

Norwalk academy taking new sign-ups

NORWALK – Southeast Academy High School in Norwalk is now seeking a limited number of applicants for early enrollment for the 2018-19 academic year that starts Aug. 16.

The tuition-free, public school of choice offers a small campus environment and a leadership-based education philosophy that is unique to Southern California.

Those seeking to enter Southeast Academy must go through an enrollment process that includes a readiness interview and review of transcripts.

The military-style academy, a winner of the prestigious state Golden Bell Award, is administered by the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District and is not a “reform” school or a detention facility and is not part of the juvenile judicial system.

The student population of Southeast Academy is diverse and in addition to the cities of Norwalk, La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs, applicants have come from across the region including Buena Park, Cerritos, Downey, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Riverside and Whittier.

Under the direction and guidance of highly qualified faculty and staff, and adhering to the campus motto of “Excellence is Our Standard,” students, who are known as cadets, are fully integrated into the public service career pathways of law enforcement, military, fire science and related fields.

Every cadet is encouraged to strive for academic excellence as the academy dedicates itself to developing each young man and woman morally, intellectually and physically.

Cadets all share the state of mind of being dedicated scholars and skilled leaders of character with high standards.

Specifically, the academy offers a fully accredited curriculum leading to a public high school diploma. In addition to a variety of courses available to complete “A-G” requirements, it offers Advanced Placement, arts and career technical education classes.

Also offered is a full range of extracurricular activities, military drill teams, honor guards, school clubs, sports and physical conditioning.

In addition to college scholarship and financial aid opportunities, application and contact information is available for all five U.S. service academies: West Point, Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Air Force Academy and Merchant Marine Academy.

For more information about what makes Southeast Academy special, how to arrange a campus tour or start the enrollment process, visit southeastacademy.org, email academy@nlmusd.org or call (562) 210-4700.

SHARED STORIES: Music Lessons

Many of us who have had music lessons as a child can relate to the musical journey of Vicky Williams. She was open to new experiences and had respect for her instruments, but she had too much energy to sit still for long. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Vicky Williams

“Book learning” as my mother would say – “readin’, ‘ritin’, and ‘rithmetic” – was as important in our home as religion. Extra curriculum activities were also encouraged, so I decided to join the band at school. However, my band days at Swayze Elementary School in Monroe, Louisiana, were short lived.

Mr. Turner, our band instructor, had a corn on his top lip from playing the coronet and trumpet professionally. He was short in stature but long in patience, as patient with us as Job’s long suffering in the Bible, faithful to his students, offering words of encouragement, never cracking a frown at our musical discord.

He gingerly corrected us when our notes went sour and complimented us when we played our notes correctly. He was perceptive, passionate, professional, and dedicated to developing good musicianship in his students. He taught my brother Dorsey Williams Jr. how to play the tuba and countless other students to be good, young musicians.

Unfortunately, my patience was not up to par at mastering a musical instrument.

I failed miserably at learning how to play the clarinet. It was an adventure and a risk – the old musty instrument which my school provided smelled like bad breath. I took off the mouthpiece, used a mouthpiece brush with warm, soapy water to clean it, and rinsed it with cool water.

Mother gave me vinegar in water, 1-part vinegar and 2 parts water, to further sanitize it. I rinsed it again with water, allowed it to air dry, and placed a fresh reed on the old mouthpiece after it dried.

I made the long, sleek, black instrument with silver, shiny keys more attractive after cleaning the bell and joints using a swab on a string and a warm, soft toothbrush to clean the outside of the instrument, avoiding getting water on the keys. I put a dab of Vaseline on my finger tip and rubbed it on the instrument to make it shine and removed the excess with a dry towel.

The smelly, brown, gooey grease used to lubricate the joints and the aged, worn, brown, crackled leather case lined with faded, red velvet reminded me of an old randic antique. Our band instruments were hand me downs. Everything in our segregated school was used instruments from white schools.

I made it cry and make misery, when I played. When I practiced at home, I drove everybody crazy.

I made third clarinet and performed in one school



concert. My instrument squeaked and squealed. I slaughtered my notes that day, pitifully off key. My performance was embarrassing. Mr. Turner kept orchestrating the band as if nothing ever happened, his head proudly held high and his hands never stopped waving instructions.

My playing days evaporated quickly after that day. I was impatient at learning and walked away. I was in the sixth grade and my interest changed. Being in the band was on a voluntary basis.

I loved adventure. Discovering new things inspired intrigue and fascination.

I also tried learning to play the piano. I took free lessons next door at Mr. and Mrs. Foster’s house, our neighbors. My impatience worked against me. Lois, their daughter, was my teacher. She volunteered to teach me. I only got as far as learning to play chop sticks.

I spent a few summer nights with them to escape being sandwiched between Jo and Peggy, my older sisters, in the bed we shared. Spending the night next door was more fun than learning to play the piano.

I had my own bed with big fluffy pillows and stuffed animals, when I slept there. Their house smelled like Old Spice and fresh-lit cigars. The walls were freshly painted and the bathroom was wall-papered. They had an indoor toilet and a bathtub. I loved taking bubble baths in their pink tub. Their wooden floors sparkled and shined. Our house had linoleum floors, no wall paper, and no indoor toilet.

I needed to be free. Playing a musical instrument was not my forte. My love for sports growing up was unquestionably better suited for my energy. I moved on to basketball assuming Champ’s role, my sister Peggy, whose team never lost a game.

I remember mother buying me a bladder, a loud orange rubber basketball for Christmas, and I thought I had discovered heaven. I was so happy. I bounced it up and down the street introducing it to the neighbors.



That was the last Christmas I believed in Santa Claus. I was twelve years old, so naïve for so many years. The cookies, teacakes, and milk mother would leave on the table for Santa would always be gone the next morning. I would hurry to sleep on Christmas Eve, so Santa would show up and not put ashes in my eyes. How could he? We had no chimney for him to come down.

What a snow job! Everybody in the family kept that fat secret from me. I was so hurt, when Mother told me the truth I cried a river. However, basketball and I were a great fit. I made the team and my love for basketball has never died.

I started playing in the sixth grade and played for three years. Coach Hughey was a burley, thick woman with a heart of gold and knew how to get the most out of her players. She would nervously pace the sidelines during the games. “Switch,” she would shout, “go to a 2-1-2 Zone.”

Later she might say, “Man to man, get your hand in someone’s face. D them up.” In the huddle she would remind us, “Put your foot to the pedal, now step it up,” clapping her hands loudly issuing instructions.

I was the point guard and aggressive at guarding others. My outside shot was suspect. I mostly made lay-ups, but my tenacity was unquestionable. I played with burning passion and an insatiable love for the game.

Do Do, a nickname for Sammy White, Eddie P., my cousin, Lafter Jacobs who I had a crush on, and the boys in my neighborhood who roughed me up on the basketball court at the community recreational center were my mentors along with Coach Hughey. Their roughness fed my fire, my tenacity.

We lost only one game the three years I played. My ear for listening to music as a child, without a doubt, was much better than my playing a musical instrument.

No more misery squeaking out of an instrument for me. I was better at being a champion playing basketball with my tennis shoes squeaking up and down the court to victory.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Rivera’s Juice Bar
11912 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/23/18
Grade: **A**

99 Cents Only Store
12301 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/23/18
Grade: **A**

Ski’s Liquor
12615 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/23/18
Grade: **B**

Salud Perfecta
15722 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/23/18
Grade: **A**

GNC
13931 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/23/18
Grade: **A**

Target
12051 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/20/18
Grade: **A**

China Bowl Express & Young Hawaiian BBQ
11031 Firestone Blvd Ste 102
Date Inspected: 7/20/18
Grade: **B**

Ana’s Bionicos
11005 Firestone St.
Date Inspected: 7/20/18
Grade: **A**

Rancho Grande
10935 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: **A**

Diana’s Mexican Foods Market
16330 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: **A**

Pancho’s Grill
12405 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: **A**

United Oil
11353 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos y Mariscos Mi Pueblo
12001 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: **A**

Lima Services Corp
11405 E Firestone Blvd. #J
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: **A**

AMC Norwalk
12300 E Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: **A**

AMC Norwalk Restaurant Bar
12300 E Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: **A**

Joe’s Food Mart and Liquor
10641 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: **A**

El Paraiso Juice Bar
15002 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: **A**

Lucian’s Pizza
15008 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Chihuahua
11735 The Plz.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: **A**

Home Style Donuts
12840 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: **A**

Sp Food Market
12844 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 91°

Saturday 89°

Sunday 89°



Black Panther

Friday - Norwalk Park, 7:30 pm

A free outdoor screening of “Black Panther” on a 400-ft. screen. Bring a chair or blanket.



Neighborhood Block Party

Saturday - Hermosillo Park, 2-5 pm

A neighborhood barbecue with your neighbors, Public Safety officers, and Norwalk Sheriff’s Station partners.



Ozomatli

Saturday - Pershing Square, 7 pm

Latin rock band Ozomatli is joined by Jenny and the Mexicats and Los Duques for a free outdoor concert.



Dragon Boat Festival

All Weekend - Long Beach Marine Stadium

One of the country’s largest dragon boat competitions, plus Chinese art demonstrations, Chinese acrobats, dance, hip-hop, music and martial arts performances.



Midsummer Scream

All Weekend - Long Beach Convention Center

Two-day Halloween festival featuring haunted attractions, vendors, wandering monsters, and dozens of presentations by experts in the Halloween industry. \$30-\$85



Boxing

Saturday - Staples Center, 3:15 pm

WBC lightweight champion Mikey Garcia looks to unify titles against undefeated Robert Easter Jr. \$50

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@nlmusd: NLMUSD is accepting applications from residents to fill a Citizen and Senior Citizen Organization vacancy on the Measure G and S Citizens’ Oversight Committee.

NORWALK HAPPENINGS

Friday, July 27

Family Movie Night: Black Panther, 7:30 pm. Bring your lawn chair and blanket for a screening of “Black Panther” on a 400-ft. outdoor screen. Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Plants in a Glass, 7 pm. A fun and entertaining time of planting, digging, and creating your very own succulent terrarium. An instructor will guide you step-by-step through the whole process. All seating is first come, first serve. Cost \$25. Rich Rehearsal Hall, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

Saturday, July 28

Neighborhood Block Party, 2 pm. Get to know local residents and law enforcement at an afternoon of barbecuing and community-building. Hermosillo Park, 11959 162nd St.

Tuesday, July 31

Creating Connections Luncheon, 11:45 am. Network with other members of Norwalk’s business community. Tam’s, 11700 Rosecrans Ave.

Wednesday, August 1

Live in Concert: LAvation, 7 pm. The U2 tribute band performs an amazingly accurate show, incorporating stage elements from past U2 concerts. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Thursday, August 2

Kids Beach Bus, 9 am. Kids ages 8-17 are invited to take a bus to Redondo Beach for a day at the beach. Two pick-up locations: Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex and Social Services Center.

Friday, August 3

Family Movie Night: Wonder Woman, 7:30 pm. Bring your

lawn chair and blanket for a screening of “Wonder Woman” on a 400-ft. outdoor screen. Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 4

Mural Unveiling and Block Party, 11 am to 3 pm. Norwalk Town Square’s new “Spread Your Wings” mural will be unveiled. Live music, food, crafts, an art walk contest, and more. Norwalk Town Square, 11633 The Plaza.

Wednesday, August 8

Business Expo, 5-8 pm. Learn more about Norwalk’s growing business community. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Live in Concert: Soto Band, 7 pm. Latin funk, R&B rhythms and highly-choreographed dance moves are signatures of a Soto Band concert. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

National Night Out, 7 pm. Join friends, neighbors, Sheriff’s deputies, Public Safety officers and other first responders in a stand against crime. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Thursday, Aug. 9

State of the Nation, 11:30 am. Rep. Linda Sanchez (D) gives her annual State of the Nation address. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

Home Improvement Workshop, 6 pm. Learn about Norwalk’s Home Improvement Program, which assists low-income homeowners with household repairs. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Saturday, August 11

Aqua Carnival, 1:30-5:30 pm. In-water and out of water games, water slides, recreational swim, crazy dive contest, and food.

Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul St.

End of Summer Bonfire, 2-11 pm. Mark the end of summer with a bonfire at Bolsa Chica State Beach. \$7 (includes transportation). Call (562) 929-4260 for details.

Summer Jamz at the Park, 4-8 pm. Vinyl Funk performs 70s funk and 60s R&B. Plus food booths and games. Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd.

Friday, August 17

Recreational Swim, 7:45 pm. Get out of the heat and into the pool. The theme is “Glow in the Dark”; dress in theme and receive a treat. Aquatic Pavilion, 12301 Sproul St.

Friday Flicks: Transformers., 8 pm. A free outdoor screening of ‘Transformers.’ City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Friday, August 24

Open Mic., 7 pm. Calling all singers, dancers, poets, comedians and musicians. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

Tuesday, August 28

Red Cross Blood Drive: 2 p.m. Donate blood to the Red Cross. Norwalk Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd.

Friday, Oct. 12

Ambassador Rally., 9 am to 3 pm. The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce hosts its ambassador rally, featuring keynote speakers, breakout sessions, networking, and more. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Ave.

Kaiser building new hospital tower

DOWNEY – Kaiser Permanente officially broke ground on their new hospital expansion Wednesday morning, kicking off a project that will add more than 90 new beds and updated technology to the campus once completed.

Once erected, the new tower will house 96 additional beds, as well as the best of “high-tech” and “high-touch” medicine in the form of the latest technological innovations currently in medicine.

“The hospital tower expansion gives me great pride,” said Dr. Binesh Batra, Area Medical Director. “Our membership continues to climb; we have 390,000 members now, and we think in the next five years we might be going up to 445,000.

“With the 96-bed [addition], we’ll be a 448-bed hospital, which will be the second largest hospital in KP Southern California.”

“The most important thing is not these figures or



numbers we share with you, but who makes this magic happen: it’s the people of Kaiser Permanente,” Batra added. “That is what it comes down to; we all wake up in the morning, what motivates us to go touch and save lives, and that’s what we do.”

Downey City Council members were in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony.

“We’re happy to be here and be supportive of

Kaiser Permanente,” said Mayor Sean Ashton. “This is going to be a great addition to the hospital to provide more healthcare not only for Downey residents but residents of the immediate area.”

The tower is slated to be completed by December 2020, with Kaiser hoping to be able to admit patients into the facility by March 2021.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Rep. Linda Sanchez will deliver her annual State of the Nation address Thursday, Aug. 9, at 11:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Norwalk.

Tickets are \$30-\$35 and can be purchased by calling the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce at (562) 404-0909 or email info@norwalkchamber.com.



Westbound SR-91 Improvements Project

Metro and Caltrans District 7 are proposing to make improvements along westbound SR-91, between Shoemaker Av and the I-605/SR-91 Interchange, and at the I-605 northbound exit to Alondra Bl.

Technical studies and preliminary design work on the project alternatives have been conducted and are compiled in a Draft Environmental Document (DED). The DED is available for 30 days for public review and comment both online and at local libraries (see project website for details). Public comments will be accepted through August 16, 2018.

Agenda and presentation materials will be the same for both meetings. Please attend the community meeting that is most convenient for you.

Join Us!

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 6 - 8pm Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 18000 Park Plaza Dr Cerritos, CA 90703	Thursday, August 2, 2018 6 - 8pm Albert O. Little Community Center 18750 Clarkdale Av Artesia, CA 90701
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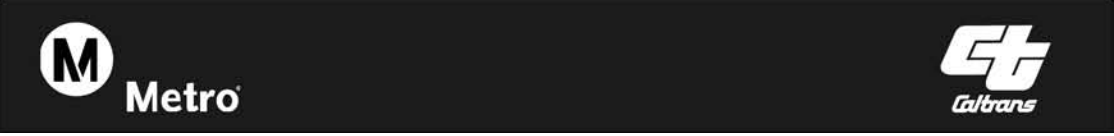
Both locations provide free parking and are accessible by transit.

Download the Draft Environmental Document (DED) at:
🌐 <https://www.metro.net/projects/wb-sr-91/>
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All Metro meetings are held in ADA accessible facilities and are accessible by transit. ADA accommodations and translations are available by calling 213.922.3012 at least 72 hours in advance.

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An American Life

By Andrew Napolitano

Last week, in Ridgewood, New Jersey, a 92-year-old unsung American patriot lost his battle with congestive heart failure. He had been surrounded by his wife and children and their spouses and their children. He left this vale of tears in his wife’s arms, peacefully and with dignity.

His was an American life.

He was born in Newark, New Jersey, during the Roaring ‘20s, the son of Italian immigrants who had come to America as children. When he was 4 years old, he met a curly-haired little girl in the neighborhood who was just three days older than he. She would become his high school sweetheart and his best friend for 88 years and his wife for the last 70 of them.

In a large public high school, he did not excel in academics, but he was a superb athlete; and he had an unquenchable interest in electronics, a subject not taught in the public schools in those days.

His graduation from high school in 1943 was accelerated from June to January because the country was fighting in World War II and it needed the boys to join the effort quickly. Our boy enlisted in the Navy.

Four months after graduation, at age 17, he completed Navy boot camp and was excited about his first assignment — on a submarine in the north Atlantic. As he was boarding the submarine at a naval base in Rhode Island, he slipped and fell on a wet dock and broke his right foot. He was hospitalized for two months. The submarine he was about to enter never returned and was never found.

He was then assigned to a destroyer escort, which cruised the Mediterranean and supported Patton’s Army in the liberation of Italy. Aboard ship, he excelled in electronics and boxing — always the athlete yet reading about wires and batteries and electrical currents until late in the night.

One day, shortly after the liberation of Naples, the city of his father’s birth, he was on leave with his buddies and he saw an old man who resembled his grandfather sitting on a curb stone. The

old man’s home had been destroyed by Allied bombing, and the old man himself was without shoes.

Our friend resisted the collective wisdom of his buddies and took off his military-issued boots and gave them to the old man. He had his buddies sneak him back aboard ship before his superiors could see him in his stocking feet.

When he was charitable, he hid it.

He returned home to New Jersey in 1946. The little girl had grown up to be a beauty and a brain. During the war, she worked in the Newark Public Library for 17 cents an hour. She borrowed and read a book a week in the 2 1/2 years of our man’s involvement in the war.

Two years after he came home, he and that grown-up girl got married.

His first and only adult job was with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. He started out climbing telephone poles, and he went on to install equipment in homes and offices. He soon moved into management and eventually went into teaching — his favorite job.

He taught electronics to new employees and colleagues and even to executives who wanted to advance themselves. This was the electronics he had learned in the Navy, supplemented by the electronics that he had taught to himself.

He and his wife had three boys, one of whom followed him into the telephone company and two of whom received scholarships to Ivy League schools. He taught tough lessons to his boys at home — lessons about honesty, humility, self-reliance and teamwork. His favorite one-liner was, “Anything worth doing is worth doing well.”

He practiced what he preached. He was a tough taskmaster who demanded much and gave much; and he always forgave. Always. He was an iron fist inside a velvet glove.

He was the first person in his family to vote Republican, and he took a lot of heat for that. FDR had catered to immigrant families in the big cities, and they formed a healthy part of the

base of the Democratic Party in the 1930s and ‘40s. But when the boys came home from Europe and the Pacific and started families and then when Ike ran and many of his soldier and sailor buddies could vote for their former supreme Allied commander, he did so.

Voting Republican in the late ‘40s and early ‘50s was anathema in an Italian-American Roman Catholic family in the Northeast. Today it is pretty much the norm.

He would explain to his parents and in-laws and sons that he feared the Democrats would give away the store to stay in office. Though he loved the Navy and respected the police, he was skeptical of government in general, and he loved Jefferson’s mantra “that government is best which governs least.”

He was a devout Roman Catholic. He loved the New York Yankees, the New York Football Giants and Fox News — and he loved that girl he married, more with each passing day.

In his waning years, his wife sacrificed dearly for him because his tobacco-ravaged heart was unable to do its job alone. Yet modern science and a wife who overlooked nothing added many happy years to his life.

But nature has her rhythms, and they can be unforgiving. There is a time for living and a time for dying. Even God died. After this marvelous man received the Anointing of the Sick and he said a peaceful, loving goodbye, the angels came and brought his soul to heaven.

I knew this man well and loved him with all my heart. He taught me all his values.

His name was Andrew Alexander Napolitano.

He was my father.

Requiescat in pace, Dad.

Andrew Napolitano is a senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

A less Communist Cuba

By John Stossel

While self-proclaimed “democratic socialists” win Democratic primaries in America, actual socialists in Cuba are finally backing away from some of the ideas that kept Cubans poor.

Sunday, Cuba’s National Assembly approved a draft of a new constitution that recognizes a right to own private property. That’s progress. Would Senator Bernie Sanders and celebrity-of-the-moment Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez approve? I’m not sure.

Instead of saying that “communism” is the purpose of the state, Cuba will now say that “socialism” is the basis of the economy.

That’s an ambiguous difference, but “socialism” tends to mean a larger private sector.

Cuba’s new leaders also say they welcome foreign investment. Maybe this will bring some prosperity to the long-suffering Cuban population.

It may bring more freedom, too. The new draft says a criminal defendant is innocent until proven guilty. That’s progress. It also sets term limits on presidents — no more than two consecutive five-year terms. Fidel Castro ruled for 50 years.

The new Cuba may also permit gay marriage. The draft defines marriage as being between two individuals, not necessarily a man and a woman. That’s a big step for a country that recently locked gay people up in “work” camps.

On the other hand, the state-run newspaper says Cuba “will never return to capitalism.” And while some open speech is permitted, crackdowns against dissidents, even ones who just sing angry rock songs, continue.

Still, the U.S. should be happy about the changes, and the

last thing we should do when we want to encourage free market changes in a country is slap an embargo on it.

Yet some conservatives want to do that, and President Trump reversed some of President Obama’s “Cuba opening.”

This is a bad idea. Nothing gets a population accustomed to decentralized, nongovernmental commercial activity like commercial activity.

The more we restrict trade, the more we drive a country’s population into the hands of the state.

If you can’t sell your products to American customers, you might just work for your country’s corrupt state-run enterprises. Instead of having casual contact with customers who live outside your country’s political system, that system becomes all you know. Your idea of what’s possible shrinks.

Embargoes favored by the right are just one wrong approach. The left does everyone an injustice by praising Cuban communism. I live in New York, where my socialist-leaning mayor, Bill de Blasio, was so enamored of Cuba that he honeymooned there.

Bernie Sanders acknowledges that the Cuban economy is “a disaster” but says at least they have health care and education — as if we don’t.

American socialists are economically clueless. But conservative embargo advocates are just as bad.

Democratic congressional candidate David Richardson of Florida, who plans to visit Havana as part of his campaign, has the right idea.

“A half-century of isolation did not achieve progress for the everyday Cuban,” he told the Tampa Bay Times. “I fully support a position of engagement with Cuban civil society ... Rolling back travel and trade restrictions has changed the lives of the Cuban

people, helped private Cuban entrepreneurs, and strengthened the connection between the residents of Little Havana and Havana.”

That’s a good thing.

Embargoes are not only bad for Cuba, they are bad for Americans who are less free to pick which people and companies to work with.

Partial embargoes in the form of tariffs are also bad. Adding tariffs is like imposing an embargo on ourselves.

Trump defenders argue that his tariffs are a short-term tactic meant to shock other countries into lowering their own trade barriers.

The ideal is “no (trade) barriers ... no subsidies,” said Trump. “Ultimately, that’s what you want.” I hope he succeeds, but I’m skeptical. So far, his tariffs have just brought nasty retaliation.

Not everyone agrees that the Smoot-Hawley Tariff caused the Great Depression, but tariffs have awful economic consequences. Smoot-Hawley certainly prolonged the Depression and made it worse.

Less trade means less prosperity. It doesn’t matter whether trade restrictions are imposed by conservatives or by communists.

Let goods flow.

John Stossel is author of “No They Can’t! Why Government Fails — But Individuals Succeed.”

Let me tell you what forced separation looks like

By Nicole Braun

The recent images of immigrant children in cages are incredibly painful to digest.

Still, many people seem to forget that the U.S. has a long track record of forcibly separating families, whether it was African

Americans during slavery, the Japanese during World War II, Native Americans during colonization, or poor children whose “unfit” single mothers have lost custody today.

Another common way families are forcibly separated? Juvenile detention.

Tens of thousands of teens and pre-teens — most often the poor and people of color — are locked up in substandard, often privatized penal facilities. Children who go through these forced family separations often wind up experiencing trauma, grief, shame, and dehumanization.

The sad reality is incarceration rates are on the rise alongside economic inequality, and children aren’t exempt. Quite often, the only crime these children have committed is that they’re from vulnerable families or suffering from mental health issues.

My son and I personally experienced this.

My son became severely depressed around the time he turned 13. I was a single mother teaching as an adjunct, making less than \$20,000 a year, so the treatment he needed wasn’t available to us.

My son got into the criminal “justice” system for the initial petty crime of stealing a pair of sneakers, and he remained there for most of his high school years.

Like so many struggling kids, instead of getting the treatment he desperately needed, he was sent to subpar facilities that made his emotional pain worse. He received no real therapy, and they often refused to give him his required medication or messed it up.

He began to see himself as a number, as a terrible person. I saw myself the same way, because I knew how the court system saw me — as a poor single mother with no husband and a “criminal” son.

From the time he was 14 until he was 18, he was transferred to

at least 10 different facilities. I often didn’t know where, because I wasn’t notified. Despite his chronic depression, he was also put in isolation a number of times — a tactic known to increase mental suffering among adult prisoners.

At one point, they put him into an adult jail in isolation for at least a month. He was 17 and had just been released from the psych ward that same day. During his once a week phone calls, I could hear the increasing desperation in his voice, as well as the screaming of other adult prisoners in the background.

As a parent, this experience was devastating and terrorizing. There’s no way to describe it. The trauma from that pain is still real now.

My son is older now, thankfully alive, and doing the hard work of putting his life back together. “Real therapy would have been so helpful,” he told me. “So much pain could have been spared.”

“It really desensitizes people all the way around,” he said of his experience. “It makes you value yourself less and others less, too, since other people see you as a nonhuman.”

No human should ever be treated this way. But while we are wounded, we are not broken.

Social movements are gaining momentum. For example, the immigrant rights movement is growing alongside the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign and other prison liberation movements.

Separating families due to incarceration, immigration status, mental health, and/or race and class is wrong. If the families impacted by incarceration and other traumas join together with advocates for immigrants, we can create a sea of social change.

As one of my students recently wrote, “There are more of us than them.”

Nicole Braun is an adjunct sociology professor in northern Michigan.

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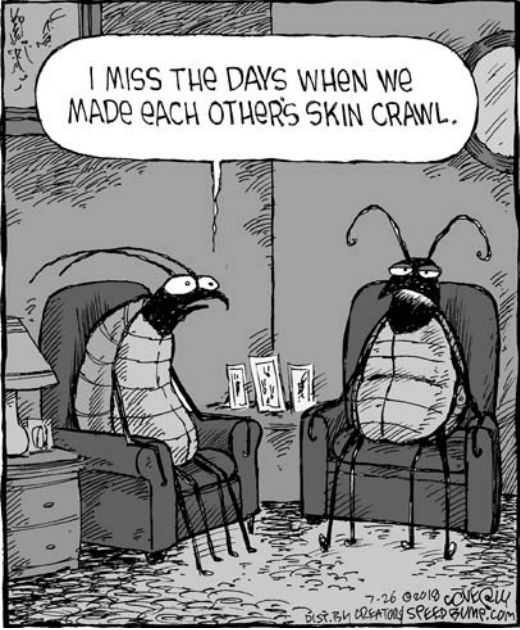
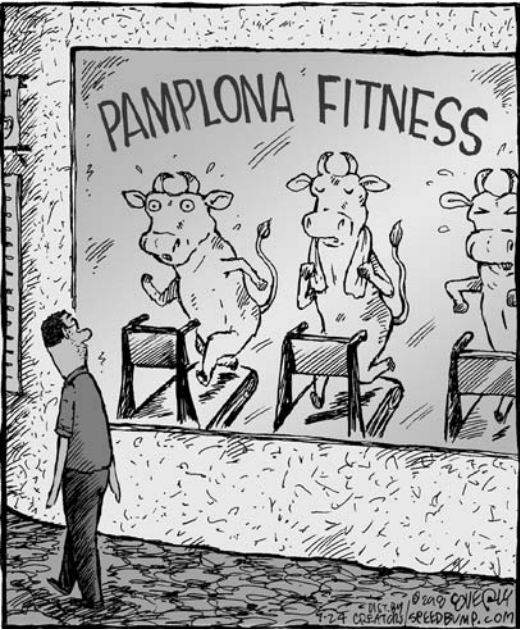
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On This Day...

July 27, 1777: The marquis of Lafayette arrived in New England to help the rebellious American colonists fight the British

1940: Bugs Bunny made his official debut in the Warner Bros. animated cartoon "A Wild Hare."

1974: The U.S. Congress asked for impeachment procedures against President Richard Nixon.

2003: It was reported by the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) that there was no monster in Loch Ness. The investigation used 600 separate sonar beams and satellite navigation technology to trawl the loch. Reports of sightings of the "Loch Ness Monster" began in the 6th century.

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

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1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
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2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

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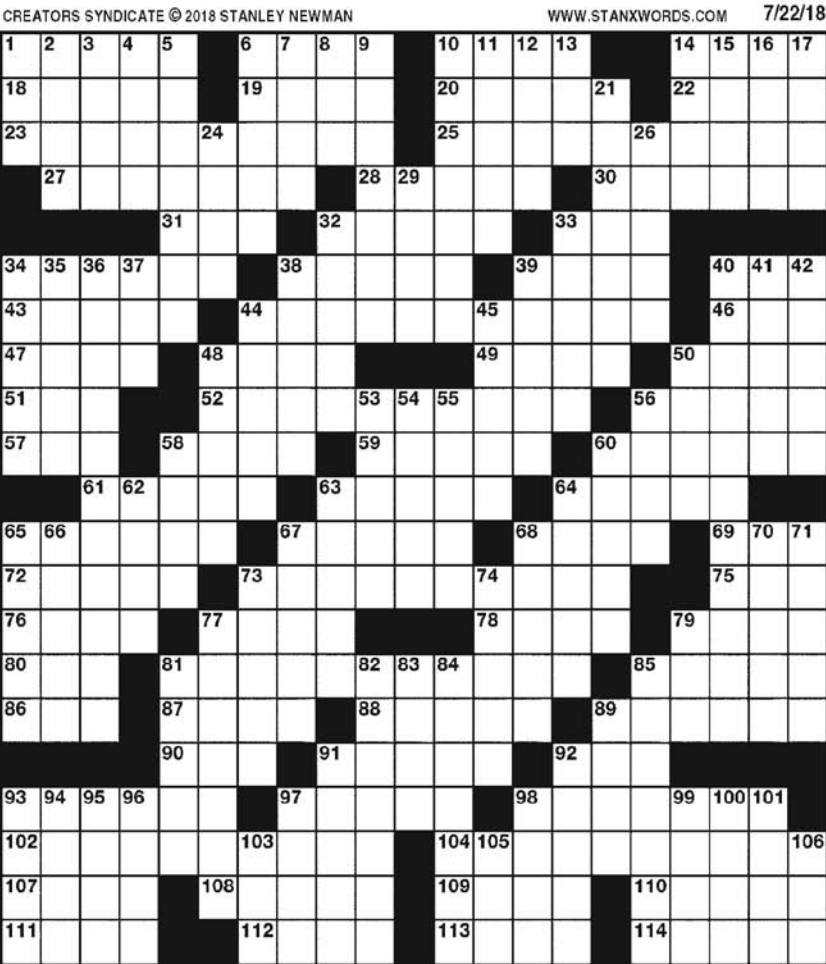
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018176682

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **VALDESPINO FAMILY CHILD CARE, 12106 PINOEER BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSA VALDESPINO, 12106 PINOEER BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ROSA VALDESPINO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 19, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018158514

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BUENA'S TRUCKING, 13012 AVONLEA AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BUENAVENTURA TORRES ANDRADE, 13012 AVONLEA AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2013 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/BUENAVENTURA TORRES ANDRADE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 27, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018171072

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CMH TRADING, 13421 PUMICE ST., NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WOSPERFORMANCE, LLC, 13421 PUMICE ST., NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: CA

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2018

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/WOSPERFORMANCE, LLC, PRESIDENT, MATTHEW WIGHT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 12, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018164746

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **NORWALK APOSTOLIC CHURCH, 16513 HORST AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY OF THE FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, 10807 LAUREL ST., RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730 State of Incorporation: CA

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant

knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY OF THE FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, PRESIDENT, ROGELIO RIVAS

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 5, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018170233

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BODNAR SUPPLY COMPANY, 12039 PLUTON STREET, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOY A BODNAR, 12039 PLUTON STREET, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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S/JOY A BODNAR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 11, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018174545

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CF TRADING, 16323 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LA**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SUN CHANG SEA FOOD INC., 16323 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2001

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S/SUN CHANG SEA FOOD INC., CFO, SHIH-PIN YEN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 16, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018154841

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MI LINDO PURUANDIRO, 16026 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEPHANIE VILLEGAS ZAMORA, 1403 LEMON AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90813

(2) OLGA L AGUIRRE CISNEROS, 1403 LEMON AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90813

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2018

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S/STEPHANIE VILLEGAS ZAMORA, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 25, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018167134

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JACK BODY JEWELRY, 14327 PIONEER BLVD #A, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HAGOP BASMAJIAN, 14327 PIONEER BLVD#A, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2018

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S/HAGOP BASMAJIAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 9, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018161189

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **NORWALK COLLISION CENTER, 12000 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY, 2907 BALLESTEROS LANE, TUSTIN CA 92782**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS FEELEY, 2907 BALLESTEROS LANE, TUSTIN CA 92782

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

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S/MICHAEL FRANCIS FEELEY, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 29, 2018

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ADJUSTMENT OF FEES
AND SERVICE CHARGES

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018

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 adoption of Resolution No. 18-28, which would establish and/or adjust citywide fees and service charges, including, but not limited to, development fees such as applications for zone changes, conditional use permits and variances, park use fees, recreation class fees, regulatory business permits, pet license fees, utilities department fees, and facility rentals and other similar fees and charges. A copy of a Comprehensive User Fee Study showing the cost to the City to provide the services or process the permits for which the fees are imposed and prepared for the City by an independent firm is on file in the City Clerk's Office and may be inspected or copied during normal office hours.

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 Jana Stuard, Finance Director at (562) 929-5748. Jstuard@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 27th day of July 2018.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot
7/27/18, 8/3/18

CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE
CITYWIDE ANNUAL SIDEWALK/
CONCRETE REPAIR AND
REPLACEMENT
CITY PROJECT NO. 3302-18-19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk will accept bids for this project until the hour of eleven o'clock A.M. on August 14, 2018. Bids are to be submitted

to the City Clerk's office, Room 10, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the City Clerk's Office Room 10 unless otherwise posted.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Plans, specifications, bid forms, bonds and contracts may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Room 12, City Hall. Plans and specifications will be issued to prospective bidders over the counter for a \$10.00 charge. For plans and specifications that are required to be mailed the charge will be \$20.00. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Norwalk.

FACSIMILE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS. Bidders shall supply the City Engineer with a facsimile number and email address to facilitate transmission of Addenda and other information related to these Contract Documents. If the Addenda and other information are emailed, the City shall also send all documents by facsimile or U.S. Mail. Failure to provide such a facsimile number and email address may result in late notification. The City does not guarantee that it will provide any information by facsimile, email, or both. A Bidder shall be responsible for all Addenda regardless of whether Bidder received any such fax or email, and a Bidder shall have no recourse due to not receiving such facsimile, email or both.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a).

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Contracts of these rates are available from the Department of Industrial Relations Web site. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. Before acceptance of the Project, the Contractor shall submit a warranty or maintenance Bond that is valid for one year from acceptance, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the final Contract Price; in lieu of that Bond, the Contractor may submit proof from the Surety that the performance Bond has been extended for the appropriate duration of time. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, may subject the Bidder to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A or Class C-8 Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD. The bidder shall submit as part of its Bid a completed copy of the Industrial Safety Record including all construction Work undertaken in California by the bidder and any partnership, joint venture or corporation that any principal of the bidder participated in as a principal or owner for the last five (5) calendar years and the current calendar year before the date of Bid submittal.

INCORPORATION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. The 2015 edition of Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction ("Standard Specifications"), as amended by published updates and by the Contract Documents, is incorporated into the Contract Documents by reference. RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which they shall pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. This is a project for ongoing repair citywide for the period extending from the date of execution of the contract through June 30, 2019, with the option to extend for two additional, one-year terms upon mutual agreement with the awarded contractor. Work locations will be provided to the contractor periodically on Work Order Listings (WO). Each WO listing would have a value ranging from approximately 5% of the contract value to approximately 20% of the contract value. There will be a 20 working day deadline for each WO list issued commencing seven (7) calendar days after issuance of the WO. Liquidated damages of \$500 per calendar day would apply after the 20 working day deadline for completion of each individual listing issued.

BIDDING PROCESS. The City Council of the City of Norwalk reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality on a bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date and time set for the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL of the City of Norwalk, California this 17th day of July 2018.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Norwalk

The Norwalk Patriot
7/27/18

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE,
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030946

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Edward Kelliher and Brie Burnett on behalf of McCoy Orion Burnett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) McCoy Orion Burnett to Proposed name (1) McCoy Orion Kelliher.

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: September 12, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 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, July 6, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Edward Kelliher and Brie Burnett
12350 Del Amo Blvd, Apt 2305
Lakewood, CA 90715
617-947-8605

The Norwalk Patriot
7/27/18, 8/3/18, 8/10/18, 8/17/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030871

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Diana Pa Yang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Diana Pa Yang to Proposed name (1) Jitani Pa Yang

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: August 8, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 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 24, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Diana P. Yang
6132 Bigelow Ct.
Lakewood, CA 90713
562/235-6418

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7/6/18, 7/13/18, 7/20/18, 7/27/18

Ranking the top 5 burgers in Southeast L.A.



The Mac N’ Cheese Burger at Grub Burger Bar in Whittier. Photo by Vic Diaz/SoutheastEatsLA

► **BURGER HEAVEN:** Southeast Eats L.A. searches for the best hamburgers in Downey and surrounding cities.

By Vic Diaz
Southeast Eats LA

BELL – For this edition of “Southeast Eats Explores,” we’re expanding our reach to various places throughout Southeast LA, all with the purpose of ranking the top 5 burgers you can find in the region.

This is a comprehensive list, judging each burger based on flavor, meat quality, and the uniqueness of the

burger. Without any further ado, let’s dive in and see which burger joints were told, “You just made the list!”

5. Stewart & Grub – Downey
Stewart & Grub is relatively new to the area, but it makes the list due to being one of the best at creating a simple, down-to-earth burger.

Our favorite is the “Carpenter”, a shout-out to an all-too-familiar Downey staple; this burger boasts a 100 percent angus beef patty, bacon, barbecue sauce,

cheddar cheese and their own house-made thousand island sauce. This smoky, carnivorous combination will give you the genuine burger diner experience at a fraction of the price.

7380 Stewart and Gray Rd, Downey, CA 90241

4. Nexx Burger – Downey
Downey once again makes the list with yet another newbie, Nexx Burger.

Their burgers are simple, opting not to go for the over-the-top combinations commonly found nowadays, but what they do, they do very well. Their bacon cheeseburger has an unprecedented level of freshness not found so easily, unless you’re making it yourself. You also have the option to add special ingredients, like avocado or their house made chili.

Not to mention, they’re the only burger location in SELA that we know of that offers the “Impossible” Burger, a burger made entirely of plant-based ingredients.

7414 Florence Ave, Downey, CA 90240

3. Grub Burger Bar – Whittier
Now it’s time to get crazy.

You want variety, Grub Burger Bar has got it. For us, it doesn’t get much more innovative than their Mac N’ Cheese Burger. To be specific, you get macaroni and cheese on a burger; combine that with additional melted cheese and topped with an onion ring, and you’ve got yourself a burger worthy of an appetite for destruction.

13815 Whittier Blvd, Whittier, CA 90605

2. Burgerim – Vernon
Remember the days when everyone saw White Castle as the gold standard for sliders? Not anymore.

Burgerim not only produces sliders with a flavor that makes White Castle taste like high school cafeteria “Colossal Burgers,” but they do it with a variety of meats. Take, for example, exhibit A: the slider 3-pack with a spicy seasoned Merguez beef burger, prepared caliente style with pepper jack, jalapeños, and habanero mayo.

Alongside it is a lamb burger with bacon, cheese, BBQ sauce and an onion ring. And of course, as you can probably tell by now, we’re suckers for the classic beef burger. Without exaggeration, each burger makes your mouth water, and melts in your mouth as you’re

enjoying it.

2550 Alameda St #2544-2546, Vernon, CA 90058

1. World Famous Grill – Bell
In our humble opinion, in the diverse melting pot that is Southeast Los Angeles, you cannot, and will not, find a better burger than at World Famous Grill.

This restaurant is more commonly known for its exquisite mediterranean cuisine, but do not sleep on their burgers. Each burger is made with 100 percent Halal beef, guaranteeing superior flavor and texture. Each burger on the menu can stand alone as their signature dish, each having something special that makes them unforgettable.

Take, for example, the Inferno Burger with pepperjack cheese and jalapeños, guaranteed to test your bravery; or the famous burger (pictured), with two beef patties, cheese, and a fried egg, only for those who are in the business of taming beasts; and if size matters to you, take on their one-pounder burger. You read correctly: ONE. POUND. This monstrosity comes with all the fixings, ready to conquer those who stand in its way.

4143 E Florence Ave, Bell, CA 90201

Grow a plant inside a glass

NORWALK – The Plants in a Glass event will be held on Friday, July 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center.

Build your own terrarium, a low maintenance, miniature garden that can bring some much needed greenery to a small office or make a wonderful gift.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 13200 Clarkdale Avenue. Cost is \$25 per person and includes planting materials and light refreshments. Event is open to adults 21 years and older.

For more events, please call 562-929-5521 or visit Norwalk.org for quick, easy online registration.

President leads river panel

NORWALK – Cerritos College President and Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro moderated a panel on the Los Angeles River revitalization project hosted by California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon during the SELA Arts Festival in South Gate on July 21.

Dr. Fierro led the panel of water experts that included Speaker Rendon in a discussion about efforts to revitalize the river. Rendon is leading efforts to transform the river and the community.

LEGALS

Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$463,764.39 The purported property address is: 11521 CHESHIRE STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8079-025-020 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** 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-16-703497-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 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. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-16-703497-BF IDSPub #0142646 7/20/2018 8/3/2018**

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T.S. No.: 9551-3151 TSG Order No.: 8562530 A.P.N.: 8018-003-004 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/26/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 08/02/2007 as Document No.: 20071827641, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: **JORGE R ROBLES, A MARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH** (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 08/21/2018 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11455 **ESTHER ST, 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$579,859.88 (Estimated) as of 08/08/2018. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. **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

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Part 2 of an interview with Rita Topalian

By Raul Samaniego
Contributor

NORWALK – This is part two of my interview with Republican candidate Rita Topalian in the 32nd State Senate special election slated for August 7th.

Rita Topalian faces Democratic candidate Vanessa Delgado for the 3 ½ months remaining on the term of former State Senator Tony Mendoza, who resigned earlier this year.

Please elaborate on your statement, “I am a strong supporter of education?”

“I think that everybody who wants to go to school, should go to school.

“Believe it or not, the Republican position that they do not want to pay money for community college, I would do that. I would vote for that, because education is the key”

You would support funding through the junior college level?

“I do. As long as there is a good grade level and as long as there is something. Yes, because that’s the key to go above where you came from should you want to, is education. That was my key.”

What about trade schools?

“We need good electricians. We need good plumbers. We need good tradesmen, and you don’t have that.

“Not everybody likes to read. Not everybody likes to sit and write. Maybe. You want to play with your hands and carve something.

“If someone keeps their grades up (and) their nose clean, that person’s going to put back into the system ten times what we put into it.”

The homeless.


“Honestly, that is such a difficult problem in the sense that many of these people don’t want to do anything different from what they are doing. We’ve got the mental health issue, that’s huge, and we’ve got the drug issues.”

“I’m going to go back to families. Where are the families of these people? Yes, I understand that when you’re 18 in America you’re an adult and you should be by yourself. We’re not going to solve it by what we’re doing. You’re encapsulating them and putting them into a situation where they’re just going to breed more of it.”

On the nearly \$350 million gathered for a homeless solution What about those who are unseen. The ones sleeping on a friend’s couch, or are underemployed, what can we do to help them?

“First of all, I think they have to be interviewed, they have to be sorted, but not sorted like cattle, that’s not what I mean. But if this is mental health, we need someone to sort and find out what the real problems are. Somebody may have just lost a job and can’t go home for whatever reason. That’s not the same as someone that sits next to you and says there’s a dog siting here when there’s no dog, or needs another fix. That means five bucks out of your pocket to get another fix.”

“So, if you have mental health issues... why not rehab some of these junkie buildings (Referring to closed Metropolitan State Hospital facilities). \$350 million dollars? Take \$2 million dollars and rehab one of these things and make medical rooms.”



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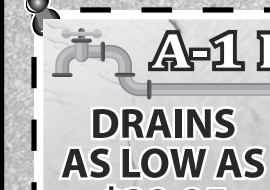
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“But if they don’t want help, we can’t help them.”

“I don’t think one answer is going to fit all.”

What can you do to curb gun violence in the 32nd State Senate District?

“If someone wants to shoot somebody, there’s nothing anybody can do, not even God. So, that’s another one of those issues that are difficult. Taking the guns away is not the answer. I believe that as a citizen, we deserve to have guns. And that’s left over from the stories I’ve heard from the genocide (referencing the Armenian genocide during World War I). They take away everybody’s guns and the government can do whatever it wants. You don’t trust government. (pounding her fist on the table) You should never trust government! Because power goes to everyone’s head.”

“So, I believe people should have guns.

“As far as what to do, it’s the same thing, a societal problem. Who would pick up a gun and shoot someone. I wouldn’t. You wouldn’t unless it’s self-defense. For children, I would. Again, it’s one of those situations.”

Regarding gun control (specifically banning the sales of semi-automatic rifles)

“I know it doesn’t sound right. The gun doesn’t shoot by itself. Why would someone take a gun and shoot people? Even if you take that gun from that mentality, they’re going to find it somewhere else. Even if you don’t issue it, they’re going to get it on the black market.

“That whole concept (Gun control) doesn’t work for me. Um, my biggest fear is taking guns away from the average citizen. If you want to have a gun in your house to protect you and yours, I think you should have a gun.

“I don’t have a gun. I would never have a gun personally. But if you want a gun because it makes you feel safer, why not?”

The Gas Tax

“It’s got to be repealed.

“These are regressive taxes. They don’t affect people like me that much, but they do affect someone trying to keep a family together, make house payments, give their kids some measure of softness, a trip to Disneyland once a year.

“And besides, you know what, if they taxed and they used it for what they say they use it for, then I could say alright. But they don’t. Where’s all our money going?”

Public servant salaries

“It’s crazy. You know what they’re argument is? We have to be competitive.”

“It’s like this district, the 32nd. These are people that are middle income, hard-working, these are people who need their money later on down the line. The government doesn’t look at you as a human being anymore. You’re a cash cow. And for what?”

Rita Topalian is the
Republican candidate for
state Senate.

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California state parks, fees and oil drilling.

“I’m against higher entry fees. Because if it’s government, it should be for us.

“Where’s a family going to go? They can’t all afford to go to Florida for vacation.”

Regarding off-shore oil drilling

“To be honest, I don’t know enough about the issue to make an informed decision or statement.

“At this point, I’m not against it, because I think it’s there to be used. Why not? We can use it. I don’t know enough about it to say what the dangers are or what aren’t the dangers. I’ve heard people talk about it. But everybody’s talking from their point. Everyone is talking from their bias. I would need to understand a little bit more.”

Why the switch from Democrat to Republican?

“I was sitting in Rio Hondo and I had a professor in Political Science 101 who said, ‘Let me tell you the differences in the platforms.’ And he got up and wrote what the Democrats stand for and what the Republicans (stand for), and in my seat I had this epiphany that I’m not a Democrat.”

“Because so many of the tenants spoke to me on the Republican side. I am fiscally conservative, I believe in pulling myself up, stay out of my business, I think we’re the ones that should be doing our own work. I’m not a victim. I don’t want a hand out. I don’t want anything. Just stay away. Just leave me alone. Let me take care of myself. I’ll follow the rules, just stay away.”

“And then the Democrat platform was government should take care of everybody. I thought, that’s not my style. So I got up, changed my registration.”

Have you sworn your loyalty to the President? This is regarding the call in a tweet from the Republican National Committee Chair, Ronna McDaniel, which stated: “Complacency is our enemy. Anyone that does not embrace the @therealDonaldTrump agenda of making America great again, will be making a mistake.”

“No, I have not done that. I wouldn’t swear my loyalty to anyone. I swear my loyalty to me. That makes sense.”

The special election is slated for Tuesday, August 7. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Santa Fe High welcomes incoming freshmen

WHITTIER – Thirty-six incoming freshmen were celebrated for investing in their futures through a six-week Summer Bridge program designed to help them launch a successful start to their high school experience.

Santa Fe High hosted a July 19 ceremony for students, their families and friends, recognizing their commitment to their education and officially welcoming them to high school.

The event was also attended by Whittier Union Board Vice-President Russell Castañeda Calleros, Board Clerk Jeff Baird, Board Member Tim Schneider, and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Monica Oviedo.

A part of the Santa Fe curriculum since 1995, the Summer Bridge program is open to all incoming students, but is attended primarily by students from Lake Center,

Lakeside and Los Nietos middle schools who may have experienced academic challenges in eighth grade. It is designed to instill confidence and provide students with helpful study skills.

“The Bridge program gave me a preview of high school life,” said Santa Fe freshman Matthew Kennedy, who attended Lakeside Middle School. “It was really helpful. I realize now that I have to get

serious with my studies.”

Students were able to brush up on their study skills and received instruction in time management. Guest speakers including Santa Fe Principal Craig Campbell and Resource Officer Steve Garcia spoke to the students about how to adjust to a larger school setting and best use available resources.

They also learned the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. On the final day of class, Bridge students met Santa Fe’s Associated Student Body representatives, who encouraged them to participate in extracurricular activities.

“The goal of the class is to convince our students that they can be successful in high school,” Bridge Program coordinator and Santa Fe athletic director Steve Hendry said. “This group is one of the smartest groups I’ve ever taught. This is their first success in high school. They are off to a great start.”

Hendry has been involved with Bridge since its inception, originally thinking Bridge would cover remedial subjects. Instead, Hendry realized immediately that he was working with students who simply lacked confidence.

“It really comes down to effective communication,” Hendry said.

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Cerritos adopts \$127 million spending plan

► **BUDGET:** Cerritos passes balanced budget, allocating \$13.5 million for infrastructure repairs.

CERRITOS – The Cerritos City Council approved a \$127 million combined financial program for fiscal year 2018–19 on June 28, with a total city funds surplus position of \$1.4 million.

The budget emphasizes public safety; maintenance of trees, facilities and infrastructure; and quality community services and programs. The new fiscal year began July 1, 2018 and concludes on June 30, 2019.

Capital Improvements

Approximately \$13.5

million has been allocated toward capital improvement projects. Among the capital improvement projects are sidewalk, curb and gutter rehabilitation; arterial street slurry seal; traffic signal modifications, rehabilitation of residential streets; and various other projects focused on the health, safety and welfare of residents and the reinvestment in facilities and infrastructure throughout the community.

Legislative and Administrative

Legislative and administrative operating expenses outlined in the budget total \$2.4 million. This reflects the entire amount required to fund the ongoing operations of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

Community Development

The Community Development Department, which includes advance planning, building and safety, current planning and geographic information systems, was allocated \$6 million for its operations.

Public Works

About \$19 million has been designated for the Public Works Department, which includes engineering, traffic circulation management, parks maintenance, sewer maintenance, facility maintenance, landscaping, trash collection, recycling and custodial services.

Department of Water and Power

The Department of Water and Power includes the City’s water division and the electric utility. The department’s approximately \$15 million budget will cover items necessary for the operation of the Magnolia Power Plant, Cerritos Electric Utility and water operations, including utility maintenance, power expenses, operational charges and administrative fees.

Community and Safety Services

The Department of Community and Safety Services has been allocated approximately \$26.6 million for community participation, recreation services, law enforcement and code enforcement.

The Community and Safety Services budget includes funds that will allow the City to continue offering quality community programming at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, in addition to cultural programming, excursion opportunities, sports and fitness programs and recreation classes.

Approximately \$16.5 million is budgeted for the ongoing priority of law enforcement and safety services.

Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services will receive approximately \$16 million for its operations, which include communications, finance, human resources, management information systems, support services, water billing and the Cerritos Library. The department’s budget includes costs to maintain the City’s water

billing system, provide internal support to other departments and continue to provide valuable amenities and services at the Cerritos Library.

Theater Department

The Theater Department will receive \$8 million for the operation of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The Theater Department budget encompasses theater administration; business management; marketing and management of the CCPA performances; operations and security; special event services; and ticket office personnel.

“The city’s overall financial position remains strong with considerable assets and a reserve, as evidenced by a report released earlier this year by Senator John Moorlach, which ranked the City of Cerritos No. 20 out of 482 California cities for financial soundness,” Cerritos officials said in a statement.

MAMMA MIA: The Broadway blockbuster “Mamma Mia!” will be presented at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) in August by 3-D Theatricals.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday, August 17 and 24; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 18 and 25; 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 19 and 26; and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 23.

The feel-good family-friendly show features hits from the iconic band ABBA, including “Dancing Queen”; “Take a Chance on Me”; “Money, Money, Money”; “Lay All Your Love on Me”; “The Winner Takes It All”;

“Knowing Me, Knowing You”; “Super Trouper”; and “Thank You for the Music.”

A celebration of mothers and daughters, old friends and new family found, “Mamma Mia!” profiles the life of independent Donna, who owns a small hotel on an idyllic Greek island. Donna is preparing to marry off her spirited daughter, Sophie, whom she has raised alone.

For Sophie’s wedding, Donna has invited her two lifelong best girlfriends – no-nonsense Rosie and wealthy divorcee Tanya – from her one-time backing band, Donna and the Dynamos. But Sophie, determined to find the identity of her father to walk her down the aisle, has secretly invited guests of her own – three men from Donna’s past.

Over the course of 24 chaotic, magical hours, new love blooms and old romances are rekindled on this lush island full of possibilities.

Tickets for “Mamma Mia!” start at \$40. To order tickets, go to cerritoscenter.com and select your own seats, or call the CCPA Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500.

SIDEWALK CONTRACT:

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded an annual contract for sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs to C.J. Concrete Construction, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs.

The contract includes sidewalk, curb and gutter repair and replacement; construction of wheelchair ramps; curb address repainting; replacing colored curbs and gutters; tree-root pruning; and miscellaneous concrete improvements as needed throughout Cerritos.

SHREDDING: Cerritos is offering a community shredding event from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 11. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South Street.

Community members may bring up to two banker-sized (12” wide, 15” long and 9.5” deep) boxes of paper documents to be shredded at no charge. Documents will be shredded on-site at the program. This is a secure way to dispose of paperwork that contains private information.

No business, organization or nonprofit records will be accepted. Only personal paperwork will be shredded.

Help will be provided to those who need assistance unloading boxes.



Jim DeKay, left, of the Norwalk Patriot newspaper, caught a 244-lb. yellowfin (ahi) tuna on the Excel fishing boat at Shimada Seamount, Mexico, commonly known as Hurricane Bank.

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