

Shared Stories: Egypt, 1965

In 1965 Charlene Farnsworth and her parents embarked on an adventure that was rather unique at that time – a world tour, including the Orient. Moreover, the ladies did their traveling in dresses and high heels – even when riding a camel! Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

By Charlene Farnsworth

In 1965, my parents and I took a wonderful 28-day “Around the World” tour. Mom and I kept daily journals, and I often reminisce about our once-in-a-lifetime trip and the several countries we visited. A particular highlight was our time spent in Egypt.

On October 11, after saying goodbye to Jerusalem, we were on our way to Cairo, Egypt. We flew over the Suez Canal and the Red Sea and saw so much barren land. We arrived in Cairo two hours later and were greeted by an abundance of flies. After we left the airport, the flies disappeared and we were much more comfortable. As we expected, it was quite hot.

Our hotel, the Nile Hilton, overlooked the Nile River, and the Pyramids could be seen off in the distance.

In the late afternoon, we took an unbelievable, hilarious sailboat ride on the Nile River, the longest river in the world. It is 4,000 miles long. Our Arabian skipper was comical, trying every motion possible to get the wind to catch the sails while shouting at one of the passengers to manipulate the rudder.

After about one-half hour of this maneuvering, we were still sitting beside the dock as the sun slowly disappeared. Most of us were hysterical by now. Finally, we were on our way and it was a nice cruise. It took three sailboats to hold our group, and one of these never did get out of its tracks!

After our dinner, we went to a late belly dancing show. We were in a real dive, but the dancing was done in good taste. It amazes me that these gals do not collapse as they perform for one-half hour at a time at a very fast pace. Unfortunately, the comedy acts were in Arabic so we could not join the crowd in laughter.

The following day, we began our morning tour by visiting the Egyptian Museum which was very interesting. We saw the findings from King Tut’s Tomb, discovered in 1922. King Tut was only nine when he took the royal throne and died nine years later. His body was buried in eight caskets. Even his intestines were wrapped in bronze wires and placed in four very small caskets.

From here, we went out to the Sahara Desert and boarded our camels for a ride to the Sphinx and Pyramids. Surprisingly, the camels had very little odor and were quite comfortable riding. Getting on and off was the most tense part as you lunge way forward and immediately way back when the camel is getting up from his knees. My camel’s name was Moses.

Mom did not take a camel ride as she was busy swatting flies, changing film and taking pictures while trying to keep cool under the hot, hot sun.

Seeing the Pyramids in reality was breathtaking. They were just as I pictured, but I expected the Sphinx to be larger and thought you would see it first. This is not so as you must travel completely to the other side of the largest Pyramid, Cheops, before the Sphinx appears. It was spectacular sight.

We saw a small opening where a crypt was placed. We were told there are two things that modern times are unable to duplicate: (1) the process of mummification and (2) the dye of the colors in the early Egyptian paintings.

Mom met an Arabian character with a flowery flow of English – “It would be divine for me to take your picture,” then kissing her hand. Mom did mount his camel, Canada Dry, to have her picture taken. We learned that this Arabian gentleman and his camel had appeared in many famous scenes.

We then stopped by a pyramid where we watched a one-eyed athlete scale the pyramid barefooted in seven minutes. They said this would normally take at least 20 minutes. A man in our group had accomplished this same feat in 1915.

It was very warm out on the desert, but what an experience!



Rio Hondo College uses play to highlight the destructive nature of homophobia

WHITTIER – Director Kirk Vichengrad has waited years to stage a production of “The Laramie Project,” and says it seems fitting it is happening on the heels of the tragic killing of 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando and amid one of the nation’s most tumultuous presidential elections.

“The Laramie Project” chronicles the life of the town of Laramie, Wyoming in the year after Matthew Shepard, a gay man who attended the University of Wyoming, was beaten, tortured and left for dead in 1988. Shepard died six days after the attack from severe head wounds.

The killing drew national attention to hate crimes and led to the 2009 Shepard Act, which makes crimes motivated by actual or perceived sexual orientation a federally recognized hate crime.

“This is a story that is more topical than ever and it’s so relevant, especially on a college campus,” said Vichengrad, a Rio Hondo College adjunct professor of theatre arts. “In this climate of social unrest and uncertainty, it’s important we hold up a mirror to ourselves and say this is what we look like and ask what are we going to do about it.”

Vichengrad said the play serves to awaken its audience to the damaging power of intolerance – especially relevant after the June attack in which a 29-year-old security guard killed 49 people and wounded 53 others at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The incident is the deadliest attack against LGBTQ people in U.S. history.

The play follows a documentary style with dialogue taken from

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Norwalk buys car wash with plans to replace it with affordable housing

■ The Norwalk City Council also retracted its residency restrictions for sex offenders

By Christian Brown Editor

NORWALK – Hoping to redevelop the commercial stretches along Firestone Boulevard and San Antonio Drive, the city of Norwalk is planning to purchase and demolish the Norwalk Classic Car Wash, located at 11565 Firestone Blvd, and replace it with affordable housing.

In a 4-0 decision last month, the City Council agreed with city staff who believe the 3.1-acre site is a prime redevelopment site, situated at the gateway to Norwalk’s historical Front Street.

Using funds from its Low and Moderate Housing Asset Fund, city officials plan to purchase the property site -- which also contains Panda King and Albert’s Mexican Food -- for \$5.5 million.

Currently, the city has \$11.3 million in its housing asset fund to make property acquisitions.

City Manager Mike Egan said the land purchase allows the city to control the nature and quality of future development at the site. With a redevelopment specific plan for that area already in the works, Egan hopes the city could later attract a patron to construct affordable housing or even a mixed-use project on the site.

Once escrow closes on the lot, the car wash, which is operated by the current property owner, will close down and be fenced off. The city estimates demolition costs to reach \$581,000.

Panda King and Albert’s Mexican Food will continue to operate until their current leases expire in Jan. 31, 2018.

The City Council also moved forward with the repeal of current city codes regarding sex offender residency restrictions.

In May 2009, Norwalk adopted an ordinance to prohibit any registered sex offender from establishing a residence in a residential zone, which is within 2,000 feet of a public or private school, park, child care center, or recreational facility.

In light of recent studies and reports that indicate these laws do not improve public safety, but in fact, increase the threat, City Attorney Roxanne Diaz recommended the city council retract its ordinance.

“The evidence suggests that residency restrictions have the unintended consequences of increasing homelessness among registered sex offenders, thereby actually threatening public safety,” Diaz said.

Diaz cited several recent court decisions that have called into question the constitutionality of blanket residency restrictions.

“These laws haven’t helped,

Four men charged after ton of marijuana found in boat off coast of Long Beach

LONG BEACH—Four Southern California men were ordered held without bond last Thursday after being charged in federal court with drug trafficking in relation to the seizure of approximately one ton of marijuana that was discovered Tuesday on a 30-foot fishing boat in Long Beach. The interdiction represents the third major local maritime smuggling incident in the last month and brings the total amount of marijuana seized to over three tons.

Omar Quintero, 28, of Los Angeles, Miguel Angel Quintero Jr., 38, also of Los Angeles; Eliasib Ventura, 34, of Alhambra; and Jonathan Ventura, 31, of Pomona, were taken into custody Tuesday afternoon and were named in a one-count criminal complaint filed in United States District court.

The four defendants made their initial appearances late Wednesday before United States Magistrate Judge Alka Sagar, who ordered the detention of three of the men and ordered the release of Omar Quintero on a \$50,000 bond. All four defendants are scheduled to be arraigned next month.

The four men were arrested Tuesday afternoon after officers with the Long Beach Police Department’s Port Police Division alerted Los Angeles Border Enforcement Security Task Force (LA BEST) investigators that they had spotted



a truck that was the subject of an LA BEST lookout. The truck was hooked to a fishing boat on a trailer at the South Shores launch ramp in Long Beach. LA BEST investigators, including special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), responded to the launch ramp area, searched the vessel and found bundles of marijuana inside, according to court documents.

If the four defendants are convicted of conspiracy with the

but makes it more difficult to track sex offenders and that makes them more likely to offend,” Diaz said. “Nearly 50 cities in California have already appealed these residency restrictions.”

In a 3-1 vote, the Norwalk City Council approved the resolution to retract its residency restrictions, albeit begrudgingly. Councilmember Luigi Vernola voted in opposition.

The Norwalk City Council also approved changes to mid-management staff positions on Oct. 18, reassigning the two public services superintendent roles into separate positions entirely.

Previously, the Department of Public Services employed two public services superintendents to assist with day-to-day operations as well as short and long-term objectives.

City officials, however, felt it best to alter the positions into two distinct roles: public services manager and special projects coordinator.

The public services manager position will see a pay increase from \$9,950 a month to \$10,837. While the special projects coordinator role will now report to the manager and receives a pay decrease from \$9,950 to \$7,700 a month.

Overall, the city expects the reclassification to save the city \$26,000 annually.

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intent to distribute marijuana, each would face a statutory maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison.

“As drug traffickers continue to use our waters for smuggling, law enforcement will continue to interdict them,” said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. “These arrests and seizures demonstrate the commitment and cooperation across all levels of law enforcement to stemming the flow into the United States, by whatever means.”

Tuesday’s arrests and seizure came just one day after HSI special agents recovered 44 bundles of marijuana weighing approximately 3,000 pounds on Santa Rosa Island in Channel Island National Park. LA BEST investigators believe the marijuana may be related to an abandoned Mexican panga discovered by Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s deputies on Gaviota Beach in Santa Barbara Sunday afternoon.

The third recent maritime marijuana interdiction occurred on September 23 after lifeguards with

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Friday 81°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 75°

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El Velorio

Saturday - Plaza de la Raza in Los Angeles, 7 pm to 1 am

Multicultural Day of the Dead event featuring mariachis, dancers, book signings, and more. 21 and over



Carnival

Saturday - Mt. SAC, 10 am to 4 pm

Carnival games, video game trucks, rides, college open house, and a bone marrow drive.



Real Show L.A.

Saturday - The Forum, 6 pm

Hip-hop concert featuring Usher, Ty Dolla Sign, Designer, and other guests.



Lion King Jr.

Saturday - Louise K. Tayler Performing Arts Center in Monrovia

Live stage show of “The Lion King Jr.” Performances at 2 pm and 7 pm, tickets \$18 at the door



The Langston Hughes Project

Sunday - Walt Disney Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Young L.A. jazz giant Kamasi Washington combines the influences of Coltrane with soul, classical, hip-hop and gospel.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Metro seeks Norwalk opinions on potential I-605 widening project

Adriana Vazquez: Do you know specifically where they are looking to expand? There were some surveyors at my home.

Kristin Munoz LaRue: Yes I would also like to know where? I have lived here 17 years and built a business...I would be devastated.

Celia Alamillo: Omg, thanks for the heads up.

Celest Villagran: If only the map wasn't so blurry.

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NORWALK SPORTS



Photo by William Odis Martin

PREVIEW: Norwalk Lancers' Jordan Thomas garners big win against Artesia High

NORWALK – As predicted last week, Norwalk High School football needed a big game from senior Jordan Thomas in order to pull out the must win against the Artesia High School Pioneers.

Head coach Otis Harrison fed the senior running back the pigskin a season-high 19 times for 151 yards and 2 touchdowns last Friday. The Lancers crushed the Pioneers, 40-27, on the road to improve their record to (6-3) overall and (3-2) in Suburban League play.

On offense, Thomas was a workhorse and almost impossible to tackle. He is an anomaly in the backfield because the 6’3, 240lb Thomas even takes pride in being a great blocker but was averaging over seven yards a carry. He knows how to utilize his deceptive speed and brute strength to plow holes whether on offense or on defense.

As a defensive end, Thomas made 10 tackles and had a 50-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Thomas was honored with his fourth Player of the Week award of the season and looks to continue his tear next week against Bellflower.

■ 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 had a bye last week which means they had two weeks to prepare all-conference quarterback Tristan Meyer for the regular season finale as they face Artesia High School at Ron Yary Field tonight at 7 p.m. – William Odis Martin, Intern

Citizenship clinic at Norwalk Library

NORWALK – Norwalk Library is hosting a Citizenship Clinic on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 5-7:30 p.m.

Representatives from South Asian Network will provide citizenship assistance to participants who will also receive legal review of their Form N-400 applications, study materials, and a fee waiver application. The event is free, but registration is required.

For additional information and a list of the required documents, call (562) 868-0775 or visit the County Library website at colapublib.org.

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MARIJUANA: Men could face 40 years in federal prison

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the Long Beach Fire Department on marine patrol spotted a pleasure craft in distress.

The lifeguards made contact with the 20-foot vessel and observed suspicious activity on board. The vessel was towed to the launch ramp at Davies Landing, where it was met by officers from the Long Beach Police Department.

An inspection of the boat turned up numerous packages of marijuana weighing more than 1,100 pounds. HSI special agents and LA BEST officers arrested Fernando Rodriguez-Fonseca, 39, and Enrique Mendoza-Rodriguez, 47, both Mexican nationals, at the scene for trafficking in marijuana. Evidence indicates Rodriguez-Fonseca and Mendoza-Rodriguez had sailed from the area of Ensenada, Mexico, to Long Beach.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment on October 11 that charges Rodriguez-Fonseca and Mendoza-Rodriguez with conspiracy and possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. Both defendants were arraigned on the indictment on Monday, when they pleaded not guilty and were ordered to stand trial on December 6 in United States District Court. If they are convicted of the two charges in the indictment each defendant would face a statutory maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison.

“By using pleasure craft to ferry contraband, smugglers believe they can more easily blend in with legitimate boating traffic along the Southern California coast, which is all the more reason we need the public to remain vigilant and contact law enforcement if they see anything suspicious,” said Joseph Macias, special agent in charge for HSI Los Angeles.

Soroptimist hosts holiday gala

NORWALK – Soroptimist International of Norwalk is inviting the community to attend its annual holiday gala fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 19, 4-7 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

Tickets are \$40 for the gala, which includes dinner, entertainment, door prizes, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Attendees will also have the chance to purchase raffle tickets to win one of the decorated Christmas Trees complete with gifts.

Proceeds from the fundraising event will benefit Soroptimist International of Norwalk, which contributes money for educational scholarships, domestic violence shelters, prevention of domestic violence, and the Soroptimist Village, a low-income senior housing complex in Norwalk.

To purchase tickets, visit www.sinorwalk.org or call Marilee Stefenhagen at 562-505-0633.



Assemblymember Ian Calderon on Oct. 26 presented Norwalk-La Mirada Unified’s Benton Middle School with \$5,000 from the Barona Band of Mission Indians for the school’s visual and performing arts programs. The education grant will go toward materials for the drama department, art supplies and a 3-D printer. The Barona Band of Mission Indians created the grant to assist California schools with technology upgrades and to provide additional support and resources.

LARAMIE: Director hopes play eases tensions during a heated presidential election season

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hundreds of interviews conducted with Laramie residents by the Tectonic Theater Project following the 1998 slaying. The original three-act play included eight actors playing 60 parts. Vichengrad’s version has two acts and spreads the intense roles over a class of 20-plus students, giving greater access to roles.

Some, like Kechia Bejarano, will portray as many as five different characters.

“I fell in love with this show in high school,” said Bejarano, who earned an associate of arts in theatre arts but stayed another semester to perform in the play and serve as stage manager.

Bejarano’s characters range from a sympathetic town resident to a lesbian University of Wyoming professor to a Mormon school teacher, all emotionally compelling roles.

“It’s been incredibly fulfilling on so many levels, especially in light of recent events, such as Orlando,” Bejarano said. “Having these moments when you can sit in someone’s truth and honestly and sincerely feel it has been so beautiful.”

Classmate Daniel Collazo plays characters with conflicting opinions on homosexuality.

“It’s definitely a challenge,” said Collazo, a theatre arts major. “I’m jumping from three different people doing three different things, with different ways of carrying themselves and different personalities. It takes a lot of observation. There’s a lot of in-the-moment discovery.”

Vichengrad said he has watched as the play worked its magic on the cast.

“It’s really amazing. I can see it in the students that they are very motivated and aware, knowing that they are doing something that goes beyond a typical school play,” he said.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 to Saturday, Nov. 5 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at Rio Hondo College’s Wray Theater, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier.

“This production celebrates what makes Rio Hondo College such an outstanding member of our community: an effort led by an adjunct professor, performed by students and focused on an issue that is of huge relevance today,” Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said.

During the play’s run, the Wray Theater lobby will serve as an informational center on issues related to gender and sexual orientation. A portion of concession proceeds will benefit the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

“These artists have created a terrific show that blends all the drama you expect with a strong social message,” Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco said. “I can’t wait to see it.”

Vichengrad said he hopes audience members gain a new understanding of the power of theater.

“If our play gets just one person to come to the theater who maybe wouldn’t and to realize that the theater can do something educational and enlightening and still entertain – that excites me,” Vichengrad said.

Renowned Irish artist Rita Duffy coming to Cerritos College

NORWALK – Northern Ireland’s groundbreaking artist Rita Duffy will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 8, to present a global dialogue on a wide variety of topics including gender, patriarchy, and the art of the troubles.

Dr. John Haas, history professor at Cerritos College and founder and director of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace will host the presentation.

Born in Belfast in 1959, Duffy is one of Northern Ireland’s foremost artists.

Her work deals with a variety of themes from the domestic and personal to the political, and ranges with ease from careful realism to kooky expressionism that owes much to the unreal figures populating the paintings of Otto Dix.

In much of her early work Duffy transmutes the raw material of her experiences growing up as a Catholic woman in the spiteful patriarchy of 1970s Ulster, to advance a feminist, liberal agenda.

The event will take place from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. inside the Science Building S-201 at Cerritos College.

Event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact John Haas at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726.

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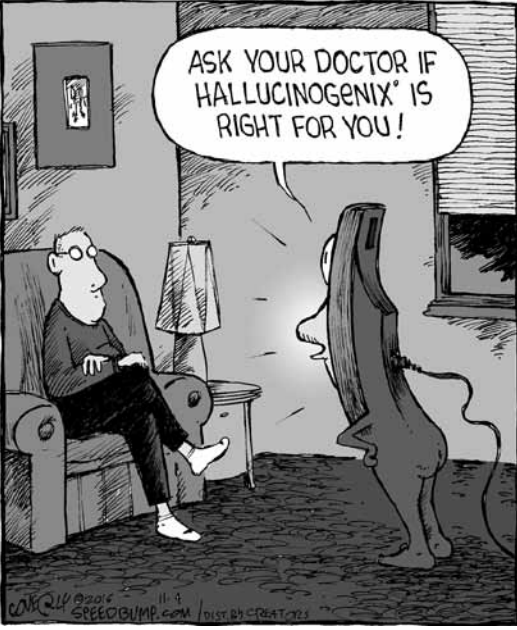
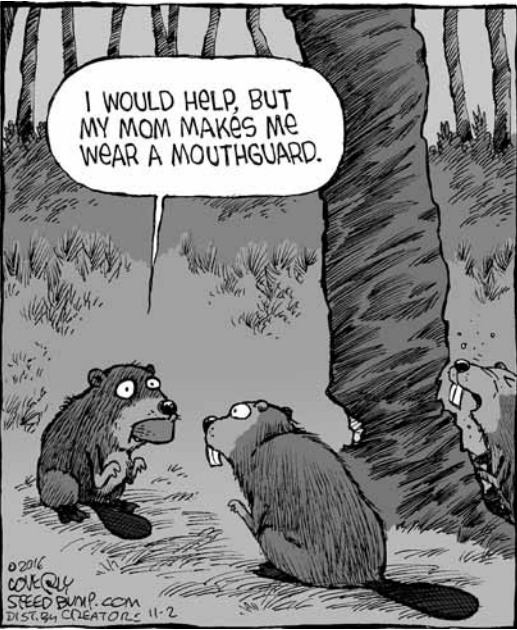
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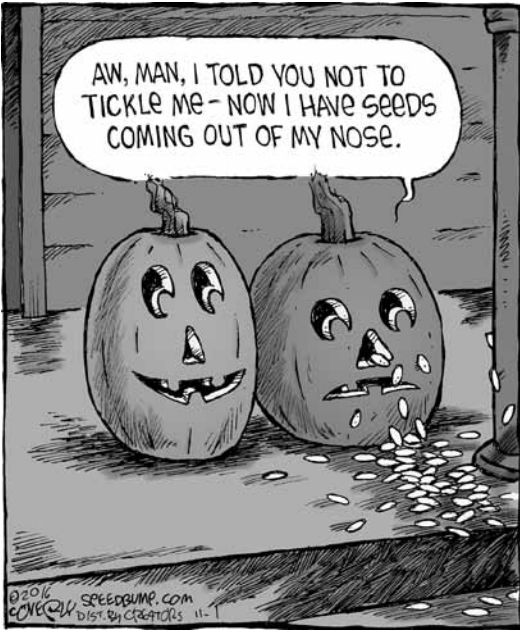
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1991: Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, CA. The dedication ceremony was attended by President Bush and former U.S. presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon. It was the 1st gathering of 5 U.S. chief executives.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Irish artist Rita Duffy - Cerritos College

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
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
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
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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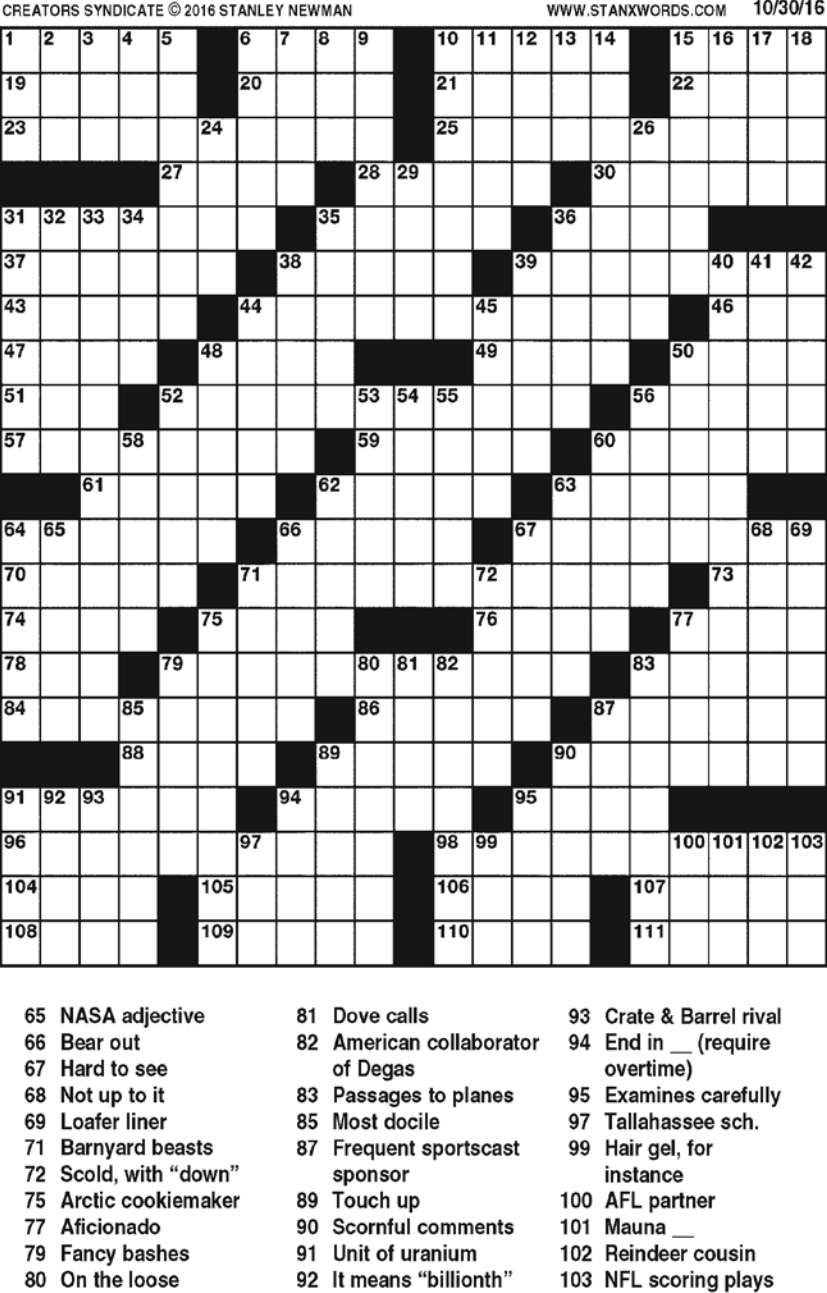
2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
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The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2016, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 16-1683, by the following roll call vote:

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 Weimholt, Building & Safety Manager, at (562) 929-5733 or tweimholt@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

The Norwalk Patriot
11/4/16

CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES
11800 BLOCK OF CRESSON STREET,
10900 BLOCK OF LYNDORA STREET,
12900-13300 BLOCK OF LEFOSS
AVENUE, AND 12900-13300 BLOCK OF
HALCOURT AVENUE

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider petitions filed with the City of Norwalk Department of Public Safety designating the 11800 block of Cresson Street, the 10900 block of Lyndora Street, the 12900-13300 block of Lefloss Avenue and the 12900-13300 block of Halcourt Avenue as preferential parking by residents currently residing in the area.

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.

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Nicole Amescaua at (562) 929-5962 or by email to namescau@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 4th day of November 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot
11/4/16

CITY OF NORWALK
INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 16-1685U

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF NORWALK PROHIBITING
ALL COMMERCIAL NON-MEDICAL
MARIJUANA ACTIVITY IN THE CITY,
PROHIBITING OUTDOOR MARIJUANA
CULTIVATION ON PRIVATE
RESIDENCES AND DECLARING THE
URGENCY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act ("Proposition 64"), has qualified for the November 2016 ballot, if adopted by the California voters, Proposition 64, will among other things, legalize the use of non-medical marijuana by those who are 21 years of age or older and establish a comprehensive system to regulate commercial non-medical marijuana activity. If adopted by the California voters, the provisions of Proposition 64 related to the possession, use, and cultivation of non-medical marijuana will become effective on November 9, 2016.

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 will permit cities to (1) adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate non-medical marijuana businesses, including, but not limited to, local zoning and land use requirements, business license requirements, and requirements related to reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, or (2) completely prohibit the establishment or operation of one or more types of marijuana businesses within its jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 will allow for the planting, cultivation, harvesting, drying and processing ("cultivation activities") of up to six marijuana plants in, or upon the grounds of a private residence. The proposed Ordinance No. 16-1685U will authorize a city to enact and enforce an ordinance that reasonably regulates cultivation activities, and to completely prohibit cultivation activities outdoors upon the grounds of a private residence unless

the California Attorney General determines that non-medical use of marijuana is lawful in the State under federal law.

WHEREAS, the Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq., classifies marijuana as a Schedule I Drug, which is defined as a drug or other substance that has a high potential for abuse, that has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and that has not been accepted as safe for use under medical supervision. The Federal Controlled Substances Act makes it unlawful under federal law for any person to cultivate, manufacture, distribute or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute or dispense, marijuana.

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015 Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill No. 243, Assembly Bill No. 266, and Senate Bill 643 into law, which collectively are now known as the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (hereinafter "MCRSA"). The MCRSA establishes a State licensing scheme for commercial medical marijuana uses, while protecting local control by requiring that all such businesses must have a local license or permit to operate in addition to a State license. The MCRSA allows the City to completely prohibit commercial medical marijuana activities. In response to the MCRSA, the City adopted Ordinance No. 16-1674 which prohibits all commercial medical marijuana activities in the City.

WHEREAS, cities in California have reported negative effects of marijuana cultivation, processing and distribution activities, including offensive odors, illegal sales and distribution of marijuana, trespassing, theft, violent robberies and robbery attempts, fire hazards, and problems associated with mold, fungus, and pests. Furthermore, as marijuana plants begin to flower, and for a period of two months or more, the plants produce a strong, unique odor, offensive to many people, and detectable far beyond property boundaries if grown outdoors. This odor can have the effect of encouraging theft by alerting persons to the location of the valuable plants, and creating a risk of burglary, robbery or armed robbery of the plants and creating the potential for violent acts related to such criminal activity.

WHEREAS, based upon the recitals above, City Council finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare presented if Proposition 64 is enacted by the voters, because marijuana could begin to be cultivated outdoors on private residences beginning on November 9, 2016. If Proposition 64 is enacted by the voters it would also create the potential for cultivation of non-medical marijuana uses to be established in the City prior to the establishment of zoning regulations under normal planning and zoning processes of the City. Based on the City's need for additional time to fully evaluate the primary and secondary effects of the activities to be licensed under Proposition 64, the City Council finds that the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare requires that this interim Ordinance be enacted as an urgency ordinance pursuant to Government Code Section 65858 and take effect immediately upon adoption, and its urgency is hereby declared.

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORWALK DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council finds that the facts set forth in the Recitals of this Ordinance are true and correct.

Section 2. Definitions. Hereinafter in this Ordinance the following words shall have the meanings set forth below, unless the context otherwise permits or requires:

"Commercial non-medical marijuana activity" shall include the cultivation, possession, manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, transportation, delivery or sale of marijuana and marijuana products for non-medical purposes.

"Cultivation" shall include any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of marijuana.

"Delivery" shall mean the commercial transfer of marijuana or marijuana products to a customer. Delivery also includes the use by a retailer of any technology (automated, owned, or controlled by retailer, or independently licensed under Proposition 64 that enables customers to arrange for or facilitate the commercial transfer by a State licensed retailer of marijuana or marijuana products.

"Marijuana" shall include all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa L., whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin. It does not include (a) industrial hemp as defined in Section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code; (b) the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product; and (c) marijuana that is cultivated, processed, transported, distributed, or sold for medical purposes under Chapter 3.4 of Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code.

"Proposition 64" refers to the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

Section 3. Prohibition.

A. Commercial non-medical marijuana activity is expressly prohibited in all zones and all specific plan areas in the City of Norwalk. No person shall establish, operate, maintain, conduct or allow commercial non-medical marijuana activity anywhere within the City. No application for a building permit, conditional use permit, business license, or any other entitlement authorizing the establishment, operation, maintenance, development, or construction of any use that allows for commercial non-medical marijuana activity shall be approved during the term of the prohibition established in this Ordinance.

B. Paragraph A of this section 3 is meant to prohibit all activities for which a State license is required pursuant to Proposition 64. Accordingly, the City shall not issue any permit, license or other entitlement for any activity for which a State license is required under Proposition 64. The City shall also not issue any local license to a non-profit pursuant to provisions of Business and Professions Code section 26070.5.

C. Marijuana shall not be cultivated outdoors upon the grounds of a private residence. Indoor marijuana cultivation will be allowed consistent with State law which permits no more than six live marijuana plants to be planted, cultivated, harvested, dried, or processed within a single private residence or inside an accessory structure located upon the grounds of a private residence that is fully enclosed and secured. Any marijuana cultivation that exceeds the limits set forth in this subsection is hereby declared to be unlawful and a public nuisance.

D. Nothing in this Ordinance, or its adoption, shall be deemed to affect any other prohibitions or regulations relating to marijuana contained in the Norwalk Municipal Code, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 17.04.080 of the Norwalk Municipal Code. In the event of any conflict between that Section and this Ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall govern. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect or excuse any violation of Section 17.040.080 of the Norwalk Municipal Code.

Section 4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to the effect that the City's permissive zoning scheme allows any other use not specifically listed therein.

Section 5. Public Nuisance. Any use or condition caused, or permitted to exist, in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be, and hereby is declared to be, a public nuisance and may be summarily abated by the City pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 731 or by any other remedy available to the City.

Section 6. Penalty. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine

and imprisonment. Each and every day such a violation exists shall constitute a separate and distinct violation of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Civil Penalties. In addition to any other enforcement permitted by this Ordinance, the City Attorney may bring a civil action for the violation of and civil penalties against any person or entity that violates this Ordinance. In any civil action brought pursuant to this Ordinance, a court of competent jurisdiction may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party.

Section 8. CEQA. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the Interim Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment because the Interim Ordinance will only impose greater and temporary limitations on marijuana-related uses allowed in the City, and will thereby serve to prevent potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. The City Council has reviewed staff's determination of exemption and based on its own independent judgment, concurs in staff's determination that the Interim Ordinance is exempt from CEQA. The adoption of the Interim Ordinance is therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 10. Urgency Ordinance. This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency, interim ordinance and shall take effect immediately. This Ordinance will only become operative if Proposition 64 is approved by the voters. If Proposition 64 is not approved by the voters at the November election, the ordinance shall be null and void and shall be deemed repealed. This Ordinance shall expire, and the prohibition established hereby shall terminate, forty-five (45) days after the date of adoption unless extended by the City Council pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858.

Section 11. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED
this 1st day of November 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:
I, Theresa Devoy, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held November 1, 2016, as **Interim Ordinance No. 16-1685U** of the City of Norwalk and said Ordinance has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and that the same was approved and adopted by the following vote to wit:

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

/s/ THERESA DEVOY, CMC
CITY CLERK

The Norwalk Patriot
11/4/16

CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE NO. 16-1681

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
NORWALK SETTING FORTH ITS
FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION
APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 351

WHEREAS, the City has received Zone Change No. 351, a request to change the zone designation for properties located at 10502 Cheddar Street (Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8051-005-001) and its westerly adjoining parcel (APN 8051-005-036), located as the western terminal end of Cheddar Street, approximately 450-feet west of its intersection with Newrue Avenue, from the Residential Horse (R-H) zone to the Single Family Residential (R-1) zone;

WHEREAS, Section 17.02.290.B.3 of the Norwalk Municipal Code (NMC) allows for a Zone Change to be initiated by a verified application to the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, Section 17.02.290.C of the NMC requires the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing upon the initiation of a Zone Change; and

WHEREAS, Section 17.02.290.D of the NMC requires that the Planning Commission provide the City Council with a written recommendation including the findings constituting the basis for the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, this project was reviewed by the Planning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing on September 14, 2016 at which time oral and documentary evidence relative to the application was received; and the Planning Commission Resolution No. 16-21 was adopted to recommend City Council approval of Zone Change No. 351; and

WHEREAS, State planning law requires consistency between Zoning and the General Plan; therefore Zone Change applications must be processed to have consistent land use designations with the General Plan Map and the Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, both the Residential Horse (R-H) and Single Family Residential (R-1) zones are consistent with the General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and as adopted in the City's 1998 local CEQA guidelines to ensure that all potentially significant, adverse, environmental impacts associated with the project will be reduced to a level of "less than significant" or "no impact"; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 17.02.290.H of the NMC, following the receipt of a written recommendation from the Planning Commission, the City Council shall conduct at least one public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 17.02.290.I of the NMC, the City Council may approve, modify or disapprove the recommendation of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Zone Change No. 351 has been reviewed by the City Council on October 18, 2016 at which time oral and documentary evidence relative to the application was received.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NORWALK DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The proposed Zone Change to change the subject properties to the Single Family (R-1) zone is in compliance with the NMC and the Norwalk General Plan, and the proposed zoning designation is consistent with the existing General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential.

Section 2. The proposed Zone Change will be in the public interest since it will reflect current and contemplated land uses on the site and create consistency between the site and create consistency between the General Plan Map and Zoning Map.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Norwalk hereby approves Zone Change No. 351 amending the Zoning Map as indicated in Exhibit "A."

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Norwalk hereby approves the Negative Declaration for Zone Change No. 351.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for

any reason held to be unconstitutional, or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional.

Section 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

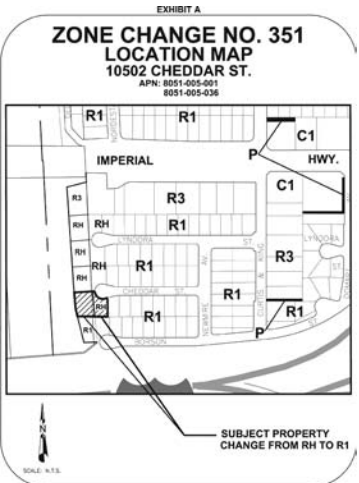
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this
1st day of November 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:
I, Theresa Devoy, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held October 18, 2016 and adopted as **Ordinance No. 16-1681** of the City of Norwalk at a regular meeting of the City Council held on November 1, 2016 and said Ordinance has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and that the same was approved and adopted by the following vote to wit:

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

/s/ THERESA DEVOY, CMC
CITY CLERK



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ORDINANCE NO. 16-1684
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK
REPEALING CHAPTER 9.30 OF TITLE
9 OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING SEX OFFENDER
RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NORWALK DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Intent.

A. On November 7, 2006, the voters of the State of California overwhelmingly approved Proposition 83, the "Sexual Predator Punishment and Control Act" commonly known as "Jessica's Law," so as to better protect Californians, and, in particular, to protect the State's children from sex offenders.

B. Proposition 83, as codified at California Penal Code Section 3003.5 prohibits any person who is required to register as a sex offender per California Penal Code Section 290 et. seq. (hereinafter referred to as a "registered sex offender") from residing within two thousand feet of any public or private school, or any park where children regularly gather (Cal. Penal Code Section 3003.5(b)).

C. California Penal Code Section 3003.5(a), enacted in 1998 prior to Proposition 83, further prohibits a sex offender who is on parole from residing in a "single-family dwelling" with another sex offender during his/her parole period, unless the multiple sex offenders are legally related by blood, marriage or adoption. For purposes of this state statute, "single family dwelling" does not include a residential facility such as a group home that serves six (6) or fewer persons.

D. Section 3003.5 also includes a provision which expressly authorizes further local regulation of sex offender residency: Section 3003.5(c), states that nothing in this Section shall prohibit municipal jurisdictions from enacting local ordinances that further regulate the residency of any person for whom registration is required pursuant to Section 290.

E. Following the adoption of Jessica's Law, the City of Norwalk, like many other cities in the State of California, adopted Ordinance No. 09-1616 adding Chapter 9.30, entitled Sex Offender Residency Restrictions, to the Norwalk Municipal Code ("Ordinance") in May 2009. The Ordinance prohibits any registered sex offender from establishing a residence in a residential exclusion zone (i.e. within 2000 feet of a public or private school, park, child care center or recreational facility). Since its enactment, the City has no record of the Ordinance ever being violated or enforced.

F. Studies and reports released after the passage of Jessica's Law suggest that blanket enforcement of residency restrictions have not improved public safety. The evidence suggests that residency restrictions have the unintended consequence of increasing homelessness among registered sex offenders, thereby actually threatening public safety. Convicted sex offenders who are homeless are not only more difficult to supervise than those who have established residences, they are also more likely to re-offend. Additionally, two court decisions, one from the California Supreme Court (*In re Taylor* (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1019) and one from the California Court of Appeal (*People v. Lynch* (2016) 2 Cal.App.5th 524) have called into question the constitutionality of certain residency restrictions and the scope of the authority granted to cities under Penal Code section 3003.5.

G. The Sex Offender Supervision and GPS Monitoring Task Force (the "Task Force") is a multiagency task force created to assist the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop a comprehensive approach to sex offender supervision. In October 2010, the Task Force released a report based on a review of reports generated by the Office of Inspector General, the California Sex Offender Management Board, best practices throughout the nation, effective use of GPS, as well as relevant CDCR sex offender supervision policies and practices. The Task Force found that blanket residence restrictions have "not improved public safety and have compromised the effective monitoring and supervision of sex offender parolees." Specifically, the Task Force stated:

"There is no evidence that residence restrictions for sex offenders make the community any safer. Since the passage of Proposition 83, residence restrictions have expanded significantly with an unintended consequence. Transient sex offender parolees have increased by approximately 24 times. Presently, more than 1/3 of all sex offenders on parole have become transient. Before the passage of Proposition 83, residence restrictions were already in place. Penal Code Section 3003(g) prohibited high risk sex offenders with child victims from residing within 1.2 mile from schools. Additionally, Parole Agents used discretion to prevent parolees from residing in any housing location that would increase their risk of re-offense. Repealing the

blanket residence restrictions imposed by Proposition 83 will provide available housing options for sex offenders while continuing to provide public safety."

H. In October 2014, the National Criminal Justice Association, under a grant from the United States Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), released a report on sex offender and sex offender management. The report was based on a review of available literature on adult and juvenile sex offenders, as well as recommendations from researchers and practitioners. The report found that residency restrictions "that prevent convicted sex offenders from living near schools, daycare centers, and other places where children congregate have generally had no deterrent effect on sexual reoffending, particularly against children." The report also found "a number of negative unintended consequences have been empirically identified [as a result of residence restrictions], including loss of housing, loss of support systems, and financial hardships that may aggravate rather than mitigate offender risk."

I. The California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB), which operates under the jurisdiction of CDCR, is charged with addressing any issues, concerns and problems related to the community management of California's adult sex offenders with the goal of safer communities and reduced victimization. CASOMB in its Year End Report for 2014 made several recommendations to California policy makers including a recommendation to avoid enactment of exclusion zones that apply to all registrants because no evidence shows they are effective in reducing sexual re-offending, and they may be counterproductive.

J. In February 2016, the CASOMB published its Year End Report for 2015, which was prepared with the assistance of the State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders (SARATSO) Committee. The CASOMB recommended a case-by-case approach to residency restrictions and exclusion zones that allow parole and probation departments to make individualized assessments based on factors known about the offense and the offender. The CASOMB opposed blanket residency restrictions being imposed at the local level because "[l]ocal policies restricting where sex offenders can live (residence restrictions) or even be present (exclusion zones) appear to have unintended effects which actually decrease public safety."

K. Underlying all the data cited herein, one common theme is that the transient status of sex offenders is a transient status—much of which is created by residence restrictions—increases or decreases the rate of recidivism. The California Department of Justice (DOJ) provided a verbal report to CASOMB regarding a 2016 DOJ/SARATSO research study on rates of sexual re-offense in California. (The expected publication date is 2016.) The CASOMB stated:

"Data shows that about 18% of sexual re-offenses in the probation sex offender group were committed by offenders who were registered as transients at the time of arrest for the new sex offense and that 29% of sexual re-offenses in the parolee sex offender group were committed by offenders who were registered as transients at the time of re-arrest. Yet only about 8% of registered sex offenders in the community are transient. Obviously, transient status is associated with higher recidivism rates. The number of transient sex offenders dramatically increased when blanket residence restrictions were imposed. CASOMB has long recommended state adoption of policies that discourage transiency."

L. In March 2015, the California Supreme Court decided *In re Taylor*. The Court held the CDCR's blanket enforcement of the residency restrictions in Penal Code § 3003.5 against sex offender parolees in San Diego County was unconstitutional. (*In re Taylor* (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1019, 1023.) The Court found blanket enforcement of the residency restrictions had "greatly increased homelessness" among registered sex offenders on parole in the county and "hindered their access to medical treatment, drug and alcohol dependency services, psychological counseling and other rehabilitative social services available to all parolees, while further hampering the efforts of state authorities and law enforcement officials to monitor, supervise, and rehabilitate them in the interests of public safety." (Id. at pp. 1023, 1040.) The CDCR "conceded in its brief before [the] court that 'the evidence demonstrated that the dramatic increase in homelessness has a profound impact on public safety,' and that 'there is no dispute that the residency restrictions have significant and serious consequences that were not foreseen when the law was enacted.'" (Id. at p. 1041.) Relying in part on the Task Force's October 2010 report, the Court found the residency restrictions, as applied and enforced in San Diego County, "hampered efforts to monitor, supervise, and rehabilitate sex parolees in the interests of public safety, and as such, bears no rational relationship to advancing the state's legitimate goal of protecting children from sexual predators." (Id. at p. 1042.)

M. More recently, on August 4, 2016, the Court of Appeal decided *People v. Lynch*, narrowly interpreting Penal Code § 3003.5 as applying only to parolees. (*People v. Lynch* (2016) 2 Cal.App.5th 524, 528 ["The placement of Jessica's Law residency restrictions immediately after the previously enacted subdivision (a), which was applicable only to parolees, indicates the intent of Proposition 83's drafters to align and limit the 'any person' reference in subdivision (b) to the class of persons identified in subdivision (a)—parolees."]) The City's Ordinance currently applies to "any person who is required to register under Section 290 of the California Penal Code, regardless of whether or not that person is on parole or probation." As such, it is likely that the City's Ordinance is broader than permitted under the Court of Appeal's narrow interpretation of Penal Code § 3003.5(c).

N. After careful consideration of the growing evidence from experts in the field, including those experts within California state government, suggesting that such policies could threaten public safety in our community, as well as the recent court decisions that bring into question the City's authority to enforce blanket residency restrictions, the City has decided to repeal its Sex Offender Residency Restrictions.

Section 2. Chapter 9.30 of the Norwalk Municipal Code is repealed.

Section 3. The Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption. The City Clerk is directed to codify to the enactment of this Ordinance and to cause this ordinance to be published and/or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED
this 1st day of November 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:
I, Theresa Devoy, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held October 18, 2016 and adopted as **Ordinance No. 16-1684** of the City of Norwalk at a regular meeting of the City Council held on November 1, 2016 and said Ordinance has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and that the same was approved and adopted by the following vote to wit:

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

/s/ THERESA DEVOY, CMC
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORWALK
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDIN

Teenage tutors preferred over teachers at Downey High School Writing Center



■ **EDUCATION:** Started in 2013, the Writing Center at Downey High utilizes students for personalized tutoring.

DOWNEY – It’s Thursday afternoon and a line of students extends out of a classroom door at Downey High School.

About 10 of these older students navigate through the crowd to enter the classroom first, storing their lacrosse sticks, track duffle bags, and AP Biology textbooks to find a seat and settle themselves in for an hour and a half of writers talking with other writers. This is Downey High School’s Writing Center, a program that has gone through three years of relocation, revision and refining.

At the conclusion of second semester in 2013, the Writing Center was proud to have completed nearly 500 writing tutorials. Now, as the new school year begins, the writing center has calculated the completion of over 1,600 tutorials last year with projections exceeding 1,700 tutorials for this school year.

It was asserted at a California

Association of Teachers of English (CATE) conference titled, Teaching Practices and Instructional Strategies That Position Students Closer to Reading and Writing Excellence, “the only way for students to get over their fears of writing and to build real confidence and real skill is to write more than four major essays every year.”

Students need to write informally every day and formally nearly every week. Then the question arose, how can teachers possibly manage this paper load and still provide students with thoughtful, personal feedback?

Downey High School has found one answer to this question; they let students do a lot of this work.

Nearly all universities utilize writing centers on their campuses to help support student writers through their college years. Downey Unified has embraced collaboration in the classrooms, moving away from teacher-directed time in favor of student-directed conversation, yet high school writing centers are still a rarity.

However, Downey High School

English teacher Kelly Crespo and her English Department colleagues, have found out that strategic planning, several willing volunteers and an empty classroom after school are enough to make some incredibly valuable conversations happen. Conversations that are capable of helping teachers in their movements to add volume and rigor to curriculum and conversations that are also individualized, allowing teachers to differentiate for virtually every kind of student.

In late 2012, Crespo and fellow English teachers Josette Bean and Tina Carlson set out to build a makeshift Writing Center, wherein they proposed to take the English 10 intervention funding and redirect it toward building a program would allow them to serve all students more effectively. To that end, they proposed the Downey High School Writing Center.

With the support of Downey High School Principal Tom Houts, along with other administrators, they were able to hire two college tutors and then sought out juniors and seniors enrolled in AP Literature and honors classes. With fellow teachers beginning to offer some extra credit and/or participation points, they were able to build a staff of about 17 tutors with each tutor serving an hour and a half after school each week.

In 2013, they were then able to open the Writing Center to the English 10 students when second semester began. Even though many of the teachers encourage students to come by before school, snack, lunch, after school to seek extra help, teacher authority (regardless of their enthusiasm to help) can create an unintentionally stressful atmosphere.

A peer, however, will likely always beat teachers at being young, relatable, and, therefore,

more approachable.

Teachers at Downey High School integrate the Writing Center in various ways in their classrooms; yet, regardless of the way in which a teacher chooses to encourage or require writing center attendance, students with all different strengths and weaknesses visit the Writing Center each day to talk through their writing.

Visiting the Writing Center after school means entering the conversation of about 10 pairs of tutors and tutees—some English learners, some special education students, some honors students, and some fall into those in-between categories. Nonetheless, the conversation can meet these students where they are in ways a teacher in a classroom of thirty-plus students cannot.

As they approach their eighth semester of service, the Writing Center’s staff has grown to 56 tutors including four paid college tutors, and they are now proud to be the “model program” at Downey High School. They have also expanded the Writing Center to serve freshmen, sophomores and juniors, and also have grown the community of teacher supervisors from the original three to eight teachers.

“There is something to starting and ending my day in the center; hearing my own students and those that I don’t know talk about their writing, problem-solving, revising, navigating a prompt, doing work of real writers,” expressed Crespo. “It’s a space that makes sense, we can’t talk to our students as often as a team of young tutors can.

“Moreover, although not all of our tutors can point out every comma splice or fragment, they can get our students to talk about their writing in ways we simply cannot.”



Bar Louie opens first California location in Downey

DOWNEY -- California’s first Bar Louie, located at 8860 Apollo Way, opened at the Promenade in Downey on Oct. 17, with a public grand opening and ribbon taking place last Thursday.

“From business lunches to dinners for one, celebrations, happy hours and late nights with the office co-workers or friends, Bar Louie is a place where people come to connect, regroup and hit the reset button in an environment where they feel comfortable,” said Christopher Getz, general manager of the new Bar Louie in Downey.

“We hope that our new neighborhood bar and restaurant will become a place where residents and employees of Downey and the surrounding Los Angeles communities can come together to relax and enjoy.”

Bar Louie opened its first location in Chicago in 1990. It has since grown to 115 location in 25 states.

The Downey location created 80 jobs, officials said.

Bar Louie’s menu features a selection of shareable plates, flatbreads, salads, sandwiches, burgers and signature dishes, including a spiked bourbon burger and grilled mac and cheese sandwich.

All cocktails are handcrafted -- no blenders are used. Some of its most popular drinks are the Pineapple Express Sangria, which unites flavored vodka with tropical fruit syrups and juices, topped off with prosecco, or the more traditional Havana Classic Mojito.

Bar Louie is open seven days per week, with its full food menu available until 2 a.m. daily.

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ARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

An Inflatable Idea

and Stories is a weekly column featuring articles from a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Yolanda is a life-long Norwalk resident who likes to see everyone with a smile on their face. In this piece she explores with dramatic flair the lives of two young girls who find a Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue. The names have been changed to protect the innocent. Created by Carol Kearns

NORWALK – While walking home from my junior high school one day I saw a Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue lying on the sidewalk. I was excited to find it, but there were several pedestrians on the street and I felt nervous to have them see me look at this sexy publication. Luckily there was no one I knew, but I still slowed down space until they passed before I turned back to pick up the forbidden catalogue.

Children my age were: "Too old for toys and too young for boys." It was the era of liberated women burning their bras; I didn't think "training bras" counted. Still, Frederick's merchandise defined sexy; just what an adolescent, almost blossoming, teenage girl wanted to get her hands on. I could hardly believe that I now owned a coveted catalogue.

I did what came naturally. I ran to my best friend's house to share my miraculous find. Had I been in a parking lot I'd have come in first place. It seemed that I touched Carla's front door in a few minutes. I tucked the catalogue into my skirt's waistband and stood with my arms across my waist.

It was difficult to contain my excitement. I was relieved when Carla opened the door instead of her mother. I had a puzzled look on her face when she asked,

"Jane are you alright? You look kinda weird."

"Carla you won't believe what I just found on the street!"

"You found money?"

"No. Something even better. Let's hurry up to your room. Just then her mother called out from the kitchen, Carla who is at the door?"

"It's just Jane, Mom. We are going to do our homework. Please tell Jimmy to leave us alone."

The kitchen phone rang and her mother picked it up. Carla and I ran up the stairs as if we were being chased by wild dogs.

Carla quickly locked her bedroom door behind us. Her eyes were wide like Betty Boop; she demanded to see what I had found. "Not so fast," I said. "First close your eyes." I pulled the shiny catalogue from my skirt and hid it behind the front cover that had a picture of a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like model wearing a pink and black sequined leotard.

"When Carla opened her eyes, her jaw dropped. She let out a loud "WOW!" We both jumped up and down giggling before we fell on her bed.

"Carla, Carla, shhhhhhh, listen!" I whispered. The best part is that there's an order form attached inside the catalogue where we can send a way for a sexy... something."

After the twelfth or thirtieth time pouring over the pages we decided to pull our babysitting money and our allowances to buy a "Shelf Bra." Would be co-owners of a business: thirties lift and squeeze what little we had on our chests. The ad said that this bra was revolutionary. It came with a magical straw, which allowed a woman to inflate her breasts as she desired into this wonder undergarment, thus giving her a cleavage that could rival any other's seen on goddess.

"We will look like movie stars," I promised.

"Yes, yes!" Carla yelled. I smiled as I noticed that she was even more flat chested than I was. We were exhilarated at the potential promises this bra would "fulfill" for us.

We stood up on the bed bouncing and laughing, throwing pillows in to the air. After a few minutes we felt tired, exhausted with joy, talking quietly.

"I can bet one of us is not going to be a wallflower. I will not be a plain-Jane. Can you imagine the look on Dad's face when she sees the new glamorous Jane wearing my secret weapon?"

"Mira is such a stuck-up witch with a capital 'B' since she got all the boys' attention after poodling her training bra."

"Carla if we want to look more grown up we will have to practice walking differently."

"Like how?" she asked me.

"I got up from the bed. "With shoulders swaying, like this," I said as I demonstrated my best Marilyn Monroe strut.

"Oh Jane, you can already walk like Marilyn, but I bet that you will do it even better when you are wearing the Shelf Bra."

"I really have to go home now," I finally said. "The catalogue will be safer here. You don't have a rug-rat sister to share your room with. Do you want to put the catalogue under your mattress?"

"Hah! No, that's where I leave my "G" rated diary for my mom to snoop through. I will put it in the big dictionary on top of the bookcase. Not even my brother will look there."

"By the way, where is that cute brother of yours?"

"Cute? Oh yeah! You have got to be kidding me, Jane."

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Raised in India, Cal High School scholar finds second home and academic success in Whittier

WHITTIER – Jashandeep Anand arrived to the United States at 14 years old, apprehensive about the environment he was walking into and struggling to understand an unfamiliar language and culture.

Born and raised in New Delhi, India, Anand’s worries and concerns began to dissipate when he and his family first walked onto the California High School campus prior to beginning his junior year.

“When I first came to the United States, I was really scared about possible bullying and the new culture and differences and whether I would like it or not,” Anand said. “But when I came to Cal, every student and teacher made it feel like it was my home and I’m so grateful that I found my dream high school. I don’t even think about going back to India now.”

Affectionately known as “Jash,” Anand has been embraced by his Condor family, gaining a reputation for his hard-working nature, optimism and joyful demeanor. Since arriving at Cal, Anand has refined his American English, joined a variety of clubs



Pictured with California High School Principal Bill Schloss, Jashandeep “Jash” Anand receives an Award of Merit from the Whittier Union High School District on Oct. 11 for his significant academic achievements, positive influence and contributions he’s made to the school where he’s found a second home.

and academically challenged himself to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

For his dedicated efforts to overcome obstacles, Anand was recently recognized with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees – showcasing the degree to which students can succeed when they embrace the full high school experience.

“With a wide range of interventions available and the numerous ways our students have to get connected on campus, from academies and clubs to academic programs and athletics, Cal offers a highly effective and very supportive, comprehensive high school experience,” Principal Bill Schloss said. “Jash is taking full advantage of all we offer and he is an excellent example of the outstanding kids at Cal High.”

Anand has been on the varsity soccer team for two years and is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club and Spanish Club. He is also an Academic Mentor and Link Crew leader, helping to tutor and mentor younger students.

Carrying a 4.0 GPA, the straight-A student is taking Advanced Placement (AP) calculus and physics, is on his way to earning his Seal of Biliteracy in Hindi and completing his senior project on the subject of world hunger by volunteering at the Beatitudes Catholic Church in La

Mirada, distributing food to local families.

The avid reader speaks four languages – Hindi, English, Punjabi and Sanskrit – and is learning Spanish.

“Jash specifically chose to attend one of our schools because of the outstanding services, teachers and staff we have available to provide students with the care, support and education they desire as they pursue their personal and educational endeavors,” Superintendent Martin Plourde said. “Cal High is lucky to have a student like Jash and we are so glad that he found a home at Whittier Union.”

Anand plans to study computer science at UCLA after graduating – a momentous occasion that will be shared with his grandmother, who is expected to fly from India to attend the celebratory event in 2017.

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 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.

Stauffer Foundation gives \$210K in teacher, principal grants to Downey Unified schools

DOWNEY – At Downey Unified’s Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, The Stauffer Foundation presented the 2016 Stauffer Foundation Grants for the teachers and principals within the district.

These grants, which included nine Principal Grants, 11 Teacher Grants and a Robotics Grant, totaled over \$210,000. The Principal Grants were provided in honor of late Downey Unified Director, longtime Stauffer Foundation Board member and beloved community member, Linda Kennedy.

“We would like to send our appreciation to the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation for the outpouring of continuous support to our staff and students,” expressed Downey Unified Board President D. Mark Morris. “For the last 16 years

Downey Unified has been fortunate to receive the annual Teacher Grants from the Stauffer Foundation which has aided our teachers and principals expand program offerings to better prepare students for success in their respective college and career endeavors.”

The newly established Stauffer Foundation Principal Grants were provided to principals, counselors and teachers at the elementary and middle school levels, and totaled \$57,925. As stated by Dr. Stauffer, “these funds will be used to motivate students and teachers to fulfill their potential.”

Also the inaugural year for the Robotics Grant, which is being provided to assist in the expansion of STEAM related programs, was given to Downey Unified’s Department of Support Programs,

Former wrestling coach gets 64 years to life for molestations

TORRANCE – The former head coach of the Torrance High School wrestling team was sentenced this week to a total of 64 years and eight months to life in state prison for lewd acts on 25 students.

Thomas Joseph Snider, 48, of Torrance, was found guilty on Oct. 13 of 26 felony counts of lewd acts upon a child 14 or 15 years old, three felony counts of felony lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14 and eight misdemeanor counts of child molesting.

While working as a wrestling coach in 1995, 1996 and from 2013 and 2015, Snider molested students between the ages of 13 and 16 years old under the guise of inspecting them for skin diseases, according to witness testimony.

During the alleged inspections, the defendant would make the victims take off their clothing and would sometimes touch the victims’ genitals, the prosecutors said.

Snider also watched students shower and would massage several of them, the prosecutors added. School officials became aware of the conduct after students told opposing team members about the nude skin checks.

Rio Hondo College board of trustees endorses Prop 51 and 55

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College’s Board of Trustees has proclaimed support for a statewide ballot measure that would generate \$90 million for Rio Hondo College remodeling and renovation projects.

Prop. 51 on the Nov. 8 statewide ballot, would generate \$7 billion to augment local funding of capital projects at K-12 schools and \$2 billion for community colleges, which project \$29.2 billion in unmet facility needs through 2020-21.

Rio Hondo leaders estimate College facilities needs at \$120 million, including those that would qualify for state matching funds.

“Prop. 51 would have a definite and lasting effect on the ability of Rio Hondo College to provide the best possible facilities for our students,” Board President Mary Ann Pacheco said.

“With these funds, we would be able to ensure our students have the tools they need for success.”

The Board of Trustees also adopted a resolution supporting Prop. 55, which would extend for 12 years a temporary income tax on wealthy residents previously adopted as Prop. 30 in 2012.

Prop. 55 dedicates 89 percent of proceeds to K-12 education and 11 percent to community colleges.

Rio Hondo leaders estimate that Prop. 30 generates about \$10 million a year for the College. Prop. 55 would generate about \$7 million annually because the measure drops a temporary sales tax hike included in Prop. 30.

“Prop. 55 would ensure California’s schools and community colleges have the resources they need to provide outstanding academic programs,” Pacheco said.

Norwalk Senior Center releases schedule of November events

NORWALK – On Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 10-11 a.m., the city of Norwalk Public Safety Department will discuss steps seniors can take to make sure their secure information is protected via an identity theft workshop.

The Norwalk Senior Center will host a traveling game show on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m., sponsored by the city of Norwalk and HealthCare Partners.

This 45-minute program, designed for seniors and full of competition and entertainment, mimics “Wheel of Fortune,” “Family Feud,” “Card Sharks,” and “Jeopardy” with a holiday theme.

With open enrollment deadlines drawing near, the senior center will address questions about Medicare programs and the benefits that best fit individual needs.

On Thursday, Nov. 17 from 10-11 a.m., this seminar will provide information on options for seniors to help facilitate the process.

Pioneer Medical Group will perform blood pressure screenings to seniors between 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

This service is provided by licensed/certified medical staff, with results discussed afterward.

All events are free, open to seniors 50 years of age and older, and take place at the Norwalk Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Drive. For more information or to register, call (562) 929-5580.

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