









# Jeff Sessions gives a boost to the legalization of pot

By Steve Chapman

When Winston Churchill’s party lost an election in 1945, evicting him from the job of prime minister of Britain, his wife ventured that the defeat might be “a blessing in disguise.” He replied, “Well, at the moment, it’s certainly very well-disguised.”

For those who favor legalizing recreational and medical use of marijuana, there is plenty of bad news in Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ decision to reverse the Justice Department’s previous hands-off policy toward state experimentation. He ordered federal prosecutors “to enforce the laws enacted by Congress.” That directive poses a threat to cannabis growers, dispensaries, investors and users who had been operating under a permissive regime.

“This is going to create chaos in the dozens of states whose voters have chosen to regulate medical and adult use (of) marijuana rather than leaving it in the hands of criminals,” said Neill Franklin, executive director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, which favors legalization. The Drug Enforcement Administration could raid dispensaries that states have allowed, as it did under President George W. Bush and even under Barack Obama.

But the crackdown could amount to the last gasp of marijuana prohibition. The best way to get rid of laws that are generally unpopular and destructive is to enforce them stringently. By threatening an assault on a sector that has established itself across the country, Sessions has picked a fight he is bound to lose.

His policy puts him at odds with the 29 states (and the District of Columbia) that allow medical use of the drug. Together, they comprise nearly 60 percent of the U.S. population. His order is especially hostile

to the eight states that have legalized recreational pot. They include Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Nevada, Maine, Massachusetts and California, which account for 20 percent of Americans.

It also creates conflict with many people in his own party. Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado said the shift contradicted the assurance Sessions had given him, and he threatened to block all Justice Department nominations in response.

Fellow GOP Sens. Dean Heller of Nevada, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Rand Paul of Kentucky objected. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California accused Sessions of a “profound misreading of the Constitution, which allows states, not the heavy-handed federal government, to determine such issues.”

Sessions is a prisoner of his immutable belief that “using drugs will destroy your life.” But the more than 100 million Americans who have consumed cannabis, and particularly the 35 million who enjoy it on a regular basis, know better. The attorney general seems intent on proving that you don’t have to be stoned to be detached from reality.

He is also inviting a backlash. Just hours after his announcement, the Vermont House of Representatives approved a bill to allow recreational use of cannabis, which the Senate had passed last year, and Republican Gov. Phil Scott supports the idea. This week, the New Hampshire House voted to legalize possession of small amounts of pot, though Republican Gov. Chris Sununu is opposed.

Illinois, which allows medical marijuana, could benefit. State Sen. Heather Steans, who had already introduced a bill to legalize recreational use, says, “What the attorney general did may be pushing states further.”

Rohrabacher thinks Sessions’ move will encourage Congress to foil

him. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said she will introduce a bill to let states make their own choices on cannabis. She may find little opposition. Politico reported that it “could not find a single member of Congress who had issued a statement in support of Sessions’ actions.”

His mistake was to disturb a status quo that allowed members of Congress to accommodate public support for legalization without having to vote for it. Deference to state liberalization could be couched in terms of keeping the federal government from interfering with matters beyond its responsibilities — an approach that largely satisfied both Democrats and Republicans.

Sessions is forcing many members to choose between supporting prohibition of cannabis and siding with their own states and constituents. Given that two-thirds of Americans want to allow recreational weed, it’s not a shrewd strategy.

His position is more likely to boost support for legalization than to diminish it. That’s partly because he works for a president who is notably unpopular and partly because he himself has an approval rating of 24 percent. Legalization supporters could not ask for a more useful adversary.

They may lament Sessions’ ill-informed and punitive decision now. Someday, they may remember it as a blessing in disguise.

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# Constitutional ignorance -- perhaps contempt

By Walter E. Williams

Hillary Clinton blamed the Electoral College for her stunning defeat in the 2016 presidential election in her latest memoirs, “What Happened?” Some have claimed that the Electoral College is one of the most dangerous institutions in American politics. Why? They say the Electoral College system, as opposed to a simple majority vote, distorts the one-person, one-vote principle of democracy because electoral votes are not distributed according to population.

To back up their claim, they point out that the Electoral College gives, for example, Wyoming citizens disproportionate weight in a presidential election. Put another way, Wyoming, a state with a population of about 600,000, has one member in the U.S. House of Representatives and two members in the U.S. Senate, which gives the citizens of Wyoming three electoral votes, or one electoral vote per 200,000 people.

California, our most populous state, has more than 39 million people and 55 electoral votes, or approximately one vote per 715,000 people. Comparatively, individuals in Wyoming have nearly four times the power in the Electoral College as Californians.

Many people whine that using the Electoral College instead of the popular vote and majority rule is undemocratic. I’d say that they are absolutely right. Not deciding who will be the president by majority rule is not democracy. But the Founding Fathers went to great lengths to ensure that we were a republic and not a democracy. In fact, the word democracy

does not appear in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution or any other of our founding documents.

How about a few quotations expressed by the Founders about democracy? In Federalist Paper No. 10, James Madison wanted to prevent rule by majority faction, saying, “Measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority.” John Adams warned in a letter, “Remember Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a Democracy Yet, that did not commit suicide.”

Edmund Randolph said, “That in tracing these evils to their origin, every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy.” Then-Chief Justice John Marshall observed, “Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos.”

The Founders expressed contempt for the tyranny of majority rule, and throughout our Constitution, they placed impediments to that tyranny. Two houses of Congress pose one obstacle to majority rule. That is, 51 senators can block the wishes of 435 representatives and 49 senators. The president can veto the wishes of 535 members of Congress. It takes two-thirds of both houses of Congress to override a presidential veto.

To change the Constitution requires not a majority but a two-thirds vote of both houses, and if an amendment is approved, it requires ratification by three-fourths of state legislatures.

Finally, the Electoral College is yet another measure that thwarts majority rule. It makes sure that the highly populated states — today, mainly 12 on the East and West coasts, cannot run roughshod over the rest of the nation. That forces a presidential candidate to take into consideration the wishes of the other 38 states.

Those Americans obsessed with rule by popular majorities might want to get rid of the U.S. Senate, where states, regardless of population, have two senators. Should we change representation in the House of Representatives to a system of proportional representation and eliminate the guarantee that each state gets at least one representative?

Currently, seven states with populations of 1 million or fewer have one representative, thus giving them disproportionate influence in Congress. While we’re at it, should we make all congressional acts be majority rule? When we’re finished with establishing majority rule in Congress, should we then move to change our court system, which requires unanimity in jury decisions, to a simple majority rule?

My question is: Is it ignorance of or contempt for our Constitution that fuels the movement to abolish the Electoral College?

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# Republicans don’t really want to fix immigration

By Froma Harrop

President Trump and the Republican leadership have made clear that they have no intention of repairing our chaotic immigration system. Why not? Because illegal immigration is a problem that bothers most Americans. Fix it and all these politicians have are tax cuts for the rich, environmental degradation, soaring deficits and the loss of health care.

As a campaigner, Trump learned that when audience passion flagged, he could demand a wall with Mexico and his folks would jump to their feet. The week that America went into convulsions over Trump’s racist vulgarities about certain immigrants is a week we’ll never get back again. But it did cancel right-wing displeasure over his seemingly constructive comments on immigration reform a few days earlier.

“Is Trump a racist?” the TV commentators kept asking. He said racially disgusting things as a candidate and again as president. Asking whether he’s a racist deep in his cheesecloth soul is a pointless exercise.

Trump shows all appearances of “not playing with a full deck,” despite a doctor’s report of good cognitive health. It really doesn’t matter much whether he is crazy or just acts crazy.

But with his promises to protect working people breaking like fine crystal dropped from Trump Tower’s 26th floor, his policy deck has become quite thin. Illegal immigration remains one of the few potent cards he has to play. Why take it out of play by solving the problem?

This thinking did not begin with Trump.

In 2013, the U.S. Senate passed comprehensive immigration reform in a bipartisan vote. It would have legalized the status of most undocumented immigrants while putting teeth in enforcement going forward.

There were enough supportive Democrats and Republicans to pass

the reform in the House, as well, but then-Speaker John Boehner didn’t put it up for a vote. Passage would have made some hotheads in his Republican caucus unhappy.

Some foes of comprehensive reform pointed to the 1986 immigration deal as the reason they couldn’t support that one. Their reason was baloney.

True, the law enacted in 1986 gave amnesty to millions without stopping the flow of more undocumented workers. Its big flaw was letting employers accept documents that merely “looked good” as ID for hiring someone. An explosion of fake Social Security cards and other documents greatly weakened the ability to enforce the ban on employing those here illegally.

The 2013 legislation would have closed that loophole. It would have required companies to use E-Verify, a secure database, to determine every job applicant’s right to work in the United States. That would have made all the difference in hiring practices and the ability of government to enforce the law.

Had the reform passed in 2013, America would now be in its fifth year of mandatory E-Verify. Instead, we have a law that still lets even poorly

counterfeited documents become tickets to employment. The numbers on illegal immigration, falling since the Obama administration, would probably be smaller still had the 2013 reform passed.

And those brought here illegally as children would be enjoying a secure life as Americans. But Trump and many Republicans apparently see value in periodically threatening to deport these innocents. They’re useful as a political plaything.

As for Democrats, they would make a big mistake in underestimating the public’s hunger for an orderly immigration program. Polls show that Americans want a program based on respect — for the immigrants themselves and for the laws designed to protect U.S. workers from unfair competition.

If Democrats make clear that they are on board with both kinds of respect, they’ll be fine. Trump is grasping his one powerful card with both hands. Democrats should not help him.

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# Why wasn’t Obama impeached?

By Larry Elder

In the era of President Donald Trump, Democrats think presidents should be impeached over policy differences.

In Trump’s case, the Democrats accuse him of winning the election by “colluding” with Russia to win. After nearly a year of investigations, there does not appear to be any evidence. Yet many Democrats have already called for impeachment.

In truth, Democrats want this President out because they don’t like him or his policies. One of Trump’s major campaign promises was to build a “wall” to protect our southern border. Never mind that, in 2006, 26 Democratic senators — including Hillary Clinton, then-Sen. Barack Obama and Chuck Schumer — voted for hundreds of miles of barriers and fencing. And every Senate Democrat voted for 2013’s Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, which again called for hundreds of miles of barriers.

But Trump is “racist” and “xenophobic.” Rep. Al Green, D-Texas, calls Trump a “bigot in the White House who incites hatred and hostility,” which, says Green, is a “high misdemeanor” that constitutes an impeachable offense.

All right, let’s apply the Democrats’ new standard for impeachment to President Obama and his decision in 2011 to pull all the troops from Iraq against the advice of his national security team. President George W. Bush warned his successor. Bush turned around the Iraq War with his controversial “surge,” a troop increase of about 21,500 in 2007. Former Vice President Dick Cheney, in October 2011, two months before Obama pulled out all the troops in Iraq, said that Bush’s 2007 agreement envisioned a negotiation for a stay-behind force: “There was another provision in (Bush’s status-of-forces agreement) that’s very important, seems to have been ignored, which was that we would also reserve the right to negotiate with the Iraqis on some stay-behind forces. ... They’re a new democracy; they’re not very well-organized yet. I worry that in the rush for the exit here, that we may in fact make it very difficult for them to succeed.”

But then-Sen. Barack Obama, who called the Iraq War “dumb,” not

only opposed Bush’s surge but also predicted it would make things worse: “I am not persuaded that 20,000 additional troops in Iraq is going to solve the sectarian violence there. In fact, I think it will do the reverse. ... So I am going to actively oppose the President’s proposal.”

But the surge did work. By 2008, the violence subsided to the point where American soldiers, celebrating with Iraqis in Ramadi, were on the streets not even wearing their helmets. War correspondent Dexter Filkins, who had all but given up in Iraq when he was last there just two years earlier, could not believe the improvement: “The progress here is remarkable,” said Filkins in 2008. “I came back to Iraq after being away for nearly two years, and honestly, parts of it are difficult for me to recognize. The park out in front of the house where I live — on the Tigris River — was a dead, dying, spooky place. It’s now filled with people — families with children, women walking alone, even at night. That was inconceivable in 2006. The Iraqis who are out there walking in the parks were making their own judgments — that it is safe enough for them to go out for a walk. They’re voting with their feet. It’s a wonderful thing to see.” But Filkins warned that the gains could erode. “It’s pretty clear,” Filkins said, “that the calm is very fragile. The calm is built on a series of arrangements that are not self-sustaining; indeed, some of which, like the Sunni Awakening, are showing signs of coming apart. So the genie is back in the bottle, but I’m not sure for how long.”

Obama, however, pulled out all the troops against the advice given by Obama’s CIA chief, his secretary of defense, the United States ambassador to Iraq, his national security adviser, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. This commander in chief with no military experience rejected the apparent unanimous advice from his defense team: Leave a stay-behind force or run the risk of terrorists filling the power vacuum.

But Obama did not listen.

If policy disagreement is the new standard for impeachment in the Trump era, wouldn’t Obama’s Iraq bug-out qualify?

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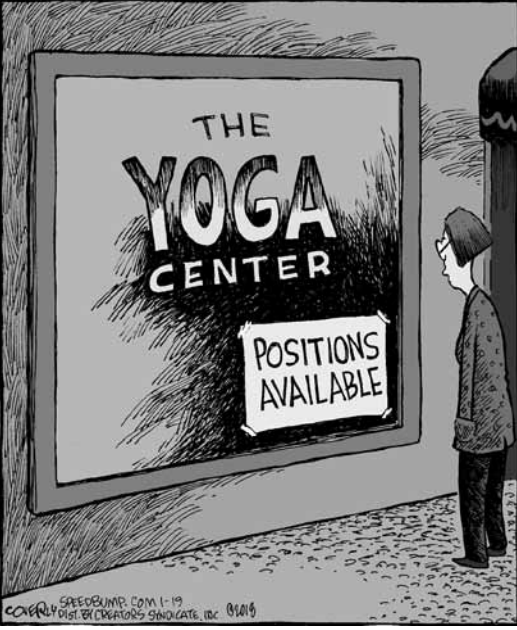
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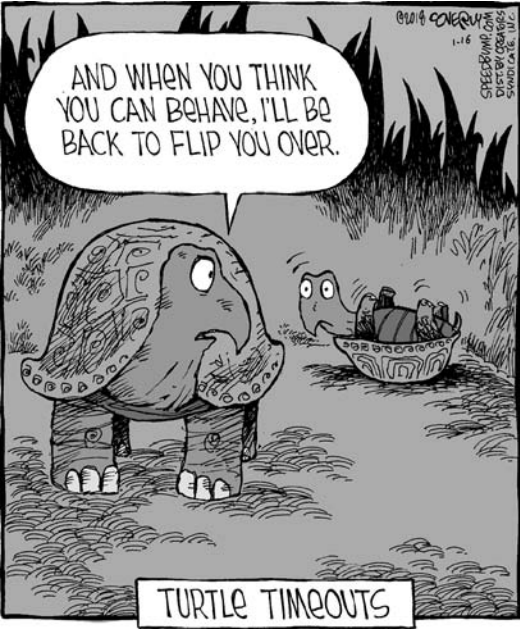
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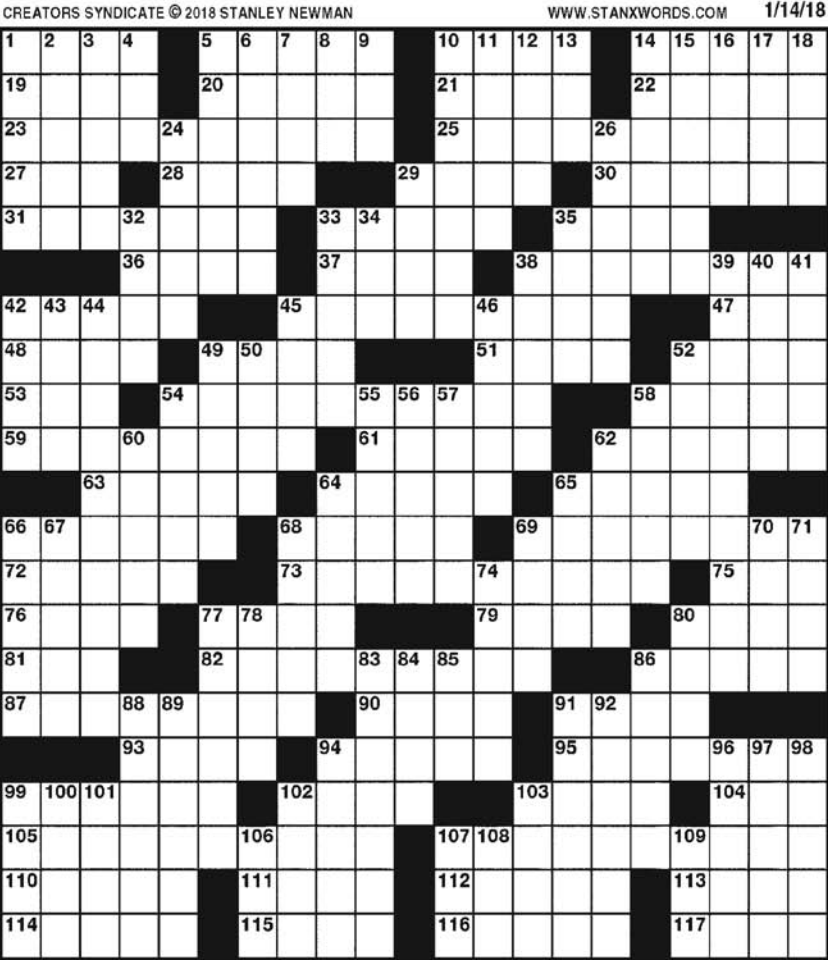
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GOVERNMENT

**CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 18-1700U**

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held January 16, 2018, adopted proposed Ordinance No. 18-1700U, AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK ENACTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 EXTENDING INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 17-1699U PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING GAS STATIONS, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF, by the following roll call vote:  
**AYES: Councilmembers Ayala and Perez,**

**Vice Mayor Shryock, and Mayor Vernola NOES: Councilmember Rios ABSENT: None** Ordinance No. 18-1700U will extend Interim Ordinance No. 17-1699U for an additional term of 10 months and 15 days past the initial expiration date of Interim Ordinance No. 17-1699U. The ordinance temporarily prohibits the establishment or expansion of gas stations. The ordinance applies Citywide and will expire on December 4, 2018. The full text of Ordinance No. 18-1700U is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk  
January 19, 2018

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**1/19/18**

PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT C. HAMMER, JR. CASE NO. 18STPB00205**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT C. HAMMER, JR.. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MELISSA MICHELS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MELISSA MICHELS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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: 02/13/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner AARON CHARLES GREGG - SBN 76612 AARON CHARLES GREGG, APLC 110 E WILSHIRE AVE #503 FULLERTON CA 92832 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/18 **CNS-3089462# THE NORWALK PATRIOT** **CNS 3089462** **The Norwalk Patriot** **1/19/18, 1/26/18, 2/2/18**

**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. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES LEE OWINGS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. 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 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 on February 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 67 in Room 439 located at 111 NORTH HILL STREET, 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 the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: JAMES LEE OWINGS, PRO PER 26621 STETSON PLACE LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653 (949) 929-5125 JLOWINGS@AOL.COM

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 9948-3827 TSG Order No.: 730-1710880-70 A.P.N.: 8080-023-024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/09/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 06/26/2006 as Document No.: 06 1404488, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: IRMA RODRIGUEZ AND DIMAS RODRIGUEZ, AS A MARRIED COUPLE, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/15/2018 at 09:00 AM Sale Location: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11943 NAVA STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$118,308.35 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand

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T.S. No.: 9551-3810 TSG Order No.: 120250406 A.P.N.: 8052-003-048 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/16/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 03/22/2007 as Document No.: 20070651510, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: BRENDA ESCORCIA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/05/2018 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14012 LEFLOSS AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650-3522 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said

note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$306,224.38 (Estimated) as of 01/11/2018. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9551-3810. 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 833-290-7452 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772 Affinia Default Services, LLC, Omar Solorzano, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0322999 To: NORWALK PATRIOT 01/12/2018, 01/19/2018, 01/26/2018

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# World’s largest King Tut exhibit to open at California Science Center

**LOS ANGELES** – To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of King Tut’s tomb, the California Science Center is presenting the world premiere of “King Tut: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh,” the largest King Tut exhibition ever toured.

The exhibit opens March 24 and will stay open until January 2019, which is when the exhibit will head to Europe.

Tickets start at about \$19.

The exhibit features more than 150 authentic artifacts from King Tut’s celebrated tomb, many of which the boy king himself used in life and in death, including gold jewelry, gilded wood furniture, and ornate ritual objects – 60 of which have never traveled outside of Egypt, until now.

Travel 3,300 years back in time to join King Tut as he navigates the perilous underworld. In a dramatic new presentation, multimedia complements rare artifacts to take guests on an immersive journey of the pharaoh’s quest for immortality. Follow the boy king as he travels from the underworld through the 12 gates and to the afterlife.

Along the way, interactive displays reveal how exquisitely engraved burial objects such as the bow and arrow and boomerang were meant to protect Tut in his life-after-death journey.

Examine exquisite rings found on King Tut’s fingers, opulent jewelry that adorned his body, and the gold sandals placed on his feet upon burial. Marvel at the gilded coffin and lid from one of the alabaster containers that held the pharaoh’s mummified organs.

Learn about the pharaoh’s second death and find out how your presence in the exhibition ensures King Tut’s immortality by keeping his name alive.

Discover how the scientific

analysis of King Tut’s 3,300-year-old mummy has revealed new information about his health and lineage, as well as how cutting-edge technologies have played a role in discovering new tombs and analyzing existing ones in ways never before imagined.

The California Science Center is located at Exposition Park near the Coliseum. Parking is \$12.

### Who was King Tut?

King Tutankhamun (c. 1341 B.C.E. to c. 1323 B.C.E.), colloquially known as King Tut, was the 12th pharaoh of the 18th Egyptian dynasty, in power from approximately 1332 to 1323 B.C.E.

During his reign, Tutankhamun accomplished little. However his powerful advisers restored the traditional Egyptian religion, which had been set aside by his father, Akhenaten, who led the “Amarna Revolution.”

Because Tutankhaten was just nine years old when he assumed power in 1332 B.C.E., the first years of his reign were probably controlled by an elder known as Ay, who bore the title of Vizier. Ay was assisted by Horemheb, Egypt’s top military commander at the time. Both men reversed Akhenaten’s decree to worship Aten in favor of the traditional polytheistic beliefs.

King Tut had the royal court moved back to Thebes. He sought to restore the old order, hoping that the gods would once again look favorably on Egypt. He ordered the repair of the holy sites and continued construction at the temple of Karnak. He also oversaw the completion of the red granite lions at Soleb.

While foreign policy was neglected during Akhenaten’s reign, Tutankhamun sought to restore better relations with ancient Egypt’s neighbors. While there is some evidence to suggest that Tutankhamun’s diplomacy

was successful, during his reign battles took place between Egypt and the Nubians and Asiatics over territory and control of trade routes. Tutankhamun was trained in the military, and there is some evidence that he was good at archery. However, it is unlikely that he saw any military action.

### Death

After his death at age 19, King Tut disappeared from history until the discovery of his tomb in 1922. Since then, studies of his tomb and remains have revealed much information about his life and times, making Tutankhamun one of the best known ancient Egyptian kings.

King Tut was buried in a tomb in the Valley of the Kings. It is believed that his early death necessitated a hasty burial in a smaller tomb most likely built for a lesser noble.

Seventy days after his death, Tutankhamun’s body was laid to rest and the tomb was sealed. There are no known records of Tutankhamun after his death, and, as a result, he remained virtually

unknown for centuries. Even the location of his tomb was lost, as its entrance had been covered by the debris from a tomb structure built later.

Much of what is known about Tutankhamun today derives from the discovery of his tomb in 1922. British archaeologist Howard Carter had begun excavating in Egypt in 1891, and after World War I he began an intensive search for Tutankhamun’s tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

On November 26, 1922, Carter and fellow archaeologist George Herbert, the Earl of Carnarvon, entered the interior chambers of the tomb. To their amazement, they found much of its contents and structure miraculously intact.

Inside one of the chambers, murals were painted on the walls that told the story of Tutankhamun’s funeral and his journey to the afterworld. Also in the room were various artifacts for his journey — oils, perfumes, toys from his childhood, precious jewelry and statues of gold and ebony.



Over the next 17 years, Carter and his associates carefully excavated the four-room tomb, uncovering an incredible collection of thousands of priceless objects.

The most fascinating item found in King Tut’s tomb was the stone sarcophagus containing three coffins, one inside the other, with a final coffin made of gold. When the lid of the third coffin was raised, King Tut’s royal mummy was revealed, preserved for more

than 3,000 years.

As archaeologists examined the mummy, they found other artifacts, including bracelets, rings and collars.

Tutankhamun died at age 19, after just eight to nine years in power. Research suggests King Tut died from a gangrene infection resulting from a broken leg.

# The generosity of strangers

By Eric Pierce

Most people have personal longevity milestones that they cherish.

Eli Manning started 210 consecutive football games. Bruno Sammartino held the WWF heavyweight championship an astounding 2,803 days. Jerry Seinfeld went 13 years and five months without throwing up.

I went 18 years without being involved in a single car accident. Unfortunately, that all changed last week.

On Saturday morning, after a

late breakfast in Long Beach, my wife and I were returning home via the northbound 605 Freeway. Traffic began to slow near the Katella Avenue exit, where the freeway makes a slight bend. A CHP SUV was on the right shoulder, its red and blue lights blinking.

Everyone slowed. Well, almost everyone. I heard a loud BOOM behind me and my entire body jerked towards the steering wheel. My wife’s neck snapped violently back and forth. My Nissan Altima lurched forward but rolled to a stop before a second collision occurred.

The driver that hit us somehow ended up in front of me. I’m always reading stories about hit-and-run drivers leaving the scenes of accidents but luckily this person did the right thing and followed me to the freeway shoulder.

I’m an even-keel guy, but nothing irritates me more than people who are rude and people who don’t pay attention behind the wheel. Was this guy texting while driving? Distracted by the police

activity? Jamming out to Maroon 5?

What happened next caught me off-guard: the other driver was actually nice. Very nice. Over the top nice.

“Hey, sorry about that, it was a total accident,” he said, his hand on my shoulder. “Guess this is why we have insurance, right?”

Dude, I wanted to be mad. I wanted to whoop and holler and throw my arms up in exasperation. But no, not only had this man hit me, he robbed me of a justifiable opportunity to act like a raving lunatic.

The damage to my car didn’t appear terrible. The rear bumper was scuffed and hanging loose from the left side. The other driver’s Mercedes coupe appeared to have absorbed the brunt of the damage. But after we exchanged information and went on our ways, the Altima suddenly lost power, with barely enough juice to roll towards an off-ramp.

This was scary. Nobody ever

thinks about having to stop on a freeway. You’re not accustomed to having to look for disabled vehicles blocking lanes.

The entire electrical system was down, disabling my hazards. Cars zipped by at an alarming speed. People craned their necks, wondering what I was doing. “Hey, you might want to turn on your hazards!” one person shouted. Thanks for the advice, buddy.

As my wife called for help, I noticed two men walking my way. Both were heavily tatted, their faces obscured by various green tattoos except for a pair of red pursed lips. One of the men had a child’s portrait inked on his neck. I have no idea where these men came from.

“You need help pushing?” one of the men asked.

“Yeah, that’d be great.”

We pushed the Altima off the freeway and into the parking lot of a nearby Yum-Yum Donuts. I was barely able to thank them before they jogged back to their car and drove off.

My car wasn’t properly positioned so I was blocking three parking spaces. That’s when a homeless man emerged from a grassy area near the freeway off-ramp, carrying an orange cone. Without saying a word, he placed the cone behind my car as a safety measure.

My car was eventually towed to a body shop and all the insurance claims are being worked out. (The other driver admitted fault, which is making things a lot easier.)

But long after this ordeal is over I’ll carry with me the kindness of strangers, who helped make a stressful situation so much easier to handle.

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