

Aranda and Free seek to revive Norwalk’s economic development

By Alex Dominguez and Raul Samaneigo

NORWALK – With the election under a week away, Norwalk City Council candidate Enrique Aranda says he hopes to “restore integrity” to city council dais.

This isn't the first time Aranda has run for Norwalk's City Council. He ran four years ago, and came within 33 votes of securing a seat.

Now, taking another shot, Aranda describes himself as an “Independent voice for all.” Aranda says that he hopes to help Norwalk become a destination again. Currently, he says it is difficult for small cities to grow.



Enrique Aranda

“For far too long, Norwalk has fallen short of achieving its full potential. I am running for City Council to change that, because our families and residents deserve better,” said Aranda in a press release sent to newspaper staff.

If elected, he hopes to help incentivize new investments, and provide resources for small businesses to start. He will also advocate for a City Smart Growth and Land Use Committee, and promote the adaptive reuse of existing vacant buildings to incubate small businesses and lead to job creation.

Aranda also hopes to tackle homelessness, by creating a taskforce to develop innovative ways to help house the city's homeless population and provide supportive services delivery. If elected, he also plans to support a case management approach to provide mental health, drug and alcohol counseling and registration with L.A. County coordinated entry system.

When asked about recent remarks made by former councilman Marcel Rodarte accusing him of bullying and dirty politics, Aranda referred to an op-ed submission to the Norwalk Patriot that is published in this week's paper, and his official social media response which said, in part,

“We know that there will always be disagreements and different points of view. We also know that legitimate concerns become clouded when the focus becomes the use of foul language or personal attacks.”

Aranda instead focused on the election at hand, and the potentially groundbreaking results that it may bring.

“This is about Norwalk,” said Aranda. “This is about us.”

With his campaign nearing the homestretch of the race, Aranda says he is “humbled and honored” by the support he has received during his time engaging with the community he hopes to represent.

Esperanza Free is a new and fresh face in the Norwalk political arena. This is her first go at running for any municipal office.

Hailing from a migrant family, she arrived as a child, put down roots beside her parents and grew up in the South Norwalk area near Hermosillo Park. Her life is the epitome of a classic journey starting with a tumultuous adolescence where she admitted to not only being a cheerleader at John Glenn High School, but also following the ritual of being “jumped into” the local gang, and then “dropping out of high school.”

At a young age, she became a

mother and supported the two of them by working as a waitress, where she attributes her experiences hustling tables to her ability as she explained being able to “talk to anybody.”

At some point during this time she experienced an epiphany and realized she wanted to “go to church” and “go back to school,” at the age of 29.

Free did both, passing the GED to “save time,” and then enrolled at Cerritos College where she excelled rapidly.

It was at church where she met her husband Emmanuel. According to Free, with his support, she attended one college course at a time receiving a bachelor's degree after 10 years.

Her determination to excel drove her on in pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration at Cal State Dominguez Hills. She persevered through her course work and maintaining a growing family of four, all while battling a rare form of cancer.

“Whether I lived or died, I knew that I wanted to complete this program!”

“I ended up surviving cancer and completing the program,” she said.

One of her motivations for success was Mr. Rodriguez at Cerritos College who was her mentor. She recalled his encouragement for her to continue going on. Her volunteer work at her church, “Feeding the homeless and underserved, needy families,” at Thanksgiving and Christmas gave her inspiration to help others in the city of Norwalk.

In her opinion, the main issues facing the residents of Norwalk are “our dire need for redevelopment,” and the state of “parks and recreation.”

Free was referring to the need for encouraging new business development which would inspire new jobs and add to the city revenues.

Regarding parks and recreation, she said, “We are concerned that our parks are not safe any more.” Additionally, she stressed the “homeless issue.”

“I am very familiar with that community (homeless). I worked on skid row several years.”

She shared her belief in reaching out to the homeless of Norwalk with enhanced teams directed at working to bring resources to them including access to medical and mental health professionals.



Esperanza Free

“We can greatly reduce that number (of homeless in Norwalk). We may not eliminate it, but we could greatly reduce the number of homeless people in our city,” she said.

On the subject of public safety, specifically the rise in overt violence in the city, Free said.

“It's a big concern for me because we want our citizens and children to be safe. We shouldn't have to be looking over our shoulders concerned about being shot.”

She stressed working together with law enforcement to achieve that goal. Additionally, she also wants better communication from all sides, citizens and law enforcement. She stressed the “building of relationships,” as a key element of that vision.

Drawing on the challenges she has faced and overcome throughout her life, she feels they have strengthened her to meet the needs of the people of city of Norwalk.



Norwalk City Council candidates make final pitches at meet and greet

NORWALK – Norwalk business members and community members were able to get up close and personal with their potential future City Council members at a meet and greet event last week.

The event was hosted on Feb. 23 by the Chamber of Commerce at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

Each candidate was given two minutes to speak to the crowd, before attendees were allowed to approach each individual on a more personal, one on one setting.

According to Chamber director Caren Spilsbury, the event was aimed more at business owners and employees within the city.

“We wanted people to be able to hear from them...,” said Spilsbury. “Two minutes is plenty of time for them to share their vision, but also to get to know them in a more personal way, and maybe ask them questions specifically about their vision for the business community here in Norwalk because that's what's vital to our members.”

This upcoming election could prove extremely significant for the city and its business owners, as the council is guaranteed three fresh faces.

Each candidate was invited to the meet and greet via mail and email ahead of time. All of the candidates – with the exception of Debbie Martinez – participated.

The remaining eleven candidates all used their two minute time to speak in different ways, some touching on business more than others.

Marcel Mercado voiced a concern that businesses are currently too constricted.

“We need to lessen restrictions,” said Mercado. “...We should be promoting all new businesses like a birth announcement. These are new entities growing into your community. With the Chamber of Commerce, we’ve got to institute a mentorship program for those long lasting businesses in Norwalk – such as yourselves – that you’re able to mentor the new, younger generation coming up behind you.”

Candy Martinez focused on safety, but slanted her argument to appeal to business.

“If I’m going to go ahead and put a physical business in the city, I’m going to go ahead and I’m going to want my employees to live here,” said Martinez. “I’m gonna look at the safety...the safety is bad; we have crime everywhere...how many have you have been a victim of crime? ... My biggest point right here: we need to take care of Norwalk.”

Jennifer Perez, who currently sits as a planning commissioner, used her time to announce the approval for recommendation of a new entertainment and shopping center that had been passed the previous day.

“As a planning Commissioner for the city, I am excited to say change is coming; new businesses are coming to Norwalk now,” said Perez. – Alex Dominguez, staff writer



Shared Stories: The Courtship of Juan and Ligaya

Lisa Filler tells the dramatic story of how her mother and father met and married during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines in World War II. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Lisa Fuller

My mother Ligaya had suitors of different kinds, a doctor, a school supervisor and an engineer, but nobody really became her boyfriend.

In 1940 Ligaya got a teaching job near Manila in a village called Welfareville. This village was created for orphan children, children of parents with contagious diseases, and delinquent boy and girls. This is the place and time where my parents met.

Ligaya and all single employees were provided with lodging in the dormitory. The assistant principal Julia Diokno was assigned to lodge in the Home Economic building and take care of school supplies. Julia asked Ligaya to accompany her especially at night.

One day a young man came and introduced himself as Juan, the half-brother of Julia. Their mother, Pastora Banaag, had been left a widow with two daughters, Julia and Tentay.

Pastora had run away and left her two daughters with her strict brother who took care of her when her husband died. Nothing was known about how Pastora lived for 10 years, until she moved to Cavite City with a baby boy, Juan, who was born in Tuy Batangas.

Pastora had been earning her living by cooking and selling food. One day she asked her neighbors, an elderly couple, Leonida Ayroso and Mr. Filler, to watch Juan while she went to the market. She did not come back.

This elderly couple did not have any children and now they were left with a baby boy they hardly knew. Out of their own kindness they adopted the baby and named him Juan Ayroso Filler. Mr. Filler worked in the US Air Force in Subic Bay.

When Juan was 6 years old Mr. Filler died. Leonida was elderly and did not have experience earning a living. The little boy Juan started to earn a living by carrying wood and water to neighbors and doing other errands.

When Juan enrolled to go to school, the teachers helped Leonida seek a pension from the US Air Force. Juan continued to earn a living by distributing newspapers before going to school. Leonida adopted a niece to take care of her. Juan graduated Valedictorian from Cavite High School and got a scholarship to the University of the Philippines.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	81°	
Saturday	66°	
Sunday	61°	

THINGS TO DO



March 4 Jesus

Saturday - First Baptist Church of Downey, 9 am

Hundreds of marchers are expected for a peaceful demonstration. Plus live bands and a community festival.



DTLA tour

Sunday - Union Station, 11 am

Charles Phoenix gives a final walking/ bus tour of Downtown L.A. Buy tickets online.



Innovation Fair

Sunday - Santa Monica Pier, 11 am

A public celebration of STEAM, with exhibits, contests, robots, guest speaker panels, and more.



Tater Tots & Beer Festival

Saturday - Elysian Park, 3 pm

Beer tastings and tater tot samplings. 21 and over, buy tickets online.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Marcel Rodarte voices concerns about Enrique Aranda's City Council bid

James Stevens: Zero credibility, begged for your vote, then resigned before he accomplished anything except a bigger paycheck!

Patti Burge: So what did [Aranda] do? Can't just put a statement out like this about someone without disclosing what he supposedly did.

Valerie Prieto Marinéz: Are you from Norwalk, or on any of the Norwalk groups? I believe it was posted on there. Marcel is not the only one saying this about Aranda either.

Shawn Jensen Vega Munoz: I feel like I am missing something but you say “ I could no longer stay quiet about my experiences with Aranda. I could no longer allow him to attempt to bully his way into a leadership position at city hall.” What did they do that was so “disrespectful”, how were you bullied. Just trying to understand.

Ignacio Gonzalez: I know Enrique. He is a “político” who believes that the only way show that you are an effective politician is by making underhanded maneuvers.

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Reaction to President’s Congressional address



Lucille Roybal-Allard (Democratic congressmember): In tonight’s speech, President Trump talked about unity, but unfortunately, so much of what he said was divisive and destructive. His demonization of immigrants and his continued assault on the Affordable Care Act continue a pattern of moving our nation down the wrong path. And after 40 days of hateful rhetoric and destructive actions, the words of consensus and conciliation he offered tonight were just that – words.

The eyes of the nation, and of the world, are upon this president. Will he move us toward fact-based, bipartisan policies that make our country greater? Or will he keep working to divide our people, to put Wall Street ahead of working families, and to turn his back on immigrants and refugees? The choice is his.

Paul Ryan (Republican house speaker): That was a home run. President Trump delivered a bold, optimistic message to the American people. We now have a government unified around a simple, but important principle: Empowering the people—not Washington—is the way to build a better future for our country. This is a president who is serious about tackling our biggest challenges and improving people’s lives.

Obamacare is one of the biggest challenges that the American people face. Congress and the White House are united in our promise to repeal Obamacare and replace it with a patient-centered system. Tonight, we made progress on that pledge as President Trump demonstrated that he and the House are coalescing around a particular replacement plan, including a tax credit to help individuals buy a health plan that fits their needs.

From repealing and replacing Obamacare to revamping our outdated tax code and keeping our country safe from the threat of radical Islam, we are committed to working with the Trump administration to deliver results. In fact, we have already delivered results on multiple fronts—including repealing harmful regulations that have hamstrung our economy. There is a lot more work to do, and we are ready to keep working for the American people. I want to thank President Trump for putting us on a path to a better future.

Dan Rather (retired journalist): We’ve seen this before. After a period of sustained chaos, Donald Trump ascends a podium, and for a moment at least, reads a relatively measured speech from a teleprompter. For the most part, in tone and temperament it is a world away from the Tweets, and the press conferences. In many ways it was standard conservative Republican fare on such topics as tax cuts, although watching Paul Ryan stand and applaud lines calling into question free trade and major spending on infrastructure shows how much the GOP elite has swung behind President Trump.

The President’s call for economic populism is a popular instinct in the country, that I think cuts across party lines. If that was the centerpiece of his agenda, I suspect his poll numbers would be much higher. But of course there is so much more we have seen over the past several weeks that show how the most controversial rhetoric of the campaign has continued from the President in office.

Tonight, Mr. Trump referenced history on many occasions, seeking to give his very unconventional administration the trappings of its place in sustained American values. There were many lines that will be seen as smoothing out the edges. But bubbling beneath the surface was still a President who is stoking division. I think the most noteworthy section, and one that history will mark, was his focus on crimes from immigrants. It is a dangerous and disingenuous strawman. Yes illegal immigrants have committed crimes. But what about the Indian worker who was just murdered in Kansas? Or the little children and teachers in Connecticut? Or African Americans in prayer in South Carolina?

Letters to the Editor

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Nevertheless, I think that this is a speech that will play well with the President’s base. If Democrats or Independents hope that Republicans in Congress will challenge the Administration, the numerous standing ovations show how faint that expectation currently is.

Democrats will read between the lines on health care, the President’s language on “law and order,” his framing of foreign policy. They will claim rampant disingenuity and a glaring lack of specifics. And some may sense the low rumblings of a demagogue. But that is not how most people watching speeches judge them. Overall, I think the effect was more successful than many had expected, perhaps because of the low bar of expectation.

Rahm Emanuel (Chicago mayor): We have repeatedly made specific requests of the administration for greater law enforcement integration and resources; a higher priority placed on federal gun prosecutions; and funds restored toward mentoring and after-school and summer jobs programs that have proven to be positive alternatives for our young people.

Because this is so important, I’ll always be ready with this list whenever the President asks. The better question, I’d suggest, is whether the President cares enough about violence in our city to do more than talk or tweet about it.

Marco Rubio (Republican senator from Florida): Last night was the best speech [Donald Trump] has ever given. It was Presidential. Exactly what he needed to do & country needed to hear

Bernie Sanders (Vermont Democratic senator): In Trump’s speech I did not hear one word about climate change – the single biggest threat facing our planet.

I did not hear Trump mention the fact that the U.S. is the only major country on earth that does not guarantee health care as a right.

I didn’t hear Trump mention the words “income and wealth inequality” or the fact that we now have the widest wealth gap since the 1920s.

When Trump said we need to promote clean air and clean water, I had a hard time not laughing. Today he rolled back clean water rules.

Trump said corporations pay the highest tax rates in the world. Not true. 1 in 5 large profitable companies pay \$0 in federal income taxes.

Those of you who attended rallies or town hall meetings, keep showing up, keep calling Congress, and continue to fight.

If you haven’t taken action yet, we need your voice. Only together can we create a political revolution that will turn this country around.

Lindsey Graham (Republican senator from South Carolina): Very much appreciate [President’s] call for unity and bipartisanship. Looking forward to working with him to rebuild military, grow economy, fix broken immigration system & confirm conservative judges to the bench.

Linda Sanchez (Democratic Congressmember): The president’s address tonight was simply surreal. The rhetoric does not match reality. Instead of uniting our country, since the first day of his Presidency, Donald Trump has used fear and mistrust to divide this country. What we have seen from this president is one divisive and destructive executive order after another. Not a single one will actually help Americans get a job or make more money.

Robert Aderholt (Republican Congressmember): As I expected and hoped for, President Trump gave a message to Congress that he is committed to making sure Washington is no longer ‘business as usual.’ After eight years of a White House that took a passive, apologetic approach to America and the world, we finally have a President who has announced America is back and literally wants it to be great again.

I am also glad to hear that the President will put forth a plan to rein in the Federal bureaucracy. For example, the EPA has run amok with a busy-body attitude with farmers that literally tried to regulate mud puddles on their farms, not to mention the ‘War on Coal.’

However, President Trump has now passed the baton to Congress. It is now up to us. We must get to work to accomplish the mandate voters sent in November or Congress will face the people’s wrath next year.

Van Jones (political commentator): He became president of the United States in that moment, period. [Referencing when the President directly addressed the widow of a slain Navy SEAL] That was one of the most extraordinary moments you have ever seen in American politics. Period.

For people who had been hoping he would become unifying, hoping that he might find some way to become presidential, they should be happy with that moment. For people who have been hoping that maybe he would remain a divisive cartoon, which he often finds a way to do, they should be a little bit worried tonight.

Because that thing you just saw him do, if he finds a way to do that over and over again, he’s going to be there for eight years.

Cory Booker (Democratic senator from New Jersey): Donald Trump is hurting the working class people he tried so hard to lure to vote for him. We have work to do. His rhetoric demands our action.

My job in Congress is to check and balance our president and find ways to serve the American people’s true economic and security interests. But all of us have a responsibility to match Donald Trump’s rhetoric with our activism. I hope you’ll join me in the coming days ahead.

Down trees

Dear Editor:

Last week’s storm blew down 45-50 trees.

I live near Rio San Gabriel park. A huge tree went down into the street. Fallen power lines, telephone poles. There is a bigger tree next to that one.

I’m wondering why the city doesn’t trim them. I can’t remember the last time that was done. The basketball court is next to it. Kids play, people walk their dogs and cars constantly pass in front of it to make the light on Firestone. Next time someone could be seriously injured or even killed.

Wake up, Public Works. Time for spring trimming.
**Katy Fields
Downey**

Enrique Aranda: Let’s focus on the issues, not a manufactured incident

By Enrique Aranda

If it’s a fight you’re looking for then it would appear I’m your most likely candidate.

But keep in mind I’m only going to fight for safer streets and more local businesses.

I have always chosen to take and will continue to take the high road, but I will not back down when it comes to battling the bureaucracies that keep much needed resources from our city. Blocking resources earmarked for the homeless is inhumane and downright cruel.

I am proud to defend my position on these and other things that truly matter.



All of the other fights pale in comparison to these and that’s why I have kept my campaign focused on the issues, That is why we are devoted to finding and working with people who know that together we can build a better Norwalk.

Over the past number of months, I along with some of my supporters have been taunted online by what are referred to as “internet trolls.”

An “internet troll” is a person whose only purpose is to start an online argument. Although it’s been difficult, I have made every effort to keep from being provoked into a response because I simply refuse to be distracted from the important issues at hand.

In fact, the only action that I took directly was to block one of these individuals who, although he has held a position within the community, used foul language on our page.

While I have been dedicated to the issues and have withheld a personal response to online

trolling and misrepresentations, two or three of my supporters and a campaign worker felt compelled, as is their right, to address one of the perceived “trollers” in a civil but serious manner.

Now their willingness to defend our polite refusal to engage in mudslinging of any kind is being framed as an attack. The internet is unforgivingly accurate and the time line clearly shows that I and my supporters were personally attacked repeatedly for weeks before a small group of my supporters and campaign workers decided to push back.

My greatest disappointment is that people are using this manufactured incident to distract voters from the more serious issues at hand.

I invite my opponents and their supporters to engage in a formal debate about how to move Norwalk forward at a time when the federal government is in chaos, a time in which the financially strapped state government has its work cut out for it and a period our natural human values—such as civility, kindness, patience and generosity--are threatened by the forces of intolerance.

I understand that elections are rough and tumble and that sometimes passions flair.

My campaign has allowed there to be open questioning and debate on my Facebook page because discussions on real topics is needed.

Let’s continue to engage in a manner befitting mature adults without all the name-calling, finger-pointing and bellyaching. Let’s communicate courteously and focus on the issues that confront our civic life.

I am sure that there will continue to be personal attacks waged against my family , my supporters, and myself during this campaign period.

However, you and I working together can nonetheless maintain our sights laser-trained on the issues and prove that, through unity, we can build a better Norwalk.

Aranda is cuurently running for a four-year seat on the Norwalk City Council.

Air pollution legislation

Dear Editor:

First I would like to say thank you to Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia for bringing up an important topic about the efficiency of the government when it comes to things like air pollution and the environment.

The government has strict policies in order to control the amount of air pollution and different associations in place to make sure those policies are followed. However, as Cristina Garcia has pointed out, some companies do in fact break those rules and because of the steps currently set in place by the government, by the time the issue gets resolved irreparable damage has been done.

I believe that introducing this new piece of legislation, which gives the AQMD the ability to cease the dangerous operations through temporary abatement, is a good start to ensure not only the health of the public and the health of the environment.

However, I also believe that this is only a small component of a bigger issue that also needs to be brought to attention both locally and by our government. The way our industry is currently structured is not sustainable and is in fact causing harm to both the environment and the people.

Even if operations are kept within a “safe interval of air pollution” our air is still being polluted and that is not something that goes away instead it just keeps growing and adding to the problem.
**Elva Moran
Bell Gardens**

Unlawful political mailer

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department was made aware that a political mailer has circulated depicting an official looking document from the Sheriff’s Department.

This message is to assure residents that the political mailer is counterfeit and could mislead members of the public to believe they are subject to legal action by the Sheriff’s Department. The use of this mailer is unauthorized and unlawful under the California Business and Professions Code.

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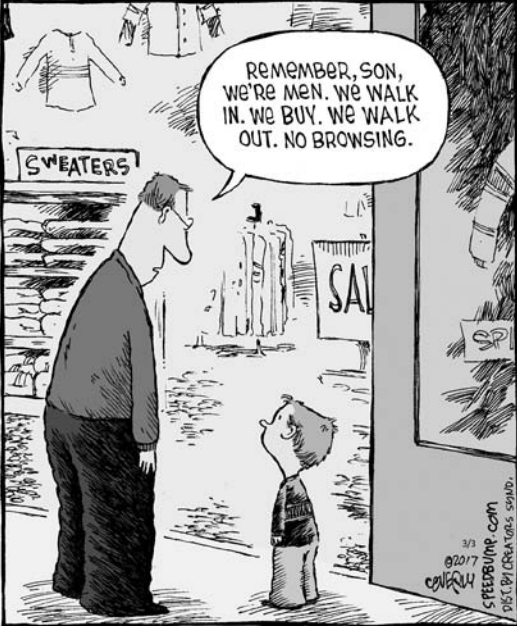
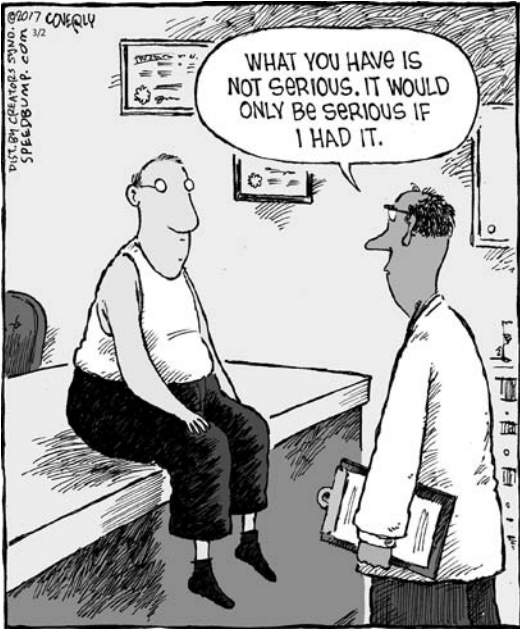
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March 3, 1885: The American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) was incorporated in New York as a subsidiary of the American Bell Telephone Company.

1931: The “Star Spangled Banner,” written by Francis Scott Key, was adopted as the American national anthem.

1991: Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers. The scene was captured on amateur video and the subsequent trial sparked city-wide protests.

BIRTHDAYS: Film director George Miller (72); Brazilian soccer icon Zico (64); British race car driver Perry McCarthy (56); Heisman Trophy-winning running back Herschel Walker (55); Movie actor Ian Beattie (52); “Modern Family” star Julie Bowen (47); Chef Buddy Valastro (40); WWE wrestler Justin Gabriel (36); Actress Jessica Biel (35); Pop singer Park Cho-rong (26); and French model Alex Lange (16).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. - Woman’s Club - Masonic Lodge
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce’s Restaurant
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

1:00 p.m. - Adult color club “Color Us Happy” - Norwalk Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

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2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
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DIAN FOSSLEY (23 Across) began her African study of mountain gorillas with the encouragement and financial assistance of anthropologist Louis Leakey. In the novel and film adaptation of *Gone With the Wind*, the first two husbands of Scarlett O'Hara (11 Down) were Charles Hamilton and Frank Kennedy. Specifically, a BEAR GALE (96/97 Down) on the Beaufort scale is a wind of 32 to 38 miles per hour.

Moving Norwalk Forward

Hello everyone, my name is Jose Ortega and I was recently appointed to be an intern for the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. I come with over four years of social media, marketing, and community relations work. I will be receiving my Bachelor's degree in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations and Advertising from California State University, Dominguez Hills. I look forward to working with the Norwalk businesses and community on helping improve the communication resources the chamber has to offer.

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce hosted a City Council Candidate "Meet & Greet" on February 23, 2017. It offered the community an opportunity to get to know each candidate on a personal level.

Each candidate was given two minutes to address a full house of residents and local business owners on the issues they are most focused on during their campaign. The central message by all candidates was to move Norwalk forward.

One of the best ways to bring positive change into the community is by educating the youth on how they can create change in a time that our voices need to be heard. As community members, being able to provide resources for the future of our community is vital to our success.

But, providing the resources for our community is not enough. There has to be a call for action to keep businesses and families invested in Norwalk for years to come.

There is no longer a need for traditional politicians to take office. In recent years we have seen a shift in the types of candidates running for office. The desire to elect officials that the community sees as role models for their children is crucial for the success of Norwalk.

That the American dream is not just a dream anymore. That you can be homeless at one point in your life and still make something out of it.

Norwalk can only function properly if you have the city, business owners, and the Chamber of Commerce working as one to move Norwalk into the future. Norwalk is looking to fill three vacant seats in the city council, that the community hopes will make an immediate impact, as they take office. Be sure to go out to the polls and vote on March 7, 2017. For more information on candidates and sample ballots go to www.ci.norwalk.ca.us/about-us/election-information



Norwalk Chamber Intern Jose Ortega at the City Council Candidate Meet and Greet with Norwalk Chamber President Francella Aguilar, Republic Services.



Little Lake City School District Board Member Dora Sandoval and Past Norwalk City Council Member & Mayor, Bob Arthur are on hand to hear from the candidates.



Norwalk Residents attend the Chamber's Candidates Meet & Greet to find out more about each candidate before the March 7th election.



Louie Mendoza and Steve Moua of Helpline Youth Counseling listening to the potential future leaders of the City of Norwalk.

Norwalk
Chamber of Commerce
Serving and Supporting the Business Community Since 1923

Leadership Series Boost Your Business

Where: Diana's Restaurant
16330 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
When: Thursday March 23 @ 7AM
7:00AM - 7:30AM Networking
7:30AM - 8:30AM Breakfast & Workshop
9AM Tour of Diana's Restaurant

Come hear from local Business Experts, then take a tour of Diana's famous tortilla factory. Contact the Norwalk Chamber at 562-864-7785 or by email at info@norwalkchamber.com to make your reservation.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We have been extremely busy at the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. During the months of January and February, the primary focus has been connecting with our members through events and conversations. Our intention in the months ahead will be to have meaningful events that promote your business success. We also started our member survey phone calls and will continue with them throughout the rest of this year until all members are reached. Your input is valuable and will help shape the future of the Norwalk Chamber.

As part of the Norwalk Education Alliance, the Chamber participated in the Student Mock Interviews. Our members enjoyed the event and I encourage anyone that is able to participate in this in the future. We successfully supported our five local high schools and their students with this program.

In the upcoming month, we will begin our quarterly breakfast speaker series. You will find the Norwalk Chamber at Diana's Restaurant on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00am for networking. We will hear from business leaders on how to "Boost your Business" in the current economy. And for those that can stay, there will be a tour of the tortilla factory after our breakfast.

Networking and participation in the Chamber's events earn the most substantive, measurable, and sustainable growth, so we encourage members (and non-members alike are certainly welcome!) to participate and get involved often. Please be sure to visit our website at www.norwalkchamber.com or provide your email address and we'll put you on the notification list for our events.

We are here to serve you, if we can be of any assistance please be sure to let us know, we are here to listen and to help.

Sincerely,

*Francella Aguilar
Republic Services
2016-17 President
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce*

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OF EVENTS**

March 3rd
State of the City Luncheon
DoubleTree Hotel
13111 Sycamore Drive
Norwalk CA
Contact: Gordon Stefenhagen
562-400-8188

March 4th
Norwalk Lions Club
Pancake & Pozole Breakfast
7am to 12 noon
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

March 8th
Women in Business Luncheon
Wills & Trusts
Frantone's Restaurant
11:45am to 1pm

March 14th
Ambassador Meeting
Norwalk Chamber Office
12 noon

March 15th
Board of Directors
Doubletree Hotel
7:45am

March 23rd
**Leadership Series
Breakfast Workshop**
7:30am to 9am
Diana's Restaurant

Save the Date
April 25th
Creating Connections Luncheon

Save the Date
October 5th
3rd Annual Oktoberfest
Fundraising Mixer
So-Cal Pizza
5pm to 9pm

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NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Renewing Members

The following companies and individuals renewed their membership with the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and the services we provide are made possible by their support.

43 Years
C R & R
Dan Stepanian
562-944-4716

39 Years
Norwalk Elks Lodge #2142
562-868-6603
elks2142@verizon.net

31 Years
Little Lake City School District
Dr. William Crean, Superintendent
562-868-8241

26 Years
Cerritos College
Toni Grijalva
562-860-2451 ext 2798
www.cerritos.edu

18 Years
Pawnmart
C. Rae Goldsmith
562-929-2377

14 Years
Norwalk True Value Hardware
Joel Aparicio
562-864-0912

3 Years
Diamond Environmental Services
Betty Fonseca
888-744-7181

2 Years
Allergy, Asthma, Sinusitis Medical Clinic Inc.
Divyang Trivedi MD
562-864-4500

New Members

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Doubletree by Hilton, Whittier Los Angeles
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Kristen.reyes@doubletreewhittier.com
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MEMBERSHIP ROUND UP

Norwalk Chamber Ambassadors Supporting Local Businesses

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce celebrated with another new member by hosting a Ribbon Cutting Event on Tuesday, February 21st. Valente Quintero is the owner of a State Farm Insurance office, which recently opened at 11405 Firestone Blvd. Suite G here in Norwalk. Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez and Council Member Leonard Shryock were in attendance along with City Manager Mike Egan. Also on hand were representatives from Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, (Griselda Ortiz), California Assembly Majority Leader, Ian Calderon (Alberto Ruiz), Assembly Member Cristina Garcia (Ashley Rozetti) and California Senator Tony Mendoza, (Yahaira Ortiz). Norwalk Chamber Board Members and Ambassadors visited the new State Farm office and presented the new member plaque to Valente and his staff. Chamber members were on hand to celebrate with 7-Eleven & Unocal as they cut the ribbon on their newly remodeled facility located on Rosecrans Ave. Welcoming new businesses to Norwalk through Ribbon Cutting events is only one of the services that the Norwalk Chamber provides to the business community. If you are interested in holding a Ribbon Cutting for your business, contact the Norwalk Chamber by email to info@norwalkchamber.com or call our office at 562-864-7785.



Celebrating with Valente are Norwalk Chamber members, from left to right: Lucy Rodas, State Farm Insurance, Susan Arthur, Ambassador, Mr. Quintero, Valente Quintero, Amie Boersma, Coast Plaza Hospital, Karla Butler, Thompson Bookkeeping and Joe Derthick, AFLAC.



Pictured here are new business owner Valente Quintero, Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan and Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez.



Celebrating the opening of 7-Eleven are (from l to r) Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez, City Council Member Luigi Vernola, Ambassadors Susan Arthur and Doris Hernandez, Ambassador Chair Karla Butler, and Dora Sandoval, Little Lake City School District Board Clerk.



Cutting the Ribbon for a new Norwalk Chamber Member, State Farm Insurance, Valente Quintero.



Valente Quintero is pictured with the many certificates of congratulations from the Norwalk Chamber, City of Norwalk and other elected officials.

- **Creating a Strong Local Economy**
- **Promoting the Community**

**The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce urges you to spend your money locally to support the business community and protect jobs.
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When you shop in Norwalk, you are paying for:

- **Public Safety Services**
- **Street Repairs**
- **Recreation Programs**

And Much More

Norwalk Education Alliance Hold Student Mock Interviews

The 2nd Annual Student Mock Interviews were held on February 22nd at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex by the Norwalk Education Alliance (NEA). The NEA is a partnership with the City of Norwalk, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Cerritos College, SELACO Workforce Development Board, Norwalk La Mirada USD and Santa Fe Springs High School. All of these organizations have come together to support the City of Norwalk's 2020 strategic plan to raise the education and earning level of citizens of Norwalk. Students from local high schools spent time in the classroom learning a variety of interview and resume skills which they were able to use in a practice interview or mock interview with a business or education professional. Each student prepared a job application and practiced for the interview as if it were a real one. Dressing in their interview attire, bringing their resumes and meeting with the interviewers each student was able to have a real life experience that will help them in their future employment.



Norwalk High School Students arriving for their Mock Interview Session.



Southeast ROP Academy Students getting ready for Mock Interviews.



Norwalk Chamber President Francella Aguilar of Republic Services is getting prepared for the Mock Interviews.



Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez participates in the NEA Mock Interviews.



Superintendent Hasmik Danielian of Norwalk La Mirada USD getting ready for her first student interview.



Retired Cerritos College Trustee Bob Arthur is on hand to interview students for the Mock Interview sessions.

Women in Business



Mark Mikelat of Building Aspirations is pictured here with a few of our Women in Business members.

and You Tube is the number two Mark asked "are people going to read your business page or watch your videos?" Video marketing is the way forward as people get to know your business through your videos without being intimidated. Having "conversations instead of marketing" where you can create an authentic connection with your audience. Recent surveys show that 78% of shoppers say a company's Social media influences their purchases and with millennials and Generation Y's hitting their stride as the working force now more than ever your Social Media presence will make that connection with them. Mark's final tips of the workshop were to interact and engage, monitor your social media, follow like minded organizations, share useful, engaging, visual and emotional content and invite and announce your presence on Social Media. "If your mouth is closed, your business is closed" was our last piece of advise from Mark Mikelat. Join us in March for another great lunch and workshop for our Women in Business Council.

Mark Mikelat of Building Aspirations, was the guest speaker for the Women in Business Luncheon. Mark is a business growth expert, speaker, consultant, and author, has extensive experience in marketing and sales strategy. He has successfully consulted with corporations all throughout the world in sales channel development, sales systems implementation, marketing strategy, social media marketing and email marketing.

Mark shared that cell phones are dominating the communications market so keeping your message short and concise is key. Engagement is the new word of mouth and you need to "create an authentic connection with your audience." Likening Facebook to a conversation, Twitter to a quick walk by in a hallway and LinkedIn to a meeting in the boardroom, Mark shared how to use each of these platforms to drive traffic to your website. But really Social Media is only one step in the process. If you don't build your email database out of your Social Media connections, you are not taking advantage of a great opportunity. You are the owner of your email database, you are not the owner of Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn. All of those could disappear and you are left with nothing if you don't make use of the information gathering part of the process.

He also encouraged attendees to participate in groups on LinkedIn, complete your profile on Facebook and make your photos look good when reduced. Sharing that Google is the number one search engine

Norwalk's 47th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Valentine's Day started early for many Norwalk Chamber businesses and residents as they attended the 47th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Starting at 6:30am with the Color Guard from Southeast ROP Academy and a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Brianna Liddi, Mayor Mike Mendez then welcomed the attendees to the event and shared some inspirational words. After breakfast the featured speaker was Pastor Philip Wagner of the Oasis Church who shared with the attendees that the supreme value in the world is love. If we respond to what we see in our communities with generosity, forgiveness and acceptance then we can build each other up. Pastor Wagner asked the audience "what if love energized all conversations?" And to know that you can focus on similarities or differences, but what you focus on you magnify. The last thought that he left with the crowd was "you can give and not love, but not love and not give." Leaving the event the Door of Hope Youth and Family Resource Center presented all of the women with a beautiful red rose to celebrate the day with.



Pictured here is Keynote Speaker Pastor Philip Wagner and Master of Ceremonies Pastor Arthur McKibben.



Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez is pictured with City Photographer Jim Jimenez.



Pictured from left to right are Teri Bazen, Norwalk La Mirada Plumbing, Chamber President Francella Aguilar, Republic Services, Member Sayaka Ponce of Field of Dreams Learning Inc., Karla Butler, Thompson Bookkeeping and Trisha Gutierrez, QM Fundraising.



Attending the breakfast are Amie Boersma, Avanti Hospitals, Toni Grijalva, Cerritos College and Julia Emerson, Southern California Gas Company



Gordon and Marilee Stefenhagen at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



Listening to the inspirational words are Haig Kartounian SCE, Norwalk City Manager Ambassador Sue Arthur, Board Member Rob Cazares, Outback Restaurant and Board Member Tracy Polley, Kelco Sales.



President Elect Yovani Flores, U.S. Bank is with Ambassador Teri Bazen, Norwalk La Mirada Plumbing.



Council Member Leonard Shryock and his wife Corrine.



Enjoying the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast are Haig Kartounian SCE, Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Past Chamber President Toni Grijalva, Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen and Board Member Rich LeGaspi.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Exciting things are coming our way here at the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. Starting with our new Quarterly breakfast Leadership Speaker Series on March 23rd and continuing on through this year with great topics of interest to the business community. At each breakfast workshop we will hear from a panel of experts on a variety of topics related to current business climates. Save the dates not only for our March 23rd breakfast, but also for May 31st, September 13th and November 29th for our future dates!

We all hear about networking to grow your business so I encourage you to participate in Chamber events to explore your networking opportunities. And while you are at it, here are some tips from Entrepreneur Sunny Bates on networking:

- Be generous.** Help people without any obvious payback. It's impossible to know how or whether you'll be rewarded, but there's a chance you will be, and you'll feel good.
- Rescue the stranded.** When you see someone at a conference or a party and they look isolated and alone, go talk to them. They could be you next time. And it's really very rare that their isolation means anything meaningful.
- Pay attention.** Listen to the people you are with and don't let your mind or ears wander. Afraid of missing out? You *will* miss out if you don't give people the courtesy of your attention.
- Be exact.** If you know what you want, ask for it. Most people will help if they can. There is nothing more frustrating than wanting to help someone but not knowing how. And don't forget to say what you can offer, too.
- Trust serendipity.** That person you didn't think you'd want to meet but who's standing in front of you? Take a chance and talk to them. Unless you know everything (and I haven't met that person yet), you can always learn something.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming Norwalk Chamber events trying out new networking tips!

Sincerely,

Caren Spilsbury
Executive Director/Editor
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Avanti Hospitals Announces New Hospital Administrator at Coast Plaza Hospital

Avanti Hospitals announces Greg Padilla as the new hospital Administrator at its Coast Plaza Hospital (CPH). Padilla will immediately assume his new role. Padilla is an extremely experienced healthcare executive with over 25 years of hospital leadership. He has a strong background in operations and financial management, including turnaround assignments for community hospitals and inner-city medical centers. Most recently, as Paladin Healthcare's interim Chief Administrative Officer for Avanti's East Los Angeles and Huntington Park hospitals, he improved internal operations and increased staff accountabilities resulting in improved patient satisfaction scores and quality measures. Additionally, Padilla served as Paladin's interim Chief Executive Officer at Tri-City Regional Medical Center in Hawaiian Gardens. His sterling reputation coupled with the solid relationships he developed while in that role have resulted in employees and physicians from that facility now following him to CPH. Greg holds an MBA, is a licensed CPA (AZ), and brings a high level of professionalism and management expertise to his new role.

About Avanti Hospitals

The Avanti Hospitals, LLC system consists of Memorial Hospital of Gardena, Coast Plaza Hospital, East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital, and Community Hospital of Huntington Park. All four acute care hospitals are located near Los Angeles, California. Avanti's mission is to provide affordable, high-quality healthcare services to their community with consistency and compassion, which they achieve by focusing on hospitals in underserved areas that will benefit from this strategy. For more information, visit avantihospitals.com.

Stater Bros. Markets Recognized For Job Security

Stater Bros. Markets was named among the Top 20 companies in the United States to offer exceptional job security for its employees according to a report recently published on *Forbes.com*.

Since 1936, Stater Bros. has proudly served generations of loyal customers. In the highly competitive Southern California supermarket industry, Stater Bros. remains an iconic mainstay that continues to grow and operate more stores each year than the year before. Similarly, the company continues to have more employees working for the company each year than the prior year.

"The Stater Bros. tradition centers on taking good care of our valued customers and the loyal members of our Stater Bros. 'Family'. We offer extensive training and programs to improve and expand our 'Family' members' skills while providing a positive work environment with good jobs, competitive pay and excellent benefits," stated Pete Van Helden, President and CEO of Stater Bros. Markets. "Stater Bros. acknowledges the success and continued growth of our company is credited to the great team effort and hard work of both past and present members of our entire Stater Bros. 'Family,'" Van Helden concluded.

Stater Bros. recently announced the construction of five "Blue Ribbon" Supermarkets to serve the Southern California communities of Menifee, Norco, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside and Tustin Ranch.

For information regarding career opportunities visit <http://www.staterbros.com/careers/>

Stater Bros. was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County. The Company currently operates 169 Supermarkets, and there are approximately 18,000 members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family. For more information, visit staterbros.com.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/karstenstrauss/2017/01/11/20-companies-offering-great-job-security/#61c1a19c50ec>

STATER BROS. MARKETS...SERVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 81 YEARS



The Importance of a Will and Trust

When: Wednesday March 8 @ 11:30AM
Where: Frantones Restaurant
10808 Alondra Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703
Cost: \$20 Cash per person
RSVP to info@norwalkchamber.com



Blanca Pacheco was elected to Downey City Council in November 2016. She is the first Latina elected to the Council. She graduated from UCLA, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Specialization in Chicano Studies. Blanca went on to graduate from Loyola Law School, where she received a Juris Doctorate (JD) Degree, and subsequently, passed the CA State Bar Exam in 2003.

Blanca opened her law practice in 2006. In addition to having a law office in Downey, she is a part time instructor at Downey Adult School, where she teaches Intro to Paralegal Studies to dedicated students interested in pursuing a career as a Paralegal. Blanca's law practice has been involved with numerous legal organizations, offering pro bono services, providing legal services to a community with limited means.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
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ZONE CHANGE NO. 347
ZONE VARIANCE NO. 342
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 972
PRECISE DEVELOPMENT
PLAN NO. 1935
LOT MERGER NO. 712

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Time: 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following application filed by Carl Schneider AIA, NCARB: a request to 1) re-construct a non-conforming neighborhood market which was destroyed; 2) change the general plan designation and zone of a residential property to allow commercial uses to enable the re-construction of the market; 3) allow off-sale beer and wine (Type 20) within the proposed market; 4) vary from the required building setbacks and separation between alcohol sales and residential uses; and 5) merge lots 1 and 2. The subject property is generally known as 12061 163rd Street, located at northwest corner of 163rd Street and Horst Avenue, in the R-1, Single-Family Residential zone.

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 were received on the Negative Declaration beginning on October 14, 2016 and ending on November 3, 2016.

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: Monica.Rodriguez.mrodriguez@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 22, 2017.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planner at (562) 929-5710 or mrodriguez@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 3rd day of March 2017.

Kurt H. Anderson
Director of Community Development

The Norwalk Patriot
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELVING
BURGOS GRATEROLEZ aka
ELVING BURGOS, ELVING B.
GRATEROLEZ
Case No. 17STPB01198
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELVING BURGOS GRATEROLEZ aka ELVING BURGOS, ELVING B. GRATEROLEZ:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Patricia Garcia in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Patricia Garcia be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 13, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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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 LYNDIA LAYTON-CRUZ in the

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LYNDIA 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
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 128379-11 Loan No. 0243981 Title Order No. 150014411 APN 8016-003-009 TRA No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/21/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 03/24/2017 at 10:00AM, MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/31/2007 as Document No. 20072037199 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: CARMEN M. CASTANON, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale 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). Place of sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 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 describing the land therein: Lot(s) 63 of Tract No. 16167, in the City of Norwalk, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 542, Page(s) 17 to 21 inclusive of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County Except all water, claims or rights to water, in or under said land. 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: 10905 MILANO AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by

said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$435,067.47 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. 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 and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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 (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site: www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 128379-11. 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: 02/17/2017 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3333. Sale Information Line: (916) 939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Tara Campbell, Assistant Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0302418 TO: NORWALK PATRIOT PUB: 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017, 03/17/2017

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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 DEED OF TRUST DATED 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 deed of trust 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 FOR CASH (payable at time of sale 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 caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such

recordation. DATE: 02/08/2017 AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION Amy Connolly Assistant Secretary / Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation 3636 N. Central Ave., Suite #400 Phoenix, AZ 85012 Phone: (877) 257-0711 or (602) 638-5700 Fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztectrustee.com 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 (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site: www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 15-21453-SP-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: 02/24/2017 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 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Zaharah Joynr, Trustee Sales Representative A-0611016 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017, 03/17/2017

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-21453-SP-CA Title No. 150331895-CA-VOI A.P.N. 8073-001-021 ATTENTION RECORDED: 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 06/08/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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: Alexander Heske, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/18/2007 as Instrument No. 051462060 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 03/24/2017 at 11:00 AM. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$246,351.78. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14325 Ibea Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650. A.P.N.: 8073-001-021. 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

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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

注：本文件包含一个信息摘要
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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
Recorded 09/21/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2275812 in book ---, page--- and of 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 MOUNTAIN 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 caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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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

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Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee
C/o 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450
Irvine, CA 92606
Sales Information Line: (866) 960-8299 http://www.altsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx

Trustee Sale Assistant
Date: January 24, 2017

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Hahn honors high school girls wrestling CIF champions who received less recognition than boys

LOS ANGELES – L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn honored local female high school wrestlers on Tuesday for winning the Suburban League Championship.

Despite their victories, these female athletes were told they would not receive medals or a podium ceremony like the boys teams in the Suburban League did.

Hahn learned about this injustice when the female athletes told their story to The Norwalk Patriot last month and decided to present them with a special recognition from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

“Even though they competed and trained just as hard as their male counterparts, these girls were not initially given medals or a podium spot,” Hahn said. “These girls are our future leaders and I am so proud of them for not just standing up for themselves but for other girls out there that will be competing in years to come.”

Hahn also pointed out that the girls were at the perfect supervisors meeting for the occasion – the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors is now comprised of a majority of women for the first time in history.

The athletes honored on Tuesday were from Norwalk, Cerritos, Artesia, Mayfair and John Glenn high schools.

Traffic expected as Caltrans set to demolish Florence Avenue Bridge

DOWNEY – Caltrans will reduce the Florence Avenue Bridge over I-5 within the cities of Downey and Santa Fe Springs to one lane in each direction starting on March 5.

Starting this Sunday, crews will begin two weeks of nighttime work to demolish half of the Florence Avenue Bridge at the I-5 Freeway. The northbound and southbound I-5 will also be closed between I-605 and Norwalk Boulevard every night from 11 p.m.-5 a.m.

Florence Avenue will be closed to all traffic in both directions, between Studebaker Road and Orr and Day Road, from Sunday, March 5 at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, March 6. Starting on Monday, the street will close nightly between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. for approximately two weeks.

CERRITOS COLLEGE
TALON MARKS

Cerritos College women’s softball team loses offensive power

By Max Perez

NORWALK – Facing off against multiple opponents, the Falcons softball team struggled to find consistency in various aspects of their game.

Cerritos battled against Mt. San Antonio College Thursday, in which a Cerritos home run tied the game 5-5 before it had to be postponed due to darkness. The match will be continued Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Against Mt. SAC the energy of the game shifted multiple times with Mt. SAC scoring first, then Cerritos answering back to take the lead.

Mt. SAC would then tie the game 2-2 and then take a 5-2 lead heading into the final inning of play.

A three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh by second baseman Kylee Brown tied the game and forced extra innings.

The game will take place at home and will pick up in the top of the eighth inning.

Going into the continuation of the Mt. SAC game the Falcons will look to enter the matchup with confidence and execute their game plan.

Head Coach Kodee Murray said, “It’s not about jumping in, it’s a zero to zero ball game it’s just starting over, the fact of the matter is either we’re ready to go

or we’re not.”

Freshman outfielder Andrea

Starting Pitcher Carly Gutierrez struck out nine batters while only allowing two hits and

both pitchers to win the game 8-2.

Vallalta said, “I think we came and fought and did what we had to do [...] unfortunately it just wasn’t our game to win.

Murray added, “I feel like we did a really good job we just didn’t get the timely hits when we needed them.”

The Falcons offense was only able to muster four total hits and two runs during the game.

After a three-day break, the Falcons traveled to take on Pasadena City College for the second time this season.

The outcome would not be the same, as Pasadena was able to defeat the Falcons 3-2 .

The loss was the second in a row and dropped the Falcons to 8-3.

The Falcons will have until March 7 to fix their issues before they travel to Los Angeles Harbor and start their conference schedule.

This story was originally published in Talon Marks, the student-ran newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original version, visit www.talonmarks.com/sports/2017/02/28/cerritos-offense-loses-power.



Sophomore pitcher Kristen Voller goes through her motions about to deliver a pitch against Cypress College. The loss against Cypress marked the second of the season for both the Falcons and Voller.
Photo | Max Perez

Vallalta added, “I think wherever the momentum went, we [Falcons] stayed with [the Mounties] the entire game, I think they thought they had us beat but we came back and stayed in it.”

The Falcons then hosted a doubleheader against Glendale College and Cypress College.

Cerritos dominated Glendale 9-0 ending the game in just five innings behind a strong pitching and offensive performance.

one walk throughout the entire five innings.

The offense was able to rack up 13 hits for nine runs, eight of which came off RBI’s.

The Falcons had a short break before preparing for their next game against the undefeated Cypress Chargers.

Cypress was able to overcome the pitching of Sophomore Kristen Voller and Gutierrez, scoring a combined eight runs off

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Fact is indeed stranger than fiction: picture a type of marine algae that tastes like bacon! It's high in fiber, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and protein...and is fat free.



It's called dulse (rhymes with pulse), and is available online (try Amazon) and at some Whole Foods markets.

I bought this seaweed dried, in whole-leaf form, and fried it in a small amount of olive oil for about one minute on each side.

The saltiness (it grows in salt water, after all), the nice crunch, the slight greasiness of the olive oil, and the flavor are definitely reminiscent of bacon.

My wife - let's just say that she was highly skeptical - shared it with me, and even she enjoyed it! My office staff, typically more interested in chocolate than in marine vegetation, was enthusiastic as well.

Dulse has been harvested and eaten, often in soups, in Northern Europe for hundreds of years or more.

The earliest written accounts date back to the 15th century. Today, it is dried and sold for up to \$90 a pound as a cooking ingredient or nutritional supplement, often in powder or flake form.

Bon Appétit suggests: To achieve that bacon-like effect, pan-fry some dried whole-leaf dulse with oil over medium-high heat until crisp, then slap it between two slices of bread with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise for a DLT.

Eat raw or cooked dulse as a snack, or add it to sandwiches and salads.

At Oregon State University, researchers who were originally developing a super-food for abalone developed a new strain of dulse that grows very quickly and can be farmed.

Chefs working with it have come up with a long list of recipes ranging from crackers and salad dressing to beer and ice cream.

What makes this seaweed exciting is that it isn't difficult to produce, and the Oregon strain in particular could become an efficient and lucrative crop.

Dulse has a shelf life of about ten days in the refrigerator, and can last a very long time in dried form.

My conclusion is that dulse is tasty, nourishing, and has the potential to be a pretty flexible ingredient in recipes. If you are choosing nutritionally between bacon and seaweed...seaweed wins!

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Downey, firefighters' union reach \$3.7M settlement

DOWNEY - The city of Downey has settled a lawsuit from Downey firefighters for \$3.7 million.

City Council members approved the settlement on Feb. 14, seemingly bringing to an end a long and contentious battle between City Hall and the Downey firefighters.

The Downey Firemen's Association sued the city in 2014, alleging 14 firefighters were retaliated against after publicly expressing no confidence in then fire chief Lonnie Croom.

The fire union alleged that qualified firefighters were passed over for promotions and that the city suppressed their freedom of speech.

"The settlement of the lawsuit for \$3.7 million, the reinstatement of two firefighters to paramedic status with full pay, and the removal of all disciplinary files resulting from the retaliation against Association members is a tremendous vindication for our clients, who were the victims of a series of politically charged and vindictive actions by Downey and its officials," said Thomas M. Brown, managing partner of Brown White & Osborn, the law firm representing the 14 firefighters and fire union in the lawsuit.

"The City violated my clients' constitutional rights by retaliating against them for their speech, by denying them promotions to Battalion Chief, Captain, and Engineer, investigating and disciplining them for spurious allegations of misconduct, and holding up negotiations on their collective bargaining agreement," Brown added.

Caleb Mason, a Brown White & Osborn litigation partner, claimed the city's retaliation came after Downey firefighters questioned the City Council's decision not to contract with L.A. County Fire for fire services.

"This victory by the Downey Firemen's Association and 14 firefighters is well deserved," Mason said.

"Downey's firefighters are dedicated professionals who risk their lives to ensure the safety of Downey residents. Our Constitution prohibits public entities from suppressing the free speech of their employees on matters of public interest. This settlement proves that public employees can stand up for their rights, and the law is on their side.

"These guys showed real guts in standing up for their rights, and I'm proud to represent them."

City officials said the decision to settle the lawsuit was made in a "good faith effort" to build a cooperative relationship with Downey firefighters.

"I am pleased that the litigation was settled to the mutual agreement of all parties," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. "We certainly were willing to move

forward in the courts to prove our case. However, we strongly believe that it is more beneficial for the community to spend taxpayer time and money on service rather than on litigation, and the costs and time associated with litigation.

in the feasibility study in his administrative report to the Downey City Council...to give council members reason to halt negotiations."

The following month, the fire association announced a 49-0



"We look forward to getting back to cooperatively providing for the residents and businesses of Downey," the mayor added.

Councilman Alex Saab said it was "unfortunate that this exorbitant amount of money had to be paid as a result of the Downey Firemen's Association suing the city."

"However, I believe it's in the best interest of our residents to once and for all end their lawsuit and focus on a productive partnership with our fire department going forward to best serve our residents," Saab said.

"Ending this litigation has been a goal of mine since being elected to Council, and I am looking forward to closing this chapter and moving on with our fire department in service to Dwoney residents," said Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton.

"Having grown up in Downey, as one of those kids who looked up to our firefighter heroes, I believe that the DFA's and the city's mutual willingness to end litigation shows that both parties are looking forward to a true collaboration in our community," added Councilmember Blanca Pacheco.

The Downey City Council briefly considered contracting with L.A. County for fire services in 2013, but abandoned the idea after receiving the results of a feasibility study.

"In a local approach, we benefit from an efficient use of institutional knowledge -- guys like me who've been here for over 25 years," Croom said at the time. "In the regional approach, you have access to 24 L.A. County fire stations in a five-mile radius -- the closest station responds to the call."

Dan Rasmussen, a Downey fire captain, had accused Croom of "knowingly and deliberately distort[ing] and misrepresent[ing] the facts and figures contained

member vote expressing "no confidence" in Croom.

Croom retired in 2014.

In addition to the \$3.7 million payout, the city agreed to reinstate Jeff Simmons and Jose Garcia to paramedic status with full pay, and to destroy disciplinary records related to firefighters Dan Rasmussen, Steven Davis, Ryan Schleiger, Kevin Kim, Frank Culhno and Shawn Youngblood going back to June 1, 2013.

The city also agreed to delete files from a March 7, 2011 reprimand against firefighters Scott Devereux and Ryan Schleiger.

"As a longtime resident and supporter of our public safety professionals, I hope that the city's decision to take the high road instead of spending more time and money on this litigation would help the DFA and the city to move forward together," said Councilman Rick Rodriguez.

- Eric Pierce, editor

STORIES: The trials of marriage in the Philippines

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... He was one of the graduating classes of Mining Engineers in 1941 when the Japanese bombed and conquered the Philippines. The university was closed and Juan looked for his haft sister Julia to stay with and find job. He got a job in Welfareville as a security guard and stayed in one of the storerooms of the school.

Juan, Ligaya and Julia practically lived in one household, sharing the kitchen, dining and bathroom. Juan would help Ligaya in washing dishes and clothes and at the same time try to hold her hand (chancing).

This continued and then later Juan would steal a kiss. Ligaya, who had never been kissed, liked it. One day a woman came looking for Juan. Juan took the woman to his room for several hours. Ligaya was hurt and told Julia that she will stop helping her since she has her brother to help her.

Ligaya went to her dormitory. Juan tried to talk to Lher but she did not want to talk to him and avoided him. Juan was so in love with Ligaya that he asked the help of Ligaya's brother Albert who was also working in Welfareville.

Ligaya refused Albert's help. When Ligaya was scheduled to visit her father in Pagsanjan, Juan asked Iking, a family friend of Ligaya, to help get him a chance to talk to Ligaya. They were able to visit Ligaya in her dormitory. As soon as Ligaya met them Juan fell on his knees crying for a chance to court her. Ligaya said, "No. You will not even pass my father's criteria. You are not from the Pagsanjan and are eight years younger than me."

Juan said, "I will face your father and introduce myself. I will go with you to Pagsanjan." Juan asked Iking to introduce him to Ligaya's father. They took the same bus to Pagsanjan.

Ligaya went directly to her grandmother's house across from her father's house while Iking and Juan went to the house of Ligaya's father. Ligaya didn't know what happened there.

After several hours Juan and Iking came asking Ligaya to sign a marriage license. Ligaya was so surprised. Juan and Iking explained to Ligaya that her father asked questions about Juan and Iking's recommendation.

He asked Juan's intention. Juan said, "I love Ligaya and want to marry her". The father explained that with the war condition, it was scary to have single daughter. He heard of single women raped by the Japanese. So if Juan was ready to marry Ligaya, he ccould marry her.

So Juan got the marriage lincense with the help of Iking. Everything was arranged. After Ligaya signed the marriage license, all the cousins started cooking and preparing an altar at the grandma's house and called a priest to celebrate the wedding.

After the wedding Ligaya stayed at the grandmother's house and Juan stayed at Iking's house. The following day they had to go back to Manila. Iking got a room in a hotel owned by Ligaya's cousin for Juan and Ligaya's one-night honeymoon.

Afraid that they may lose their jobs, they kept their marriage secret. Ligaya stayed in the dormitory, Juan continued staying in the school storeroom. When they told their secret to Julia, Julia said "Do not be afraid to lose your job. You have to live together." Juan and Ligaya announced their marriage and rented an apartment. They did not lose their jobs. And the rest is history.

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