

## Shared Stories: The Ties That Bind

Statistics show that a fair number of young people today are not as anxious to drive as teenagers were many decades ago. Janice Collins learned to drive on the back roads of Colorado, and even a rollover accident didn't deter her or her friend. 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.

### “No Stopping a Determind Driver” By Janice Collins

I've been in two car accidents that were the rollover kind. The first was when my girlfriend Delores and I were travelling near her home on sandy country roads in Colorado.

She hit a rut in the road near a large ditch, causing the car to swerve. We rolled over and the car landed on the embankment. I was not trapped, just tossed around in the car, and I lost my glasses and shoes.

When I couldn't see her, I crawled out of the window on my side and went around the car trying to find her. Her head was sticking out from under the car which was upside down and covering her body.

She was conscious, and asked me not to leave her because it was such a terrifying thing to have happened. Since I could not help her, I left, telling her that I was going for help.

I ran faster than I had ever run before, shoeless and without glasses, to the nearest farm house to make phone calls.

When I got to a house with a fenced yard, the dogs didn't accept me. So I hollered for help. The people heard me and made phone calls, and then took me back to the site.

An ambulance came for Delores and the parents of both of us also came. Fortunately, Delores was in a small depression under the car, and it must have been made when we hit the embankment and rolled over.

She was only bruised, no broken bones or concussion. I was taken to the doctor's just to be checked. We were both about seventeen and the accident didn't deter us from driving. Our parents were calm and didn't want us to feel any worse than we already did.

My second rollover accident involved my car. My husband was taking us to Denver to visit my father who had ulcer surgery.

We hit a slick spot in the paved road, after a rain storm. We slid and rolled the car. The car was totaled.

My husband's finger was badly cut, and he held it in place while we tried to stop the bleeding. We were fortunate that a passerby stopped to take us to the Denver hospital so he could get stitches.

My husband was a very brave person to have handled the situation so well. He was more worried about me instead of himself.

Once again, the accident didn't stop us from driving.

## Former state senator Ron Calderon gets 3 1/2 years in prison for accepting bribes



**MONTEBELLO** – Former state Senator Ron Calderon was sentenced last week to three and a half years in federal prison after pleading guilty to a federal corruption charge, admitting that he accepted tens of thousands of dollars in bribes in exchange for performing official acts as a legislator.

Calderon, 59, of Montebello, received the 42-month sentence last Friday afternoon from United States District Judge Christina A. Snyder, who also ordered the defendant to serve 150 hours of community service.

Calderon pleaded guilty in June to one count of mail fraud through the deprivation of honest services. In a plea agreement filed in this case, Calderon admitted accepting bribe payments from the owner of a Long Beach hospital who wanted a law to remain in effect so he could continue to reap tens of millions of dollars in illicit profits from a health care fraud scheme. Calderon also admitted taking bribes from undercover FBI agents who were posing as independent filmmakers who wanted changes to California's Film Tax Credit program.

Ron Calderon's brother, Tom Calderon, 62, also of Montebello, a former member of the California State Assembly who became a political consultant, was sentenced last month to 10 months in custody for his conviction on a money laundering charge for allowing bribe money earmarked for his brother to be funneled through his company.

“Former Senator [Ron] Calderon repeatedly violated the trust of the voters by taking nearly \$160,000 in bribes in exchange for abusing his position as an elected official,” said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. “The Calderons are now being punished for their roles in a bribery scheme that involved multiple forms of payments, as well as the attempted concealment of the scheme through money laundering and lies made to residents of his district. Politicians who violate their oaths by selling their offices will be discovered and will be prosecuted.”

“Mr. Calderon used the power of the state Senate to dole out favors in exchange for bribe payments and a flashy lifestyle, rather than governing honestly for the people of California,” said Deirdre Fike, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. “I'm proud of the agents and prosecutors who made this case a success using innovative techniques to uncover a variety of schemes and abject corruption by a state official.”

“At the heart of this case are two brothers – one a politician, the other the facilitator – who thought they were above the law and could exchange political favors for bribery payments,” stated IRS Criminal Investigation's Acting Special Agent in Charge, Anthony J. Orlando.

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Photo by Christian Brown

## Hahn and Napolitano clash over solutions to traffic and homelessness

■ The two L.A. County Supervisorial candidates agreed on major goals, but differed on how to get there.

By Christian Brown  
Editor

**CERRITOS** – The two candidates competing to replace outgoing Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe displayed sharp contrasts on issues of transportation and homelessness during a debate in Cerritos on Tuesday night.

Rep. Janice Hahn (D-San Pedro), a former L.A. city council member, is running against Steve Napolitano, a former mayor of Manhattan Beach and Knabe's senior deputy, for the Fourth Supervisorial District seat.

Hosted by KPCC at Cerritos Library, the nearly 90-minute debate highlighted the differences between Hahn and Napolitano who shared similar goals for L.A. County, but proposed separate paths to get there.

Perhaps the greatest difference arose over transportation and Measure M, the county initiative to instate a permanent half-cent sales tax to raise \$840 million per year to fund transit operations and traffic decongestion efforts.

Hahn offered her support for the measure, while acknowledging it needed oversight to ensure the funds go towards the cities in the Fourth District.

“I'm very upset about the ballot language, but this will provide \$120 billion, create good jobs, and fast track these transit projects,” she said.

Napolitano opposes the measure, citing the 43 cities that

have petitioned against the tax proposal.

“This is a city of L.A.-driven measure. It's shortchanging the Fourth District. I'm standing with my cities and voting no on Measure M,” he said.

The candidates also addressed homelessness, which increased by 5.7% in L.A. County since 2015.

Napolitano proposed creating private/public partnerships to tackle the issue by increasing more low-income and transitional housing options. He even floated the idea of a quarter-cent sales tax dedicated entirely for homeless services.

“Our non-profits are overwhelmed -- we need help to fund these programs,” he said.

Hahn agreed that more money should be earmarked for homelessness prevention, offering her support for rapid re-housing and the “Millionaire's Tax,” which could raise \$250 million from increasing taxes on wealthy residents of L.A. County.

Both candidates agreed that addressing mental health was also key in the conversations around homelessness.

The tensest moment of the debate came when Hahn was asked to defend reports that her campaign accepted nearly \$440,000 in illegal donations from political action committees, which can only donate \$150,000.

Hahn said she has since paid the money back, calling the excess donations a misunderstanding of campaign financing rules, which did give Hahn's campaign higher fundraising limits on personal donations since Napolitano self-funded his campaign with \$2 million.

## Metro and Caltrans seek Norwalk opinions on potential I-605 freeway widening project

By Christian Brown  
Editor

**NORWALK** – The I-5 widening project is still years from completion, but that's not stopping Metro from prepping for the next congestion relief effort along another busy freeway corridor in southeast Los Angeles County -- the I-605.

The L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Caltrans hosted a public scoping meeting in Norwalk on Thursday and will facilitate another in Whittier next Thursday to both inform and gather input from residents about plans to possibly widen the I-605 Corridor.

Over the next decade, transportation officials believe

population and goods movement will place even greater demands on the I-605 stretch between the I-105 up to the I-10.



Photo by Jeff Turner

As a result, Caltrans and Metro are working on drafting environmental impact reports to evaluate widening options as well as alternatives like increased transit.

The proposed I-605 Corridor Improvement Project will also seek to relieve traffic on State Route 60 and on the I-5 from Florence Avenue to Paramount Boulevard.

In order to make it past the pre-construction stage, Caltrans and Metro must incorporate input from residents potentially affected by the freeway improvements.

The next scoping meeting for residents in southeast L.A. County is scheduled for Nov. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Palm Park, located at 5703 Palm Ave. in Whittier.

For more information or to share comments about the I-605 Corridor project, contact Isidro Panuco at (213) 922-4091 or via e-mail at i605corridor@metro.net.

## Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 78°

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### THINGS TO DO



#### Festival Supreme

**Saturday - Shrine Expo Hall, 3 p.m.**

Music and comedy festival featuring “Weird Al” Yankovic, Mayra Rudolph, Patton Oswalt and more.



#### Halloween Capers

**Saturday - Uptown Whittier, 3-6 p.m.**

Family event with trick-or-treating, face painting, rides, and costume contests.



#### Fall Festival

**Saturday - Center Street Promenade in Anaheim, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Carnival games, food, costume contests and Halloween parade starting at 6 p.m.



#### Legally Blonde the Musical

**Saturday - Whittier Center Theatre, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

Tickets \$23 at the door.



#### Monster Bash

**Monday - Norwalk City Hall Lawn, 6-8 p.m.**

A free, family-friendly Halloween event with a costume contest, food vendors, games and candy.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

**Norwalk-La Mirada School District eyes \$2 million refurbishment of Excelsior High School Auditorium**

**Dick Morris:** I applaud the effort to refurbish the Excelsior High School auditorium. I only hope this grand old lady, built in the late 1930s is not modified so that it loses its historic architectural style and grandeur.

**Denise Ann:** They need to give that funding to our kids. Not to refurbishing an auditorium. The kids are suffering big time.

**Victor Angel Camarena:** Tear it down, build something useful.

**Judi Hink Richardson:** I disagree! Our auditorium is in great need of refurbishment and two million doesn't go that far. Go to it and do it right! Save our Excelsior! We

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# Calderon awards \$2M grant to Norwalk-La Mirada school district for remodel of former Excelsior High School auditorium



**NORWALK** – State Assemblyman Ian Calderon presented a symbolic check for \$2 million to the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District board of education on Monday for the refurbishment of the Excelsior High School Auditorium.

With Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez and City Council members Cheri Kelley and Leonard Shryock in attendance, Calderon promised the state funds would pay for improvements to the roughly 100-year-old facility.

The refurbishment may include, but is not limited to, upgrading the auditorium’s seating, stage area, lighting and sound systems.

Also, school district officials hope to bring the facility up to code with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

The auditorium is currently hosting religious services weekly and is available for special events, such as this past June’s open house at the All-Class (Excelsior) picnic.

The Excelsior High School campus closed in 1982, but has been the site for the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District Adult School for many years since. – **Raul Samaniego, Contributor**

## Cerritos in negotiations to bring in Sprouts Market

**CERRITOS** – The city of Cerritos is in final negotiations to bring Sprouts Farmers Market to the Lincoln Station shopping center located near the southeast corner of South Street and Pioneer Boulevard.

The new grocery store will take the place of the Sports Authority previously located in that center.

The addition of Sprouts will be complemented by architectural upgrades and landscaping updates made to the Lincoln Station shopping center, Cerritos officials said. The store is expected to open in the summer of 2017.

“I am thrilled to announce that the city is in negotiations to bring Sprouts to Cerritos,” said Mayor George Ray. “Sprouts will be a wonderful addition to our community, and the accompanying upgrades planned at Lincoln Station will help to revitalize the shopping center.”

Sprouts grocery stores offer a variety of natural, organic and gluten-free items. There are approximately 240 Sprouts stores located in 13 states throughout the country.

## Family-friendly Halloween bash coming Monday

**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 public 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](http://Norwalk.org) or call (562) 929-5521 for details. Food will be available for purchase at the event.

## Classics book club returns to Alondra Library this month

**NORWALK** – The Alondra Library’s “Classics I Always Said I Was Going To Read” Book Club is reading E.M. Forster’s “A Passage To India” for the month of November.

The book follows an Englishwoman who travels to colonial India with the best and purest of intentions, but ends up causing irreparable damage to the reputation of an Indian doctor who had been held in esteem by his society.

A light-hearted discussion about this classic will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 pm. Copies of the book are available at Alondra Library, located at 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Refreshments will be served during the discussion.

## NORWALK SPORTS



Photo by William Odis Martin

## PREVIEW: Norwalk Lancers need a big game from Jordan Thomas against Artesia High

**NORWALK** – The Norwalk High School Lancers are fresh off a bye this week and are set to face off with the evenly-matched Artesia High Pioneers tonight at 7 p.m. The Pioneers will showcase star running back Jordan Benoit who is averaging a league-high 108-yards per game on the ground.

The Lancers and the Pioneers match up pretty evenly when you break down their wins and losses. Both losing to La Mirada and Mayfair in nearly identical fashion. The Lancers will need to have a big game from Jordan Thomas, who leads the team in sacks and is occasionally called on to hammer the ball into the endzone as a fullback with his 6’3-260lb frame.

Against Cerritos High School, Thomas had five solo tackles, including a sack on defense. On offense, he had 12 carries for 71 yards, a touchdown and a successful two-point conversion. Not too shabby for the standout senior.

He will need to have another one of those performances coupled with a balanced attack through the air and on the ground.

Norwalk quarterback, Brionne Penny will also try to pick up where he left off two weeks ago against Cerritos, where he threw for 177 yards and 2 touchdowns. His quarterback rating of 146.8 was his best of the season because he managed to not turn the ball over and completed 7 of 11 passes.

■ The La Mirada High School Matadors on the other hand are predicted to win the Southern Section Division 3 High School Championship, according to MaxPreps.com. The sports site uses its rankings algorithm to predict the winner by computing the stats of a team and its opponents.

The Matadores have a bye this week which means they have two weeks to prepare all-conference quarterback Tristan Meyer for the regular season finale as they face Artesia High School at Ron Yary Field on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. – **William Odis Martin, Intern**

## Construction begins on final segment of I-5 South widening project

**LA MIRADA** – Caltrans and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) on Wednesday began construction on the I-5 Valley View Avenue Interchange Project.

This is the sixth and final project to begin construction on I-5 and will add new carpool and general-purpose lanes in each direction from the Los Angeles County / Orange County Line to the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605).

Roughly 170,000 vehicles pass through this location along I-5 daily.

The project will improve corridor mobility from the county line to I-605, provide congestion relief and improve safety and goods movement.

“This is the final hurdle toward making transportation safer and less congested along this vital stretch of the I-5 South corridor,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “It brings us one step closer toward improving freeway connections for commerce and the local communities.”

This project will replace a 60-year-old four-lane bridge with a six-lane overcrossing, while keeping lanes open to traffic. The new bridge will span 1,640 feet and include a railroad bridge to separate local traffic from trains, increasing traffic and pedestrian safety, and eliminating hazards associated with train-vehicle collisions.

The Valley View Avenue Interchange segment is located between the Artesia Boulevard undercrossing to North Fork Coyote Creek, through the cities of Buena Park, La Mirada, Cerritos and Santa Fe Springs.

The Valley View Avenue Interchange project cost is \$631 million and is being funded through a combination of federal, state and local resources.

Construction is anticipated to be complete in late 2019.

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# MARTIN: How should you vote on the most controversial ballot propositions? I’ll tell you.

By William Odis Martin

**Prop. 56- Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute-** Prop 56 is a complex and divisive proposition because I can agree with proponents on both sides of the fence on this issue.

I would recommend a “No” vote on Prop. 56 because it would raise the cigarette tax from .87 cents to \$2.87 per pack. Currently California’s tobacco tax ranks 37th highest in the country but would jump to eighth if passed. Some of the extra money will be dispersed to preventative awareness programs, e.g., Medicare and breast cancer, but what about lung cancer?

Net revenues are projected as high as \$1.4 billion by 2017-2018, but this measure is suppose to deter smokers from succumbing to the nicotine cravings so in turn that number is expected to fall over time. Legislatures will be forced to continue to increase the tax in order to make up for loss of revenue annually to afford this measure because implementing law enforcement and collecting the tax will have to come from somewhere.

**Prop. 57- California Parole for Nonviolent Criminals and Juvenile Court Trial Requirements Initiative-** I would recommend a “Yes” vote on Prop. 57. Gov. Jerry Brown backed this measure in hopes it would lower inmate populations in the outrageously overcrowded California prison system by creating incentives for rehabilitated nonviolent prisoners to remain on their best behavior, ultimately expediting their release. It would also allow a judge to determine whether a juvenile should be tried as an adult which I believe makes the most sense.

**Prop. 58- The California Non-English Languages Allowed in Public Education Act** (Senate Bill 1174)- A profound “Yes” on Prop. 58, which would repel the borderline-racist Proposition 227 from 1998 and lead the way into the future by allowing multilingualism in public schools throughout California. This is personal to me because as a child, my first language was Spanish.

My grandparents came here from Peru in the late 50s, in a time that was not as accepting toward immigrants and non-English speaking families. My mom and uncles assimilated quickly and quietly into fluent English speakers and successfully lost any form of an accent but maintained bilingual.

After struggling to learn English, I spent my first three years of grade school refusing to answer my grandparents in Spanish because I wanted to perfect my English and extinguish my Hispanic accent.

In the process I forgot how to speak Spanish but held on to the comprehension so I would speak in English to my grandparents and they would reply in Spanish. I didn’t want anything to get in the way of my assimilation but I almost forgot the importance of my heritage in the process.

I hope that if this passes, it would allow kids like myself comfort enough to speak their native language and English both at school and at home.

**Prop. 59-California Overturn of Citizens United Act Advisory Question** (Senate Bill 254)- This one is an easy and definitive “Yes” to Prop. 59, a bill that would call on our elected officials to overturn the controversial Citizens United vs Federal Election Committee. It is a step in the right direction but many more state legislatures need to step forward and take big money out of politics.

**Prop. 60, the Condoms in Pornographic Films Initiative,** “Yes on Prop 60” and here’s why. Although I know California, specifically the notorious San Fernando Valley, is known as the porn capital of the U.S., and this would inevitably hurt our tax revenue, it is a must that we protect our actors.

Too often porn directors force actors to perform without protection in turn risking their health. It would also make the producers pay for STD and STI testing and be able to prove the video was shot with condoms even though they don’t have to be visible after post-production of the video.

**Prop 61, the Drug Price Standards Initiative-** This is a big money topic that has a lot of financially and physically hurt people’s well beings on the line. I would strongly recommend a vote “Yes on Prop 61” because it would help people afford the medications that they desperately need and lessen the fiscal burden of medical.

The pharmaceutical companies have injected over \$108 million in opposition of the bill while proponents raised roughly \$15 million, according to campaign reports making it the most expensive campaign on this year’s ballot.

Big Pharma wants to keep their pockets fat by making you believe that if Medi-Cal gets the same prices that the VA gets, then we will have a major financial collapse or that veterans’ medicine would in turn rise. This would not happen and everyone wins except for Big Pharma if we vote “YES on 61”.

**Prop 62, the Repeal of the Death Penalty Initiative-** No but Yes to **Prop 66- Californians to Mend, Not End, the Death Penalty-**, also known as “No on Prop 62 and Yes on Prop 66,” is leading the campaign in opposition to Proposition 62 and makes way more sense in my opinion. I feel like some crimes deserve capital punishment. Criminals should work while on Death Row to pay restitution to the victims families and Prop 62 says up to 60% of inmates’ wages will go to that while 66 says up to 70% should.

I think that the death penalty is currently a vital deterrent of heinous crimes in California and should remain one of the 30 states that exercises the death penalty.

**Prop 63, the Background Checks for Ammunition Purchases and Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazine Ban Initiative-** “No on Prop 63,” because I believe that anyone who wishes to buy ammo should be able to without paying for an additional permit and jumping through yet another hoop to exercise your Second Amendment right.

If you must be screened to buy a gun, you shouldn’t have to be screened again to use it. Also I think that large clips shouldn’t be banned because we already have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and we have an expansive desert that is perfect to unload some clips into.

**Prop 64, the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative-** A resounding “Yes to Prop 64,” because it would help create jobs, fight injustice, skyrocket revenue in state taxes, and potentially eliminate the deficit. California is currently the 8th largest economy in the world, and is home to more than 39 million people.

That is more than twice the combined population of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Washington D.C., the four places that legalized marijuana so far. Imagine the amount of revenue the state will garner over the next few years if it is passed. It could single-handedly save our state’s economy that is quickly becoming bad for business because of outlandish taxes. This flexible bill is long overdue.

Finally, the money is on the “Yes” side opposed to previous years when the vast majority of the money was opposing the legalization of marijuana. Currently proponents for the bill have outspent the competition 70-1, which is a good sign for California’s high society.

California is considered to be a catalyst for the federal legalization of marijuana because if it pans out to be fiscally successful in California it is more likely to be approved federally to help reduce our \$16 trillion deficit.

## Letters to the Editor:

### Renaming Excelsior’s Auditorium

Dear Editor:

No public building or facility should be named for a living person, it is to give in to the “Edifice Complex” that exists in many organizations/ persons.

In fact, like with halls of fame and such, proposed recipients of such an honor should be deceased for a period of time before they are eligible.

Drew Kelley  
Downey

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## California Highway Patrol: Tips for trick-or-treaters on Halloween

Halloween is the celebration of all things scary. For children, this means dressing up as their favorite characters and enjoying tricks and treats. For adults, the celebration often involves alcohol.

Unfortunately, Halloween is also known for having the highest number of child-pedestrian deaths all year and ranks among the worst for holiday-related DUI crashes and deaths. The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and California Highway Patrol (CHP) are providing tips to trick-or-treaters, parents, and partygoers to keep everyone safe this Halloween.

“Halloween should be a time of fun for kids and adults alike,” said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. “Some planning ahead, plus extra caution that night, can keep everyone safe on our streets this year.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on Halloween night between 2009 and 2013, 119 people were killed by drunk driving, and 43 percent of all motor vehicle deaths involved drunk driving. The number of deaths among pedestrians ages 5 to 14 is four times higher between 4 and 10 p.m. on Halloween than on any other evening of the year. In 2013, 26 percent of all pedestrian fatalities on Halloween night involved a drunk driver.

“With an increase in the number of children and adults out on Halloween, motorists play a critical role in helping to keep them safe,” said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. “As a driver, it is important to abide by the rules of the road and remain alert, sober, and free from distraction.”

Trick-or-treaters are often too excited and forget about safety, so motorists and parents must be even more aware. Keep these helpful tips in mind when out and about:

- Plan your route ahead of time on well-lit streets. Avoid busy streets.
- Choose a costume that makes it easy to walk, see and be seen. Light color costumes are best.
- Select costumes, masks, wigs, or beards made of flame-retardant materials (check the labels). Avoid flimsy, lightweight fabrics and costumes with billowing skirts or loose baggy sleeves.
- A mask may keep kids from seeing well, so make sure they take it off before crossing the street. Consider using makeup instead of a mask for added safety.

•It is best to trick-or-treat when it is still light outside, but carry a flashlight so trick-or-treaters can see and drivers can see them.


•Use retro-reflective tape on costumes. Be creative in applying it to make it fun to be seen.

Adults often party on Halloween night, which can lead to drunk and drugged driving, and even dangers fueled by costumes and the excitement of the night. Motorists, partygoers, and hosts should keep these tips in mind:

•Avoid driving through residential areas where trick-or-treaters are likely to be present.

•This is a night to slow down, be extra cautious, and obey all traffic signs and signals. The risk of killing a pedestrian increases with just small increases in speed. A pedestrian is nearly twice as likely to be killed if hit by a car going 30 mph compared to 25 mph.

•Party hosts should have plenty of food on hand for everyone throughout the evening and several non-alcoholic drink choices for the designated drivers. Do not allow anyone to leave if you have any doubts about their ability to drive.



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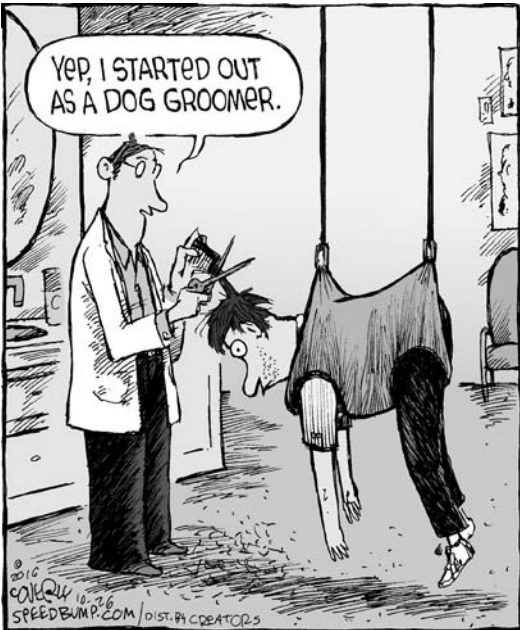
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MONDAYS

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

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School  
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel  
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3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

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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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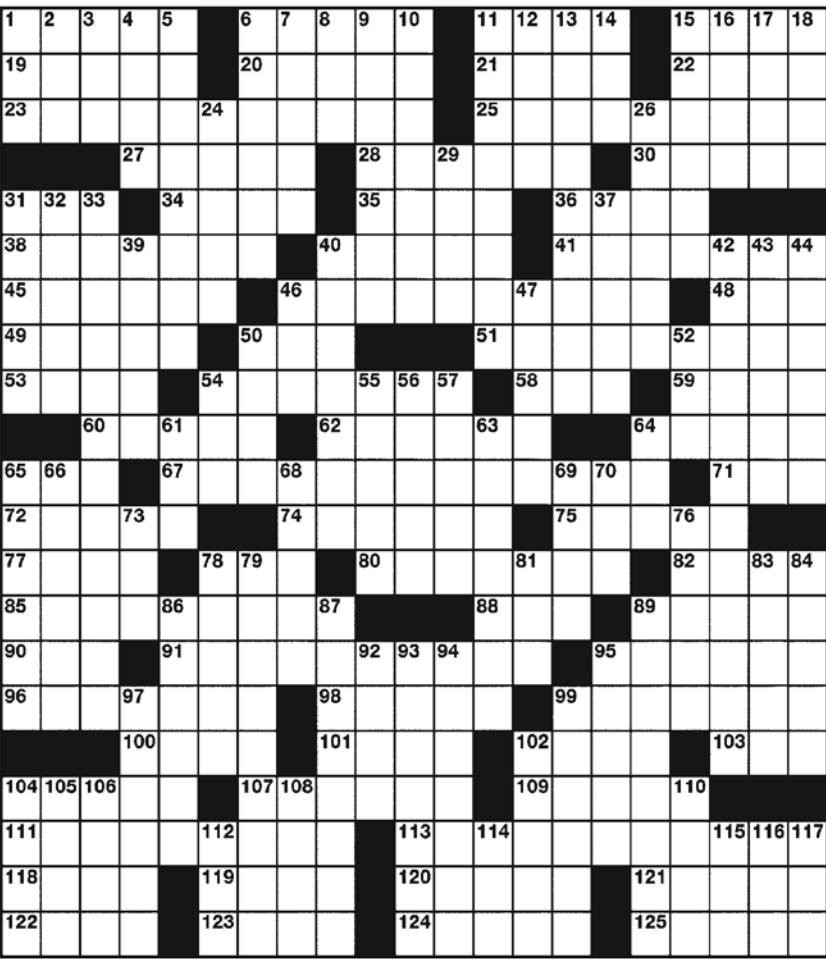
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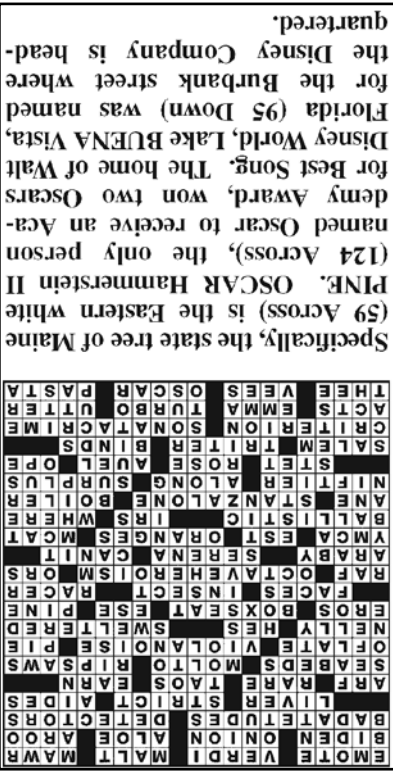


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CITY OF NORWALK

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 16-1682 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH CODE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2016, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 16-1682, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor Mendez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

The Norwalk City Council will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 16-1682, which will adopt by reference the Los Angeles County Health Code including County Public Health Licenses Regulation for the Operation of Mobile Food Facilities, in Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Ordinance No. 16-1682 comprehensively updates Norwalk Municipal Code Chapters 8.04 – County Health Code Adopted and 8.08 Public Health Licenses Regulation Adopted. The City of Norwalk is re-adopting these two portions of the Los Angeles County Code, by reference, which are Title 11, Division 1 – Health Code and Title 8, Division 1 – Consumer Protection Business and Wage Regulations - Public Health Licenses Regulation, respectively. The adoption of these two codes will facilitate administration of the Health Code and Public Health Licenses which are enforced by the Los Angeles County Health Department. **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. If you challenge the proposed Ordinance, 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:** Copies of the agenda report and a complete copy of Ordinance No. 16-1682 will be available for public review at www.norwalkca.gov or at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner at (562) 929-5953 or 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 28th day of October 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC  
City Clerk  
  
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CITY OF NORWALK  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 16-1683 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2016 CALIFORNIA CODES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2016, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 16-1683, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor Mendez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

The Norwalk City Council will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 16-1683, which will adopt by reference the 2016 California Codes, in Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650.

The proposed Ordinance No. 16-1683 will amend the existing Sections 15.04, 15.06, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.24, 15.28, 15.30 and 15.32 of the City of Norwalk Municipal Code adopting by reference and amending the 2016 California Building Code, 2016 California Residential Code, 2016 California Fire Code, 2016 California Plumbing Code, 2016 California Electrical Code, 2016 California Mechanical Code, 2016 California Green Building Standards, and 2016 California Existing Building Code. Ordinance No. 16-1683 modifies these codes to provide for specific local climatic, geologic and topographic conditions. It also sets forth regulations that apply to all construction and development throughout the City. The provisions of the ordinance would take effect on January 1, 2017.

**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. If you challenge the proposed Ordinance, 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:** Copies of the agenda report and a complete copy of Ordinance No. 16-1683 will be available for public review at www.norwalkca.gov or at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Anthony Weinhold, Building & Safety Manager, at (562) 929-5733 or tweinholt@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 28th day of October 2016.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT OTTO QUINTERO aka ROBERT O. QUINTERO Case No. 16STPB04930

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT OTTO QUINTERO aka ROBERT O. QUINTERO A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Angelita Quintero Toscano in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Angelita Quintero Toscano 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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 8, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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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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.

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 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LARRY ROBERT EDMISSON aka LARRY R. EDMISSON Case No. 16STPB05308

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LARRY ROBERT EDMISSON aka LARRY R. EDMISSON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James Robert Royer in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that James Robert Royer 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 on Nov. 28, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALFRED ROSCOE LANIER Case No. 16STPB05148

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALFRED ROSCOE LANIER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David McCullar in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David McCullar 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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 16, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 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.

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APN: 8079-028-008 TS No: CA01000081-16 TO No: 95309839 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 18, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 18, 2016 at 09:00 AM, near the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, Special Default Services, Inc., as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 29, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 1000945 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by ANTHONY D. LONGINO AND PAOLA A. LONGINO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NAT CITY BANK OF IN as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11408 HAYFORD STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made 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 thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$111,433.44 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances may increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or 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 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 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 In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Special Default Services, Inc. or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA01000081-16. 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. Date: October 20, 2016 Special Default Services, Inc. TS No. CA01000081-16 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 (844) 706-4182 TDD: 866-660-4288 Lisa Florbacker, Trustee Sales Officer SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 SPECIAL DEFAULT SERVICES, INC. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ISL Number 21345, Pub Dates: 10/28/2016, 11/04/2016, 11/11/2016, NORWALK PATRIOT

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LA MIRADA – A 1997 La Mirada High School graduate and La Mirada native is serving in the U.S. Navy with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 126.

Chief Petty Officer Andy Sutherland works with the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Squadron, VAW 126, also known as "Seahawks," operating out of Norfolk, Virginia.

He is the leading chief petty officer in charge of the aircraft division and quality assurance.

"Helping people and serving my country is a great opportunity," said Sutherland.

The primary mission of VAW-126 is to provide mission-ready and combat-ready E-2D aircraft and capable aircrew wherever needed, on time, and safely.

With a crew of nearly 150 sailors, jobs are highly specialized and designed to keep each part of the Hawkeye running smoothly. Whether training new aviators, maintaining airframes and engines, processing paperwork, or handling and flying the aircraft, the key to success is teamwork.

"We go above and beyond to help our people at this command," said Sutherland. "We are pretty close knit and work well together. We know a lot about each other because we care."

"I have served in the Navy for 18 years," added Sutherland. "There is a lot to it. It's a duty, service, volunteerism and sacrifice."

The Seahawks of VAW-126 are assigned to Carrier Air Wing ONE.

Paramount seeks \$106M school bond for upgrades

PARAMOUNT – The Paramount Unified School District community will vote in November on a \$106 million bond measure that would fund updates, repairs and modernization of the District's 10 elementary schools, four middle schools, a K-8 school and two high schools.

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

Approximately 10 percent of the funds raised from the proposed Measure I school bond would go to upgrade technology capacity and help the District provide more students with digital tools.

The District has already started upgrading wireless connectivity at its primary comprehensive high school, Paramount High School. The District installed new Wi-Fi technology three months ago at the

high school. Bond funds would go toward other campuses that have not already received upgraded wireless connectivity.

Bond funds would also provide more digital devices at the high school.

The terms of the school bond on the November ballot, Measure I, require strict accountability, establish an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandate annual audits. The bond money cannot be used for administrator salaries or pensions.

Measure I would, among other things, support facility upgrades like alarm systems and repairs that would enhance safety and security across campuses.

Taxpayers would pay about \$58 per \$100,000 in assessed property value for the bond measure.

For example, the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 would pay \$174 per year.

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# GUILTY: Ron Calderon’s brother, Tom, was convicted last month of laundering the bribe payments

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“Regardless of circumstances, no one is granted an exemption to commit crimes with impunity. As today’s sentence shows, the government will hold accountable those who use fraud and deceit to line their pockets with money, especially when those individuals are serving the California public.”

Calderon admitted participating in a bribery scheme involving two areas of legislation and the hiring of a staffer who was also an undercover FBI agent.

In the first part of the bribery scheme, Calderon took bribes from Michael Drobot, the former owner of Pacific Hospital in Long Beach, which was a major provider of spinal surgeries that were often paid by workers’ compensation programs. The spinal surgeries are at the center of a massive healthcare fraud scheme that Drobot orchestrated and to which he previously pleaded guilty. Calderon was not charged in the health care fraud scheme that led to well over \$500 million in fraudulent billings. Drobot, who was described in court papers filed by prosecutors as “a greedy fraudster robbing taxpayer-funded federal programs,” was a client of Tom Calderon’s political consulting firm.

California law known as the “spinal pass-through” legislation allowed a hospital to pass on to insurance companies the full cost it had paid for medical hardware it used during spinal surgeries. As Drobot admitted in court, his hospital exploited this law, typically by using hardware that had been purchased at highly-inflated prices from companies that Drobot controlled and passing this cost along to insurance providers.

Drobot bribed Ron Calderon so that he would use his public office to preserve this law that helped Drobot maintain a long-running and lucrative healthcare fraud scheme, which included Calderon asking a fellow senator to introduce legislation favorable to Drobot and attempting to recruit other senators to support Drobot.

The payments from Drobot came in the form of summer employment for Ron Calderon’s son, who was hired as a summer file clerk at Pacific Hospital and received a total of \$30,000 over the course of three years, despite the son doing little actual work at the hospital.

In another part of the bribery scheme, Ron Calderon accepted bribes from people he thought were associated with an independent film studio, but who were in fact undercover FBI agents. In exchange for the payments – including \$30,000 in payments to Ron Calderon’s daughter for services she never provided – Ron Calderon agreed to support an expansion of a state law that gave tax credits to studios that produced independent films in California.

The Film Tax Credit applied to productions of at least \$1 million, but, in exchange for bribes, Ron Calderon agreed to support new legislation to reduce this threshold to \$750,000, according to the plea agreement.

Ron Calderon took several official actions with respect to reducing the threshold for the Film Tax Credit. Ron Calderon signed a letter on his official Senate letterhead indicating that he would propose legislation lowering the threshold, introduced a “spot bill” he told an undercover agent would be used to propose such legislation, and promised that he would vote in favor of that proposed legislation.

In addition to the payments to his daughter for work she did not do,

Ron Calderon had one of the undercover agents make a \$5,000 payment toward his son’s college tuition and a \$25,000 payment to Californians for Diversity, a non-profit entity that Ron Calderon and his brother used to improperly pay themselves.

In a sentencing memorandum filed with the court, prosecutors write that Ron Calderon “sold his vote not just to help pay for the expenses of living beyond his means, but for the more banal and predictable aims of corruption -- fancy luxuries, fancy parties, and fancy people.”

The memorandum further argues that a significant term of imprisonment was necessary to send a message to other political officials and the electorate because, without such a sentence, “the trust already eroded by individual detections of corrupt politicians will spread like cancer and threaten the fundamentals of a trusted democracy. It is not hyperbole to insist that nothing less is at stake in defendant’s sentencing.”

As part of the agreement with the undercover agents, Ron Calderon performed official acts that led to the hiring of another undercover agent as a staffer in his district office at an annual salary of \$45,105.

Ron Calderon “knowingly concealed his bribery scheme from the public by submitting a false Statement of Economic Interest, California Form 700, to the California Fair Political Practices Commission, which failed to disclose the money and other financial benefits defendant he had received from Drobot” and the undercover agents, Ron Calderon admitted in his plea agreement.

Tom Calderon pleaded guilty to money laundering and admitted that he agreed to conceal bribe payments for his brother from the two undercover FBI agents by having the money go through his company, the Calderon Group. Tom Calderon allowed payments to be made to the Calderon Group “to conceal and disguise the fact that the money represented the proceeds of bribery,” according to his plea agreement.

The investigation into the Calderons was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and IRS Criminal Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mack E. Jenkins of the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section.

## ABC Unified School District hosts parent forum on new state standards

**HAWAIIAN GARDENS** – Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu will host a forum for ABC Unified School District parents next week in order to explain new state accountability requirements, which include testing and updated student outcomes.

Assistant Superintendent of academic services Valencia Mayfield will also answer questions about the new state accountability system, which does not only take into account student test scores, but also teacher qualifications, suspension rates, and the level of college prep work.

The ABC Unified School District includes the cities of Cerritos, Artesia, Hawaiian Gardens and portions of Norwalk.

The forum is being hosted Thursday, Nov. 3, 6-7:30 p.m. at Fedde Middle School, located at 21406 S. Elaine Ave. in Hawaiian Gardens.



Corvallis Middle School administrators check in teachers, students and staff during the statewide earthquake drill, the Great ShakeOut, on Oct. 20, to review safety drill procedures. | Photo: NLMUSD

## Norwalk-La Mirada Unified increases awareness of earthquake preparedness

**NORWALK** – Students across Norwalk-La Mirada Unified’s 17 elementary, six middle and three high schools followed safety drills to “Drop, Cover and Hold!” on Oct. 20 as part of the annual Great ShakeOut, a statewide initiative that reminds Californians to prepare for earthquakes.

“One of our District’s priorities is to ensure that we provide a safe environment for our students,” Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “This includes ensuring our students, teachers, administrators and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency so that we are fully prepared should something happen.”

Starting at 10 a.m., Norwalk-La Mirada Unified participated in an earthquake drill as part of the Great ShakeOut.

Leading up to the drill, administrators reinforced emergency procedures with students, including finding appropriate cover to prevent objects from injuring them, where to go for safety and where to find first aid kits in the classroom.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified staff also reviewed emergency protocols, including procedures to check student and teacher absences, how to handle injuries on campus and what roles each staff member has during the drill. District schools also emphasized the importance of earthquake preparedness at school, work and home.

“It is important for our students to understand what to do in case of an emergency at school with their peers and also at home with their family,” NLMUSD Board of Education President Karen Morrison said. “The Great ShakeOut was a great opportunity to remind our students to be prepared wherever they are.”

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified holds fire, earthquake and lockdown drills throughout the school year. Principals send monthly updates that include safety tips to inform parents on what they can do at home to prepare in the event of an emergency.

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