

Celebrating Black History Month

Mitchell on race relations in the 1950s: ‘Quite frankly, I’m trying to forget’ that era

By Raul Samaneigo
Contributor

NORWALK – In 1957, the quest for space was ramping up when the Soviets placed a small beeping sphere in orbit in October. Americans would be second again when Allen Shepard attained space flight in his Mercury capsule nearly four years after Sputnik and twenty three days after the Soviets again beat the Americans into space when cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin made the journey first.

Norwalk’s neighbor on its northwestern border would benefit from this new “Space Race,” when NASA came knocking and development of the Apollo Mission commenced.

A Norwalk dairyman, Ralph Nottingham, donated some land in the southern area of the city for a school and park development.

Rock and roll was ramping up too. Kids in Norwalk were probably dancing to the tunes of a young Latino from Pacoima named Richard Valenzuela, more commonly known to his fans as Richie Valens.



Photo | Philander Smith College

CONWAY/LITTLE ROCK
Arkansas, circa 1957 - 1959

Around the same time, a young southern man entered the traditional Black College for the first time as an exceptional Drummer having earned a scholarship to attend Philander-Smith College near Little Rock Arkansas.

Lee Mitchell Sr., had instilled in his son, whom he affectionately called “Buddy,” “Remember Buddy, be firm, but always be fair.”

Recalling those words some 65 plus years later, Lee Mitchell Jr., said that his first year at Philander-Smith College was anything but high achieving.

It was after his fist year at Philander-Smith that a meeting with his father discussing his sincerity as a student and the reflection it had on him, his family and community prompted the young Mr. Mitchell to become a better student.

His recollection of growing up in Conway was a little more specific.

Mr. Mitchell recalled a time when, “The soldiers rode around maybe four to six in a jeep.”

That was in reference to the Nationalized Army Guard units brought under federal control during the events at Little Rock Arkansas’ Central High School.

Central High School was the focal point after the landmark civil rights case, “Brown versus the Board of Education,” where the United States Supreme Court declared that state laws that established separate schools for black and white students were unconstitutional.

That decision ended segregation in public schools. For southern blacks, It ended on paper at least.

In 1957, nine black students enrolled at Central High School and became known as the “Little Rock Nine,” because they chose to enter a school after the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation.

The National Guard in Little Rock initially blocked their entrance into the school. However, the US 101st

Airborne was sent to Little Rock to maintain the peace and enforce the law.

Eventually the entire contingent of the Arkansas National Guard was brought under Federal jurisdiction by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

“People were being grabbed and beaten on the streets all the time,” exclaimed Mr. Mitchell of his memories of the era.

That is why the staff at Philander-Smith proclaimed it unwise to travel alone, even on the campus grounds.

He didn’t mention anything about events like that happening to him. At least, he didn’t share any with me, save one.

It was day when he and a friend, were supposed to be attending Vespers (evening prayers) at Philander-Smith College when they like many young hearted students did not attend and snuck off to relax in their dorm room.

Speaking matter- of-factly, he calmly said, “That was the day of the bombing.”

He was referring to a bombing on the campus where no one was injured.

In my research of a bombing on the Philander-Smith College campus, I did find a Chicago Tribune story which said that a bomb detonated in a building at the campus the same day a white man was stopped from igniting 40 sticks of dynamite under a dormitory.

In an era where school children were being blow up in churches and students were protesting at diner seats, Mr. Mitchell said, he “doesn’t dwell on that part of his life,” and “Quite frankly, I’m trying to forget it.”

In 1959, another young African American son of a preacher was journeying to India at the invitation of that government. He would review the works of Mahatma Gandhi and his use of non-violent civil disobedience.

This form of protest was the cornerstone of Gandhi’s approach to opposing long time segregation in the former British Colony.

The young preacher’s name was, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This is part two in a series following the journey of Lee Mitchell, Jr., who spent 40 years at the helm of the Norwalk All-City Youth Band, which helped stay violence and racial tensions during the 1970s and 80s.

Norwalk resident dies after bizarre chase outside of Chuck E. Cheese

NORWALK – Authorities have identified the man who died last Saturday after being detained by deputies who were called to Chuck E. Cheese restaurant in Norwalk when he entered the restaurant in only a bloody shirt and underwear.

Deputies say they found 42-year-old Norwalk resident Victor Flores Jr. struggling with two passersby when they arrived to the 10900 block of Firestone Boulevard at 6:44 p.m. last Saturday, according to Deputy Kimberly Alexander of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Information Bureau.

The two passersby initially spotted Flores in the middle of the street trying to get inside occupied vehicles, deputies said. The L.A. County Sheriff’s say Flores previously got into a parked vehicle in the 1700 block of Studebaker Road in Norwalk and tried to get into a second one.

Flores then ran southbound toward Firestone Boulevard, where he jumped into the flatbed of an occupied truck before falling out, Alexander said.

Later, Flores rushed inside Chuck E. Cheese bleeding and wearing only a shirt and his underwear. It was then that “two good Samaritans” detained him, deputies said. The restaurant was placed on lockdown as deputies attempted to revive Flores.

The deputies performed CPR on Flores before he was taken to a local hospital, where he died. An autopsy is currently pending to determine the cause of his death, according to the Norwalk Sheriff’s Station. – Christian Brown, city editor



Photo | Christian Brown

Caren Spilsbury steps up to lead Norwalk Chamber of Commerce

NORWALK – Caren Spilsbury has officially taken over as director of the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

Spilsbury is no stranger to the Chamber; she has already spent seven years as the part time membership director. Before that she had experience with the California Junior Chamber, including time as the president.

With the retirement of longtime director Vivian Hansen, Spilsbury now has the opportunity to lead the charge within the Chamber walls.

Though her predecessor leaves quite the legacy to live up to, Spilsbury does not find herself intimidated in her new role.

“The reason it’s not intimidating is because I have been here for seven years, and I worked alongside her,” said Spilsbury. “So not only do I bring the skill set from the Junior Chamber...having the opportunity to be here for seven years, I was able to learn first-hand how the chamber works and this chamber works...plus I have the support of a great board of directors.”

For now, it is business as usual for the Chamber. However, Spilsbury will soon be reaching out to other local chambers and taking note of their business models. The Chamber will also now look to set a five-year plan, instead of setting goals from a year-to-year basis.

A full member survey will also be taking place soon.

“Starting Feb. 9 we’re going to be picking up the telephone, calling every one of our members, and just talking to them about the Chamber - asking them some key questions to find out what direction they’d like us to be moving in to support them and that kind of thing,” said Spilsbury. – Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Local girls wrestling teams outraged by lack of recognition in CIF league

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK – Several local high school student athletes and parents alike are finding themselves increasingly frustrated over what they find to be unfair and biased attitudes towards the girls’ wrestling teams.

Sophomore Amaris Pedroza and Junior Desiree Estrada both compete as a part of Cerritos High School’s girls wrestling team. Apart from a few different rules and regulations when competing, they

train just as hard and wrestle just as well (and sometimes even better) than the boys.

Pedroza, Estrada, and their teammates compete in the Suburban Wrestling League, which is comprised of teams from Norwalk, Artesia, Mayfair, Bellflower, John Glenn and Cerritos high schools.

However after spending countless hours in the gym and successfully pinning several shoulders to the mat, they find themselves not sharing in the same glory and pomp and circumstance that is bestowed upon their male counterparts.

“We got Suburban League Champ, which means that everyone in our league – we had to win in order to get it. So we thought we were going to get a medal out of it,” said Pedroza. “We already – usually - we don’t get as much [recognition] as the guys. But we were accepting that at least we’re gonna get a medal this time.”

The lack of recognition and official sanctioning isn’t necessarily a new thing according to parent Dalila De Fiesta. While she doesn’t have a daughter on the wrestling team, she has observed their struggles through her son’s participation on the boy’s squad. Despite the girls’ performance being CIF worthy, they are still left high and dry by their own league.



Photo | Cerritos High Girls Wrestling

league – and I don’t know, we just expected a patch or something...”

This isn’t a feeling confined to just the Cerritos team however.

Jessica Hernandez, a junior at Artesia High School, falls into the same boat that Pedroza and Estrada find themselves in; a surprising fact when considered that she is one of the head captains for boys and girls

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 67°

Saturday 65°

Sunday 75°

THINGS TO DO



La La Land

Friday - New Beverly Cinema, 7 p.m.

Watch a double feature of the 2016 musical starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone along with the 1975 film “At Long Last Love.”



Jackie Evancho

Sunday - Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m.

The teenage vocalist who started on NBC’s America’s Got Talent brings her tour to Southeast LA.



Mariachi Concert

Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

Live performances by Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, Mariachi Los Reyes, Chris Reza and more.



Beatles Musical

Friday - Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

A musical retelling of the Beatles story through the eyes of manager Brian Epstein.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Norwalk resident dies after bizarre detainment outside of Chuck E. Cheese

Mary Montoya Catt: I heard the helicopters circling. I live about a mile from this- I wondered what was going on!

Rivera Mia: Remember this is the Chuck E Cheese we would take the kids to when they were little.

Roxanne Weeks: Brittney Colbert, we were right across the street....smh...

Brittney Colbert: That’s the one right by my house. Wow!

Danny Espinosa: Whoa!

Lena Martinez-Rios: I seen this... It’s crazy!!

Jsr Randee Marin: Scary!

Join the conversation at: Facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot

Warren High student in Downey arrested for social media threats

DOWNEY – A 16-year-old boy enrolled at Warren High School was arrested after posting a photo of an airsoft gun on social media and implying violence, officials said.

“At this time we believe the student acted alone in the threat and had no direct intention of carrying out the threat,” Downey Police said in a statement. “Warren High School has been advised and school will be in session as scheduled.”

The boy posted the image to Twitter, where it was forwarded to DUSD staff over the weekend. Downey Police were notified at 8:05 p.m. Sunday and arrested the boy.

Classes continued at Warren High on Monday with extra security on campus “out of an abundance of caution,” officials said. – **Eric Pierce, Downey editor**

Miss Bellflower orientation this Saturday

BELLFLOWER – The 2017 pageant orientation for the Miss Bellflower competition is Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Brakensiek Library in Bellflower from 1-3 p.m.

Young ladies ages 13-21 that live, work, attend school, church, or volunteer in Bellflower are invited to attend the orientation, which organizers say offer skills that are beneficial for the professional world.

The main pageant event “Miss Bellflower: Diamonds in the Rough” will take place on April 29 at the Bristol Auditorium. Winners win a scholarship and a year full of activities volunteering for the city. The deadline to apply is March 18.

For more information, contact coordinators Eden Hernandez and Janna Enkhorn at (562) 755-1913 or (562) 565-3942 respectively.



DOWNEY – A local entrepreneur is to be featured on ABC7’s Vista LA television program.

Marcela Arrieta is owner of Majestic Bliss Soaps, a local business centered on the creation of handmade vegan, palm oil-free, animal cruelty-free, holistic healing soaps.

“What happened from there was I started to think ‘what can I create that is long lasting and is used by the everyday person,’” said Arrieta during her Vista LA interview. “Soap!”

The Vista LA Crew shot footage at Arrieta’s Downey home where her business began, as well as at her Santa Fe Springs warehouse, where Majestic Bliss Soaps currently resides and operates out of. Arrieta and her husband Plinio –who is co-owner of the company- were both featured and interviewed. The episode is scheduled to air in March – **Alex Dominguez, staff writer**

Shared Stories: Ties That Bind

Karen Borrell, from the Adirondacks in New York, describes her transformative experience at a nearby lake with friends. 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

“Night Swimming and Other Stories” by Karen Borrell

I learned to swim in our lake by practically drowning while playing “King of the Mountain” on a floating raft with a bunch of friends. I came away from that experience with a love for swimming, but not much better judgment.

While in high school, I had gone to a nearby lake resort with some friends. On this particular occasion, we decided to go swimming at night. There was no moonlight, as it had been raining for days and was still overcast.

After swimming a bit, we decided to play hide-and-seek. Everyone scattered in different directions, and I had the idea to swim out to one of the closer rafts and swim under the big metal drums to the air space underneath and hide there.

When I dove under the drum and came up to the expected air pocket, my head hit hard against one of the planks that held the drums together. I was shocked and dazed enough that I lost my sense of direction.

I swam to clear the raft, only to hit the sandy floor of the lake. I stroked quickly in another direction and hit my head again. I swam to what I thought was sideways to clear the bottom of the raft, only to hit my head again

My breath was getting very short, and now I was pawing frantically at the boards, trying to find an end to them. I was panicking and began to swallow water.

My struggle began to change and my panic was transformed to memories of my whole life up to that moment.

I remember it was in chronological order and I became fascinated by the flash of detail and the amount of memories that my brain had stored and could remember.

I felt euphoria and was totally at peace. Next, my hand felt the edge of the drum and I pulled myself up to air.

I was helped to shore by concerned friends and spent about four days recovering from the near-drowning and bad headache that lingered.

But I was left with a powerful wonder at what had happened to me. I told everyone, and felt no one understood what an incredible thing had occurred. Apart from that experience which I will never forget, I totally lost my fear of dying and still feel that way today.

Water always seemed to be my personal challenge. For years I had many scary encounters with it. Some still can make me tremble with remembering and, in a way, reliving the feelings.

One of the curiously “lucky” happenings occurred at the same beach already mentioned. I was idly swimming in the summer-warm lake water watching a few children splashing and not paying close attention to anything in particular.

A group I was watching broke up and wandered elsewhere. A small signal went off in me and I alerted to count heads. Hadn’t there been another boy?

Unwilling to just wonder at my uneasy feeling, I set out quickly, swimming as fast as I could, keeping my eye on the spot where they had been. I dove under the water searching and saw the boy!

I grabbed him and exploded to the surface with him and soon was walking up to the beach. An embarrassing crowd drew up as I was doing all the things I guessed one should do.

The boy vomited water and began to cry. He looked to be about eight years old. His friends gathered around and told me where he was staying.

I carried him to the rented summer cabin only to find that his mother had driven to the city to wash clothes. I ended up leaving him with the mother of one of his friends as the boy was doing fine again. I was glad this story had a happy ending.

Balancing Love and Money:

Tips for Financial Success in Your Relationship

Nonprofit credit counseling agency Take Charge America offers eight tips for peace in finances – and relationships

PHOENIX – (Feb. 7, 2017) – Money problems can wreak havoc on relationships, especially for couples with vastly different upbringings or clashing spending habits. A Citibank survey recently revealed 57 percent of divorced couples cited financial issues as the reason for ending the relationship. The good news is that a few simple strategies can help resolve money conflicts.

“Many people enter relationships without discussing their attitudes toward money,” said Mike Sullivan, a personal finance consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. “It’s not particularly fun or romantic, but open and honest communication about finances will go a long way in fostering a happy, healthy relationship.”

Sullivan offers eight tips for couples seeking financial bliss:

- 💰 **Honesty.** Before committing to a relationship, commit to being honest about your finances, even if it requires a difficult conversation with your significant other. Don’t hide purchases, keep secret credit cards or cover up your debt.
- 💰 **Financial philosophies.** One of you may have dined with a silver spoon, while the other always scrimped and saved. Talk through your attitudes toward money, and establish mutual ground rules for areas that could present problems.
- 💰 **Combining finances.** Decide together if it’s best to combine your finances or keep your money separate. There is no one right way – it completely depends on individual preferences and life circumstances.
- 💰 **Roles and responsibilities.** From doctor’s bills and mortgage payments to cell phones and car insurance, there are lots of financial responsibilities to juggle. Determine who will be responsible for what, at which times. Post a schedule if necessary.
- 💰 **Monthly budgets.** The heart of any financial plan, creating a budget and sticking to it will strengthen your finances and your relationship.
- 💰 **Spending limits.** Agree to consult one another before making a purchase that exceeds predetermined limits.
- 💰 **Debt repayment.** A 2015 study by Pew Charitable

Trusts found eight out of 10 Americans carry some form of debt. Work with your partner to create a debt repayment strategy, and celebrate milestones together.

- 💰 **Financial goals.** Saving money isn’t exciting without a goal in mind. Set goals that inspire you both, like having children, buying a house, saving up for a dream vacation or getting out of debt. Lean on one another for accountability.

For more financial tips, visit Take Charge America.

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AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER
I learned to listen, evaluate, and respect our residents. I have had to carefully weigh the facts and make independent decisions and recommendations that impact our community. One of my top priorities is public safety. We need to enhance public safety and law enforcement to keep our neighborhoods protected. We need streets and parks where our children and seniors can feel safe. Fiscal accountability is also at the top of my list. Every tax dollar should be spent wisely and with a direct benefit to the residents. I firmly believe Economic Growth and Development is essential. We must attract new businesses while supporting our current businesses!

OUR SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THIS COUNTRY
and we must continue to provide services that meet their needs. We must all be involved in raising awareness on issues affecting our older adults.

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GHANEM: Get to know your Muslim neighbors

By **Domenica Ghanem**

For a South Jersey girl, my upbringing was markedly ordinary. I played soccer. I joined student council. I walked to my Sicilian grandmother’s house every day after school.

And just like everyone else in my small town of Hammonton, my summer revolved around blueberries — blueberry pie, blueberry canolis, even blueberry pizza. The blueberry season culminated in a Red, White, and Blueberry festival each July. I couldn’t make this up if I tried.

When I got a little older, playtime with my cousins turned into bussing tables with my sisters at my family’s small Italian restaurant. But after the 9/11 attacks, something else changed for me, too.

I was part of the only Muslim American family in my majority Catholic town.

Before the attacks, I never felt like an outsider. But once the towers came down, friends I’d grown up playing soccer or decorating for homecoming with started jokingly referring to me as a “terrorist,” or pleading “don’t bomb me” whenever we disagreed on something.

I noticed my Egyptian father introducing himself as “Andre” to customers at the restaurant, though his name is Anwar. I have to think it wasn’t just to avoid people questioning the authenticity of his

Italian dishes.

I didn’t have a name for it back then. But while I was in college, “Islamophobia” became the buzzword. And phobia was right. It was all about fear.

I’d thought that people in my town knew me. I was the short, quiet girl who brought weirdly gourmet leftovers from her family’s restaurant for lunch, and would probably let you copy the answers to her homework if you



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asked nice enough.

I wasn’t able to step into the shoes of my white, mostly Catholic neighbors and see that despite my feeling very ordinary, my Muslim family and our ideals had always felt a little unfamiliar to them. And after 9/11, they were taught to feel afraid of those little differences.

If I knew then what I know now, I’d tell my friends that I enjoyed getting my face painted at the Blueberry Festival just as much as the next kid, even if I didn’t eat a hot dog.

I’d tell them that my religious ideals include putting others before myself, working to take care of my parents when they grow older, being thankful for each day I’m granted, and loving my neighbors even if they’re unsure how to love me back.

of North Carolina in 2015.

In fact, last year the FBI reported a stunning 67 percent increase in hate crimes against Muslim Americans. Many of us fear it’s only going to get worse now.

With the rise of ISIS, again people are being taught to fear innocent people from countries they don’t know. And under the new administration, policies are being implemented to ban those unfamiliar faces — many of whom are fleeing attacks by ISIS and violent wars they had no role in starting — from our shores.

But those families, banned with the stroke of Donald Trump’s pen, share many of the same values that we do. Syrian refugee children just want to go to school.

Iranian doctors only want to help find cures to deadly diseases. Iraqi parents just want a warm bed for their kids to sleep at night.

If we take the time to get to know one another, instead of building physical and political barriers, I think we’d find that we’re all just striving for the universal ideals of health and happiness. And that’s nothing to fear.

Domenica Ghanem is the media manager at the Institute for Policy Studies. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

Death of free speech

Dear Editor:

Dear Free Speech. I was sorry to hear of your recent passing and thought it was extremely rare and unusual that you were murdered at your birth place, UC Berkeley. This is where the free speech movement in the 60’s started and was successful in becoming law.

It appears that the liberal politicians of today, protecting their personal wealth and security, were able to dismantle free speech for all in a matter of days. The free speech movement that took thousands of students and many months of laboring and being arrested to achieve is dead. This is unfortunate because we all lose.

Free speech, you say you want diversity and an open-minded forum yet when a speaker who does not fit your political ideas and is supposed to be protected by the 1st Amendment is speaking at your college, you object, not by peaceful protests or by deliberating but by destruction and rioting. This looks to me like you are afraid of them or you’re scared.

Back in the 60’s, when I was in my 20’s, I remember as if it happened yesterday watching the daily battles on TV between the Berkeley president and protesting students. I am now in my 70’s and maybe not any wiser but more experienced and what I see in today’s protestors (they’re not all students) allegedly peaceful demonstrations that turn into destructive rioting, looting, burning buildings and criminal activities like breaking into ATMs. What a shame to wind up doing this in college.

The average law abiding citizens who have no say in politics (other than voting) and go along with the outcome are the ones being hurt the most when they have their businesses broken into and their cars set on fire or maybe stuck on a street being blocked by peaceful protestors.

On Feb. 1, university officials called off the event about two hours before Milo Yiannopoulos was to speak at the student union, where more than 1,500 people had gathered outside.

“This is not a proud night for this campus, the home of the free speech movement,” said Dan Mogulof, a Berkeley spokesman. He noted that the vandalism interfered with the ability of the Berkeley College Republicans — who hosted Yiannopoulos — to exercise their 1st Amendment rights.

The moral of the story is that if you are a Republican, you have no rights or representatives in California and you cannot vote for a Republican U.S. Senator because of the rigged election process where only two Democrats, Loretta Sanchez and Kamala Harris, were on the ballot. Show some guts, debate your opponents, don’t destroy property.

Maurie Thomas Downey

Why aren’t we collecting this rainwater?

Dear Editor:

So with all this rain that we have had lately, “they” are still saying that southern California is still in a drought. Gee, how can that be?

During the storm, all the cement lined flood control channels and creeks are full of rainwater rushing headlong to the ocean. And why is that? Why are “they” letting this happen?

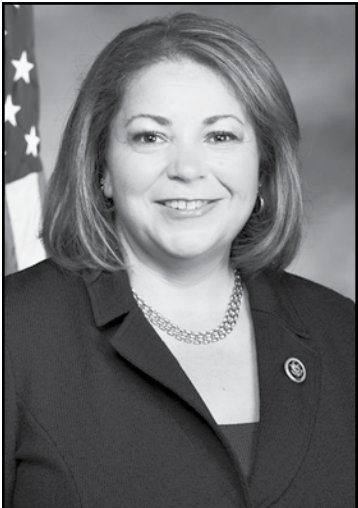
I myself collect as much rainwater as possible with all my rainwater buckets outside. Why can’t “they” do the same?

Is it not possible to put up some kind of dam/gate to hold back some of this rainwater on all of these waterways? Then that water could be used to irrigate parks, lawns, freeway landscaping, etc. These areas don’t need fresh clean water or so called potable water.

“They,” our local and state people, are not thinking outside of the box because “they” are in a box.

The good Lord is giving us this rain and “they” just let it go into the ocean. And that is why we are in a drought. Hello! Collect it and hold onto it!

Larry Arellano Norwalk



Reps. Roybal-Allard and Sanchez introduce student Pell Grant bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswomen Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) and Linda T. Sánchez (CA-38) led 62 of their fellow House Democrats in introducing the Affordability for Constant and Continual Education to Enhance Student Success (ACCESS) Act, which will restore the year-round eligibility for Pell Grants.

“I am proud to help introduce the ACCESS Act so that we can reauthorize year-round Pell Grants,” said Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, a member of the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, who won bipartisan support for her amendment to restore the year-round Pell Grant last July.

covers tuition from the fall to the spring semesters. However, students receiving Pell Grants often have to take more classes during summer or intercession semesters to graduate on time, as many have to balance work and school. The lack of Pell Grants in the summer or intercession semesters means these students have to take out additional student loans — or simply skip the semester entirely.

Gateway cities endorses county sales tax to curb homelessness

NORWALK – The board of directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments voted last week to endorse Los Angeles County Measure H, which would impose a countywide one-quarter cent sales tax to fund programs aimed at preventing and ending homelessness.

Voters will decide the fate of Measure H during a special election on Tuesday, March 7.

For the past five years, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, which represents 28 cities in southeast Los Angeles County, as well as county unincorporated communities, has operated its own program to combat homelessness through funding received from the county of Los Angeles.

“Our program, Gateway Connections, has already permanently housed over 1,700 formerly homeless individuals”, said Long Beach Councilmember Al Austin, who serves as the president of the Gateway Cities

Council of Governments.

“With the passage of Measure H, over \$350 million a year would become available to fund our program and others throughout the county, which would have a huge impact on reducing the estimated 47,000 people currently homeless in the county”, said Austin.

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CITY OF NORWALK
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
FUND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Date: March 2, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the
Place: Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex
Founders Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue,
Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: Each year, the City receives federal funds that are used to address a variety of housing, non-housing and community development needs. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not released final allocation amounts. As a result, the budget amounts are estimates only. Based on funding received during the prior Program Year, the City of Norwalk expects to receive approximately \$1,141,459 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through its entitlement grant. In addition, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$245,277 of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. HUD may approve greater or lesser amounts of CDBG and HOME funds. The draft Annual Action Plan, which will be released to the public on March 17, will either contain the final funding amounts or will provide alternatives if the funding amounts are increased/decreased prior to adoption of the Annual Action Plan.

The City uses CDBG and HOME funds to promote housing rehabilitation, affordable housing, social service programs, homeless services, economic development programs, capital improvements, such as street and curb replacement, and other similar services and facilities for the benefit of low to moderate income persons.

The Social Services Commission will discuss housing and community development needs, the development of proposed activities, and review program performance. The public is encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and provide comments on the development of the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: Kristin Maitionis at 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 11, Norwalk, CA 90650 or at kmaitionis@norwalkca.gov.

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Kristin Maitionis, Community Development Department at (562) 929-5951 or by email at kmaitionis@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 10th of February 2017.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot
2/10/17

CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR
NORWALK TRANSPORTATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES YARD
PROJECT NO. 7786

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 March 2, 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(c)]. PREVALING 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. This 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 using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, 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 submittal.

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 80 Working Day completion deadline as specified in the Contract Documents.

FEDERAL FUNDING. This project is funded with federal monies and all applicable Federal Requirements will apply.

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 February 2017.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

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2/10/17

CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 314
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 73932
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
NOS. 983 AND 986
PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
NO. 1964
SIGN USE PERMIT NO. 285

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Time: 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as

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

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following application filed by Joe A. Leyva, Global Pacific Imperial LLC.; a request to: 1) amend the Norwalk Municipal Code regulations in the Professional/Office (P/O) zone; 2) subdivide the project site from two (2) parcels into four (4) parcels; 3) allow the construction of a multi-tenant commercial development within the undeveloped, easterly portion of the project site to include: 37,000 square foot gym building, 4,530 square foot restaurant building with a drive-thru, 6,380 square foot multi-tenant building, and 4,640 square foot restaurant building with a drive-thru; and 4) establish a master sign program for the proposed commercial development. The subject property is generally known as 12545 Bloomfield Avenue and 12501-12555 Imperial Highway (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 8025-003-004 and 005), located at the northwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Imperial Highway, in the Professional/Office (P/O) zone and Public Facilities overlay (PF) zones.

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project. Final action regarding the Negative Declaration will be taken by the City Council. Public comments will be received on the Negative Declaration beginning on February 10, 2017 and ending on March 1, 2017.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. Copies of the agenda report for the above-described

project will be available for public review at the Community Development Department, Planning Division, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: Community Development Department at the address noted above. Written comments and requests for electronic copies of the agenda report may also be submitted via email to: Jessica Serrano, jserrano@norwalkca.gov. If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing. Public Comments on the Negative Declaration may be submitted up until March 1, 2017.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jessica Serrano, Senior Planner, at (562) 929-5741 or jserrano@norwalkca.gov. Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 10th day of February 2017.

Kurt H. Anderson
Director of Community Development

The Norwalk Patriot
2/10/17

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000006068621 Title Order No.: 730-1605881-70 FHA/VA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/06/2006. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 02/16/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0356814 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: JORGE VARELA AND BEATRIZ VARELA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 03/16/2017 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES, NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is provided to be 12722 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8049-004-005 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 \$342,648.14. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 www.auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000006068621. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 800-280-2832 www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 02/03/2017 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4608404 02/10/2017, 02/17/2017, 02/24/2017

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 129049 Title No. 160312913 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/16/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/17/2017 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/27/2005, as Instrument No. 05 3178657** and Modified on 2/24/2012 by Instrument No. 20120299297 and Modified on 11/20/2015 by Instrument No. 20151459229**, in book xx, page xx Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Jose Angel Mata, and Maria Elizabeth Mata, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, 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 8072-032-012 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14722 Seaforth Ave., 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: \$287,477.41. 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: 1/25/2017 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/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. 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 (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.servicelinkASAP.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 129049. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 800-280-2832 www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 02/03/2017 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4608404 02/10/2017, 02/17/2017, 02/24/2017

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APN: 8056-018-028 TS No: CA08001444-16-1 TO No: 160161321 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 February 4, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 27, 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 February 11, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 0323459, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by MYRNA GALVAN, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for THE MORTGAGE STORE FINANCIAL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12245 ROSECRANS 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust,

estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$500,841.28 (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, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001444-16-1. 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: January 24, 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001444-16-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 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 27507. Pub Dates: 02/03/2017, 02/10/2017, 02/17/2017, NORWALK PATRIOT

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CERRITOS COLLEGE

TALON MARKS

Falcons basketball pull off late game comeback

By Max Perez

NORWALK – Starting sophomore guards Tyler Payne and Salvador Carlos combined for 40 points in the Falcons 95-86 victory over El Camino College last Wednesday.

Aside from the performance from the backcourt every starter for the Falcons scored in the double digits.

Head coach Russ May said, “Our starters have been carrying the heavy load, we’re going to need them, that’s why they’re starters.”

Coming off its second straight victory the Cerritos men’s basketball team is now 2-3 in conference with five games left to play.

The Falcons jumped out to a big start knocking down four three pointers to give the team an early lead.

El Camino would continue to battle throughout the first half never allowing a lead by more than seven and closing the gap to three points by halftime.

In the second half of play Cerritos struggled to stop El Camino eventually surrendering the lead with 13 minutes left to play.

The Falcons struggled to score as well, and with six minutes left in the game found themselves down 78-68.

Cerritos then went on a 15-4 late run to give them their first lead in more than 10 minutes and

to 44 percent from the field and 39 percent from the three-point line. They also out rebounded El Camino 40 to 33.

The victory over El Camino was the second in a row for the Falcons after defeating conference rival’s Long Beach City.

This win now puts Cerritos in a three-way tie for third in the conference with Long Beach City and LA Harbor.

Sitting atop the division is EC-Compton at 5-0, who is the Falcons next challenge.

“It feels good to finally get back to normal,” Murphy said, “Everybody’s focused, everybody’s ready to go.”

Despite being tied for third in conference Coach May has not lost confidence in his team.

“Our guys will be ready to play, we’ve definitely gotten better, we’re just a little bit more confident now,” May concluded.

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Sophomore Salvador Carlos jumps past the El Camino defense to get to the net. Photo | Monique Nethington

never looked back.

“I think we decided that we were going to put some effort in and make some defensive stops,” May said.

Freshman forward Dezmon Murphy said, “We just played better defense, we locked in and realized that getting stops would get us the win.”

Cerritos finished the game shooting 57 percent from the field, while holding El camino

WRESTLING: Parents, students push back after league offers no medals

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... at her school.

“I worked hard for it,” said Hernandez. “I feel like all my work was worth nothing.”

In what might be considered worse than not being recognized at all, all three girls voiced opinions that they may be presented medals “just to shut us up.”

“They’re so annoyed with us at this point,” said Pedroza.

“A medal means something deeper than that,” said Hernandez. “It’s something we worked for our whole season; our blood sweat and tears we leave on the mat.”

Pedroza’s mother, Jackie Villegas, has been understandably frustrated with the way her daughter has been snubbed. In response, she has tried to extract answers from the team’s coach, the principal, the league, and even the school district, all while rallying other frustrated parents behind her.

Villegas has been told several different stories and explanations by several different people. She was offered the opportunity for a medal to be purchased by the school district, however Villegas feels they were missing the point.

“I can buy my kid a medal. The cost I think for the medals for the entire league is \$80. I said ‘I’ll buy all the kids a medal, but you’re missing the point,’” said Villegas.

Even with a medal however, the girls and parents alike will not be satisfied until the recognition and official sanction comes along with it.

“They want it to be sanctioned like the boys. They want what they earned; they don’t want a medal,” said Villegas.

While the girls compete in their finals this Friday, their parents will head to John Glenn High School to protest, where the boys finals will be taking place.

“...We will make sure that everyone knows what this league did to these girls,” said Villegas. “It’s wrong. You totally dismissed them. You totally shunned them out...”

“...It goes beyond the five dollars they’re going to spend on this piece of alloy...” said De Fiesta “It’s giving them the recognition – officializing what they’ve done and recognizing them for their hard work. That’s all we want.”

Sheriff’s capture mysterious Norwalk shooter

By Christian Brown Editor

NORWALK – A Norwalk man who fired a bullet into the air and wounded a 12-year-old girl was sentenced to more than four years in prison after a detective used ballistic evidence to tie a handgun to the crime, authorities said on Thursday.

Andres Ruiz, 35, pleaded no contest on Feb. 2 to charges that he discharged a firearm in a grossly negligent manner, with a special allegation of great bodily injury, according to statement released by the Norwalk Sheriff’s Station.

The girl was injured at roughly 8:15 a.m. on Nov. 28 in the 14000 block of Jersey Avenue in Norwalk when a bullet “fell from the sky and struck the girl on her forehead,” deputies said.

“The impact of the bullet caused extensive non-life threatening trauma to the girl’s eyebrow and eyelid,” deputies said.

The girl was taken to a hospital for treatment and is continuing to recover.

“Initially, it was unclear how the girl was injured,” deputies said.

“Witnesses did not see or hear anything that would have explained the unforeseen injury. However, after a .40-caliber bullet was found inside the girl’s backpack, the authorities were alerted.”

The Norwalk Sheriff’s Station said Detective Mark Christiansen led the investigation.

“Detective Christiansen researched projectile patterns and the velocity of bullets fired in the air,” deputies said. “He scrutinized calls for service in an effort to identify any information which would explain where the bullet came from. Unfortunately, all the diligent investigative work failed to uncover any clues in solving the case.”

A break in the case came on Jan. 24, when the Norwalk station received a call about 9:50 a.m. regarding gunshots heard in the area of Gard Avenue. Patrol deputies responded to the area and located expended shell casings in the street, according to authorities.

“Based on witness statements, deputies detained a suspect near the scene. The suspect was in possession of a loaded .40-caliber handgun,” deputies said.

Christiansen collaborated with the deputy assigned to the call, and “something resonated with him.”

“The caliber of bullet, the proximity of the gunfire, and the time of the incident led him to immediately think of the injured girl,” deputies said.

After investigators consulted personnel from the Los Angeles Regional Crime Lab, the ballistic report confirmed the bullet which struck the girl was fired from the suspect’s .40-caliber handgun.

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