

## Vaccine eligibility expands to teens

■ Residents urged to get vaccinated to control spread of Covid-19.

**NORWALK** – All L.A. County residents ages 16 and older will be eligible to receive a Covid-19 vaccination effective April 15.

As the overall number of coronavirus cases trends downward, the virus is still infecting people in Southern California.

On Wednesday, health officials announced 57 new deaths and 411 new infections.

There are currently 493 people hospitalized with Covid-19 throughout L.A. County; of those, 26% are in the ICU.

Older residents have been hospitalized at higher rates than younger residents at all stages of the pandemic, with the highest rates among residents above 80 years of age.

With the decrease of hospitalization rates for people of all ages, and the large number of older people who are now vaccinated, the rate of hospitalizations for those over 80 years old has dropped by 96%.

Underlying conditions are strongly associated with deaths due to Covid-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 85% of people who died as a result of Covid-19 infection had an underlying condition.

The most common condition was high blood pressure or hypertension, which was an underlying condition for 52% of those who died.

Forty-one percent of those who died had diabetes, 26% had cardiovascular disease other than hypertension, 21% had neurologic disease, and 16% had chronic renal disease.

Of the 57 new deaths reported Wednesday, 26 people that passed away were over the age of 80, 16 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, 10 people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and three people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49.

Two deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach.

To date, about 1.5 million LA County residents between 16 and 49 have received at least one dose of the vaccine, which means 3.5 million residents in this group still need to be vaccinated.

## Norwalk schedules virtual forum

**NORWALK** – The City of Norwalk will be hosting its quarterly Virtual Community Forum on Thursday, April 22 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

The topics for this event include: Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

Some noteworthy news to be discussed at the forum is the city's allocation of nearly \$10 million toward local infrastructure projects.

The event will be followed by a Q&A session with the City Council and city staff members.

Questions and comments can also be submitted in advance to [publiccomments@norwalkca.gov](mailto:publiccomments@norwalkca.gov)

Zoom details are as follows:  
Dial-in number: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 834-1578-0371

The forum will also air on Norwalk TV (Charter Channel 3 and Frontier Fios Channel 32.

# Cerritos College will open at 50% capacity

■ The college will transition to a hybrid instructional model for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 1.

By Daniel Suarez Jr. Talon Marks

**NORWALK** – Over the Easter Sunday weekend, Cerritos College President and Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro announced in an email to staff and faculty that the college will remain online for summer sessions before transitioning to in-person learning in the fall 2021 semester.

“The college will offer 50% of all class offerings for each department in a hybrid format,” Fierro said, “As we return to campus, the district will continue to comply with mandates and guidelines from the state and local health officials.”

The email references the latest update from the state, putting Los Angeles County into the orange tier on its COVID-19 monitoring system. This classification will allow restaurants, movie theaters, churches, museums, zoos and aquariums to allow guests at 50% capacity. The new rules were implemented midnight on Monday, April 5.

The president's email also announced that all “regular” employees will be required to return to campus “at a minimum of 50%” starting August 2.

Offices will be open to the

public Monday through Thursday for at least eight hours a day.

Fierro then said that by the end of April, the college will work with department chairs to determine which courses will remain online and which will begin in person instruction to meet the 50% threshold.

Lynn Wang, president of the Cerritos College Faculty Federation, one of the school's faculty unions, responded with another email to faculty stating that the union was not involved in the decision making and questioned whether faculty would have the right to refuse teaching on campus if they choose to do so.

“This is the first CCFF has seen any plan to return to campus for fall 2021,” Wang said, “We, like you, were under the impression that returning to campus in fall 2021 would be voluntary. This was the message that Dr. Fierro himself shared when asked by constituents.”

Wang's email also encouraged employees to reach out to the administration and the Board of Trustees with their questions.

According to Fierro, the college will make some accommodations in preparation for this transition, including a walkthrough of campus facilities, which will determine where new sanitizing stations, trash cans and plexiglass barriers will be installed.

Under the condition of anonymity, one tenured professor



shared their thoughts on Fierro's email, “I will have to trust whatever guidelines the scientists and LA County says. I was hoping for a hybrid class style. The question is what about class sizes? 50, 60, or 20 students? What about faculty who have family members at home who may be vulnerable? Maybe [returning to campus] should be voluntary.”

ASCC Senator and Vice President Cerys Rotondo said that a gradual opening of campus combined with increasing rates of vaccinations in the county could yield many benefits.

“I believe having a partial open will help accommodate students who learn better in person and will

even allow students to continue their education if they took a break due to the online transition,” Rotondo said.

“Having a partial open rather than full open gives students options. I know we don't know what the parameters of 50% open will look like yet, but I hope Cerritos continues to listen to science and apply other countries' successful and safe reopenings to our campus.”

This is a developing story.

Daniel Suarez Jr. is managing editor of Talon Marks, the student newspaper at Cerritos College. Republished with permission.

# FEMA offers financial help with funerals

■ Families can receive up to \$9,000 for Covid-19 related funeral expenses.

**NORWALK** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began processing applications this week for assistance funding of up to \$9,000 for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020.

FEMA is processing applications by phone to ensure

that all applicants are able to speak to a contact and have their questions answered. Those who are seeking assistance can apply by calling 844-684-6333 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Multilingual services are available. FEMA's call center has already received a high number of applications, and FEMA requests that applicants exercise patience through the process and have the required documents and information ready before calling. There is no deadline to apply.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, applicants must meet the following conditions:

The death must have occurred in the United States. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified undocumented individual who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a

U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified undocumented individual.

For fastest service after calling, applicants are encouraged to submit documentation online through [Disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), or by fax to 855-261-3452. Documents may also be mailed to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance P.O. Box 10001 Hyattsville, MD 20782.

The funding is being provided through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

# Rio Hondo students break into gaming industry

■ Internship program helps students connect with game developers.

**WHITTIER** – Rio Hondo College students are creating character models, gaining insight from professionals and developing skills that will help them break into the gaming industry – all thanks to the College's Animation Internship Program.

Over the last year, the animation program has paired Rio Hondo College students with FarSight Studios, an independent developer and publisher of multi-platform video games.

Several students worked on aspects of a new puzzle game called “Orbals,” providing them a hands-on opportunity to hone their skills and gain industry experience.

“I am so proud of my students,” said David Dawson, Rio Hondo College's instructor of animation. “All of the students who worked on the game were excited and highly motivated to collaborate with FarSight Studios for this game and they knocked it out of the park.”

Dawson, an 11-year veteran teacher of Rio Hondo College, used his connections to build an internship program with FarSight Studios just before the

COVID-19 stay-at-home order was announced in March 2020. During that time, students worked on various aspects of the game, including the creation of character models.

Thanks to the work completed by Rio Hondo College's students, FarSight Studios is expanding the internship program to include more students, payment for work and titles for interns who worked on published games.

In addition, recent Rio Hondo graduate Erin Malcom was hired full-time as a character artist at FarSight Studio, based on the strength of her work on “Orbals.”

Rio Hondo's animation program is teaching students how to use programs such as Substance Painter, Substance Designer and Maya to find work as animators.

Students are also taught how to use the Unreal Engine, a type of software typically used in video game development. However, the Unreal Engine is also being used to create computer graphics by TV and film studios, most recently on shows like “The Mandalorian.”

Dawson said that Rio Hondo College students were so instrumental in getting “Orbals” created that the College will be getting a special mention in the game's credits when it launches



Rio Hondo graduate Erin Malcom was hired full-time as a character artist at FarSight Studio, based on the strength of her work on “Orbals.” (Courtesy photo)

next month on Steam, the Nintendo Switch and other platforms.

“We are so proud of our Animation Program students for their phenomenal work,” Superintendent/President Teresa

Dreyfuss said. “This program is just one of the many available at Rio Hondo College that prepares our students for professional success and a strong foundation for when they enter the workforce.”

## Weekend at a Glance


Friday 74°

Saturday 74°

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## ON THIS DAY APRIL 16

**1789:** President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

**1889:** Charlie Chaplin, the British-born actor and director who became internationally famous for his role in American silent movies, was born. 

**1947:** America's worst harbor explosion occurred in Texas City, Texas, when the French ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate fertilizer, caught fire and blew up, devastating the town. Another ship, the Highflyer, exploded the following day. The explosions and resulting fires killed more than 500 people and left 200 others missing.

**1962:** Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of “The CBS Evening News.”



**1962:** Bob Dylan debuted his song “Blowin' in the Wind” at Gerde's Folk City in New York.

**1963:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. penned his letter from Birmingham Jail after his arrest for protesting segregation.

**1964:** “The Rolling Stones (England's Newest Hitmakers),” the band's debut album, was released.

**1972:** Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon. It was the United States' fifth moon mission. 

**1990:** Pathologist Jack Kevorkian participated in his first assisted suicide.

**1992:** The House ethics committee listed 303 current and former lawmakers who had overdrawn their House bank accounts.

**2003:** Michael Jordan played his last NBA game as his Washington Wizards ended their season with a loss to the Philadelphia 76ers.

**2018:** Harry Anderson, the actor and comedian who starred in the TV sitcom “Night Court,” died after suffering a stroke. He was 65.

**Birthdays**  
“Blue Velvet” singer **Bobby Vinton** (86), basketball legend **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar** (74), New England Patriot coach **Bill Belichick** (69), actor and comedian **Martin Lawrence** (56), “Two and a Half Men” star **Jon Cryer** (56), R&B singer **Akon** (48), actress **Gina Carano** (39), MMA fighter **Nate Diaz** (36), U.S. figure skater **Mirai Nagasu** (28), and rapper **Chance the Rapper** (27).

# Huntington Park man charged with robbing 15 Trader Joe's

■ Gregory Johnson allegedly robbed the markets during a three-month crime spree; he faces 40 years in prison.

**HUNTINGTON PARK** - A federal grand jury has named a Huntington Park man in a 21-count indictment that accuses him of robbing 15 Trader Joe's stores throughout Southern California during a three-month crime spree.

Gregory Johnson, 43, was named in a superseding indictment charging him with 15 counts of interference with commerce by robbery (Hobbs Act), five counts of knowingly using and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

His arraignment has not been scheduled.

Johnson previously was charged via a two-count information on Feb. 8 in connection with the

robbery of a Trader Joe's in Chino Hills on December 4, 2020. This week's indictment charges him with 19 additional felonies.

According to the indictment, from August 28 to December 4, 2020, Johnson robbed 15 Trader Joe's stores in Eagle Rock, Sherman Oaks, Chatsworth, Pasadena, Culver City, Rancho Palos Verdes, Agoura Hills, Simi Valley, Brea, Santa Ana, Tustin, Corona, and Chino Hills.

During many of the robberies, Johnson allegedly brandished a handgun. On two occasions, Johnson allegedly robbed stores in Rancho Palos Verdes and Brea, and returned weeks later to rob them again.

On Dec. 4, 2020, Johnson and his son, Gregory Eric Johnson, 20, of South Los Angeles, were arrested after law enforcement learned of the Chino Hills Trader Joe's robbery. A witness gave law enforcement a description of the Johnsons' getaway car and its license plate, according to court documents.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted of all charges, Gregory Johnson would face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison for each robbery charge, seven years in prison for each firearms use charge, and 10 years' imprisonment for the felon-in-possession of a firearms charge.

On March 15, Gregory Eric Johnson pleaded guilty to a two-count information charging him with interference with commerce by robbery for robbing Trader Joe's stores in Chatsworth and Chino Hills in December 2020.

His sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 12, at which time he will face a statutory maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison.

# Ex-LASD deputy sentenced to 7 years in prison for leading \$2 million robbery

■ Marc Antrim is accused of staging a drug bust and stealing \$2 million from a marijuana dispensary.

**LOS ANGELES** - A former Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy was sentenced last week to 84 months in federal prison for orchestrating and leading a \$2 million armed robbery - staged as a legitimate law enforcement search - at a downtown Los Angeles warehouse where more than half a ton of marijuana and over \$600,000 in cash was stolen.

Marc Antrim, 43, of South El Monte, who formerly was assigned to the LASD station in Temple City, was sentenced by United States District Judge Virginia A. Phillips, who said, "the seriousness of the crime could not be overstated." The heist, which "sounded like a movie script," was "tragic" for the victims and eroded "the public's trust (in law enforcement)," the judge said.

Antrim pleaded guilty in March 2019 to a five-count information charging him with conspiracy to distribute marijuana, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, conspiracy to deprive rights under color of law, deprivation of rights under color of law, and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

During the early morning hours of October 29, 2018, Antrim and his co-conspirators dressed as armed LASD deputies and approached the warehouse in an LASD Ford Explorer. Upon arrival, Antrim flashed his LASD badge and a fake search warrant to the security guards to gain entry to the warehouse. To perpetuate the ruse that they were legitimate law enforcement officers, Antrim and two fake deputies sported LASD clothing, wore duty belts, and carried firearms. One fake deputy also visibly carried a long gun to further intimidate the guards into submission.

At the beginning of the two-hour robbery, Antrim and his co-conspirators detained the three warehouse security guards in the cage of the LASD Ford Explorer. Soon after the guards were detained, a fourth man arrived at



Marc Antrim the night of the incident (Courtesy U.S. Attorney's Office)

the warehouse in a large rental truck, and all four men began loading marijuana into the truck.

When Los Angeles Police Department officers legitimately responded to a call for service at the warehouse during the robbery, Antrim falsely told the LAPD officers that he was an LASD narcotics deputy conducting a legitimate search. To facilitate the sham, Antrim handed his phone to one of the LAPD officers so that the police officer could speak to someone on the phone claiming to be Antrim's LASD sergeant. The individual on the phone was not Antrim's sergeant, and Antrim did not have a legitimate search warrant for the warehouse.

After LAPD officers left the warehouse, other co-conspirators arrived and the robbery continued, allowing the fake law enforcement crew to steal even more marijuana and two large safes containing over half a million dollars in cash.

At the time of the robbery, Antrim was a patrol deputy assigned to the Temple City station, but he was not on duty, was not assigned to the department's narcotics unit, was not a detective, and would not have had a legitimate reason to search a marijuana distribution warehouse in the City of Los Angeles.

Prosecutors have secured six convictions in this case for the co-conspirators who took part in the raid alongside Antrim.

Christopher Myung Kim, 31,

of Walnut, a disgruntled former warehouse employee, is serving a 14-year federal prison sentence after being found guilty by a jury for his role in planning the heist and making off with \$1.5 million in stolen marijuana after the raid. Antrim testified at Kim's trial, which the judge credited as a significant reason to reduce Antrim's sentence.

Kevin McBride, 45, of Glendora, and Eric Rodriguez, 35, of Adelanto, are serving federal prison sentences of six and nine years, respectively, after pleading guilty to felony charges in this case. In a related case, Antrim's other co-conspirators, Matthew James Perez, 44, of Ontario, Daniel Aguilera, 33, of Los Angeles, and Jay Colby Sanford, 43, of Pomona, are serving sentences of six years' imprisonment, two years' probation, and five years' probation, respectively.

## Norwalk offers scholarships

**NORWALK** - The City of Norwalk, in collaboration with Athens Services, is offering the annual Environmental Awareness Scholarship, which recognizes local high school seniors who are active in their community and show an interest in environmental issues.

Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to be used towards reimbursement of registration or tuition fees at any college, university or trade school.

To be eligible, students: Must be a senior in a public or private high school. Reside in the City of Norwalk. Have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

The Norwalk Education Alliance Committee will review applications and recommend candidates to the Norwalk City Council, who will decide on the top five entries. Selections will be based on GPA, essay, volunteer work and extracurricular activities. Scholarship recipients will receive notification in June.

Applications are available on the recycling webpage on norwalk.org. Completed applications and requested materials must be submitted at recycling@norwalkca.gov by Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. For additional information, please call 562-929-5964.

## POETRY MATTERS

### The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

A hurry of hoofs in a village-street,  
A shape in the moonlight, a bulk in the dark,  
And beneath from the pebbles, in passing, a spark  
Struck out by a steed that flies fearless and fleet:  
That was all! And yet, through the gloom and the light,  
The fate of a nation was riding that night;  
And the spark struck out by that steed, in his flight,  
Kindled the land into flame with its heat...

So through the night rode Paul Revere;  
And so through the night went his cry of alarm  
To every Middlesex village and farm,—  
A cry of defiance, and not of fear,  
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,  
And a word that shall echo forevermore!  
For, borne on the night-wind of the Past,  
Through all our history, to the last,  
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,  
The people will waken and listen to hear  
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,  
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Urgent hoofbeats, the knock at the door. The rhythm of the heartbeat drives the epic narrative as it always has done since song and dance and poetry and the stage were one. Generations memorized stirring sagas like this long before they could be written down. In Boston on the 18th of April, Patriot's Day, these verses are still told by heart. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*








Spring is the best time for a fresh start: spring cleaning, enjoying outdoor activities, gardening, and sustainable living. As we prepare our yards for a beautiful landscape, we must remember to take some important steps to accomplish some great results.

**Conservation and Sustainability Tips:**

- Replace batteries in your irrigation clocks when Daylight Savings starts
- Teach your plants to grow deeply for moisture. In spring, for average soils, water deeply only every two to three weeks.
- Test-run your irrigation system to check for leaks and spray heads that are broken or out of adjustment
- Irrigation systems should always be inspected each spring and fall for potential damage from the winter and summer seasons.
- Work compost or soil amendments into planting beds to improve moisture retention as summer approaches
- Keep mulch on the soil to temper the drying and heating effect of the sun

**Water Efficiency Programs:**

- **NO COST Conservation Kit**  
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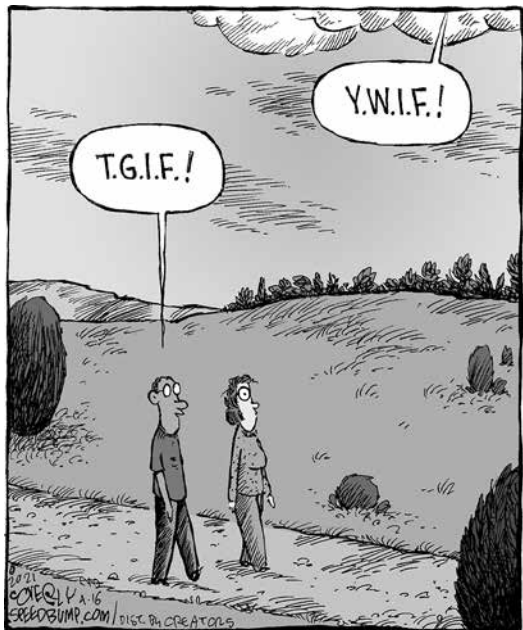
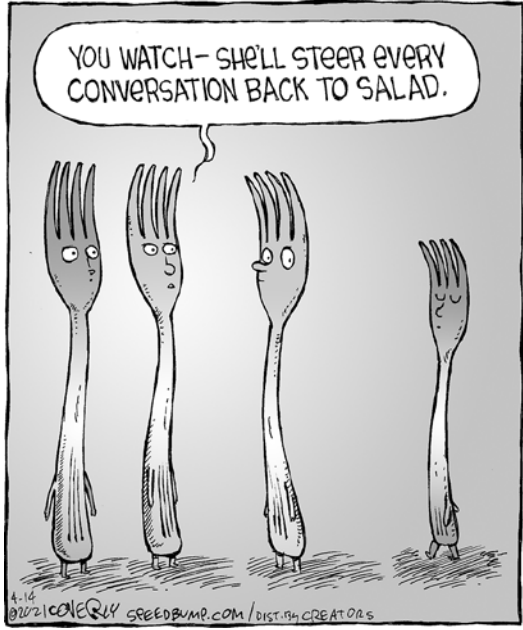
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**MONDAYS**

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

**TUESDAYS**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers  
3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**THURSDAYS**

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
2nd, 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.  
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

**SATURDAYS**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk  
Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

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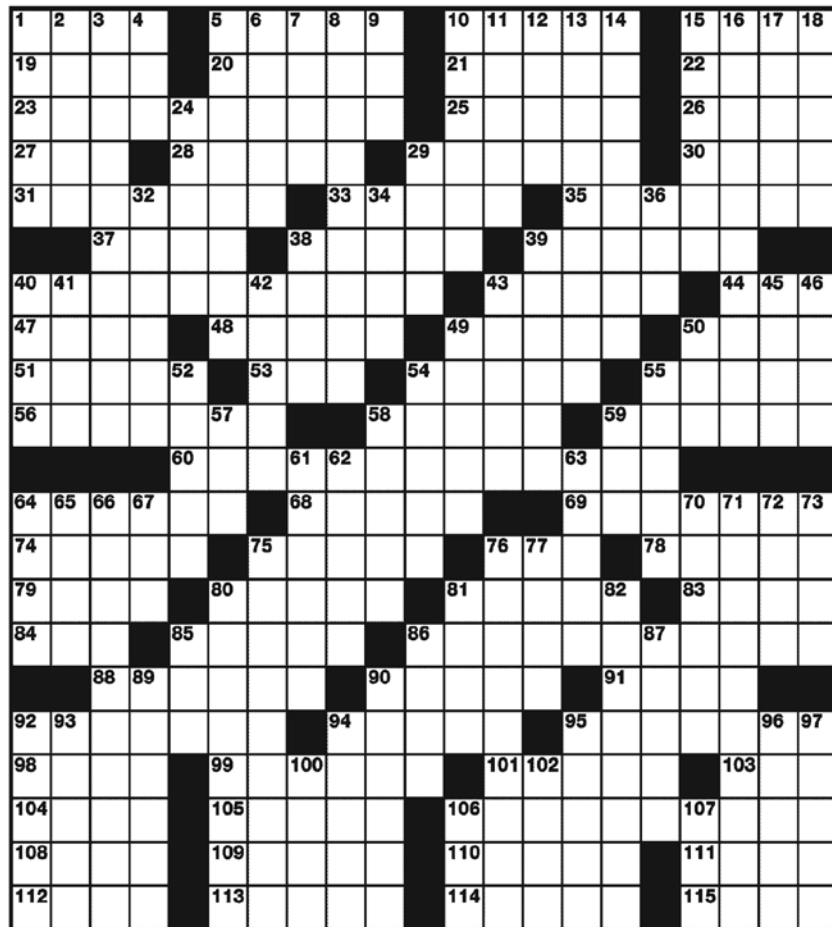
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French director Jacques Tati (20 Across) portrayed the well-meaning but clumsy Monsieur Hulot in four films from 1953 to 1971. MONTESQUIEU (40 Across) is credited as the principal source for the governmental concept of separation of powers. Among the unusual items insured by LLOYD'S of London (88 Across): Bruce Springsteen's voice, David Beckham's legs, and a wine taster's nose.



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# Area football teams struggle in week five

■ La Mirada was the lone winner, beating Norwalk, 21-19.

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**NORWALK** – In the fifth and second to last week of the shortened spring football season, area teams struggled to get victories, with La Mirada the only team to win.

La Mirada defeated Norwalk, 21-19, Whittier defeated Santa Fe, 37-20, St. Paul was shutout by Loyola, 31-0 and John Glenn did not play.

## La Mirada holds off Norwalk

The Norwalk Lancers were less than a yard from tying the game in the last minute of the game against La Mirada with a 2-point conversion attempt.

With a last-minute touchdown, the Lancers were turned away by the La Mirada defense as a two-point attempt by senior running back Davin Portillo fell inches short.

Norwalk, with a punishing ground game, ran for 345 yards, highlighted by the duo of Portillo (28 carries for 116 yards, 2 TDs) and senior Milton Roman (19 carries for 139 yards).

Senior running back Joseph Chafino and sophomore quarterback Caden Barnhill added 52 and 25 yards rushing, respectively, for the Lancers.

“We limited their offensive opportunities by holding on to the ball all night,” Norwalk offensive coordinator Ruben Guerrero said. “Our kids put their best foot forward and were running all night. It was a very productive night.”

The Matadores (1-3, 1-1) came out on top with limited plays to come away with their first win of the season.

“The scoreboard says we won,” La Mirada coach Mike Moschetti said. “Norwalk was ready to play and it went down to the final seconds and somehow we found a way to win.”

“Their head coach (Dean Gray)

is doing a great job.”

Moschetti, who is in his second stint with the Matadores, pointed out that Norwalk controlled the game from beginning to end.

“The whole second half Norwalk controlled the game,” said Moschetti, referring to the six offensive plays by La Mirada in the second half. “They controlled the line of scrimmage and kept the ball out of our hands.”

The Matadores only had four offensive drives in the game.

“The linemen really controlled the game,” Guerrero said.

Norwalk has run for nearly 700 yards this season, behind a strong line.

Each team scored in the first quarter, as La Mirada’s junior wide receiver Aidan Nasser scored on a reverse handoff and ran 25 yards for the score, while Portillo scored the first of his two TD’s for the 7-7 tie.

Near the end of the first half, the Lancers had a chance to take a, 10-7, lead, but missed on a 30-yard field goal attempt.

“We could have gone ahead at that time, but the momentum kind of stalled for us,” Guerrero said.

To start the second half, Norwalk went on a long, 10-play drive and was attempting a 15-yard field goal on fourth and goal.

La Mirada senior corner back Isaiah Martinez blocked the field goal attempt and senior defensive end Shaun Grayson scooped it up and ran 85 yards for the go-ahead score as the Matadores led, 14-7, with seven minutes left in the third quarter.

Norwalk went on another long drive (14 plays), chipping away at yardage, culminating with a tough 3-yard run off right tackle by Portillo, for his second TD of the game. However, the crucial extra point was blocked and the Lancers trailed, 14-13, early in the fourth quarter.

The Matadores answered with a 9-play touchdown drive midway in the quarter that was the difference in the game.

On the drive, Martinez had three big runs and senior running back Anthony Gonzalez ran in a 2-yard score for the 21-13 lead.

That set up the dramatic ending to the game.

The Lancers again marched down the field late in the game with their longest drive of the game (16-plays) to the 12-yard line.

Barnhill, on only his second pass of the night, connected with sophomore running back David Herrera on a 12-yard TD pass with less than a minute to play, to trail, 21-19.

Portillo came, oh so close, to tying up the game on the 2-point conversion run, but was stopped just short of the goal line.

“When we had to make a play, we made the stop,” said Moschetti, of the stop by his defense. “Our goal is to get back in the weight room and work hard in May and June when the district gives us permission.”

Guerrero reflected on what this past year was like for the players and all football teams.

“It’s huge for (the players),” he said. “I was just happy they could get football under their legs. The seniors were setting the table for the underclassmen.”

“I was talking to coach Gray and things are looking up,” Guerrero said. “We’re very happy with what we have put out and are excited about what’s to come.”

Norwalk travels to Mayfair (2-3, 2-1) for the final game of the season (tonight, April 16) for a Suburban League game, while La Mirada hosts Bellflower (1-3, 0-2) at Excelsior High.

## St. Paul gets shutout, 31-0

It was a tale of two halves for the Swordsmen as they played some great defense in the first half, before Loyola turned on the offense after halftime.

“I think the whole first half was a fantastic effort by us,” St. Paul Football coach Rick Zepeda. “We were missing a lot of seniors (Friday, April 9). A lot of underclassmen played and played their heart out. I’m really proud of them.”

“Every week we’ve seen better improvements at particular players that we’ve asked to get better. That’s been the bright spot.”

With three tough losses to



St. Paul plays Loyola during their game at St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs on Friday. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

teams with a combined 9-2 record, Zepeda was asked about some of the players that have improved on the season.

“(Junior quarterback) Isaiah Dunn sat in the pocket and the receivers caught the ball and we haven’t been able to do that in a couple of weeks,” Zepeda said.

“There was a lot to take out if this. (Loyola) is a good club. They have a lot of things that everybody wants – size, speed and experience. I’m proud of our effort (Friday).”

St. Paul, with the loss to Loyola, falls to 0-3 on the season and will end with St. Francis tomorrow (Saturday April 17).

### What they said:

**Juan Vigil, St. Paul defensive coordinator:** “They (Loyola) are a good team and our boys played tough. We thought we put our kids in good positions in the first half.”

“Daniel Pallan is our starting safety and Rolando Espinoza is our starting inside backer and they got knocked up last week against Crespi. We started some young guys in those spots.”

**Isaiah Dunn, St. Paul junior quarterback:** “All I can say is I appreciate my brothers giving it their all. We came in as underdogs. We played a great first half. We just have to pick it up.”

“I look forward to the offseason and get better every day. I love this school and can’t ask for anything



else. “(The game) was a good learning experience for me, even though it was a tough loss. I’ll use that for motivation and learn and get better every day.”

**Isaiah Castillo, St. Paul senior outside linebacker:** “We had them in the first half and I thought we were going to pull it off.”

“We played hard. It was (our) senior night and we just fell short. We’re in a new league and we’re going to have to prepare differently. We just have to be ready mentally and physically next year.”

**Manuel Espitia, junior running back/middle linebacker:** “In the first half we went toe-to-

toe and neck-and-neck and didn’t back down and that’s what made us strong.”

“We’ll just get ready for St. Francis next week and we’re going to handle business then.”

## Santa Fe falls to Whittier, 37-20

Santa Fe was led by senior quarterback Thomas Reyes (11 for 29, 2 Int.) with 148 yards and two touchdowns.

Junior receiver Jayson Villa led the Chiefs with two catches for 78 yards and a touchdown, while freshman wide receiver Matt Picado had four catches for 61 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, senior middle linebacker Alano Cardenas had an interception.

Santa Fe (0-3, 0-2), will try to get in the win column this week against El Rancho (1-3, 1-2) in a Del Rio League game.

### Other scores

Baseball: Santa Fe is 4-8 overall and 1-1 in the Del Rio League. They defeated La Serna, 9-5 and lost on Wednesday to Cal, 6-3.

Softball: John Glenn won its first game against Cantwell, 7-2. St. Paul, which is 9-3, played six consecutive days last week and was 3-3. They defeated Fullerton, 10-4 Wednesday, April 14 in a non-league game.

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