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Norwalk Unified's SkillsUSA chapter brings home third model of excellence award

School has earned national recognition for intensive handson community service projects that include planning and building an adaptive bicycle for a disabled 8-year-old, creating a community garden at the Norwalk Senior Center and constructing a mobile community food trailer.

marks the This third consecutive year that Norwalk High has received the SkillsUSA Gold Chapter of Distinction and the nationally acclaimed 2017 Model of Excellence Award.

proud school and for helping make culinary club. our name known as a nationally celebrated chapter," Norwalk High senior automotive student Kimberly Sanchez said.

Sanchez, a SkillsUSA member for three years, won first place for collision repair at the 2017 SkillsUSA Region Three Contest.

Norwalk High has earned two previous Model of Excellence Awards, one of only 12 chapters Model of Excellence Award in 2015. sink.

"Winning the award doesn't the work we do makes us great," ROP teacher Ken Cook said.

"The award is validation to the students who put in the hard work, and in recognizing student success, more community support and encouragement is the result."

SkillsUSA's Chapter Excellence Program awards chapters that have a strong mission in creating a community impact includes technical, personal and

Norwalk High built the

NORWALK - Norwalk High adaptive bicycle for the technical skill category.

> Norwalk Center Community Garden falls under the personal skills category. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified partnered with the City of Norwalk to build the garden, as well as a local Lowe's store that provided funds and 10 volunteer landscaping professionals.

The final workplace skill was fulfilled by participating in the 2017 Corvallis Middle School Career Fair. Norwalk High students catered the event out of their community mobile food trailer, created by the that I've automotive student team, known as accomplished something for my the Race Team, and operated by the

> Like a food truck without a roof, the mobile trailer functions as a cooking and food preparation space, equipped with a barbecue, fridge and hot water tank.

Norwalk High SkillsUSA members cater Lowe's functions, college fairs and recently participated in an autism awareness event with their mobile trailer. Due to high demand, the Race Team across the nation to do so and the built a second trailer in 2016 that only California school to receive the included a handicap-accessible

"Congratulations to Norwalk make the Norwalk chapter great; High for your state and national recognitions," Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "Our SkillsUSA teams demonstrate the terrific work our students do throughout all of our schools."

> SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry professionals working together to ensure America has a skilled

The Norwalk High chapter through their program and projects. will be honored for the Model of Model of Excellence award winners Excellence Award at the National are judged based on criteria that Leadership and Skills Conference, held Monday, June 19 through workplace skills. Chapters are Friday, June 23 in Louisville, tasked with creating community Kentucky. The chapter is also service projects that reflect each eligible to win a \$2,000 grant, sponsored by Lowe's.



SoCal Edison debuts world's first half electric, half gas turbine in Norwalk

NORWALK - Southern California Edison on Monday unveiled the world's first battery-gas turbine hybrid system, which the company says will increase the use of solar, wind and other renewable resources.

"The new system will help SCE better utilize the resources on the grid, provide enhanced reliability, reduce environmental impact and reduce cost for our operations and for our customers," SCE President Ron Nichols said. "This technology also allows us to continue to expand our use of solar, wind and other renewable resources."

The LM6000 Hybrid Electric Gas Turbine is described as a groundbreaking control system that blends output between the battery and the gas turbine.

The energy storage capacity of the battery is designed to provide enough time to allow the gas turbine to start and reach its designated power output.

As a result, the system does not need to burn fuel and consume water in standby mode to be able to dispatch power immediately when demand surges, according to officials at both SCE and General Electric.

The community is better off ... and the customers are better off," said Mary Nichols, California Air Resources Board chair, extolling the environmental benefits of the hybrid gas turbine system. "I can't think of anything that's not to like about this."

The system was developed in response to the commitment of California elected officials to draw 50 percent of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2030. The Hybrid EGT helps balance variable energy supply and demand, including during evening hours when the sun sets and solar power production falls while electricity usage surges as customers return home and turn on lights and appliances.

"As the electrical grid network continues to evolve, with more intermittent renewables being added every day, products like the Hybrid EGT can help smooth out the delivery of electricity," said Reinaldo Garcia, president and CEO of Grid Solutions for GE Energy Connections.

"Storage and the ability to quickly push power to the grid also play a key role in emergency situations, dispatching energy immediately to the grid ensuring that we are able help keep the lights on for everyone."

Company officials said the system, along with new emission controls, provides enhanced flexibility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by 60 percent. In addition, demineralized water consumption will be reduced by about 45 percent, saving two million gallons of water annually and increasing the life of the equipment.

"We worked with SCE to address a very specific need, but this solution has applications that go far beyond," said Paul McElhinney, president & CEO of GE Power Services. "We look forward to working with customers to develop tailor-made solutions that will allow them greater flexibility when incorporating renewable energy and other quick power needs."

SCE is now looking to add the Hybrid Enhanced Gas Turbine systems at three other existing peaker plants.

"We are watching the future unfold right before our eyes," said Norwalk Mayor Luigi Vernola. "This is something fantastic to look forward to. This is the future for California, Norwalk and the world."

Norwalk approves new 'Fitness Village' on Imperial and Bloomfield

Staff Writer

Photo | William Odis Martin

By Alex Dominguez

NORWALK - In its first

official meeting, the newly-

formed Norwalk City Council

unanimously approved project

plans for a major dining and

on the border of Norwalk and

Santa Fe Springs at the northwest

corner of Imperial Highway and

Bloomfield Avenue, was described

as a "new gateway" by city staff at

The project, which will sit

entertainment complex.

Tuesday's meeting.

to be announced.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified now accepting applications to fill vacant Board of Education seat

NORWALK - Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is accepting applications through May 3 for residents interested in joining the Board of Education to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Margarita Rios.

Rios resigned April 11 after winning a seat in March on the Norwalk City Council; her board term ends in December 2018.

Residents of the District who are 18 or older, California state citizens

and are registered voters are eligible to be appointed. Applications are available at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District website: www.nlmusd.org. Completed applications must be

The Board of Education will select candidates to interview on May 8 and make a provisional appointment at their May 22 meeting. Candidates selected for interviews must attend the May 22 meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

returned to Skye Roberts or Norma Altamirano in superintendent's office,

at 12820 Pioneer Blvd., on May 3 by 3 p.m.

The promenade-style complex currently being called the Norwalk Fitness Village - will include a 37,000 square foot gym (LA Fitness) and two drive through food establishments (Chick-Fil-A and Panera Bread), along with shops which have yet

There will also be a small stage available for small scale entertainment and community



Currently, Chick-Fil-A looks to be the most prominent building, as art renderings show it standing on the direct corner of the location.

The plans for the fitness village passed with a 4-0 vote, with Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock making the motion and Councilmember Margarita Rios seconding.

Councilmember Jennifer Perez - who formerly served on the Planning Commission - abstained from the item at the request of the City attorney, due to her involvement with the Planning Commission vote on the same item that took place earlier this year.

The Norwalk Fitness Village project was approved by the Planning Commission during the recent election, and was officially announced by Perez at a candidate meet and greet event.









THINGS TO DO



Science Festival Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am

More than two dozen STEM exhibitors, including SpaceX and Natural History



Earth Day Bike Ride Saturday - Ford Park, 9 am

Roundtrip bicycle ride along the L.A. River with local politicians and community members.



Top Rank Boxing Saturday - StubHub Center, 8 pm

Pay-per-view boxing featuring Top Rank's stable of fighters. Headlined by unbeaten champ Oscar Valdez.



Freestyle Festival

Saturday - Queen Mary, 2 pm Live performances by Bell Biv Devoe, Lisa Lisa, Naughty By Nature, Rob Base,



L.A. Times Festival of Books All Weekend - USC

The nation's largest literary festival, with 500-plus authors, musicians, chefs,

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Norwalk City Council approves 'Fitness Village'

Helen Alvarado: It's about time Norwalk starts to upgrade! Now hopefully Norwalk will start to

Joe Chamberlain: They should do something about the traffic on Imperial Hwy first.

Michael Angel Garcia: Can we get a Chipotle and a Coffee

Paul-Mary Mencos: I remember when this city was nice & clean. what it used to be in the 70s and early 80s as I remember it.



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Upcoming Events

MISS BELLFLOWER: The community of Bellflower will crown a new Miss Teen Bellflower Queen and a new Miss Bellflower Queen at its annual pageant on Saturday, April 29.

Bellflower contestants for the Teen Division are Alisha Preciado, Fatima Castro, Neriah Cervantes, Megan Huckins & Anisa Garcia. The Bellflower contestants for the Miss division are Hannah Mercado, Natalie Manriquez, Josephine Armendariz and Desiree Reyes.

The pageant will take place inside the William & Jane Bristol Auditorium at 16600 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 6 p.m. Tickets at the door cost \$25.

CITIZENSHIP FAIR: State Senator Tony Mendoza is hosting a free Citizenship Fair on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at ABC Adult School, located at 20122 Cabrillo Lane in Cerritos.

Immigration attorneys will provide free consultations and assistance with citizenship application N-400.

Attendees should bring their permanent resident cards, California driver's license, address history, and all police or court documents.

For more information, contact Mendoza's office at (562) 860-3202 or e-mail ursula.parra@sen.ca.gov.

NORWALK CAREER NIGHT: Students and community members across Norwalk and La Mirada will have the opportunity to refine their career goals by speaking with industry professionals during the Career Exploration Night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Attendees can participate in career workshops, including a special presentation provided by Microsoft. Industries include arts, education, fashion, hospitality and engineering.

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. 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.

KIDS & COPS



Michael Chirco, president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis; Mark McDaniel, president of Gangs Out of Downey; and Jason Cierpiszewski, past president Downey Kiwanis Club.

Middle school students and Downey law enforcement will come together this weekend as part of the Downey Kids and Cops Day event.

The event will be held from 10 am to 2:30 pm at Furman Park on Saturday. It is being co-sponsored by Gangs out of Downey and Kiwanis.

Student participants will engage in several activities, such as Frisbee and football toss, alongside Downey Police officers in a hope to create a positive relationship between the community's youth and the officers who patrol their streets.

"What this is doing is just fostering trust and relationships with these young kids and police officers in our community," said officer and GOOD President Lt. Mark McDaniel.

There will also be food, a DJ, and several businesses with information booths set out.

By Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Norwalk Library to host mariachi concert and free book giveaway

NORWALK - In celebration of Dia de los Niños, the Norwalk Library is hosting a concert on Tuesday, April 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. featuring the Norwalk Youth Mariachi Group, who will sing traditional Mexican songs. Immediately after, the library is sponsoring a free book giveaway for children until supplies last.

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

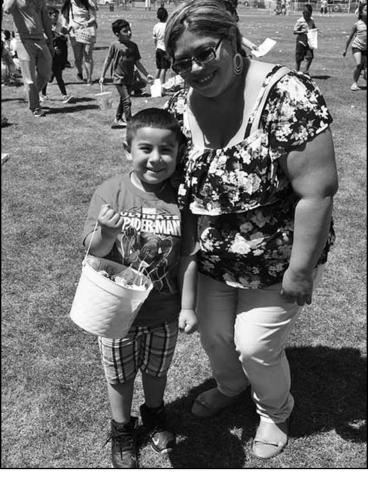


Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt 2017









Norwalk celebrates Easter weekend with face painting, crafts and food

NORWALK - Norwalk families gathered en masse for the city's annual Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt over the weekend.

The festivities took place Saturday afternoon on the Norwalk Civic Center Lawn from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Children and their parents were able to enjoy several activities, including face painting, games, food, and inflatable attractions.

There were also several egg hunts for varying age groups available for children to participate in.

"We're just very pleased to have a nice event where the community can come together and celebrate Easter weekend," said Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock. "Lots of kids, games, [and] fun. We're pleased that we're able to do this for the community."

This was also an opportunity for the community to meet some of their newly elected councilmembers.

"I've been coming to this event for probably forty years, and every year it just gets bigger and better," said Councilmember Tony Ayala. "It's great seeing the families having such a good time on such an important weekend."

The event was co-sponsored by Assemblyman Ian Calderon, Children's Dental Group, EventUs, Norwalk Lions Club, Norwalk Coordinating Council, Read Conmigo, Yogurtland, and Walmart. -Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Shuttle Challenger disaster relived in Downey play

By Carol Kearns Contributor

DOWNEY - The magic of live theater under the stars returns to Downey with an eight-night run of the Broadway play "Defying Gravity" at the outdoor amphitheater of the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Performances are scheduled over three weekends, from April 28 through May 14.

This sensitive and inspiring drama about the tragic outcome of the 1986 Challenger space shuttle mission is presented as part of the Space Center's City of STEM Science Festival, promoting student interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

While the subject of the play is the shuttle explosion after liftoff and the loss of the crew, the message is an affirmation of human courage and the quest for knowledge. Playwright Jane Anderson is an Emmy-winning writer whose themes of exploration, sacrifice, and risk remain relevant as modern society contemplates commercial space travel and sending people to Mars.

The 1986 disaster was a pivotal chapter in U.S. aerospace history. The Challenger mission had sparked renewed interest by the public in space travel because it carried the first civilian crew member, teacher and mother Christa McAuliffe. Schools had organized special

science lessons and thousands of the disaster. students were watching on live TV.

relevance for this California production. The Space Center occupies land that was once the site of the former North American/ Rockwell plant which played a major role in the development of both the Apollo space program and the space

Director Lana Wahlquist, who teaches theater at Cerritos College, recalls being captivated by the Space Center as a possible theater venue when she first visited.

"I knew I wanted to do a play there as soon as I saw the area out back," she explains. "It's a beautiful, small theater." She and her husband Andrew, who is serving as producer, began a search for appropriate plays

"From the moment we read it," she said, "we thought this is it, Rockwell engineer and former are astronaut fans who drive out we've got to do this play about the Challenger."

With an extremely creative set design and multi-media features, the play was first presented three years ago in Downey to sold-out crowds, with playwright Anderson attending for a special Q&A session on the closing night.

Like many adults their age, the Wahlquists both have similar childhood memories of the day of

Andrew, who grew up near the The Downey venue has special Rockwell aerospace plant and was only eight years old at the time, though there is no longer an shares, "I don't recall if I saw it live, but I was aware of it right away. I have the image in my mind of the next generation, trying to capture smoke trail burned on TV."

> "I remember it as being very tragic and momentous," says Lana, who was seven at the time. "I heard everyone talking about it."

After receiving an invitation to make the play part of the STEM Science Festival, Wahlquist said, it turned out the rest of the cast felt like I did. The show was really special when we first did it, so the opportunity to do it again and reach member McAuliffe. The daughter more of the community is something we'd hoped for." He said all but one first frustrated with having to share and found Anderson's "Defying of the cast will be returning for this her mother for astronaut training. repeat presentation.

> Gerald Blackburn, president of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation, reports that a postperformance Q&A session is also planned for opening and closing while local bartender Donna (Jaime nights.

Blackburn's memories of the tragic day are from the personal perspective of his intimate connection with the space program.

"I was at my office in Downey on my way to a meeting," he recalls. "I stopped by a TV monitor showing the countdown and watched with several other engineers. We knew immediately that the failure was catastrophic and we had lost the and members of the Space Center. crew. I continued to the meeting and spent the next two years making sure it didn't happen again."

"Defying Gravity" is a powerful play because of its subject matter, but producer Wahlquist hopes that people who attend the show will also take away "a feeling of spending an

evening in a circle of friends."

Wahlquist sees theater as "a shared cultural language." Even aerospace plant in Downey, "theater is a way to tell these stories to the for them, and for us, what it felt like on the day the Challenger exploded."

Downey resident Alicia Edquist, who saw the play twice in 2014, shares Wahlquist's view and says she will be bringing her eight-year-old daughter to a performance this time.

Anderson's characters give voice "I agreed to it pretty quickly, and to the hope and dreams guiding mankind's urge to explore. Kerry Wieder returns to play the Teacher, who is modeled after civilian crew Elizabeth (Bianca Meiloaica) is at

> An elderly tourist couple (Daniel retired Houston-Davila, Peggy Painton) to watch the launch live. A NASA engineer (Zach Johnson-Dunlop) blames himself for the explosion, Soria) tries to keep herself together.

> > Forrest Hartl will play the artist Monet, a character who muses about art and religion and offers a historical and philosophical perspective on man's desire to see the Earth from on high.

> > production company is committed to keeping tickets affordable says Wahlquist - \$20 general seating, and \$15 for students

> > To purchase tickets, go to ColumbiaSpaceScience.org or call (562) 231-1200. The Columbia Memorial Space Center is at 12300 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90241.

For more questions, go to DowneyArts.org.



Graduates! Here's your diploma and debt

By Mike Merryman-Lotze

It's that time of year again. Flowers are flowering, spring is springing, and across the country college graduates are preparing to graduate with their newly awarded degrees held high.

Also high is the mountain of student debt most of these recent graduates are taking on. All told, 44 million Americans now owe student debt — including 7 in 10 graduating seniors last year, who owe an average of \$37,000.

If you're not one of those tens of millions of people, you might've missed how out of control student debt has become. Total student debt is approaching \$1.4 trillion, surpassing auto loans and credit

"44 million households now hold student debt."

Between job searches and apartment hunting, post-graduate life is already stressful — and student debt makes it worse. The average monthly payment for borrowers in their 20s is \$351.

If you're making minimum wage, that's 48 hours of work for your loans alone — never mind shelter and food. No wonder more than 4 in 10 have either stopped making payments or fallen behind.

There is nothing positive about student debt.

Many indebted graduates begin their work lives with damaged credit histories and greater economic vulnerability.

They're less able to start a business or work in public service. And they delay starting families and buying houses, which makes them less wealthy in the long run. The only winners are the predatory loan

Ann Coulter: The latest victim in the Berkeley free speech fight?

Cal's campus feel the cancelation

of conservative speakers is an

infringement upon their First

Amendment right to free speech.

will Berkeley ever do anything to

ensure conservatives can come to

the liberal hotbed without a riot

the top of their priority list.

Now the question becomes:

My guess? It's probably not at

Coulter had accepted an

invitation from two campus

groups — the Berkeley College

— to deliver a speech about

By Beth Baumann

UC Berkeley is becoming less known for the their academics and more infamous for their riots.

The liberal college had to "cancel" yet another guest speaker because of safety concerns. The Berkeley College Republicans, BridgeCal and Young America's Foundation were planning on having Ann Coulter address their groups, until they received an email from the university's vice chancellors.

"We have been unable to find Republicans and BridgeUSA a safe and suitable venue for your planned April 27 event featuring immigration, the topic of her last Ann Coulter," vice chancellors two books, both of which were Scott Biddy and Stephen Sutton New York Times bestsellers. emailed the student groups.

the In wake of events surrounding the planned appearance by (right-wing speaker) Milo Yiannopoulos in February, as well as several riots which have occurred in recent weeks in the city of Berkeley, we have increased our scrutiny regarding the time and location of high-profile speakers so that these events can go forward unimpeded."

The university also requested that if Coulter should decide to still come to the campus, that they not disclose the location until closer to the event and only students would be allowed to attend. She agreed to the conditions but told the university she had her own conditions, as described on YAF's

1) That the University of California chancellor request that the Oakland chief of police refrain from telling his men to stand down and ignore law-breaking by rioters attempting to shut down conservative speakers, as he has done in the past; and

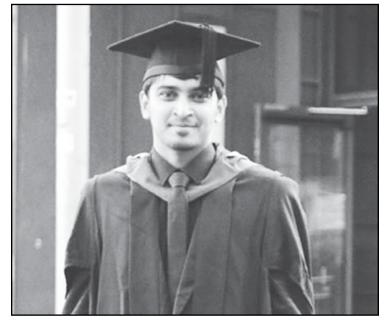
That UC-Berkeley announce in advance that any students engaging in violence, mayhem or heckling to prevent an invited speaker from speaking would be expelled.

As Coulter explained, "If Berkeley wants to have free speech, it can have it."

week, conservative speaker David Horowitz's speech was also canceled after UCB police told the student groups Horowitz's safety could not be ensured.

The decision was made after the university instructed the group to hold the event during the middle of the day and on the outskirts of campus.

The Republican groups on



servicing agencies.

One reason for the explosion of student debt is that states and the federal government have drastically cut education spending, forcing students and parents to pick up the costs. Public college spending is still \$10 billion below pre-recession levels.

To make things worse, Trump's secretary of education, billionaire Betsy DeVos, is reversing protections put in place by the Obama Saturday, May 13 marks the 25th anniversary of one of America's great administration to protect student loan borrowers by regulating loan servicing companies and capping interest rates at 16 percent (at a time when bank loan rates are below 6 percent).

It shouldn't be this way. And it doesn't have to be.

Ask the millions of people who attended college between 1945 and 1975 and graduated with little or no debt. Millions of baby boomers paid tuition at the great flagship universities of this land just by working summer jobs. That wasn't on a different planet — it was mere decades ago.

Some places are experimenting with new models. At the city level, San Francisco has taken the lead by creating a free tuition program for anyone who's lived in the city for at least a year, regardless of income. It's funded by a voter-approved tax on properties worth over \$5 million.

At the national level, Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Pramila Jayapal recently introduced the College for All Act, a plan Sanders got into the Democratic platform last summer. It would eliminate tuition and fees at public universities for those with incomes under \$125,000 — all paid for by a small sales tax on Wall Street trades.

These ideas could mean a brighter future for students to come. But what about for those already crushed by debt?

For them, there's a silver lining. When you owe \$50,000, the bank owns you. But when the bank's trying to bleed you for \$1.4 trillion, you own the bank.

It's time for the 44 million student debt households to flex our muscles and demand change.

Chuck Collins is a senior scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies and a co-editor of Inequality.org. He's the author of the recent book Born on Third Base.

Letters to the Editor

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Letters may be edited for both space and grammar.

Life on Dollison Drive

I live on a small dead end street, but next to us is a street named Dollison Drive, near the freeway.

Cars race along Dollison Drive at 60 MPH or more late at night.

Not only that, Dollison has six blocks of empty lots where houses used to be, but now people use them for trash of all kinds.

Cars park here at night along the street and the next day they leave trash along the street.

I hope some of the new council members drive by to see the weeds along the walls and the graffiti gang members do. It's sad to see what our area has turned into.

George Lopez Norwalk

Post office food drive in Norwalk

Dear Editor:

days of giving -- the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Letter carriers walk through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger.

So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Norwalk who need our help.

Last year, we collected over 80 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 64 million people.

Over the course of its 24-year history, the drive has collected well over one billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans -- 1 in 6 -- are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in the school.

And nearly 5 million seniors over age 6- are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

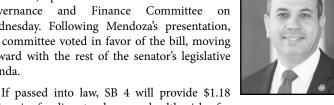
Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 13 and your letter carrier will do the rest.

Please help us in our fight to end hunger as we celebrate our 25th anniversary of America's great day of giving.

Mauro Guerrero Norwalk Post Office Food Drive Coordinator

Mendoza bill to lower local air pollution passes key committee

SACRAMENTO - Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) presented Senate Bill 4 to the Governance and Finance Committee on Wednesday. Following Mendoza's presentation, the committee voted in favor of the bill, moving forward with the rest of the senator's legislative



billion in funding to decrease health risks for Californians living in trade corridors by reducing air pollution emissions from freight movement.

SB 4 funding will also improve the infrastructure for the State's goods movement network thereby promoting further economic growth.

"Senate Bill 4 represents our commitment not only to a strong economy but also to keeping our community and environment healthy as we continue to grow," Mendoza said. "We must make sure we protect the health and well-being of our communities by making sure we keep our air

The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it will be voted upon and then move to the Senate Floor for consideration.



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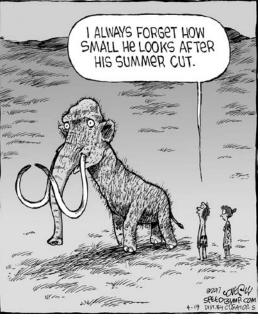
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On This Day...

April 21, 1895: Woodville Latham and his sons demonstrated their Panopticon. It was the first movie projector developed in the United States.

1972: Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the moon's surface.

1999: Brooks & Dunn debuted their video "South of Santa Fe" while country.com simultaneously streamed the video. It was the first time that a country video debuted simultaneously on TV and the Internet.

BIRTHDAYS: Queen Elizabeth II (91); Punk singer Iggy Pop (70); Movie actress Andie MacDowell (59); The Cure singer Robert Smith (58); Comedian Rob Riggle (48); Actor James McAvoy (38); NFL quarterback Tony Romo (37); Artist Tom Franco (37); E! News co-anchor Terrence J (35); Actor Alphonso McAuley (33); YouTube star Jared Mecham (29); "The Flash" star Robbie Amell Meika Woollard



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Norwalk Career Night - Norwalk City Hall

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office 2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library

> 1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers 3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

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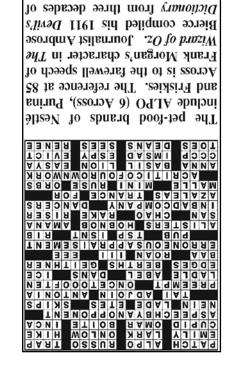
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LEGALS

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK CTIY OF NORWALK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONE CHANGE NO. 356
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3))

Date: TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk
City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard,
Norwalk, CA 90650
Project Description: For the City Council

Project Description: For the City Council to consider the following application filed by Miguel Reyes; a request to change the zone of the subject property from Restricted Commercial (C-1) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) zone to create consistency between the zone and the existing land use to eliminate the non-conforming status of the property. The subject property is generally known as 11739 Potter Street, approximately 100-feet west of Pioneer Boulevard, in the C-1 zone.

Environmental Review Information:
Pursuant to the California Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA) and the local CEQA
Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this
project is covered by the general rule that
CEQA applies only to projects that have the
potential for causing a significant effect on potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, the project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption (pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)) has been prepared for this project

project.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard invited to attend the 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 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.
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. **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

Dated this 21st day of April 2017. Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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Norwalk, CA 90650

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPORT PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the

matter may be heard

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

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the report prepared in connection with the levy of the annual sewer service charges. The City of Norwalk annually levies sewer service Norwalk Municipal Code. The City collects the sewer service charges on the tax roll in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as, together with and not separately from, the general taxes of the City. The sewer service charges are levied to pay for the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer system, including capital

replacement costs.
The City Council has caused a written report to be prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk regarding the City's sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2017/18. Such report contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving sewer services furnished by the City and the amount of the charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2017/18 computed in conformity with the charges prescribed in the proposed ordinance. The

report is available for public inspection in Room 10 at the address noted above. At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the report. If protests are filed and not withdrawn by the owners of a majority of the properties subject to the sewer service charges, the City Council still may order the charges to be collected but the charges shall. charges to be collected, but the charges shall not be collected on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2017/18. In such case, the City Council will consider the adoption of a resolution at a subsequent City Council meeting providing for an alternative method of collection

Public Comment: All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and express opinions about the proposed levy of the sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2017/18 and the report. 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.

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511.

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Dated this 14th day of April 2017.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE 12900-13000 BLOCKS OF VOLUNTEER AVENUE, BETWEEN CIVIC CENTER DRIVE AND DACE STREET

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk

City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 Description: The City Council will conduct

a public hearing to consider petitions filed with the City of Norwalk Department of Public Safety designating the 12900-13000 blocks of Volunteer Avenue as preferential parking by residents currently residing in the area. **Public Comment:** Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. 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.

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed

to Nicole Amescua at (562) 929-5962 or by email to namescua@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 21st day of April 2017.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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CITY OF NORWALK

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held April 18, 2017, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 17-1690, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL/OFFICE ZONE, by he following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ayala and Rios, Vice Mayor Shryock, and Mayor Vernola
NOES: None

to alter permitted uses and development

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Perez Adoption of Ordinance No. 17-1690, will approve Text Amendment No. 314, which will amend the Norwalk Municipal Code Chapter 17.06 Commercial Zones, Article V., Professional/Office Zone, in its entirety

The full text of Ordinance No. 17-1690 is available for review on the City's website attached to Item No. 17 of the April 18, 2017 agenda and in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours.

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: VS030296
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Miguel V. Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Maya Nena Terrazas to Proposed name (1) Maya Nena Lopez Present name (2) Davanee Monae Terrazas to Proposed name (2) Davanee Monae

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: June 21, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

Blvd. Norwalk, California 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, THE NORWALK PATRIOT April 14, 2017

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Miguel V. Lopez, In Pro Per 14609 Domart Ave. Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 868-7309 mlo208@yahoo.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GARY F. CHERNEY CASE NO. 17STPB02907

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GARY F. CHERNEY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed

by LISA A. DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

that LISA A. DAVIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of THE PETITION requests authority to

administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in

this court as follows: 05/04/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGĖLES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by

your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the

estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filling of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

court. If you are a person interested in the

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAUL TORENA Case No. 17STPB03017 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAUL TORENA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Tracy M. Vander Meer in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Tracy M. Vander Meer be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's

will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority 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 great the outhority.

grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent

creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the

court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the

Petitioner: Tracy M. Vander Meer TRACY M VANDER MEER

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-

15-667042-BF Order No.: 150243122-CA-VOI 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 10/22/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT 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 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 to the Financial C ode and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or 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 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): JOSEFINO L. SALES AND ADBLINA M SALES, HILSBAND AND WIFE Recorded: 11/2004 HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded: 11/1/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2810786 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 5/9/2017 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$345,162.78
The purported property address is: 12708
HALCOURT AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 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** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-15-667042-BF. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE INSEDED THAT DIRPOSE Date: Quality ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-15-667042-BF IDSPub #0124944 4/14/2017 4/21/2017

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NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUESTING APPLICATIONS; FOR THE FORMING OF A COMMITTEE, FOR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPLORING THE NAMING OF LA MIRADA H.S. SOFTBALL FIELD.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING APRIL 17, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 28, 2017, AND NEED TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY.

> PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTN: MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT 12820 PIONEER BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL MYRA LOPEZ, FACILITIES MANAGER AT 562-210-2030.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE @ WWW.NLMUSD.ORG (ON THE HOMEPAGE)

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Shared Stories: The Ties That Bind



 $Belle\ Fluhart\ recalls\ a\ serious\ baking\ error\ that\ many\ of\ us\ can\ sympathize$ with - misreading the recipe. 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.

"My First Experience Baking Bread" by Belle Fluhart

I was 12 years old during the Depression. My three older brothers were 18, 19 1/2, and 21 years old.

When I started the 7th grade, I was delighted that I would have a class Education Program will be hosted in sewing and a class in cooking. One semester sewing, the next cooking,

In the cooking class we were making bread. The first day we copied the recipe from the black board, and talked about what we were going to do. The next day, we measured out the liquid and yeast, and mixed the liquid ingredients together and left it for the yeast to do what it's supposed to do. I think it's called proofing. The third day we mixed in the flour to make a

In no time I realized that something was wrong, because it was not making a dough. I was adding more and more flour.

I had misread the recipe where it said to ads ¼ Cup of water, and I had actually added 1 ¼ Cup of water. The teacher was watching me, but doing Program in Taiwan. nothing. I realized that she was wondering what I was going to do.

I got some more yeast and put in more salt. I don't remember the other ingredients, but I put in whatever was necessary to make up for all of this flour it was taking to make dough.

I mixed the dough, made a round ball, and put the oil on it. Then I found a big bowl and left it to rise overnight. The next day, I had a great, big ball of dough where I was supposed to have a little ball. I put flour on my board and started kneading the dough.

By this time, I was so embarrassed. I was just kneading the dough. I could feel the enmity of my fellow classmates. Everyone in this room hated me because I had a great, big ball of dough and everyone else had a little ball that could be held in the palm of one hand.

I wished I could crawl under a rock and just disappear. But there was no rock. I started to cry. I wasn't looking up. I just kept kneading and kneading that dough.

cafeteria and borrowed a bread pan."

At that, I looked up and the teacher was smiling. I quickly dried my tears and oiled the pan, formed the loaf, and put it in the pan. I put it up to rise and went home.

The next day we all baked our bread. I had to allow extra time for my wanted me to cut it so she could taste it.

I pleaded with her to let me take it home so I could cut it where my brothers could see it. She said, "All right, if you promise that you will bring me a piece tomorrow."

When I got home, my brothers grabbed the bread and one was starting to cut it.

I said, "The teacher made me promise to bring her a piece so she could try it." My brother with the knife said, "The teacher gets the first slice."

He cut the first slice and wrapped it up. He said, "Don't forget to take it tomorrow morning." I said, "I'm going to put it with my books."

The first thing I did the next morning was to take the bread to the

teacher. She took a bite and said, "That's delicious." At the end of the semester, the teacher was preparing to pass around the

report cards. She said, "It has never been my practice to give anyone an A+, but

this semester, I'm giving a student an A+. She doesn't always do things right. In fact, she makes some great, big mistakes. But she always is able to compensate for her mistakes and make an edible product. And in these days, it's so very important to not waste food."

I was very happy, and couldn't wait to take my report card home to show my brothers.

CERRITOS COLLEGE

Student senate approves funding for Taiwan study abroad program

By Jocelyn Torralba

NORWALK - On Wednesday, April 12 the ASCC Senate approved funding for an ad-hoc trip to Taiwan.

Board of Trustee member Dr. Shin Liu said, "The purpose of this program is to provide a cultural and language learning experience for students from the United States and Australia."

Taiwan Experience by Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology located in Tainan, Taiwan.

The program is sponsored by Ministry of Education of Taiwan and Tainan City Government.

Twenty students from the United States and 20 students from Australia were selected to participate in this Study Abroad

Students will take Chinese culture and language courses at the Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology during the first two weeks and then students will spend the next two weeks interacting with elementary and junior high students learning their culture and teaching English.



Dr. Shin Liu and Cerritos College students getting approval for funding for the students to go to on an ad-hoc trip to Taiwan over the summer. Photo | David Jenkins

students global awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity," Liu said.

month from June 27 to July 27.

be going on this trip.

President of Cerritos College and the rest are for UCI, Cal Poly tickets.

"The program promotes Pomona, and Rio Hondo College."

Dr. Liu will be traveling in the same flight to make sure students The program will run for a the first week during the program.

Dorms will be provided to 10 students from Cerritos will the students by Southern Taiwan University.

The initial request for funding Dr. Jose Fierro said, "There are 20 is \$13,000 and ASCC Senate will spots, 50% are for Cerritos College be funding the students plane

Monica Santiago, Political Science and Foreign language major, is one of the 10 students that is attending this trip and is extremely happy.

She's passionate about learning about other cultures, she has been studying Chinese since an early

Santiago said, she went to Bangok last year for another educational program and she had to work 3 jobs to pay for her ticket and expenses on the trip.

"I'm truly grateful that the ASCC Senate passed the funding because this is a big help for us and a big opportunity for us, we will be representing Cerritos internationally,"said Santiago.

Santiago said she didn't know about this trip until her Chinese Professor Yiran Zhou encouraged her to apply to the program.

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Norwalk-La Mirada student engineers square off Suddenly, the teacher was at my elbow. She said, "I went over to the during 2017 Chevron Design Challenge at John Glenn eteria and borrowed a bread pan."

NORWALK - Norwalk-La La Mirada senior Jason Malooly Mirada Unified high school said. students competed against 15 other Los Angeles County student engineer teams earlier this month at John Glenn High School.

developed Students everything from original blueprints to a marketing line for lightweight headphones during the 2017 Chevron Design Challenge.

John Glenn High students developed solar-powered headphones that would charge throughout the day.

designed headphones for runners; and La Mirada High students added voice recognition cost. to their headphones.

and I'm just happy to be here,"

"It was a great learning experience that will benefit all of us in the months and years to

During the competition on April 1, the aspiring engineers used concepts and skills they've learned through their Project Lead The Way (PLTW) pathway programs to follow design brief specifications and constraints, which included rechargeable lithium batteries, user controls and comfortable fit.

The competitors decided Norwalk High students on a target audience for the headphones, raw materials, features and final manufacturing

"Our students had the "This was a great competition opportunity to spend the day as professional engineers, gaining



John Glenn, La Mirada and Norwalk high school students competed against 15 other Los Angeles County student engineer teams on April 1 at John Glenn High School to develop original blueprints and a marketing line for lightweight headphones during the 2017 Chevron Design Challenge. Photo | NLMUSD

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more experience and confidence in pursuing this career," NLMUSD Director of College and Career Pathways Joanne Jung said.

"There was so much creative energy on campus and our future engineers performed to their full abilities."

Students created 3-D models of their prototypes and gave presentations of their design and marketing strategies to a panel of professional mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers.

"The Chevron Challenge is an amazing opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and knowledge with their peers in a real-world application," NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said.

"Thank you to Chevron and Project Lead The Way for bringing this exciting competition to Norwalk-La Mirada."