

Celebrating Black History Month

Lee Mitchell confronts segregation and fears of integration through music

By Raul Samaneigo Contributor

NORWALK – Like many community college students of today, Mr. Lee Mitchell made a decision to transfer into the University of Arkansas system. His choice was the campus at Pine Bluff.

As a junior, he found campus life enjoyable. Looking at 55 year old black and white photos of the time, his eyes lit up as we reviewed old stomping ground he experienced as a twenty year old.

He exclaimed, “That’s so and so. I was sweet on her,” as he pointed to a photo of the Majorette portion of the band.

As I produced a picture of him standing with, “Boony Foster and the Rockettes,” he laughed and asked, “Where did you get that photo?”

Again, through the magic of the technology time machine we journeyed back to his younger days.

The archives at the University of Arkansas have a good library of old annuals and photos.



Photo | University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff

He used his time in the small jazz band playing at parties and other events just to make a little walking around cash on the side.

Because his major was music, Mr. Mitchell had to learn to play most of the instruments in the four musical groups including percussion, brass, string and wind instruments.

This would be a bonus later when he impressed the grade school students whenever he picked up a trumpet, clarinet or tuba to demonstrate the sound.

He traveled with the larger marching band and performed at Universities such as Grambling, Prairie View and other regional schools.

After completing his requirements for his major, Mr. Lee Mitchell Jr. received a Bachelors Degree from the University of Arkansas,

Reflecting on the death of John F. Kennedy in 1963, Mr. Mitchell remembered, “That was one sad day. You felt the impact.”

“You realized what he was trying to do for the country. I will never forget how he and his wife Jackie were such an inspiration for Americans.”

“I remember his son, little Jack, eh John, at his service. He was standing there saluting his (father’s) casket as the Kasson took it down Pennsylvania Ave.”

“The whole country was hurt when that happened.”

“There was no black, there was no white, there was no Democrats, no Republicans, no Independents. For once in our lifetime, we were all Americans.”

“As a result of that incident, we all came together, to mourn the assassination of our President.”

With the loss of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy in 1968, Mr. Mitchell spoke of feeling a sense of “Hopelessness.”

He had to ask himself, “Where do we go from here? What’s next?” He questioned humanity.

“Why are people so evil? Why are

they doing this?”

Later on, he would come to realize that the people in Norwalk would open their hearts, homes and minds when he introduced himself as a Music Teacher and they accepted him.

FIRST TEACHING JOB

After graduating with his Music Degree, Mr. Mitchell accepted a position at Bradley County High School in Warren Arkansas as the first Band Director.

“Back in the day of segregation, black schools didn’t have the same programs as those in the white schools.”

In order to create a sense of the old “separate but equal attitudes,” programs were offered at segregated schools to placate the masses.

This was in effect even after the U.S. Supreme Court declared this practice unconstitutional.

“One of the programs started to stave off integration were band programs.”

Mr. Mitchell’s new job was to design and implement a marching band program at the all black Bradley County High School. He would be asked about this time and time again in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

“I worked at Bradley County High School for six or seven years and then when they merged, I was offered an Assistant

Director position at the newly desegregated Warren high school.”

“It was then that I decided to move west to the Los Angeles area.”

Mr. Mitchell wanted control of the music he could teach and the program he could lead. He headed for the sun and palm trees of Southern California. His first stop would be at the hiring office of the Los Angeles City School District.

*This is part three 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.*

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

NORWALK – Nine of the candidates running for Norwalk City Council fielded questions from residents during the 2017 Norwalk Candidates Forum.

The forum was presented by the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council and took place within the City Council chambers at City Hall on Feb. 9.

All 12 of the candidates vying for the three open city council seats were invited to take part in the forum, however Debbie Martinez, Candy Martinez, and Harvey Cardenas were not present.

The other nine candidates – Esperanza Free, Marcel Mercado, Jamie Armenta, Enrique Aranda, Tony Ayala, Jennifer Perez, Alberto Uribe, Ken Menchaca and Margarita Rios – all had their feet held to the community flame as they answered questions on business, technology,



Forever Dedicated, a Norwalk-based skateboarding crew, says city officials refuse to reopen the Norwalk Skate Park after the murder of a fellow skater last November. Photo | William Odis Martin

Norwalk’s shutdown skate park leaves local skaters without a home

By William Odis Martin Contributor

NORWALK – Skateboarding is not a crime but some local skaters feel like it is now that the city has shut the gates to the Norwalk Skatepark in response to the tragic unsolved murder of James “Fire” Medrano.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, Medrano was gunned down at Norwalk Skate Park defending a young skater, reportedly only 7-years-old, from getting his board stolen, according to witnesses and Los Angeles County Sheriff Sgt. Bill Cotter.

The gates have remained locked ever since and the city isn’t giving any information on when or if it will be reopened to the public.

Petitions with thousands of signatures have circulated online and public outcries for the park to be reopened have fallen on deaf ears. City Manager Mike Egan’s office has yet to comment on the matter nor has he responded to calls from Patriot staff.

While the city says the skate park was closed for public safety reasons, local skaters say they are left with no choice but to trespass because for some of them, it is the only sanctuary they have left in the city.

Cops have been giving out citations, according to Julian Davis, 23, who says that the park is now even more unsafe than before.

“Around 6 p.m., all the tweakers are starting to come to the park and the hood is starting to kick it there. It’s getting dangerous now,” said Davis.

He has been going there for over 10 years, starting when he first began filming for Forever Dedicated, a crew of up-and-coming skaters from Norwalk who now have to find a new place to skate.

“Without the park, we would all be strangers. We want to save the park because it was where it all began for most of us,” said Davis.

Not only did the community lose a bright, young man in Medrano that fateful day in November last year, but they also lost what many youth in the community viewed as a second home. Now some of the skaters are turning to drugs and alcohol as an escape, according to Davis.

Chris Torres, a Norwalk skater and member of Forever Dedicated, recalls having his best memories there.

“It was life,” said Torres. “You could go there and be yourself. To me, it let me get away from all the drama, all the negative things in the city or at home. You could go there,

put your headphones in, listen to some music and just get away.”

Bryant Sanchez, 18, said he lost his second home and good friend that day.

“‘Fire’ was the big homie, he was like a mentor to me. He was one of the smartest and coolest people I ever knew,” Sanchez said.

In communities such as Norwalk plagued with gang violence, youth looking to escape the grit and crime of the city often find refuge in sports or art as a vital form of self expression that could manifest itself as a ticket out of the hood.

Skateboarding was unanimously voted into the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo by the International Olympic Committee just last year. It is finally being recognized because it has flourished into one of the most popular sports in the world.

Norwalk has skateboard roots all the way back from the 1970s. Norwalk native and longboard legend Ed Economy used to shred the local riverbeds.

All of the members of Forever Dedicated credit Norwalk Skatepark for giving them a place to hone their craft, make lifelong friendships, stay out of trouble and express themselves in a positive way without damaging private property.

I want to do more, and I want to give more to our community and the city of Norwalk.”

Alberto Uribe, the youngest candidate at 24 who is just beginning his potential political career, relied on his youth and fresh mindset to try and sway voters in his direction.

“I am the youngest individual up here, and I think that just speaks volumes,” said Uribe. “I’m here to represent the younger generation... I’m gonna pump up our community. I’m a leader at home, I’m a leader at work, and I’m a leader in my community...I have a different mindset, I’m pumped, I’m energetic, [and] I have passion...”

Menchaca found his passions and became probably the most explosive on the subject of public safety, likely due in part to his background in youth gang intervention.

“When I become council, I’m going to put Norwalk first. Why? Because you don’t know what it is when you got a little 16-year old kid [and] he dies in your arms, right there in front of you because of a drive-by...,” said Menchaca.

The election is on March 7.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 60°

Saturday 62°

Sunday 65°

THINGS TO DO



Open Mic Night

Friday - Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 8-9:30 p.m.

The city of Norwalk invites comedians, singers, musicians and poets to perform in front of a live audience.



Immigration March

Saturday - Pershing Square, 11 a.m.

A DTLA protest against President Trump’s recent travel ban on immigrants.



Keith Sweat

Saturday - Microsoft Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The R&B crooner is joined on stage by Brian McKnight and soul group Guy in concert.



WWE Live

Sunday - Long Beach Convention Center, 7 p.m.

For the first time ever, WWE LIVE comes to the Long Beach Entertainment Center on the “Road to Wrestlemania!”



SkateFest

Sunday - Paramount Iceland, 4 p.m.

Watch a skating show and participate in a silent auction, raffles, and bake sale to raise money for young ice skaters. \$10

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Local girls wrestling teams outraged by poor recognition in CIF league

Desiree Estrada: Wow that’s lit!

Alberto “Xzevious” Uribe: Congratulations on your hard work!

Irene Garcia: Good job ladies

Nancy Sandoval: Good job ladies....

Victor Curiel: Disappointment is part of life.

Victor Salazar: Congratulations young ladies.Keep working hard.

Join the conversation at: Facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot





## Daniel Martinusen makes dean’s list at private George Fox University

NEWBERG, ORE. – Daniel Martinusen of Norwalk has earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the fall 2016 semester.

Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean's list.

Martinusen is a freshman majoring in art and design. He attended Trinity Christian School in Norwalk and graduated from Whittier Christian High School in La Habra last year.

George Fox University is ranked among the top Christian universities in the country by Forbes and the U.S. News & World Report.

## Citizenship Clinic at Norwalk Library

NORWALK – Norwalk Library is hosting a Citizenship Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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

The library is also hosting smartphone and tablet help on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10-11 a.m. Assistance will be provided for questions regarding taking photos, downloading music, and more.

# Lynwood Unified elementary students learn healthy eating tips from actress

LYNWOOD – Nearly 100 Lynwood Unified Students clung to the edges of their seats, screamed and clapped feverishly as Tia Mowry-Hardrict, star in “Sister Sister” and CW/BET’s “The Game,” made her way into the Lindbergh Elementary School cafeteria to discuss healthy eating with them.

The actress prepared healthy snacks and gave shopping and cooking tips to the students, who are part of the District’s Lynwood Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP). The after-school LEAP initiative, supported by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, focuses on healthy eating through celebrations and having staff members model healthy eating habits for students.

“If I can inspire and make it fun in any kind of way for kids to eat healthy and make healthier choices, I think that’s awesome,” Mowry-Hardrict said. “Vegetables and fruit don’t always have to be boring or bland – you can have fun with it! It’s all about encouraging kids to make healthier choices.”

As part of her Feb. 3 visit, Mowry-Hardrict made ants on a log (celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins on top) and apple racecars (apple wedges with grape wheels) for a classroom full of LEAP students, sharing stories surrounding her rise to fame and her son’s nutrition.

“We always want our students



Lindbergh Elementary fourth-grader Aaron Lopez and third-grader Christina Martinez help Tia Mowry-Hardrict, star of “Sister Sister” and BET’s “The Game,” make ants on a log and apple racecars during her visit to the school.

to be mindful of eating right and exercising regularly, because their health contributes to their performance in the classroom,” LUSD Superintendent Paul Gothold said. “Lynwood Unified is fortunate to have LEAP as part of its after-school and summer elementary curriculum, giving our students an extra outlet to stay active and learn about nutrition throughout the entire year.”

LEAP students regularly learn about nutrition and participate in physical activity during after-school

and summer programs, keeping them active and health-conscious during the moments when school is not in session.

“It’s so exciting to see our elementary students get this excited about their health,” LUSD Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said. “Healthy bodies lead to healthy minds, and our students, staff and administrators are leading as prime examples of how to lead a healthier lifestyle.”

## Upcoming Events in Norwalk

**NORWALK CANDIDATES MEET & GREET:** The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce is hosting a meet and greet on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the candidates running for Norwalk City Council.

Members of the community will have the opportunity to hear from the candidates and meet individually with them and other business and city leaders. Southern California Gas Company is sponsoring the event, which is being held at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex on Clarkdale Avenue.

**NORWALK ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME:** Norwalk High School is hosting an alumni baseball game this Saturday, Feb. 18 in order to raise money for the school’s baseball program.

In honor of the 1992 CIF Finals team, all former baseball alums are invited to participate with a \$25 donation, which pays for a Norwalk baseball shirt, lunch, and the game. Check in time starts at 10 a.m. and the game will begin promptly at 11 a.m. on Bales Field at Norwalk High School.

Lunch is being provided by TNT Mexican Restaurant. For more information, contact Ricardo (Rico) Martin by phone at (714) 365-4580 or e-mail at ricardo@mypackco.com.

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:** Norwalk’s city manager, Mike Egan, will join Mayor Mike Mendez and members of city council on Friday, March 3 to deliver this year’s “State of the City” address.

The event, which is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Norwalk, also includes reports from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

Doors open at 11 a.m., with the program beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$45 and must be purchased by Monday, Feb. 27.

Each year, the “State of the City” event raises funds for organizations aimed at helping Norwalk families facing crisis. This year, the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council hopes to donate \$15,000 to help stock the city’s Food Pantry and provide support for youth and housing programs

For ticket purchase or to make a donation, visit [www.ncconline.us](http://www.ncconline.us) or contact Gordon Stefenhagen at (562) 400-8188.

**SOROPTIMIST AWARDS TEA:** Soroptimist International of Norwalk is hosting its annual awards tea on Sunday, March 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. The non-profit organization will honor its 2017 Educational Awards recipients, recognizing outstanding service offered in and to the club.

The theme of the club’s awards tea is “Symphony of Service.”

Tickets to the tea are \$25 and can be purchased on their website at [www.sinorwalk.org](http://www.sinorwalk.org).

Soroptimist International of Norwalk is a volunteer non-profit club that is committed to providing programs that have a sustainable, measurable change that lead to social and economic empowerment for women and girls within the local community.

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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Whether you’re a frequent flyer or have taken a one-time trip to a faraway location, you have likely experienced jet lag. Upon your arrival and/or return, perhaps you suffered headache, lethargy, fatigue, insomnia, irritability, mild depression, difficulty concentrating, loss of appetite, confusion, dizziness, or even diarrhea or constipation.

Jet lag is a very modern problem. The term came into use when the use of jet aircraft became common. Travel by propeller-driven aircraft, ship, or train was too slow to cause such a thing. When we rapidly change time zones, our body’s circadian rhythms are slow to adjust to the new schedule.



Jet lag, also known as desynchronization, or circadian dysrhythmia, can have a major affect on sleep and alertness. Distance alone is not a factor in jet lag – for example, a flight from Greenland to very distant Argentina would cover many miles, but fall within the same time zone. But when we travel east to west or west to east, our body still feels that it remained in the original time zone. Our natural patterns for eating, sleeping, hormone regulation, body temperature, and other functions no longer correspond to the new environment.

The speed at which the body adjusts to the new schedule depends on the person, as well as on the direction of travel. Travelling east is usually more difficult than travelling west because the body clock must be advanced, which tends to be more difficult than delaying it. Most of us have a circadian rhythm that is longer than 24 hours, so lengthening a day is easier than shortening it.

Some people may require several days or more to adjust to a new time zone, while others experience little trouble. What can we do to minimize jet lag?

- Plan for the new time zone by adjusting your sleep and wake habits for several days prior to the trip: get up and go to bed earlier prior to an eastbound trip, and later for a westbound trip.
- Try to select a flight that arrives in the early evening. If you must nap during that day, do so in the early afternoon, and for less than two hours.
- Change your watch to reflect the new time zone as soon as you board the plane. Avoid alcohol and caffeine at least three to four hours before your new bedtime.
- Airplane cabins have low humidity levels. Avoid dehydration by drinking extra water during the flight.

### Upon arrival at your destination:

- Make an effort to stay awake until the local bedtime.
- Avoid heavy exercise close to the new bedtime.
- Consider using earplugs and a sleep mask to help dampen noise and block out light, in order to stay asleep.
- Time your meals with local mealtimes, and avoid heavy meals for the first few days.
- Set two alarms, or request two wake-up calls, in case you miss the first one.
- Spend time in the daylight to help regulate your biologic clock.

What about the use of sleep aids to combat jet lag? While pills don’t resolve the biological imbalance, they may help to manage in the short-term. Test out a new medication prior to the trip, so that you won’t be surprised by an unexpected negative reaction, or by the lack of a positive response. Many find that melatonin or Benadryl helps to get a better night’s sleep (and, of course, that caffeine helps to stay awake).

Jet lag is generally temporary and usually does not require treatment. Symptoms should improve within a few days, but can last longer. If you travel frequently, you may wish to speak to your doctor about medication or other strategies. Bon Voyage!

## Brandywine Homes sells out all 31 townhomes at its two-acre development on Pioneer Boulevard

NORWALK – Brandywine Homes recently announced that all 31 townhomes have been sold at Sunstone, a two-acre, transit-friendly community, located at 11009 Pioneer Blvd., which held its grand opening in May 2016.

“Sunstone sold out quickly because it offered rare new homeownership opportunities in the highly desirable Norwalk area,” said Dave Barisic, who is in charge of sales and marketing at Brandywine Homes. “We knew these exceptional homes wouldn’t be on the market for long.”

Sunstone, a gated community built on the site of a former school building close to Little Lake Park, Heritage Park and Wilderness Park, offered townhomes from approximately 1,110 to 1,475 square feet. The two- and three-bedroom stucco townhomes have two-car garages and concrete tile roofs.

Brandywine sold 116 homes, opened seven new communities and broke ground on four additional communities in Southern California in 2016. The homebuilder plans to close about 150 homes and open at least four communities throughout Orange and Los Angeles counties in 2017.

All homes were recently closed out at Citrine, Brandywine’s 16-unit townhome community on one acre located at 11433 Excelsior Dr. in Norwalk. Brandywine is currently building Castella, a 21 townhome neighborhood near the intersection of Studebaker and Excelsior in Norwalk. Castella’s grand opening celebration is tentatively scheduled for July 2017.



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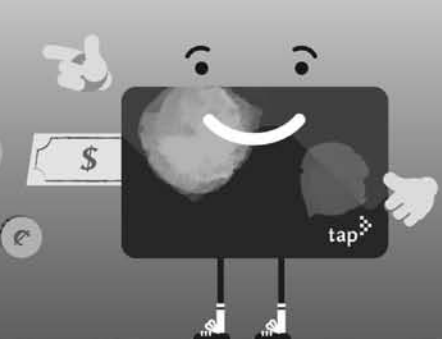
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# The End of an Alliance for Police Reform?

By Ebony Slaughter-Johnson

In July 2016, then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch committed the Department of Justice to investigating the shooting of Alton Sterling, a black man who was murdered by police outside a convenience store in Baton Rouge. The move represented the deepening of a tangible (if tenuous) relationship between the Department of Justice and the Black Lives Matter movement, which gained national prominence in 2014 after the police shooting of Eric Garner.

Until this year, civil rights advocates and critics of police violence had allies in both the Department of Justice and the White House — one of whom was President Obama himself.

At a minimum, these allies were sympathetic to the fight for racial justice. Not infrequently, they were willing to expend their institutional resources to secure it.

The fruits of this relationship included a series of damning reports on police misconduct from Ferguson, Missouri to Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco, and Baltimore.

In the age of Trump, that alliance has come to an end. In the false dichotomy between holding police accountable and advocating for communities of color, Trump has made it clear that his administration will come down on the side of the police.

Under Trump, the official White House website now ridicules the movement for police accountability as an effort to “to make life more comfortable for the rioter, the looter, or the violent disrupter.” In the Trump administration’s version of the world, protesters are disorderly agitators whose demands for justice only interfere with the work of good men and women in blue.

If law enforcement has

Washington to reform policing practices that violate their citizens’ rights. Sessions called those deals “dangerous.”

In 2015, Sessions participated in a Senate hearing provocatively titled “The War on Police,” during which he lambasted the Obama administration’s aggressive investigations into police misconduct. He called those actions evidence of “an agenda that’s been a troubling issue for a

Nor has Sessions ever bothered to hide his disdain for civil rights activists. At the same 2015 hearing, Sessions chastised, “I do think it’s a real problem when we have Black Lives Matter making statements that are really radical, that are absolutely false.”

Trump’s censure of the movement has been even more provocative. After lamenting the murders of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling as “terrible” in the summer of 2016, Trump quickly changed his tune.

He condemned police reform advocates for “dividing the country” and blamed them for the murders of two police officers in Baton Rouge.

Candidate Trump went so far as to claim that he’d charge his attorney general with leading an investigation into the Black Lives Matter movement — an assignment that Sessions, by the looks of things, would enthusiastically accept.

There will be more police shootings of black men in the future. There will be more protests that call for justice for these victims. But with a Department of Justice led by Jeff Sessions, people who want justice will be on their own.

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found a new friend in Trump, it’s consistently had one in Jeff Sessions, the Alabama senator just confirmed as attorney general — during Black History Month, no less.

As a senator, Sessions published an opinion on consent decrees, which are agreements local departments make with

number of years.”

During his confirmation hearings, Sessions again reiterated his disdain for consent decrees, claiming that they “undermine respect for our police officers” and testifying that he might be interested in doing away with them altogether.

# HAMILTON: The Threats to Our Representative Democracy

By Lee Hamilton

With so much turmoil in Washington and around the country these days, it’s easy to get caught up in the crises of the moment. These are, indeed, worth our attention — but so are longer-running developments that threaten the health of our representative democracy. I want to lay them out in one place, so that the most serious problems confronting our system don’t slip from our attention.

First, it has become very hard to make our system work. Our country is so large, so complex — and, at the moment, so polarized and divided — that it’s tough to make progress on the challenges that beset us.

In more ways than not, Congress reflects the country that elected its members; all the contrary sentiments and manifold cross-currents that characterize our communities come to rest on Capitol Hill. Ideally, that is where they should be reconciled — where discerning key facts, negotiating, and consensus-building lead to a common way forward. Congress has failed us repeatedly in this regard, but we need at least to recognize the magnitude of its challenge.

Still, this does not excuse what I consider to be Congress’s chief failing: in the face of difficult problems, it has become timid. Its members don’t like to make hard choices. So they don’t come close to living up to their responsibility to be a co-equal branch with the presidency.

They may criticize the President, but they also defer to him to set the agenda and to make policy. From national security and foreign affairs to the nation’s mounting debt to entitlement reform to the long-term economic dislocation that has led so many Americans to feel forgotten, Congress has had little impact.

Which is why it’s not surprising that we face a third long-term crisis: people have lost confidence in the institutions of government. This has been building for at least two generations, from the war in Vietnam and the turmoil it engendered back home, through Watergate, Iran-Contra, the war in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina, and the inability of Congress and presidents of both parties to enact comprehensive budgets and significant domestic reforms.

Yet no matter how understandable this lack of trust might be, it is a serious problem for our government and for the democratic system it embodies. Restoring public confidence will take hard, sustained work, starting with high standards of conduct at all levels. Once public confidence is lost, it can’t be regained through rhetoric, only through exemplary performance.

But this won’t happen unless we address the fourth challenge: our elections system needs thoroughgoing reform. At pretty much every level, it’s throwing democracy off-kilter. House districts have been gerrymandered to create so many safe seats that many members need only be responsive to their base. Our voting system is fragile and in disrepair, with its patchwork of procedures, obsolete machinery, and legislative attempts to limit access to the franchise in the name of “ballot security.”

We need to ensure the fairness, integrity and efficiency of our voting infrastructure and procedures — or risk undermining one of the cornerstones of our democracy.

Which is also threatened by our fifth challenge: the powerful and pervasive influence of money on the political process. Our system is awash in money, which is spent to influence elections and gain favorable results. Many Americans feel money is what really runs Washington — as opposed to the ideas and principles we were taught in civics class.

Despite efforts at reform, the money problem is worse than ever — too many Americans feel they’ve become an afterthought in the political process.

Yet if they have, it’s not just money that’s to blame. My final concern is that too many of us have become disengaged from and indifferent to the political process. That may be changing at this particular moment, but as a historical trend, it’s unarguable. As citizens, we have to learn how to solve problems in a representative democracy. We have to learn to work with people who hold different views, forge common ground with them, and hold our representatives to account — not alone for their political views, but for their ability to get things done.

To make representative democracy work, we, as citizens, have to up our game, too.

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# It’s time for conservatives to abandon the filibuster

By Rob Natelson

Traditionally, conservatives have supported the Senate filibuster because, supposedly, it puts the brakes on government expansion. I’ve long thought conservatives should reconsider. With some Democrats planning to filibuster President Donald Trump’s nominee for the Supreme Court, Judge Neil Gorsuch, now is a good time to reconsider.

The Senate’s filibuster system lets a minority of senators block legislative action by making long speeches (i.e., “filibustering”) on the floor. The Senate adopted the filibuster in 1806. Its source is a Senate rule, not the Constitution.

Many conservatives favor super-majority requirements because they think those requirements (1) stall government action and (2) assure us that when government does act, its measures benefit a very broad segment of the public. But history shows the filibuster has not restrained the growth of the federal government. Instead, it has helped create a one-way ratchet whereby the federal government sometimes expands, sometimes remains constant, but never shrinks.

One reason appears to be there is a large, highly organized, and permanent pro-government element in national politics. It’s like an indigestible lump in the body politic, always there no matter who wins the election. This lump includes the mainstream media, the education establishment, the bureaucracy, powerful lobbying groups such as the AARP, and a paid, professional protesting class that calls itself “Occupy Wall Street” one day, then reinvents itself as “Black Lives Matter,” then morphs into the “Women’s March.” In practice, this permanent pro-government element amplifies the effect of liberal electoral victories while diluting the effect of conservative victories. As a result, in the U.S. Senate liberal majorities sometimes become super-majorities, while conservative majorities almost never do.

Another reason the filibuster is a one-way ratchet is because conservatives and leftists have a very different amount of respect for rules. A basic illustration comes from the disparate ways the two sides treat the laws against littering. When conservative Tea Party groups rallied a few years ago, they cleaned up their rally sites once the event was over. By contrast, lefty groups like Occupy Wall Street and the Women’s March have left behind huge messes for the long-suffering sanitation workers to handle. Similarly, in national politics, conservative deference to rules induces them to respect liberal filibusters. All too often, the respect is not reciprocated.

Here are some historical examples:

- In 1917, the “progressive” Senate adopted Rule 22 at the request of President Woodrow Wilson to allow cloture (cutting off a filibuster) by a two thirds majority.
- In 1965, Senate Democrats enjoyed a 67-32 majority, which enabled them to override any potential filibuster and enact Medicare and Medicaid—thereby rendering the federal government the dominant player in U.S. health care.
- In 1975 a liberal Senate reduced the cloture margin to 60. When Senate conservatives recovered their majority, they did not reverse this action.
- In 2007, a liberal Senate used a technique called “reconciliation” to override a filibuster threat and pass the College Affordability and Accountability Act. That measure assured greater federal control of higher education.
- In 2010, a liberal Senate did the same to adopt Obamacare.
- In November 2013, a liberal Senate adopted the so-called “nuclear option” to abolish filibusters on judicial nominees. But they carefully excepted the Supreme Court from the change, so liberals still could filibuster against appointment of originalist justices in the mold of Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia. This change was not reversed when the Republicans took control of the Senate in 2015.

Note how the filibuster rule was swept aside when it stood athwart a liberal majority’s wish to expand government. I was able to find no instances in which a Senate majority lifted the filibuster to reduce the size of government.

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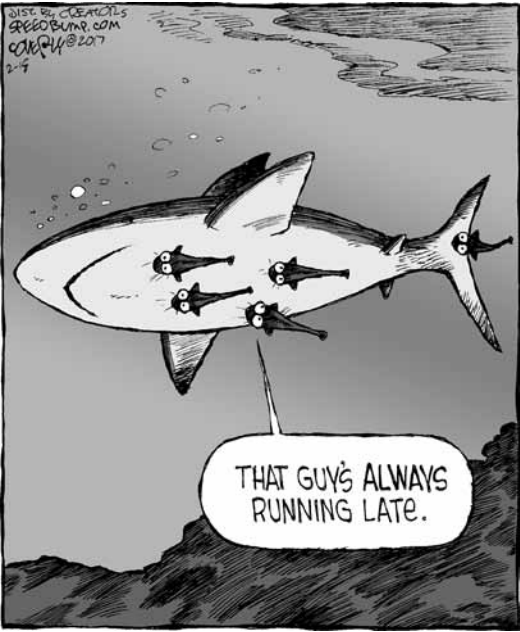
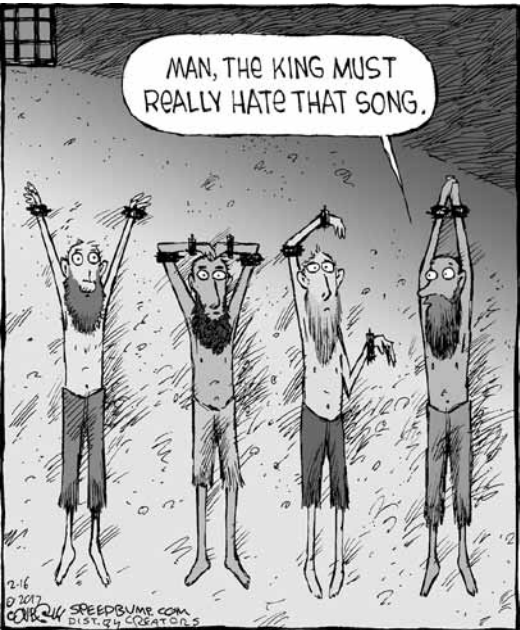
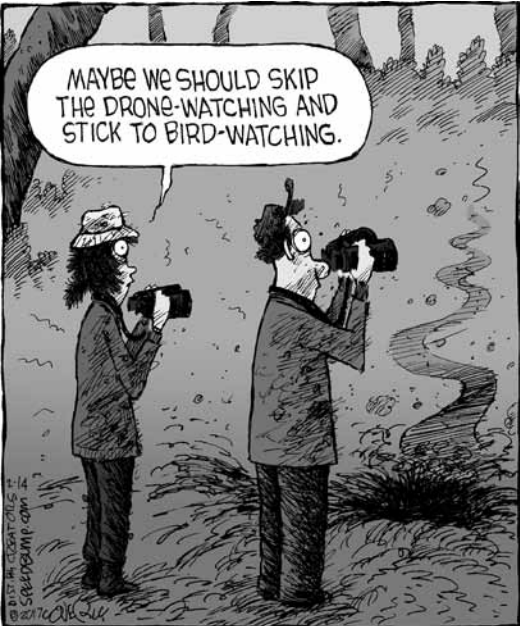
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**February 17, 1801:** The U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. Jefferson was elected president and Burr became vice president.

**1955:** Little Richard sent his first audition tape to Specialty Records.

**1992:** In Milwaukee, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced to life in prison. In November of 1994, he was beaten to death in prison.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Open Mic Night - Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

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  
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3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

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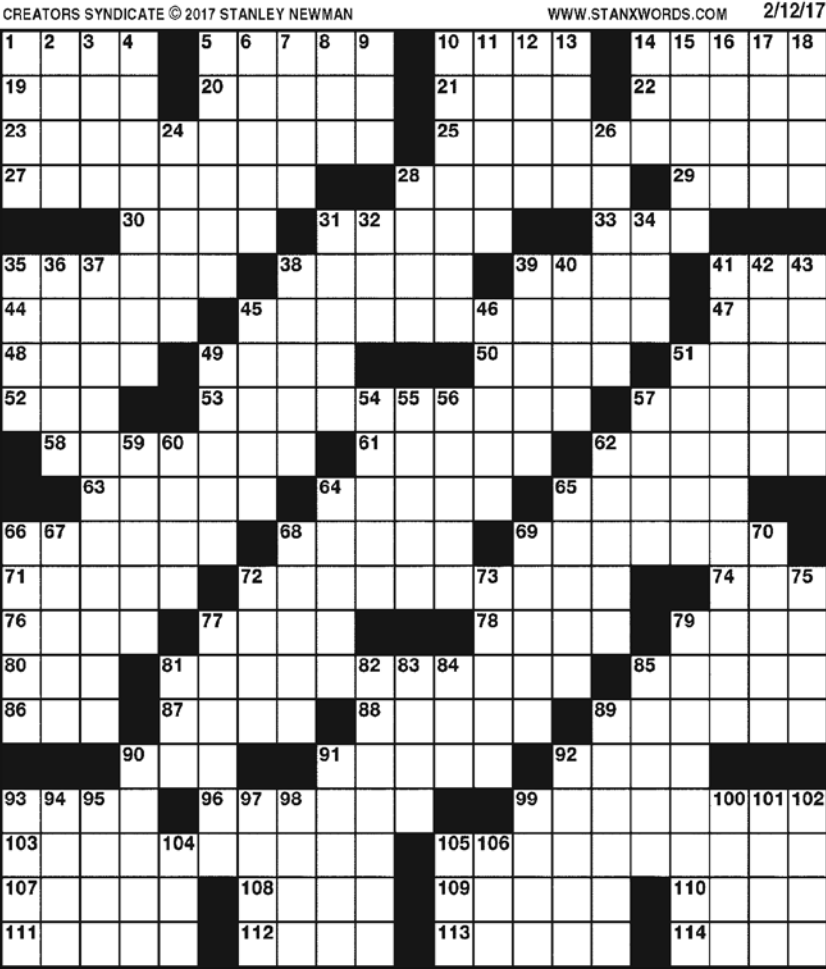
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by Fred Piscop

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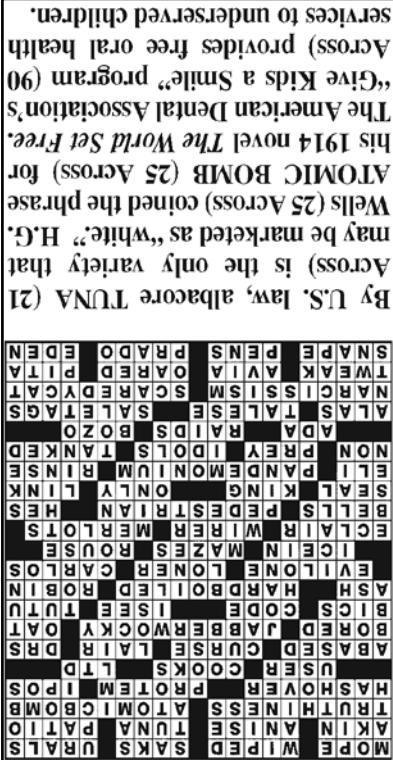


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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR  
LOCAL STREETS REHABILITATION  
PROJECT  
PROJECT NO. 7907

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, Room 11, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650 up to **11:00 a.m. on March 9, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope.

**OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS.** Plans, specifications, bid forms, bids 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 \$10.00 charge. For plans and specifications that are required to be mailed the charge will be \$20.00. 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 Industrial Relations Department and 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 submission.

**INCORPORATION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.** The 2016 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 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 **60 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 February 2017.

Theresa Devoy, CMC  
City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

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2/17/17

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
FERNANDO GAMBOA CRUZ  
CASE NO. 17STPB00114

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will, or estate, or both of FERNANDO GAMBOA CRUZ: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LYNDA LAYTON-CRUZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LYNDA LAYTON-CRUZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining

court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/05/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 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 JOSEPH F. HENEIN - SBN 296451 LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH F. HENEIN 6528 GREENLEAF AVE #202 WHITTIER CA 90601 RAUL M. MONTES LAW OFFICES OF RAUL M. MONTES 6650 SIERRA MADRE VILLA AVE., #304 PASADENA, CA 91107 2/17, 2/24, 3/3/17 CNS-2976211# THE NORWALK PATRIOT

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 2015-03553-CA  
A.P.N.: 8045-009-009  
Property Address: 13239 Bechard Avenue,  
Norwalk, CA 90650

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY  
OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/08/2005. 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.

Trustor: **Adrian Quan, A Married man, as his sole and separate property**  
Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC** as Instrument No. **05 2275812** in book \_\_, page \_\_, and Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **Los Angeles County, California**,  
Date of Sale: **03/15/2017 at 11:00 AM**  
Place of Sale: **BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766**

Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$371,410.64**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: **13239 Bechard Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A.P.N.: **8045-009-009**

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

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. 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: **\$371,410.64.**

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 of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned has caused a 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 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 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 the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

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 this property.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

**Note:** Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt

**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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case **2015-03553-CA**. 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.

**Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary**  
**C/o 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606**  
**Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299** <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant  
Date: January 24, 2017

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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 and 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 the Notice of Sale is \$342,648.14. The beneficiary under 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 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. 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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](http://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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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: JOSEPH 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 2924(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 purported 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, 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 or visit this Internet Web site [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000006068621. 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](http://www.auction.com) BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Date: 02/03/2017 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 16-004440 730-1610437-70 APN 8024-014-034 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NEED OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 06/03/2005. 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 03/15/2017 at 11:00AM, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by David Manzo, a single man and Irma Pacheco, a single woman as joint tenants, as Trustor(s), in favor of First Franklin a Division of Nat. City Bank of IN, as Beneficiary, Recorded on 06/13/2005 in Instrument No. 05 1375047 and thereafter loan modification recorded on 11/28/2012 at recorder's no. 20121808570 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), 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, California described as: 11913 HERCULES STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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 the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$390,836.39 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned 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 or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 16-004440. 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: 02/09/2017 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832, Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales) Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4608836 02/17/2017, 02/24/2017, 03/03/2017

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 16-31447-BA-CA Title No. 16-0011521 A.P.N. 8056-022-025 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED

11/17/2010. 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(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, 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. Trustor: Raul Jimenez, a married man, as his sole and separate property; and Maria Saldate, a widow Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/29/2010 as Instrument No. 20101728114 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 04/13/2017 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8056-022-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 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 requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2923.55(c)) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 16-31447-BA-CA. 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: 02/09/2017 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832, Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales) Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4608836 02/17/2017, 02/24/2017, 03/03/2017

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Cerritos College basketball takes revenge on L.A. Harbor

By Max Perez

**NORWALK** – The Cerritos men and women's basketball team exacted revenge on Los Angeles Harbor as both teams came away with victories.

The men were able to defeat the Seahawks 78-54 in their largest victory of conference play, while the women won 66-54 for their third straight victory.

The men's team previously lost to LA Harbor by two points, and at the time dropped Cerritos to 0-3.

Since then the Falcons have gone on a five game win streak and are 5-3 in conference play.

Cerritos has now beaten the three teams that beat them earlier in the season.

Head coach Russ May said, "I think our mindset has been much better this time, the sign of a good team is learning from your mistakes and improving."

The men controlled LA Harbor throughout the game, and by halftime had a 42-25 lead.

In the second half the Falcons did not let up, outscoring Harbor 36 to 29 and closed the game out to officially get their revenge.

Freshman Dezmon Murphy said, "This time around everyone understood who we were playing and what kind of competition it was."

Coaches and players alike agree that the Falcons' focus has been the catalyst for the its recent success.

Murphy said, "We realized we can win it all, we just have to be focused 24/7 and do what we have to do and [May] is going to lead us to the promised land."

May would like to see the team carry this mindset into the final week of conference play, but would also like to see his team remember the focus and concentration it had against LA Harbor.

The women's team would also get revenge on the Seahawks, as LA Harbor is responsible for the Falcons first conference loss.

Women's head coach Trisha Raniewicz was excited about the victory, but felt that this victory was more for the players.

"They lace them up and get out there everyday, and I feel like their hard work is rewarded."

The women started out strong in the first quarter leading by as much 9 points, but that would not stop LA Harbor from competing.

Despite trailing 22-13 at the end of the first quarter, LA Harbor would fight back to reduce the deficit to two points by halftime.

In the third quarter, Cerritos pushed the lead to as much as 13 and

finished the quarter up 9 points.

In the final quarter of play, the women applied steady pressure to Harbor not allowing them to come within 10 points.

In each of the women's last three games they have not only been able

The men now have sole possession of second place in conference only behind 7-1 EC-Compton.

The women's team is in a tie for third place with LA Harbor both at 5-3 in conference.

The two teams in front of Cerritos are second place Long Beach City and first place El Camino, who are the two remaining games on the Falcon's schedule.

Both the men and women will host Long Beach City Wednesday and travel to El Camino on Friday. May and Raniewicz will both be looking to fine tune their respective teams before the postseason.

May would like his team to stay aggressive and have each player fill his role; while maintaining the same level of focus the Falcons have displayed these last five games.

While Raniewicz said, "We have to play 40 minutes, we have to have composure and take care of the ball [...] we're just going to have to stay together as a team."

*This story was originally published in Talon Marks , the student-ran newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original, visit [www.talonmarks.com/sports/2017/02/13/cerritos-basketball-gets-revenge-on-la-harbor](http://www.talonmarks.com/sports/2017/02/13/cerritos-basketball-gets-revenge-on-la-harbor).*



**WHITTIER** – Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias" opens Feb. 24 at the Whittier Community Theatre. Tickets are now on sale.

"Steel Magnolias" chronicles the lives and friendship of six women in Louisiana.

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The show runs February 24, 25, March 3, 4, 5 (matinee) 10, and 11.

Tickets amounts are \$15 adult, \$12 students, military and seniors (over 60).

Call (562) 696-0600 for reservations or purchase your tickets online at [whittiercommunitytheatre.org](http://whittiercommunitytheatre.org)

Three teenagers arrested by Cerritos Sheriff's deputies after residential burglary

**CERRITOS** – Three male juveniles were arrested on Feb. 1 on suspicion of burglarizing three homes in the city of Cerritos, authorities said.

The juvenile suspects were caught by deputies in a home on the 13300 block of Ashworth Place, west of Carmenita Road. The

burglary was first reported by an alert resident who saw the juvenile suspects enter the backyard of a neighbor, according to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

Cerritos Station deputy personnel and an LASD Sheriff's helicopter arrived within minutes and quickly established a perimeter.

A search of the area was conducted and the juvenile suspects were located in the attic of a burglarized home. The three fourteen-year-old boys are residents of Los Angeles.

The juveniles are suspected of burglarizing at least two homes in the area before the deputies' arrival. The three juvenile suspects were booked and detained at Los Padrinos Juvenile Facility for residential burglary.

In January, deputies at the Cerritos Sheriff's Station arrested a another young man after he reportedly broke into a home in the 11900 block of Elaine Avenue in Cerritos.

With the assistance of a police canine, deputies discovered Dext Cruikshank, a 20-year-old resident of Los Angeles, hiding in a dog house in the backyard of a nearby residence.

Anyone with information about the Feb. 1 burglary is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Cerritos Station at (562) 860-0044.

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