

## Shared Stories: The Ties That Bind

*This is Lisa Filler’s second installment of the story of her mother and father who were married and started their family during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in World War II. (Note: Lisa is a very cute lady with an exceptional smile.) 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.*

### “Starting a Family 1943-49” by Lisa Filler

The Philippines were governed by Japan during World War II. American soldiers left with the promise of General McArthur, “I shall return.”

Ligaya and Juan, my mother and father, continued working and learned the Japanese National Anthem, numbers and some Japanese words. In October 1943 Juan Alberto (nicknamed Jubert) was born, the first child of Juan and Ligaya.

He was so cute with light and smooth complexion. Co-teachers and neighbors liked to take care of him. Ligaya breast feed Jubert while she was on maternity leave. When she went back to work she asked her friend and neighbor, Nan Abarquez, who also gave birth to a son (Teddy), to take care of Jubert while she was at work. Jubert and Teddy were breastfed by Nan, one on each breast. The two became very close friends.

There was a rumor among the Filipino population that McArthur was coming back as he promised. Ligaya’s father told them to come to Pagsanjan so they will be close to him. One day in Pagsanjan, Ligaya went to the market. On her way home, a Japanese soldier with a rifle stopped her, demanding her to go inside a house.

Ligaya knelt down, begging him to let her go home. She tried to explain in Japanese that she had a son waiting for her. But the Japanese soldier still insisted.

All of a sudden the soldier ran away, to Ligaya’s surprise. She got up and started running home. While she was running an American airplane was flying very low. That’s why the Japanese soldier ran.

When Ligaya reached home, everybody was packing their things to evacuate to the mountain. They lived on the mountain on her father’s coconut plantation while the town of Pagsanjan was bombed by American airplanes.

When the Japanese surrendered, they went back to the town and most of the houses were gone, including their house. The Filler family went back to their jobs in Welfareville.

In 1945 Ligaya got pregnant but had a miscarriage. In January 1947 she gave birth to a second son who was named Jose. Jose was cuter than Jubert, also with light and smooth complexion. Juan was so proud of Jose because he was allowed inside the delivery room with Ligaya.

In 1948 Ligaya was pregnant again, and this time she was already 40 years old. Teresa and cousins suggested having an abortion. Modern women at that time were having abortions. Ligaya and Juan said no. They wanted to have a girl; and no matter what gender, they wanted this baby.

In Feb 1949, I was borne and was named Lisa. Because Ligaya was 41 years old she was given a Twilight medication that put her to sleep while delivering the baby. I was borne asleep and had to be in an incubator. When Ligaya woke up she asked for her baby. My father explained that there was some complication that I had to be in incubator. They went immediately to see me.

Ligaya was so happy to see her baby girl but so sad that she could not hold her. I was not looking good. I had to stay in the incubator for weeks. Ligaya was released from the hospital without me but they visited every day.

When I was released from the hospital I was not cute as my two brothers. I was skinny with dark skin and cried a lot. To Ligaya and Juan I was the answer to their prayers; their precious daughter. Ligaya was so happy to hold her baby girl.

I was so close to my mother that we were inseparable. People called me the shadow of my mother. I cried until I fell asleep whenever my mother went to work. Sometimes she would take me to her classroom. Co-teachers and even the principal took turns to watching me.

However, some people were wondering if I was switched in the hospital because I have dark complexion and don’t look like my cute brothers.

## City planning commission approves new, 100ft freeway sign for McKenna Motors

**NORWALK** – Amidst a transition period of new leadership, the Norwalk Planning commission approved several modifications to local businesses at its last official meeting on March 22.

Change began relatively early in the meeting after the commission unanimously voted to decline a local gas station a permit for the sale of alcohol, when Commissioner Jennifer Perez – having recently been elected to Norwalk City Council – recused herself and exited the chambers to ensure that there will be no future conflicts of interest after she is sworn in April 11.

Before stepping down from the evenings meeting, Perez took the opportunity to compliment her three fellow commission members on dedicating countless hours to the agendas and a “job well done,” as well as thanking city staff.

Now down to three members, the commission approved several changes to local businesses.

First of which, a request for the removal and replacement of an 85-foot freeway oriented sign with a 100-foot freeway oriented sign by McKenna Motors was approved with a unanimous 3-0 vote.

A local Taco Bell - located at 12503 Alondra Boulevard - will also be seeing some changes to its façade and interior after also receiving unanimous support from the commission.

Requests for reconstruction of a former neighborhood market were unanimously voted to be continued at a meeting in May, at the request of the applicant.

Lastly, Commission Chair Scott Collins acknowledged that this would be Commissioner Phyllis Barth’s final meeting, stating that it was an honor to work with her.

Barth stated that it was an honor to be a part of the Commission and that she had learned a lot during her time. – **Alex Dominguez, staff writer**



**Rapper Chris Torres of Norwalk is set to release his debut mixtape “The Beginning,” which explores topics of love, youth and police brutality. Photo | William Odis Martin**

## Local rapper uses hopeful hip hop to chronicle coming of age in Norwalk

**By William Odis Martin Contributor**

**NORWALK** – Unlike most rappers these days, Chris Torres writes music to shine a light on issues that matter.

“I feel like everyone has a story, but it is just a matter of how you want to tell your story,” he said.

Torres does just that by rapping about the struggles of a young man trying to find himself and navigate his way through life.

The 24-year-old Norwalk native has been working on his 16 song debut mixtape entitled The Beginning for the past year and is finally ready to release it later this month.

Torres incorporates his life into his lyrics. At times in the mixtape, it seems to be an intimate reading of his personal diary. His song “Change” opens up about the purpose of his music and introduces his thoughtful approach to writing.

“At the beginning of this mixtape, I was just trying to find myself,” said Torres. “I didn’t tell anyone I was making it.”

His poetry was his therapy.

“Eventually I found my voice and felt like I could make a difference with music. I built up the confidence to put myself out there

in December of last year and plan to keep pushing this for the next year and have two more mixtapes planned down the line. That is the goal.”

While not afraid to have a little fun and rap about traditional hip hop topics like smoking marijuana with friends, hanging out with girls at parties and throwing back some brews like in his song “Good Times,” Torres also taps into real life themes like going to work, social issues like police brutality, and interpersonal themes like falling in love.

His song “She” is an intimate love letter to his girlfriend. “Pushin” is a tailormade radio hit with double time rap style that calls out the mumble rap culture that is currently prevalent in popular rap music.

“Those guys aren’t about telling stories, [but] I like to be real and just tell it like it is,” he said. “I feel like my story can help people with similar struggles get through the tough times.”

The next generation of kids within the community need as many positive male role models as they can find. Although Torres admits he is not an angel, his words could be what someone needs to hear to counter the negativity that swarms lower-income communities.

In his song “Justice,” Torres writes about the police shooting that occurred across the street

from Cerritos College. It was written around the same time the Black Lives Matter movement was building momentum after the series of videos showing police-related homicides around the country.

Unlike Mike Brown or Eric Garner, this incident seemed to be getting a lot less attention so he let his emotions bleed onto his notepad and express the frustration of having to live in fear of yet another deadly gang in the city, the police, who according to Torres, could kill without repercussions for their actions.

Part of Torres’ story ran in a February issue of The Norwalk Patriot featuring a group of young skaters and musicians called Forever Dedicated who are collectively trying to catalyze positive change in the city.

“We are all trying to grind and all trying to be somebody. This is not about getting rich and famous. It is about spreading a positive message,” Torres said.

“I had a passion for skating but now I put that passion into my music. I was grinding, putting in work at all kinds of warehouses trying to make ends meet but now I have direction. I have a purpose. I am only getting better from here. That’s why I called it The Beginning.”

To check out his music, visit his soundcloud by searching “Chris Torres FD.”

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday	74°	
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Sunday	73°	

### THINGS TO DO



#### Downey Symphony

**Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.**

The Downey Symphonic Orchestra performs Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5. Plus the annual baton auction.



#### L.A. Beer Fest

**Saturday - L.A. Center Studios, 12 p.m.**

Dozens of international and domestic beers. Plus food trucks, dueling pianos, and Power 106 DJ.



#### Night Run

**Saturday - OC Fair, 7:30 p.m.**

A nighttime music festival where participants run or walk with pulsating lights, lasers and electronic music.



#### Juno - Live Reading

**Saturday - The Theatre at Ace Hotel DTLA, 7:30 p.m.**

A live reading of the hit film “Juno.” Presented by “Juno” director Jason Reitman, with proceeds benefiting Planned Parenthood.



#### Color-A-Thon

**Saturday - Columbus High School, 8 a.m.**

Run, walk or jog through a course as you get showered in powdered dye. Fundraiser for Downey PTA.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

**Local man charged with sexual assault of multiple women in Norwalk**

**Ken Cook:** Nice work, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department!

**Adriana Vazquez:** I don’t want to be judgmental but why would you accept any invitation from a stranger? Ladies please if you feel uncomfortable or don’t want to be rude just walk into a local business. You can call for help or wait until they leave you alone.

**Edword Garcia:** Wow, knew this guy growing up. I hope you get what you deserve.

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## Upcoming Events in Norwalk

**LINDA SANCHEZ TOWN HALL:** Rep. Linda Sanchez is hosting a town hall meeting for residents of California’s 38th congressional district on Tuesday, April 11, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Norwalk Adult School.



Sanchez’s office said the congresswoman will discuss the issues currently facing the district and the nation.

Attendees are encouraged to register online by visiting [www.eventbrite.com/e/congresswoman-linda-sanchez-townhall-meeting-tickets-32940119785](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/congresswoman-linda-sanchez-townhall-meeting-tickets-32940119785).

**WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON:** The Norwalk and Downey chambers of commerce will jointly host a Women in Business Luncheon and Workshop on Wednesday, April 12, 11:30 a.m. at Frantone’s restaurant in Cerritos.

Diana Carlos, the owner of Uniquely Enhanced Spaces, will speak on time management and organizing. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 and includes a meal and the workshop. Cash is acceptable at the door. Credit cards will be accepted with a \$1.00 processing fee.

The chamber recommends attendees bring business cards and flyers for networking.

**NORWALK EGG HUNT:** The city of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department will host the annual Egg-stravagant Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Norwalk Civic Center lawn.

City officials say the event will include inflatable attractions, food, and game booths, arts and crafts, face painting, and four different egg hunts. Photos with the Easter Bunny are optional for \$3 each.

For more information, contact the city of Norwalk at (562) 929-5702.

**SOROPTOMIST QUARTER MANIA:** Soroptimist International of Norwalk is hosting a Quarter Mania on April 22 at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

Doors open at 10 a.m. for boutique shopping and lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. The auction will begin promptly at noon.

Tickets are \$20 and include lunch, a beverage, dessert, and one bid paddle and one free drawing ticket. Tickets can be purchased at [www.sinorwalk.org](http://www.sinorwalk.org). Tickets purchases before April 8 will receive five additional drawing tickets.

All the funds raised will support community scholarships and our community efforts for local women.

## “Can you hear me?” FCC warns local residents of telephone identity theft scam

The Federal Communications Commission is alerting consumers to be on the lookout for scam callers seeking to get victims to say the word “yes” during a call and later use a recording of the response to authorize unwanted charges on the victim’s utility or credit card account.

According to complaints the FCC has received and public news reports, the fraudulent callers impersonate representatives from organizations that provide a service and may be familiar to the person receiving the call, such as a mortgage lender or utility, to establish a legitimate reason for trying to reach the consumer.

The scam begins when a consumer answers a call and the person at the end of the line asks, “Can you hear me?” The caller then records the consumer’s “Yes” response and thus obtains a voice signature. This signature can later be used by the scammers to pretend to be the consumer and authorize fraudulent charges via telephone.

If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements such as those from your bank, credit card lender, or telephone company for unauthorized charges. If you notice unauthorized charges on these and other types of statements, you have likely been a victim of “cramming”.

Consumers should always be on alert for telephone scams. The following tips can help ward off unwanted calls and scams:

•Don’t answer calls from unknown numbers. Let them go to voicemail.

•If you answer and the caller (often a recording) asks you to hit a button to stop receiving calls, just hang up. Scammers often use these tricks to identify, and then target, live respondents.

•If you receive a scam call, write down the number and file a complaint with the FCC so we can help identify and take appropriate action to help consumers targeted by illegal callers.

•Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service. If not, encourage your provider to offer one.

# got trees?



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## Interview with Terry Wright: Guest conductor at the Downey Symphony this Saturday night

**Terry Wright will conduct the Downey Symphony Orchestra for a single piece after winning a baton auction last year.**

**The baton will again be put up for bid April 8.**

**Interview by Downey Symphony Orchestra.**



**DOWNEY** – When you hear an orchestra playing beautiful music, do you feel like raising your arms and pretending to conduct the music? Me too! But long-time Downey resident Terry Wright is about to take the next step.

Last April, she won the annual Downey Symphony baton auction, and she will conduct the first piece the Orchestra plays at its concert April 8. We sat down with Terry to talk about what led her to this exciting moment and why it means so much to her.

**Downey Symphony Orchestra: How did you come to your love of music?**

**TW:** It’s a family tradition. My grandfather was a miner in Jerome, AZ. He died young of black-lung disease, leaving my grandmother with nine children. To help pay bills, she took in boarders. One of them was a musician, and in exchange for rent, he offered to give lessons to all the kids. And all of them ended up making their living in music.

**DSO: So you grew up surrounded by music?**

**TW:** Oh, yes. I cherish my childhood memories of being at my grandmother’s house, hearing my godmother play piano concerts or my godfather play the violin so beautifully it brought tears to my eyes. My uncles played various instruments and filled the house with Latin rhythms. My mother and aunts played and sang. To this day, Guerrero family gatherings always include music and song.

**DSO: Did you study music as well?**

**TW:** Well, I did study violin for a few years back in the day when elementary schools in the LA School District had orchestras and gave free lessons. But my dad was a Mexican immigrant and laborer, and with six kids, we didn’t have much money. So I had to give it up. That’s why I’m such a strong supporter of the

Downey Symphony’s Music in the Schools Program. Music was a wonderful gift to me and very important in my life. And on holidays, there was always music in my family.

**DSO: How did you discover the Downey Symphony?**

**TW:** My godmother was a concert pianist and played at the Cathedral downtown. In summers, she took me to the Hollywood Bowl concerts and would explain everything to me, just the way Sharon Lavery does in her pre-concert talks at the Symphony. My husband and I have lived in Downey for 36 years. I read about the Symphony in the newspaper and started going. My husband came with me and we’ve been season subscribers for some time. It was wonderful to hear such an excellent orchestra right here in Downey.

**DSO: When did you decide to bid in the baton auction?**

**TW:** I watched people bidding and decided I wanted to do that too. When I told my husband, he said, “You’re crazy!” But I saved for three years and my children helped too. My husband told me not to bid all I’d saved at once, but to stretch it out so the audience would have fun! This is really a long-term dream—to honor the Guerrero family and once again be that little girl in the midst of talented musicians making beautiful music.

**DSO: How did you decide to conduct Bach’s “Jesu, joy of man’s desiring”?**

**TW:** Usually the baton winner conducts a march, but that didn’t speak to me. I’ve heard Bach’s piece many times, and it’s a favorite. I wanted to honor my family and friends, and in my heart, this will be a prayer of thanksgiving for having such a musical family.

**DSO: You worked at Rancho and at the Sheriff’s Department for many years. What do you do now that you’re retired?**

**TW:** I volunteer at church and as a tutor for the library’s literacy program. I’m also a staunch supporter of music programs at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School. Exposure to art and music is a life-long gift that enhances the creative and overall development of children.

**DSO: It sounds like you’re busy in a wonderful way! Is there anything else you’d like to add?**

**TW:** If you love music and want to keep the Symphony in Downey, the only way is to show support, even if you don’t have a lot of money. And what better way than to go beyond yourself, even your nervousness, and do what you know is a good thing! Sometimes you just have to stand up for what you believe in. Bravo Maestra Sharon Lavery and the Downey Symphony!

## Man charged with rape after series of Norwalk sexual assaults

**NORWALK** – Detectives on Wednesday released the photo of a man accused of sexually assaulting two women in Norwalk. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department said they believe there could be more victims.

Ronald Douglas, 33, was arrested on March 5 and booked on suspicion of sexual assault, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department said.

“Both cases occurred in the city of Norwalk,” according to a Sheriff’s statement. “[Douglas] offered to walk the victims home or give them a ride. Shortly thereafter, at a secondary location -- Douglas proceeded to sexually assault the victims.”

The statement indicates that DNA evidence linked Douglas to a 2015 case where he is suspected of sexually assaulting a 37-year old female. Douglas is also suspected in the sexual assault of a 40-year-old woman, detectives said.

The criminal complaint alleges that one of the attacks occurred Nov. 19, 2015, and that the other woman was attacked on March 5, the day Douglas was arrested by sheriff’s deputies.

Douglas -- who remains jailed and is due in a Norwalk courtroom today -- has pleaded not guilty to three counts each of forcible rape and forcible oral copulation and one count each of sodomy by use of force, attempted sodomy by use of force, false imprisonment by violence and bringing contraband into the jail.

The suspect is being held on \$2 million bail, the sheriff’s department said.

Detectives are urging anyone with any information on the case to call the Sheriff’s Special Victims Bureau at (877) 710-5273.



## Man gets 80 years in state prison for Pico Rivera shooting

**PICO RIVERA** – A 32-year-old man was sentenced on March 28 to 80 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting a woman in front of her Pico Rivera home in 2013.

On Feb. 23, a jury found Richard Pallan guilty of first-degree murder. Pallan’s co-defendant, Cecilia Gallegos, 30, pleaded no contest to being an accessory after the fact on Feb. 1, 2016. She is scheduled to be sentenced on May 23.

Deputy District Attorney John Chang, who prosecuted the case, said on June 26, 2013, Gallegos drove Pallan to Jessica Gomez’s home located in the 9400 block of Underwood Street in Pico Rivera. Pallan exited the car and shot the victim as she was standing in front of her residence, according to the prosecutor.

After the shooting, Pallan returned to the car and Gallegos drove them away, the prosecutor said.

Neighbors heard the shooting and called 911 for help. Gomez, 27, was taken to the hospital for medical treatment but died from her injuries, the prosecutor added.



**Terrel Emerson, Karla Enriquez, Briana Hicks and Bianca Martinez represented Talon Marks at a state journalism contest last week.**  
**Photo | Cerritos College**

## Cerritos College newspaper picks up awards at state journalism competition last weekend

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College’s Talon Marks newspaper team recently won awards at the annual California College Media Association banquet in San Francisco. The event was attended by more than 200 students and faculty from community colleges and universities throughout California.

The Talon Marks staff competed with 1,200 community colleges and universities from all over the state.

Students Terrel Emerson, Karla Enriquez, Briana Hicks and Bianca Martinez represented the Talon Marks team at the banquet.

Emerson won first place for best podcast in the community college division.

Enriquez, Hicks, Martinez, and David Jenkins won first place for best blog in the community college division, while Carlos Marquez, took home fourth place for best editorial cartoon in the community college division.

Lastly, the entire Talon Marks crew was recognized as an honorable mention for best newspaper website.

According to journalism instructor and Talon Marks faculty adviser Rich Cameron, this was the biggest showing for Talon Marks at any California College Media Association event.

Cameron himself was honored as this marks his last year on staff at Cerritos College. He is set to retire at the end of the semester.

Students surprised Cameron with a t-shirt that said “the man, the myth, the legend” to celebrate his 41 years of teaching at Cerritos College.



# Liberals and conservatives don’t agree on much, but we all want money out of political elections

By Razan Azzarkani

In today’s polarized political climate, it seems like there’s no issue that people can agree on — except for maybe one.

Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, and people on all parts of the spectrum largely agree on one thing: There’s too much money in politics. And it’s only getting worse.

For me, this goes beyond numbers on a page.

I’ve been active in the political process for years, and I’ve campaigned hard for candidates I support. But I can’t help but feel more disenfranchised than ever by wealthy donors who can give their hand-picked candidates hundreds of thousands of dollars with a single check.

I’m hardly alone. Recently I was telling my brother about my efforts trying to get signatures for a candidate here in Virginia. He replied with something that touched on doubts I was too fearful to voice.

“Money is more influential than campaigning and votes,” he said. “So why are you wasting your time bothering to even campaign?”

Is he right? Let’s look at those numbers after all.

\$6.9 billion: That’s how much money was spent during the 2016 election cycle — over a third of that on the presidential race alone. Just the top 10 individual donors together donated more than \$300 million to Super PACs, many of which don’t have to disclose their donors at all.

So it’s no surprise that in a recent poll, three-quarters of respondents believed that elected officials put their own interests first. A similar number said politicians don’t care what “regular people” think.

Another less than surprising result? About 40 percent of eligible voters abstained from voting last year.

Like my brother, many people I’ve spoken to while campaigning say they choose not to vote because they don’t see a point. They believe, not implausibly, that our political system is being taken over by a small number of wealthy people.

After all, Trump and his cabinet picks now make up the wealthiest administration in U.S. history. And Trump’s Supreme Court pick Neil Gorsuch has sided with big donors over and over again, cynically believing that donors are just exercising their right to “free speech.” On the bench, he could well vote to dismantle the few remaining campaign finance restrictions in place today.

Is all hope lost, then? Are we stuck with representatives who don’t truly represent us anymore?

Not necessarily.

Represent.Us and Wolf PAC are two grassroots organizations that are working to pass laws and constitutional amendments to stop political bribery and get big money out of politics. They’re working in red states and blue, and in local communities all over.

Represent.Us has already helped pass anti-corruption laws in Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Oregon, and beyond.

Since the recent election, more and more people have felt a drive for civic engagement. To effectively capitalize on this newfound movement, we need to talk about the source of what drives most of the issues in our country: the few, but powerful, who are able to get their way in politics through their money and influence.

This country is for all of us, not just the top few who are able to buy their member of Congress. But there’s a catch for them: They’ll always be few.

The power is with us to get big money out of politics.

Razan Azzarkani is a Next Leader at the Institute for Policy Studies.

## Letters to the Editor

Have an opinion you’d like to share? Letters to the editor for this newspaper can be mailed to 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, CA 90650, or e-mailed to christian@thenorwalkpatriot.com.

Letters may be edited for both space and grammar.

## Pineapple on pizza

Dear Editor:

Back in the 50’s, pizza was delivered to Downey homes in a small 3-wheeler delivery cycle, with a hot oven in the rear of the motorcycle.

Pineapple was an option, along with chopped hot dogs and some little fishes; they were all good.

Furthermore, Silver Saddle restaurant served custom pizza wedges, part of their buffet weekend luncheons. I think they might have been created by Granada Pizza, which was adjacent to Silver Saddle, when George Putnman of TV news frequented. Mike and Marie Granada were my class mates at St Raymond’s.

During that time, there was another pizza in town, San Fran style, deep dish, stuffed pizza. I think it had mushrooms and Spanish style quiche.

Jim McMahon  
Downey

## Love thy neighbor

Dear Editor:

Concerning our immigration problem, here is a direct quote from the Bible: “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the citizen as yourself”

As the song goes, “What the world needs now is love,” not hatred and bigotry.

Please, God, soften our hearts and replace the hate with understanding, caring and compassion.

Harold Hougland  
Downey

## Coyotes have a right to be here

Dear Editor:

Are we going to police the jungle or the forest because animals are trying to survive? Why don’t we just kill all other species of animals so we can stop crying about the circle of life that we’ve been gifted in this world.

Yes, it’s sad that another animal (your pet) was killed. But it’s part of life and coyotes have just as much right to be here as anybody else.

The question is why can’t people adapt to wildlife, rather than the wild having to adapt to us? The loss of a pet is a tragedy but one that can be avoided if pet owners take better precautionary measures.

Leave the wildlife alone and put the blame on whom it belongs: ourselves. That’s the problem we need to deal with.

Jason Schmidt  
Downey

# The Obama administration lied before, casting doubt on its credibility

By Rush Limbaugh

The original tweet that Donald Trump stated that Trump Tower was being surveilled, wiretapped and so forth by President Obama, with this Susan Rice stuff it’s beginning to look more and more like there is something to that. And Trump is, as time passes, generally proved correct in these allegations, predictions, accusations that he makes.

The Susan Rice story continues, it builds and so forth, and a lot of people are trying to make her actions criminal when they may not be per se. Clearly you have abuses of power here. And I must point out that my friend Andy McCarthy just published a post at National Review making this point.

Now, that doesn’t mean that if, for example, she is called to testify before a committee or two or if she has to do an FBI interview — and she’s been there before — what if they could get her on a process crime? What if she has lied?

Look, this woman lies repeatedly. She lied to Andrea Mitchell, NBC News, Washington, or she lied to whoever she spoke to prior to Andrea Mitchell or she lied about Benghazi. The woman lies.



The odds are if she testifies, she might make herself vulnerable to one of these famous Martha Stewart process crimes in which it would become criminal.

So it is clear that there is something highly irregular here. It is very clear that the Obama administration was surveilling the Trump people. It is very clear that the purpose of the surveillance was to undermine the Trump campaign. And then it becomes very clear that the purpose of the surveillance was to undermine the presidency once Trump won it.

When I say “very clear,” I’m saying to me. I don’t have any doubts about what went on here, and I think it’s splitting hairs to say, “Well, they weren’t really targeting Trump officials.” How do you know?

Look, Obama owes electoral victories to this exact kind of thing. Look at all these sealed divorce decrees that Obama succeeded in getting unsealed about his opponents running for state senate and then United States senator.

We know that Obama wiretapped and spied on Angela Merkel. We already know that this is a pattern of behavior by Obama and his presidency and his White House.

So why is it difficult to assume — it seems to me it’s intelligence guided by experience, or experience guided by intelligence — that if Obama wanted to find out and get dirt on Trump people, he knows how to do it. He’s done it before. Angela Merkel, the prime minister of Germany, or president, whatever, chancellor, whatever her title is.

So none of this is something that hasn’t happened before. All of it has happened before. And in the famous linear thinking, philosophical thinking of Blaise Pascal, it’s much easier to believe that something that has happened could happen again or will happen again.

In fact, it’s much harder to believe that something that hasn’t happened will happen. Did you follow that? It’s very straightforward. And in the case of Obama, it’s all happened before. Every bit of this has happened before.

The way this would happen, on purpose, you knowingly surveil foreign targets who you know are gonna be talking to members of the Trump transition people. You knowingly surveil people that are gonna be targeting, listening, talking to Trump campaign officials, transition officials, administration officials. And you can then say, “We weren’t targeting Trump people.” We were targeting, say, the Russian ambassador, or whoever else, the Turkish ambassador, whoever it might have been.

But the real purpose of it was to get the American side of the conversation. You’d never be able to go to a FISA court and get a warrant for that, but you will always be able to get permission and a warrant to surveil foreign actors, so you target the ones you know are gonna be talking to people you want to eavesdrop on or surveil. It wouldn’t be difficult to do at all. And it looks like that’s exactly what’s happened.

You throw Evelyn Farkas into this in terms of the leaking. You know, Rice has maintained she didn’t leak anything. Here’s a question. And it wasn’t political. She said it wasn’t political, what she did. Really? Was there any unmasking of Hillary Clinton campaign officials? Was there any surveillance of Hillary Clinton campaign officials? I mean, the Russians are talking to her too, the Turks and everybody else. Remember, they think Hillary’s gonna win the election, and so you don’t think that ground building was going on during the campaign, Hillary making contact or representatives of hers making contact with these foreign actors that she’s going to be dealing with.

Hell, she already knows ‘em because they’ve been donating to her website, donating to her foundation, donating to her campaign, paying her \$250,000 to do 20-minute meaningless speeches. Why wasn’t any of that unmasked? And if it was, why do we not know it? If Hillary Clinton campaign officials were surveilled in the same way Trump’s people were, then maybe they could say that this wasn’t political. Maybe they could say, “Nope, we were simply engaging in what we have to do to protect the national security the United States.”

But if they were making no effort to find out who Hillary’s people were talking to and what they were saying to foreign actors, and if there was no leakage, and if there was no unmasking of anything to do with Hillary, wouldn’t that kind of indicate that that same action against Trump was and had to be political? It seems to me to be the case.

This is an excerpt from Rush Limbaugh’s nationally syndicated radio program.

## HIGHTOWER: GOP health care bill was only for CEOs, not patients

By Jim Hightower

It appears that House Speaker Paul Ryan’s 123-page legislative plan for Trumpcare, the GOP’s so-called “replacement” for Obamacare, is dead — for now, anyway.

Republicans tried to rush it through, but not before the Congressional Budget Office discovered it was actually a displacement plan.

That is, if it had passed, 24 million Americans who are now insured would have lost their insurance. Moreover, the premiums paid by senior citizens would have been jacked up, and the benefits for practically everyone would have been cut. But Ryan did make sure that one group with special needs would have benefited from his legislative wizardry: the CEOs of giant insurance corporations.

Understandably, none of the GOP lawmakers who’ve been loudly crowing about killing Obamacare mentioned a little, six-line provision hidden on page 67, discretely titled “Remuneration from Certain Insurers.” In plain English, this gob of gobbledygook offers a tax subsidy that encourages insurance conglomerates to increase the pay of their top executives.

Current tax law says insurers can pay as much as they want to top executives, but they can only deduct \$500,000 per executive from their corporate taxes. Under Ryan’s rip-off, however, we taxpayers would have at least doubled — and possibly quadrupled — the unconscionable salary subsidies we dole out to these enormously profitable corporations.

The White House and GOP Congress proclaimed that their replacement of Obamacare was “the will of the people.” Really? How many Americans think that jacking up the pay of super-rich insurance chiefs is a proper use of our tax dollars?

And I’d say a big majority of the people would think it immoral to steal lifesaving healthcare benefits from working-class and poor families just to subsidize corporate elites who are already overpaid.

If Republicans actually thought their executive pay subsidy was the will of the people, why did they try so hard to keep it a secret?

Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker.

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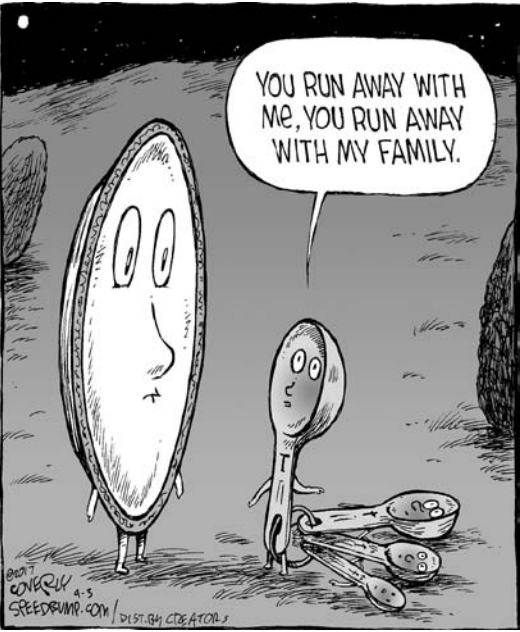
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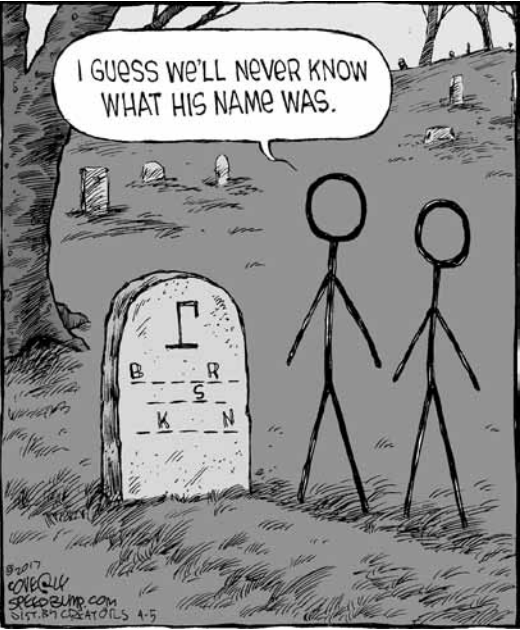
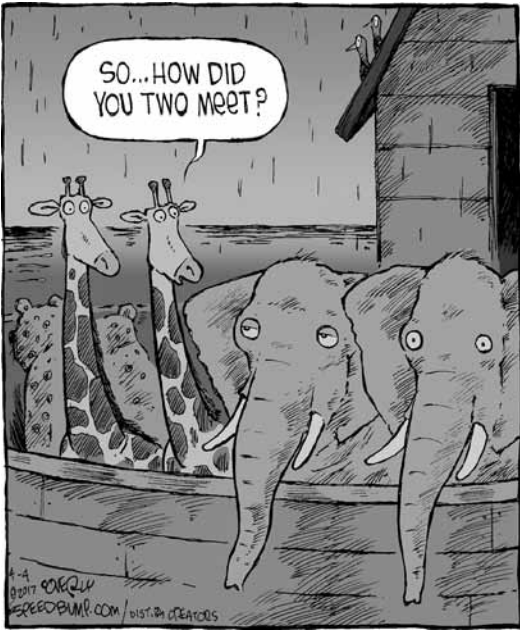
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**1963:** At the age of 23, Jack Nicklaus became the youngest golfer to win the Green Jacket at the Masters Tournament.

**2002:** The Roman Catholic archdiocese announced that six priests from the Archdiocese of New York were suspended over allegations of sexual misconduct.

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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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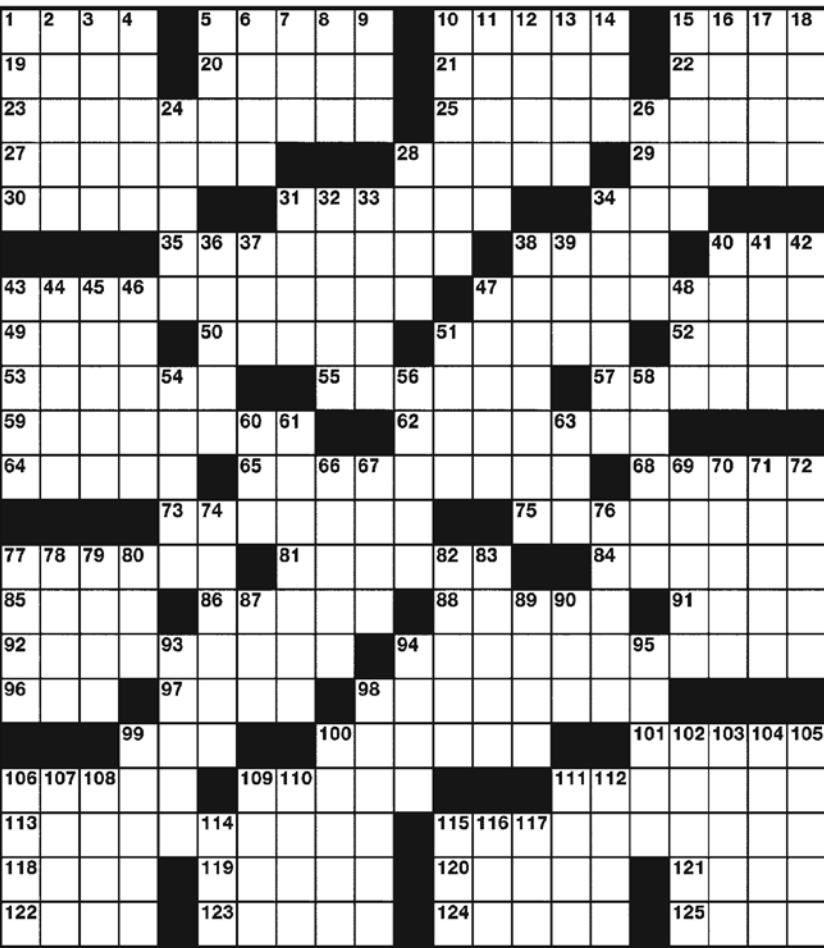
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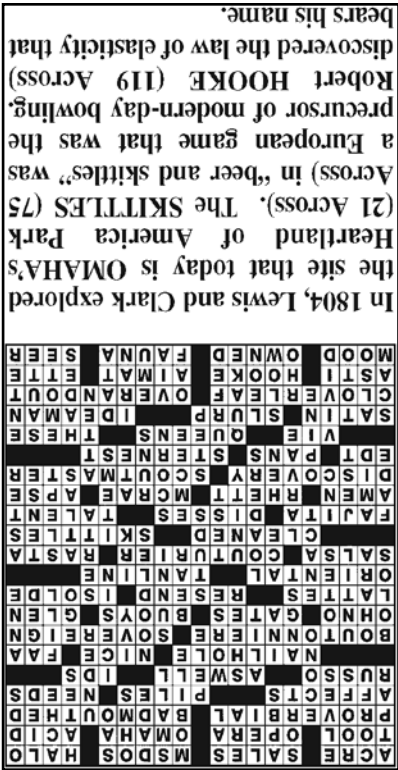


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## Annual State of the City

The 2017 State of the City showed promise for the city of Norwalk. The community, elected officials and the police department are striving to move Norwalk forward.

In 2016, Janice Hahn was elected as, Los Angeles County Supervisor for the Fourth District. She is serving the surrounding cities such as, La Mirada, Lakewood, Downey, Cerritos, Bellflower, Long Beach, Whittier, Norwalk, and many more. With the addition of Hahn, the city of Norwalk will also be welcoming three new City Council Members that will be expected to make a big impact in the early weeks of their terms.

Mike Egan, Norwalk City Manager, said "A new proposal for new commercial, outdoor seating and entertainment area has been submitted for the empty lot on Bloomfield and Imperial. The three confirmed tenants are, LA Fitness, Chick Fil A, and Panera Bread." The City Council will look at the proposal in the second meeting in April. Norwalk is in the process of rebranding itself, in ways that will appeal to new and long-standing residents. Improvements to the city consist of: Park playgrounds, the Costco Gas Station, and Don Knabe Golf Center and Junior Academy. 13 Million dollars have been invested in improving the golf course. There will also be a homework center and a community center that will be open to the public sometime in June of 2017. The city of Norwalk has also seen Building Permits up 44% over the last two years. This means more people are investing in Norwalk and making it their permanent home. The city of Norwalk is connecting the community with the environment by planting 1500 trees throughout the city, which were donated by Caltrans. L.A. County Sheriff's Department Capt. Curtis Jensen discussed the Police Departments goal for 2017. They are working towards keeping the crime rate down despite the challenges of Prop 47, Prop 57, and AB109. Over the last four years Norwalk's crime rate has consistently decreased and most recently in 2016, Norwalk was 31% below the national average. The Police Department is focused on increasing the outreach to the youth in our community. The department is participating in an E-Pal program to help identify learning difficulties early on.

The Norwalk Education Alliance and Norwalk Chamber of Commerce are helping provide the resources to help the youth obtain real world skills. Most recently, they held mock interviews to prepare students for future employment. 2017 has just begun and the city of Norwalk is preparing for another successful year in bringing the community, elected officials, and the Police Department together.

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Norwalk Chamber President Francella Aguilar, Republic Services is pictured here with Mayor Mike Mendez and City Manager Mike Egan.



Enjoying the State of the City Luncheon are Rob Cazares, Outback Restaurant, Sue Arthur, Ambassador, Francella Aguilar, Republic Services and Larry Lee, SELACO Workforce Development Board.



Chamber Members Patty Contreras, The Sterling Insurance and Financial Group, Yovani Flores, U.S. Bank, Toni Grijalva, Cerritos College, President Francella Aguilar, Republic Services, Rob Cazares, Outback, Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez and Reggie Berry, Goals for Life.



Attending State of the City are Dora Sandoval, Little Lake City School District, Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez, Chamber President Francella Aguilar, Republic Services, Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan and Dr. Hasmik Danielian, Superintendent Norwalk La Mirada USD.

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Spring is here and that means it's time for spring cleaning! Consider spring cleaning not just your home, but your business also. Many businesses start the year with great intentions and goals but along the way you should be reviewing those goals on a regular basis. Spring is a great time to review and evaluate exactly what is working for you and what you may need to "clean out." So here are some strategies to utilize while doing your evaluation:

- Review how your time is being spent and evaluate how this is growing your business
- Focus on what is helping you retain your customers and cut what isn't
- Utilize experts for time consuming tasks that could save you both money and energy
- De clutter your space, go through your inbox, your files, and organize them all!

In addition to these tips, our Women in Business Luncheon will focus on organizing and managing, so I encourage all women business leaders to consider attending on April 12th at Frantone's Restaurant. Along with other great events we held our first quarterly Leadership Series breakfast at Diana's Restaurant with Brad Pollak of the Small Business Development Center as our speaker. Thank you to Brad for sharing some great ideas on marketing with your Vision and Mission with us. Missed this breakfast, be sure and check our Chamber website for the next in the series! April 25th is our Creating Connections lunch, hosted by the City of Norwalk Recreation and Parks Services Department at the Arts & Sports Complex. Bring your tennis shoes and come to this interactive luncheon! There are other great networking opportunities coming your way with the Norwalk Chamber so don't miss out on any of them. Visit [www.norwalkchamber.com](http://www.norwalkchamber.com) for updates to the calendar and hope to see you at some of our Norwalk Chamber events!

Sincerely,

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**April 11th**  
**Norwalk City Council Meeting**  
6pm  
Norwalk City Hall

**April 12th,**  
**Women in Business Luncheon**  
**Frantone’s Restaurant**  
10808 Alondra Blvd.  
11:30am to 1pm

**April 19th**  
**Cerritos College**  
**Festival of Asian Culture**  
11am to 1pm

**April 22nd**  
**Soroptimist International**  
**of Norwalk Quartermania**  
**Fundraiser**  
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex  
10am to 1:30pm

**April 25th**  
**Creating Connections Luncheon**  
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex  
11:45am to 1pm  
Lunch provided  
Bring your Tennis Shoes!

**April 27th**  
**Career Paths Expo**  
Norwalk City Hall  
Open to All  
6pm to 8pm

**April 28th**  
**Norwalk Rotary Quartermania**  
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex  
5pm to 8:30pm

**May 3rd**  
**Multi Chamber Business Card**  
**Exchange Breakfast**  
7:30am to 9:30am  
The Grove at Cerritos

**May 4th**  
**Coffee with a Cop**  
McDonalds Restaurant  
9am to 11am  
12510 Norwalk Blvd.

**May 11th**  
**CAPC, Inc. Annual 6 Chamber**  
**Mixer & Fundraiser**  
Doubletree Hotel Norwalk  
13111 Sycamore Dr. Norwalk CA  
4pm to 7pm



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**Renewing Members**

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**Norwalk Records**  
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562-863-6681  
www.norwalkrecords.com

**Bruce’s Prime Ribs**  
Jeannie Mayer  
562-868-4660  
brucem7900@aol.com

**20 Years**  
**Juan Great Fiesta**  
Robert Blake  
562-945-1785  
www.juangreatfiesta.com

**19 Years**  
**Tam’s Super Burgers**  
Angelo Makris  
562-864-3373

**18 Years**  
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John Javier  
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**Norwalk Printing & Graphics**  
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**New Harvests Christian Fellowship**  
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**Thompson & Associates**  
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**10 Years**  
**Norwalk Community Hospital**  
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**Personal Care Medical**  
Robert Salatinjants  
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Kelsey Colman  
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Downey CA 90241  
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Downey CA 90241  
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**MEMBERSHIP ROUND UP**

**Business Visits with City Manager**

March saw many Norwalk Chamber members renew their membership along with bringing in new members. The Norwalk Chamber was fortunate to have our City Manager Mike Egan go out on local business visits this month. In addition to presenting our members with their renewal plaques and having many photos taken, Mr. Egan was able to meet and speak with a number of our local business leaders. Finding out directly from the source what issues our businesses are facing was an added benefit to the day. In speaking with our business owners and leaders he was able to hear that the homelessness is an ongoing problem for the business community. From hearing about the homeless sleeping on roofs to the litter and general intimidation that customers experience it is obvious that this is an ongoing problem for businesses here in Norwalk. He encourages business owners to contact Public Safety at 562-929-5732 for any issues with the homeless. He also commended John Alba for cleaning up the area behind his building, removing items that may have encouraged the encampments of the homeless and keeping careful watch which has made for a safer neighborhood. Mr. Egan hopes that with the newly passed tax by Los Angeles County there will soon be funds to help with this problem.



New Norwalk Chamber Member Jose Rios, Berkshire Hathaway is receiving his membership plaque. Pictured here also are Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan and Berkshire Hathaway Co-Owner Beth Hale.



Best Buy Tire Pros receive their renewal plaque. From left to right are: Andy Kasbarian, Mike Egan and Marty Kasbarian.



Jose Carlos of Union Bank receives their 39 year renewal plaque from City Manager Mike Egan.



Norwalk City Manager, Mike Egan is helping our Norwalk Chamber by presenting a membership renewal plaque to John Alba and staff of Alba Professional Services/H & R Block.



Pawnmart Jewelry & Loan Staff accept their 18 year membership renewal plaque from Mike Egan, Norwalk City Manager.



President Elect Yovani Flores of U.S. Bank receives a membership renewal plaque from Mike Egan.



# Leadership Series Kick Off at Diana’s

Brad Pollak of the Small Business Development Center was the featured speaker for our Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Leadership Series Breakfast at Diana’s Restaurant on March 23rd. The first in a new series of breakfast events for the Norwalk Chamber was a hit! Members and guests enjoyed food from Diana’s and got some great information from Brad. Brad shared that marketing is really telling your “story” and having your story spread through others by developing your Vision and Mission. These are two fundamental building blocks of your business with your Vision encompassing who am I and why am I doing this while your Mission is what products and/or services do I provide and who am I serving. As the business owner you need to be able to share your Vision with your staff so that they know what it is and can articulate it.

Marketing can be overwhelming at times but if you break down your Mission and Vision to these specific questions you can develop your story to share with others. After breakfast Norwalk Chamber attendees were given a tour of Diana’s Tortilla Factory, which was enjoyed by all. Visit Diana’s to purchase their famous tortillas at an extremely reasonable price and have a meal while you are there! Thank you to Sam Magana, Phil Robinson and Alma Meza for welcoming our Norwalk Chamber to the facilities! Look for our next Leadership Series breakfast on May 31st at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Details can be found on at [www.norwalkchamber.com](http://www.norwalkchamber.com).



Guest speaker Brad Pollak of the Small Business Development Center is pictured with Norwalk Chamber President Francella Aguilar, Republic Services.



President Francella presents Amanda Blanton of Farmers & Merchants Bank with their new member plaque at our Leadership Series Breakfast.



Kristen Reyes of The Doubletree by Hilton, Whittier, accepts their new member plaque from Norwalk Chamber President Francella Aguilar.



Norwalk Chamber Members and guests getting ready to tour Diana’s Tortilla Factory.

# Women in Business



Norwalk Chamber members are pictured here with speaker Blanca Pacheco. Pictured here are Holly Noble, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Amanda Blanton, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Blanca Pacheco, Trisha Gutierrez, QM Fundraising, and Julia Emerson, Southern California Gas Company.

Blanca Pacheco, Downey City Council Member and local Attorney was our guest speaker for the March Women in Business Luncheon. Ms. Pacheco spoke on the topic “Wills and Trusts.” The information provided to the attendees was detailed and specific and answered many questions that our attendees had. From the details of how you create both a will and a trust, and the processes involved, Ms. Pacheco was a welcome speaker to the group. There are always questions about whether you should have a will or a trust, and these questions were answered. Other information that was shared was to make sure whoever you choose as your executor for your estate will be capable of carrying out your wishes and to be sure and put in writing everything that you want done with your assets. Our next Women in Business Luncheon is April 12th, 11:30am for networking, 12noon for lunch. The location is Frantone’s Restaurant, 10808 Alondra Blvd. Cerritos. Come prepared to find out all about organizing and time management. For questions about the Women in Business lunches, contact the Norwalk Chamber at (562) 864-7785.

# Norwalk Chamber Thanks Retiring City Council Members

The City of Norwalk, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, elected officials and other organizations bid adieu to Mayor Mike Mendez and Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley on the evening of March 21st. Both long term council members chose retirement from their many years of public service to the Norwalk Community. They were both recognized for their contributions, and their leadership and dedication to seeing Norwalk grow and thrive during both the good times and the not so good times. Dealing with the Great Recession, the homeless situation, increases and decreases in crime, budget constraints, celebrations, changes in leadership and so much more, each contributed to the successes of the City of Norwalk. The Norwalk Chamber attended and presented each with a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol building along with words of thanks and best wishes for their future endeavors.



Norwalk Chamber Members present Mayor Mike Mendez and Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley with a flag that was flown over our nation’s Capitol to thank them for their many years of service to the City of Norwalk and its residents.



Attending the celebration are Board Member Toni Grijalva, Cerritos College, Board Member Lynda Fisher, Walmart, Marilee Stefenhagen, Norwalk Soroptimist, Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Norwalk Realty, Ambassador Sue Arthur and newly elected City Council Member, Jennifer Perez.



Enjoying the festivities are Haig Kartounian, Southern California Edison, Griselda Ortiz of State Senator Tony Mendoza’s office, Chamber member Sue Arthur and Council Member Elect Jennifer Perez.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Exciting times are coming to the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce! The kick off breakfast in our Leadership Series was a great success and we hope to see you all at our next in the series on the morning of May 31st. We are also reviewing our current meetings and events to see how we can better serve our members, provide valuable opportunities to support your business growth and continue to support the local business community. April and May will be busy months with lots of opportunities for you to network and tell your story at Norwalk Chamber events. Visit our website at [www.norwalkchamber.com](http://www.norwalkchamber.com) to view all of the upcoming activities. I want to share a few special events for your calendar:

- April 25th, Creating Connections Lunch at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
- May 31st, Leadership Series Breakfast
- June 29th, Coffee with a Cop at the Norwalk Chamber
- July 26th, Business Expo & Health Fair, City Hall Lawn
- October 5th, Oktoberfest FUNdraising Mixer

Hope to see you all at these and other events for the Norwalk Chamber, where we care about you and your business!

Sincerely,  
  
Caren Spilsbury  
Executive Director/Editor  
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce



NORWALK CHAMBER  
“CREATING CONNECTIONS” LUNCHEON “



City of Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex  
13000 Clarkdale Ave  
Norwalk CA  
April 25th 2017  
11:45am to 1pm

*Join the Norwalk Chamber and the City of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department for our monthly networking lunch. This will be an interactive lunch where you can come and learn all about Pickleball and other fitness opportunities offered by the City. Bring tennis shoes for this lunch! No cost for Norwalk Chamber members, but you need to RSVP! Lunch will be served.*

*Questions, contact the Chamber Office at 562-864-7785 or by email at [info@norwalkchamber.com](mailto:info@norwalkchamber.com). RSVP by Friday, April 21st*

**COME JOIN US FOR THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE NORWALK ARTS & SPORTS COMPLEX AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE MANY PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.**





MULTI-CHAMBER BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE

Hosted by

The Grove at Cerritos

Event Location  
11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos  
(South side of Cerritos College - off of Studebaker)

Event Date  
Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
7:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.

Members \$15   Prospective Members \$25   Price Includes Breakfast

Event Features:

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- Members can Enter to Win the \$100 Pot of Gold

To RSVP for this breakfast, email [info@norwalkchamber.com](mailto:info@norwalkchamber.com)  
Call 562-864-7785  
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SAVE THE DATE

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Leadership Series Breakfast

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017048402**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **KRATOS DESIGN LAB, 4102 SAN VICENTE AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **CUAUHTEMOC SALCEDO-TEJEDA, 4102 SAN VICENTE AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280** State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2017 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ CUAUHTEMOC SALCEDO-TEJEDA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 27, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017069137**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BAY RIDGE EQUESTRIAN, 7220 CENTURY BLVD, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY, 14633 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **BAILEY ANDREA EVANS, 14633 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650** State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2017 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ BAILEY ANDREA EVANS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 20, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017065112**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WEST COAST REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 11202 LAKELAND ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **SHEILA CASTRO, 11202 LAKELAND ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650** State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ SHEILA CASTRO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 15, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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GOVERNMENT

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

**Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be held  
**Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650**  
**Project Description:** For the City Council to consider the following application filed by Joe A. Leyva, Global Pacific Imperial LLC.; a request to 1) amend the Norwalk Municipal Code (NMC) regulations in the Professional/Office (P/O) zone; 2) subdivide the Subject Property from two (2) parcels into four (4) parcels; 3) construct a multi-tenant commercial development within the undeveloped, easterly portion of the project site to include: 37,000 square foot gym building, 4,530 square foot restaurant building with a 300 square foot outdoor eating area and drive-thru, 6,380 square foot multi-tenant building, a 4,640 square foot restaurant building with a 300 square foot outdoor eating area and drive-thru, and a 500 square foot outdoor platform for entertainment with 2,000 square feet of seating areas; 4) obtain conditional use permits for two drive-through establishments and an outdoor area devoted for entertainment; 5) obtain an adjustment of the parking requirements through the approval of a parking study;

6) construct three new freestanding signs; and 7) establish a master sign program for the proposed commercial development. The subject property is generally known as 12545 Bloomfield Avenue and 12501-12555 Imperial Highway (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 80225-003-004 and 005), located at the northwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Imperial Highway, in the Professional/Office (P/O) and Public Facilities Overlay (PF) zones.  
**Environmental Review Information:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared. The public comment period on the Negative Declaration began on February 10, 2017 and ended on March 1, 2017.  
**Public Comment:** Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. Copies of the agenda report for the above-described project will be available for public review at [www.norwalkca.gov](http://www.norwalkca.gov) or at the City Clerk's Office, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: **Attention: City Clerk** at the address noted above or by email to [clerk@norwalkca.gov](mailto:clerk@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.  
**More Information:** Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jessica Serrano, Senior Planner, at (562) 929-5741 or [jserrano@norwalkca.gov](mailto:jserrano@norwalkca.gov).  
**Accessibility:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 7th day of April 2017.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030084**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Timothy Duran filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Timothy Ruben Duran to Proposed name (1) Timothy Aguilar THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**Date: May 3, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **NORWALK PATRIOT** March 03, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal

Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**12803 Mansa Dr.**  
**Norwalk, CA 90650**  
**(562) 440-8660**  
**Timothy.Duran@yahoo.com**

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TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Trustee Sale No. 128613 Title No. 160267673  
**NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/07/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 04/21/2017 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/14/2006, as Instrument No. 20062512065, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Victor Madrid, and Francisca Madrid, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: **FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST, APN 8070-007-012** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14413 Fidel Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold are reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$309,939.42 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 3/21/2017 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE. 228, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose.  
**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens

senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - [www.servicelinkASAP.com](http://www.servicelinkASAP.com) - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 128613. 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. A-4613883 03/31/2017, 04/07/2017, 04/14/2017

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-741933-AB Order No.: 730-1607967-70**  
**NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVIDED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR (Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 2923.3) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/2/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **Claudia Perez, a married woman as her sole and separate property** Recorded: **10/15/2008** as Instrument No. **20081835788** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **LOS ANGELES** County, California; Date of Sale: **4/27/2017 at 9:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$322,604.90** The purported property address is: **12413 ROSETON AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650** Assessor's Parcel No.: **8023-009-010** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property.

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Construction electrician 2nd class James Herrera of La Mirada, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, offloads lumber materials received for construction of a multi-purpose building project in Douala, Cameroon on March 27.

U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, joint, and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa. Photo | U.S. Navy

### Norwalk Library announces its April schedule of free events

NORWALK – Norwalk Library’s adult coloring club, Color Us Happy, is welcoming new members for its weekly gathering every Thursday in April from 1-2 p.m.

Supplies will be available, but members are welcome to bring their own.

Norwalk Library invites residents to also participate in Adults Create on Thursday, April 13, 2-3 p.m. as attendees decorate a terra cotta pot using chalk paint. All materials will be provided.

The library is hosting a Citizenship Clinic on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Each program is free and open to adults. The Norwalk Library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway.

For additional information, please call (562) 868-0775 or visit the County Library website at colapublib.org.

## Downey middle school students hold first ‘Femineers Gala’ in partnership with Cal Poly

DOWNEY – With only 15 percent of all engineering jobs occupied by women, Downey Unified has provided an opportunity for female students to fill this need and be more successful post-graduation by continuing to expand a female-focused engineering program, Femineers, throughout the district.

In partnership with Cal Poly Pomona’s Women in Engineering Program, the Femineers program has been put into place at all four middle schools and two comprehensive high schools within Downey Unified to provide more of an opportunity for these young women to learn firsthand what a career in engineering would encompass.

On March 23, the first Femineers Gala was hosted by Warren High School where the work of Downey Unified’s middle school Femineers was showcased. This inaugural event brought over 300 people in attendance to see what these more than 140 young future female engineers have been diligently focused on this school year.

This gala was comprised of a runway show with wearable technology and moveable designs located in areas around the room. The wearable technology, modeled and sewn by the Femineers themselves, were created using conductive thread to light up different pieces of garments and accessories.

Movable designs were also created by the Femineers after only being given motors, sensors and a circuit board.



Photo courtesy DUSD

“We are very proud that Downey Unified is represented so thoroughly within the Femineers program,” stated Downey Unified School District’s Director of CTE and STEM, Phil Davis. “We are also proud of the high interest and excitement that is currently being cultivated in our female engineers.

The partnership with Cal Poly Pomona’s Women in Engineering Program is beyond invaluable and truly leads us closer to pursuing our vision as a district.”

## Paramount Unified provides free SATs to all juniors

PARAMOUNT – Nearly 1,300 Paramount Unified School District juniors from Paramount and Buena Vista high schools took the SATs at no cost on April 5 as the district strengthens its culture of college preparedness.

The \$43 registration fee was waived for the juniors giving them free access to the test, and was made possible by the district’s partnership with the College Board.

Paramount Unified spent \$75,000 to provide free PSATs to more than 5,000 students to ensure the district was prepared for the spring test. SAT prep courses were also offered in February.

“We know that as students take the test more often, and become more familiar with it, they improve their performance,” Assistant Superintendent Ryan D. Smith said.

“Our partnership with College Board has allowed us to prepare



our students in a way that positions them to thrive.”

As a part of the district’s initiative to ensure all students are college ready, PUSD students who took the PSAT in October have been provided data that targets the best area of focus based on their practice scores.

Students have had the opportunity to review their performance with counselors prior to taking the SAT.

When the district’s juniors took the SAT on April 5 they also had the benefit of doing so on their own campus and during the school day.

Saving students and their families the time of registration and transportation to a test-taking site is one more way PUSD is attempting to remove barriers that would keep students from achieving optimum performance.

Nearly all students who took the PSAT indicated they plan to go to college, and by registering for the October test were placed on a list to receive college information.

As a part of the free PSAT/ SAT program, the College Board provides Paramount with data that assesses the college readiness of its students and expands access to scholarships and tools for success.

“We’re excited to be able to offer our students these critical tests at no cost, and feel it’s a valuable investment in their futures,” Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez said.

“We’ll continue to explore ways to position our children to be their absolute best as they pursue college and careers.”

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### Bellflower partners with Kaiser Permanente for prescription drug take back initiative

BELLFLOWER – The city of Bellflower and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department have partnered with Kaiser Permanente to host a National Drug Take Back Initiative event on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kaiser Permanente Bellflower medical offices, located 9400 E. Rosecrans Ave.

Local residents can turn in unused or expired medication anonymously for proper disposal by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The event is free and open to the public with the site entrance located on Clark Avenue.

Last year, the event collected over 500 lbs. of dated medicine. Medications like personal prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, dietary supplements, vitamins, and herbal supplements are now a leading cause of child poisoning deaths.

Bringing expired, unused, and unwanted medication to a take-back event like this also helps the environment. In the past, Americans were advised to flush unused medication down the toilet, but this was proven to contaminate the water.

There is also a permanent drug-take-back bin at the entrance of the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station at 5130 Clark Ave., where prescription pills, ointments and syrups can be dropped off no questions asked. No sharps are accepted at this location.

For more information visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org).

### Children of the World International Choir brings ‘Rescue Tour’ to Calvary Baptist Church

BELLFLOWER – Acclaimed Children of the World International Children’s Choir will perform a free concert at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Apr. 9, at Bellflower’s Calvary Baptist Church. The concert is part of the choir’s “Rescue Tour,” a national tour to raise awareness about the challenges faced by millions of orphaned and disadvantaged children around the world.

Through song, dance, spoken word, and creative media, the choir presents the reality of poverty, but also the hope of change through advocacy, investment, and compassion.

The choir — which represents a rich and culturally diverse set of backgrounds and experiences — includes children from World Help’s Child Sponsorship Programs in Uganda, Nepal, Honduras, and the Philippines. The children have performed at venues including Focus on the Family, Brooklyn Tabernacle, Disney World, and Shadow Mountain Community Church.

“For almost 17 years, Children of the World has spoken for the 1 billion children worldwide who today live in poverty,” said Vernon Brewer, president and founder of World Help.

“Every day, boys and girls struggle with not having enough food; they have no access to an education; worse still, they succumb to illness and even death from preventable diseases.”

Brewer continued: “We hope those who attend this wonderful event will not only be blessed by the music and the joy of these inspiring, young lives, but also be moved to do what they can to rescue a child in need.”







Jeffrey Anderson wrestled for St. John Bosco, graduating in 1998.

St. John Bosco High School hires alumnus as new wrestling coach

BELLFLOWER – St. John Bosco High School has announced the appointment of Jeffrey Anderson, a 1998 Bosco graduate, as head varsity wrestling coach.

Anderson takes over the head coaching position after serving as an assistant for the program the past 11 years.

Anderson is a graduate of St. John Bosco High School where he was a standout member of the wrestling team under Coach Omar Delgado. After graduating in 1998, he continued his education and wrestling career at Columbia University in New York City, where he was a NCAA Division I four-time letter winner, nominated for Academic All-American and awarded the King's Crown Leadership Award (2001/2002).

He graduated with a degree in Economics.

“The vision Anderson presented for our wrestling team as well as the character, integrity and leadership skills he has displayed under Coach Delgado makes him the right coach for the Braves,” remarked Monty McDermott, director of athletics at St. John Bosco High School. “We are very fortunate to have Coach Anderson further develop our student-athletes to be their best, on and off the mat.”

Anderson returned to St. John Bosco High School in 2006 as the assistant wrestling coach alongside his former coach, Omar Delgado, where he was instrumental in leading the Braves to the 2017 CIF Southern Section Masters Team Title Championship.

He says that his experience as a wrestler combined with his love and knowledge for the sport has molded his style as a coach.

“Coming back to Bosco, has meant the world to me,” said Anderson. “I am honored to directly impact the lives of so many young men. I developed a deep understanding of who I am and what I could be in this faith-filled environment. It is this type of understanding that I wish to help and guide my student-athletes to.

“I know our wrestlers will go on to do great things; they will wrestle in college, they will compete around the world, they will be leaders in industry, they will be family men, they will be men of faith and they will show what it means to be a Bosco Wrestler.”

CERRITOS COLLEGE  
TALON MARKS

Cerritos College men’s baseball swept for third straight series

By Max Perez

NORWALK – The Falcons were swept by rival Long Beach City College last Saturday in a three-game series, pushing the teams losing streak to nine.

Cerritos has now dropped to 3-11 in conference play and are now fourth in the conference only above EC-Compton.

The Falcons scored a total of eight runs throughout the series and left 33 men on base.

Shortstop Ramon Bramasco said, “the problem all season is we leave a lot of guys on base and don’t cash in, that’s the story of the season.”

In game one, Cerritos fell behind two runs, but answered back in the seventh with two of their own to tie the game.

The Vikings then took a one-run lead before the Falcons answered back to tie the game at three heading into the bottom of the ninth.

Long Beach then scored an unearned run in the bottom of the ninth to close out the game.

The Falcons ended the game with one more hit than the Vikings (10), and both teams left 13 men on base throughout the game, but Cerritos was still unable to defeat Long Beach.

In game two the Falcons took a two-run lead by the fourth inning and held the Vikings scoreless until the seventh.

In the top of the seventh the Vikings took advantage of the Falcons scoring four runs and

and second.

Long Beach would score three runs in the bottom of the second



Catcher Adam Rubio swings at a low pitch to strikeout in the top of the third during the final game of the series with Long Beach City College Saturday. Cerritos would strike out six times as a team throughout the game.

Photo | Max Perez

taking the lead.

Long Beach would go on to score three more and win the game 7-4.

Head coach Ken Gaylord said, “We’re trying to be too perfect.”

The Falcons left nine men on base off 11 hits, but the bullpen wasn’t able to hold the Vikings with every pitcher allowing at least one run or walk.

In the final game of the series the Falcons took a two-run lead scoring a run in the top of the first

with three wins.

During the same stretch, the team’s ERA has risen and the team’s strikeouts per nine innings has gone down, meaning on an average they have struck out less batters .

Gaylord said, “To win you have to throw strikes, you have to play catch and you have to put the ball into play, we usually do one but not the other two.”

The Falcons are now four games behind third place LA Harbor, six behind second place Long Beach and 11 behind first place El Camino.

Bramasco said, “We’ve got to start playing like every game is our last, It’s just that one pitch, that one hit and the wheels will get rolling.”

Gaylord concluded, “We’re all freshmen, they’re good kids and good students and we’re in [the game] but we have to get that big hit.”

The Falcons began their three-game conference series versus EC-Compton on Tuesday and defeated the Tartars’s 4-0 in game one Tuesday.

The win snapped the nine-game losing streak.

*This story was originally published in Talon Marks, the student-run newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original version, visit [www.talonmarks.com/sports/2017/04/03/cerritos-swept-for-third-straight-series](http://www.talonmarks.com/sports/2017/04/03/cerritos-swept-for-third-straight-series).*

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