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JANUARY 6

Las Posadas Celebration

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 6 TIME: 6 pm **LOCATION:** City Hall lawn

JANUARY 8 Community Promotion

Commission meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 8 TIME: 6 pm **LOCATION:** City Hall

JANUARY 9 Blood Drive

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 9 **TIME:** 12-6 pm **LOCATION:** City Hall

JANUARY 10

Senior Citizens Commission meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 10 TIME: 3 pm **LOCATION: Norwalk Senior Center**

JANUARY 11

Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 11 TIME: 6 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

JANUARY 12

City Hall closed

DATE: Friday, Jan. 12 TIME: All Day LOCATION: City Hall

JANUARY 13

Used oil filter exchange DATE: Saturday, Jan. 13

TIME: 9 am to 1 pm LOCATION: AutoZone

JANUARY 17

Special Olympics informational

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 17 **LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

JANUARY 19 Open Mic Night

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19 **TIME:** 7-9 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Cultural Arts

JANUARY 24 Immigration forum

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 24 TIME: 10 am **LOCATION:** Mary Rodriguez Senior Center in Hawaiian Gardens

JANUARY 28 Two-Person scramble golf tournament

DATE: Sunday, Jan. 28 TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: Don Knabe Golf Center

FEBRUARY 8

Coffee with a Cop

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 8 TIME: 9 am LOCATION: Mr. Rosewood

FEBRUARY 9

Middle school dance

DATE: Friday, Feb. 9 **TIME:** 6:30 to 9:30 pm **LOCATION:** Arts & Sports Complex

FEBRUARY 10

Mother-son Western Roundup

DATE: Saturday, February 10 **TIME:** 5-8 pm LOCATION: Norwalk Arts and **Sports Complex**

FEBRUARY 17

E-waste collection and shred-athon event

DATE: Saturday, February 17 TIME: 9 am to 2 pm LOCATION: City Hall

Under pressure, Tony Mendoza takes leave of absence

POLITICS: Tony Mendoza, Norwalk's representative in the state senate, has been accused by multiple women of sexual harassment.

SACRAMENTO – Embattled state Sen. Tony Mendoza agreed to take a temporary leave of absence as investigators look into claims that he sexually harassed young women in his office.

Mendoza will be on leave until Jan. 26.

"I am deeply disappointed that I was forced into this action without any due process, which is counter to the very essence of two significant pillars of our American society: fairness and justice," Mendoza said.

"It was my hope that the Senate and Senate Rules Committee would have afforded me the opportunity to clear my name and, until that opportunity arose, treated me with the same standards applied to other senators similarly accused."

Mendoza added that he would cooperate with the investigation "with the intent of clearing my name. I intend to return to again fully represent my constituents no later than Feb. 1, 2018, including my committee chairmanship and membership.

"I want to assure my constituents that in this period through Jan. 26, 2018, I will continue to provide them with the full measure of service through the District and Capitol offices and their staffs, and to advocate on their behalf through pending and future legislation.

"My goal continues to be to fight to bring state programs and resources to my constituents to improve their overall quality of life.

Mendoza's leave of absence comes just days after a former aide

filed a discrimination lawsuit against him, claiming she was retaliated against after reporting Mendoza's inappropriate behavior towards a young woman, the Sacramento Bee reported.

Adriana Ruelas, Mendoza's former legislative director, claims that she reported Mendoza's "sexually inappropriate behavior" toward a 23-year-old woman assigned to his Capitol office through a Sacramento State fellows program.

On multiple occasions Mendoza allegedly invited the woman - who was seeking a job in Mendoza's office - to his Sacramento home late at night to review her resume, the Bee reported. He also allegedly invited the fellow to a party and asked her to drive him to an overnight Latino Caucus Foundation event without proper hotel accommodations.

Stacey Brown, a scheduler for Mendoza, booked the woman a separate hotel room and was later fired, according to Ruelas.

Ruelas claims she was fired after reporting Mendoza's conduct. She detailed her allegations in a discrimination complaint she filed with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Meanwhile, a second woman alleged that Mendoza provided her alcohol when she was a 19-year-old intern working in his district office.

Jennifer Kwart says she attended the 2008 California Democratic Party state convention at the invitation of Mendoza's district office and arrived in San Jose to find herself along with Mendoza in his hotel suite.

Kwart alleges that Mendoza provided her alcohol and inquired



Tony Mendoza announced Wednesday he is taking a leave of absence. He is under investigation after multiple women accused him of sexual harassment.

about her taste in men. She ended up leaving the convention and took an early flight home.

Mendoza has called the accusation "completely false."

A third woman, Haley Myers, said she complained to human resources in the Assembly in 2010 that Mendoza engaged in behavior that she considers sexual harassment when she worked as a legislative aide for him in Sacramento.

In light of the allegations, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon last month asked Mendoza to temporarily step down from office pending the results of an investigation. Mendoza refused.

Tuesday, Mendoza requested an audit of the way the Legislature conducts investigations of sexual harassment, saying the current system "is not working for the accusers, or the accused.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Agave Junction 11957 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: A **RC Burgers Cafe** 10951 Alondra Blvd.

Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: A **Los Compadres** 11600 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: A **Dippity Donuts** 14636 S Carmenita Rd. Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: A **Ho Ho China**

11568 E Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 12/27/17 Grade: A

Shakey's Pizza 11403 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: A

Luisa & Son Bakery 12543 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: A

TNT Tortas and Tacos 11042 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 12/27/17 Grade: A

W.W. Service Inc. 12800 E Rosecrans Ave Date Inspected: 12/27/17 Grade: A

Las Aguilas Bakery 12834 1/2 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 12/27/17

Grade: B **American Legion Post 359**

11986 E Front St. Date Inspected: 12/27/17 Grade: A

Bakery Bakery 15933 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/28/17 Grade: A

H Mart Grocery 15933 S Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/28/17 Grade: A

10931 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/20/17 Grade: A

Golden Pho Restaurant

10925 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/20/17 Grade: A

KFC 10905 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 12/19/17 Grade: A

Subway 11782 E Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/19/17 Grade: A

Chuck E Cheese's 10949 E Firestone Blvd.

Date Inspected: 12/19/17 Grade: A Shave It

11005 Firestone Blvd. Ste 102 Date Inspected: 12/19/17 Grade: A

10555 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/19/17 Grade: A

Golf N' Stuff

Senor Baja 11833 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/14/17

Grade: A

China Bowl Espress Young Haw 11031 Firestone Blvd. Ste 102 Date Inspected: 12/14/17 Grade: A

Weekend at a Glance

Friday

14783 Carmenita Road, Norwalk, CA 90650

Sunday

Saturday 74





Rock and Roll Flea Market Sunday - The Regent in Los Angeles, 11 am - 4 pm

Browse 50 vinyl, vintage, and handmade vendors. Two full bars and brunch menu. All day DJ's and bingo.



Candytopia Pop-Up Sunday - LA Hangar Studios, 11 am

Enjoy sugary delights through a series of interactive art installations in over a



Las Posadas Celebration

Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 6 pm A cultural holiday celebration including

a candle lit procession, mariachi and folklorico performances.



Holidays at Disneyland Final Day

Sunday - Disneyland

Your last chance to take part in the holiday festivities taking place at the Happiest Place on Earth



Saturday - Cerritos Center for the

Performing Arts, 8 pm The Led Zeppelin tribute band revives

the band's music and mystique in a artlaser, lighting, and multimedia show.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@LittleLakeCSD:

Parents and students – Don't forget school will resume this Monday, January 8th. Enjoy the rest of your #WinterBreak!

@MrTonyMendoza: I decided to take a Leave of Absence through January 26th

@sjbathletics: A lot of @boscofootball history coming down here. New year,

new stadium!

Shared Stories: Butterscotch cundance Sumaes

Many people remember the hamburger, French fries, and first bike. It was a boy's bike, "Uncle Jimmy" was a dynamic their ordering also. and generous figure in their family. (FYI - the "hawsepipe" mentioned in her story is the pipe that the anchor chain passes through near the bow

of a ship.) Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles ordered it. 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

By Sharon Benson Smith

Kearns

We kids called him "Uncle Jimmy," although he was actually Mom's first cousin. His young good looks reminded me of Clark Gable. His wife, "Aunt Tedodie" (short for Theodora), reminded me of the actress Gene Tierney. He called ALL the ladies, young and old alike, "Sugar" in his inimitable Southern drawl.

He was a Merchant Marine and would often be at sea for as long as two or three years at a always wanted to know about time. Whenever he docked in the food! the Los Angeles or San Pedro harbor, he spent time in our home.

kids out to eat at the nearby Stan's Drive Inn and told us to look out for." Considering order whatever our little hearts our world today and what's desired. And, oh boy, did we! going on around the globe, he That was a real treat for us as was right on the mark even we didn't get "treated" like way back then. that very often.

I must have been all of nine and loving positive in our or ten years old. I ordered a young lives. He bought me my

excitement of a visit from a a coke. For dessert I ordered and it was not brand new, but I favorite relative when they a butterscotch sundae. My were little. Sharon Smith's siblings went "hog wild" with it for quite some time.

Anyway, after butterscotch sundae, he asked if we would like anything else. I immediately said, "I would like another butterscotch sundae," and VOILA, he

Then, about half way into that second butterscotch sundae, I started feeling queasy and had to make a mad dash to the restroom. I wonder why! Do you think maybe my eyes were bigger than my stomach? Wouldn't you think that very incident would have cured me of my love for butterscotch well, not so. It's my favorite to this day --not caramel, but butterscotch!

visits, we would go home; the adults would gather around the kitchen table and question Uncle Jimmy about all his travels to faraway places. They'd ask about where he had been, what the people were like, what were the different traditions, what about the food, etc. Seems my family

I recall being frightened at the adult conversation about what was going on in He always took Mom and the world, and I also recall his words that, "China is the one

He was such a wonderful

sure got a lot of pleasure out of

I even rode it over that we crazy, yet exciting, curved downed all that food plus a and bumpy entrance to the corner beer joint. I enjoyed a lot of freedom riding that bike through our neighborhood. It was a good time to be a kid. It was a time when kids felt safe just being a kid and doing kidlike things.

Uncle Jimmy started going to sea as an ordinary seaman at the very young age of fifteen. His home was in Houston where he became known as "Blackie Merrell," and he was assigned to the S.S. Liberty Bell. He later played a major role in the formation and the building of the National Maritime Union.

In 1939, Uncle Jimmy was After our Stan's Drive Inn elected Chairman of the Gulf District. It is written in "The Hawsepipe" (the newsletter of the Marine Workers Historical Association) that under his leadership the union in the Gulf was cleaned up and the goon squads ceased their activities.

> Even more years down the road, he went on to be elected as one of the Trustees of the Pension & Welfare Fund and served in that non-paying capacity after he retired from the sea.

To this day, when I hear words "Marine" or the words "butterscotch," I am reminded of our favorite Marine, our beloved "Uncle Jimmy," and the result of the night of two butterscotch sundaes.

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REVIEW: 'The Greatest Showman' is a feel-good spectacle

FILMS: The big-budget musical production deliverrs with memorable tunes and solid casting.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

I need to apologize.

Much like many of the characters that made up PT Barnum's circus, my viewing experience with "The Greatest Showman" (starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Effron, Zendaya, and Michelle Williams) was a bit of an anomaly.

Maybe it was the soft spot I have for musicals, but I had wanted to see this film since I first viewed the trailer. From what the trailer could tell me, the film seemed to be a spectacle and the music sensational. The subject matter was appealing.

And then something strange happened. I entered the theater and sat down, and as the lights dimmed, I unexpectedly decided I was going to hate what I was about

Before the show's opening number, I had assumed the music was going to be too cheesy. The absolute,

content, too flashy. This would showstopper is "This is Me," fronted be just another "Mickey Mouse by Keala Settle who plays bearded musical" (I am aware that Disney had nothing to do with the Greatest Showman, but with names like Effron and Zendaya attached, can you really blame me?).

my last-minute, change-of-heart defeats.

goodness, the music.

"The Greatest Showman" opens with the song "The Greatest Show," and doesn't take many musical breaks until the film's final curtain.

While musicals can sometimes be overwhelming, in this case, the music is a fantastic blend of performance and story progression with nothing that really feels like filler. It was entertaining enough for me to warrant buying the soundtrack, which I did.

Showman features 11 musical numbers, to which I can admit I was fully invested in 10 ("Tightrope," sung by Williams's Charity Barnum, was a little too sappy for my taste).

Out of those 11, the show's without-a-doubt

lady Lettie Lutz.

"The Greatest Showman" also did something for me that a movie hasn't done in a long time: I found myself fully invested, pulling Let me just go on record here for characters, celebrating their and say this: I was dead wrong in victories and agonizing in their

While a more sophisticated First of all, the music. My and experienced movie critic (I am, at my core, a journalist and by no means a serious critic) might say that any potential positive message was lost in the extreme panache, I couldn't disagree more.

> The film is a story of acceptance, whether that be through Barnum's rags to riches narrative, the blooming star-crossed lovers, or the "freaks" that flank the show's

> Don't get me wrong, Jackman gives a very entertaining and engaging performance in his portrayal of Barnum. He is a very strong center to the already starstacked cast.

But I'll take this opportunity to stole the show for me. apologize for immediately looping Zendaya and Effron back into their Disney Channel fame.

Effron and Zendaya provide

the love angle for the film, and

their chemistry is undeniable.

As I previously admitted, I was

convinced that these two former

Disney stars would ham up the

show and be the movie's weak link. Instead, they provided one of 105 minutes. Much to my surprise (and a little to my chagrin), they

And my darling "freaks." The

any kind of true development, and even that is minimal. While this could be perceived as a bad thing, instead I almost see it as a strength.

Instead of several characters with fleshed out backstories and my favorite sequences in the entire growth, the oddities of Barnum's music. It's a feel-good movie show feel more like a singular unit. This keeps a story with three arcs already from becoming too cluttered. It also gives a strong banner to stand behind

There are several of these for those of us moviegoers who characters, though only a few get have ever felt misplaced, odd, or underappreciated.

> Please for give me for attempting to be an old curmudgeon movie critic. "The Greatest Showman" is a spectacle in its own right, featuring a lovable cast and extraordinary worthy of a round of applause.



DJ DIARIES: New year, new me...seriously!

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS: The key to a successful New Year's resolution is you come up with? If you have Life isn't a quick sprint race, so go works for you, right?). to not be too hard on yourself.

By Amber Cavazos Famous DJ Agency

Happy new year!! I hope that you have the best year ever and that this is the year that you keep all of your resolutions.

Having some trouble keeping your resolutions? I have no room to judge as I already started off on the wrong foot with some of back on track together.

more than about five, you might for the long haul. have too many. Take things slow and focus on one goal at a time. It'd be great if we could work on everything at once, but then you won't be doing any one of your goals wholeheartedly.

What's the point of doing something if you aren't going to stay in your mind and hopefully give it your all? Try prioritizing your goals and work on the one that's the most important to you.

be too long of a stretch, find a way to continuously motivate yourself. If your goal was to lose weight, maybe buy yourself an outfit in the size you are aiming for and keep it out. That way it will deter you from mindless snacking throughout the day.

You could also change your While you're figuring out phone's lock screen to some them. So, be honest and let's get which should take the #1 spot, motivational quote or, better yet, the unhealthy things that you ate.

How many resolutions did try to make your goals long-term. that outfit you bought (whatever

Your phone could also be a tons of apps that can do most of similar for you. the record keeping for you.

Trying to lose weight? Download workout apps that give you tips and workout guides. Want to eat healthier? Download a food tracker so that you're more conscious of what you're eating. It's really weird, but guilt will overshadow you as you input all

You can also use your phone to set reminders and alarms for yourself. The clock app on iPhones has some great features. It can If it seems like it's going to powerful tool to help you keep even track your sleep! Android you on the road to success. There's users, I'm sure there's something

> If personal reminders aren't going to work out for you, get your friends to join in! Friends that work on resolutions together stay or run. Not only will you be on together.

> If you're trying to put in more time at the gym, get a friend to join you. You could also step it up a notch and go on a morning hike okay. Stay positive and try it again!



track to reach your goal, you'll be spending some quality time with loved ones.

If you mess up again, that's



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Thomas Monson, president of Mormon church, passes away



SALT LAKE CITY - Thomas S. Monson, considered a prophet by nearly 16 million Mormons worldwide, has died at the age of 90 after a nearly a decade as church president. He expanded the church's reach and its transparency and was known for promoting humanitarian causes despite leading a divisive fight against gay marriage.

Monson died Tuesday night at his home in Salt Lake City, according to church spokesman Eric Hawkins.

Monson spent more than five decades serving in top church leadership councils - making him a well-known face and personality to multiple generations of Mormons.

A church bishop at the age of 22, the Salt Lake City native became the youngest church apostle ever in 1963 at the age of 36. He served as a counselor for three church presidents before assuming the role of the top leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February 2008. As president of the nearly 16 million-member religion, Monson was

Twelve Apostles. The next president was not immediately named, but the job is expected to go to the next longest-tenured member of the church's governing

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Russell M. Nelson, per church protocol.

considered a prophet who led the church through revelation from God in

collaboration with two top counselors and members of the Quorum of the

Monson's presidency was marked by his noticeably low profile during

a time of intense publicity for the church, including the 2008 and 2012 owned Brigham Young University. presidential campaigns of Mormon Mitt Romney. Monson's most public acts were appearances at church conferences and devotionals as well as dedications of church temples.

Monson will also be remembered for his emphasis on humanitarian work; leading the faith's involvement in the passage of gay marriage ban in California in 2008; continuing the church's push to be more transparent about its past; and lowering the minimum age for missionaries.

Mormons considered Monson a warm, caring, endearing and approachable leader, said Patrick Mason, associate professor of religion at Claremont Graduate University in California. He was known for dropping everything to make hospital visits to people in need. His speeches at the faith's twice-yearly conferences often focused on parables of human struggles resolved through faith.

He put an emphasis on the humanitarian ethic of Mormons, evidenced by his expansion of the church's disaster relief programs around the world, said Armand Mauss, a retired professor of sociology and religious studies at Washington State University.

"President Monson always seemed more interested in what we do with our religion rather than in what we believe," Mauss said.

Well-known Mormons mourned Monson's death Wednesday and remembered his life of service. Romney, entertainer Marie Osmond and conservative talk-show host Glenn Beck were among those tweeting memories and condolences.

Romney said in a statement that he'll remember Monson's compassion for the downtrodden. Osmond tweeted a picture of her embracing Monson, saying he was always there for her family. Beck recalled Monson's kindness and humility.

Condolences also came in from Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, who said of Monson, "Service was his motto and humility his

The Mormon church was founded in 1830 in upstate New York by Joseph Smith, who claimed he was visited by God and Jesus while praying in a grove of trees and was called to found the church. Members are known as Mormons because of the faith's keystone scripture, the Book

overseas before returning to get a business degree at the University of The other opening was created when leader Robert D. Hales died last Utah and a master's degree in business administration from the church- October.

Before being chosen to join the faith's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Monson worked for the church's secular businesses, primarily in advertising, printing and publishing including the Deseret

Monson married Frances Beverly Johnson in 1948. The couple had three children, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Frances died in 2013 at the age of 85.

Throughout his life, Monson was an avid fisherman who also raised homing pigeons, specifically, roller pigeons who twirled as they flew. He was known for his love of show tunes, Boy Scouts and the Utah Jazz.

Monson's legacy will be tied to the church's efforts to hold tight to its opposition of same-sex marriage while encouraging members to be more open and compassionate toward gays and lesbians as acceptance for LGBT people increased across the county.

One of the most memorable moments of Monson's tenure came in October 2012, when he announced at church conference that the minimum age to depart on missions was being lowered to 19 from 21 for women; and to 18 from 19 for men. The change triggered a historic influx of missionaries, and proved a milestone change for women by allowing many more to serve.

The man expected to take Monson's seat, the 93-year-old Nelson, has been a church apostle since April 1984. Out of respect for Monson, his successor will not be officially named until after his funeral services.

In keeping with tradition, the successor will choose two counselors from the Quorum of the Twelve to join him to form a three-person "presidency" that is the top of the church's governing hierarchy. If he elects not to keep Monson's two counselors, Henry B. Eyring and Dieter Uchtdorf, they would go back to being regular members of the Quorum.

Being one of the president's two counselors doesn't push them to the front of the line to become the next president. That is always reserved for the longest-tenured member of the Quorum. Once Nelson assumes the presidency, that distinction will fall to 85-year-old Dallin H. Oaks, a former Utah Supreme Court Justice who was named to the quorum in May 1984, one month after Nelson.

Monson's death also means there are now two openings on the A World War II veteran, Monson served in the Navy and spent a year Quorum, which will likely be filled at the next church conference in April.

Mystery novelist Sue Grafton dies at 77

LOS ANGELES – Sue Grafton, author of the best-selling "alphabet series" of mystery novels, has died in Santa Barbara. She was 77.

Grafton was surrounded by family, including husband Steven Humphrey, when she died Thursday after a two-year battle with cancer, her daughter, Jamie Clark, posted on the author's website

"Although we knew this was coming, it was unexpected and fast. She had been fine up until just a few days ago, and then things moved quickly," the posting said.

Grafton began her "alphabet series" in 1982 with "A is for Alibi." Her most recent book, "Y is for Yesterday," was published in August.

"Many of you also know that she was adamant that her books would never be turned into movies or TV shows, and in that same vein, she would never allow a ghost writer to write in her name," her daughter wrote. "Because of all of those things, and out of the deep abiding love and respect for our dear sweet Sue, as far as we in the family are concerned, the alphabet now ends at Y."

Humphrey said Grafton had been struggling to find an idea for "Z" while undergoing treatment and losing weight.

"Nothing's been written," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "There is no Z."

He added with a laugh, "Nobody in this family will ever use the letter

The fictional heroine of the series, Southern California private detective Kinsey Millhone, was Grafton's alter ego, she told The Seattle Times earlier

"I'm an introvert, so doing half of what Kinsey is beyond my poor capabilities," Grafton said. "But it's fun to get to live her life without

Her husband agreed that Grafton was Kinsey.

"Yes, as Sue said, 'We're one spirit in two bodies, and she got the good one,'" Humphrey said.

While Grafton aged, her heroine didn't quite as much

"So when I started, she was 32, and I was 42. Now, she is 39, and I am 77. So there's a little bit of injustice there, but she is single," she told NPR

in an interview earlier this year. "She's been married twice. She has no kids, no pets, no house plants."

She said she was looking forward to reaching the end of the alphabet with "Z is for Zero."

Grafton began writing at 18, and wrote her first novel at 22. "A is for Alibi" was the eighth novel she wrote, and the third she had published.

On her blog, she said her ideas come from everywhere.

"I read newspapers, textbooks on crime. I talk to private investigators, police officers, jail administrators, doctors, lawyers, career criminals. Ideas are everywhere," she said.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Grafton stayed tied to her roots, dividing her time between a home there and her home in California. In addition to her husband and daughter Jamie Clark, she is survived by another daughter, Leslie Twine, and her son, Jay Schmidt.

Grafton's remains will be cremated and the family will hold a private memorial Sunday. Memorials also will be held in Louisville and New York

Ramon Regalado, survivor of WW II Bataan Death March

SAN FRANCISCO - A San Francisco Bay Area man who survived were forced to surrender in 1942 to the Japanese after a grueling three- saw those promises disappear after the war ended the infamous 1942 Bataan Death March and symbolized the thousands month battle.

of unheralded Filipinos who fought alongside American forces during World War II has died. He was 100.

Ramon Regalado died Dec. 16 in El Cerrito, California, said Cecilia I. Gaerlan, executive director of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society, which has fought to honor Regalado and others. She did not have a cause of death.

"He really embodied the qualities of the greatest generation and love for country," she said.

Regalado was born in 1917 in the Philippines. He was a machine gun operator with the Philippine Scouts under U.S. Army Forces when troops

The prisoners were forced to march some 65 miles (105 kilometer) to a camp. Many died during the Bataan Death March, killed by Japanese soldiers or simply unable to make the trek. The majority of the troops

Regalado survived and slipped away with two others — all of them sick with malaria. They encountered a farmer who cared for them, but only

Afterward, he joined a guerrilla resistance movement against the Japanese and later moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to work as a civilian for the U.S. military.

In his later years, he gave countless interviews to promote the wartime heroics of Filipinos, who were promised benefits and U.S. citizenship but

More than 250,000 Filipino soldiers served with U.S. troops in World War II, including more than 57,000 who died.

The veterans have won back some concessions, including lump-sum payments as part of the 2009 economic stimulus package.

In an October ceremony in Washington, D.C., remaining Filipino veterans of World War II were awarded the coveted Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award.

Gaerlan said Regalado did not make the trip due to poor health, but he got his medal in December in an intensive care unit in Richmond,

He is survived by his wife Marcelina, five children and many grandchildren.

Rose Marie starred in TV sitcom 'The Dick Van Dyke Show'

Van Dyke Show," died last week at the age of 94, according to multiple suffered a bit of a career slump as a young adult. But her fortunes changed news sources.

According to the Associated Press, family spokesman Harlan Boll said Marie died Thursday in her Los Angeles-area home.

Born Rose Marie Mazetta Aug. 15, 1923, in New York City, she was performing professionally by age 3, billed as Baby Rose Marie, and belting out songs in a precociously strong voice.

By age 5, she was a radio star, appearing on her own NBC radio show following the hugely popular "Amos and Andy" program. She made her feature film debut as a

9-year-old, performing in the W.C. Fields comedy "International House." Throughout her childhood, she worked on vaudeville, a popular headline act, and she made a number of records.

As she aged out of her "Baby Rose Marie" childhood role, she transitioned to singing in nightclubs as a teenager, dropping the "Baby" and seeking stardom as an adult. In the 1950s, she starred on Broadway and radio, playing a role on "The Phil Harris - Alice Faye Show."

As illustrious as her childhood career had been - she was known

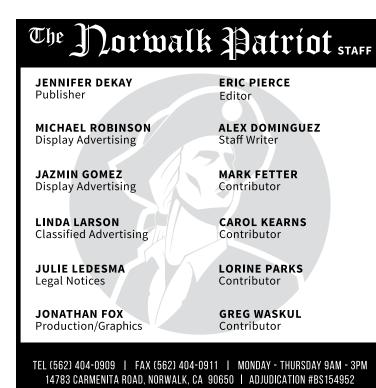
LOS ANGELES - Rose Marie, who starred as Sally Rogers on "The Dick" as "Baby Rose Marie the Child Wonder" for her remarkable voice - she when she took a role on "The Dick Van Dyke" show in 1961.

> The popular sitcom brought her new stardom as she played Sally Rogers, a comedy writer for the sitcom's show-within-a-show, "The Alan Brady Show." Though she was nominated three times for an Emmy Award for her supporting role – in 1963, '64 and '66 – she never won.

> After the strong success of "The Dick Van Dyke Show," Rose Marie took on a new TV comedy role, playing Myrna Gibbons on "The Doris Day Show." She was a regular on "The Hollywood Squares" for many years, and she had notable guest-star roles on shows including "The Monkees," "Murphy Brown" and "Caroline in the City."

In the 1970s and '80s, Rose Marie joined Rosemary Clooney, Helen O'Connell and Margaret Whiting to form "4 Girls 4," a musical revue that toured the U.S. and appeared on TV. Upon Whiting's 2011 death, Rose Marie became the last surviving cast member.

Rose Marie was known for her signature hair bow, which had personal meaning for her that she preferred not to reveal. She was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and a number of personal items from her childhood stardom are displayed at the Smithsonian's American History Museum. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Guy, in 1964. She is survived by her daughter, Georgiana.



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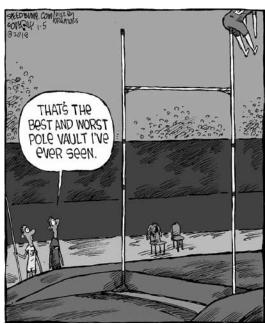
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On This Day...

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1945: Pepe LePew debuts in Warner Bros cartoon "Odor-able Kitty

1957: Dodgers' Jackie Robinson announces his retirement rather than be traded to the NY Giants

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> Middle of Nowhere. Festival for her second feature film, Prize at the 2012 Sundance Film (27 Down) won the Best Director union activist. Ava DUVERNAY had been a shipyard electrician and (65 Across) in 1990, Lech Walesa becoming President of POLAND of the Interior in 1884. Before established under the Department to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Across) can trace its history back The U.S. Department of I.A.BOR (61



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time of the initial publication of the Notice

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office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/1/2018 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree

Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in

the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid

balance and other charges: \$352,433.33 The purported property address is: 11979 OLIVE STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650

Assessor's Parcel No.: 8048-031-014
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

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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-17-780851-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 lvy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MCRT PTR, 13128 SUTTON ST., CERRITOS CA 99703, A COUNTY, P.O. BOX 4064, CERRITOS

CA 90703
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MACK E.
TITUS, 13128 SUTTON ST., CERRITOS
CA 90703 (2) CLEMENTINE TITUS, 13128
SUTTON ST., CERRITOS CA 90703 State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

Married Couple
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: 06/2010 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/ CLEMENTINE TITUS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 4,

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17013 other then a change in the to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017330380
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ZARAH & K
BOUTIQUE, 11803 CROSSDALE AVE,
NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AL #ON: N/A

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NATANEEL
DEL ROCIO LLAMAS BORJA, 11803
CROSSDALE AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation N/A State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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or names listed above: N/A
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S/ NATANEEL DEL ROCIO LLAMAS

BORJA, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017356634
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHAVA
SERVICES, 15423 WILDER AVE,
NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Atticles of Incorporation or Organization

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HIEN BUI, 15423 WILDER 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: 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 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/ HIEN BUI, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2017

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of

Norwalk is inviting Social Service Agencies and/or interested non-profit groups who and/or interested non-profit groups who provide support services to residents of the City of Norwalk to submit applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for fiscal year 2018/2019. Applications are available at the City of Norwalk Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. CDBG funds may be used for the provision of social services (including labor, supplies, and materials) for activities such as job and materials), for activities such as job training, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education programs, energy

conservation, senior citizens programs, or services for homeless persons.

To be eligible for CDBG assistance, the service must be a continuation of a social service program funded by the City of Norwalk's CDBG program in the previous program year, new service, or quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above which has been provided with State or Local funds in the previous 12 calendar

Applications must be completed and returned no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2018 to the City of Norwalk, Social Services Center. Attn: Veronica Garcia. 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. Please contact the City of Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544 for additional information.

Dated this 5th day of January 2018.
Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED EXTENSION OF INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 17-1699U

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 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

Project Description: A public hearing will be held for the City Council to consider an extension of Interim Ordinance No. 17-1699U, an interim ordinance of the City of Norwalk enacted pursuant to Government Code Section 65858 prohibiting the establishment of new and expansion of existing gas stations, and declaring the

nvironmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the local CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment because the Ordinance will impose greater limitations on development in the City by temporarily prohibiting new gas stations and expansion of existing gas stations, thereby reducing potential significant adverse environmental impacts. This Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. Copies of the agenda report for the above-described project will be available for public review at www.norwalkca. gov or at the City Clerk's Office, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@norwalkca.gov. If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior

to the public hearing.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jessica Serrano, Acting Planning Manager at (562) 929-5741 or jserrano@

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior

Dated this 5th day of January 2018.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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LIEN SALES

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10950 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650, 562-929-6822, 01/17/2018, 11:30AM

Mario Miranda Household items	368
Elizabeth Servin Household items,	727
Charles Thomas Household Furniture	759
Michelle Pinedo Boxes, clothes	597B
Maria Olea Household items	707
Valeria L. Melendez Paperwork	920
David Conley Household items	652
Cynthia Gutierrez Small items, beds	850
Maria Rodriguez Household items	545
Aide Dipeppe Household items	605
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Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space

any purchase up until the winning bidde takes possession of the personal property

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030745
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
Samuel Levi Villalpando filed a petition with
this court for a decree changing names as

tollows:
Present name (1) Samuel Levi Villalpando to
Proposed name (1) Hans Levi Olson
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: February 14, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

Boulevard, Norwalk 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four 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 December 14, 2017
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Samuel Levi Villalpando
13800 Biola Avenue

13800 Biola Avenue La Mirada, CA 90639 (916) 769-8176

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SIMEON L. GACEREZ, JR. CASE NO. 175TPB11361

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SIMEON L. GACEREZ, JR... A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SONIA J. GACEREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SONIA J. GACEREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the state of the decedent.

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

grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/19/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the

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

your attorney.

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

may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the

Special Notice form is availated court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
ANNE A. ASIS
351 CALIFORNIA ST #1300
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94104
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAUL DE ROSS
Case No. 17STPB10374
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAUL DE ROSS
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Court of California, County of LOS

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES LEE OWINGS be appointed as personal representative to administer the

estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LEONARD MUSTIN.
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Downey float wins Queen Trophy at Rose Parade

ROSE PARADE: It's the first time the Downey Rose Float Association has won the Queen Trophy.

DOWNEY – Downey brought home the prestigious Queen Award from Monday's 129th Rose Parade for "most outstanding presentation

awards 24 trophies each year, 5-inch-wide rotating globe. recognizing excellence in a variety of categories and specifications.

A three-member judging panel, composed of civic and floral industry leaders, was appointed by the Tournament of Roses Judging Committee to evaluate the floats within a range of classifications. Scores were based on criteria such as creative design, floral craftsmanship, artistic merit, computerized animation, thematic interpretation, floral and color presentation, and dramatic impact.

Two judging sessions took place during the decorating stages before the parade. Scores from each judging session were then combined to determine the trophy recipients. Results were released to the media immediately prior to the start of the Rose Parade.

Banners for each trophywinning float were carried in the parade by select members of the Tournament of Roses Eagle Scout and Gold Award Girl Scout Troops.

The Downey Rose Float Association (DRFA) built a float titled "Working Together." It showcased two peace dovers and The Tournament of Roses an 11 foot 6-inch-tall, 11 foot

> The entire float spanned 42 1/2 feet-long, 18 feet-wide, and 15 feet 2 inches tall.

Adorning the float were nearly 15,000 roses and at least a couple thousand orchids.

"I'm extremely happy with the award we got, the Queen Trophy," said Jeff Shadic, DRFA artistic director. "We knew this float was going to be a pretty simple design, there wasn't going to be a lot of elaborate arrangements on it, so we knew the decks were going to have to be covered in roses, and that ended up being about 15,000 roses approximately that are covering the decks of this float.

"Plus, they were going to have to be in unison, in order and in perfect rows; that's what actually did it for us."

worked Volunteers Downey's float 24 hours a day last week, prepping it for judging. Downey's float is entirely self-built.

"We actually finished it in time for judging at 7:30 in the morning on December 31st," said construction chairman Kelley Roberts. "When the judges first came by on December 30th, there were only two coffee cans worth of seed on the float. Not all the flex foam was in place, it wasn't completely painted; if you look at it from a judge's perspective, they didn't think we'd finish.

"But when they came back the next morning and saw the float completed 98 percent, they pretty much stopped in their tracks.

"It's the first time that we've won the award, and it's a pretty prestigious honor because this is usually given mainly to professional built floats."

The float was towed back to Downey on Tuesday and remained on display in the Embassy Suites parking lot through Thursday.

Jennifer DeKay, president of DRFA, credited volunteers who not opportunity to support the float,"



Downey's entry in the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade won the Queen Trophy for "most outstanding presentation of roses. **Photo by Carol Kearns**

only built the float but support the DeKay said. "Through fundraisers, from the Downey community Downey Rose Float Association memberships, constuction, and throughout the year make year-round.

"Working Together" was so much more than the title of this float. It's what we do everyone, from all ages, has the

as a community work together to make a spectacular float. I am humbled with the talent that are members of this association.

"The support we receive

being there decoration week - we, participating in the Rose Parade possible," she added.

Downey approves plans for craft brewery, entertainment venue at site of former theater

DOWNTOWN: Planning Commission approves plans for restaurants, nightlife development at Downey Avenue and 3rd Street.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Planning Commission on Wednesday unanimously approved plans for an adapted reuse of the Avenue Theater into three new tenants.

purchased theater, for \$750,000 by the Downey Restaurant Group in 2016, was originally constructed in 1925. As facing Downey Avenue. of 2004, it has remained closed.

restaurants and an entertainment Downey Avenue.

venue with rooftop lounge. The Downey Avenue façade will also of operations are from 9 a.m. to 3 be restored to reflect the façade a.m. seven days a week, including as it was in the 1960's.

The two restaurants are Avenue Pizza and Crawford

According to the project applicant, the pizzeria - to be located at 11022 Downey Avenue - will serve New York style pizza and Italian food, and will include a kitchen area, counter and table seating, as well as a takeout window styled after a ticket booth a

The tenant space is 1,954 Proposed plans include two square feet and be accessed from

a 24-hour delivery service.

Crawford Brewery - to be currently proposed to be called located at 8310 3rd Street - is anticipated to serve southern style barbeque and will be accessed from 3rd Street. The 3,533-square foot restaurant will consist of a 2,439-square foot first floor and a 936-square foot second floor, with a 158-square foot outdoor patio.

> In addition to the restaurant, Crawford will also function as micro-brewery and will be allowed to sell alcohol for outside consumption under the condition that it is sold in a sealed container.

> > Crawford will also be allowed

The pizzeria's proposed hours entertainment in the form of live be accessible vice-versa. The variance.' I don't think that's bands, DJ, and dancing on the first applicant voiced intent to have floor. Operating hours will be from trained staff man the doors to 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

> The entertainment venue, likely branded as Rockwell, is 11,009 square feet with a 2,199 square-foot rooftop terrace. It will be located at 8312 3rd Street.

Due to the venue's ABC Type (On-Sale General, Public Premise) license that it will be operating under, the business will be restricted to those aged 21 and older. Live entertainment will include live bands, DJs, stand-up comedy, dinner theater shows, as karaoke, live shows, dancing, and Department," said Dominguez. public speaking events.

stopped at 1:30 a.m., including at the people who are responsible

Crawford and Avenue Pizza will be accessible from Rockwell; however, Rockwell will

prevent any entrance to Rockwell from the other two tenants.

There was considerable push back by Commissioner Steven Dominguez on the 3 a.m. closing time for Avenue Pizza, who voiced concerns for public safety as well as keeping steadfast in his intent to stick to the precedent that had been applied to other Downtown Downey businesses that operate late into the night.

espoused by the Police

"We have to take a look at the All live entertainment will be city, the governance of the city, for promoting public safety, and listen to the recommendations do." as to why...let's not be prejudicial and say 'oh because it's something I like, it should be granted a

proper."

Dominguez's However, concerns went for naught as he was overruled by the majority, specifically Chairman Rodriguez and Matias Flores, who voiced that there was a difference between pizza and hookah. Rodriguez commented that pizza by the slice was "different than hookah by the puff."

"I would argue that the difference between (customers) going to the hookah lounge to "It's a public safety issue basically sit and smoke versus just to stand at a window and get a pizza arguably are two different concepts," said Rodriguez. "I'm more in favor of getting a bite to eat and toning down versus the dark environment of gelling out and getting high or whatever they

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New year, new bike

COMMENTARY: 2018 an ideal time to purchase a new bicycle to commence new adventures.

By Raul Samaniego Contributor

NORWALK - Ah, 2018. It feels good on me. No resolutions, but I do have some goals: lose 10 or 70 pounds, exercise more, cover a broader array of stories and get away for Christmas in 11 months.

First things first, a new ride for daddy; sure, there are electric hybrids, luxury and economical vehicles out there. Yes, I have two and a half parking spaces at my house without a car in sight, but I I found a bike I liked, it was sold need a new (or newish) bike.

2017 saw me go through two bikes (I affectionately called them Raulmobiles).

They took me to council meetings, beach excursions, medical appointments and other adventures around town.

They accompanied me through several elections, city lawn events and far too many excursions to my favorite places, the coffee shop.

It was the bike which took me to the opening of the Don Knabe Golf Center and then the subsequent follow up twiceweekly research outings (lowered my average almost to even-par).

However, all good things must come to an end. Around June, I realized the bike crankshaft was broken.

I looked online for a solution.

There were many "formerly ridden" bikes listed in the new

Craigslist.

It was early December. I wasn't in a hurry (actually, I was) for I had to pay those December bills, property taxes and house insurance. It was challenging, but I got it done.

As a matter of fact, I picked up a nice good "formerly packed," day pack for my daily needs and to carry this notebook and press kit around.

Towards the end of the month, even picked up some petty cash by selling a couple items myself through Facebook.

I kept looking and every time before I could act on it.

Yes, I know that there is a percentage of bikes listed which have been obtained by dubious shopping, grabbing some early means, but all I really wanted was dinner and finally more coffee. My a beach cruiser frame to transfer seller arrived about 5:50 and we some items from my old bike to commenced to make a deal. the replacement.

misses, I found a nice looking bike and dug into my wallet for a \$45 sort of nearby in La Mirada. That was a \$12 Uber ride or a couple Norwalk Transit bus rides away.

Convincing the seller to meet me at the National Brand green monikered coffee shop on Imperial, I began the journey to look at this "Too good to be true," bike.

For \$45 and the cost of two bus rides, I figured it was worth the gamble.

Since I had to run several errands Wednesday, I walked over to my bank in Artesia, grabbed some flash cash and then jumped on the first bus to Imperial where

section similar to I walked over to the Metrolink station.

> Wow! As I approached the waiting area, I saw it. A bright yellow beach cruiser styled bike. What was that, I wondered?

As I approached it, I realized it was one of those "Rental bikes," someone had mentioned. It was unchained just sitting there.

Well, it wasn't exactly just sitting there. According to a placard on it handle bars, it was for rent. It had an electronic lock and cost a dollar an hour to rent.

I liked it, but I was on my way never the less to look at my potential new ride. But heck, for a dollar an hour, the idea was cool.

Arriving at my destination near La Mirada Blvd and Imperial, I killed a few hours by doing some window

I inspected the bike up and After some near hits and many down, locked it up to a fence bill. We shook hands and I was in possession of bike number one for

> So, what I did right was that we met at a well lit public place; I inspected the item and exchanged my cash inside the coffee shop (after I had locked the bike to a fence). We shook hands and I prepared to catch the 6:15 bus back to Norwalk.

> > I was back in business.

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An unfond farewell to un-statesman Orrin Hatch

By Michelle Malkin

The longest-serving Republican senator in U.S. history announced this week that he will finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally retire.

That's seven "finallys" — one for each of the consecutive six-year terms Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, served. He begin his occupancy in 1976, when all phones were dumb, the 5.25-inch floppy disk was cutting-edge, the very first Apple computer went on sale for \$666.66, the Concorde was flying high, O.J. Simpson was a hero, Blake Shelton was a newborn, the first MRI was still a blueprint, and I was a gap-toothed first-grader wearing corduroy bell-bottoms crushing on Davy Jones.

This encrusted longevity will be marketed by Hatch, 83, and his supporters as proof of his "statesmanship." Indeed, The Atlantic magazine described him this week as "an elder-statesman figure in the GOP." Newsweek likewise reported on the farewell announcement of the "elder statesman." And Hatch's own press minions have disseminated press releases quoting other entrenched politicians such as Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., hailing their boss's "reputation as a statesman."

But that word doesn't mean what Beltway barnacles think it means.

Merriam-Webster defines a "statesman" as a "wise, skillful, and respected political leader." Earning the approbation of other officeclinging politicians doesn't make you a "respected political leader." It makes you an echo-chamber chump.

Wise? Skillful? Hatch was a Big Government business-as-usual dealmaker. His wisdom was of the wet-finger-in-the-wind variety, claiming a Reagan conservative mantle during election cycles and then throwing constitutional conservatives under the bus once comfortably back in his well-worn Senate committee seats.

Hatch joined with his old pal Teddy Kennedy to create the \$6 billion national service boondoggle and the \$8 billion-a-year CHIP health insurance entitlement.

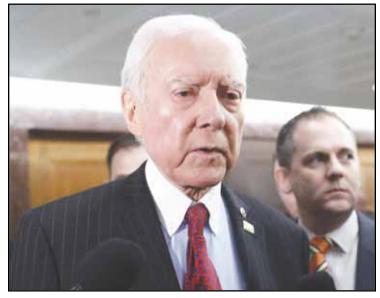
He preached about the "rule of law," but was an original sponsor of the open-borders DREAM Act illegal alien student bailout, and, despite claiming to oppose it, he voted to fully fund the unconstitutional Obama amnesty during the lame-duck session.

He crusaded for "fiscal conservatism," yet voted for massive Wall Street bailouts, 16 debt ceiling increases totaling \$7.5 trillion, and scores of earmarks totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for porky projects. He ends his four-decade reign as the Senate's top recipient of lobbyist cash.

And for the past two years, Team Hatch allies have spearheaded a multimillion-dollar fundraising campaign, squeezing donations from corporate donors and pharma and tech lobbyists to subsidize a "Hatch Foundation" and "Hatch Center" to commemorate the Hatch legacy.

"Statesman" isn't a title earned by mere length of service. It's not a cheap status conferred like an AARP card or IHOP senior discount. A politician who notches decades of frequent flyer miles back and forth between Washington and his "home" state, enjoying the endless perks of incumbency, does not acquire statesmanship by perpetual re-election and political self-aggrandizement.

The idea of amassing \$4 million to \$6 million campaign war chests, as Hatch did the past two election cycles, is antithetical to the ideal of statesmanship. In the days of Cincinnatus and George Washington, selfsacrifice and civic virtue marked true statesmen. Affability, which Hatch is credited with possessing by his backroom Democrat chums, was no substitute for the humility exhibited by statesmen who volunteered to com. relinquish power at the very height of it — not in its waning twilight.



So: Call Hatch a clock-puncher. Time-bider. Log-roller. Deal-cutter. Back-slapper. Call him most anything else now that he's finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally called it a day.

Just please don't call him "statesman."

Michelle Malkin is host of "Michelle Malkin Investigates" on CRTV.

When companies deny climate science, their workers pay

By Carla Santos Skandier

After decades spreading misinformation about greenhouse gas emissions' role as a driver of climate change, the deceptive tactics of the fossil fuel industry are slowly beginning to backfire.

In December, for instance, General Electric announced major cuts to its fossil-fuel-heavy power department — and the pain of this unplanned transition is already being felt by the people least responsible for the company's decisions: its workers.

In the last two years, many stories have surfaced on the knowledge major fossil fuel companies like Exxon-Mobil had about the climate impacts of their activities, and the many tactics these same companies employed to deceive the public about these impacts. But they may have also managed to deceive themselves.

Cheered on by a president who's gone above and beyond to prop up the fossil fuel industry — from announcing his intent to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement to pushing for approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline — dirty energy companies are deluding themselves that business as usual is a possible path forward.

This self-delusion may be beginning to reach its limits. The latest sign arrived on December 7 at General Electric — a global player in electricity for the past 125 years — with the announcement of an 18 percent cut to

the power department, the biggest and one of the oldest departments of make sure fossil fuel workers get a chance to qualify for new positions. the company.

CEO Russell Stokes pulled no punches explaining the cuts: The decision aims to right-size the business amid a decline in fossil fuel usage particularly coal and natural gas. The announcement came a mere two years after GE's decision to double its fleet of large coal turbines — a clear misjudgment.

This would be good news if not for one detail: jobs. GE's decision alone will cost 12,000 jobs worldwide.

If companies continue to resist transitioning from fossil fuels to renewables, these massive job losses will be just the beginning.

The Department of Labor estimates that roughly 200,000 people are currently employed in the oil and gas extraction and coal mining sectors. But the number could be in the millions if supportive work, construction, and indirect services of fossil fuel dependent communities are also

Fortunately, the renewable industry is booming. The Department of Energy recently reported that almost twice as many people were employed in solar energy last year than coal, gas, and oil electricity combined.

But matching displaced fossil fuel workers to new jobs won't be simple. It matters where those jobs are being created, and someone will have to

As if this weren't hard enough, companies' continuous denial and misrepresentation makes things worse. Their decision to "right-size" usually comes as last minute massive lay-offs, without giving workers a chance to plan ahead.

In the last few weeks alone, major institutions like Johns Hopkins University, ING bank, and the French insurance giant AXA have pulled their investments from coal, and the World Bank has announced it will no longer invest in any fossil fuel projects. The writing is on the wall, and the decline of fossil fuel production is both necessary and increasingly

This is all good news for the climate. But we also need a plan to support those employees on the front lines of the energy sector. We need to stop letting workers' lives be collateral damage of misguided corporate

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Taking stock as we begin a new year

By Lee H. Hamilton

This may seem odd, but as I look ahead to a year we all know will be momentous, you want to know what I feel most strongly? Gratitude.

I'll tell you in a moment how much work we have ahead of us to strengthen our country. But I'm mindful of just how strong we already are. A resilient economy has been performing well for several years now, avoiding both rampant inflation and recession. Despite its flaws, we have a remarkable education system that has allowed more people to enroll in college, make dramatic gains in lifelong learning and — especially in the case of racial minorities — get an education that a generation ago would have been much harder to secure.

We have a more diverse, educated workforce than ever before, and we're making progress on issues from climate change to social equality. We remain wealthy, powerful, and blessed with perhaps the strongest governing institutions of any country in the world — despite the challenges

We possess an immense, deep pool of talented people, who have made us a leading example of unity out of diversity, or as our motto has it, "out of many, one."

However, we have to work to retain and buttress our strengths. And as I suggested, we have our work cut out for us.

For one thing, we've always been an open country, welcoming a great diversity of people and remaining open to their aspirations and ideas. But we've been losing this. Immigration has been cut back sharply. A large

and vocal group of Americans want to "take back America" to some more something larger than ourselves. homogenous ideal that never actually existed.

our own, which is natural and not to be criticized, but it carries costs in reinforcing our own biases.

And as economic inequality rises, smaller and smaller groups of people corner an ever larger share of wealth, political power, and communal influence.

All of this has been straining our politics. We are more polarized and politically divided than I've seen in my lifetime. Excessive partisanship, the permanent political campaign that marks policy-making at the federal level, the strength of narrow interest groups, the outsized role of money in politics, the decline in the quality of public debate — all are cause for great concern.

I hope 2018 sees a turn toward addressing the defects in our political institutions and political culture — a shift in political life toward seeking the common good and focusing on the national interest.

This would allow us to re-focus on one of the defining features of our country's history: that what we're about as a nation is providing opportunity for all. That everyone has a role to play in contributing positively to a better neighborhood, a better community, a better state and nation, a better world. That as Americans, we devote ourselves to

This sense of beckoning opportunity has been waning. We're not At the same time, too many Americans also feel excluded and alienated investing in our future as we used to, in basic infrastructure like roads and from economic opportunity and what should be shared institutions. There bridges, in social infrastructure like schools, health clinics and libraries, are fewer places where different classes of people can mix and where our or in the research and development that are crucial to a next-generation institutions can become more heterogeneous. We tend to associate with economy. Our optimism as a country — so characteristic of our past — seems hard to locate these days. Americans are troubled, uneasy, and alarmed by everything from the quality of presidential leadership to Russian meddling to the rise of income inequality to the decline of traditional families.

> Yet here's the thing. While I understand our problems, I utterly reject the idea that we can give into them. From its start, this nation has been about resolving problems. We did so by embracing our simple, core virtues: humility, hard work, a welcoming attitude, inclusivity, neighborliness, consensus-building, and above all, a recognition that freedom has been given to us and we have an obligation to lead constructive lives.

> That's what we're about as a country. Not decline, or division, or insurmountable obstacles. Let's remember that in 2018.

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America's far left remains in the grip of insanity

By Ben Shapiro

President Trump is unpopular. He's unpopular because he's boorish, crude and silly; he's unpopular because he has a unique capacity to turn winning news cycles into referenda on his use of Twitter.

But the United States under President Trump hasn't seen any serious anti-liberty revanchism. In fact, under Trump, regulations have dropped precipitously; the economy continues its pattern of growth; and press freedoms have actually been strengthened.

Despite popular opinion, women aren't on the verge of enslavement into Vice President Mike Pence's "Handmaid's Tale," nor are black Americans in danger of resegregation or political disenfranchisement.

Yet while Iranians protest against a regime that reportedly hangs homosexuals from cranes, members of the hard left in the United States insist that protesters against the Trump administration demonstrate bravery similar to that of Iranians risking death by an Islamist regime.

Huffington Post political commentator Alex Mohajer tweeted: "The #IranianProtests, the #Resistance, and @WomensMarch are all the same. Across the world, people are fighting autocracies and oppressive regimes. @realDonaldTrump is NO DIFFERENT than the oppressive Ayatollahs in

Oddly, that movement of solidarity hasn't prompted those who walked in the Women's March on Washington to say a single word in support of the Iranian protesters to this point.

This idiocy doesn't merely spring from hatred for Trump but from a deep-seated need to justify the Obama administration's feckless Iran

policy. Thomas Erdbrink of The New York Times reported that violence broke out in Iran after the demonstrators ignored "pleas for calm from President Hassan Rouhani" and termed Rouhani — a tool of the mullahs - a "moderate." Meanwhile, one CNN anchor fretted that Trump might put a "finger on the scale" against the Iranian regime.

Members of the Obama administration took to Twitter to tell Trump to be guiet (Susan Rice, former national security adviser), chide Trump for failing to take in Iranian refugees (Samantha Power, former U.N. ambassador) and suggest that American policy has nothing to do with Iran's protests (Ben Rhodes, former national security adviser and architect of the Iran nuclear deal narrative).

All of these administration members did nothing as President Obama watched dissidents die in the streets in 2009, and all of them actively abetted the maximization of Iran's regional power.

Herein lies the insanity of the left. Only nutcases on the right believed that Barack Obama's governance was morally equivalent to the Iranian government. In the main, conservatives thought that Obama pursued bad policies domestically and horribly immoral foreign policies. But many on the left seem to believe that Trump is merely steps removed from the

The ayatollahs agree, and they use that nuttery for public-relations leverage: No wonder Ayatollah Khamenei tweeted: "The U.S. gov. commits oppression inside the U.S., too. U.S. police murder black women, men, & children for no justifiable reason, and the murderers are acquitted in U.S. courts. This is their judicial system! And they slam other countries' and our country's judicial system. #BLM."



Trump isn't Khamenei. And the only recent administration to help build Iran's power is the Obama administration. Comparing the Trump administration to Iran's regime isn't just delusional; it's insulting and counterproductive. And the only people it helps are America's enemies.

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Beyonce to headline Coachella music festival

Coachella, the two-weekend from live performance after giving UK, and the Weeknd, who may Californian event that traditionally kicks off the summer's festival for its 2018 edition.

Beyoncé will headline on April 2016. The R&B star took 2017 off reaching No 1 in both the US and

birth to her twins Rumi and Sir, and also have new material incoming the Coachella announcement will following his successful 2016 season, has announced the lineup further fuel rumours she is gearing album Starboy. up to release new material.

14 and 21, in her first live shows Eminem, performing in the wake since her Formation world tour in of his comeback album Revival

Chart-dominating rappers such The other two headliners are as Cardi B, Migos and Post Malone will also appear at Coachella, as will buzz bands Portugal. The Man, Haim and the War on Drugs; electronic acts include Odesza, Kygo and Jamiroquai. The lineup skews towards hipster-friendly contemporary artists, but there

Michel Jarre.

Beyonce: Singer and actress Beyoncé Giselle Knowles was born on September 4, 1981, in Houston, Texas. She started singing at an early age, competing in local talent shows and winning many of these events by impressing audiences with her singing and dancing abilities.

are some heritage acts in the form of David Byrne, Chic and Jean-

Teaming up with her cousin, Kelly Rowland, and two classmates, Beyoncé formed an all-female singing group. Her father, Matthew Knowles, served as the band's manager. The group went through some name and line-up changes before landing a record deal in 1997 with Columbia Records. Destiny's Child soon became one of the most popular R&B acts, with the release of their first, self-titled album. Gaining momentum, the group scored its first No. 1 single on the pop charts with "Bills, Bills," off their second album. The recording also featured another smash hit, "Say My Name."

While enjoying her group's success, Beyoncé began exploring other projects. She made her acting debut in 2001 with a starring role in MTV's Carmen: A Hip Hopera. She then co-starred with Mike Myers in the Austin Powers spy parody Goldmember the following year. On the musical

front, Beyoncé took center stage album—"Single Ladies (Put a Ring surprised fans and critics alike, as a solo artist, releasing her first on It)" and "If I Were a Boy." album, Dangerously in Love, in 2003. The recording became a huge success for her both commercially and critically. It sold millions of copies and won five Grammy Awards. On the album, Beyoncé worked with a number of different artists, including Missy Elliott, Sean Paul and Jay-Z. She was rumored to be dating Jay-Z around this time, but the couple did not publicly acknowledge their relationship.

Destiny's Child released their last studio album, Destiny Fulfilled, in 2004, and officially broke up the following year.

continued to enjoy great success. Her second studio album, 2006's B'Day featured such hits as "Irreplaceable" and "Deja Vu." On the big screen, she starred opposite Jennifer Hudson, Jaime Foxx and Eddie Murphy in Dreamgirls. The film was adapted from the hit Broadway musical of the same name.

In 2008, Beyoncé married rapper and music mogul Jay-Z in a small, private ceremony in New York City. The newlywed had won 16 Grammys. continued to work as hard as ever, promoting her latest effort, I am ... Sasha Fierce (2008). Beyoncé scored two big hits off the

She also returned to the big screen that year, starring as R&B legend Etta James in Cadillac Records. The following January, Beyoncé sang James' trademark song, "At Last," for President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at his inaugural

In addition to acting and performing, Beyoncé ran a clothing line called House of Dereon with her mother. She also launched her own fragrance, Heat, in 2010. Throughout her career, Beyoncé has served as a spokesperson and model for several other brands, On her own, Beyoncé including L'Oreal and Tommy

> At the 2010 Grammy Awards, Beyoncé walked away with six honors—the most wins in a single night by a female artist. Her record was matched two years later by pop/soul artist Adele. In 2010, she also tied the record for most No. 1 hits on Billboard's Pop Songs chart, which is based on radio airplay. In 2011, she made the Forbes Top 10 list of entertainment's highestearning women. By 2013, Beyoncé

Beyoncé broke records once again on December 13, 2013, with her fifth studio album, self-titled Beyoncé. The album

as no promotion for the album had been announced prior to its release. The record, which Beyoncé called a "visual album," was released exclusively on iTunes, with physical discs available for purchase after December 18. The record-breaking album sold more than 800,000 copies throughout the weekend it was released alone. The collection—which was the fastest-selling album ever distributed by iTunes—also marked Beyoncé's fifth studio album to debut at No. 1, making her the first woman to reach No. 1 on the Billboard 200 with her first five albums. She released the Platinum Edition of the album in 2014, and the following year won three additional Grammys, including a Best R&B Performance award for "Drunk in Love."

In April 2016, HBO aired an hourlong Beyoncé conceptual film, Lemonade, which presented tracks from the album of the same name released immediately afterward. Musical contributors to the project, which quickly garnered acclaim, included Jack White, The Weeknd, James Blake and Kendrick Lamar. Lemonade debuted at No. 1, making Beyoncé the only artist in history to have all of her first six studio albums reach the top of Billboard's album

Known as "Queen Bey," the famed singer took on the role of a different queen with the November 2017 announcement that she was on board for the remake of Disney's The Lion King. Scheduled for a 2019 release, the live action reboot of the 1994 animated hit will feature Beyoncé as Nala, the budding love interest of the titular character, to be played by Donald Glover.

According to Forbes, Beyoncé snagged \$105 million in pretax income June 2016 through June 2017, a number that easily outpaced the earnings of fellow divas Adele (\$69 million) and Taylor Swift (\$44 million). Forbes attributed the windfall to the success of Lemonade and the singer's Formation World Tour, which grossed approximately \$250 million.



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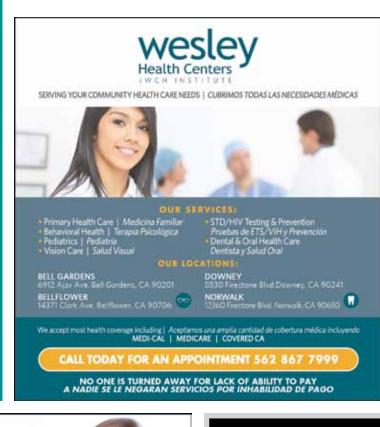
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