

## Norwalk man killed in hit and run

**NORWALK** - A Norwalk man was struck and killed on the 91-freeway early Sunday, and investigators are asking for information as they attempt to identify and locate the driver.

Thirty-four-year-old Miguel Gutierrez Fabian was assisting a 16-year-old boy from Norwalk who had run out of gas on the freeway's right shoulder at around 12:10 a.m. when he was struck by what has been described as a white work truck with wooden rails on the bed. There is also possible collision damage to the right front side of the vehicle.

The truck continued on without stopping after the collision.

Gutierrez Fabian was declared dead at the scene. No other injuries have been reported.

It is unknown if Fabian Gutierrez knew the young boy he was assisting before the incident occurred.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the CHP's Santa Fe Springs-area office at 562-868-0503. Tips may also be submitted anonymously to L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

## Suspects plead no contest to deadly home invasion

**DOWNEY** - Four men pleaded no contest Wednesday in connection with a 2016 home invasion in Downey in which the homeowner died.

Paul Darvis Misikei, 22, and Sakaopo Atanasio Folau, 20, both entered the plea to one count of second-degree murder.

Codefendants Henry Willie Sao, 31, and Michael Anthony Harrod, 28, both pleaded no contest to one count of first-degree home invasion robbery.

Sao and Harrod were immediately sentenced to six years in state prison.

Sentencing for Misikei and Folau is scheduled for Jan. 16 in Department T of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. Both defendants face 15 years to life in state prison.

On Jan. 17, 2016, the four defendants went to the Downey home of Jim Rudometkin, 59, prosecutors said.

While at the residence, Misikei and Folau forced their way into Rudometkin's home. Shortly thereafter, Sao also entered the home, the prosecutor said.

As this was occurring, a neighbor saw the attack and called police, according to the prosecutor. Harrod, who was the getaway driver then fled.

When police arrived at the home, the defendants attempted to flee the scene, however, Misikei and Sao were soon located and arrested, the prosecutor said. Folau and Harrod were apprehended days later.

When police entered the victim's home, they found Rudometkin bound and unresponsive.

Rudometkin, a real estate agent, was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene due to a heart attack, the prosecutor said.

Eric Pierce, editor

## WALMART CLOSING NORWALK STORE

The retail giant announced it is closing its Norwalk store effective Nov. 1, putting nearly 200 people out of work before the holidays.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**NORWALK** - Citing poor sales, Walmart is closing its Norwalk store effective Nov. 1, putting nearly 200 people out of work before the holidays and eliminating a major source of tax revenue for the city.

Store employees were notified of the closure Wednesday.

Walmart issued a statement the same day confirming its move out of Norwalk:

"After a careful and thoughtful review process, we have made the difficult decision to close the Walmart Discount Store at 11729 Imperial Hwy. in Norwalk," said Tiffany Wilson, director of corporate communications with Walmart.

"The decision is based on several factors including the store's overall performance. We invite our customers to shop at our nearby stores - including our Supercenters at 9001 Apollo Way in Downey and 13310 Telegraph Rd in Santa Fe Springs - and on Walmart.com.

"We will continue to serve customers in new ways across California through expanded Online Grocery, store remodels and many other innovations aimed at saving them time and money. We will also continue our investments in training to



give our associates the skills to succeed and a path to grow their careers."

Located at 11729 Imperial Hwy., the Norwalk store employs 199 associates. They will be paid through Dec. 6 unless they transfer to another location, Walmart said.

"We hope that most of the 199 associates will want to continue their career with Walmart by transferring to one of our many nearby stores," Wilson said.

"Our HR teams will help identify transfer opportunities and assist associates through the transfer process."

The store's pharmacy will operate through Oct. 18. Pharmacy staff will help customers transfer their prescriptions to other locations; otherwise, prescriptions will be automatically transferred to the Walmart in Santa Fe Springs.

In a statement, the City of Norwalk said it wasn't made aware of Walmart's intentions to close the store until Wednesday morning.

"Walmart is a valued local business, as well as community partner; we are saddened for its impact on the approximate 200 store employees and impact on community before the start of the holiday shopping season," the statement read. "We have expressed to Walmart our desire to assist in discussions to find any way feasible to help them remain open.

"The City of Norwalk will continue to expand all efforts and resources to ensure our community has access to current and future local work opportunities and enhanced retail and dining options."

## Former sheriff's deputy gets 2 years in prison for sexual assaults

**LYNWOOD** - A former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy was sentenced last week to two years in prison for sexual assaults on six inmates at a women's jail in Lynwood, prosecutors said.

Giancarlo Scotti, 33, pleaded no contest earlier this month to six felony and two misdemeanor counts of sexual activity with a detainee at the Century Regional Detention Center, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said in a news release.

The maximum sentence he could be given was seven years and four months in prison.

The alleged misconduct occurred in August and September 2017. Officials say the women Scotti targeted ranged in age from 24 to 42.

In one instance, Scotti ordered two cellmates to perform oral sex on him, then took the women to the showers and had unlawful sex with them, prosecutors said.

The deputy also had an

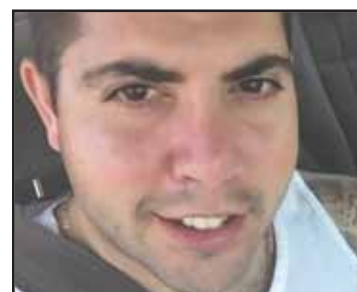
inmate perform oral sex on him in her cell in another case, officials said.

Scotti was a 10-year veteran of the force when the crimes were uncovered.

Sheriff's detectives initially arrested Scotti in September 2017 on suspicion of sexually assaulting two inmates, then again in February 2018 after additional victims came forward. In both instances, Scotti was released the following day after posting bail.

Inmate records show Scotti was taken back into custody around 11:40 a.m. Thursday in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom.

At the time of his arrest, the sheriff said he expected Scotti to face charges of rape under color of authority and oral copulation under color of authority. Prosecutors ultimately filed lesser charges of "sexual activity with a detainee in a detention facility," which is defined in the California Penal Code as sex



Giancarlo Scotti

between a public officer and a "consenting adult" and carries a maximum sentence of one year behind bars per count.

The conviction does not require registration as a sex offender.

Under California law, rape is punishable by anywhere from three to eight years in prison per count.

Officials say Scotti's no contest plea was not entered as part of a deal negotiated with prosecutors.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Norwalk City Council proclaimed October 2, 2019 as Clean Air Day.

On hand to accept as a Clean Air local champion was Athens Services

Clean Air Day aims to raise awareness on air quality issues and encourage individuals to take small actions, such as biking or walking to school or work, to help improve our air.



## Norwalk restaurant grades

**El Tazumal**  
16014 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/24/19  
Grade: **A**

**Arco**  
15604 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/24/19  
Grade: **A**

**Lowes**  
14873 Carmenita Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/20/19  
Grade: **A**

**California Sushi and Teriyaki**  
12305 Norwalk Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Las Aguilas Bakery**  
12834 1/2 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Starbucks**  
14322 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Cliff's Liquor**  
12816 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Panda Express**  
12327 Norwalk Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**W.W. Service Inc.**  
12800 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Imperial King Liquor**  
10630 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**C.C. Pho**  
12359 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Shakey's Pizza**  
11403 Firestone Blvd.  
Inspected: 9/18/19  
Grade: **A**

**Huh Daigam Restaurant**  
16511 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**Go Hyang Jib**  
16441 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**3 Amigos Tacos**  
16441 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**Dippity Donuts**  
14636 Carmenita Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**Little Caesars**  
13019 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 9/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**KFC**  
12959 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 9/11/19  
Grade: **B**

**Good Fortune Tasty Restaurant**  
15912 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/10/19  
Grade: **B**

**RC Burgers**  
10951 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Top Donuts**  
10939 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Lupita's Mexican Restaurante**  
15018 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/10/19  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 85°

Sunday 89°



**6th Annual Olvera Street Muertos Artwalk**  
Saturday - Olvera Street, 10 am to 7 pm

A hand-curated show featuring 30-plus artists selling original artwork, jewelry, accessories, clothing, and more.



**Carson Jazz Festival**

Saturday - Anderson Park in Carson, 11 am to 6 pm

Live music by Kirk Whalum, Donald Hayes, Adam Hawley, Jazz in Pink, and Gavyn Rhone, former lead singer of the Gap band.



**Cal Poly Pomona Pumpkin Festival**

All Weekend - Cal Poly Pomona

More than 40K pumpkins, plus a corn maze, pony rides, petting zoo, hay rides, food booths, and live entertainment. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 children or \$12 family pack (2 adults, 2 children)



**Taste of Santa Ana**

Saturday - MainPlace Mall, 6-9 pm

A \$50 admission ticket includes unlimited tastings from more than two dozen restaurants, including Morton's Steakhouse and Hot Dog on a Stick. Plus live 80s music, a kids zone, lawn games, and more.



**Gardena Street Fair**

Saturday - Gardena Civic Center, 9 am to 3 pm

More than 80 retail booths, food vendors, live cultural entertainment, and a kids area.

## TWEET OF THE WEEK

@NorwalkLSD: TIED FOR 1st PLACE  
Since CA Prop 47 passed, reducing felony #drug possession to misdemeanors (#cocaine, #heroin, #meth) & #felony property crimes to misd., our most repeat offenders have tied for 1st.

Each has been arrested 39 times for these offenses.

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# NORWALK HAPPENINGS

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Smarty Pants Storytime**, 10:30-11 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration in required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Celebrity Waiter & Dance**, 6 pm. Get waited on by local celebrities at this annual dance fundraiser in support of CAPC, which works on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Latin Dance Class**, 12 pm. Learn how to dance salsa, cha-cha, and merengue from U.S. Ballroom champion, Adrian Brian. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Blessed and Unstoppable**, 12 pm. Motivational speaker Dr. Billy Alsbrooks will speak on the "art of greatness" and share how these principles can be applied to your everyday life. \$100 admission. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Classic Book Club - "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D. H. Lawrence**, 6:30-7:30 pm. After a crippling injury leaves her husband important, Lady Chatterley is torn between love for her husband and her physical desires. With her husband's consent, she seeks out other means of fulfilling her needs. Copies of the book available at the library or online at lacountylibrary.overdrive.com. New members welcomed. For Adults 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Hispanic Heritage Month Art Activity: Yarn Painting**, 2-3 pm. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating your own Yarn Painting (Nierkas) inspired by the art of the Huichol. Traditionally

made from tree resin and beeswax, you'll make your own with colorful cotton yarn and glue. Join us and make your own colorful yarn art! For ages 18 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**MakMo: K'Nex Sail Cars**, 4-5 pm. Harness the power of the wind! We will design and build sail-powered cars, then test them to see which design works best! For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Beer Launch**, 4-6 pm. Peroni Beer celebrates its official local launch. Northgae Market, 11660 Firestone Blvd.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

**Smarty Pants Storytime**, 10:30-11 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration in required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

**Holiday Boutique**, 8 am to 2 pm. Get an early start on your holiday shopping. Pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 am, and vendor shopping from 8 am to 2 pm. Southeast Japanese School, 14615 Gridley Rd.

**Game and Activity Day**, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Origami for Adults**, 2-3 pm. Join instructor Emmy Lam as she teaches about the art of origami. You will learn all about the origin of this art form and have the chance to create your own art out of paper. For ages 18 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

**Bookmark Contest**, 4-5 pm. Join us as we create bookmark designs for the 40th LA County Library

Bookmark Contest. We will provide all needed supplies. Be creative, original, and have fun. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

**Smarty Pants Storytime**, 10:30-11 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration in required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

**Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade**, 11 am. Dress in your favorite costume and join in the parade alongside marching bands, floats, show cars, and more. Costume contest begins at 9:15 a.m. Norwalk Boulevard and Mapledale Street

**Harbor Groove Band**, 9 pm. Dance to live music by the Harbor Groove Band, playing a diverse playlist of 70s, 80s, and 90s music, plus Latin and R&B. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

**Family Worship Day**, 10 am. Special worship service followed by a variety of fun games and food. Meet other families and make new friends. Trinity Lutheran Church, 11507 Studebaker Rd.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**Santa Sleigh Volunteer Meeting**, 7 pm. Are you interested in helping spread joy as Santa Claus visits Norwalk neighborhoods this holiday season? Volunteers help as line monitors, elves, assistants to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and general helpers. Must be at least 15 years old. Norwalk Transportation Building, 12650 E. Imperial Hwy.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

**Origami for Adults**, 2 pm. Join us to learn about the art of origami and create your own art out of paper. All materials will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

**DIY Comic Books**, 4-5 pm. Be a writer and illustrator of your own comic book. We have all the materials for this cool project. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Play & Explore**, 10:30-11:30 am. Play and explore sessions are designed to promote toddler social skills as well as cognitive and motor skills. Ages 1-3 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Halloween Dance**, 6-9 pm. Wear your appropriate Halloween costume and dancing shoes. This dance is designed for children, teens and adults with developmental, physical or learning disabilities. \$14 per person. Sproul Reception Center, 12239 Sproul St.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

**Game and Activity Day**, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

**Lit Wits Book Club**, 2 pm. Join us to read and discuss the novel, *The Women in the Castle* by bestselling author Jessica Shattuck. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Toothpick Sculptures**, 4-5 pm. Have fun constructing two and three-dimensional structures with simple materials. Great STEM project. For ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

**Halloween Festival Dia de los Muertos**, 6-9 pm. Family-friendly event with games, a costume contest, cake walk, music, crafts, an inflatable village, and candy. Food available for purchase. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**Diabolic Lounge**, 6:30 pm. An all-ages concert with music from The Radiacs (UK), The Quaranteds, The Peabrains, Radarmen, Lost Boys and Salems Ghosts. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**How to Avoid Holiday Weight Gain**, 10 am. Learn how to indulge in the holidays in a healthy way and without being overly restrictive. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Daddy-Daughter Hollywood Glamour Dance**, 5:30-8:30 pm. Light dinner, crafts, games, activities and dancing. \$20 per couple, \$7 each additional child. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

**SnowFest and Tree-Lighting Ceremony**, 12-8 pm. Snow slides, a snow play area, game booths, train rides, craft tents, face painting, live entertainment, and a visit from Santa Claus. The tree lighting is scheduled for 6 pm.

**Diabolic Lounge**, 6:30 pm. Live music by The Grim, Peabrains, and The Dead Ricardos. \$14 pre-sale, \$18 at the door. All ages show. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Holidays at the Museum**, 5-8 pm. Tour Norwalk's historic museum which will be decorated just for this occasion. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

**Las Posadas**, 6-9 pm. A traditional cultural celebration featuring a candlelight procession, caroling of holiday songs, performances by mariachis and ballet folkloricos, and more. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to [eric@thedowneypatriot.com](mailto:eric@thedowneypatriot.com)

## Men urged to check for prostate cancer

**NORWALK** - With September being Prostate Awareness Month, it's important to remember that men become more at-risk of developing prostate cancer as they age.

Aside from non-melanoma skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's also one of the leading causes of cancer death among men of all races.

According to Dr. Farah M. Brasfield, regional chief of oncology with Kaiser Permanente Southern California, studies show that a man's age, family history, and race - especially if he's African American - strongly influences a man's chances of developing the disease.

Bradsfield continues that younger men can also get prostate cancer, and because there are typically no symptoms in the early stages, it is important to discuss testing with your doctor. Treatment works best with early diagnosis.

Bradsfield urges men to see their doctor for a prostate checkup if they reach the age of 50, urinate often, especially at night, experience pain or burning during urination, are unable to urinate at all, experience difficulty having an erection, see blood in their urine or semen, or have deep or frequent pain in their lower back, stomach, hip, or pelvis.

A man can reduce or delay the risk of developing prostate cancer by eating healthy (including at least 2 1/2 cups of a wide variety of vegetables and fruits a day, including cruciferous vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower, which are linked to lowering the risk of prostate cancer), being physically active, and staying at a healthy weight.



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**October 5, 2019**  
9 am - 12:30 pm  
Auditorium, Rm. A-F

**November 2, 2019**  
9 am - 12:30 pm  
Auditorium, Rm. A-F

### PIH Health Hospital - Downey

**October 19, 2019**  
9 am - 12:30 pm  
Auditorium, Conference Rm. 1

**November 9, 2019**  
**For Pioneer Provider Network**  
9 am - 12:30 pm  
Auditorium, Conference Rm. 1

# Shame on Kroger for kicking out community newspapers

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

Do you shop at a Kroger supermarket? Or maybe at Ralphs, Fred Meyer, King Soopers, Fry's, City Market, Pick 'n Save or ... well, never mind. All of these and more are part of the vast Kroger fiefdom of 2,759 grocery stores spanning the U.S.

It also owns 38 food processing plants, 44 distribution centers, 1,556 gas stations and 251 jewelry stores. In short, Kroger is BIG — a colossus that is America's largest grocery chain, dominating many local markets from coast to coast. The Cincinnati-based retail conglomerate sacks up revenues topping \$121 billion a year from us consumers.

Yet, for all of its mass and money, Kroger has recently shown itself to be pathetically small in many of the communities it supposedly serves and profits from — small as in petty, snooty ... bullying.

The chain's carefully crafted PR image portrays it as "America's Grocer." Wherever you are, they present their stores as your friendly neighbor, supporting all things that make your community unique and vibrant. So imagine the surprise of thousands of shoppers, local businesses, community groups and other real neighbors this month when the giant's aloof executives in faraway corporate headquarters arbitrarily ejected a core element of vibrancy for many cities: the myriad alternative newsweeklies and community papers distributed in the stores free of charge.

In one blow, top honchos in Cincinnati summarily kicked all such local journalism out of their stores in Colorado Springs, Lansing, Louisville, Memphis, Omaha, Salt Lake City and hundreds of other cities in 35 states. While establishment newspapers that peddle the

corporate line — from hedge fund-owned dailies to The Wall Street Journal — are still allowed to peddle their papers inside Kroger, customers can no longer find racks of the free community papers that cover a wide diversity of local stories, offer alternative viewpoints, publish investigative exposes, report on community events and otherwise actually let people know what's happening in their town.

By shutting out these community papers, Kroger is literally banning the free press from its stores. That's not only unneighborly, it's un-American.

Corporate executives, like most politicians, never do anything wrong. Instead, if anything wrong "happens," it was someone else's fault, not the chiefs'.

That's been the gutless claim of Kroger supermarket honchos who senselessly yanked all local newsweeklies and community papers out of its stores. Cluelessly, top execs seemed to assume no one would notice their sweeping purge, but when a firestorm of local protests (under such banners as "Don't Lose Local News") reached all the way to the executive suite in the megachain's Ohio headquarters, a PR flack was rushed out to explain who was responsible for banishing the papers: the papers themselves! They failed to keep up with the digital age, she asserted, and shoppers are no longer picking up the free papers.

Wrong. While it's true that chain-owned daily newspapers are losing readers after shriveling their coverage and jacking up their prices, free local independent weeklies have become more valued than ever by folks looking to fill their town's print news gap. As the publisher of the weekly in Lansing, Michigan, points out, media audits show that the pick-up rate of his paper by Kroger shoppers

alone has nearly tripled since 2012.

Lest you think that poor Kroger shouldn't be burdened with offering free papers, let me note that it gets paid by a distribution firm to carry them. In addition, those papers have real news, food for thought and other valuable content that the grocer is allowed to give for free to its customers and communities — a considerable PR plus for the stores.

Kroger's edict to remove free weeklies nationwide is a case of corporate conceit at its stupidest. It was issued from Kroger's HQ with no warning and no consultation (much less negotiation) with papers or communities. It didn't have to be so inept and ugly. And now that they've bungled the operation, Kroger's executives have gone into hiding, petulantly refusing to meet or even return phone calls to the people they're hurting, apparently hoping the furor will just go away.

That's truly stupid. Indeed, a group of indie papers has now launched a national campaign to call out Kroger's executives, literally rallying us supporters of independent local news to give them our 2 cents' worth.

Call toll-free to 1-800-KROGERS (576-4377), press 3 for "Store Experience" and to speak to a Kroger manager and demand that they restore the free press to all of their stores.

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# Americans spent more on taxes in 2018 than on food, clothing and health care combined

BY TERENCE P. JEFFREY

Americans on average spent more on taxes in 2018 than they did on the basic necessities of food, clothing and health care combined, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey.

The survey's recently published Table R-1 for 2018 lists the average "detailed expenditure" of what the BLS calls "consumer units."

"Consumer units," says BLS, "include families, single persons living alone or sharing a household with others but who are financially independent, or two or more persons living together who share major expenses."

In 2018, according to Table R-1, American consumer units spent an average of \$9,031.93 on federal income taxes; \$5,023.73 on Social Security taxes (which the table calls "deductions"); \$2,284.62 on state and local income taxes; \$2,199.80 on property taxes; and \$77.85 on what BLS calls "other taxes."

The combined payments the average American consumer unit made for these five categories of taxes was \$18,617.93.

At the same time the average American consumer unit was paying these taxes, it was spending \$7,923.19 on food; \$4,968.44 on health care; and \$1,866.48 on "apparel and services."

These combined expenditures equaled \$14,758.11.

So, the \$14,758.11 that the average American consumer unit paid for food, clothing and health care was \$3,859.82 less than the \$18,617.93 it paid in federal, state and local income taxes, property taxes, Social Security taxes and "other taxes."

I asked the BLS to confirm these numbers, which it did while noting that the "Pensions and Social Security" section of its Table R-1 included four other types of payments (that many people are not required to make or that do not go to the government) in addition to the average of \$5,023.73 in Social Security taxes that 77.21% of respondents reported paying.

"You asked us to verify the amounts for the total taxes and expenditures on food, apparel/services, and healthcare," said BLS. "Based on table R-1 for 2018, your definition for food, apparel, and healthcare matches the BLS definition and the total dollars. Your dollar amounts for federal, state, and local income taxes and for property taxes are correct, as is the amount for Social Security deductions. For the combined pension amount (\$6,830.71) that we publish however, in addition to the \$5,023.73 for Social Security, there is an additional amount for government retirement deductions (\$135.11), railroad retirement deductions (\$2.85), private pension deductions (\$608.22), and non-payroll deposits for pensions (\$1,060.79)."

That Americans are forced to pay more for government than they pay for food, clothing and health care combined has become an enduring fact of life.

A review of the BLS Table R-1s for the last six years on record shows that in every one of those years, the average American consumer unit paid more in taxes than it paid for food, clothing and health care combined.

In 2013, the average American consumer unit paid a combined \$13,327.22 for the same five categories of taxes cited above for 2018, while paying a combined \$11,836.80 for food, clothing and health care.

In 2014, the average American consumer unit paid \$14,664.13 for those same taxes and \$12,834.34 for those same necessities.

In 2015, it was \$15,548.36 versus \$13,210.83. In 2016, it was \$17,153.30 versus \$13,617.60. And, in 2017, it was \$16,750.20 versus \$14,489.54.

Even when all the numbers for the last six years are converted into constant December 2018 dollars (using the BLS inflation calculator), the largest annual margin between the amount paid in taxes and the amount paid for food, clothing and health care was last year's \$3,859.82.

The margin was so great last year that you can add the \$3,225.55 Table R-1 says the average consumer unit paid for entertainment to the \$14,758.11 it paid for food, clothing and health care, and the combined \$17,983.66 is still less than the \$18,617.93 it paid for the five categories of taxes.

You get a similar result if you add what the average consumer unit paid in 2018 for electricity (\$1,496.14) and telephone services (\$1,407.36) to a combined \$2,903.50.

Yes, Americans on average paid more in taxes last year than they paid for food, clothing, health care, electricity and telephone services combined.

Was the government you got worth it?

**Terence P. Jeffrey is the editor in chief of CNSnews.com.**

# How to make hearing aids as cool as glasses

BY JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

At this point, over a year later, I can't remember if I asked Senator Elizabeth Warren about the Spock ears, or what.

She had called me on the phone at my house in Maine. This was a couple of months after I had devoted one of my Times columns to hearing aids. I had lamented a number of things in that essay, especially the cultural stigma associated with the devices. Cool glasses? You're Elton John. Hearing aids? You're a little old lady.

It was my argument that hearing aids should be more stylish — provocative, even. If hearing aids came in the form of, say, pointy Spock ears, or lit up with crazy colors, wouldn't you try them out? Maybe once?

But the senator didn't want to talk about Spock ears. She wanted to talk about the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act, which she had co-sponsored. After its passage in 2017, it headed over to the Food and Drug Administration for guidelines on how it should be carried out.

The F.D.A. is expected to issue those guidelines shortly, possibly as early as January. When it does, the world will change for millions

of Americans with hearing loss.

The act reclassifies a whole category of hearing assistance devices so that people can buy them at a retail store, without have to go through an examination by an audiologist. Many of these devices, called personal sound amplification products, PSAP for short, are available already; they're just not marketed as hearing aids. With the new law, such a device can be billed as a hearing aid, if it meets F.D.A. standards.

The hope is that the act will make these devices more widely available — that people who have been reluctant to contact a doctor about their hearing may feel more comfortable simply picking up a device at a Walmart.

PSAPs are not for everyone. They are designed for individuals with mild to moderate hearing loss. Still, that's a lot of people. Researchers at Johns Hopkins estimate that 25 million Americans have mild hearing loss, meaning they struggle to hear speech in many situations, not just noisy restaurants. Ten million more experience moderate loss — they are unable to follow a conversation without directly observing the speakers.

If your hearing loss is severe, or profound, these over-the-counter devices won't do you much good. People who have lost, or never had, the ability to hear sounds quieter than conversational speech require devices more complex than these (as do many people with less severe loss). A good comparison is reading glasses: If your vision is impaired, you should see a doctor; if you just need a pair of readers, you can pick them up at the drugstore.

PSAPs, which join a broad category of devices that include so-called hearables, can also cancel out unwanted noise, stream music, even translate a foreign language into English. Through Bluetooth, I can use my hearing aids to talk on the phone. In addition to these, I own Hearphones, manufactured by Bose. When I ride the subway in New York, I use the noise-canceling feature in the Hearphones to silence the world around me. At the same moment, I can stream music from my iPhone into my head.

There I am, sitting on the 1 train downtown, hearing no sound except the soft music of one of Chopin's nocturnes for piano.

The Hearphones are also very helpful at a party or a restaurant, where an app on my phone enables me to silence the conversations of people behind me, and amplify just the voice of the person I'm with.

There are more than a few reservations about the new over-the-counter hearing aids, though. Some of these come from audiologists, whose business will surely be affected by the act. Taking audiologists out of the process raises the possibility that people won't get the device appropriate to their needs. In the long run, a hearing aid that doesn't work or fit can be worse than nothing. And medical conditions that require intervention might well be missed without a professional exam.

But in general, over-the-counter devices will make good hearing available to millions of people. The average cost of hearing aids in this country is \$4,600 a pair. The nonprescription devices won't be



free, but they'll be cheaper — some for sale right now cost \$300 to \$350. My Hearphones cost \$500.

The real problem is that in many cases, hearing devices are not covered by insurance. And even at \$300, they will be expensive enough to keep many people from getting help. I'll allow someone to my right to explain why the ability to hear shouldn't be covered by all Americans' insurance.

Why doesn't Medicare cover hearing aids? Why do so many private insurers fail to do so? I understand the need to keep overall costs down, but something's wrong when something as basic as hearing the world is considered one of those luxuries conservatives mock as "free stuff."

The Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act isn't the cure to the inequities of coverage, but it's a start. Perhaps the next president will spend as much time trying to help all Americans hear better as the current one has spent trying to buy Greenland.

I don't know if that president will be Elizabeth Warren. But I do know that she sponsored a bill that will make the world better for people like me. It's worth noting that her co-sponsor was Charles Grassley, Republican of Iowa. If Senator Warren wins, I'm sure she'll face plenty of partisan resistance to her many plans. But the new act is proof that she can reach across the aisle in order to get things done.

A president who might make our lives better, instead of worse? A woman who has the ability to pass bipartisan legislation?

Say this in your Spock voice: "Fascinating."

**Jennifer Finney Boylan is a professor of English at Barnard College. She is the author of the forthcoming "Good Boy: My Life in Seven Dogs."**

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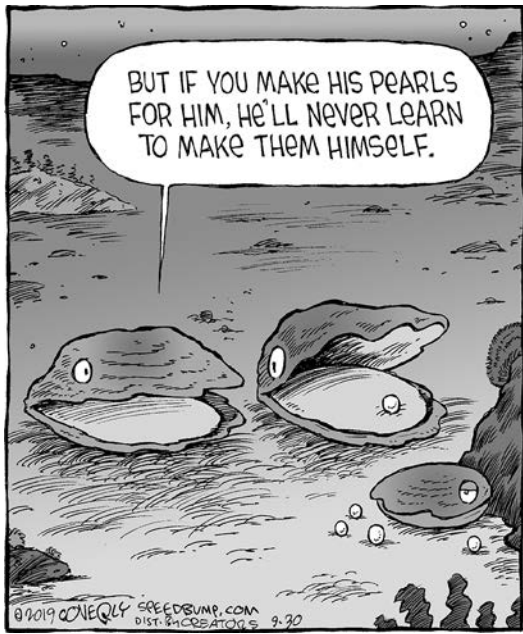
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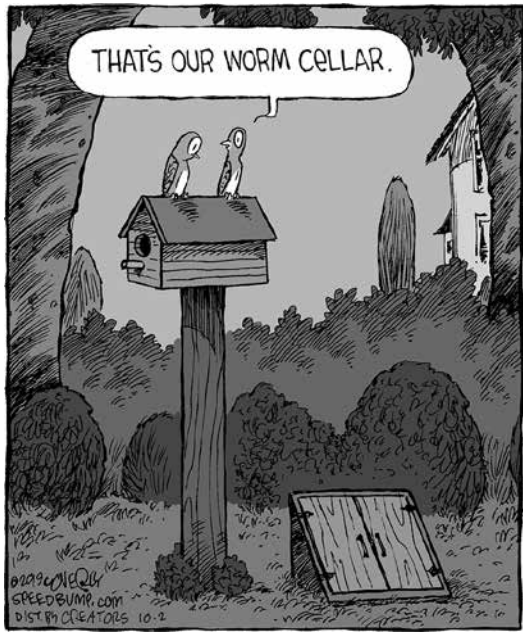
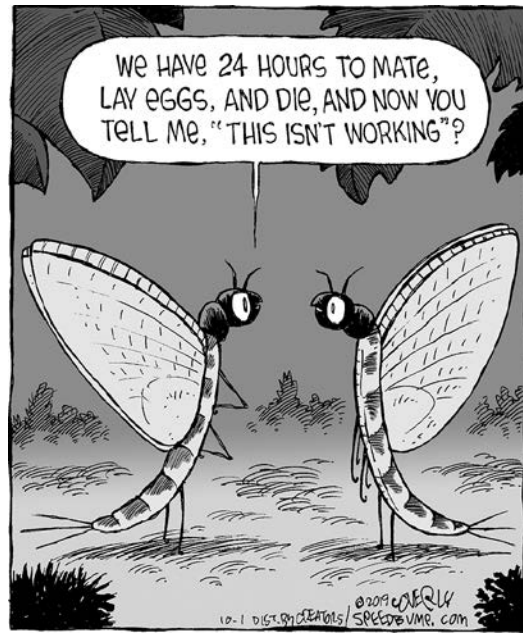
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TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
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, 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

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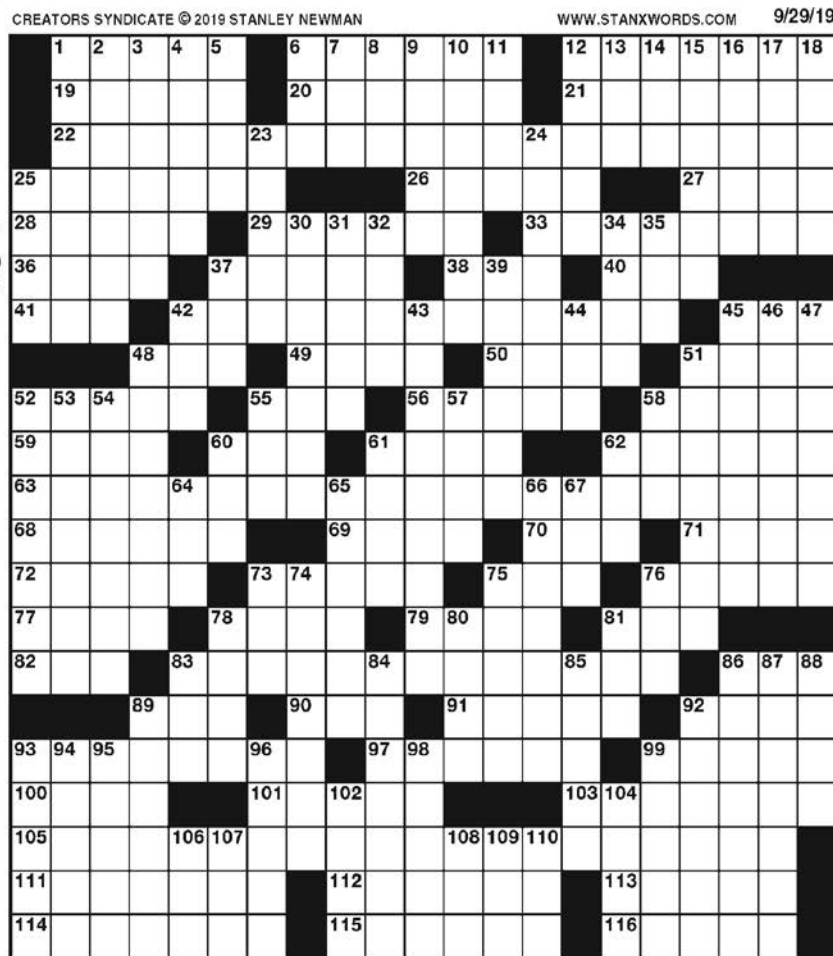
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Oct. 4, 1957: Jimmy Hoffa was elected president of the Teamsters Union.
1957: "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS.
1970: Rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead of an accidental heroin overdose.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk... THE NORWALK PATRIOT 9/20/19, 9/27/19, 10/4/19, 10/11/19

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GOVERNMENT CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE 2018/19 FISCAL YEAR COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE AND MODIFY THE FILING DATE FOR APPEALS TO CITY COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 19-62, to amend the 2018/19 fiscal year comprehensive fee schedule to establish an application fee for appeals and modify the filing date for appeals submitted to the City Council. Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter.

Dated this 27th day of September 2019.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE CDBG LOCAL STREETS REHABILITATION CITY PROJECT NO. 7923

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk will accept bids for this project until the hour of eleven o'clock A.M. on October 31, 2019. Bids are to be submitted to the City Clerk's office, Room 10, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650. Bids will be open and read aloud in the City Clerk's Office Room 10 unless otherwise posted.

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages.

insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. PERSONAL OR COMPANY CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. Before acceptance of the Project, the Contractor shall submit a warranty or maintenance Bond that is valid for one year from acceptance, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the final Contract Price; in lieu of that Bond, the Contractor may submit proof from the Surety that the performance Bond has been extended for the appropriate duration of time.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk of the City of Norwalk

The Norwalk Patriot 10/4/19

LIEN SALES

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

- 10950 Firestone Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650 10/16/19 1:00pm Marshaa Baptist Household Items Rudy Silva Household Items Reginald Pitts Household Items Mario Lopez Household Items Adriana Gonzalez Household Items Avis C Brumfield Household Items Rafael Urbina Household Items Ernest Lehmeier Household Items Ian Stevenson Household Items Syrat Moubamrung Household Items Jessica Cappetta Household Items Jose Lopez Household Items Danice Kaiser Household Items

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCPO0341 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) NORA GRACE PADILLA to Proposed name (1) NORA GRACE CASTILLO Present name (2) GIOVANNI PADILLA to Proposed name (2) GIOVANNI CASTILLO 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.

Date: OCTOBER 30, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 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 the hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per NORA GRACE PADILLA, BY PARENTS, DOMINIQUE RAYA GIL, GIOVANNI PADILLA, 451 PAINTER AVE. WHITTIER CA 90602 (323) 695-5998 giovannipad931a@yahoo.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 19NWCPO0340 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANITA HERLINDA VILLEGAS filed a petition

with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) ANITA HERLINDA VILLEGAS to Proposed name (1) LINDA ANITA MATTHEWS  
 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: NOVEMBER 06, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: N/A**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 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**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2019**  
 Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
 ANITA HERLINDA VILLEGAS  
 9765 ALBURTS AV., #140  
 SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA 90670  
 (562) 821-5136

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00329**  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AGLAEN JATZENY MARQUEZ CALLES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) AGLAEN JATZENY MARQUEZ CALLES to Proposed name (1) AGLAEN JATZENY MARQUEZ  
 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: October 30, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: N/A**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 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**  
**AUGUST 27, 2019**  
 Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
 AGLAEN JATZENY MARQUEZ CALLES  
 11544 ANGELL ST  
 NORWALK, CA 90650  
 (323) 706-1799

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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JULIE JEANETTE RIDGE-HOLMES AKA JULIE RIDGE-HOLMES CASE NO. 19STPB08907**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the last WILL or estate, or both, of DONNA BISHOP aka DONNA DOREEN BISHOP aka DONNA BISHOP aka DONNA DOREEN BISHOP  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SAMONE ALEXIS RIDGE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SAMONE ALEXIS RIDGE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 16, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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 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.

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**SUMMONS**

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 18NWCV00068**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):** SULLIA PARTNERS LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; JAE WOO YOO, AN INDIVIDUAL AKA JAEWOO YOO AKA JAE WOO; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** FC MARKETPLACE, L.C. A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
**NOTICE:** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
 You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do

estate of the decedent.  
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 A HEARING on the petition will be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2019 at 8:30am. in Dept. 11 Room 246 located at Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONNA BISHOP aka DONNA DOREEN BISHOP aka DONNA D. BISHOP aka DONNA DOREEN BISHOP Case No. 19STPB08798**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DONNA BISHOP aka DONNA DOREEN BISHOP aka DONNA BISHOP aka DONNA DOREEN BISHOP  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Donald James Bickford in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Donald James Bickford be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO: Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la resolución de la corte y decida si desea contestar. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su dinero, y bienes sin más. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en su sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650**

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **GEORGE R. HYNICK, ESQ. BAR NO. 90699 5000 N. PARKWAY CALABASAS SUITE 220 CALABASAS, CA 91302 (818) 223-8321**  
 Date (Fecha): NOV 05, 2018  
 SHERRI R. CARTER, Clerk, by (Secretario), E CHANES Deputy (Adjunto)

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No.: 9462-4497 TSG Order No.: 170282598-CA-V01 A.P.N.: 8079-007-008  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/21/2006 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 09/29/2006 as Document No.: 06 2179138, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, to be purposed to be: 15021 PARAMO, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 10/24/2019 at 09:00 AM Sale Location: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650  
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# Homeless woman whose singing went viral offered record contract

**LOS ANGELES** - How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Sing in the subway, apparently.

A homeless Russian singer who went viral for her incredible performance just scored a major record deal.

Emily Zamourka, who captured the hearts of Los Angeles subway riders and internet fans, has been offered a recording contract, TMZ reported.

Grammy-nominated music producer Joel Diamond told TMZ he drafted an offer letter for Zamourka in the hopes of

making a "huge classical-EDM crossover hit record for the subway soprano."

Diamond says the first record will be called "Paradise" and released on Silver Blue Records, the record label he founded in 1973.

The producer first learned after the Los Angeles Police Department tweeted a video of her singing opera on the Purple Line's Normandie/Wilshire Metro stop in Koreatown.

"You know why I do it in the subway? Because it sounds so

great," she said.

The internet immediately fell in love with the 52-year-old, who became homeless after a run of bad luck.

Zamourka moved to the United States more than two decades ago and was teaching violin and piano lessons, but fell ill and wound up homeless when she couldn't afford medical care.

"I have people that feel sorry for me, but I don't want to be a burden to anybody," she told ABC 7.

Along with the record deal,

two GoFundMe campaigns have raised thousands of dollars for Zamourka, one surpassing \$52,000 and the other tipping \$32,000.

TMZ reports she also scored a gig singing at an Italian heritage event in Los Angeles on Saturday.

"Four million people call LA home. 4 million stories. 4 million voices," the LAPD wrote in the caption of the video posted to their Twitter and Instagram accounts. "Sometimes you just have to stop and listen to one, to hear something beautiful."

## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

As far back as 1000 AD, mechanical presses or steam were used to extract essential oils from plants. Today, we apply highly concentrated oil-infused lotions on the skin through massage, lotions or bath salts, where the compounds are directly absorbed into the blood stream. Or, aromatherapy oils are diffused into the air where, after inhaling, they bind to smell receptors and send chemical messages through nerves to the brain's limbic system.

Essential oils are popular in Austria and other European countries, where some physicians prescribe and use some 100 oils therapeutically as a part of their care. There has been surprisingly little scientific research on essential oils. What do we know about them?

Note that these essential oils are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. Little research has been done to prove a multitude of claims, although interestingly, a significant amount of what research there is has been conducted by the food, flavoring, cosmetic, and tobacco

industries. Much of this data, however, has not been made available to the consumer, and most of the studies published in scientific literature have been conducted only on animals.

More recently we are seeing some controlled human trials. Hospitals and clinics are increasingly using oils for stress, pain and nausea relief, and to prevent bedsores. At least one local hospice agency is offering essential oils for anxiety and pain, as an alternative to prescription medications and their associated significant side effects.

At this time, the limited science indicates that there may be a number of benefits. Further testing is clearly called for. Some promising areas include:

- relief from anxiety and depression
  - improved quality of life for those with chronic health conditions, including dementia
  - improved sleep
  - pain reduction
- Essential oils with some science behind their use include tea

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## Huntington Park named one of California's most miserable cities

**HUNTINGTON PARK** - Huntington Park is California's "most miserable" city, according to census data compiled by Business Insider, ranking 10th on the list of 1,000 of America's most miserable cities.

In total, California has 210 entries on the list with the majority of those cities in the southern part of the state.

Rankings were based on factors such as population change, the percentage of people with jobs, median household incomes, median commute

times, the number of people living in poverty, and the percentage of people without health insurance.

Overall, Gary, Indiana, ranked first, followed by Port Arthur, Texas, and Detroit as the third most miserable city in America.

Southern California cities in the Top 100:

- Huntington Park (10)
- Bell Gardens (14)
- Lynwood (21)
- El Monte (22)
- Palmdale (36)

- Montebello (40)
- Compton (41)
- San Bernardino (42)
- Hemet (44)
- Lancaster (50)
- National City (55)
- Hesperia (59)
- Inglewood (60)
- Paramount (61)
- La Puente (62)
- Victorville (66)
- Pomona (83)
- Monterey Park (89)
- Baldwin Park (93)

## Downey residents protest after 30% rent hike

Residents of Eden Roc Apartments say they are being forced out of their homes after the property manager raised rents up to 34%.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - Residents of a Downey apartment complex are finding themselves increasingly frustrated with ownership and management, claiming that increased rent gouging is forcing them out of their homes.

Tenants of the 36-unit Eden Roc Apartment complex, located at 10237 Western Ave, recently received letters offering an incentive of \$4,150 plus their entire security deposit to vacate their homes by Oct. 1.

Another incentive was also offered for residents to leave by Oct 12, to a smaller tune of \$3,350 plus deposit.

However, many of those who live at Eden Roc are saying that they are being led to believe that they will be forced to leave the apartment complex whether they take the incentive or not.

Catherine Alvarez, who has lived at Eden Roc for five years, says concerns began when Winstar Properties purchased the complex around five months ago.

"As soon as they arrived, they started raising the rent right away," said Alvarez.

Alvarez claims that she and other tenants have had to pay around 30-34 percent increase in their rent. This, apparently, was to go towards renovation of the apartment complex as a whole.

However, Alvarez and others have said that the upgrades that took place were superficial at best.

"They only remodeled outside, not on the inside," said Alvarez. "They're not doing what they have to do."

Another resident, 19-year-old Leslie Hernandez, seconded these claims. Hernandez has lived at Eden Roc her entire life, and her family even longer.

"All they really did was paint the outside," said Hernandez.

Hernandez said that it feels as though that tenants are being priced out of their apartments, so that updates can be made to produce more of a profit later on.

"They didn't say it directly, but they're making it seem like they just want the rent to be at a point where people can't afford it so they can move out, so that they can renovate the apartments to make them look nicer and then rent them out



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

A vacancy sign outside the Eden Roc Apartments in Downey, where residents say they are being forced out.

for higher process later on once they're all remodeled," said Hernandez.

According to Alvarez, the apartment manager has been adamant that there will be a price increase, although a representative from Winstar who arrived to speak with tenants claimed otherwise.

Hernandez says, however, that the representative only seemed to change her tune when press vans arrived to cover the story, and has since reversed back to support of another rent hike.

"She made it seem like she was on our side," said Hernandez. "The next day... they set up coffee and donuts in the office, and anybody was welcome to go over there to talk. Not a lot of people went from what I've heard, but to the people who did go, she was saying that what the manager had said initially was what was going to happen...the increase and everything."

"She kind of came here... to support the manager I'm guessing, but that same day people from the news came. Once she saw all the news and all the people, because of the pressure of the situation she started cooperating."

When contacted for comment, apartment manager Andres Delgado referred the Downey Patriot to Winstar, saying that he didn't want to provide any incorrect information and he was "just trying to do my job."

The Winstar representative did not respond to a call and

email requesting comment.

Both Alvarez and Hernandez, however, have also pinned blame on Delgado, claiming that he evicts whoever he wishes and does not communicate information back and forth between Winstar and the Eden Roc residents.

"The manager has been here for over 25 years, and he does whatever he wants to the tenants," said Alvarez. "If he says 'you move,' then you have to move."

"He's not even getting the info out there," said Alvarez. "It's not happening...I called [Winstar] and asked them what's going on with this letter, and they said 'You have to communicate with your manager.' I'm not going to communicate with my manager...I don't actually trust what the manager is going to tell me."

Delgado has not responded to a follow up call for comment.



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