selecting a president is serious business. We want to put control of the process on the voters' side, and not let the candidates get away with fluff.

> How do we do this? We change the nature of the debates. To begin with, I believe there should be a series of them, each focused on a single issue — education, say, or national security.

> Candidates should face a panel of questioners asking them to address spout mush. Ideally, the candidates should face this panel one at a time, rotating who goes first, and with other rules to assure fairness.

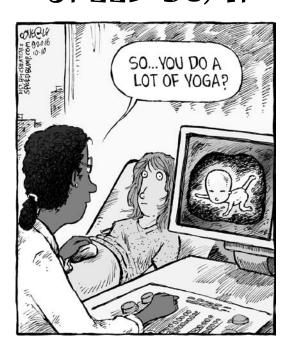
The point is, we want voters to go to the polls not just with a good American interests at stake, and make recommendations. It's usually a idea of where the candidates want to take us and how they're going to get there. We also want voters to have a clear sense of how sound the candidates' judgment is, because that's ultimately what will make or break their presidency.

Presidents pay close attention and sometimes take notes. They want

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October 14, 1954: C.B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments," starring Charlton Heston, began filming in Egypt. The epic had a cast of 25,000 people.

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1987: Jessica McClure, 18 months old, fell down an abandoned well in Midland, TX. The rescue took 58 hours.

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#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

11:00 a.m. - 33rd annual Arturo Sonches Jr. Halloween Parade 6:00 p.m. - Falcons Homecoming Game - Cerritos College

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:00 p.m. - Zimmerman Park playground - Zimmerman Park

### **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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2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk

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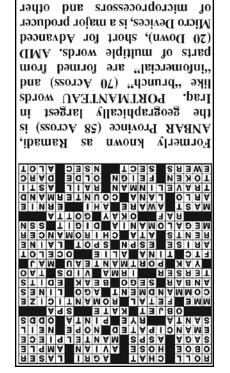
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#### **GOVERNMENT**

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR FY 2015/16 SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION (the "Project") PROJECT NO. 7512

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650 up to 11:00 a.m. on November 16, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All Bids must be made on the form furnished

All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and identification number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for sixty (60) Days after the Bid opening date. INCORPORATION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. The 2015 edition of "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction" ("Standard Specifications"), as amended by the Contract Documents, is incorporated into the Contract Documents

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the

of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <a href="http://www.norwalkca.gov/businesses/rfp-posts-list">http://www.norwalkca.gov/businesses/rfp-posts-list</a>. Potential Bidders may also obtain the Contract Documents for the Project at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650 for a non-refundable fee of \$24.50 per set, or \$34.50 per set if mailed. The City must receive payment before the Contract Documents will be provided.

FACSIMILE NUMBER AND EMAIL

FACSIMILE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS. Bidders shall supply the City Engineer with a facsimile number and email address to facilitate transmission of Addenda and other information related to these Contract Documents. If the Addenda and other information are emailed, the City shall also send all documents by facsimile or U.S. Mail. Failure to provide such a facsimile number and email address may result in late notification. The City does not guarantee that it will provide any information by facsimile, email, or both. A Bidder shall be responsible for all Addenda regardless of whether Bidder received any such fax or email, and a Bidder shall have no recourse due to not receiving such facsimile, email or both.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section

1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

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BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. Before acceptance of the Project the Contractor shall submit a warranty or maintenance Bond that is valid for one year from acceptance, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Contract Price; in lieu of that Bond, the Contractor may submit proof from the Surety that the performance Bond has been extended for the appropriate duration of time. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law. LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission. The successful Contractor must also possess a

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

City Attorney.

TRADE NAMES OR EQUALS. Requests to substitute an equivalent item for a brand or trade name item must be made by written request submitted no later than twelve (12) Days before the Bid submission deadline. Requests received after this time shall not be considered. Requests shall clearly describe the product for which approval is requested, including all data necessary to demonstrate

acceptability.
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. Liquidated damages shall accrue in the amount of \$250 for each Day that Work remains incomplete beyond the Project completion deadline specified in the Contract Documents.

BIDDING PROCESS. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

Dated this 14th day of October 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk

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CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 171
ZONE CHANGE NO. 347
ZONE VARIANCE NO. 342

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 972 PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO. 1935 LOT MERGER NO. 712

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Time: 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 127000 Norwalk Boulevard,

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following application filed by Carl Schneider AIA, NCARB; a request to 1) re-construct a nonconforming neighborhood market which was destroyed; 2) change the general plan designation and zone of a residential property to allow commercial uses to enable the re-construction of the market; 3) allow off-sale beer and wine (Type 20) within the proposed market; 4) vary from the required building setbacks and separation between alcohol sales and residential uses; and 5) merge two lots into one. The subject property is generally known as 12061 163rd Street, located at northwest corner of 163rd Street and Horst Avenue, in the R-1, Single-Family Residential 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 for the proposed project. Final action regarding the Negative Declaration will be taken by the City Council. Public comments will be received on the Negative Declaration beginning on October 14, 2016 and ending on November 3, 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 the Community Development Department, Planning Division, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: Community Development Department at the address noted above. Written comments and requests for electronic copies of the agenda report may also be submitted via email to Monica Rodriguez, mrodriguez@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. Public Comments on the Negative Declaration may be submitted up until November 3, 2016.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planner at (562) 929-5710 or mrodriguez@normatica.

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 Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744. 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 14th day of October 2016.

Kurt H. Anderson Director of Community Development

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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 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

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.

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JO ANNA D. BUCKINGHAM AKA JO ANNA DELORES BUCKINGHAM CASE NO. 16STPB04847

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JO ANNA D. BUCKINGHAM AKA JO ANNA DELORES BUCKINGHAM. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TIMOTHY BUCKINGHAM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS

ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TIMOTHY BUCKINGHAM 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 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.

grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/07/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the

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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 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 --- official Records in the office of the Recorder

sale to I.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, the terms of 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 risk involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctione

a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may snould be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or the property in the same target benefits and the same target are the same target that the same target the same target the same target that the same target th more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (888) 988-6736 or visit this Internet Web site: salestrack.tdsf.com, using the file number assigned to this case L547968 L. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgage or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: September 23, 2016 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee CRYSTAL ESPINOZA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 4000 W. Metropolitan Dates State 400 Capage CA 23268 0000 Drive, Suite 400 Orange, CA 92868-0000 The Beneficiary may be attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (888) 988-6736 or you may access sales information at salestrack.tdsf.

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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 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 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 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. 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 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 pay grant to extraction 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-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, 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 Dead to the purposer(a) upon require to the 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 TARA CAMPBELL, FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER OFFICER NPP0292729 To: NORWALK PATRIOT PUB: 10/07/2016, 10/14/2016, 10/21/2016

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DOWNEY - STORM Wave, the electric motorcycle designed by STORM Eindhoven, a team of 24 Dutch students at Eindhoven University of Technology, rode into Downey this week as part of their 80-day world tour.

The goal of the journey is to show the potential of e-mobility worldwide. The team was in Los Angeles, where they visited various events, including a meeting with the Dutch Honorary Consul at the VTBS Architects Office, Downey High School's Engineering Department, and a group of local creatives at Stay Gallery.

The motorcycle runs on a battery pack designed by Eindhoven students. The pack consists of 24 cartridges that have 28.5 kWh of energy, which enables the motorcycle to travel 380 kilometers (236 miles) on a single charge.

STORM Eindhoven left the Netherlands to tour the world on Aug. 14. and traveled through Europe, the Middle East, and China before coming to the US.

The bike will travel down the West Coast and through the South and Midwest before finishing its tour of America in New York on Oct. 26. STORM will make stops in Sacramento, San Francisco, Phoenix, Dallas, Columbus, and Pittsburgh, among



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# Downey Councilman Luis Marquez, accused of having child out of wedlock, apologizes for 'making a mistake'

■ ALLEGATIONS: Downey council member is alleged to have had a child ouside his marriage.

By Alex Dominguez Contributor

**DOWNEY** - Downey political figures Luis and Alma Marquez have found themselves surrounded in controversy concerning a child that the councilmember allegedly fathered with another woman.

According to an official who spoke to the Patriot on the condition of anonymity, a woman by the name of Maribel Zavala has brought an allegedly out-of-wedlock child of Marquez's to light after the council member supposedly denied that the child is his.

According to this source, Zavala wants Marquez to take responsibility for the child.

The anonymous official also spoke of a meeting between the three parties involved, where Zavala supposedly said she was intimidated by Luis and Alma to not bring the issue to the public.

The source also said that all three parties were recently in court together, and that councilmember Marquez now faces a mandatory paternity test. The court case is sealed.

In a prepared statement, Councilman Marquez acknowledged "making a mistake" but called allegations of a love child "completely false" and "a political attack."

"This is a personal and legal matter that is affecting my family, so on the advice of our attorney, I will not be commenting on this issue any further other than this statement," Marquez said.



Luis Marquez and his wife, Alma. According to a source, a woman has brought a paternity suit against the councilman.

"I want to publicly apologize to my wife Alma, my children, my entire family and all the residents of Downey. I made a mistake and I am working through it with my wife and family. My number one concern is protecting my children and family.

"I am proud of what I have accomplished as a Councilmember during my nearly 8 years on the council and I want the residents of Downey know that this issue will not keep me from fulfilling my city duties and doing the peoples work during my last two months on the council.

"I made a mistake and my wife Alma should not be paying the consequences with these completely false allegations and political attacks to discredit her candidacy for Downey City Council....These smear and political dirty tactics have no place in our Downey political landscape."

The controversy comes at an interesting time for the Marquez family, as Luis will finish his final City Council term in the next few months, and Alma is currently running to replace him.

The issue was the subject of an

article recently published by a local

Alma released a statement in response, saying in part:

"This article and what it says about me is baseless and a complete Saturday, Oct. 8, when they fabrication. It cites 'sources close to

As its source of information, the so-called reporter never contacted me, my husband or any of the parties about whom this story is supposed to be about.

"Mr. Brian Hews is a political hitman posing as a newspaper reporter and is a disgrace to all real reporters who do their reporting with journalistic integrity. Mr. Hews has put profits before ethics. Anyone who has followed his 'stories' can attest to the fact that he is nothing more than a hired gun for whomever can pay him to run political attack stories.

"...I can only surmise that Mr. Brian Hews has again taken money publish this despicable and untrue political hit against me in a cowardly attempt to destroy my

credibility and ruin my chances of winning a seat in the Downey City

"I am running a clean campaign based on my merits and experience, this is why I have earned the trust and support of many in my community, including Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Janice Hahn, Senator Tony Mendoza and many other public and private sector leaders and most of my neighbors..."

Zavala did not respond to calls for comment.

## **Downey High SkillsUSA students** put in a day of community service

**DOWNEY** - Seventy Downey High School students put their leadership skills to the test on volunteered at the Dare 2B Digital exposition, which was hosted at the

The daylong event introduced almost 1,000 Downey Unified middle school students and parents to cutting edge digital technologies.

The DHS student volunteers are part of the school's SkillsUSA team. Through the day, they helped register participants, provided directions, assisted program presenters, and documented the event through photography and video.

"They were amazing," said Norma Kropelinicki of Dare 2B Digital. "I work with a lot of volunteers and I would take this group anytime."

At the end of the event, the students hunkered down in the shade for a group photo and a wellearned break. "I couldn't be more proud of your professionalism," teacher Frida J. Vadgama, Downey High's SkillsUSA lead advisor, told

SkillsUSA is a national program that builds leadership skills and supports career and technical education, Vadgama said.

Many of the students who worked Saturday will participate in SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills competitions at the regional level, with gold, silver and bronze medalists advancing to the state and possibly even national competitions.

Nicholas Acosta, co-president of Downey High's SkillsUSA team, was happy with the volunteer turnout and with the enthusiasm of his peers. "I like to see students involved not only in school but in the community," he

Dare 2B Digital event featured presentations by leaders in cuttingedge technologies such as virtual reality, space exploration and digital entertainment. NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Southern California Edison were among the presenters. The event also included appearances by celebrities Kevin McHale of "Glee," YouTube stars such as Leo Camacho, and others.





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