

### **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 16**

City Council meeting **DATE:** Tuesday, Jan. 16 **TIME:** 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:** City Hall

### **JANUARY 17**

#### **Special Olympics informational** meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 17 **TIME:** 6:30 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

### **JANUARY 19**

Open Mic Night

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19

**LOCATION: Norwalk Cultural Arts** Center

### **JANUARY 24** Immigration forum

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 24 TIME: 10 am

**LOCATION:** Mary Rodriguez Senior Center in Hawaiian Gardens

### **Planning Commission meeting** DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 24

TIME: 7:30 pm LOCATION: City Hall

### **Homeless Count**

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 24 TIME: 8 pm LOCATION: Norwalk Social Services Center

### **JANUARY 25**

### **Neighborhood Watch meeting** DATE: Thursday, 25

TIME: 6:30 pm **LOCATION:** 13500 block of Roseton

### **JANUARY 28**

#### Two-Person scramble golf tournament

DATE: Sunday, Jan. 28 TIME: 9 am LOCATION: Don Knabe Golf Center

### **FEBRUARY 1**

### **Social Services Commission** meeting

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 1 **TIME:** 6:30 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Social Services 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 Dance

**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

## Norwalk officially hires Jesus Gomez as city manager

**CONTRACT:** Norwalk's new top administrator will earn a base salary of \$260,000 annually.

#### By Raul Samaniego Contributor

NORWALK - At Tuesday night's regularly scheduled Norwalk City Council meeting, all members voted to accept the recommendation of the city attorney, Roxanne Diaz, to approve the hiring of Jesus Gomez as the new city manager.

After a statement from the city attorney touting the achievements and qualifications of Gomez, the council voted with no comment or discussion to approve his hiring.

addition to Diaz's statement, the city of El Monte had a statement which listed his accomplishments including "The approval and construction of over a billion dollars of private and public investments."

Gomez's yearly salary in Norwalk starts at \$260,000 with annual costs of living adjustments after the second year.

He is also entitled to other benefits commensurate with his level of employee status.

If he indeed takes the helm of the city on or before February 1, 2018, he will also receive a one-time lump sum payment of

on the city's website.

**HOMELESS:** Also Tuesday, The Norwalk City Council began hearing suggestions and direction for the current homeless situation within the city limits at a special meeting of the normally five member board Tuesday at 4:30 PM in the council's chamber.

Absent from the first of a multifaceted process was Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock. No explanation use of the phrase, "Human right was given for his absence.

Kris Kuntz, Senior Associate, Development Lesar Consultants, was the afternoon's process.

Lesar Consultants was awarded up to \$49,000 on December 19, 2017, to "Develop the City's (Norwalk) homeless plan."

Tuesday's special meeting was the council's opportunity to discuss such a plan.

Kuntz, opened with questions regarding the definition of homelessness and how a person became homeless.

He presented the "Housing First," idea as a possible solution.

Globe awards reminded Kay

Halsey of a visit to Morehouse

College with her father when

she was a little girl. It made

her think of service to others

and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Shared Stories is a weekly

column featuring articles

by participants in a writing

class at the Norwalk Senior

Center. Bonnie Mansell is the

instructor for this free class

Adult

Program. Curated by Carol

By Kay Halsey

Education

College

College

Kearns.

According to the United



Jesus Gomez, third from left, was hired as Norwalk's city manager on Tuesday. Photo courtesy city of Norwalk

States Council on Homelessness, "Housing First is a proven approach in which people experiencing homelessness are offered permanent housing with few to no treatment preconditions, behavioral contingencies, barriers."

While not the only model available to today's homeless situation, it was the methodology that Kuntz presented Tuesday

His presentation to the council was followed up with a more in depth initial presentation to the department heads or representatives from the various city departments at a city staff A copy of Mr. Gomez's contract input session held the next day with the city of Norwalk is available at the Social Service Center on Alondra Blvd.

> Both presentations seemed to highlight some of the questions regarding homelessness including; potential causes, responses and successes with the "Housing First models."

> After an initial briefing on the idea and a retort by Mayor Luigi Vernola, he asked, "Who's going to pay for this?"

Vernola also questioned the of housing," which was expressed as an opinion of Kuntz early in his PowerPoint presentation.

Vernola's concerns were also first Presenter regarding the addressed about those individuals with mental health and other

> Addressing some of the financial questions was Los Angeles County official Michael Castillo who gave highlights of current county and other agency level funding which is currently being exercised.

With an approval of over 69% of the voters last March, Measure H was approved which provides funding for homeless programs in the county.

LACounty. According to

gov, "Measure H is expected to generate an estimated \$355 Million annually for services to combat

Speaking in terms of financing, Vernola stated, "I'm a business

Continuing, he pressed on regarding the homeless individuals part in a Housing First scenario, "They're not giving up nothing."

Council member Margarita Rios explained resources as a "Trickle down," effort at distributing resources reminding everyone that, "There's a lot of layers here."

Adding her concern for the

people of Norwalk, Council Member Jennifer Perez asked (about the homeless), "Where do we put them?"

Rios added her concern regarding," First responder

Council Member Tony Ayala may have said it best when he shared perhaps his and everyone's sentiment, "We are struggling to understand this.'

He, himself was on the lines last year during the "Count the Homeless," event held to better assess the number in each area.

This year's homeless count is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24. Meet at the Social Service Center at 7 p.m. To volunteer, go to: www.theycountwillyou.org/.

The meeting adjourned with the understanding that this is the first in a multi step process where the next steps would be several meetings with city staff, citizens, faith based groups and others to continue the process.

The next Homeless Agency and Provider input is scheduled for Tuesday January 30, 2 p.m. at the Social Service Center at 11929 Alondra Blvd.

For more information regarding the meeting schedule, call (562) 929-5544.

### **Norwalk** restaurant grades

**Happys Liquor** 12554 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 1/16/18 Grade: A

Rite Aid 12319 S Norwalk Blvd Date Inspected: 1/16/18

Grade: A

**Rosecrans-Shell** 11821 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 1/12/18

### **Dollar Tree** 13913 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/12/18

Grade: A

Grade: A **Chevron Food Mart** 

### 12155 E Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 1/12/18 Grade: A

7-Eleven 11461 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/12/18 Grade: A

McDonalds 12510 S Norwalk Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/12/18 Grade: A

#### Northgate 11660 E Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/10/18

Grade: A Stater Bros Market (Bakery)

### 11300 E Firestone Blvd.

Date Inspected: 1/9/18 Grade: A **Santos Juice Bar** 

### 13324 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 1/9/18

Grade: A **Guesthouse Hotel** 

#### 12500 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/9/18 Grade: A

Stater Bros Market (Meat) 11300 E Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/9/18 Grade: A

Stater Bros. Deli Dept. 12523 E Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/8/18

Grade: A Stater Bros. Meat Dept. 12523 E Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/8/18

### McDonald's 10841 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 1/4/18

Grade: A

Grade: A

**Zero Degrees** 12209 Norwalk Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/4/18 Grade: A

#### Jim's Burgers 12949 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 1/4/18

Grade: A

Zury's Raspados 11405 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 1/3/18

### Grade: A **H Mart Grocery** 15933 S Pioneer Blvd.

Date Inspected: 12/28/17

Grade: A

**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

## Weekend at a Glance

Saturday

Friday



Sunday



### **Downey Symphony**

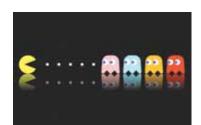
### Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 pm Downey composer Lars Clutterham makes the world premiere of a new

piece of music.



#### **Totally Go-Go's** Friday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 8:30 pm

A musical tribute to the Go-Go's. Plus live performance by Cougrzz Rock. Admission \$2.50



#### **Retro Gaming Expo** All Weekend - Frank & Son Collectibles in City of Industry

Free play arcades, tournaments, YouTube personalities, vendors, and more. \$15-\$30



#### 5K, 10K, 15K or Half Marathon Saturday - Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach, 7:30 am

A fun run at a length of your choice. \$30-\$45, or free if you bring a friend to volunteer.



#### **Jay Leno** Saturday - Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 8 pm

The legendary former host of "The Tonight Show" performs live on stage. \$80-\$125

### **TWEETS OF THE WEEK**

@LASDHQ: Homicide **Detectives Need Information** Regarding a Shooting Death Investigation in Norwalk, near 11000blk Ferina St, Norwalk

@CityofNorwalkCA: Enjoy a day of golf while supporting a worthy cause! The #LLEAF is committed to enhancing programs for students in the Little Lake City School District.



Ninety-four years ago during the 1920's my father took me to Morehouse College to a Christmas concert. I was mesmerized by the magnificent men's voices singing, "Oh come, oh come, Emanuel," as

Watching Oprah on the Golden they marched in, dressed in black robes.

Shared Stories: Oprah and Morehouse

Atlanta, Georgia, was a segregated city in those days, and the college was for Negro men. It was a time of the greatest depression in America's history. The birth of Jesus was celebrated in all the Christian churches at that time with carols known to all.

I was surprised when I offered through the Cerritos watched the 2018 Golden Globe awards that Oprah Winfrey had financed the education of 415 men at that college for \$320,000. Many of these men went on to have professional

scholarships to other colleges

Emanuel who taught men to

lifetime,

love one another.

also.

financed 64,688

Oprah believed in

Oprah had, during her

touched hundreds of people, teaching and relating to their needs. I notice however that Christmas and Thanksgiving today are influenced by buying, decorating and eating. Prizes are given for the best decorations, what we see. Oprah was not born when College

I am 97 years old now and

have spent a lifetime trying

to live a life of service to

others, as Emanuel taught us

to love one another. I have

Morehouse established. Nor was Martin Luther King, Jr. yet born. It was what they did that changed the lives of so many people.

Love one another. The things we dream about, Love, Joy, and Peace, are possible if we care about others.

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## Did Norwalk jump the gun on announcing new city manager?

By Raul Samaniego Contributor

NORWALK - The words seemed simple enough: "City of Norwalk announces appointment of Jesus Gomez as new City Manager."

I was happy. Over four months had passed since the forced separation, or firing, of former Norwalk city manager Mike Egan.

No official reason was ever given. Sure, old clichés were flying; "We were looking to move in a different direction," and "the city was stagnate" emanated from the still new-look City Council with three fresh faces in: Jennifer Perez, Margarita Rios and Tony Ayala.

In the meantime, the city was on the hook for a year's salary equivalent to the former city manager as per his employment contract. That was over a quarter million dollars.

"Contract" is not exactly a four-letter word, but there it is. In the terminology of our wonderful judicial system, contracts are better than

Anyone ever watching a televised court show has heard that question, "Did you have a contract?"

The contract for the city manager of Norwalk is a big deal. It should be. When asked, the City of El Monte produced a copy of the current employment contract between Jesus Gomez and the city. It lists a solid figure of \$195,000 base salary per year. This arrived in my email within an hour after making the request.

I made a similar request to the city clerk's office here in Norwalk for a copy of Gomez's new contract and resume. I thought that was a reasonable request.

Twenty-four hours later, I was still without a copy. Hell, even one of my sources within the city stated they had a copy of Gomez's resume in their possession, and they are not management. I asked them, why don't I?

My article regarding the appointment of Gomez as new city manager ends with, "Salary and compensation offering were not available as of story deadline."

Additionally, I had to add, "Initial requests for comments from Jesus Gomez were not offered as of story deadline Wednesday."

I did receive a call after my story deadline from the Norwalk city clerk's office sharing that the city did not have the requested documents available. I thanked the assistant for her assistance and told her we'd pick it up again in the morning.

Come Thursday morning, I had a good night's sleep to refresh my perspective and I began dialing city hall. I requested clarity on our conversation from the evening prior. I simply asked, does the city have the requested documents or is the city withholding this information?

I was placed on hold immediately.

Five minutes later, I was directed to the city information representative. She agreed to call me back with the information I requested.

In the private sector, contracts are vital. During a 20-plus year career in the electronic field, I was blessed with some sizable deals and small ones. I never moved forward without a signed purchase order or sales

Evidently, in the city of Norwalk, a wink of the eye, a handshake or a verbal okay is what is needed to secure employment as city manager.

Now, let's be fair. While waiting for the information Wednesday from the City of Norwalk, I started my research on Gomez. After all, El Monte and Norwalk are similar. That is, El Monte's population is just over 116,000

people. Norwalk's 2015 population was listed as 106,531. We had nine murders last year. El Monte reported eight.

El Monte's household income was listed as \$39,535 while here in Norwalk, our household income is reported as \$60,770. (For comparison, Norwalk's southern border city of Cerritos household income is \$91,487).

While Gomez was recently offered a new five-year contract extension to his \$195,000 a year position, he was contractually obligated to give 45 days notice to the El Monte City Council of his intention to voluntarily

Tuesday's announcement by the city that Gomez is expected to take the helm of Norwalk's top position falls well under that stipulation. There was a caveat that the El Monte Council could allow an exemption to that 45-day statute.

So where is the new city manager's employment contract? According to Vicky Yoshikawa, senior management analyst and public affairs official for Norwalk, the city attorney shared that it was standard practice to announce an agreement with the finalized approval occurring at the first council meeting after the reaching of an agreement.

According to Yoshikawa, it was the city attorney's office which conducted the search for a new city manager, not the Human Resource

So, with a public record of a signed agreement expected Jan. 16, let's all offer an international recognized "fingers crossed" symbol and hope

For the record, I don't think the city is "always trying to keep information from me (or any other voter, taxpayer and resident).

It just seems awfully hard sometimes to get an answer.

## Downey intersection named one of state's most dangerous

STUDY: Downey is home to 11 of California's most dangerous intersections based on 2015 data.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – According to a recent study, Downey is home to several of the most dangerous intersections in California.

Estey and Bomberger LLP, along with data visualization firm 1point21interative released a list of the 444 most dangerous intersections in the state based on over 435,000 collision records, including every motor vehicle crash recorded by the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) in 2015.

The study takes total number of crashes, injuries and fatalities into account and gives each intersection a score. The higher the score received, the higher an intersection is placed on the list and therefore deemed more

The intersection at Firestone Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard took the fourth highest rank on the list, with 36 crashes, 32 injuries and no fatalities. It's final "danger score" was placed at 132.00, compared to the

This wasn't the only intersection in Downey to make the list.

Downey tied with Lancaster for the third most number of intersections to make the list with 11, closely following Sacramento which had 13. Los Angeles took the number one spot, far surpassing all others with 221.

Downey's other intersections on the list included Florence Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard (71), Florence Avenue and Old River School Road (77), Lakewood Boulevard and Stewart and Grey Road (126), Bellflower

Boulevard and Imperial Highway (152), Florence Avenue and Paramount officials said in a statement. "Traffic safety is a top priority and the City Boulevard (183), Florence Avenue and Little Lake Road (226), Downey of Downey is continuously monitoring its streets and intersections to Avenue and Firestone Boulevard (338), Downey Avenue and Florence improve traffic safety to the maximum extent possible by completing Avenue (360), Brookshire Avenue and Florence Avenue (393), and Firestone safety improvements, primarily at intersections, to address safety issues. and Ryerson Avenue (434).

The Downey Police Department released a statement in response to the study, saying in part:

"While traffic collisions within the city of Downey are certainly higher than we would prefer and efforts are continually being made to reduce that number, we believe that context is needed to properly interpret the

The Downey Police Department has always prided itself on service to our residents. As such, our department is one of the few California law enforcement agencies that will take a traffic collision report upon request, even if there is no injury. This is significant because the only way that a traffic collision can be recorded in the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System is if there is a formal report. In other words, if the involved parties exchange names and information, or no report is taken, there is no record of the traffic collision in SWITRS and it would not be included in the numbers used to create this list.

"In reviewing the 11 Downey intersections that made the list, all of them would fall at or below the average, if the Downey Police Department followed the reporting procedures of the majority of law enforcement cited in the article will be reviewed in terms of their accident history to agencies that comprised the list."

Downey's Public Works Department also disputed the study's data.

"The accident data on which the 2015 study is based on is not reflective of the significant traffic safety improvements that have since been made to three of the intersections cited in the article," Public Works

"The safety improvements completed at the City's intersections and roadways are intended to address the types of collisions observed at the given street or intersection through the accident history of the particular

"The City is always pursuing grant opportunities to fund such safety improvements and, in fact, recently completed traffic safety improvements based on observed accident history at the Florence Ave. and Lakewood Blvd., Florence Ave. and Old River School Rd.-Tecum Rd. and Bellflower Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. intersections, which were cited in the newspaper

"In addition, the city has secured a grant through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to improve safety at the Lakewood Blvd. at Firestone Blvd. intersection and the design work will begin as soon as the funding agreement between the City and Metro is executed. Also, the City has secured a federal grant which will include safety improvements at the Lakewood Blvd. and Stewart & Gray Rd. intersection in the near future.

"The remaining intersections (i.e., Florence Ave. at Paramount Blvd.) determine what corrective measures, if any, are necessary to address the safety issues at these locations.

"Please note that any improvements to the Florence Ave. at Little Lake Rd. intersection cited in the article would be under the Caltrans jurisdiction."

## Don't stifle that sneeze -- it could kill you

If you are about to sneeze -- even if you are in a quiet place -- doctors at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. would advise you to let it rip. A 34-year-old unnamed man in Britain learned that lesson the hard way and had to spend two weeks in the hospital due to his resulting injury. That's according to a case report with the cringe-inducing title "Snap, crackle and pop: when sneezing leads to crackling in the neck." The report was published Monday in the medical journal BMJ Case Reports.

According to the report, this "previously fit" man pinched his nose and kept his mouth closed during a "forceful" sneeze. He later told doctors he immediately felt a popping sensation in his neck. He didn't notice any problems right away, but a couple of hours later he felt pain in his throat and neck. When it became swollen and his voice changed, he took himself to the hospital.

"This 34-year-old chap said he was always trying to hold his sneeze because he thinks it is very unhygienic to sneeze into the atmosphere or into someone's face. That means he's been holding his sneezes for the last 30 years or so, but this time it was different," case report author Dr. Wanding Yang said. She works in the department of ear, nose and throat damage, ear infections and a ruptured eardrum.

Initially, doctors saw swelling in his neck and when they examined the soft tissue they heard popping and crackling. Yang said that meant there were air bubbles getting into the man's muscles and deep into his tissue.

Scans confirmed the problem. The tests showed actual streaks of air in the retropharyngeal region and extensive surgical emphysema in the neck anterior to the trachea. In other words, by trying to hold in his sneeze, he actually blew a small hole in his throat.

When you sneeze, it's your body's protective reflex to get rid of an irritant that has gotten into your nose. With a sneeze, a significant amount of air pressure builds up in the lungs and forces its way through the nasal cavity to get rid of that irritant.

A sneeze can propel mucus droplets at a rate of 100 miles an hour. If you hold a sneeze back, that pressurized air will need to go somewhere. In this case, it injured the tissue in the man's throat. In past cases, doctors have also seen a stifled sneeze cause sinus problems, middle and inner ear

The patient was given antibiotics and had to be fed through a tube, which was removed after seven days. His symptoms got better while he rested and gradually he was able to eat soft food.

This kind of sneezing injury is unusual, according to the report. Doctors have seen patients with similar injuries after coughing heavily or after vomiting forcefully.

"It is a rare injury that we would more likely see with trauma, like if someone were to be in a car accident or was injured with a gunshot or knife, or if they swallowed something sharp," said Dr. Adam M. Klein, who did not see the British patient and was not involved in the study. Klein is the director of the Emory Voice Center and chief of the division of laryngology in the department of otolaryngology.

Klein said if you are worried about spreading germs with your sneezes, rather than hold it in, the best thing to do to avoid injury is to let it out. If you don't have a tissue, sneezing into the crook of your elbow, rather than onto your hand, is "a good practice."

Crossdale Avenue at approximately 5 p.m., where they located three men

The two other men were transported to hospitals in unknown condition. Investiggtors believe the incident began as a verbal dispute then

A handgun was recovered on scene, although it was not immediately

One man died at the scene. He has not yet been identified.

escalated, though it is not known what prompted the argument.

clear whether it was the weapon used in the shooting.





### One dead, two injured in Norwalk triple shooting,

with gunshot wounds.

NORWALK - A man was left dead and two others injured after an responded to a gunshot victim call in the area of Ferina Street and altercation escalated and ended with gunfire Wednesday evening in

According to officials, Deputies from Norwalk Sherrif's Stattion

Norwalk, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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## 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

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.

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 him. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said she will introduce a 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

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

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. His policy puts him at odds with the 29 states (and the District of 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

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

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 oneperson, 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

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 twothirds 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?

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

## Republicans don't really want to fix immigration

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 counterfeited documents become tickets to employment. The numbers Republican caucus unhappy. probably be smaller still had the 2013 reform passed.

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

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

put it up for a vote. Passage would have made some hotheads in his on illegal immigration, falling since the Obama administration, would

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

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?

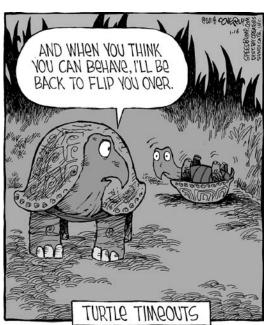


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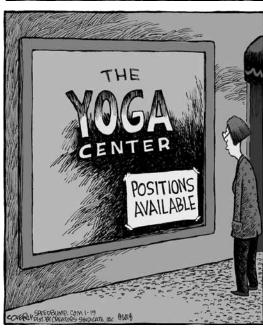


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## **LEGALS**

### FICT. BUS NAME

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018009602

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRAND NC, 11811 GRAYSTONE AVE, NORWALK CA 90650. LA COUNTY

90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CLAUDIA
DUARTE, 1357 E 62ND ST, LOS ANGELES
CA 90001 (2) NARALLY LELEVIER, 11811
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THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

General Partnership 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

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### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017354281
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(ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MY
BUEATY OBSESSION STUDIO, 15155 LEFFINGWELL RD #103, WHITTIER CA 90604, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROXANA
L. CHAN, 12054 LONGWORTH AV,
NORWALK CA 90650 (2) NEFTALI CHAN,
12054 LONGWORTH AV, NORWALK CA

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: 11/2017

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S/NEFTALI CHAN, HUSBAND

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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File Number 2018009850
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THOMPSON &

ASSOCIATES, 12440 FIRESTONE BLVD #1030, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIA CHUNG, 26654 BEECHER LANE, STEVENSON RANCH CA 91381

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017356634

File Number 2017356634
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DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHAVA
SERVICES, 15423 WILDER AVE,
NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
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 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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### **GOVERNMENT**

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

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting 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

**URGENCY THEREOF**, by the following roll AYES: Councilmembers Ayala and Perez, administer the estate under the Independent

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 vailable 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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#### **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

our attorney.
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

Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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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

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.

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

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 varied actions respected to the proposed. 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

Other California Statues 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.

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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 ALAWYER Affinis Default Services LLC 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 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 of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Dead of Trust in the property situated. 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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## World's largest King Tut exhibit to open at California Science Center

discovery of King Tut's tomb, the California Science Center is presenting the world premiere of "King Tut: Treasures of the Golden exhibition ever toured.

The exhibit opens March 24 2019, which is when the exhibit will Coliseum. Parking is \$12. 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.

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

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Discover how the scientific that Tutankhamun's diplomacy

LOS ANGELES - To celebrate analysis of King Tut's 3,300-year- was successful, during his reign unknown for centuries. Even the the 100-year anniversary of the old mummy has revealed new information about his health and lineage, as well as how cutting- over territory and control of trade edge technologies have played a routes. Tutankhamun was trained role in discovering new tombs and in the military, and there is some Pharaoh," the largest King Tut analyzing existing ones in ways evidence that he was good at never before imagined.

The California Science Center is and will stay open until January located at Exposition Park near the

### Who was King Tut?

Tutankhamun 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 vears 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 longevity milestones that they 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 Learn about the pharaoh's neglected during Akhenaten's reign, Tutankhamun sought to restore better relations with ancient Egypt's neighbors. While there is some evidence to suggest

battles took place between Egypt and the Nubians and Asiatics 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

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

location of his tomb was lost, as its entrance had been covered by the debris from a tomb structure built

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



Over the next 17 years, Carter than 3,000 years. 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

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

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

On Saturday morning, after a

late breakfast in Long Beach, my activity? Jamming out to Maroon 5? 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-andrun 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

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

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 offramp.

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 This was scary. Nobody ever 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 offramp, carrying an orange cone. Without saying a word, he placed the cone behind my car as a safety

> 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







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