

## Shared Stories: The Ties That Bind

For those who are familiar with Brooklyn and Queens, New York, Daniela Kanz offers a fascinating description of Jones Beach in the summertime and the all-day trek required to get there. Live musicians played for the water ballet show in the bay. 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.

### “Synchronized Swimming” by Daniela Kanz

My interest in the Summer Olympics mainly evolved from my enjoyment of synchronized swimming.

One of my all-time favorite movie stars as a child was Esther Williams in the aqua-musical Million Dollar Mermaid (the 1952 biographical movie about Australian swimmer Annette Kellerman).

This movie led to my love of swimming and eventually water ballet. I have borrowed the DVD from the library several times to enjoy watching it yet again.

Esther Williams was an advisor to the International Olympic Committee at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles for the new sport of synchronized swimming. Not only was Esther Williams a film star, she was a businesswoman – being first to endorse a product – swimwear. She later was involved in selling swimming pools.

I became enchanted with water ballet before I knew about America’s Mermaid, as Esther Williams was nicknamed. I have fond memories of the water ballet shows put on at Jones Beach out on Long Island, New York. Going to the beach from Jackson Heights without a car was quite a journey. My Dad and I would take a bus to the subway to the Long Island Railroad, and then another bus to the beach. It seemed like we would never get there to this ten-year old.

I fondly remember my Dad playing the Why Game with me to help pass the travel time. He would mention something, and I would respond “Why?” – And he would come up with another answer and I again would reply “Why?”

It never ceased to amaze me how far and how long he could play this game without running out of things to tell me. My memory does not serve me well enough to tell you what some of these tales were, but I can still feel that amazement and wonder that this interaction with my Dad provided.

Once we arrived at Jones Beach, the first stop was to the umbrella rental stand. My Dad felt we needed that protection from the sun.

Then I would finally be allowed to get in the water with the admonishment – You must come out when your fingertips start to shrivel. He also went in the ocean water a few times and only did the breaststroke. He never did the crawl stroke the way I learned to swim.

Jones Beach has a boardwalk with many vendors. Every time I eat pizza, I think about the time my poor Dad burned his lips so badly with some melting cheese from a slice of pizza we had purchased on the boardwalk.

I also recall being amazed at his eating clams on the half shell with just a bit of lemon juice squeezed on them. I refused to try them when he offered some to me. I have since tried them and can tolerate this delicacy, but just as soon pass when offered.

One of the best things about Jones Beach was not only the ocean to swim in and that wonderful clean white sand to play in – there was also a swimming pool and the very odd thing was that the pool was filled with salty seawater rather than chlorinated water.

When evening came, the best was yet to come - the water ballet show in the bay. There was huge stadium seating in a horseshoe around the water and several feet across the water was a stage with a live band to accompany the water ballet performers.

After the show, it was all I could do to get to the bus with my Dad. I slept on the bus – was awakened to get on the train – was awakened again to get on the subway – and awakened yet again to get on the last bus to our street. I struggled to the house from the last bus stop and was asleep before my head hit the pillow dreaming about being a water ballet artist one day.

Super Storm Sandy hit my beloved Jones Beach hard in October of 2012, but the needed repairs were complete by May of 2013. Maybe one day I shall return.

For those who would like to see Esther William, there is an interview available on YouTube. In November 2007 Good Morning America’s Diane Sawyer interviewed her childhood hero Esther Williams and both spent time in the pool together. The film clip is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ3vAf815ZE>.



## Lynwood becomes first city in L.A. County to embrace marijuana manufacturing

**LYNWOOD** – On a 3-1 vote, Lynwood’s City Council this week approved on first reading an ordinance that would regulate businesses that grow and manufacture medical cannabis within city limits. The ordinance would allow up to 5 such businesses.

The ordinance will need to have at least one more reading before it passes which will take place on Dec. 20, 2016.

Council members José-Luis Solache, Aide Castro and Maria Teresa Santillan-Beas voted in support of the resolution, while Salvador Alatorre was the dissenting vote and Edwin Hernandez was not present.

If passed, the Lynwood ordinance would allow the licensing of up to five properties to grow or manufacture marijuana at any given time Those properties could not be within 600 feet of a school or day care center or within 50 feet of a residential zone.

Aaron Herzberg of CalCann Holdings, a marijuana real estate company, said Lynwood is actually the first city in Los Angeles County to explicitly license the growing, manufacture and extraction of cannabis.

By Herzberg’s estimates this ordinance could generate as much as \$5 million in tax revenue for the city per year.



Photo | William Odis Martin

## La Mirada Matadores defeated by Edison in CIF championship game

**LA MIRADA** – La Mirada’s chance at back to back championships was crushed by Edison last Friday, as they fell, 44-24, at home.

Edison’s record setting junior quarterback, Griffin O’conner threw for 244 yards, completing on 15-29 passes, a touchdown and an interception. He was killing the Matadores with his read option as well as he punched one in for a touchdown. O’conner set school records for single season touchdowns and yardage in this game.

Meyer finished with comparable yards passing but on nearly twice as many attempts. Meyer threw for 254 yards, completing on 29 of 44 attempts, including two touchdowns through the air and one rushing touchdown from the 1 yard line.

Meyer threw a costly interception to Edison’s defensive back, McCade Barrett, who picked it off in the redzone and returned it 91 yards to the house to put the Chargers up for good with a comfortable lead.

La Mirada stud running back Nick Hernandez rushed the ball 27 times for 171 yards but could not find the endzone. He added 23 yards receiving on two catches.

Matadores’ star wideout, Jeremy Clark was nearly unstoppable contributing two critical touchdowns in the redzone. Clark caught eight passes for 84 yards.

The Edison Chargers sent their long time head coach, Dave White, off into retirement with some extra hardware after 31 years of dedication to the program. The Chargers managed to win the Sunset League Championship and followed that up with a CIF Southern Section Championship in his last season.

Last week, La Mirada’s coach Mike Moschetti dedicated the championship game to Ethan Hawks, a Whittier Christian football player who died on Nov. 19 in a car accident, but unfortunately, the team couldn’t pull off the win. – **William Odis Martin, Intern**

## Norwalk City Council candidates announce bids for open seats as filing deadlines approach

**NORWALK** – Three more residents have filed their nomination papers in order to campaign for the open seats on the Norwalk City Council.

According to City Clerk Theresa Devoy on Thursday, Alberto Uribe, Ken Menchaca, and current Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School board member Margarita L. Rios each filed paperwork to replace former Councilman Marcel Rodarte, who resigned in June.

Rodarte had two years remaining in his council term.

Currently, only Harvey Cardenas has filed his nomination paperwork to run for the four-year term, according to city records.

On March 7, 2017, Norwalk residents will vote to fill two, regular four-year terms and a single two-year term.

Mayor Mike Mendez has said he will not seek re-election.

However, five other residents

have pulled nomination papers for the four-year term seats, including incumbent Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley, Norwalk planning commissioners



Sandra Salazar pulled papers to run for city council.

Scott Collins and Jennifer Perez, Jamie Armenta, Esperanza Free, Jack Aduna, Tony Ayala, Marcel Mercado, and Dr. Sandra Salazar, who was just re-elected to serve another term on the Cerritos College Board of

Trustees.

Ayala has not filed his nomination papers yet, but the longtime Norwalk resident announced he is running for City Council via a Facebook page, citing local endorsements and requesting others to join in supporting his bid.

Devoy said three candidates have pulled papers to run for the two-year term, but have yet to file, including former City Council candidate Candy Martinez, Thomas Vernola, and Joel Dominguez.

Two Norwalk residents -- Leroy Baca and Debbie Martinez -- pulled nomination papers, but didn’t specify which term they were interested in.

The window to file nomination papers officially opened on Monday, Nov. 14. and closes on Friday, Dec. 9 for the two-year term.

If no incumbent files before Dec. 9 for the four-year term, the deadline will be extended to Dec. 14.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 66°

Saturday 66°

Sunday 68°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Old Time Christmas Festival

**Saturday - Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach, 1-4 pm**

A Victorian Christmas with crafts, museum tours, holiday music, and shopping.



#### Holiday Boat Parade

**Saturday - King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach, 4 to 10 pm**

30 power boats and sailboats, plus 75 paddle craft, circle the marina while brightly decorated.



#### Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday - Paramount Park in Paramount, 8 am to noon**

Snow play, sled runs, kiddie trains, prizes, and pictures and breakfast with Santa Claus for \$5.



#### Cuellar vs Mares

**Saturday - Galen Center, 7 pm**

Jesus Cuellar makes the third defense of his WBA 126-pound title against three-division champ Abner Mares.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Potential Norwalk City Council candidates emerge ahead of filing deadline

**Andrea Gallegos:** Definitely voting!! It's ridiculous how Norwalk proposed for new fields for schools who didn't have one (like Norwalk and Glenn), it got approved and now they're going to go to la Mirada and fix their stadium before even attempting to give the Norwalk schools anything with possibility of there being no money left. Hopefully our city council can work to help change that with working with the school district.

**Marisela Cervantes:** Yay! This community needs new leadership.

**Lilian Mazariegos:** Time to do our homework and choose the ones who will serve the residents of Norwalk and not their personal agenda.

**David Lauderdale:** Please to take notice .... One of the NLMUSD board members that supported that \$375 million dollar bond is now on the list as running for City Council.. Sorry... We just don't need more of the same...

**Tammy Sheehan Shafer:** Let's not forget we have a school board race coming up also.

Join the conversation at: [Facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot)



# Cerritos makes progress on citywide plan to install bike lanes along major streets

**CERRITOS** – The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$89,900 contract to Superior Pavement Markings of Cypress to make bikeway improvements that are part of the Citywide Bikeway Master Plan.

The project, which has been completed, included installing new signage and striping to provide for new bike lanes throughout the city's arterial streets. The project also included removing conflicting signage and re-striping existing bike lanes.

Cerritos received a \$220,000 grant from Los Angeles County for the project.

**ELECTION:** The Cerritos City Council has approved an ordinance moving the date of the city's General Municipal Election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years to the second Tuesday of April in odd-numbered years.

This will make the city's next General Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

The nomination filing period for the April 11, 2017 Cerritos General Municipal Election will be Monday, December 19, 2016 through Friday, January 13, 2017. The last day to register to vote in the April 11, 2017 Cerritos General Municipal Election is Monday, March 27, 2017.

**ASSISTED-LIVING:** Vintage Cerritos, the for-rent assisted living care facility, has a new owner and the facility has been renamed The Grove at Cerritos.

The previous owner, Avalon at Cerritos, LLC transferred the sublease and operations of Vintage Cerritos to Welltower Inc., a Delaware firm and an S&P

500 company. The facility houses units ranging from studios to two-bedroom layouts.

Of the 147 units, 105 are reserved for seniors in the low to moderate income category as determined by the State of California.

Welltower's plan is to acquire 19 West Coast properties operated by Vintage Senior Housing, LLC – including Vintage Cerritos – for \$1.15 billion.

**HOLIDAY DONATIONS:** This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local community



programs, including "Toys for Tots," the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program and the Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program sponsored by community volunteers.

The annual "Toys for Tots" program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps in cooperation with the City of Cerritos provides gifts to local underprivileged children. Clubs, families and individuals are encouraged to donate dolls, crafts, toy cars, building blocks, books and other items for infants and children. Possible teen items include notebooks, games, curling irons, blow dryers, books or CDs. New, unwrapped items are requested to help make sorting and

delivery more efficient.

Toys for Tots donations can be dropped off now through Wednesday, December 14 in one of the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Heritage Park, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East, Cerritos Olympic Swim Center and Cerritos Sheriff's Station. Marines stationed in Seal Beach will deliver the toys to several agencies serving local children.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program helps brighten Christmas for children of needy families. To participate, pick out one or more tags between now and Friday, December 9 from the Angel Tree located in the Cerritos Senior Center. Each tag (for infants through 12-year-olds) will list the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy request. New clothing and/or a new, unwrapped toy for the child, along with the original tag, should be brought to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Wednesday, December 14.

Monetary donations and grocery store gift cards are also being sought for the annual Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP), to help provide a brighter holiday season for hundreds of local disadvantaged families. Donations for this year's program will be accepted through Friday, December 16 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and Holy Family Catholic Church in Artesia (18708 S. Clarkdale Avenue).

Donations of checks or money orders can be mailed to the Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP), P.O. Box 4803, Cerritos, CA 90703.



Washington Elementary students pose before they program their Dash robots to race each other during the grand opening of the school's new computer lab, donated by International Game Technology's After School Advantage Program. Photo | LUSD

## Washington Elementary unveils \$40,000 robot-equipped, student computer lab

**LYNWOOD** – Washington Elementary School students have a whole new excitement for after-school learning following the Nov. 29 unveiling of a \$40,000 computer lab donated by International Game Technology (IGT).

Washington Elementary was chosen for this donation by IGT's After School Advantage (ASA) Program due to its robust after-school assistance for students. The school hosts about 90 students every day, helping students who might not have computers at home with homework, projects and tutoring sessions.

"To ensure our students are prepared for college and careers, they need access to the latest technology and learning resources early on in their education," LUSD Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "I would like to thank IGT for donating such a tremendous facility to our Washington Elementary students."

Stocked with 40 Chromebooks, 20 iPads, coding system programs, printers, a flat-screen television and moveable furniture, the lab is the first donated by IGT that features robotic equipment, such as the Dash and Dot Wonder Pack, Osmo Wonder Kit, Littlebits Gizmo & Gadgets and a Sphero programmable robot.

"As a former Washington Elementary student, it prides me to see such a wonderful school receive this amazing computer lab," LUSD Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said. "It is so important for our students to have access to top-notch computers and software programs, especially as more and more occupations now require very specific technological expertise."

IGT's Senior Vice President Scott Gunn and California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon lauded Washington Elementary for its constant support of students' academic endeavors.

"Today's students must be tech savvy to compete for jobs in the global economy," Rendon said. "I'm glad Lynwood Unified, Washington Elementary and IGT were able to collaborate to create such an amazing resource for our students to succeed now and for years to come."

IGT strives to close the digital divide for children who do not have access to computers in today's increasingly digital society. IGT selects schools that have great after-school programs, but may not have all the resources students need.

"IGT is providing students with access to a powerful combination of educational resources and cutting-edge technology, opening doors to a vast range of opportunities and a promising future," Gunn said. "IGT is proud to support Washington Elementary School and the children of Lynwood through our ASA Program."



## 5 Freeway construction in Downey slated to start next month

■ **TRAFFIC:** Construction on 5 Freeway in Downey anticipated to last through 2019.

By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The I-5 intersection at Florence Avenue is scheduled to undergo long-term construction beginning as early as January of next year.

The Santa Ana Freeway Florence Avenue Interchange Project aims to bring several benefits to the highly traveled freeway corridor which extends through Downey and Santa Fe Springs to just north of the

605 bridge.

Improvements include the addition of a high occupancy vehicle lane in both directions, interchange improvements, pavement replacement and pedestrian overcrossings.

The Florence Avenue overcrossing will also be widened from four to six lanes.

Several closures have also taken place due to the project. Dollison Drive (between Quinn Street and the southbound I-5 on ramp) and the southbound I-5 Dollison Drive have been permanently closed. The southbound I-5 Florence Avenue on ramp long-term closure will continue through early 2018.

Project cost is \$215.4 million. The anticipated traffic opening is late 2019.

A representative of Caltrans was on hand at City Hall Tuesday evening to give a presentation about the project at a special meeting called for city residents who may have had questions concerning the upcoming construction.

Traffic on the affected parts of Florence is expected to get extremely congested, so commuters are encouraged to find alternate routes and detours during the project's duration.

For more information, visit My5LA.com.



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## Norwalk Senior Center hosting holiday dance

**NORWALK** – On Dec. 13, the senior center will host a "Holiday Dinner Dance" from 5-9 p.m.

Tickets are \$22 per person and include a prime rib or roast turkey dinner catered by Chris & Pitt's, followed by a traditional apple cider toast.

The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, Dec. 9. For more details about each dance, contact the senior center at (562) 929-5580.



# This is why fake news is dangerous

By Lee H. Hamilton

Franklin Roosevelt once said, “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely.” He was talking about why education matters in a representative democracy, but it’s a safe bet that had he known about fake internet news, he’d have said the same thing — except maybe with more pointed words.

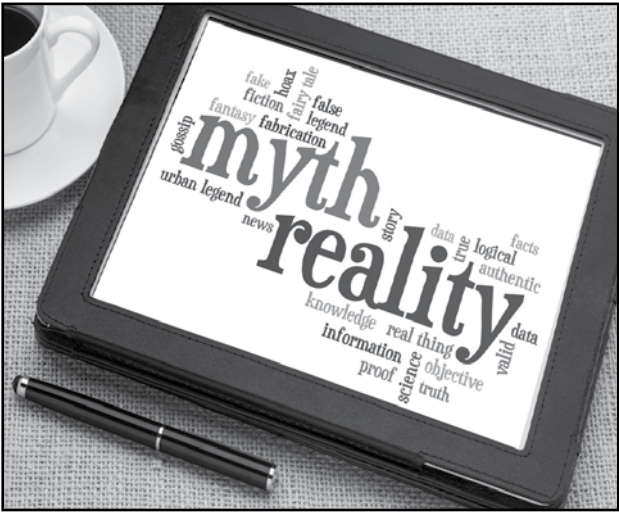
Our representative democracy depends on ordinary people making sound judgments about politicians and policy. This is hard to do at the best of times. Issues are complex. Being able to sort out what matters and what’s a diversion takes knowledge and judgment. Being a full citizen in a representative democracy depends on accurate information — and the ability to discern what’s reliable and what’s not.

To fold into that mix deliberately false news makes the citizen’s task much more difficult — maybe even impossible. Yet astoundingly, that’s where we find ourselves now. Millions of people see patently false stories about undocumented workers pouring across the border or Hillary Clinton being involved in the assassination of JFK — and some number of them believe it. Meanwhile, people across the globe — teenagers in the Balkans, disinformation specialists in Russia, entrepreneurs in the U.S. — all seem to be cashing in.

I’m well aware that some critics argue that “fake news” is nothing new. They cite such well-known fabricators as Jayson Blair at The New York Times and Janet Cooke at The Washington Post. Fair enough. But when Blair, Cooke and others like them were caught, they were fired and drummed out of journalism.

These days, purveyors of fake news get paid to mislead the public. This is new. These are fantasies masquerading as “news” — misleading, disingenuous and removed from context. They’re outright lies generated without regard for the commitment to accuracy that real journalism strives for. This is very, very dangerous. Outside of criminal activities like bribery, it’s hard for me to imagine a greater disservice to our country.

Americans care about being informed. When I’m in front of an audience, invariably someone asks me to recommend the most reliable source



of information I know — because there are a lot of choices out there. People know that they have political decisions to make, that their votes matter, and that they shouldn’t make them in a vacuum. False news makes the basic responsibilities of citizenship much harder.

On the positive side, responsible media outlets are increasingly aware of the problem and are seeking ways to counteract it — as well as to call out politicians who blatantly traffic in misrepresentation. There is no question that in the coming years, real journalists’ ability to identify bogus stories, rebut ignorant claims that go viral, and stymie efforts at misinformation will be a vital part of their responsibilities. Similarly, the platforms that have given an outlet

to fake news — Facebook and other social media — are recognizing their obligation to fight it without compromising users’ access to the real stuff.

Which, of course, is what makes what to do about false news so devilishly difficult. As a nation, we thrive on a multitude of voices and news sources. We don’t want to discourage the sharing of information or opinions, nor do we want to restrict Americans’ access to it.

When misinformation has spread in the past, we’ve always been able to depend on the truth catching up and eventually prevailing. Now, however, the circuits are being overloaded — not just by the proliferation of platforms and sources of information, but by people who are using the tools of democracy to undermine it. We must strive for an environment in which truth wins the day in the war over information.

I can’t pretend to know how we will ultimately help Americans sort through what’s truth and untruth, what’s serious argument and what’s propaganda, but I do know that this is one of the key battles of our time. Fake news is a threat to our system, a land mine that can cripple representative democracy by making a mockery of its most basic tenet: that the people will make the right decisions. This is a challenge we need to address head on and without delay — the future of our representative democracy is at stake.

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# Que viva Cuba libre

By Mario Guerra

Today we celebrate the end of tyranny, of oppression of an absolute ruler that caused so much harm to the very people he claimed to want to help.

I was born in Holguin, Cuba in March 1959 (Castro came into power on January 1, 1959), so I’ve only known one side of this ruler my entire life. I’ve been blessed and we escaped in 1965 on one of the first Viaje de Libertad (freedom flights).

I remember as a little boy in Cuba hiding in the closet in terror of being found as the military drove by during home- schooling by our non-communist neighbor. I remember the fear and yet jubilation of my parents as we were processed at the Cuban Refugee Center – today known as The Freedom Tower in Miami. We were welcomed by this amazing country that has allowed me to breathe free air to this day.

I understand to a lesser degree the suffering by millions of people at the hands of this dictatorship. I am one of the lucky ones who were able to come to a great country like America that welcomed us and gave us the opportunity to pursue happiness and self-worth. I am very proud to be an American-Cuban.

While I cannot proclaim happiness at somebody’s death, today I feel a sense of relief. Yes, of joy for those who are suffering to this day in a homeland and culture I represent by my roots. His legacy is well documented, of starving his countrymen both literally, economically and without human rights. He will be remembered for staying in power for 57 years, the iron fist suppression of communism and a dictatorship.

So no, I’m not happy about death. But I do breathe a little freer today for so many people. I rejoice for the Cuban people there. I cry for the many lives that he shattered, destroyed and killed. Today represents a new beginning, a new vision, a new future without the burdens of the past.

I think of my mom and dad and their struggles to start over and bring our family here to escape this man and what he represented. I wish they were alive to see this. I wonder what their thoughts would be at this day finally arriving.

What faces Cuba now is a political mix of a grand opportunity combined with political uncertainty. Progress towards humanitarian policies and treatment of the Cuban people at the hands of their own government is a noble and worthy goal that hopefully can continue in dialogue with the United States.

And lastly, I count my blessings for this great country and what it represents, for welcoming my family, for my amazing life of opportunities. I also smile knowing that today, we have Cuba and the Cuban people in our thoughts and hearts. Que viva Cuba libre!

I reminiscence of an old Cuban proverb: “When the sun rises, it rises for everyone.”

# Linda Sánchez on nomination of Rep. Xavier Becerra to replace Harris as next California Attorney General

WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. Linda Sánchez (CA-38), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, released the following statement on the naming of Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA-34) to be the next Attorney General of California:

“Xavier Becerra has been a leader and advocate for America’s seniors and working families in the United States Congress for nearly three decades,” said Sánchez.

“I have been able to work with him closely as a neighbor from Southern California and on the Ways and Means Committee. A Californian through and through, I know he will represent the state we both love with the same passion and intelligence he is known for in

the House of Representatives.

“I congratulate Xavier on his appointment, which I know he has worked so hard for, and wish him the best of luck as he returns home to begin this new chapter in his long career of public service.”

Brown appointed Becerra on Thursday to be the state’s next attorney general to succeed fellow Democrat Kamala Harris, who was elected to the U.S. Senate last month.

If confirmed by the state Senate and Assembly, Becerra will

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serve the final two years of Harris’ term and become California’s first Hispanic attorney general.



## Assemblymember Criticism

Dear Editor:

Please publish my letter to the Assemblymember of Downey, Cristina Garcia:

Not everyone in your district is a Democrat, but whether we like it or not, you are our Assemblymember. I am writing you in regards to your post on your official website and the article that you posted: “It’s not safe to wear my hijab now that Trump will be President.”

As a political leader you represent all of us and you should carry yourself in a dignified, unbiased, professional manner. Because of people like you it’s not safe for anyone in the 58th District or in the State of California to wear “I Support Trump” t-shirts yet Trump supporters still pay for your salary with our hard-earned tax money.

Patty Jackson  
Downey

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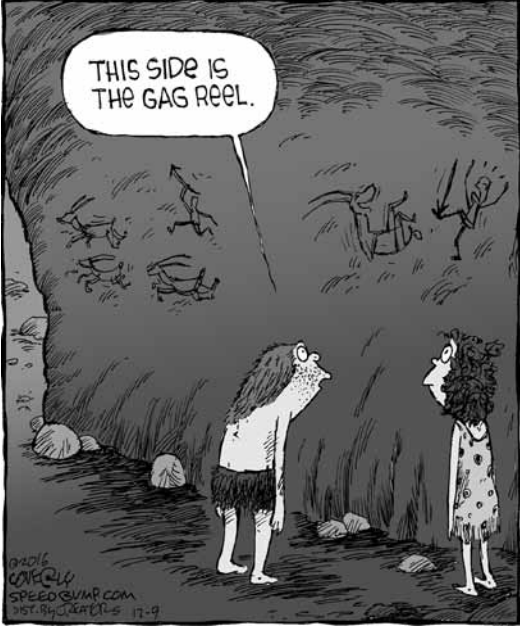
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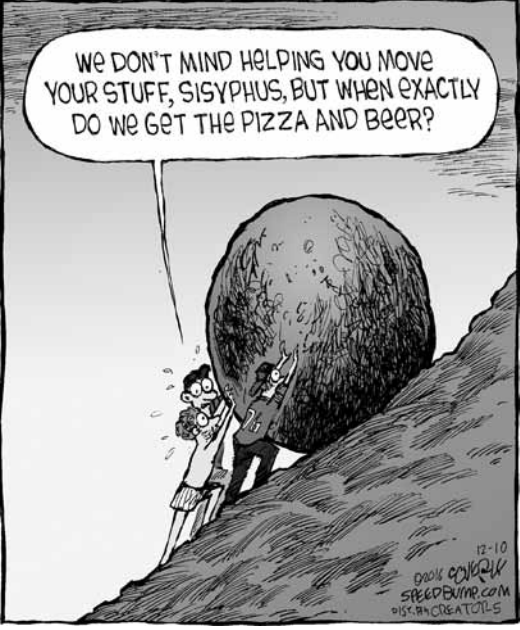
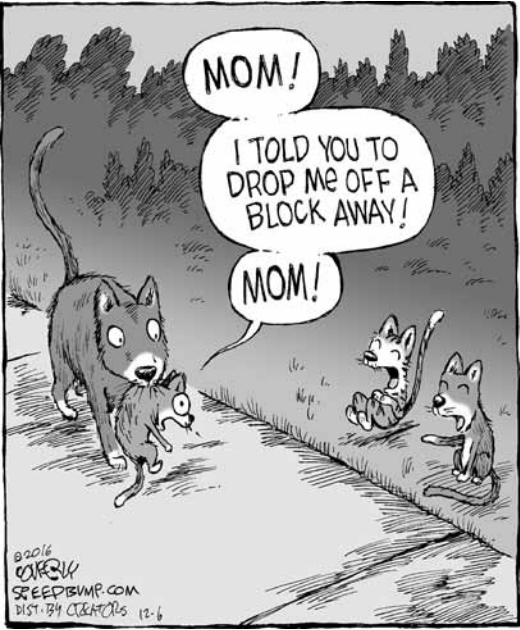
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Holiday Dinner Dance - Norwalk Senior Center

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.

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk  
Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

On This Day...

December 9, 1962: "Lawrence of Arabia" by David Lean had its world premiere in London.  
1978: The first game of the Women's Pro Basketball League (WBL) was played between the Chicago Hustle and the Milwaukee Does.  
1984: The Jacksons played their last show together in Los Angeles, CA.  
2002: United Airlines filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after losing \$4 billion in the previous two years. It was the sixth largest bankruptcy filing.  
BIRTHDAYS: Film icon Kirk Douglas (100); Actress Judi Dench (82); Football hall of famer Dick Butkus (74); Movie actor John Malkovich (63); Actor and singer Donny Osmond (59); Actress Felicity Huffman (54); TV actor Jesse Metcalfe (38); NBA star Eric Bledsoe (27); Rapper PnB Rock (25); and U.S. gymnast McKayla Maroney (21).

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS	84 DC-area airport	11 Lyrical homage
1 My Cousin Vinny star	87 Pressure meas.	12 Four laps, perhaps
6 Moist, as morning lawns	88 Grand __ Opry	13 Singer Baker
10 Variety of plum tomato	89 One of those things	14 Feel regret over
14 Spouse of Pocahontas	90 Ancient Andean	15 Wisconsin city
19 Top squad	91 Dandelion, to gardeners	16 Ex-CIA head Panetta
20 Vicinity	92 Casablanca	17 Be highly agitated
21 Chief Norse god	99 Shrimp entrée	18 Sporting blade
22 Deplete	100 Tibetan priest	24 Reduce dramatically
23 The Wizard of Oz	101 Hair-care businesses	25 Bit of clowning
27 Breakfast staple	102 Halftime entertainment	26 It's northwest of
28 Hue and cry	104 Ill-mannered	78 Across
29 Landing estimate: Abbr.	106 Rescue squad VIP	33 Tourist's frequent query
30 Pants part	107 "Annabel Lee" writer	35 Surname on a Peace Prize
31 Four-baggers, for short	110 Son of 21 Across	37 Demolition supply
32 Nonstandard negative	113 Erode	38 "I'm outta here!"
34 British prep school	115 Peanuts kid	39 In the wink __ eye
36 Prefix for pilot	118 Some golf tournaments	40 Fertilizer compound
38 Diocese leader	120 The Jazz Singer (1927)	42 Contaminate
41 Walkman successor	124 Retail chain that welcomes 130 Across	44 Road-fork shapes
43 Jeopardy! revelation	125 Cardinal point	45 Extremely long time
47 Star Wars	126 Whodunit author Buchanan	46 Reddish brown
51 Put something over on	127 Online periodical	47 Hard-to-move art
52 Pro __ (proportionally)	128 City near Düsseldorf	48 When Revere rode
53 Singer McEntire	129 Slice into cubes	49 Dreadlocks wearer
54 Recent USNA graduate	130 Some four-legged friends	50 Salable articles
55 Make a goof	131 Jam-packed	51 Half, in French cuisine
56 Sports venues		56 Sigh of satisfaction
58 Hue and cry	DOWN	57 Be about as good as
60 Call for attention	1 Hasty repair	59 Conductor Zubin
61 Rum cocktail	2 Old-time anesthetic	60 Do road work
63 MO city	3 Clairvoyants	62 Ten C-notes
65 "I'm outta here!"	4 Be concerned	64 USCG officers
67 When Harry Met Sally...	5 Emphatic follow-up	66 Outlandish story
75 GWTW surname	6 Veep before Al	68 Poetic Muse
76 Covert agent	7 Mythical archer	69 Icon of pop art
77 Seismic vibration	8 Was visibly moved	70 Green garnish
78 Aloha Stadium site	9 New Haven collegian	71 African pack animals
81 Fats for cooking	10 The Who's Tommy, for one	72 Bank of China Tower architect

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The quote from When Harry Met Sally... (67 Across) was spoken by Estelle Reiner, mother of Rob Reiner, the film's director. "Shrimp SCAMPI" (99 Across) is technically redundant, since "scampi" is the Italian plural word for large shrimp. The five theme quotes are all among the American Film Institute's 100 Greatest Movie Quotes of All Time, as selected in 2005.



# Legals/Classifieds

## LEGAL

### GOVERNMENT

#### CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 16-1686U

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held on December 6, 2016, adopted, by the following roll call vote, **Ordinance No. 16-1686U**, which extends Interim Ordinance No. 16-1685U for a period of 10 months and 15 days past the initial expiration date of Interim Ordinance No. 16-1685U, prohibiting all commercial non-medical marijuana activity in the City and prohibiting outdoor marijuana cultivation on private residences in the City. The urgency ordinance prohibits all activities in which a State license is required pursuant to Proposition 64, including establishment, operation, maintenance, development or construction of any use for commercial non-medical marijuana activity anywhere within the City. Further, the ordinance does not allow marijuana to be cultivated outdoors upon the grounds of a private residences.

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

The full text of **Ordinance No. 16-1686U** is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk  
December 6, 2016

The Norwalk Patriot  
12/9/16

#### CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR JERSEY AVENUE AND IMPERIAL HIGHWAY BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION PROJECT NO. 7187 & 7189

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Norwalk will accept bids for this project until the hour of **eleven o'clock A.M.** on **January 4, 2017**. Bids are to be submitted to the City Clerk's office, Room 10, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the City Clerk's Office Room 10 unless otherwise posted.

**OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS.** Plans, specifications, bid forms, bonds and contracts may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Room 12, City Hall. Plans and specifications will be issued to prospective bidders over the counter for a \$24.50 charge. For plans and specifications that are required to be mailed the charge will be \$34.50. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Norwalk.

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

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

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

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

**LICENSES.** Each Bidder shall possess a valid **Class A** Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

**INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD.** The bidder shall submit as part of its Bid a completed copy of its Industrial Safety Record including all construction Work undertaken in California by the bidder and any partnership, joint venture or corporation that any principal of the bidder participated in as a principal or owner for the last five (5) calendar years and the current calendar year before the date of Bid submission.

**INCORPORATION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.** The 2015 edition of "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction" ("Standard Specifications"), as amended by the Contract Documents, is incorporated into the Contract Documents by reference.

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

**LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.** Liquidated damages shall accrue in the amount of \$500 for each day that Work remains incomplete beyond the Project **120 Working Day** completion deadline as specified in the Contract Documents.

**BIDDING PROCESS.** The City Council of the City of Norwalk reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality on a bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date and time set for the opening thereof.

**BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY**

**COUNCIL** of the City of Norwalk, California this 7th day of June, 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC  
City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

The Norwalk Patriot  
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#### CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES 11900 BLOCK OF LYNORDA STREET, BETWEEN PADDISON AVENUE AND ZETU AVE. AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE 11000 BLOCK OF FERINA STREET, BETWEEN ALLINGHAM AVENUE AND CROSSDALE AVENUE

**Date: Tuesday, December 20, 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 11900 block of Lyndora Street and the south side of the 11000 block of Ferina Street 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 Amescua at (562) 929-5362 or by email to namescua@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 the 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 9th day of December 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC  
City Clerk

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### PROBATE

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROSA TAVAREZ

**Case No. 161STPB06305**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROSA TAVAREZ:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Beatrice Padilla in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Beatrice Padilla be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 12, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**STEPHEN MARC DRUCKER ESQ**  
**TSB 76279**  
**LEGAL ACTION WORKSHOP PC**  
**417A N GLENDALE AVE**  
**GLENDALE CA 91206**  
**CN930892 TAVAREZ**  
**Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 2016**

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### TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-741933-AB Order No. 730-1607967-70**  
**NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVIDED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR (Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 2923.3) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/2/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial C ode and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): Claudia Perez, a married woman as her sole and separate property Recorded: 10/15/2008 as Instrument No. 20081835788 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **LOS ANGELES** County, California, Date of Sale: 1/5/2017 at 9:00:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$316,090.69 The purported property address is: 12413 ROSETON AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8023-009-010 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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 **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-16-741933-AB**. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. **QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 **FOR NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 O r Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-16-741933-AB IDSPub #0118339 12/2/2016 12/9/2016 12/16/2016**

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APN: 8045-004-049 TS No: CA05000861-16-1 TO No: 8650773 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923-3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 16, 2007. 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 January 5, 2017 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 20, 2007 as Instrument No. 20070950227, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by JOSE DAVID HUEY AND LISA ANN MORRIS HUEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. 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 and therein as: "FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE FORECLOSURE 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: 12921 NAVAJO LANE, NORWALK, CA 90650-3317. 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 "as is," without warranty, expressed 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 \$242,740.07 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will 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, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the 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 Trustee by the duly appointed trustee. 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. 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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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: CA05000861-16-1. 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: November 22, 2016 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No: CA05000861-16-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone:949-252-8300 TDF: 866-680-4288 Stephanie Hoy, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. ISL Number 24478, Pub Dates: 12/02/2016, 12/09/2016, 12/16/2016, NORWALK PATRIOT

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** File No. 7042.16214 Title Order No. 160184499 **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/01/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustors: ARTURO RODRIGUEZ CERVANTES, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND ARTURO AGUILAR, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 07/12/06, as Instrument No. 06 1535734, of Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 12/16/16, 12/23/16 PM Place of Sale: In the main dining room of the Pomona Masonic Temple, located at 395 South Thomas Street, Pomona, CA The purported property address is: 10919 LAKELAND ROAD, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8020-013-035 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$310,511.14. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. **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

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APN: 8025-008-004 TS No: CA05001041-16-1 TO No: 160229646 CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 28, 2007. 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 February 1, 2017 at 09:00 AM, near the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee

Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 22, 2007 as Instrument No. 20071236961, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by ARTURO ESPINOZA MONTOYA AND SARAH MORENO S. M. MONTOYA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. 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". 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However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will 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. 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UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/16/2016 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/01/2007, as Instrument No. 20071813863\*\* and Modified on 9/28/2009 by Instrument No. 20091472133\*\*, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Luis Casarez, a Single Man, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST, APN 8050-023-014 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13205 Fairford Avenue, 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, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$71,285.76 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 11/7/2016 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Rivas/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE. 228, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 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. 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Men’s basketball at Cerritos College wins  
second tournament of the season

By Terrel Emerson

NORWALK – Already for the second time this season the Cerritos College men’s basketball team has won another tournament.

This time the Falcons were able to clinch the Mt. San Antonio Tournament crown following a 79-67 win over the Mounties.

Head coach Russ May said, “Any time that you can win a tournament it is an indicator that you can be successful in the post season.”

The team is now 7-0 on a neutral court.

“We believe that this team is capable of winning every night if we play right and execute the game plan. We love to compete and it does not matter where it is,” May said.

This tournament win came off the heels of the team dropping its home opener against San Bernardino.

The team’s next chance to defend home court will be Saturday, Dec. 10 against Allan Hancock.

Sophomore guard Brian Nebo said, “This team can be really special. We all are buying into what coach May and the rest of the coaching staff is teaching us and taking advantage of every opportunity at hand.”

Nebo led the way for the Falcons with 27 points in the tournament-clinching win over the host college, Mt. San Antonio.

“[Nebo] has become much

more mature and stable and he has learned to control his emotions on the court. I also believe that he now knows exactly what his game is and has eliminated many bad decisions. I’m very proud of him at this point,” May said.

Nebo was the scoring leader for the Falcons all tournament long averaging 20.6 points per game. He feels his teammates are the ones who deserve the praise for his high scoring output.

“My teammates put me in the right position to score the ball. I’m blessed to be a part of a lot of talented players, but I feel like I got my groove back and I’m excited about the rest of the season,” he said.

It must’ve been contagious for Cerritos, as the Falcons shot an average of 50.9 percent from the floor during the tournament. The team shot over 50 percent in two of the three games played.

“We have a veteran team that has been in the same system for the last 2 years. Familiarity breeds success as well as lots of watching film and applying it to practice. We also have talented players that can make shots,” May said.

Nebo feels the team is just starting to gel at the right time.

“We all are just getting comfortable and we know our roles for this team to be successful. [We are] aiming to get this state championship,” Nebo said.

The Falcons never attempted more than 57 shots in one game. Instead, the team was looking to be more aggressive and get to the free throw line more frequently.

Nebo said, “We have adjusted to how the referees are calling [things] this season and that’s something that is making our defense scaring night in and night out.”

After the first tournament of the year, Nebo was among multiple players who noticed a difference in the tolerance level of the referees.

According to the team, May informed everyone that referees were going to be calling things a lot tighter this season. In other words, more fouls are going to get called this season.

“In our two losses [this season] we have been affected by how the game has been officiated, so we need to adjust to the officiating and use it to our advantage and not foul too much,” he said.

The Falcons shot a total of 88 free throws in the three-game tournament, making 65 of them; that is a team average of 73.8 percent.

One thing that is remaining constant is sophomore guard Tyler Payne is not playing nearly as well statistically as he did last season.

May feels statistics don’t tell all the story.

He said, “[Payne] may not contribute in the stat sheet every night, but he impacts our program on and off the court every day with his leadership, enthusiasm and work ethic. He sets the tone for our team. The stats will follow.”

Payne averaged 4.6 points to go along with 3.3 assists per game during the Mt. SAC tournament.

May insists that the team is not worried about the play of Payne because everyone knows what he has to do in order to be successful, including him.

*This story was originally published in Talon Marks , the student-ran newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original version, visit [www.talonmarks.com/sports/2016/12/08/mens-basketball-wins-second-tournament-of-the-season](http://www.talonmarks.com/sports/2016/12/08/mens-basketball-wins-second-tournament-of-the-season).*



Long Beach native participates  
in New Zealand recovery efforts

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Bryan Jackson

LONG BEACH – A 2007 Long Beach Polytechnic High School graduate and Long Beach, California native is a crewmember on the U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer USS Sampson (DDG 102), which assisted in earthquake recovery efforts in Kaikoura, a town on New Zealand’s South Island.

The crew, originally scheduled to participate in New Zealand’s International Naval Review, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Navy, rendered assistance to those affected by the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that shook the South Island Nov. 14.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Pineda is a ship’s serviceman serving aboard USS Sampson. As a ship’s serviceman, Pineda is responsible for the barbershop, retail services, and bulk storerooms.

“One of the things I like about my job is driving the ship on major evolutions and also being a part of two training teams,” said Pineda.

As one of approximately 350 crewmembers, Pineda explained they are building a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

As with the American Navy, New Zealand is an important leader in the Pacific, a key contributor to global security, and a valuable military partner on issues like humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and peacekeeping.

“I like my job on the ship because I provide good service to my shipmates such as haircuts and retail services. It also gives me a sense of pride mentoring and training new sailors,” said Pineda.

Registration opens for Downey 5K

DOWNEY – Early registration for Downey Unified’s True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center (TLC) fifth annual Stay Healthy Downey 5K Run/Walk has officially opened.

The 5K, which raises funds that allow TLC to provide health and human services to Downey students and their families, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 8 a.m. at Apollo Park.

“TLC is a place where our community unites, a place where the community helps the community. It’s a great program,” said Luz Perez, TLC coordinator. “Our annual Stay Healthy Downey 5K is an incredible opportunity for members of the community to support our efforts.”

Early registration through Jan. 31 is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth and includes a commemorative TLC 5K 2017 T-shirt. Registration from Feb. 1-20 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids. Same day registration is \$40 for adults and \$30 for youth.

Participants who register after the early registration deadline will not receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Same-day registration is from 6 - 7 a.m. and participants may pick up their bibs from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Opening remarks and warm-up exercises are at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. The event will conclude with an award ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$50-\$1,000 or above. Information booth spaces are available for \$30 and include a reserved table and two chairs. Sponsorship donations and information booth registration applications must be received by Feb. 1.

For more information regarding 5K registration, information booths, and sponsorship opportunities, visit [dusd.net/tlc](http://dusd.net/tlc) or contact TLC at 562-904-3577.

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