

U.S. declares new sanctions against Cuba

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Trump administration has announced new sanctions and penalties against Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua aimed at both ending the rule of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and weakening Cuba’s communist regime.

One of the measures will allow lawsuits against foreign companies operating on property in Cuba that was seized from U.S. citizens during the Cuban revolution — a reversal of more than 20 years of U.S. policy.

Announcing the crackdown in Coral Gables, Fla., on Wednesday, national security adviser John Bolton called Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua the “troika of tyranny” and said the new measures would “end the glamorization of socialism and communism.”

The measures come as the U.S. pushes for Venezuela and the international community to recognize opposition leader Juan Guaidó as interim president.

“This is just the beginning,” Bolton said. “As long as the people of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua stand for freedom, the United States will stand with them.”

Earlier on Wednesday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the U.S. would no longer suspend Title III of the Helms-Burton Act.

That provision allows U.S. citizens to file lawsuits in U.S. courts against foreign companies “trafficking” in property confiscated after the 1959 revolution in Cuba. Previous administrations had a long-standing policy of waiving the provision for six months at a time. But the Trump administration had signaled its intent to tighten the U.S. trade embargo with Cuba earlier this year when it renewed the waiver for only 45 days.

The new policies announced Wednesday also include sanctions on Venezuela’s central bank and a financial services provider in Nicaragua that the administration calls a “slush fund” for President Daniel Ortega.

But Havana took the brunt of the measures, which experts say are likely to affect the country’s stagnant economy.

Bolton said the U.S. would institute restrictions on “non-family” travel in order to decrease the amount of money Americans spend on tourism in the country, an industry that Bolton said is controlled by the regime.

Tourism is a structural factor in Cuba’s economy, and a rush of visitors hit the island when President Barack Obama made it easier for U.S. citizens to make the trip. But the industry has seen a decline since President Trump took office and rolled back several Obama-era policies.

Bolton also announced a cap on remittances to Cuba of \$1,000 per person per quarter. The Obama administration had removed remittance limits, and the State Department says remittances to Cuba from the United States amounted to \$3 billion in 2016, The Associated Press reports.

One attendee of the speech told the AP he believes the measures announced by Bolton will bring down Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel’s government.

“Today is a big day,” said Rafael UsaTorres, who was a member of Brigade 2506 that worked for the CIA during the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. “But I feel very sad — too many years waiting.”

As NPR’s David Welna reports, ending the Title III waiver opens the door to hundreds of thousands of lawsuits seeking billions of dollars from Cuba. According to Robert Muse, a Washington attorney with expertise in Cuban expropriations, the decision will likely trigger a flood of lawsuits against the Cuban government.

Cerritos College’s new Health & Wellness Complex officially opens

Comprised of six buildings, the state-of-the-art facility centralizes the athletic department.

NORWALK – Cerritos College celebrated the grand opening of its new Health & Wellness Complex on April 8.

The 76,000-square-foot facility is the campus’ first green-certified building through the bond construction program that meets sustainability requirements outlined by the U.S. Green Building Council. As a leader in sustainability, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in 2014 declaring design and development of facilities to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified for new buildings in excess of \$5 million.

The Health & Wellness Complex centralizes essential functions to the Health, Physical Education, Dance and Athletics department, including fitness labs, cardio workout and training rooms, multi-purpose studios, and offices.

The complex will also house the Student Health Center, making it a more accessible, efficient facility where students can receive quality health care services. The project is located immediately south of Falcon Gymnasium, along the western edge of the campus’ athletic precinct.

The Health & Wellness Complex consists of six new buildings: Athletic Team Room,



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Dance, Fitness, Conference Center, Health Services, and Physical Education.

The Athletic Team Room Building and Health Services Building are currently under construction and will be completed in 2020.

Community support for the Cerritos College scholarship endowment and the College’s academic programs continues to grow. Cerritos College President/ Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro announced the college received over the last year \$2.3 million in planned gifts in support of academic programs and scholarships.

Donors include emeritus professors, retired staff, faculty, alumni, and friends of the College. The Cerritos College Foundation acknowledged the corporate

sponsors of the grand opening: Tilden Coil Constructors, Kaiser Permanente, HMC Architects, Converse Consultants, and Parker & Covert LLP.

“We are grateful to our donors for their generous financial gifts, support, and commitment to advancing academic excellence and student success,” said Fierro.

“The new Health & Wellness Complex represents our promise to the community to bring more state-of-the-art facilities to campus that will increase student access to higher education and training. The new Complex also gives Cerritos College more momentum toward the Board’s vision to bring sustainable facilities and resources to the College that will improve the learning environment for our students and reduce our carbon footprint.”

Gov. Newsom visits Downey to take stand against drug costs

On his 100th day in office, California Gov. Gavin Newsom visits Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – California Governor Gavin Newsom was in Downey on Wednesday, joining Los Angeles County leaders at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to draw a hard line in the sand against expensive prescription drug and medication costs.

On his 100th day in office, Newsom stood in the shadow of Rancho’s new Outpatient Building and announced that the state and LA County would be partnering to in the hopes of negotiating down the often-crippling prices of pharmaceutical drugs.

The high costs of prescription drugs have long been in the crosshairs of California’s governor.

“I got sworn in 100 days ago, and the first thing I did was sign an executive order...quite literally moments after I walked off the stage,” said Newsom. “It was remarkable to me that in the state of California, with this remarkable purchasing we already

do...we estimate now it’s close to \$13 billion that the state pays into our pharmaceutical purchases.

“In the executive order, there was a reference that we want to open up this purchasing pool to others, including the counties, including the private sector as well.”

L.A. County is the first to partner with the state. Newsom described it as a “populous moment.”

“We are lighting up the imagination of others...two governors have called me saying, ‘what about us? What about our state joining the state of California,’” said Newsom. “All that frustration and, let’s be honest, all that monied interest. Big money here, and they’ve been buying us off. I’ll say it. Politicians of all political stripes have been bought off, been threatened. They don’t want to touch this; they’re willful in their neglect or their content of all of you as taxpayers. They’re taking care of the few, not taking care of the rest of us.”

Newsom added that “we will save billions and billions of dollars

over the next several years.”

“I get all the arguments; I’m not naïve about that. I can understand we’ll pay a modest premium but not 200 percent more for the cost of drugs, versus what you pay up in Ontario, Canada...is it really worth two times more in America than it is, or two and a half times

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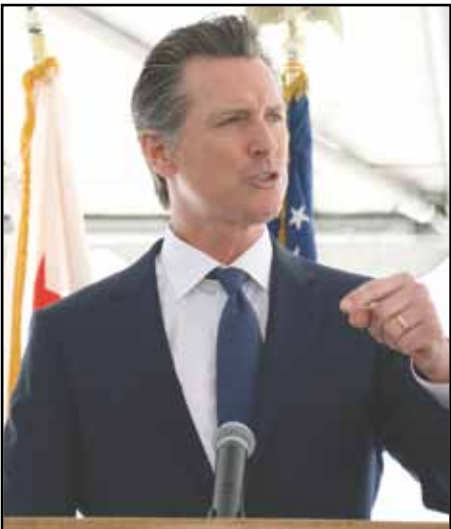


PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, where he announced a new state effort to reduce pharmaceutical costs.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Extra Fresh Drinking Water
14507 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/15/19
Grade: **A**

7-Eleven
14835 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/15/19
Grade: **A**

Rodger’s Food Service
10931 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Golden’s Express
11770 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Douglas Drive-In
11939 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

El Taco Rico
12017 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Burger Basket
12155 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/10/19
Grade: **A**

Waba Grill
11005 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/10/19
Grade: **A**

Hole in One Donut
11702 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

Joyce Bakery
11605 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

BMW Cafe
10856 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

Senor Baja
11833 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

Shave It
11005 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

Subway
11005 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

Chuck E. Cheese
10949 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

Rodger’s Food Service
10931 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

Golden Pho
10925 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

7-Eleven
10965 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

VS Donuts Croissants
10959 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/8/19
Grade: **A**

KFC
12959 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/5/19
Grade: **B**

Donut King
12000 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/4/19
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box
12060 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/4/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 68°



Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt

Saturday - Civic Center, 12:30 pm

Bring the entire family for an afternoon of fun, egg hunts, games, crafts and entertainment. Photos with the Easter Bunny for \$3.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday - Olvera Street, 12 pm

Bring your family, friends and pets to this annual celebration. Free and open to the public.



The Office Trivia Bar Crawl

Saturday - Long Beach, 4-10 pm

Crawl multiple bars with exclusive drinks specials, while competing against hundreds of other crawlers in “The Office” trivia. TriviaCrawl.com



Medication Disposal

Saturday - Norwalk Sheriff’s Station, 10 am to 2 pm

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal. Norwalk residents only.



Columbine: 20 Years Later

Saturday - Culver City High School, 10 am to 1 pm

On the 20th anniversary of the Columbine shootings, join this town hall to discuss our youth, schools and gun safety.



Angels 5K Fun Run

Saturday - Angels Stadium, 8 am

The first 5,000 registered runners will receive a commemorative race shirt, finisher medal, and 2 ticket vouchers.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@CityofNorwalkCA: The City of Norwalk held a press conference earlier today unveiling its 2020 Census campaign, becoming the first city in LA County to utilize bus and vehicle wraps as a means to raise awareness and public participation for next year’s count.

Students get realistic look at drunk driving consequences

Police and student actors host a simulated car crash and funeral, ahead of prom season when teens might drink.

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Santa Fe High School students received a sobering look at the real-life consequences of driving impaired as they watched a simulated car crash that claimed the lives of classmates during an “Every 15 Minutes” event held April 3-4.

Presented with staged images of classmates bloodied and motionless, Santa Fe juniors and seniors sat silently as they observed what happens in the moments after a DUI: the 9-1-1 call, the arrival of police and paramedics, a sobriety test and arrest, injured victims being taken away by ambulance and helicopter, and a deceased person loaded into a coroner’s van.

Throughout the day, the “Grim Reaper” went to classrooms every 15 minutes to take students away from

their friends and families. The students were taken to a retreat and not allowed to communicate with the outside world.

The next day, a mock funeral was staged in the gym and included the parents whose children were taken away for the night. Students, parents and staff watched a video that showed the moments before, during and after the crash. Parents talked about the emotional toll taken by losing their child for just one day, and how tragedies like these can be prevented.

Santa Fe senior Analis Fussell – one of the students taken by the Grim Reaper – knew ahead of time she would be selected, but was still fraught with anxiety.

“Once I got tapped out, it was unimaginable. It made me feel like I had no concept of the outside world, like I was completely out of touch,” Fussell said. “I learned that even as safe as you feel, there are things you can’t control. Everybody needs to



make the right decision.”

The two-day program was sponsored by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Department of Public Services and Health First. Among the participants were Whittier Police, Santa Fe Springs Fire Rescue, L.A. County Coroner and Guerra Gutierrez Mortuary.

“It’s vitally important for

our students to know that it only takes one drink to change the trajectory of countless lives, and that they must always think and act responsibly,” Santa Fe Principal Craig Campbell said.

“Thank you to our community partners and Santa Fe High staff for helping to educate our students to prevent these tragedies.”

Woman faces new charges in immigration scam

MONTEBELLO – A woman accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars by falsely offering immigration and real estate services is facing new charges.

Eblin Balver (dob 12/1/66) of Baldwin Park pleaded not guilty today to 34 felony counts filed March 19 in an amended complaint. She is now charged with a total of 75 felony counts, including 60 counts of grand theft; four counts of first-degree burglary, person present; and three counts of grand theft from an elder or dependent adult.

The charges include allegations of taking property valued at more than \$100,000 through fraud and embezzlement and taking property valued at more than \$200,000. Deputy District Attorney Ryann Gerber Jorban of the Consumer Protection Division said Balver allegedly stole more than \$267,000 from 38 victims.

A preliminary hearing setting is scheduled on May 23 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Between September 2013 and March 2018, Balver allegedly ingratiated herself with individuals in order to lure them into business arrangements for legal services, the prosecutor said. She purportedly claimed that she worked in the legal system and could provide assistance with immigration petitions, visas and home purchases.

The defendant is accused of collecting payments from the victims but never providing the promised services. Balver also allegedly threatened some of the victims in order to prevent them from reporting the crimes to the authorities, the prosecutor said.

Additional victims were identified with the help of the District Attorney’s Consumer Protection hotline after the case was filed in August.

Balver faces a possible maximum sentence of 63 years in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail was set at \$1 million.

Investigators encourage anyone who believes they may have been a victim to call the District Attorney’s Office at 213-257-2450.

Governor visits Downey hospital

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more than it is in Switzerland? It’s nonsense,” said Newsom. “They’ve gotten away with it because we’ve allowed them to get away with it...now we’re able to go to the table with massive capacity to leverage the negotiation at that table, to drive down costs, to put more money in your pocket books and make a difference in people’s lives.”

As he announced the partnership, Newsom was flanked by LA County Supervisors Hilda Solis of District 1 and Janice Hahn of District 4.

“Our governor understands that getting medication and

prescription drugs is really driving down our economy, and the quality of life for so many people is impacted in so many ways,” said Solis. “I see it in my district where seniors and young people can’t afford to buy their medicine, or they will cut their pills in half. They will forgo buying medicine because they have to pay the rent. Those choices shouldn’t have to be made.”

“Right here in the state of California, \$8 billion is what we spend. What would happen if we could somehow do what the VA does...and cut those prices in half? That’s something we’ve been fighting for for a long time.”

Hahn said that California

would “not wait for Congress.”

“Today, California, under [Gov. Newsom’s] leadership, is leading the country again,” said Hahn.

“California is a model for the rest of the country, and I’ve been so impressed by this governor’s bold leadership that he’s been showing in his first 100 days in office and today is no exception. He knows we’re more effective when we work together; when the cities, the counties, and the state work together.”



South Gate car dealer avoids prison for tax evasion

SOUTH GATE – Sam Sebh Matioz Goncuoglu of Porter Ranch pled “no contest” this week to three felony counts of sales tax evasion.

Goncuoglu, the owner of F.A.S.T., LLC DBA Daytona Cars, which operated at multiple locations in Los Angeles and South Gate, failed to report \$8.5 million in taxable sales, resulting in \$758,495 in unreported sales tax from 2007 through 2012.

Goncuoglu was sentenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court to five years of formal probation and ordered to pay \$758,495 in restitution to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA).

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney James Belna of the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, Major Fraud Division.

Funds in the amount of \$300,000 have already been received and the remaining balance is to be paid in installments.

The CDTFA’s investigation began in 2013 when it was discovered that Goncuoglu failed to report a large amount of sales from his retail auto dealership.





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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Teen Excursion: Escondido Falls in Malibu, 11 am to 4 pm. Bring your hiking boots on this adventure to see Malibu's hidden waterfall. For teens ages 13-18, sign-up at Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” 7 pm. A live production based on the “Peanuts” comic strip and presented by the John Glenn High School Drama Department. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Yoga Class, 10 am. This class offers simple and powerful yoga postures to bring stability and balance. No physical agility of prior yoga experience needed. Instruction is provided by the ISHA Foundation, a non-profit, non-religious public service organization. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Medication Disposal, 10 am to 2 pm. Turn in your used or expired medication for proper disposal. Norwalk Sheriff’s Station, 12335 Civic Center Dr.

Egg-Stravagant Egg Hunt, 12:30 pm. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, games, egg hunts, crafts, and entertainment. Pictures with the Easter Bunny available for \$3. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Teen Excursion: K1 Speed in Torrance, 4-9 pm. Need an adrenaline rush? Come speed race with your favorite teen center staff and friends. For ages 13-18. Sign-up at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

The Bubble Chef, 4 pm. Join Chef Rebecca Martin as she shares her recipe of household ingredients like water and soap to bake up beautiful bubbles. The sweet hook of the bubble theme song incorporated with a side dish of stories will have everyone asking for seconds. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

MakMo: Maze - Making, 3-4:30 pm. Become a maze master by combining precision-engineered Keva planks with a verity of nifty maze-making apparatus to build a 3D puzzle of your design. Ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Financial Wellness Workshop, 10 am. A one-hour workshop that will provide small business owners with financial concepts to make their employees happier and more productive. Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, 14783 Carmenita Rd.

Alpine Showcase, 10 am. Alpine will be on-site with the one-of-a-kind X-Perience Toyota Tacoma loaded with an Alpine Halo9 and full X-Series sound system. Soundz Good Custom, 10653 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Teen Excursion: Robert White Park Bonfire, 4:30-11 pm. Enjoy s’mores, food, drinks, and conversation with your friends around a bonfire. For ages 13-18. Sign-up at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Breakfast with Mom, 9 am. Spend a morning with your mom, grandma, or aunt. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, make crafts, and play games. \$15 per couple, \$7 each additional child. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Teen Excursion: Dodgers vs. Pirates, 4-11 pm. Cheer on the Dodgers with your friends and Teen Center staff. For teens ages 13-18, sign-up at Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Mother’s Day Dinner & Dance, 5 pm to midnight. Enjoy a plated dinner and then dance to a mariachi and DJ. Hosted by Vintage Ladies Car Club. \$30 admission. Knights of Columbus, 12138 Front St.

Comedy Showcase, 7 pm. Live comedy show with performances by Manan Desai, Chirayu Mistry, Ojas Rawal and Aariz Saiyed. \$30 early bird tickets. Sanatan Dharma Temple, 15311 Pioneer Blvd.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Lit Wits Book Club: The Broken Girls, 6:30 pm. The Broken Girls by Simone St. James tells a story of a place for the girls whom no one wants—the troublemakers, the illegitimate, the too smart for their own good. As four roommates bond over their fears, one of them mysteriously disappears. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Creating Connections Luncheon, 11:45 am. A networking lunch sponsored by the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. No cost to attend, buy your own lunch. Jimmy John’s, 12431 Norwalk Blvd.

Dr. Electric Takes Over the World, 4 pm. Join author Annie Banannie, Balloon Storyteller, in a live “Balloon Theater” retelling of this silly mad scientist adventure. Ages 3-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Parent/Child Workshop, 10:30 am. Join the library for this five week program to play, learn and bond with your child. There will be a resource specialist in attendance to answer your questions. For children ages 0 -3 years old and their parents/caregivers. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Paint Class & A Glass, 7-9:30 pm. Artists of all experience levels are invited to an evening of socializing and step-by-step painting instruction. The night will feature a predetermined painting, simple enough for first-time painters or with suggestions and instructions for those with a higher experience level. \$25, ages 21 and up. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Container Gardening Class, 11 am. Join Master Gardener Yvonne Savio to learn basic gardening considerations, many successful techniques, and how to choose your own pots and plants. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Rose Garden Celebration, 1-3 pm. An annual event showcasing the Hargitt House’s rose garden. Hands-on activities for children. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Autism Awareness Workshop, 10 am to 2 pm. A community event for

children on the autism spectrum and their families. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Tie Dye Costers, 4 pm. Are you trying to spruce up your room or future dorm? Show off your creative skills with your own tie-dye inspired décor. Learn some tips and tricks to make original room decorations. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Parent/Child Workshop, 10:30 am. Join the library for this five week program to play, learn and bond with your child. There will be a resource specialist in attendance to answer your questions. For children ages 0 -3 years old and their parents/caregivers. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Letters of Gratitude, 12 pm. Say “Thank You” to our troops, veterans, new recruits, wounded heroes, and first responders for their service to our country. Write a letter, a note, or send a drawing. All materials will be provided. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Chamber Mixer, 4-7 pm. A multi-chamber mixer and silent auction benefiting CAPC. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Opening Reception, 6 pm. Opening reception for “Point of View” by artist Andy Estrella. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Parent/Child Workshop, 10:30 am. Join the library for this five week program to play, learn and bond with your child. There will be a resource specialist in attendance to answer your questions. For children ages 0 -3 years old and their parents/caregivers. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Arabian Nights Dance, 6-9 pm. Enjoy dinner and then dance the night away to your favorite Arabian music. There will also be a dance off. For kids ages 13-plus. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Teen Excursion: Museum of Ice Cream, 11 am to 4 pm. Dive into a pool of sprinkles and enter a room filled with large ice cream pops. For ages 13-18. Sign-up at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Citizenship Class, 2 pm. Would you like to learn more about the naturalization process? During our Citizenship Class you will learn about the application process, interview, citizenship test, and swearing-in ceremony. Program will be presented in English. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Ink Art, 4 pm. Make abstract art like Jack Pollock and Joan Miró. Use string and spy ink to make vivid art works. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Anti-Stress Foods, 10 am. Learn which foods support brain health and which minerals and nutrients are depleted during times of stress. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

Dancheong Wooden Coasters, 2 pm. To commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month create a set of dancheong inspired wooden coasters! Dancheong is a traditional Korean decorative technique. All materials will be provided. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

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FRIDAY, MAY 31

‘Spring Fling’ Middle School Dance, 6:-9:30 pm. The dance is open only to Norwalk students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Students must have a school I.D. to verify current school and grade level. Dress code will be enforced. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Kids & Cops Golf Tournament, 9 am. Kids ages 8-17 are invited to play a round of golf with local sheriff’s deputies. \$10 includes golf, barbecue lunch, awards and raffle. Don Knabe Golf Center, 13717 Shoemaker Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Concerts on the Lawn, 7-9 pm. Summer has officially arrived with the opening concert of Norwalk’s Summer Concert Series at the Lawn. Band schedule to be announced later. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Coaches Meeting, 7 pm. Attend this meeting if you’re interested in coaching baseball in Norwalk’s sports program. At this meeting you will select a team name, choose shirt sizes, and reviews rules and philosophies of the program. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Coaches Meeting, 7 pm. Attend this meeting if you’re interested in coaching volleyball in Norwalk’s sports program. At this meeting you will select a team name, choose shirt sizes, and reviews rules and philosophies of the program. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Concerts on the Lawn, 7-9 pm. Band schedule to be announced later. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Concerts on the Lawn, 7-9 pm. Band schedule to be announced later. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Band Reunion, 7 pm. El Rancho High School band members will reunite in this fundraiser to benefit the school band. \$50 for dinner and dancing. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

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SATURDAY, JULY 20

Ice Cream Social, 1-4 pm. Visit the museum for a trip down memory lane. Afterwards, enjoy an ice cream with your favorite toppings. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

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My Parents’ Blind Date

Short Stories

By Gail Earl Contributor

It was 1944. Donald was a Marine in the hospital recovering from his war wounds. He was shot through the shoulder and shot through the knee. His recovery would be long and challenging.

After his initial months and months of rebuilding his leg, he was finally able to start with braces and orthopedics to teach him to walk again. He was hospitalized for over one year.

When he was released, he went into vocational rehab to teach him a new profession. He went into orthopedics and worked mainly on artificial limbs. In those days, artificial limbs were heavy and made from wood.

While in the vocational rehab, he met Elizabeth on a blind date. She was in the nurses corps and dealt with many returning soldiers returning with injuries. They had an immediate attraction and respect for each other’s position at the time.

Donald proposed after one week. Elizabeth’s family was not happy with her choice. At that time, they considered him a “crippled” and the family feared for her future. Donald’s family was not happy either because of religious differences.

But Donald and Elizabeth were in love and wanted to spend their lives together. Because of family resistance, they agreed to put their marriage off for a while. Three weeks later, they wed.

Over the next eight years they had four children: Don, Sharon, Gail and Jan. Life was very busy for them raising small children.

Don and Elizabeth were very good at teaching important lessons in life. They always concentrated on teaching kindness and compassion. The family was extraordinarily close and loving. From very early on, each child knew the importance of family, and family time was very precious.

Donald was the tender heart and Elizabeth was the structure. They made such a beautiful couple. They danced all through their marriage. The kids loved to watch them dance and laugh and enjoy each others company.

As the years went on, Elizabeth continued work in nursing and Donald remained in orthopedics. That business changed so much over the years that there were always new techniques to master and new advances possible. He no longer just worked with the artificial limbs and teaching patients to walk with them, but advanced to working mainly in the operating rooms in Los Angeles on patients with broken necks.

He would install a “halo”

My Secretarial Career

Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

With no college background to my credit, and given the career landscape of today, I consider myself very fortunate to have gotten a job soon after high school graduation.

Add to this the articles I’ve read, and hearing first-hand plights from college grads themselves that even their degree doesn’t ensure a foot in the door, make me even more grateful.

My career choice began when I was just a kid playing in the middle of our kitchen floor and mom asked me: “What would you like to be when you grow up?” And, “out of the mouth of this babe” came: “a secretary,” and that never, ever varied.

My only “paycheck” experience thus far had been the years I worked in high school at the Golden Gate Theatre as an usherette before being promoted to box office cashier.

My actual career of 55 years began when I was 18 and my oldest son, Steve, was six weeks old. I was hired at Carrier Corporation in the City of Commerce, and assigned to the manager of the Parts Department. I was “so wet

behind the ears” that I knew literally nothing about the integral workings of AC and HVAC, and had never officially taken dictation until then.

Needless to say, and embarrassingly so, the first letter dictated to me was wrought with errors. One word in particular that I misspelled (that is synonymous to the industry) was centrifugal (which I had never heard before). I spelled it centrifical.

I also had a problem with the word thermodynamics. I didn’t know how to write it in shorthand and had to embarrass myself further by asking more particulars. But, in time, I learned the AC/HVAC jargon, and became an asset to the company.

I drove Steve to Mom’s every morning for her to care for him while I worked. One day as she was doing laundry, toddler Steve reached up to the machine and grabbed a thumb tack that she had cleaned out of a pocket. He popped it into his mouth; mom called me at work in a panic, and now I’m in a panic to get home as fast as possible.

I took him to the emergency hospital; they took an X-ray, and the doctor and his staff were cool as cucumbers. After taking an X-ray, (which they showed me, and panic set in again seeing “that thing” inside my baby’s tummy), they instructed me very nonchalantly to: “Just take

him home and feed him a lot of starches until it passes.”

That was easier said than done as Steve never enjoyed eating. It took my sister-in-law, Virgie, plus sisters Phyllis and Donna, to play airplane games with a spoon to get him to eat while I was at work.

I’m sure you can guess who got the pleasant job of going through his poop until it passed. It was a happy day when Mom called me at work...voila! The thumb tack had “passed.”

It was a fun company to work for; we celebrated all the birthdays with a cake and sing-a-long, passed out valentines on that special day, wore costumes on Halloween, and had a very festive Christmas celebration at a nice hotel or golf course clubhouse.

I met a host of good people while at Carrier, and made a lifelong friend in Helen Alari.

Carrier was an excellent choice for starting my career, and I learned so much that enhanced my resume. I left after three years, and took a job with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in South Gate. That move meant more money and, as Mom used to say, “More money makes the outlook more sunny.”

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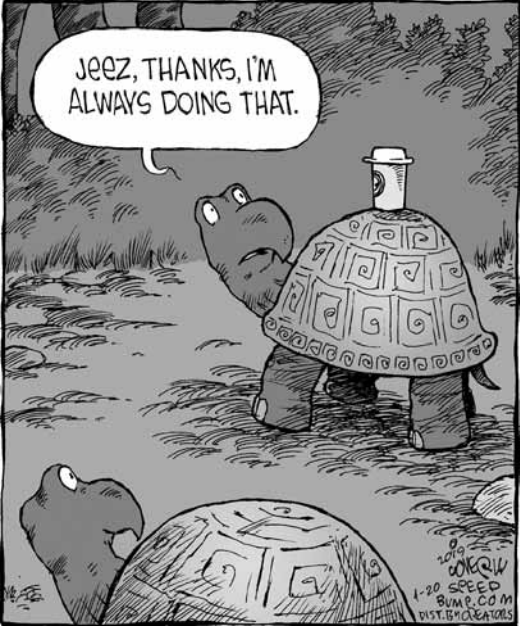
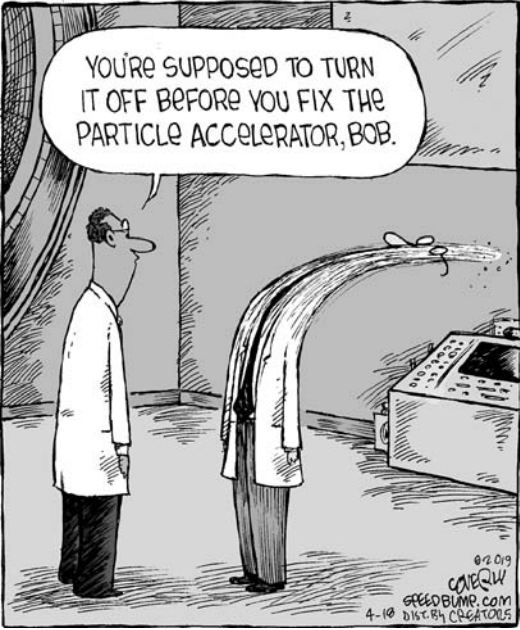
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On This Day...

April 19, 1951: Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his command by President Harry S. Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

1993: A 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended when fire destroyed the structure after federal agents smashed their way in. Dozens of people, including sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

1994: A Los Angeles jury awarded \$3.8 million to beaten motorist Rodney King.

1995: A truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring 500. (Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and executed.)

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1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School

12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office

1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers

3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village

1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant

2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge

2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center

2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers

4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church

2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

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2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk

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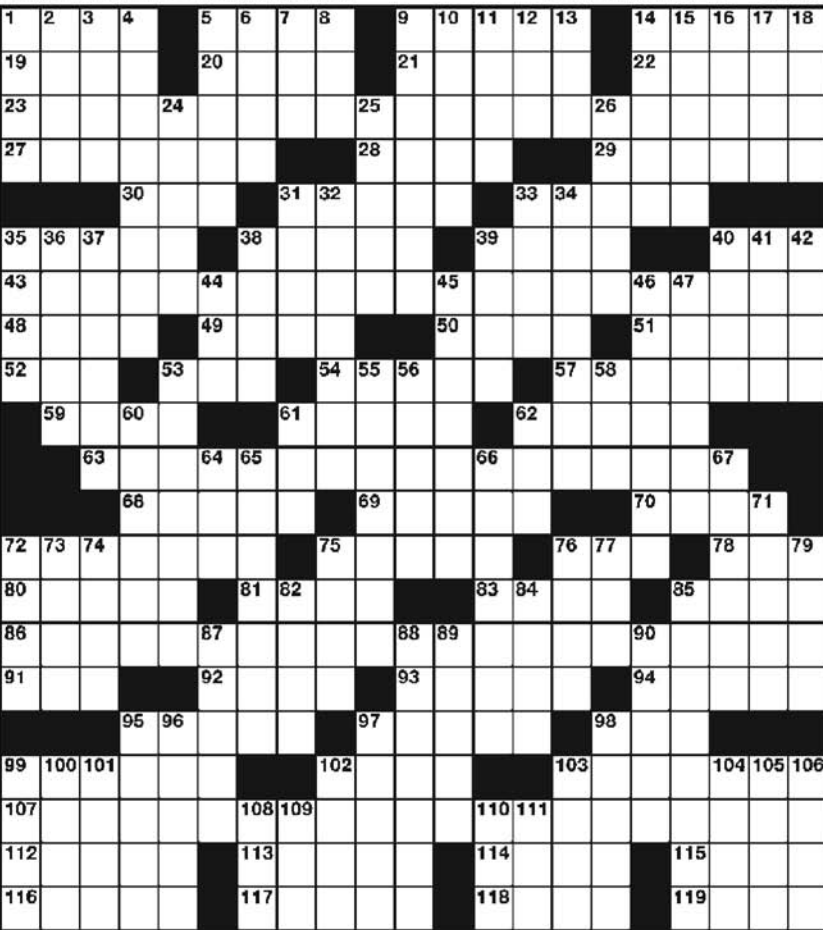
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LEGALS

Present name (1) MARTA MYRES to Proposed name (1) MARTA WILLIAMS MYRES
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: June 19, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **NORWALK PATRIOT**
APRIL 10, 2019
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
MARTA MYRES
12125 HAYFORD ST
NORWALK, CA 90650

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00052
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **ALFREDO ROJAS JR.** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) **ALFREDO ROJAS JR.** to Proposed name (1) **ALFREDO JOY ROJAS JR.**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: May 22, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE NORWALK PATRIOT**
FEBRUARY 15, 2019
Margaret M. Bernal
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BENITO NEGRETE CASE NO. 19STPB02927

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of **BENITO NEGRETE**.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **MONIQUE NEGRETE** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **MONIQUE NEGRETE** 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. (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: 04/26/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. Hill ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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TRUSTEE SALES

APN: 8078-026-091 TS No: CA05000358-19-1 TO No: 18-109847 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2)). YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 12, 2013. 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, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On May 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the

duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 19, 2013 as Instrument No. 20130589750, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by **TIMOTHY MCGRORY AND MONA M MCGRORY, BY TIMOTHY MCGRORY, HER ATTORNEY IN FACT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor(s)**, in favor of **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER**, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: **AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST**. 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: **11113 BARNWALL ST, 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 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, 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be **\$41,985.56 (Estimated)**. However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California

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Date of Sale: 05/03/2019 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$423,764.63 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14612 Seaforth Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8072-031-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or 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 by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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A bright spot in California

BY SCOTT SMITH

California’s plastic and paper recycling program may be struggling. And the state has made a mess of its e-waste program that is supposed to keep old televisions and computers out of the landfill.

But there is one bright spot – California’s program to recycle massive amounts of metals from old appliances, cars, construction scraps, and countless other consumer products.

For nearly 50 years, California has been a leader in not just keeping this metal out of our landfills, but in converting it into valuable products. In doing so, the State has created a robust industry that touches every town, city, and county in the state.

Scrap metal recycling provides California with an estimated 51,000 jobs that represent a total of \$3.6 billion in wages. The industry’s economic impact in the state is \$11.5 billion. It also generates more than \$1.5 billion in tax revenue for California governments.

At a street level, tens of thousands of people have built mom-and-pop businesses collecting metals from businesses and neighborhoods. These are typically minority-owned businesses providing income for a segment of our population without much education or another opportunity for economic advancement. These scrap metal collectors

have been able to support families by collecting tons of end-of-life products that would otherwise end up in the landfill. They rightly consider themselves environmentalists who provide a valuable service that keeps their communities from blight.

These collectors load up their trucks and drop off metals at local recycling centers that pay them based on weight. These centers sort the metals before delivering them to larger regional recyclers.

In addition to receiving metal from local centers, medium and large recyclers are the collection point for old cars, trucks and buses and metals from manufacturing plants. The old vehicles come from many sources – the State of California’s “cash-for-clunkers” program, auto dismantlers and non-profit organizations that receive old vehicles as donations. Before recycling, the dismantlers remove old gasoline, liquids, batteries and other potentially hazardous materials. Over a million end of life cars and over 3 million end of life appliances are recycled at these recyclers every year.

Metal recycling facilities engage in a very high-tech, sophisticated process that turns mountains of rusty, old cars and other scrap metals into raw stainless steel, iron, aluminum, steel, and copper. These products are exported and used in the manufacturing of new cars, appliances, and consumer goods, which reduces demand for natural resources.

Over decades, the shredding and recycling process has been refined to the point where 99 percent of all metals are recovered. What is left is something known as “shredder residue.” This includes shredded upholstery, plastic, glass and a minuscule amount of metal. For regulatory purposes, this end of process residue is chemically treated with a cement type mixture before being transported to a landfill as and used as daily cover.

Metal recycling has thrived as a good neighbor in part because it has excellent working relationships with its regulators – local fire departments, regional water boards, and air quality management districts. The regulators have required permits that project the environment and public health.

While household waste recycling is fraught with problems, California’s metal recycling industry has been successfully delivering tremendous benefits to the state’s environment and economy. It is an underappreciated effort that supports working families, diverts waste from landfills and creates value across the board.

Scott Smith serves as executive director of the Gateway Chambers Alliance, a group of 10 local chambers of commerce from across the Gateway Region of Los Angeles County representing hundreds of small businesses and thousands of jobs.

Fire sticks need warning labels

BY MICHAEL CHIRCO

My fiancé and I were recently at Home Depot on a hunt for wonderful plants of different varieties. We walked through aisle after aisle exploring this enchanted green wonderland.

Then we walked into the succulent area. So many beautiful desert plants perfect for the Norwalk climate and perfect for most of this desert landscape we call Southern California.

Although beautiful, certain ones of these plants you just know not to touch because of the thorns or the needles. One wrong touch and blood may start to appear. So, with that thought, our eyes looked on to the next batch of beautiful desert like plants. And we both landed our eyes on the “fire sticks.”

We both ran over to look at them.

First thing I noticed was that there was no warning label.

The fire sticks are a beautiful plant; you almost cannot take your eyes off of them, like they are calling you, drawing you closer like a magnet. Fire sticks have a proper name of Euphorbia Tirucalli but they’re also known as Aveloz, Indian tree spurge, Naked Lady, pencil cactus, milk bush or what we call them, fire sticks.

Fire sticks are a great plant in areas where rain is limited. They grow with very little water. The branches can be cut and planted and cut and planted forever. One plant can turn into an endless garden of fire sticks.

The plant can grow up to 20 feet in height if it is supported correctly.

Fire sticks can also be used as a barrier between properties, a wall cover, a window cover or a great burglar deterrent. We say a great burglar deterrent because when not understood, this plant will quickly make you understand. This plant is not to be touched by the uneducated in plant knowledge.

Just brushing up against the plant will make the rest of your day a bad day. This plant grows many beautiful little fingers, but these fingers are dangerous.

They are very sensitive and a small touch at the tips will expose a hot, white, milky sap. This sap will get on your skin and start to itch and burn. If you get enough of it on you, and you begin to itch, it will get on your hands and fingers and without thinking about it, eventually you will play with your hair or rub your forehead.

Before you know it a tiny amount with the help of a little bit of sweat will run down your forehead and into your eyebrows and then make its way into your eyes. That’s when you really begin to hate life. And if you don’t have anyone around to help you, well, good luck.

You will have a hard time even opening your eyes. Looking at your phone will be a difficult task. And you will need your phone to call a loved one, because you will need help. Your eyes need to be flushed out continuously while on your back with a saline solution. This sap, in the worst-case scenarios, can lead to blindness.

Removing the sap is a bit difficult because it acts as glue and dries clear. You may think it is gone, but trace residue can cause major symptoms.

In larger plants, when cutting, the sap will actually squirt at you as though the plant is protecting itself, which makes it essential to wear full body protection when removing these plants.

My family and friends all have this plant and large numbers of it. We have all learned the hard way of dealing with this plant. Even our pets have had their experiences. Now we know how to deal with it.

Like coffee, we love them but they are hot and now we are careful.

But most people will learn the hard way. That’s why we would like to see Home Depot and all other nurseries begin to put a warning label on these plants.

You may recall a time when McDonald’s was sued because someone was burned by hot coffee. Well, everyone knows hot coffee will burn, but McDonald’s was forced to label their coffee cups with “CAUTION HOT!”

Fire sticks don’t have thorns or needles, but they are hot, sticky and can cause blindness. Where is their warning label?

Can Bernie Sanders be stopped?

BY STEVE CHAPMAN

At the bottom of my list of the Democratic candidates I would like to see nominated in 2020 is Bernie Sanders. At the top of my list of the candidates I expect to see nominated? Same.

The presidential campaign is still young. The first actual votes will not be cast for more than nine months, when the Iowa caucuses are held on Feb. 3. In a congested race, as we know from the Kentucky Derby, the fastest contenders can find themselves hopelessly boxed in. But at the moment, it’s easier to see a path for Sanders to win the Democratic nomination than it is for anyone else.

I have written before of my many objections to Sanders, which have not abated. But his political strengths are not to be underestimated.

Plenty of politicians look formidable until they actually enter the campaign. Remember Rudy Giuliani in 2008? Or Rick Perry in 2012? The jump to the major leagues is bigger than it looks.

Sanders, however, has competed at this level before, and he came close to defeating a rival who was the most admired woman in America for 17 consecutive years.

Hillary Clinton was a savvy, impeccably qualified and lavishly funded candidate who had the backing of the party establishment and the nostalgic power of her husband’s presidency. Yet Sanders won 23 of the contests and 43 percent of the votes cast. He excited crowds in a way that Clinton never could.

He has raised far more money than anyone else this time around, the great majority from small donors — which suggests that a lot of people who voted for him in 2016 are eager to do it again.

Sanders’ central advantage in 2016 was the blunt repetition of his signature themes: Medicare for All, taxing the rich, free college, fighting Wall Street, attacking inequality. No one can match his credentials on these issues. No one is better at communicating them in a forceful manner.

His status as the only socialist in Congress gave him an anti-establishment credibility that remains as potent as ever. But for all his eccentricities, Sanders proved to be a sure-footed campaigner who avoided gaffes without ever sounding canned or cautious. His

appearance at a Fox News town hall Monday showed fearlessness.

Sanders has wrought a change in the Democratic Party, pushing its ideological center of gravity well to the left of where it was just four years ago. He paved the way for such firebrands as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib to be elected to the House. The Congressional Progressive Caucus has 98 members, up from 69 in 2014.

Medicare for All has gained the support of many Democratic politicians, including several of those running against him. On that and other issues, the senator from Vermont could sue most of his opponents for plagiarism.

His disadvantage is that he’s well to the left of most Democratic voters — half of whom say they are moderate or conservative. The New York Times noted that “perhaps 1 in 10 Democrats over all... might identify as democratic socialists, based on recent polls.”

Among less liberal Democrats, the obvious alternative to Sanders is Joe Biden. But Biden has run twice for president with dismal results. His responses to women’s complaints about his unwanted touching were tone deaf — and revived bitter memories of how he handled the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings.

His past positions on abortion, criminal justice and the Iraq war will be used against him. He has a propensity for unforced errors, brought on by his garrulous nature and thirst for attention. If any candidate is a good bet to self-destruct, it’s Biden.

Donald Trump got the Republican nomination not because he was the best candidate but because the better ones split up the voters who disliked him. Sanders may not be the choice of most Democrats, but he is better placed to capture consistent pluralities than anyone else.

Candidates who might outshine him in a small field, such as

Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Julian Castro, will struggle to set themselves apart from each other. Fresh-faced youngsters Beto O’Rourke and Pete Buttigieg are bound to seem underprepared next to the battle-scarred Bernie.

Most Democrats would probably prefer not to risk losing the election by nominating an avowed socialist. But as Trump showed in 2016, a majority that is divided can be conquered.

Steve Chapman is a blogger for the Chicago Tribune.

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My Titanic Moment

Short Stories

By Yolanda Reyna Contributor

It was January 25, 2019, when I stepped on to the grandest ship I’ve ever seen: “The Carnival Inspiration” heading out to Ensenada. I felt like Rose from the movie “Titanic” and I was hoping to meet a Jack Dawson but I didn’t.

I love the film “Titanic.” It is one of my favorite movies and when watching, I always imagine me as Rose – so this was my time to shine!

When I was invited to sail this astronomical ship, I jumped at the chance. It was an 80’s karaoke cruise which is my era. It was three nights of singing. I had planned six months in advance.

It was only \$300 plus my passport card, which was \$70. When my picture was taken at the local post office, I was asked to remove my earrings, necklace and put my hair behind my ears. You’re asked to do that so that your face is completely exposed.

A lady friend of mine invited me along with other ladies, a few

couples, and other guests. We all wore our karaoke T-shirt’s. People actually thought we were professional singers, ha!

When we arrived in Long Beach, I could not believe my eyes when I saw this massive, majestic man-made ship sitting on God’s creation – the ocean. I was starry eyed, stunned, and smiling at this monstrous ship. This beauty of a ship carries a guest capacity of 2,054, and has an onboard crew of 920, also the gross tonnage is 70,367.

As I made my way onto the ship, I turned and imagined me waving to my family and friends – re-enacting the movie. I couldn’t help myself. Sad to say none of my family or friends were there to see me off.

Karaoke night had a full lineup of singers. I sang “Like a Prayer” by Madonna. When you sing, you get a raffle ticket for singing, and at the end of the evening the raffle is drawn, and I won. It was a \$25 gift card. Dinner on the ship was elegant while music played and the waiters and waitresses would start dancing and you’re gestured to get up and join in the fun, while waving your serviette.

I and two other ladies shared a cabin and I was asked if I would

take the top bunk. The cabin was the size of a match box, so small we were literally nose-to-nose, squeezing and holding in our tummies as we passed by each other.

Snoring went on each night. I said to the ladies, “You both snored last night,” and in unison they said, “So did you!”

Sunday we stopped in Baja, Mexico and I recently just found out from my father’s sister that my paternal grandmother was from Baja. That’s good to know because I never knew that.

By the way, one very important thing, while I was on the cruise, I had completely lost my taste buds from being previously sick with the flu. It is the worst feeling. Everything tasted metallic like...So I really didn’t enjoy the food, and everything looked so good but I just could not grasp the taste. But I had to eat.

The karaoke was fun. You get up and sing your favorite song. The best part is not knowing how to sing but having the courage to get up and sing. Yeah, you guessed it -- that was me.

Every now and then you’d feel the swaying of the ship. I strolled the deck, and I imagined me as being Rose from “Titanic,” although I did not have the attire she did. When my friends and I set foot at the top deck, I asked my friend Bob to take a picture of me

with my arms spread out just like Rose in the movie! Again, no Jack Dawson.

He said, “Yo, are you serious?!” I said, “Yes! Hurry up and snap the picture!”

I played miniature golf which was on the top deck and I won. I played ping-pong with my friends, Bob and Patty; I beat Patty and Bob beat me by one point.

One amazing thing I did notice on the ship was that everyone was so happy and friendly. I also noticed everyone had a drink in their hand.

We played bingo one evening and another evening we went to a comedy club. The comedian gave a brilliant performance.

Everything is just non-stop and you have to keep up with your friends – it’s go, go, go! But I needed to have some down time every now and then so I would sneak to the cabin and just rest.

Going on this cruise was an exciting experience for me and I definitely would like to experience it again.

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Short Stories

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Year after year the DMV kept renewing my driver’s license by mail without requiring me to show up in person to be tested and photographed. After about 15 years, the picture on my license became very messy from wear and tear. It even had white blotches over my face.

One day I had a brilliant idea. I would replace my old faded driver’s license picture with a photo from one of my old company ID badges. And so, I cut the ID

photo the same size as the picture on my license. Then I stapled my ID photo on top of the picture the DMV had taken so many years ago.

Well, I was asked to show my license for identification many, many times, and nobody ever said a word about the stapled photo on it. Until the time I went shopping in a hotel boutique in Hawaii.

There I was, browsing through the beautiful shop with my sister Audrey, my daughter Jan, and my son-in-law Paul. I picked out a sexy pair of swim trunks for Paul. Leaving my family to continue shopping, I went to the sales counter to pay for my purchase with a check.

Of course, the saleslady asked to see my driver’s license for identification. And so, I whipped it out and handed it to her.

All of a sudden she said in a very loud voice, “You can’t do this!”

I said, “What?”

She said, “You can’t change a picture on your license!”

By then my family heard the commotion, so they came over to the counter to find out what was going on.

The saleslady said, “Look! She has changed her picture on her license!”

By then a crowd had gathered. My family looked at me, stunned. Jan said, “Mama, how could you?”

Needless to say, by then my face was red as a beet. Jan offered to pay for the swim trunks by MasterCard, since the saleslady refused to accept my check.

When we got back to our condo, Jan said to me, “Mama, you could go to jail for doing something like that. How could you be so vain?!”


It really wasn’t that I was vain; I just did not like that messy license picture in my wallet.

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