



“Gravy can smell
fear at the stove.”
~Anon.

Norwalk Opens Veteran Villas Affordable Housing

By Stepheny Gehrig

Marking the end of Veteran’s Day week, the City of Norwalk, with the support of the community, opened the doors of the Veterans Villas at San Antonio Drive on November 15. This project was conceived and began before the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020. Spanning four years to come to fruition, \$3.8 million went into the completion of this project.

Offering 60 affordable housing units, the villas come with a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable living environment. These include access to an on-site laundry facility, accessible parking, and a courtyard with a play area and barbeque. The rental homes are available in one, two and three bedrooms for families with a veteran head of household. A third of

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Tran Increases Lead Over Rep. Michelle Steel

By Brian Hews

Democratic challenger Derek Tran increased his lead over Republican Rep. Michelle Steel Sunday in the 45th Congressional District race going ahead by 480 votes-after last night’s update-up from 397.

The result came after Tran trailed the controversial incumbent by as many as 11,363 votes.

The consumer rights attorney and co-owner of a pharmacy with his wife Michelle is ahead of the two-term incumbent, 156,576 to 156,096, according to the Secretary of State’s Office. Both candidates are at 50%.

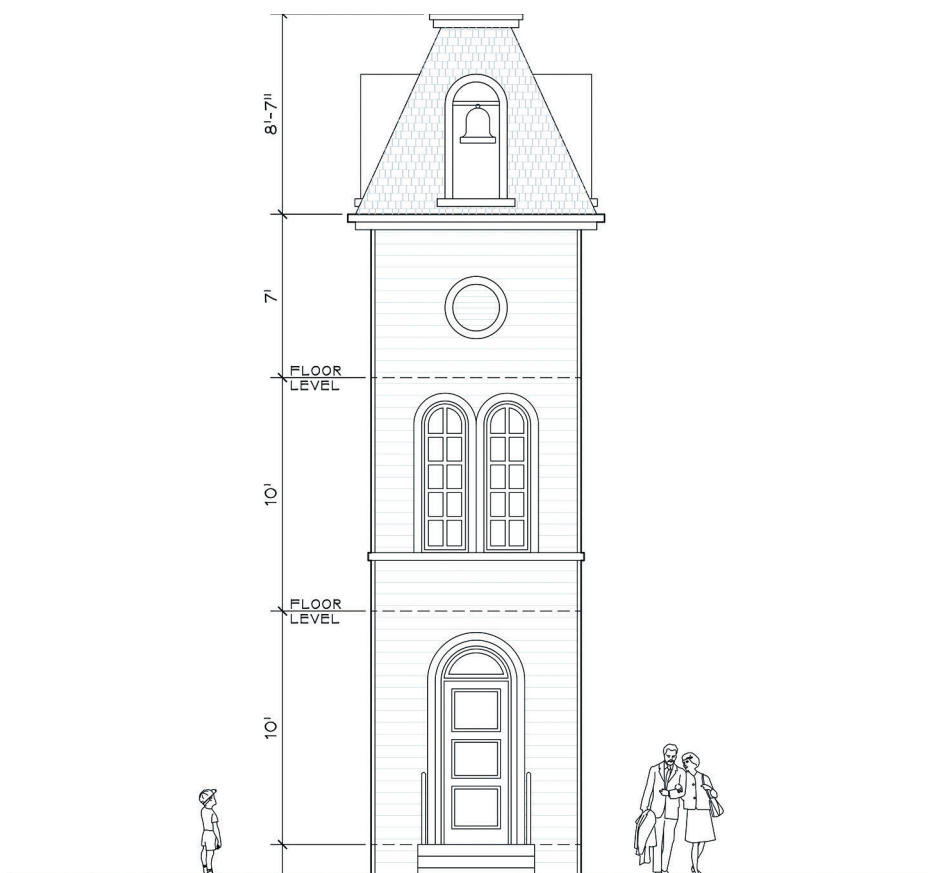
Tran trails in the Orange County portion of the district by 3,734, 141,274 to 137,540 but leads in the Los Angeles County portion - Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and a portion of Lakewood -- 19,036 to 14,822 increasing his lead by a mere 83 votes

Tran trailed by 11,363 votes Nov. 6, 7,590 Nov. 8, 6,901 Nov. 9, 6,128, 3,908 Monday, 2,227 on Tuesday.



WELCOME: November 15 marked the opening of the Veterans Villas in Norwalk. Attending was Asm. Blanca Pacheco, Sen. Bob Archuleta, Norwalk Vice Mayor Tony Ayala, and Norwalk Councilmembers Jennifer Perez and Rick Ramirez.

Help the Artesia Historical Society *House The Bell*



ARCHITECT’S depiction of the proposed Artesia tower which will house the bell, below.

LCCN Staff Report

The Artesia Historical Society is embarking on a community project to recreate the original bell tower to house its oldest artifact, the 1875 School Bell, which was part of Artesia Grammar School. The AHS believes that this project is not just about preserving history, but also about

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Research: Black Plastic Kitchen Tools May Be Poisoning You

By Kristin Toussaint

If you have a black spatula in your kitchen, or other black plastic items around your house like takeout containers or children’s toys, they could contain high levels of toxic flame retardants.

Those chemicals—which have been linked to cancer, neurological damage, and hormone disruption—may be a result of recycling contamination, specifically from electronics, the authors of a recent study theorize.

Scientists from Toxic-Free Future and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam tested a range of household items made of black plastic and sold in the U.S., and found toxic flame retardants in many of them. The highest levels were found in a spatula, a sushi tray, and a beaded necklace. The results were published in the journal Chemosphere in early October.

“These cancer-causing chemicals shouldn’t be used to begin with, but with recycling, they are entering our environment and our homes in more ways than one,” Megan Liu, study coauthor and science and policy manager at Toxic-Free Fu-



ture, said in a statement. “The high levels we found are concerning.”

Plastics typically used in electronics contain higher levels of toxic flame retardants than other types of plastics (like nylon), the researchers found. That led them to hypothesize that the flame retardants were present in those household items because of mismanaged e-waste recycling, in which electronics are contaminating other plastics.

In a 2018 paper, Andrew Turner, a biochemist at the University of Plymouth, wrote that “there is mounting evidence that the demand for black plastics in consumer products is partly met” by electronics, specifically their plastic housings. When these items are recycled, the contaminat-

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