

### 3.3 earthquake rattles Norwalk

**NORWALK** – A minor earthquake jolted a large swath of Southern California early Tuesday morning.

The magnitude-3.3 quake struck Norwalk at 1:51 a.m., and was the largest of several micro earthquakes that made Southern California tremble within just a few hours.

Most of those quakes ranged from a 1.0 to a 1.8 and struck areas like Ojai, West Hollywood and Bellflower, besides Norwalk.

The Los Angeles County sheriff’s Norwalk station said there were no damages reported.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the magnitude-3.3 earthquake was felt as far east as Riverside and as far north as Santa Clarita.

Norwalk City Hall used the tremor to remind residents to be prepared for a larger earthquake.

“That small quake serves as a reminder that seismic episodes can happen at any minute and we need to be prepared!,” the city posted on Facebook. “Please visit our website for information on emergency preparedness.”

The city’s website is Norwalk.org.

### Vietnam War remains ID’d as Norwalk man

**NORWALK** – Military officials have positively identified the remains of a Vietnam War veteran as those of Norwalk native Raul Antonio Guerra.

Guerra was a U.S. Navy journalist who died in a plane crash over Vietnam in 1967. He had been listed as a POW/MIA.

U.S. Rep. Linda Sanchez announced the news of Guerra’s positive identification as confirmed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

“America will never forget those who fought and died for our country,” Sanchez said in a statement. “Every generation is committed to the mission of recovering missing service members who are killed in battle and returning them home to their loved ones. I am honored to say we have fulfilled one part of that mission.”

Since 2017, Sanchez has worked with U.S. Marine Ruben Valencia to identify and return Guerra’s remains for a proper burial. Valencia was a friend of Guerra’s.

“Through many starts and stops, Mr. Valencia never lost hope and he never gave up,” Sanchez said. “He showed unwavering commitment to his childhood friend.

“I look forward to joining Mr. Valencia and others who have worked so hard on this effort to welcome Raul Guerra home and lay him to rest.”

### Little League marks new season Saturday

**NORWALK** – Little Lake Little League will celebrate its 65th year at an Opening Day celebration this Saturday, March 2, at Lakeside Park.

Ceremonies begin at 12 p.m., followed by a banner parade, picnic games, and activities.

Some of the fun includes tug of war, a hula hoop contest, dunk tank, sack races, water balloon toss, raffles, blow up games, and food.

Little Lake Little League is open to kids ages 4–16 of all ability levels. For more information, email LittleLakeLittleLeague@gmail.com.

Lakeside Park is located at 11620 Studebaker Rd.

## Walmart is eliminating greeters, worrying the disabled

The nation’s largest employer told greeters last week that their jobs are being eliminated.

As Walmart moves to phase out its familiar blue-vested “greeters” at some 1,000 stores nationwide, disabled workers who fill many of those jobs say they’re being ill-treated by a chain that styles itself as community-minded and inclusive.

Walmart told greeters around the country last week that their positions would be eliminated on April 26 in favor of an expanded, more physically demanding “customer host” role. To qualify, they will need to be able to lift 25-pound (11-kilogram) packages, climb ladders and stand for long periods.

That came as a heavy blow to greeters with cerebral palsy, spina bifida and other physical disabilities. For them, a job at Walmart has provided needed income, served as a source of pride and offered a connection to the community.

Now Walmart, America’s largest private employer, is facing a backlash as customers rally around some of the chain’s most highly visible employees.

Walmart says it is striving to place greeters in other jobs at the company, but workers with disabilities are worried.

Donny Fagnano, 56, who has worked at Walmart for more than 21 years, said he cried when a manager at the store in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, called him into the office last week and told him his job was going away.

“I like working,” he said. “It’s better than sitting at home.”

Fagnano, who has spina bifida, said he was offered a severance package. He hopes to stay on at Walmart and clean bathrooms instead.

Walmart greeters have been around for decades, allowing the retail giant to put a friendly face at the front of its stores. Then, in 2016, Walmart began replacing greeters with hosts, adding responsibilities that include helping with returns, checking receipts to deter shoplifters and keeping the front of the store clean. Walmart and other chains have been redefining roles at stores as they compete with Amazon.

The effect of the greeter phase-out on disabled and elderly employees — who have traditionally gravitated toward the role as one they were well-suited to doing — largely escaped public notice until last week, when Walmart launched a second round of cuts.

As word spread, first on social media and then in local and national news outlets, outraged customers began calling Walmart to complain. Tens of thousands of people signed petitions. Facebook groups sprang up with names like “Team Adam” and “Save Lesley.” A second-grade class in California wrote letters to Walmart’s CEO on behalf of Adam Catlin, a disabled greeter in Pennsylvania whose mother had written an impassioned Facebook post about his plight. Walmart said it has offered another job to Catlin.

In Galena, Illinois, hundreds of customers plan to attend an “appreciation parade” for Ashley Powell on her last day of work as a greeter.

“I love it, and I think I’ve touched a lot of people,” said Powell, 34, who has an intellectual disability.

In Vancouver, Washington, John Combs, 42, who has cerebral palsy, was devastated and then angered by his impending job loss. It had taken his family five years to find him a job he could do, and he loved the work, coming up with nicknames for all his co-workers.

“What am I going to do, just sit here on my butt all day in this



Walmart greeter John Combs works at a Walmart store in Vancouver, Washington on April 21, 2018. AP photo

house? That’s all I’m going to do?” Combs asked his sister and guardian, Rachel Wasser. “I do my job. I didn’t do anything wrong.”

Wasser urged the retailer to “give these people a fair shake. ... If you want to make your actions match your words, do it. Don’t be a wolf in sheep’s clothing.”

With the U.S. unemployment rate for disabled people more than twice that for workers without disabilities, Walmart has long been seen as a destination for people like Combs. Advocacy groups worry the company is backsliding.

“It’s the messaging that concerns me,” said Gabrielle Sedor, chief operations officer at ANCOR, a trade group representing service providers. “Given that Walmart is such an international leader in the retail space, I’m concerned this decision might suggest to some people that the bottom line of the company is more important to the company than inclusive communities. We don’t think those two are mutually exclusive.”

The greeter issue has already prompted at least three complaints to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as a federal lawsuit in Utah alleging discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Under the federal law, employers must provide “reasonable” accommodations to workers with disabilities.

Walmart did not disclose how many disabled greeters could lose their jobs. The company said that after it made the change at more than 1,000 stores in 2016, 80 to 85 percent of all affected greeters found other roles at Walmart. It did not reveal how many of them were disabled.

This time, Walmart initially told greeters they would have 60 days to land other jobs at the company. Amid the uproar, the company has extended the

deadline indefinitely for greeters with disabilities.

“We recognize that our associates with physical disabilities face a unique situation,” Walmart spokesman Justin Rushing said in a statement. The extra time, he said, will give Walmart a chance to explore how to accommodate such employees.

Walmart said it has already made offers to some greeters, including those with physical disabilities, and expects to continue doing so in the coming weeks.

But some workers say they have been tacitly discouraged from applying for other jobs.

Mitchell Hartzell, 31, a full-time Walmart greeter in Hazel Green, Alabama, said his manager told him “they pretty much didn’t have anything in that store for me to do” after his job winds down in April. He said he persisted, approaching several assistant managers to ask about openings, and found out about a vacant position at self-checkout. But it had already been promised to a greeter who doesn’t use a wheelchair, he said.

“It seems like they don’t want us anymore,” said Hartzell, who has cerebral palsy.

Jay Melton, 40, who has worked as a greeter in Marion, North Carolina, for nearly 17 years, loves church, Tar Heels basketball and Walmart. His sister-in-law, Jamie Melton, said the job is what gets him out of bed.

“He doesn’t have a lot of things he does himself that bring him joy,” she said. Addressing Walmart, Melton added: “When you cut a huge population of people out, and you have written a policy that declares they are no longer capable of doing what they have been doing, that is discrimination.”

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### Norwalk restaurant grades

**The Habit Burger Grill**  
12401 S Norwalk Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/22/19  
Grade: **A**

**So Cal Pizza**  
12253 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 2/22/19  
Grade: **A**

**Hibachi Grill Buffet**  
14021 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/22/19  
Grade: **B**

**Stater Bros. Market (Bakery)**  
11300 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/22/19  
Grade: **A**

**Stater Bros. Market (Meat)**  
11300 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/22/19  
Grade: **A**

**RC Burgers**  
14041 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/22/19  
Grade: **B**

**Doublas Burgers**  
16306 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Guesthouse Hotel**  
12500 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Angie’s Deli**  
14346 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Marquez Restaurant**  
13226 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Mexicana Markets**  
13208 S San Antonio Dr.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **C**

**The Poke Co.**  
12200 Civic Center Dr. Ste A  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Casa Adelita**  
12842 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Noemi’s Mexican Restaurant**  
14350 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/21/19  
Grade: **A**

**Anticucheria Peroana**  
14351 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**Albert’s Mexican Food**  
11610 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**Baja California Bar and Grill**  
11521 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**Dos Amigos**  
13310 San Antonio Dr.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**El Paraiso Juice Bar**  
15002 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**Albert’s Mexican Food**  
11543 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**Lucian’s Pizza**  
15008 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**El Pollo Loco**  
11473 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/20/19  
Grade: **A**

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday	64°	
Saturday	62°	
Sunday	63°	



**Totally 80’s Murder Mystery**  
*Friday - Downey Elks Lodge, 6 pm*  
Wear your best 1980’s clothing at this murder-mystery whodunit dinner show. \$60 with proceeds benefiting Downey Rose Float Association.



**A Flock of Seagulls**  
*Friday - Totally 80’s Bar & Grille in Fullerton, 7 pm*  
English new wave band A Flock of Seagulls performs live at this ‘80s dance party. \$20



**Awesome 80’s Run**  
*Saturday - Rose Bowl, 8 am*  
Big hair, neon colors and leg warmers are encouraged at this 80’s themed 5K and 10K run/walk, with live music and entertainment. \$25-\$49



**Brazilian Carnival Parade**  
*Saturday - Venice Boardwalk, 12 pm*  
Put on a costume, paint your face and join the parade honoring Brazilian culture. Family-friendly.



**Lantern Festival**  
*Saturday - Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 11 am to 5 pm*  
A free family event celebrating the Year of the Pig. Music, dance, art making, Chinese folk dance lessons, and more. Free but tickets required.



**Classic Car Show**  
*Saturday - Fairplex in Pomona, 7 am to 2pm*  
One of the West Coast’s largest car shows and swap meets with 2,400 vendors and thousands of classic vehicles. \$10 admission (kids 12 and under free)

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“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” – **Mother Teresa**

## Norwalk holds prom for special needs students

Students get the red carpet treatment at a prom specifically for special learners.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** – Many of the special-needs students of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District got to attend their very own prom, experiencing one of the most important nights in a high schooler’s life.

The prom came from the combined effort of Norwalk, La Mirada, and John Glenn High Schools as well as Huerta Adult School.

According to Norwalk High School Instructor Ken Cook, the

event catered to many of the often times sensitive needs of its attendees.

“Special needs learners are very unique,” said Cook.

The prom included several different features that would cater to many of the challenges special needs students face, including a specially prepared menu, a quiet corner, and the ability to turn down the DJ if needed. Students were also allowed to bring a guest, such as a parent, guardian, or family member, to assist them with any of their needs.

Of course, all the traditional prom elements such as pictures, a dance floor, and even a red carpet were also included.

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# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Everybody sneezes. Some sneezes are barely perceptible, others are loud and distinct, and still others come in multiples. Why do we sneeze? What’s happening when we sneeze?

Some liken a sneeze to a reboot of the system; a reset of the nasal environment. Sensory receptors in the nose are activated by mucous, germs, dust, pollen, animal dander, or pollutants. The activated receptors then send signals to the brain



stem. The resulting sneeze expels mucous along with the irritants, and this reflex protects us from the particles that might otherwise enter our lungs. It clears our nasal passages so that we can keep on breathing. It happens when we’re sick, allergic, or even anxious. The bottom line is that sneezing is a part of our immune system, and helps to keep our body safe by clearing away bacteria, viruses, and more.

Are sneezes controllable? Certainly there is some degree of conscious control; just compare your public sneeze to your private sneeze. At the beginning of the

sneeze, when the nose’s sensory receptors first become irritated, it is often possible to stifle it by pinching the nose and shutting the mouth. The next part of the sneeze involves inhaling deeply, and an involuntary blink (perhaps in order to protect our eyes?) and exhaling explosively. At that point, it’s too late to stop, but not too late to shield others. Saliva and whatever accompanies it is shot out at a speed of 30 to 40 mph or more. Due to the force involved, and the very small size of the particles, they can be hurled 5-20 feet away, or even farther. It’s no surprise that a sneeze is an effective way to send germs into a large area, and to spread infectious disease. That is why we are taught to sneeze into a tissue or into an elbow, and why we are reminded to wash our hands with soap and water (or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) after sneezing and throughout the day.

clear the nasal passages. In a few extreme cases, a teenage boy sneezed three to six times a minute for more than a month, and Guinness World Records lists a 12-year-old girl who sneezed about a million times over a year and finally stopped after more than two years.

One unusual sneezing trigger, affecting up to 35% of us, is looking at a bright light. This trigger seems to run in families. Perhaps it’s a result of a crossover of nerve signals, such that the nerve stimulated when the eyes see a bright light also stimulates the nerve responsible for the sneeze reflex. Similarly, plucking eyebrows may trigger that nerve and lead to a sneeze.

Working out may lead to sneezing; it certainly does for me. During a long hard run, I breathe large volumes of air (including allergens) and dry out my nasal passages. This leads to the creation of mucous, which leads to sneezes.

In some cultures, sneezing is a sign of good luck – which becomes bad luck if two people sneeze at the same time. Other cultures hold that a sneeze means that someone is talking about you behind your back. Saying “God bless you” may stem from the belief that with a sneeze, the soul (which presumably resides in the head) exits the body, and that by saying this, you are protecting the person who sneezes.

Your next sneeze is inevitable, so God bless you all!

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Sneezing styles vary. The strength, sound, and volume of a sneeze depend on the strength of the abdominal muscles, the lung volume, and the size of the windpipe or trachea. The contents of the sneeze might be mostly expelled through the mouth, or might mostly come through the nose.

Injuries from sneezing do occur. The most common is muscle strain. Rarely, a violent sneeze has lead to stroke, miscarriage, car accident, broken blood vessels in the eyes, retinal detachment, and fainting. There are rare reports of hearing loss and vertigo as a result of a ruptured eardrum – likely caused by stifling the sneeze.

Some people sneeze multiple times. Perhaps those with chronic sinus disease or allergies require more sneezes to completely



Photo by Alex Dominguez

# Students get the prom experience

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“If you look at the students, you’re gonna tell that some of them are disabled...when you have young men in wheel chairs, and dates that both have down syndrome you kind of know that it’s something unique,” said Cook. “As far as the actual atmosphere...it really is spectacular.”

“There were a lot of ideas that were thrown out there; some good ideas, some bad ideas. At the end of the day everyone just kind of came together.”

The event was open not only to high school students, but to members of the adult transition program.

“People don’t know this, but students are actually able to stay with our district until the age of 22 if the need is there,” said Cook.

This was also an opportunity for the special needs students to have a chance to integrate with the main student body, as many students from all high schools involved served in various roles including cooking and serving, security, and even escorts.

“You had everybody who was kind of in their element working together,” said Cook. “What’s neat is if my automotive kids saw the culinary kids falling behind, they would jump in. There was no, ‘that’s not my job;’ it was everybody’s job that particular day.”

Because of the dedication of each student, staff member and volunteer, the night becomes a special memory for students who otherwise might not get the Prom opportunity.

“When the kids walk up, they’re greeted by lights, cameras, balloons and applause from the community, local leaders, school board members, council members, but more importantly their peers,” said Cook. “A lot of these special ed kids have never integrated with general ed students like that, especially in a social environment. I thought that was really cool.”

In Memory of

Betty Jean Connor-Latronica-Hixon

November 3, 1934 - February 19, 2019

Betty Jean Connor-Latronica-Hixon, passed away peacefully at her home with her husband of 34 years, Jim Hixon, by her side on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 3:09 PM. She was 84.

Betty was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1934. Her family moved to New York City and resided there until the untimely passing of her father, a shipyard worker. Her family then relocated to Youngstown, Ohio where her mother remarried. Betty resided there until she met and married Raymond Latronica in 1955. They moved to the Los Angeles, California in 1955 and purchased a home in Norwalk in 1956 where they raised their three children and she resided until her death.

Betty worked for Thrifty Drug Stores for 25 years and was grateful for and proud of her union affiliation. She had a fun-loving, dynamic personality. She taught ballroom dancing in the 1950’s and 60’s and enjoyed dancing for many years thereafter. She enjoyed outings at the beach, golfing and organizing golf tournaments.

She was a resident of the greater Los Angeles area for 64 years. She was preceded in her death by her first husband, Raymond Latronica, her sister Linda Campbell, her brother, Roy Case, her daughter in-law Terri Latronica, and her son Ollie Latronica. She leaves behind her loving husband Jim Hixon, her sister Marie Bevis, her daughter Allison Minugh, her son Patrick Latronica, 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Norwalk seeking artists for March 15 Art Walk

**NORWALK** – The city of Norwalk is searching for local artists to participate in its Art Walk scheduled for Friday, March 15, from 6-9 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center.

“All types of art, from ceramics, comics, and prints, are welcome,” the city posted on Facebook. “Even better, there is no cost to participate. Items must be suitable for all audiences.”

Artists can sign-up online. A link is posted on the city of Norwalk’s Facebook page.

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# Trump was right to walk away from North Korea

By Nicholas Kristof

President Trump was right to walk away from his summit with Kim Jong-un rather than accept a bad nuclear agreement, but the outcome underscores that he was bamboozled last year at his first summit with Kim. Whatever genius Trump sees in the mirror, “the art of the deal” is not his thing.

At this meeting, Kim apparently sought a full end to sanctions on North Korea in exchange for closing only some nuclear sites. That was not a good deal, and Trump was right to walk rather than accept it.

“Basically they wanted the sanctions lifted in their entirety, but we couldn’t do that,” Trump said, adding: “Sometimes you have to walk.”

President Reagan famously marched out of a 1986 summit in Reykjavik, Iceland, rather than accept an arms control agreement with Russia that he regarded as flawed. A year later the Russians returned with better terms and a deal was made — and we can all hope that something similar will happen this time.

Still, there are significant risks ahead. The most important is that North Korea may return to testing nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, for that would mark a huge escalation of tensions and renewed concerns about brinkmanship and war.

Unfortunately, North Korea is an otherwise unimportant country that gets attention only when it behaves provocatively. So its leaders have learned that their best leverage is to fire missiles, detonate warheads, or start up nuclear complexes.

While Trump was right to walk in this case, he also seems to have played his hand poorly in the run-up to the summit. In particular, he signaled that he eagerly wanted a deal and that “fantastic success” was likely, all of which probably led Kim to raise demands in the belief that Trump would fold.

With normal presidents, summit deals are largely agreed upon ahead of time. As one veteran diplomat put it, presidents pull rabbits

out of hats, after diplomats have worked diligently ahead of time to stuff the rabbits into the hats. But Trump has never had much patience for that meticulous diplomatic process, instead placing excessive faith in breakthroughs arising from personal relationships — and his faith was clearly misplaced this time.

The North Korean side had refused to hash out the summit outcome in advance with the highly regarded U.S. special envoy, Stephen Biegun, presumably because Kim thought that he could outfox Trump in person in Hanoi the way he had in Singapore nine months ago.

The collapse of the latest talks also underscores how misguided Trump was at that earlier meeting. He didn’t understand that Kim uses “denuclearization” to mean something different than the meaning in the United States, and he gave Kim the enormous gift of legitimacy that comes with a summit, without getting anything comparable in return.

It is also distasteful to see Trump praising Kim and referring to him as “my friend” and a “great leader,” and, last year, asserting that Kim had sent him “beautiful letters” and that “we fell in love.” It’s perfectly appropriate to engage with ruthless dictators, but fawning over them is a betrayal of our values.

In Vietnam, Trump might also have shown Kim what freedom of the press looks like. Instead, the White House barred four American reporters from a dinner after two of them had shouted questions for Trump.

Still, if the risk is of a return to high tensions ahead, it’s also possible to foresee a path that over time does make progress with North Korea. I tend to agree with skeptics who believe that Kim has zero intention of ever giving up his nuclear weapons stockpile — that’s what North Koreans told me on my last visit to the country in 2017 — but there is still room for diplomacy that leaves the world better off.

In particular, Kim seems willing to reach a bargain on continuing his moratorium on testing warheads and missiles and on freezing production of nuclear fuel at his complex on Yongbyon, and those are



worthy goals if the price is not too high. A reasonable price would be relaxation of sanctions on inter-Korean projects, such as South Korean manufacturing, tourism and rail projects in North Korea.

Those inter-Korean initiatives also have value in that they may over time help normalize North Korea, give it a stake in the outside world, and undermine the regime’s authority.

That kind of limited deal should be an aim of diplomacy going forward, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in — who helped start the peace process between North Korea and the West — is well placed to pursue it, with American backing.

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# The U.S. is courting trouble in Venezuela

By Steve Chapman

When it comes to foreign policy, it’s never clear whether American presidents have forgotten past failures or they have studied them closely in order to duplicate them. Whatever the case, Donald Trump’s aggressive policy toward Venezuela has many precedents that suggest pessimism is in order.

At a speech in Miami on Monday, he called on the Venezuelan military to overthrow President Nicolas Maduro, the leftist strongman whose socialist policies have turned the oil-rich country into a riot of economic disarray. Trump’s speech came on the heels of new U.S. economic sanctions meant to help topple the regime.

The administration has recognized opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has proclaimed himself the legitimate president following rigged elections last year. It has set a deadline of Saturday for the Maduro regime to allow trucks to bring food and medicine over the border from Colombia.

Trump threatened members of Venezuela’s military with retribution if they remain loyal to Maduro. He held out the prospect of U.S. military intervention, saying, “All options are open.” In January, national security adviser John Bolton was seen holding a notepad with the words “5,000 troops to Colombia.”

In this effort, the administration is not drawing on successful interventions of the past. It’s taking the bloopers reel as a guide. We have ample experience to indicate this approach wouldn’t work and could lead us into disaster.

Barack Obama provided a lesson in the perils of assuming that a firm U.S. push will bring down a besieged autocrat. During the heady

days of the Arab Spring, as protests roiled Syria, he announced, “The time has come for President Assad to step aside.” That was eight years ago, and Assad had the last laugh on Obama, who was faulted for failing to back up his words with forceful action.

Obama’s faith that vocal support for the opposition would turn the tide was unfounded. Trump is courting a similar error. Should the Venezuelan military ignore his plea and Maduro keep his grip on power, the administration would have to choose between Obama-like ineffectuality and military action.

The latter, of course, involves the prospect of shedding American blood in an effort to restore democracy to a country of no strategic importance to the United States. As we discovered in Somalia (1993) and Lebanon (1983), even small-scale missions can turn shockingly bloody, exacting a far higher price than the American people are prepared to pay.

The administration’s demands may do more to help Maduro than to hurt him. Latin Americans have long, unhappy memories of U.S. domination and meddling in the internal affairs of our neighbors, and Trump is hardly a president to allay suspicions about our motives. Just the opposite: He bears a resemblance to corrupt populist caudillos, who have so often impeded democracy in the region. Venezuelans may figure he wants to seize Venezuela’s oil as he thinks we should have done with Iraq’s.

Americans may not recall that in 2002, George W. Bush endorsed a coup against Maduro’s immediate predecessor, Hugo Chavez, which removed him from office — for all of 47 hours. He then regained power and held on to it until his death in 2013.

If Maduro holds on, the administration may have to fall back on

economic pressure and diplomatic isolation. If you want to gauge how well that is likely to work, consider the case of Cuba’s Communist government, which has withstood Washington’s hostility for nearly 60 years.

That regime also fended off the 1961 U.S.-supported Bay of Pigs invasion, mounted by exiles bent on overthrowing Fidel Castro. Despite the widespread assumption that the revolution would perish with him, it survived his 2016 demise.

If Maduro does fall, though, there is hardly a guarantee of a happy outcome. Obama’s decision to use air power against Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi helped bring him down, but in the aftermath, Libya fell into a chaotic civil war that is still going on.

Even in the worst of places, regime change is an unreliable formula for peace, prosperity or democracy.

Trump ran on an “America first” theme, promising that the U.S. would stop jumping into foreign crises and conflicts in the name of spreading our values. But when a socialist despot sows turmoil in our hemisphere, he falls back on the old-fashioned American policy of wielding a big stick.

We can’t say we haven’t seen this movie before. There is always the slim chance that the campaign against Maduro will succeed. If it fails, the consequences will be unpleasant, but they won’t be surprising.

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# Go away, Bernie Sanders

By Steve Chapman

For Bernie Sanders, 2020 is a whole new ballgame. This time, he doesn’t face a heavily favored, lavishly funded foe in the primaries. He can appeal to a party that has moved left. His signature issue, “Medicare for all,” is virtually liberal orthodoxy. He has even more donors, who have showered his campaign with donations.

Here’s what hasn’t changed: Bernie Sanders. He is still the same overbearing ideologue he has always been, a self-righteous scold who ignores the achievements of capitalism and the failures of socialism while offering voters a rich menu of wild promises.

Not that I can’t find a few redeeming positions. Sanders opposed the Iraq War. He has supported legal status for immigrants brought here illegally as children. He opposed the surveillance of domestic phone records under George W. Bush and Barack Obama. He regards the idea of intervening militarily in Venezuela as insane.

But his flaws are deep and irreparable. Sanders is a staunch leftist who demonstrated his affinity for Marxism in the 1980s, when he extolled the public transportation and cultural programs produced by Soviet communism, gushed that Fidel Castro had “totally transformed the society” of Cuba, and excused the thuggish tactics of the Marxist-Leninist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

His economic policies betray his crude image of capitalism — which may have generated great inequality but has also produced a vast increase in living standards, even for the poor. A wiser student of history would notice that in the U.S., it was largely private enterprise, not central planning, that “totally transformed the society.”

The reason social democracies in Europe can redistribute wealth is that their largely capitalist systems have created so much of it. Sanders takes a hostile view of America’s reliance on free markets, but countries such as Germany, Britain, Canada and Denmark enjoy roughly as much economic freedom as the U.S. does.

On specific policies, Sanders is habitually in a tug of war with reality. His “Medicare for all” plan, despite the name, would be far more generous in its coverage — and far more expensive per patient — than the existing Medicare program. It would also provide more benefits than the single-payer Canadian system that enchants American progressives.

“Even by Sanders’ own estimate his plan would require a larger increase in federal taxes than the United States has ever had in peacetime,” notes Princeton scholar Paul Starr in the left-of-center American Prospect magazine.

Sanders claims it would reduce the nation’s health care spending through cost controls and administrative savings. An analysis by the liberal Urban Institute, however, found that it would actually raise total health outlays by \$6.6 trillion over a decade.

When it comes to international trade, there is not much daylight between him and Donald Trump. The president had words of praise after Sanders announced his candidacy: “I am being very tough on trade. He is tough on trade.”

Sanders’ views are consistently removed from reality. In 2016, economists Christina Romer (who chaired Obama’s Council of Economic Advisers) and David Romer concluded that the effects Sanders predicted from his overall economic program were “not just implausibly large but literally incredible” and that the real impact would be “likely small and possibly negative.” The resemblance to Trump’s blue-sky promises is hard to miss.

When it comes to global warming, Sanders is willing to take strong

action to curb carbon emissions. But he sabotages that worthy goal by vowing to eliminate nuclear power — which provides a fifth of our electricity and emits no greenhouse gases.

Policy is not everything. Trump has reminded Americans that in the Oval Office, qualities such as restraint, moderation, good humor and flexibility are indispensable. These are not traits generally attributed to Sanders. He brings to mind Winston Churchill’s description of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as a bull who carries his own china shop around with him.

Sanders is no Trump, but his humorless dogmatism bodes ill both for how he would formulate policy and for how he would try to achieve it. Early in Sanders’ time in Congress, the famously liberal Rep. Barney Frank accused him of a “holier-than-thou attitude” that “really undercuts his effectiveness.” In 2016, Frank said, “Bernie Sanders has been in Congress for 25 years with little to show for it.”

In the Democratic primaries, liberals and progressives will be able to vote for a host of candidates who have shown sensible judgment, pragmatic skills and the ability to appeal beyond the hardcore faithful. Or they could choose Sanders.

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## Venezuela

Dear Editor:

Much has been said about the US intervening in Venezuela to restore democracy in that country. While this is very laudable, it is a misguided effort.

If we are serious about expelling socialism from this continent, we should restore democracy in Cuba. This would be easier since we already have a military base there.

Cuba has been the effective exporter of socialism to Latin America since 1960 when Fidel Castro consolidated his power in Cuba. Sixty years later, the Castro dynasty continues in Cuba and we have never done anything to eradicate it.

Once Cuba is no longer socialist, Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela will not have the services of their intelligence apparatus to spy on their own people. Their military “advisors” will have to return to Cuba and so will all the “experts” that Cuba has exported to its satellites countries to maintain vigil over their population.

If we are going to intervene in the name of democracy, let’s do it where it will be more effective. Let’s get rid of the Castros’ pernicious influence in Latin America once and for all.

Jorge Montero  
Downey

## Trump can keep his money

Dear Editor:

I say let’s give President Trump back the money for the bullet train.

California doesn’t need his money. We can build the bullet train ourselves.

We are good at throwing away good money (we’re Democrats). We don’t need Trump telling us how to be wise in our way of doing things.

Democrats run our state. We can lie and cheat the way we want to. Nobody is going to tell us otherwise.

We have so much money, we don’t know how to spend it wisely.

So let’s keep building our bullet train, so what if there are overruns. So what if it’s taking longer to build. So what!

Larry Arellano  
Norwalk











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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
JOHN C. BROWN, SR. aka  
JOHN C. BROWN aka  
JOHN CHARLES BROWN aka  
JOHN BROWN  
Case No. 19STPB01521**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN C. BROWN, SR. aka JOHN C. BROWN aka JOHN CHARLES BROWN aka JOHN BROWN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Karen I. Morris in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Karen I. Morris be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent,

admiral xx, page xx; if Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Alejandro Flores, A Married Man as His Sole and Separate Property, WILL STATE PUBLIC AUCTION, HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8079-015-004. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15217 Sylvanwood Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

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 March 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 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 54001 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of your or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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**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 the Probate Code, Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Trustee Sale No. 8011 Loan No. 912BACHER AVENUE Title Order No. LE12217 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/28/2018. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, CONTACT THE TRUSTEE AT 03/07/2019 at 10:00AM, GOLDEN WEST FORECLOSURE SERVICE, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/05/2018 DOC #20180327733 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: ROYAL EXPRESS PROCESSING INC., as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDING FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale) of law money of the United States, 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). AT: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766, and right title and interest conveyed to and now held by said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. A.P.N. 8052-007-027 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15217 Sylvanwood Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustor disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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: \$158,864.66 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will not 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. 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 lien on this 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 date and time for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 8011. 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.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TTD No.: 18108069411** Control No.: XXXXX8555  
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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to parties remaining prior to and after the sale. The secured Deed of Trust includes all thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be as set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: STEPHANIE ANCHETA DUMLAO, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: GUILD TRUST CORPORATION, 01/03/2016 06/17/2016 Recording Date: 06/23/2016 Instrument Number: 20160729133 Book: Page Recorded in County: LOS ANGELES State of CA Date and Time of Sale: 03/19/2019 at: 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Estimated Sale Amount: \$461,385.86 Sale Price: \$461,385.86 FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. Street Address of Property (or Other Common Designation, if any): 14726 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained from the County Clerk's office. The beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale, 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 the property. You will be bidding on a lien, not on 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 POTENTIAL 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 2924d 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, at least 10 days in advance. We wish to learn whether the sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this Internet Web site: www.servicelinkasap.com or www.nationwideposting.com information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this sale, 10061081006194700000, and 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. Date: 02/12/2019 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, As Trustee ARLE BEHR, TRUSTEE, TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, 26540 Agoura Road Suite 102 Calabasas, CA 91302 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.servicelinkasap.com or Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com 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 claim against the Trustee. The Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. NPP0348941 TO: NORWALK PATRIOT 02/22/2019, 03/01/2019, 03/08/2019

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requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to the public. The public is hereby notified that the sale is 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 916-939-7772 or visit this Internet Web site: [www.trustnet.com](http://www.trustnet.com), using the file number assigned to this case 02018-249. 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 system. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 02/21/2019 GUILD ADMINISTRATION CORPORATION AS SAID TRUSTEE 8928 COPLEY DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92161-4585 FAX: 619-585-6300 ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NPPD0348887 TO: NORWALK PATRIOT 02/22/2019 03/01/2019, 03/08/2019

Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the foundation located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 All rights, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust and the property situated in said County and State described above as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST. APBN# 8054-017-031 The street address and parcel number designation, if any, of the real property described above is: 13743 ERWOOD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90605 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, with or without covenant or warranty, express 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, and any other monies due and payable under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 147,420.65. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents relating to the property in the County of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding on a lien. The person who 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 also are aware that there may not exist a clear 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 date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924.2 of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sales postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those who do 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 visit the website <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the number assigned to this case CA1800284467. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The sale is held only for cash. The Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgage's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL (916)939-0722NPP0348445 TO: NORWALK PATRIOT 02/22/2019 03/01/2019, 03/08/2019

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The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind  
Your Son  
A Clockwork Orange  
Apollo 13  
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon  
Disney’s Saving Mr. Banks  
Emma  
Junebug  
Music and Lyrics  
Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist  
Stuart Little  
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street  
The Hurt Locker  
The Notebook  
Tyson  
Wet Hot American Summer  
Winter’s Bone

**March 2**  
Romance is a Bonus Book

**March 3**  
Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj: Volume 2

**March 5**  
Disney’s Christopher Robin

**March 6**  
Secret City: Under the Eagle: Season 2

**March 7**  
The Order  
Doubt  
Blue Jasmine  
Hunter X Hunter (2011): Seasons 1-3  
Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams  
The Jane Austen Book Club



Season 3 of “Queer Eye” starts streaming March 15.

**March 8**  
After Life  
Bangkok Love Stories: Hey You!  
Bangkok Love Stories: Innocence  
Formula 1: Drive to Survive  
Immortals  
Juanita  
Lady J  
Shadow  
Walk. Ride. Rodeo.

**March 12**  
Jimmy Carr: The Best of Ultimate Gold Greatest Hits  
Terrace House: Opening New Doors: Part 6

**March 13**  
Triple Frontier

**March 15**  
Arrested Development: Season 5B  
Burn Out  
Dry Martina  
Girl  
If I Hadn’t Met You  
Las muñecas de la mafia:

Season 2  
Love, Death & Robots  
Paskal  
Queer Eye: Season 3  
Robozuna: Season 2  
Turn Up Charlie  
YooHoo to the Rescue  
A Separation  
Kung Fu Hustle  
The Lives of Others

**March 16**  
Green Door

**March 19**  
Amy Schumer Growing

**March 21**  
Antoine Griezmann: The Making of a Legend

**March 22**  
Carlo & Malik  
Charlie’s Colorforms City  
Delhi Crime  
Historia de un crimen: Colosio  
Mirage  
Most Beautiful Thing  
ReMastered: The Miami Showband Massacre

Selling Sunset  
The Dirt

**March 26**  
Nate Bargatze: The Tennessee Kid

**March 28**  
Ainori Love Wagon: Asian Journey: Season 2

**March 29**  
15 August  
Bayoneta  
Osmosis  
Santa Clarita Diet: Season 3  
The Highwaymen  
The Legend of Cocaine Island  
Traitors  
Tucker and Dale vs. Evil  
How to Get Away With Murder: Season 5

**March 31**  
El sabor de las margaritas  
Trailer Park Boys: The Animated Series

**Date TBD**  
On My Block: Season 2

## ‘Brooklyn Nine-Nine’ renewed for 7th season

NBC has renewed “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” for a seventh season, the network announced Wednesday.

NBC saved the series after it was canceled on Fox last May, announcing the pickup just 24 hours after the initial cancellation news. It was a dramatic 24 hours for fans of the show, but at least it had an exhilarating end.

This season has seen the departure of Chelsea Peretti, whose character Gina left to pursue her own interests, which could mean anything for Gina Linetti, leaving behind a golden statue in her likeness. We’ve also gotten a backstory for two of the squad’s most mysterious members, Hitchcock and Scully.

“It’s been one of our great joys as a network to give Brooklyn Nine-Nine a second life,” said Lisa Katz and Tracey Pakosta, NBC Co-Presidents of Scripted Programming, in a statement. “Cheers to [executive producers] Dan Goor, Mike Schur, Luke Del Tredici and David Miner, and our amazing cast and crew who each week turn New York’s finest into New York’s funniest.”

“Brooklyn Nine-Nine” is averaging a 1.4 rating in adults 18-49 and 3.9 million viewers Live+7, up in both measures from the same point during its last season on Fox. The show is also a strong digital performer for NBC schedule, deriving 45% of its key demo audience from non-linear sources. According to NBC, that is the highest such percentage among NBC shows.

On Tuesday, NBC announced that it had also renewed all three of its “Chicago” shows. The network had previously renewed “The Good Place” and “New Amsterdam” as well.

# Leaving Netflix in March

**March 1**  
Bruce Almighty  
Fair Game – Director’s Cut  
Ghostbusters  
Ghostbusters 2  
Hostage  
Pearl Harbor  
The Breakfast Club  
The Cider House Rules  
The Gift  
The Little Rascals  
United 93

**March 2**  
Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: The Eighteenth Year

**March 3**  
Drop Dead Diva: Seasons 1-6

**March 4**  
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End

**March 5**  
Newsies: The Broadway Musical

**March 8**  
Click

**March 16**  
Baby Mama  
Charlie St. Cloud  
Role Models

**March 18**  
Disney’s Beauty and the Beast

**March 31**  
Party of Five: Seasons 1-6  
The Real Ghostbusters: Seasons 1-5

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Complete opposites

Short Story

By Yolanda “Yolie” Reyna Contributor

Growing up with my sister Gloria was tough. I always thought she was prettier than me.

We were complete opposites in appearances and personalities. She had long straight black hair, she was dark complected with dark colored eyes. Whereas I had long wavy brown hair, I was light complected with hazel colored eyes. Surprisingly we had the same father.

She was carefree most of her life as I tended to be a worry wart. She was very outspoken where I could be shy. I just recall wanting to be like her and look like her too.

Strangely, our mother used to dress us alike as if we were twins. I remember these dresses we had with flower prints on them. I had a yellow one and my sister Gloria had a blue one. They were dresses above the knee with baby doll sleeves. They had the cutest tiniest purse attached to the shoulder with a small chain connected to it. We either wore our hair down or we would wear pigtails with the hair hanging over the front of our shoulders.

As we approached our teen years, being fourteen

and fifteen years old, we started wearing dresses called sizzlers! It was the seventies! These were mini dresses with matching panties with various prints on them. They were made of silk material and the dress had a little flare to it, and as we walked these dresses swayed as if they were dancing to a beat. They were the coolest piece of clothing we had ever had. I guess you could say we sizzled!

To top it off, we wore knee high boots. We called them Go-Go boots. Remember the song “these boots are made for walking”? These boots were extremely fashionable back then. To really top it off, we had the most stylish hair-do of them all: the Farrah Fawcett hair-do! We all remember that hair-do right? We were young girls exploring our youth and being very fashionable.

Years later, Gloria met a guy named Freddie. She never married him but they became common law partners, being together for 25 years. They had two children, Lorraine and Raymond.

She was a fine little housewife, maintaining household chores, involved in her children’s school activities, and cooking meals that could make your mouth water. (Her oozing red chicken mole was the best meal she ever cooked. So tender yet so



spicy.)

On the other hand, I was the complete opposite. I was a party girl enjoying the single life, going out to nightclubs, drinking alcohol and meeting various men, and Gloria often worried about me.

Although we were complete opposites, we did have one major thing in common and that was we both were big fans of the “I Love Lucy” sitcom. When we’d talk on the phone, we’d laugh and laugh reiterating what episode was the funniest and we could never decide what our favorite episode was. Ah, the memories!

Sadly, my sister had been in an abusive relationship with Freddie for years. One day she just up and left him. My family and I were in complete shock.

Just about the time she was about to end her volatile relationship with Freddie, I was starting a life with Robert (my ex-husband). I had been married to Robert for a few years, then our lives took a complete 180.

She was then living a single life -- going out, drinking alcohol and meeting various men, while I was married, raising children tending to household chores, school activities and so on. Then I got the feeling of worrying about her. Ironically, years later in my life, I would come to realize that I, too, was in an abusive relationship. We were amazed of what opposite lives we were leading, and with that, it gave us a clear understanding that no matter how different we were and what we didn’t have in common, there was one thing that we never lost sight of, and that was we loved each other dearly.

In reflecting on my memories of my sister Gloria, and myself, and writing this piece, I realized, it’s not that I thought that she was prettier than me, I just simply thought that she was pretty! And even more so, that we were both pretty!

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.

The Trampoline Summer

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

I believe Steve was in the sixth grade this particular summer. It had to be a weekend because his dad and I were home.

He broke away from his playing in the street with the neighborhood kids to ask me if he could go with a group of them to the home of a mutual friend. Their home had a swimming pool, diving board, lots of water paraphernalia, ping pong table, a trampoline, and other activities. They were charging admission.

I didn’t like the fact that he would have to cross the major highway to get there. Plus because they were charging admission, it didn’t sound like it was on the up-and-up. I was certain that it was against the law for a homeowner to charge admission. I just was not comfortable with the idea.

I refused to let him go. Needless to say, he was unhappy with me and left to return to his neighborhood friends on our street (or so I thought).

An hour or so later the phone rang, and my husband answered. I was in the kitchen but overheard him say, “I’ll be right there.” I didn’t give it another thought.

Shortly afterward, Ray came in the door carrying Steve in his arms. I knew he had disobeyed me and gone with the kids to that home after all. He was jumping on the trampoline and fell, seriously injuring his knee.

We took him to the hospital for X-rays, and they kept him there for several days. His knee was badly swollen, and they had to drain the fluid several times. I went to see him daily before and after work and took him goodies he wanted.

We were so grateful that the



situation wasn’t worse; he was up and around and eventually fully recuperated. It was such a relief to have him back home in the family fold. However, many years later, when he was married with two sons, he had to have arthroscopic surgery on that knee.

I have teased him over the years about “See whatcha get when you don’t mind your mother.”

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Another ‘Thank God’ Situation

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

I was finally home from work pulling into the driveway and parking. As I got out of the car, my baby girl, four years old at the most, came running to greet me as I put out my arms to give her a hug.

As I did, the cigarette I had in my hand went straight into her right eye. Immediately, I saw charred mucous coming out of the corner of her eye and running down her cheek.

I had thoughts of having

permanently damaged her eyesight or her pretty little face. My guilt was running rampant.

I phoned the doctor in the nick of time; he was in the process of closing up but would wait for me to get there. The time spent getting to the doctor’s office seemed endless as it was during the peak of traffic, Tracy was in pain and crying. I must have been crying too because of the horrible thoughts going through my mind.

We finally arrived at the doctor’s office. He examined her closely and said he did not think there was any permanent damage, but she needed to see a specialist as soon as possible.

He put some salve in her eye and placed a compress over it. Tracy was no longer crying, and we left for home.

The next morning, we were at the ophthalmologist’s office. He confirmed that there was no permanent damage and instructed that the salve and compress continue to be used before bringing her back for a final checkup.

When that checkup supported the former results, all I could think of was that it was another thank God situation.

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Friends of Norwalk Libraries

Short Story

By Anthony R. Kingsley Contributor

One of the things I like to do is go to a library and read magazines such as The Economist or use their computers for research. I currently have library cards for a number of cities.

I was at the Norwalk library one day and got to talking to the library manager. She mentioned that they were going to introduce a group called Friends of the Library. So, I joined.

Many libraries have such groups They are not part of the official library but they do

support library activities, such as summer reading programs, entertainment and movies. “Friend’s” book sales to provide the funds to support these activities.

The Los Angeles County Library System currently has about seventy such groups. Membership is open to anybody interested. To join a group. just go to your local library and ask. One of the events the “Friends” is currently helping with is the program for the homeless and low-income individuals and families. We supply staff for set-up, registration, direct clients to the correct service and supply food, clothes and books. A number of other organizations provide services such as flu shots, hair cutting and light first-aid.

I remember one entertainment program with

a magician. He brought two children, a boy and a girl, both about nine years of age up on the stage. The girl was to be the Sleeping Beauty and the boy was Prince Charming.

The magician explained that the Prince had to wake Sleeping by kissing her. The boy said, “I’m not going to kiss her” and the girl said, “He’s not going to kiss me. And the magician said, “In ten years both of you would never dream of saying such things. Haha

The book sale also provided students with the opportunity to earn credit for community service for helping at the book sale.

When I was a Volunteer in Boso Boso in the Philippines, I tried to set up a library in my village. The organization had a small store and next to it was a vacant space. My idea was to put a library in the vacant space and when customers would come to borrow a book they would also buy something from the store. A library in a neighboring town offered to train some of the children as librarians. But the organization was not interested.

So, with my wife’s help, we found other libraries in the Philippines that wanted to expand their collections. We make two shipments a year. So far, we have shipped 1,492 books. What a great pity – Boso Boso could have a very nice library by now.

One year we were short of books so I went to Cerritos Library and asked their “Friends” for donations after their book sale was over. They gave me some very nice books and had one their members load them in my car. Norwalk “Friends” donated some books to Lakewood “Friends” and in return received donations from them. Downey also has a “Friends” organization.

In 2017 one of our members died. She was the person who arranged, cleaned and organized the books prior to the book sale and a number of other jobs. None of the current “Friends” have the large amount of time to devote to the project. So now we only have a daily book sale but the two large sales have been discontinued.

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