

ELECTION RESULTS

Norwalk City Council - GENERAL	
Jennifer Perez	1,588
Tony Ayala	1,509
Esperanza Free	1,003
Enrique Aranda	893
Candy Martinez	473
Harvey Cardenas	280
Marcel Mercado	243
Debbie Martinez	199
Jamie E. Armenta	176

Norwalk City Council - SPECIAL	
Margarita Rios	2,324
Ken Menchaca	1,005
Alberto Uribe	303

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified teacher named 2017 Woman of the Year

LA MIRADA — Majority Leader Ian Calderon honored Kelly Garcia, and educator and resident of La Mirada, as the 57th Assembly District 2017 Woman of the Year on Monday..

“It is my honor to recognize Ms. Garcia as the 57th District Woman of the Year,” said Calderon. “Ms. Garcia has served the education community with distinction, working tirelessly to advocate for increased opportunities for students. Her passion and dedication to improving female participation in the field of STEM is especially inspiring.”

In 1987, Garcia began her career in the United States Navy as a Cryptologic Technician Maintenance Petty Officer Second Class. After five years of service, she moved to the city of La Mirada and became a



key parent volunteer in Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District and served four years on the board for the La Mirada High School Cross Country Booster Club.

Garcia began teaching science and engineering at Los Alisos Middle School in the city of Norwalk and became one of three teachers certified to teach Project Lead the Way’s (PLTW) Gateway Program, where she had a key leadership role in establishing the Math, Science, and Technology Magnet program.

Garcia is currently a teacher on Special Assignment in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District as the PLTW Coordinator, where she is able to focus on supporting the continued growth of the program in Norwalk and La Mirada schools. She is also a Master Teacher for the PLTW Gateway program..

Most recently, Garcia implemented strategies to encourage female students to participate in STEM pathways by coordinating the Mother-Daughter Engineering Workshop and Tea, assisting with the Norwalk High School Girls Engineering Challenge, and providing professional development for district STEM teachers on strategies to improve female participation.

In 2013, Garcia received the Los Alisos PTSA Honorary Service Award and was named the 2017 PLTW Gateway Teacher of the Year.

The 2017 Woman of the Year ceremony took place in the Assembly Chambers of the State Capitol on Monday. It is held in honor of Women’s History Month to celebrate women in all 80 Assembly districts.

AYALA, PEREZ, AND RIOS ELECTED AS NORWALK’S NEW COUNCILMEMBERS



Tony Ayala



Jennifer Perez



Margarita Rios

■ The three candidates are already hitting the ground running -- hoping to capitalize on their momentum.

By Alex Dominguez and Raul Samaniego

NORWALK – The voters of Norwalk have spoken. With 100% of precincts reporting, Jennifer Perez, Tony Ayala, and Margarita Rios will serve as Norwalk’s newest city council members this spring.

Perez, a Norwalk planning commissioner, and Ayala took an early lead Tuesday night in the crowded race for two, four-year terms open on the Norwalk City Council.

Perez garnered a solid victory, garnering 24.95% of the vote (1,588 votes) while Ayala, a former coordinator and services director at the Norwalk Senior Center, earned 23.71% of the vote (1,509 votes).

A sitting member of the Norwalk Planning Commission, Perez had no time to pause after winning her seat. On Wednesday, she was back at her job, driving back to Norwalk from Los Angeles in the afternoon for one of her son’s baseball games -- while another son attended a practice of his own.

She hoped to attend at least part of each activity before a scheduled Planning Commission meeting Wednesday night.

“I’ve already spoken to the deputy city manager to arrange some

meetings in the next couple days so that I may better prepare myself [to] get up to speed on some of the immediate plans of action,” Perez said.

“I want to gather as much information I can and study and learn to be prepared...for [my] first meeting.”

Perez said she “wanted to thank the residents and businesses of Norwalk, my entire family and support team.”

“This is the first day of the next four [years].

Reflecting on his campaign discussions with residents as he walked the precincts, Ayala reiterated his want for better communication between residents and the city services available.

“We have a lot of work to do,” Ayala said.

His first acknowledgment was that many of the city’s Hispanic population has very limited Spanish versions of important communications available to them.

Ayala suggests this is a result of the predominantly-English materials, like the “Norwalk Now” newsletter.

Trash collection -- specifically large items -- left on the streets by residents or others, is not being directed to the appropriate programs available for such things, Ayala said.

In addition to the communication issue, he also wants to look at the

status of the repair of roads in the city.

“Streets are torn up. Whether its north, south east or west,” he said. “They are big dollar items. It’s going to take a lot of work to try to figure out how to fund these things.”

He praised Norwalk residents “for how smart they are,” recalling a group of residents who formed their own neighborhood watch program.

According to Ayala, “they have nothing to do with the city because the city hasn’t been proactive with neighborhood watch [so] they formed their own.”

“I think people are very, very, very aware and I think that is going to make a big difference in how fast we can change stuff,” he said.

Esperanza Free and Enrique Aranda trailed behind in Tuesday’s election with 1,003 and 893 votes respectively.

“I am pretty proud of the job and work we did,” said Free, speaking of the team effort involved. “I ran on my own merits including raising my own campaign money. Not bad for a first timer.”

The remaining candidates running for the two seats included Candy Martinez (473 votes), Harvey Cardenas (280 votes), Marcel Mercado (243 votes), Debbie Martinez (199) and Jamie E. Armenta (176).

In the special election to fill former Councilman Marcel Rodarte’s

seat on the council, Margarita Rios won soundly, earning 63.99% of the vote (2,324 votes).

“I’m just happy that our hard work paid off,” said Rios.

“I’m very grateful to my group of volunteers who were with me along the way. I look forward to working the fellow councilmembers to make a positive impact in our city.”

Alberto Uribe, 24, who ran on a platform of youth and vitality, garnered just 303 votes, yet in defeat remained enthusiastic for Norwalk’s future.

“I’m excited for the future of Norwalk,” said Uribe.

“I hope that the new leadership there will really work towards the issues that they were talking about... they’re definitely capable of bringing positive change and I’m excited for what they’re going to do. I’m thankful for this entire experience.”

Rodarte resigned last June to take a position as president of the California Contract Cities Association. Rios, a Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District board member, will now serve the remaining two years of his term and is eligible to run as an incumbent in the next election.

Her opponents, Ken Menchaca and Uribe, received 1,005 and 303 votes respectively.

A swearing-in ceremony for all three new council members is set for April 11.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°



Saturday 82°



Sunday 87°



THINGS TO DO



L.A. Fight Club

Friday - The Belasco, 5:30 pm

Live boxing presented by Golden Boy Promotions; Christian Gonzalez vs. Romero Duno in the main event.



Robert Cray

Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 pm

Blues guitarist and 5-time Grammy Award winner Robert Cray performs live on the Downey Theatre stage.



Halloween Festival

Saturday - Halloween Club in La Mirada, 12-7 pm

An early Halloween celebration with horror vendors, artists, food trucks, live music and collectors.



Sock Hop

Saturday - Paramount Park, 4 pm

Paramount celebrates its 60th anniversary with a sock hop. All ages, 50’s attire encouraged.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Ayala, Perez, and Rios win Norwalk City Council seats

Brenda Tellez Mtz: Congratulations to all the candidates in the Norwalk City Council election. We are confident that you have heard our voice to bring more youth and family service programs back into the community. Please listen to our concerns and help us make Norwalk shine. We want what you want and that is a greater community of Norwalk, California. Again, Congratulations.

Marisela Cervantes: Congratulations to all of the winners! I’m hopeful for our community - two women is the most women the council has had in more than a decade... maybe longer.

Gidget Duarte: Well my vote didn’t matter once again! Norwalk isn’t the same anymore.

Pattie Osuna: Yay Ladies!

Josh Forsythe: Congrats you three. I look forward to meeting with you and making Norwalk Great Again.

Fabiola Herrera: It was no surprise. We saw that coming. Congrats to them anyways.

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Downey real estate agent gets prison time for Norwalk-based mortgage fraud worth \$2.4M

DOWNEY – Two defendants linked to a mortgage fraud scheme that cost at least \$2.4 million when fraudulently purchased homes went into foreclosure have been sentenced to federal prison.

The case involves a scheme to fraudulently obtain mortgages for residential properties through the use of “straw buyers” – individuals who pretend to purchase the properties and have no intention of living in the homes.

In this case, the straw buyers’ personal information was used to obtain mortgages without their knowledge.

The scheme was run out of JTR Real Estate, Inc., a Norwalk-based real estate brokerage company which bought, renovated and sold residential properties. The two defendants sentenced on Feb. 27 by United States District Judge Dale S. Fischer were:

John Martynec, 41, of Long Beach, a licensed real estate broker and co-owner of JTR, who previously pled guilty to one count of conspiracy and was sentenced to two years in prison; and

Elek Andrade 32, of Downey, who also previously pled guilty to one count of conspiracy and was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison.

In addition to the prison terms, Judge Fisher ordered both men to pay \$2,573,092 in restitution.

Martynec was responsible at JTR for identifying distressed residential properties which could be purchased, renovated, and then sold for a profit. Andrade worked for Martynec as a real estate agent and assisted in selling the properties. When the market for renovated properties slowed in 2007, Martynec and Andrade engaged in a scheme to use straw buyers to purchase the renovated homes.

The loan applications were submitted without the knowledge of the



Elek Andrade

straw buyers and included fraudulent supporting documents, such as verifications of employment.

As a result of the scheme, lending institutions approved and funded more than \$5.2 million in loans for at least 11 properties.

A third defendant who fabricated documents that were submitted with the fraudulent loan applications – Mireya Espinoza, 36, of Carson – was sentenced on February 6 to one year and one day in prison and was ordered to pay \$1,476,966 in restitution.

“Schemes like this can destabilize the financial industry and the real estate market,” said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. “The last economic crisis demonstrates the dangers of such destabilization and the importance of prosecuting crimes like those committed by these defendants.”

“The housing crisis severely impacted many individuals throughout the country. Instead of working through the challenges the crisis presented, the defendants, Martynec and Andrade, engaged in a fraudulent scheme that caused additional harm to many individuals,” said Leslie DeMarco, the special agent in charge of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Office of Inspector General, Western Region.

Lakewood councilman appointed to state earthquake insurance board

LAKEWOOD — Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Paramount) has appointed Jeff Wood of Lakewood to serve on the Governing Board of the California Earthquake Insurance Authority.

“Whether serving on the Lakewood City Council or volunteering for state and local organizations, Jeff Wood has a long history of civic involvement,” Rendon said.

Wood, whose professional experience includes risk management, emergency management, business continuity, and occupational safety and health, has been a member of the Lakewood City Council since 2011.

The California Earthquake Authority, established in 1996, helps California homeowners and renters through earthquake risk and preparedness.

Shared Stories: Middle Child Syndrome

Maria Garcia shares her story about a common parental experience – “the children are so different.” 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 Maria L. Garcia

Growing up as the youngest child, with three siblings ahead of me, had its perks. How was I to know that seven years later I would be displaced from center stage and become the middle child when brother after brother would be born?

I do not remember ever feeling left out from my siblings; enough to call it a syndrome of sorts. My dad's love for me was always reassuring and reaffirming, and so my behavior was aimed at pleasing him with much due respect.

Not until Ed and I were newly married and ready to start up a family did we start to think of children. We were in the era and culture where newly-weds were already subjected to the Philippine Inquisition: “Are you already pregnant?”

If your answer was yes, people would start counting the months, and anything short of nine months is a “deposit,” indicative of some premarital taboos in society. And if the wife isn't pregnant yet after nine months, she is labeled as “barren.” Either way, the Filipino culture dictates that it's everybody's business to know the wife's pregnancy status when wed.

Ed and I got pregnant with what one would call a “honeymoon baby.” Ten months after we were wed, our first child, a son, was born to us. Although we had a yaya, or nanny, for Carlo, we were both excited to try our own parenting skills. We gave him much attention and time, as would be the case for most firstborns.

Three years later, we felt we were ready for another baby, but wanted a girl. We were going to try a Reader's Digest suggested method on conceiving a girl.

A few days before my due date, I began having labor pains. In nervous anticipation, the suspense was over when the obstetrician announced it was a boy. We had a good laugh, with a sigh of relief that a normal healthy baby boy, although not a girl, was born to us on April Fool's Day. Grateful, we named him Mark Anthony.

Parenting the second time around, we found ourselves more relaxed and less anxious, now that we were veteran parents. The two boys were pretty much best friends, playing and sharing toys with not much of a sibling rivalry.

Mark displayed his very social traits, even with the other street children in the neighborhood. He would invite them over and feed them our food behind our backs. We would often see neighborhood kids with chocolate rings around their mouths from Mark secretly sharing our chocolate milk powder.

Four years later we got pregnant with our third baby. This time, we would simply be accepting of whatever God blessed us with, which turned out to be a baby girl. We named her Noelle Nicole, like a Christmas gift given to us in February.

Although each of them had their own yaya, we did not diminish in giving them parental attention, or so we thought. Carlo was excelling in school academically. Noelle was too, gifted in both math and the arts. Mark received certificates in handwriting and spelling, but was not academically excelling like his siblings.

It was only much later that, in retrospect, I gleaned that Mark's visual acumen and hand-eye coordination would translate itself in his growing years. He seemed to be more interested in after-school Boy Scouts or karate class, rather than academics. Being a young mother then, I started to be concerned. Was he really lagging behind his siblings at school?

Mark had difficulty sleeping when he was young, so Ed would put him in the car and drive him around the block until he fell asleep. Other times, Mark would ask to sleep before 8:30 PM as he feared that he would have insomnia.

We noticed Mark was not interested in any of the academics, but he would draw the motorized taxi-tricycles shuttling around our neighborhood endlessly. He included all the details, and from various perspectives. Mark never drew the same model twice; each one was different from the other.

In 1982, we decided as a family to migrate to the US. Carlo had been on vacation to San Francisco with his grandmother and cousins the previous year. Being the quiet 11-year-old that he was, Carlo did not say much about his feelings on our plans to move.

On the other hand, Mark, age seven at the time, was excited. He “could hardly wait to roll down the snowy slope,” but, “must take some bananas to America!” Noelle at age 4, was not quite aware of moving our permanent residence to a different country.

Mark was getting rather difficult and defiant in his teenage years. I was in a quandary on how I should deal with his choices. One time, I was called in by the principal because Mark had come to school with his head shaved on both sides. If I had not confirmed with his grandma that she was the one who actually cut it, the principal would have had him suspended.

Mark did not want to continue on to Catholic high school like his siblings, so we transferred him into the public system. His high school years were difficult. He was ditching and failing his classes. He was more social than focused. The school recommended that we go to family counseling.

It was then that I came across the “middle child syndrome” terminology. Mark wanted to be his own self, a trait we had noticed even at an early age. Ed and I called him “Indie,” short for independent.

I did not think Mark would even graduate from high school, with the kind of rebellious streak he was having - his ear piercings, his driving without a license, his running away for days.

Thankfully, I followed the advice of Mrs. Leone Jackson, an elderly parishioner and retired teacher in her 90's: “Look for him and when he comes home, hug him and just tell him you missed him.”

While both the oldest and the youngest earned degrees from universities in computer science, chemistry, and biology, Mark dropped out of community college and chose to go his own course and take animation classes.

I feel like I prayed for Mark doubly hard out of the three children. I had even gone on a pilgrimage and climbed a mountain for Divine intervention. I learned that I could not control Mark for what he wanted to be – an animator.

The good news is that Mark rose from the challenges of his own journey. Even without a degree, his hard work and persistence got him into animation studios such as Sony, Klasky Csupo, Fox, Nickelodeon, Disney and Laika.

This year, he received an Annie Award nomination for Outstanding Achievement for Storyboarding in an Animated Feature Production for his work on the film, Kubo and the Two Strings.

Although not many have seen the film, it has been acclaimed by many critics and has received nominations for Best Animated Picture by the Annie Awards, the Golden Globes and currently, the Academy Awards. As a proud mama, I believe that the “middle child syndrome” is just a part of the cocoon's stage of turning into a butterfly.

Blanca Rochin presented Mayor's Healthy Heart Award

DOWNEY – Mayor Fernando Vasquez released the following statement in honoring Downey Adult School principal Blanca Rochin with his Mayor's Healthy Heart Award:

The Mayor's Healthy Heart Award is given to leaders that have made a significant impact in our community. Blanca Rochin has a passion for education as seen through her leadership skills and accomplishments over the years as Principal for Downey Adult School.

She has a natural ability to create leaders and inspire others. Long are the days when her family emigrated from a small town in the northern part of Mexico in search of the American Dream and with a goal to contribute back to this country. I have known Blanca Rochin for several years and have seen all the ways she has made Downey a better place to live.



Downey Adult School principal Blanca Rochin with mayor Fernando Vasquez last week.

Blanca Rochin grew up in East LA and graduated from Garfield High School. She received her bachelor degree from Azusa Pacific, teaching credential from UC San Diego and her master's in educational leadership from Concordia University in Irvine.

It is my honor to present Blanca Rochin with the Mayor's Healthy Heart Award for her true commitment toward improving the health, well-being and future success for the residents of the City of Downey.

Lynwood High School dances its way to victory at Sharp International Competition

LYNWOOD – Lynwood High School's intermediate and advanced dance teams celebrated victory at the Sharp International Dance Competition on Feb. 4 at Firebaugh High School, capturing two first-place prizes for their execution of technical skill during high-energy performances.

The school's intermediate Dance II team, which won first place for its jazz and hip-hop number performed to “Pop, Drop and Roll,” earned the judges' acclaim for its confidence, use of visuals and music selection. The advanced Dance Ensemble secured first place for its jazz routine, which was praised for its variety and execution of leaps, turns and ripples.

“Visual arts play a significant role in overall academic excellence, allowing students to express themselves in a creative outlet,” LUSD Superintendent Paul Gothold said. “Our District is working hard to provide even more opportunities for lifelong learning through creative expression.”

The Dance Ensemble will advance to the national championship later this year.

The teams competed against three other high schools and were judged on choreography, execution, showmanship and overall performance.

Brittany Washington, in her first year as Lynwood High School's dance instructor, said she hopes the victory will be the first of many.

Prior to becoming a dance instructor, the Lynwood High alumna danced for the Los Angeles Clippers Spirit Dance Team for eight years and is currently a cheerleader for the Los Angeles Rams. Washington is trained in tap, jazz, hip hop, ballet, pointe, modern and lyrical dance and is passionate about sharing her love for dance with her students.

“I cannot say it enough – I am a proud teacher and thrilled by the results of this competition,” Washington said. “Our dancers



Lynwood High School's Dance II and Dance Ensemble teams celebrate their first-place wins at the Sharp International Dance Competition at Firebaugh High on Feb. 4. This is the team's first competition and win under Brittany Washington's leadership. Photo | LUSD

have such intense love for dance and are willing to put in the work, which shows in our results. We will continue to aim higher and hope to accomplish even more in the future.”

This was the team's first competition under Washington's direction, and the first for many of the dancers.

Whittier PD celebrates Read Across America Day

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary students laughed and listened intently, captivated by community leaders who took turns reading classic tales on March 2 in celebration of Read Across America, the annual reading awareness program.

Literary rhymes from Dr. Seuss classics like “The Cat in The Hat,” “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish” and “There's a Wocket in My Pocket” filled classrooms as guest readers encouraged children to explore books and imparted important lessons.

Whittier Police Officer Lindsay Inman dedicated a few moments to recently fallen Officer Keith Boyer, and assured students of her role in keeping them safe. Santa Fe Springs City Council member Juanita Trujillo shared a lesson on dreaming big.

“You can do anything you want in life and go as far as your imagination takes you,” Trujillo said.

“I was the youngest woman to be elected mayor in Santa Fe Springs and the youngest elected to the City Council. Anything is possible.”

Trujillo and the Whittier police were joined by the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department, the city's public safety officers as well as librarians, parents and Los Nietos Board of Education members.

The day's festivities, which honor children's author Dr. Seuss and his March 2 birthday, began with Rancho's annual “Green Eggs and Ham” breakfast. Rancho Principal Octavio Perez walked the campus dressed as The Cat in the Hat, stopping to energize students and pose for pictures.

“This is a really exciting day for our school. We're showing children the importance of reading but also introducing them to valuable leaders in our community,” Perez said.

LANE REDUCTION AND RAMP CLOSURE I-5 FLORENCE AVENUE PROJECT

WHAT

Caltrans will reduce lanes on the Florence Avenue Bridge over I-5 within the cities of Downey and Santa Fe Springs to one lane in each direction for an extended period of time. The Florence Avenue on-ramp to northbound I-5 will also be closed. Avoid delays by taking alternative routes.

WHEN

Effective immediately. Please be advised, schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather.

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The press is essential, whether or not President Trump likes it



By Jill Richardson

The U.S. has a robust, free, and fair media. No wonder that makes Donald Trump angry.

Trump has such notoriously thin skin that some have taken to calling him Trumplethinskin. His staff says he watches TV and reads the news obsessively, looking for praise for himself.

And we know, in part, exactly what Trump is watching. Why? Because he often tweets about exactly what just appeared on Fox News, right after it airs.

Just to get this straight, the leader of the free world — the most powerful man on the planet, with the entire U.S. intelligence apparatus at his disposal — is getting his information about the world from TV, like the rest of us.

What’s more, he’s often getting it from pundits instead of from unbiased journalists. While fewer of us seem to notice every day now, there’s a difference.

The job of a journalist isn’t to give his or her own opinion. The job of a journalist is to inform readers of the unbiased truth — after it’s been carefully fact-checked.

Each of us has opinions — on immigration, on security, on the climate, and so forth. A good journalist will inform readers of the facts of the issue, who stands on each side of it, what the government policy is, and how they’re carrying out that policy.

The best investigative journalists also discover

California money is going to pot

Dear Editor:

With the passage of legalizing recreational “pot” (marijuana) -- possibly promoting stoned drivers, massive “pot” holes in the road needing repair, as well as urgent needs to upgrade bridges, dams and sewer lines, our infrastructure appears to be going to pot.

The latest assault to the state budget is State Sen. Kevin de Leon’s support of a plan to enroll private sector employees who currently don’t have a retirement plan into a state-run retirement savings account.

With the already bloated, taxpayer-supported state employee pension fund, this may promote a state bankruptcy, not just a city bankruptcy as was the case in Stockton and San Bernardino.

Since the voices of conservatives in the California state legislature are ignored by those in majority -- and conservatives are prevented from speaking at public universities and rallies supporting different viewpoints -- de Leon has no opposition to his proposition.

Thank goodness for a soothing, home-brewed “pot” of coffee that, for a few moments, allows me to forget about California, my beloved state for 51 years going to pot.

Martha Morrissy-Call Downey

When I’ve been in recent conversations among journalists about how to deal with Trump’s attacks on the media, everyone’s given the same answer: We’ll do our job. We’ll be as professional as possible.

As for Trump’s term “fake news,” Americans should know where that term came from. In the lead up to the election, there really was fake news. A lot of it came from teenagers in Macedonia who made up stories that would get lots of clicks from Americans to generate ad revenue.

Truly fake news stories are dreamed up by people with no desire to inform the public whatsoever. Many are published in obviously bogus outlets online. There’s no comparison between that and even the shoddiest journalism published in mainstream publications.

No matter who’s in power, any American leader attempting to discredit the news media or pressure it into favorable coverage is dangerous. Telling Americans that nothing we read can be believed except for what a single politician and his acolytes say leaves our country open to corruption and other abuses by those at the top.

Whatever its faults, the American mainstream media is excellent in many ways. But if you want to make them even better, there’s a way: Subscribe to your local paper. And believe in good, solid, unbiased reporting as a vital ingredient in a healthy democracy.

Jill Richardson is the author of Recipe for America: Why Our Food System Is Broken and What We Can Do to Fix It.

inconvenient facts that the powerful don’t want the public to know. For a president who only wants positive coverage, this may not seem like a good thing. For the rest of us, it’s vital to our democracy.

Recall Nixon and Watergate. He was brought down by two journalists — Woodward and Bernstein. Did Nixon like those journalists? No. Were they true American patriots helping to safeguard our democracy? Absolutely.

Sometimes journalists mess up. It’s true. I once wrote an article I don’t think I fact checked well enough. It was years ago, long forgotten by everyone else, and it still bothers me.

A journalist’s credibility is all he or she has. Your record of finding and writing the truth is your personal brand. Likewise, a newspaper’s accuracy is its brand. All it takes is a gaffe or two and your readers can’t trust you anymore.

McDonald’s trash problem

Dear Editor:

McDonald’s anyone?

It seems to me that McDonald’s (at the corner of Bloomfield and Alondra) wants your business and your money -- and that’s it. I don’t think that they care about the neighborhood and the environment.

I noticed that across the street there is a Metro bus stop and a lot of cups -- coffee or soft drinks -- on the ground all from McDonald’s. The bus riders buy their drinks from McDonald’s and when the bus arrives they just drop the cups on the sidewalks.

So I went into McDonald’s and spoke with the manager and asked if he could send one of his people to pick up all of these cups across the street.

He told me that he had to talk to his manager. (And I’m sure that that manager had to talk to his manager and kick it up the ladder.)

Needless to say, those cups are still there. Getting blown around with the wind and with the rain, getting washed down into the gutter -- and ending up in the ocean.

Thank you McDonald’s for being a good neighbor and caring for our planet.

Larry Arellano Norwalk

Letters to the Editor

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Renaming Excelsior Auditorium after Lee Mitchell

Dear Editor:

Our recent experience at the local school board meeting, the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (NLMUSD) Board, to listen, learn, and participate in collective discussion regarding a proposal to change the name of a historical landmark, turned out to be a rally to support an individual, Mr. Lee Mitchell, band leader extraordinaire, which included all the bells and whistles, testimonials, talking heads, the ole’ Excelsior Band Banner, and even elderly political retirees to “defend” the person of their choice.

Moreover, the board president, a Mr. Regan, departed from precedent and allowed numerous speakers excessive time, yielding of time, and “extra consideration” for the proponents of the name change, without equal consideration for others so inclined to exceed the three minute public speaking rule.

I get it, this amounts to active, public, and aggressive show of support to government officials for a proposal that has been packaged as a very personal recognition battle. But personalizing issues caused by the trigger word “change” can also close doors to other proposals, intolerance for the other affected parties, and the inability to hear the voices of others.

We arrived at 6:30 p.m., signed in as guest, submitted a speakers card, and watched, waited, and, at one point protested that the youth brought to play the songs be included in hearing others speak as an example of educational process. I was ruled out of order as the youth exited, not knowing of what I offered them in the historical context, and enabled by adults that brought them to rally in good faith for one proposition.

As of 8:20 p.m. the sitter was calling and I had not yet been called to share my contribution to resolve the proposal as an alumni of Excelsior & resident of the district.

We allow so many sources of information to negate, neglect, or bury historical record, for reasons of personalization or convenience,

or subjective blinders in recognition of certain individual contributors to history.

A case in point is a relevant movie recently released detailing the historic NASA’s “first orbit” event, named “Hidden Figures”, where John Glenn the astronaut is linked with Katherine Johnson the mathematician, yet until the release of this movie those students at the NLMUSD would have never known of their school hero’s fame without Katherine’s role in “checking the numbers”.

These same John Glenn High School students that played the Excelsior High fight song at the board were denied the opportunity to hear and/or witness the historical views of others, or the options offered by the

elders (alumni) present who have actively sought to declare Excelsior High as a state historical site.



They were denied the opportunity to hear this ex-football player express the totally emotional reaction to our fight song, or to hear my defense of my band leaders name, Corine “Corky” Escobar, the daughter of a long term NLMUSD board from the past, and her role playing those songs at assemblies and sport events, but who was criticized by those who spoke with their eyes closed that day, and unfairly named her in public as an “opponent” of Mr. Mitchell.

So for the sake of trying to communicate with the community of interest in our school district, I decided to write this article to express my thoughts related to this “small town” issue, in good faith, and through the energy of our school motto “Onward & Upward”. The essence of our motto recognizes movement, change if you will, and

forward mobility, but in no way does it enable historical oversight and/or neglect in setting the record straight.

We have been witness to the demolition of buildings at Excelsior, the deconstruction of the baseball backstop & diamond, the construction of a building in the middle of the girls’ P.E. and archery field, and, general renovations for Hollywood uses or other leasers.

The Excelsior sight has been a community gift from the past, utilized for so many collective experiences, a meeting place, with 100+ years of history, an investment in family lore, and an icon for universal historical significance. Alumni continue to invest in the sight, as pointed out by Mr. Plummer who donated/sponsored new seats in the auditorium, to identify with it and visit for a variety of reasons through the years.

Finding a compromise to proposals that would modify the Excelsior history or spirit, either through name or aesthetic changes, invites reasonable discourse and tolerance for the community interests without personalizing the proposal.

Therefore, in the spirit of our motto, we can change to move ONWARD, without erasing our history, and, we can move UPWARD by way of our tolerance for history and culture. This does not have to become a political and/or personal battle, the work of Mr. Mitchell is admirable and should be recognized, it’s what we do in the teaching profession and expected by our students and peers.

As was suggested by one committee member, there is always room for options, and adding a name of recognition to existing domiciles, without erasing the original identifying markers, is an option. To maintain the standard and universal name of Excelsior Union High School, precludes personalization, but does not forego shared recognition in the halls of ‘Onward & Upward’. Let history be our guide, as we share the cultural experience, Excelsior is our song!

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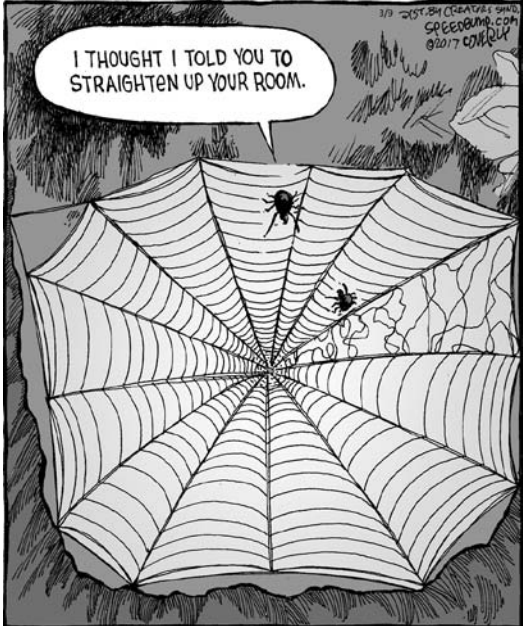
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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

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

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7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
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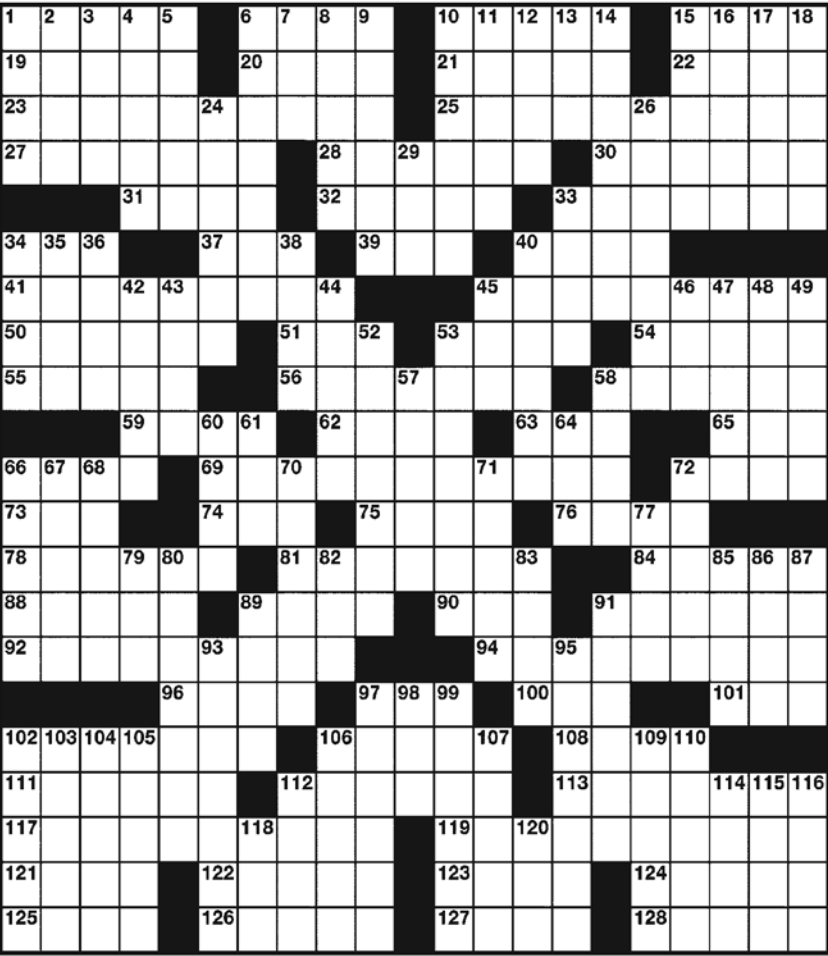
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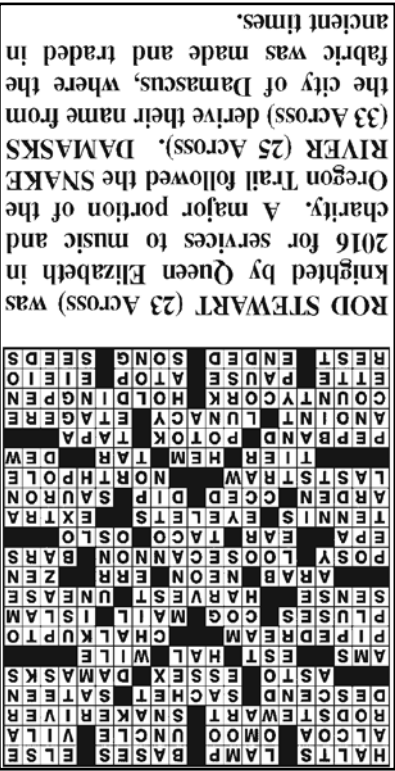
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Mandatory Site Visit: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 am

NOTE: Only those who attend the Mandatory Site Visit will be provided with the required Purchase Offer Pricing Sheet which needs to be submitted for consideration of any offer.

Location: NOVA Storage, 11230 Wright Rd Lynwood, CA 90262

The written Offer to Purchase is due: Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

Information and questions regarding this Public Notice must be sent by email to: dnavarro@mylusc.org and cc: kwebster@mylusc.org

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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.

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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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES ALVIN LINGO AKA JAMES A. LINGO AKA JIM LINGO CASE No. 16STPB05956

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JAMES ALVIN LINGO AKA JAMES A. LINGO AKA JIM LINGO.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHARLES ROBERT LINGO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/16/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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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) 962-3453 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

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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 RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 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. 20071462060 (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 Ilex 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)

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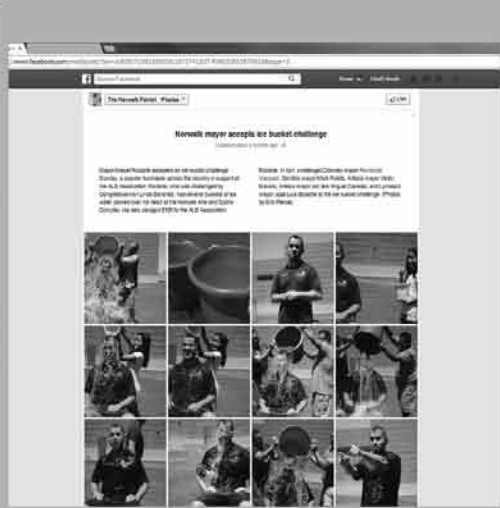
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TALON MARKS

*Learn CPR -- and pray
you never have to use it*

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Full disclosure here: I am currently grieving the loss of my grandmother, and this article is likely just as much fueled by emotion as it is by practicality.

If I am to ever end up on some psychiatric couch through this process, I probably will not be disclosing the feelings I hold due to my family and I's recent loss. Instead, the topic of discussion will likely be about how I have witnessed my mother resuscitate both my grandparents, and how that shook me to my core.

To me, the term “CPR” was just three letters reserved for this week’s episode of *Grey’s Anatomy*. At most, it was something I would have to learn should I ever decide to take a hiatus from writing and go get my teaching credential. At least that’s how it was up until recently.

I will never forget seeing my grandfather's eyes roll into the back of his head as he passed out in the church foyer six years ago. It's only been two or three weeks since my mother and I heard a thud come from my grandmother's room, and discovered her unconscious and not breathing in the middle of the floor.

My family and I are very fortunate that we have a longtime practicing registered nurse in my mother, who in both of the above scenarios jumped into action and was able to prolong my grandparents' life until they could receive full medical attention.

My point in telling you these stories is that you never think it will happen to you until it does. Cliché, I know.

According to the American Heart Association, nearly 383,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually; 88 percent of which occur at home. While effective bystander CPR provided

immediately can double or triple the chances of survival, only 32 percent of victims receive CPR from a certified bystander.

Less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside of the hospital survive.

I wish I could say that these statistics were as effective as life experience, but who am I kidding. If someone collapses in front of me, I'm likely going to flash back to when my grandparents did the same, not to some quick Google search for medical inquiry.

However, next time (and I hope there is never a next time), I wish to be prepared to the best of my abilities. Should a passerby, friend, family member, or God forbid my own CPR certified mother suddenly stop breathing, I do not want to be caught like a deer in headlights.

I look forward to the coming discussion with my mother about how and where to get certified, and what to expect. I anticipate becoming trained and certified even more. The old saying goes “better safe than sorry.”

Get CPR certified. Be prepared.
Learn life-saving skills. Pray you
never have to use them.

Rio Hondo men's basketball coach resigns; Johnson named as replacement

WHITTIER - Rio Hondo College Dean of Kinesiology, Dance and Athletics Steve Hebert has announced that Mike Lowe has stepped down as head coach of the Roadrunners' men's basketball program.

To fill the position, Hebert has named women's head coach Steve Johnson as his replacement. The college will now begin a search for a new women's head coach.

"We want to thank Coach Mike Lowe for his dedicated service and the tremendous job he did for the past four years with our men's basketball program," said Hebert.

Lowe took over as men's head coach in 2013. Over four seasons, he compiled a 48-65 overall record and went 15-25 in conference play.

"I'm stepping down to spend more time with my family, especially my aging father, and to pursue other non-basketball related interests," said Lowe on his decision. "I've loved my time coaching at Rio Hondo and would like to publicly thank Steve Hebert and Margie Munoz for their support and friendship over the last four years."

Lowe's finest season came during the 2014-15 campaign when he led the Roadrunners to a 17-13 overall mark. That season, Rio Honda qualified for postseason play and advanced to the second round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

Cerritos College Falcons softball team splits double-header

By Lindsay Helberg

NORWALK – The Cerritos College softball team split its two games by winning one and losing one at Nancy Kelly Field on Saturday, March 4.

This “stand out team,” according to assistant coach Jenel Guadagno, has started its season off strong and has shown its ability to compete with every team it has faced thus far.

The Falcons started the day off strong by beating Mt. San Jacinto 15-0 in just 5 innings. Seven runs alone were scored during the first inning and they added eight more in the second.

Their defense was just as consistent as their hitting, shutting out San Jacinto, who left without scoring one run.

The following game against Palomar College was very different than the first game and although the Falcons fought until the very last out they came up short, losing 6-5.

Sophomore pitcher Kristen Voller said especially when the Falcons are playing a double header the most important thing they can do is try and stay mentally focused the entire day, starting with warm ups before the game, until the last at bat, the last hit and the last out, because "anything can happen."

However, besides the fact that playing multiple games in a row can be mentally and physically exhausting on all of the players, it is even harder for the only two active pitchers on the team.

Having only two pitchers is not ideal for the Falcons, one player



Starting pitcher Kristen Voller prepares to deliver a pitch to a Mt. San Jacinto batter during the two teams game Saturday, March 4. Voller only allow 2 hits in 15-0 win over Mt. San Jacinto.
Photo | Lindsay Helberg

pitches half of the first game and the other pitches the second half. Guadagno is not worried about the situation yet and said, "we will see how it goes."

One player who wasn't worried about only having two pitchers was Voller. She claimed she wasn't nervous at all, in fact, she seemed confident and up for

the challenge.

She said, "Not getting much rest is just the life of a pitcher."

She explained that she was ready and willing to do anything she could to help her team win, including pitching 14 innings if

Voller isn't the only sophomore the Falcons are relying on this season. Although Guadagno is confident in all of her players, according to her, the player that has really stood out on the team has been starting sophomore second baseman Kylie Brown.

she had to.

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