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Donor leaves \$2.3M to Cerritos College

NORWALK - The late John B. Smith, Jr., a Cerritos College alumnus, left a \$2.3 million gift from his estate to support the college's acclaimed woodworking program.

Smith designated the multimillion-dollar gift for woodworking scholarships.

It is the largest financial donation the college has received.

"We are truly humbled and inspired by Mr. Smith and his family's generosity," said Dr. Jose Fierro, president and superintendent of Cerritos College. "Mr. Smith's gift will help students attain advanced skills in woodworking and master the artistry of woodcrafts for many years to come."

Smith established a trust to create a woodworking scholarship fund at Cerritos College following his and his mother's death.

Smith was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, and graduated from North High School in Torrance in 1962. He worked as an engineering draftsman in the aerospace industry for ten years.

He took woodworking courses at Cerritos College before moving to Paso Robles, where he lived at the time of his passing.

He also donated his woodworking equipment, including a drill press and bandsaw, to the college.

The Cerritos College Foundation will establish the John B. Smith Scholarship Fund to benefit students enrolled in woodworking courses. Scholarships will be available starting later this year.

Cerritos College has offered woodworking courses for more than four decades. The program emphasizes hands-on training and real-world experience. All classes are project-focused. The College offers more than 40 classes, including faceframe and frameless cabinet construction, CNC woodworking, architectural millwork, table and casegood construction, hand tools, woodturning, and veneering.

"Woodworking can be a very rewarding career for students who are just graduating from high school or people looking to develop a highly skilled hobby," said Reuben Foat, Cerritos College woodworking program chair.

"The job market for woodworking is very strong with careers that range from cabinet makers, furniture finishers, machine operators, and craft woodworking artists. Students who complete the program generally are incredibly satisfied working within this meaningful and gratifying vocation."

Medicare workshop Tuesday

NORWALK - Seniors are invited to a Medicare 101 workshop this Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Staff from AppleCare will be leading the seminar.

There is no cost to attend.



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Cerritos College journalism students won 15 awards at a recent competition.

Cerritos College students win 15 awards at journalism competition

NORWALK - Cerritos College journalism students won 15 awards at the 2019 Journalism Association of Community Colleges SoCal Regional Conference and Competition.

Journalism students attended a one-day conference and competition at California State University, Fullerton on Saturday, Oct. 19.

During the conference students attended workshops, met industry professionals and participated in on-the-spot competitions.

Talon Marks publications received two General Excellence awards for its spring 2019 publication of Wings Magazine and for the Talonmarks.com website.

Students won in both areas of competition, on-the-spot competitions and publication competitions.

On-the-spot awards

- News Writing, Honorable Mention, Jasmine Martinez
- News Writing, Third place, Edgar Mendoza
- Copy editing, second place, Edgar Mendoza
- Copy editing, Honorable mention, Kianna Znika
- Opinion Writing, first place, Kianna Znika

Publication Awards

- Magazine Photo Story-Essay, First place, Julissa Villalobos
- Illustration, First place, Sofia Gallegos
- Column Writing, Second place, Marilyn Parra
- Magazine Profile Article, Honorable mention, Christopher Martinez and Jah-Tosh Baruti
- Magazine Profile Article, Third Place, Jasmine Martinez, Alison Hernandez and Carmelita Islas Mendez
- Editorial Cartoon, Honorable Mention, Sofia Gallegos
- Magazine Cover Design, Honorable mention, Ayla Aispuro
- Magazine Design/Layout, Honorable mention, Ayla Aispuro and Elisa Prather
- General Excellence, Magazine, Wings Magazine Staff
- General Excellence, Online, Talon Marks Staff

The journalism program is part of the Cerritos College Mass Communications Department and the Fine Arts and Communications Division. The department houses the Journalism and Radio-TV courses for the campus.

For more information about the Mass Communications Department, visit www.cerritos.edu/mass-communications.



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Dulce Canella, a new pastry shop in Norwalk, celebrated its grand opening this week. The shop sells Mexican churros, fried bananas, atole, and more. It is located at 15012 Pioneer Blvd.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Seattle Teriyaki
13302 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/30/19
Grade: **A**

Marquez Restaurant
13226 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/30/19
Grade: **A**

Hola Pho
11575 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/29/19
Grade: **A**

Pancho's Grill
12405 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/29/19
Grade: **A**

Buy Low Market
10951 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

Applebee's
12129 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

So Cal Pizza
12253 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

Kung Pao Bowl
12331 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

Albert's Mexican Food
11610 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/24/19
Grade: **A**

Rally's
11750 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/24/19
Grade: **A**

Douglas Burgers
16306 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Guesthouse Hotel
12500 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Ozen Sushi
16511 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

California Bakery
11860 Rosecrans Ave
Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Dos Amigos
13310 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
11473 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Dulce Canella
15012 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

The Green Blender
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Elbow Room
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Baja California Bar and Grill
11521 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Burger Basket
12155 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

La Mesa
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 83°

Sunday 78°



Festival of Flight

Saturday - Long Beach Airport, 10 am to 4 pm

A free celebration featuring aircraft displays, food trucks, beer trucks, and live music by 80s cover band Knight Ryder.



Montebello Pet Fair

Saturday - Montebello City Park, 10 am to 3 pm

Pet adoptions, low-cost spay, neuter and vaccination services, pet vendors, live entertainment, and food.



Holiday Boutique

Saturday - Magnolia Vintage in La Habra, 9 am to 6 pm

Vendors will be selling handcrafted items for fall and Christmas -- items you won't find in stores. Free admission.



Craftsmen Weekend

All Weekend - Pasadena

A variety of walking, bus and self-guided architectural tours featuring some of Pasadena's landmark districts and the work of renowned architects. Visit Pasadena Heritage on Facebook for more details.



La Catrina 5K

Saturday - Whittier Narrows, 8 am

A friendly, chip-timed 5K run/walk around the lake at Whittier Narrows. Dogs and strollers welcome. \$40 (register online) with proceeds benefiting Support Solutions Homeless Services.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AdamSandler: Thanks to all firefighters making sure we are all safe. Incredible work.

@CityOfNorwalkCA: Show off your skills at a Pickleball Tournament on Sat., Nov 16 at Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Check in is at 3:30 p.m., with play at 4 p.m. Fee/\$20 per two player team. Register by Wed, Nov 13.

For more info: (562) 929-5566.

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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

In Home Supportive Services, 9:30 – 11:30 am. Visit the IHSS Support Desk Representative the first Friday of the month to find out how you can receive care in your home. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Play & Explore, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Play & 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Medicare 101, 10 am. Staff from AppleCare will lead this seminar. Many seniors who are looking to make changes to their Medicare coverage, have questions on what program is the most beneficial to them. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Legal Research Class: Custody and Child Support, 1:30 pm. Get the basics on child custody and support, including modifying and enforcing orders, and resources to help. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MakMo: Microphotography, 4-5 pm. Capture the unseen world with a combination of microscopes, fascinating slides and mobile phones! For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Flu Shot Clinic, 9 am to 12 pm. Free flu shots for people who don't have health insurance or whose healthcare provider does not offer flu vaccines. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Corn Husk Dolls, 2-3 pm. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at the library by creating your own corn husk doll. These dolls were made by a number of indigenous groups across the Americas, and are still made today. Join us and make your own corn husk doll. Alondra

Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Neighborhood Watch, 6:30 pm. Join your neighbors for a discussion with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on ways to make the city safer. 13717 Markdale Ave.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Clay Sculpture Class, 12 pm. Learn about the fundamentals of working with clay and create your own piece of art! Registration is required as materials are limited. Visit the Information Desk or call the library to sign up. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Boards, Brushes & Beverages, 7 pm. Transform unfinished wood into a beautiful personalized work of art, just ahead of the holiday season! Gift your art to a loved one or use to decorate your home for family gatherings. We'll have a variety of designs to choose from. Fee is \$25/person, and includes materials, appetizers and refreshments. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 am. Join the city of Norwalk as it honors its veterans. Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

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.

Senior Safety Awareness, 10 am. This seminar will teach seniors what they need to know to stay safe if caught in an active shooter situation. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Classic Book Club - "Anne of Green Gables" by L. M. Montgomery, 6:30-7:30 pm. Anne, an orphan, is sent to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a farm in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward island and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. More than 50 million copies of the book have been sold since it was published. 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, NOVEMBER 13

Hopi Feathered Sun God Mask, 2 - 3:30 pm. Join us as we learn about the Hopi Native American Indian tribe and create a Feathered Sun God Mask using a variety of art materials. This program will be led by the Barnsdall Art Center. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Succulent Terrarium Workshop, 2 pm. Gardener Joan Borgman will teach you how to create your own succulent terrarium. Registration is required as materials are limited. Visit the Information Desk or call the library to sign up. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult

caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Citizenship Clinic, 9 am to 1 pm. Stop by for citizenship application assistance, fee waiver application, and study materials. Call the library or sign up at the Information Desk and receive a list of documents to bring to your appointment. In partnership with SAHARA. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Community Forum, 10 am. Join the City Council at this community forum. Hear updates on Norwalk activities and events, and share your thoughts with council members. Waite Middle School, 14320 Norwalk Blvd.

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.

Big Dill Pickleball Tournament, 4 pm. Come out and have some fun while playing pickleball indoors. Grab a partner and sign up for this 3 game guaranteed tournament which will include awards for the top 2 teams in each division. Registration is now being accepted at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

CalFresh Outreach, 9 am to 12 pm. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are age 65 and older may now qualify to receive CalFresh services. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Stress Management for the Holidays, 10 am. Staff from Regal Medical Group will provide educational information on how to maintain a healthy and positive attitude going through the holiday season. Norwalk Senior Center,

14040 San Antonio Dr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Painting with Acrylics, 2-3 pm. Students will learn acrylic art techniques, learn how to mix colors, and complete a work of art on canvas. All materials will be provided. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 18 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Hearing Aid Check, 9:30 am to 12 pm. Miracle Ear is providing free hearing aid checks to senior to ensure their hearing aid is in good shape. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Kaleidoscope Fun, 4 - 5 pm. Construct your own optical instrument and watch shapes and colors turn into beautiful patterns. For ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Lit Wits Book Club: The Death of Mrs. Westaway, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss "The Death of Mrs. Westaway" by Ruth Ware. Hal receives a letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance but soon it dawns on her that there is something wrong about the inheritance. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Tower Building STEM Challenge, 4 - 5 pm. Work in groups to build the tallest tower out of basic materials! We provide all supplies. Best suited for ages 5 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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.

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, Peabrians, and The Dead Ricardos. \$14 pre-sale, \$18 at the door. All ages show. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Neighborhood Watch, 6:30 pm. Join neighbors and the L.A. County Sheriff's Department to discuss ways to make your neighborhood safer. 14500 block of Fidel Ave.

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@thedownypatriot.com

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Norwalk man charged with murder
NORWALK - A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway.
Alex Barragan (dob 8/27/86) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.
Arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.
On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear ended a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.
If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison.
Bail is set at more than \$2.19 million.
The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months
NORWALK - Caltrans announced the scheduled closure of the Norwalk Boulevard off ramp from the northbound Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) at 10 p.m., Sunday July 15.
The off ramp will remain closed for up to 90 days for reconstruction and paving.
The reconstruction of this ramp is part of the I-5 widening project which is adding two lanes to each direction of I-5 between I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) and the Orange County line.
This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange and the San Antonio Drive Bridge.
The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE LAWN
Photos by city of Norwalk Next week: The Hodads

Norwalk restaurant grades
Rancho Grande 10933 E Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
Diana's Mexican Foods Market 16330 S Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
Pancho's Grill 12405 E Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
United Oil 11531 E Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
Tacos y Mariscos Mi Pueblo 12001 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
Lima Services Corp 11485 E Firestone Blvd. #1 Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
AMC Norwalk 12300 E Civic Center Dr. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
AMC Norwalk Restaurant Bar 12300 E Civic Center Dr. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
Joe's Food Mart and Liquor 10541 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
El Paraiso Juice Bar 15002 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/12/18 Grade: A
Lucian's Pizzeria 15008 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/12/18 Grade: A
Tacos Chihuahua 11735 The Piz. Date Inspected: 7/12/18 Grade: A
Home Style Donuts 12845 S Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/12/18 Grade: A
Sp Food Market 12844 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/12/18 Grade: A
Ana's Bionicos 10977 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/11/18 Grade: A
Ella's Cafe 12220 San Antonio Dr. Date Inspected: 7/11/18 Grade: A

Weekend at a Glance
Friday 86°
Saturday 85°
Sunday 87°

Movie Night: "Wonder"
Friday - Norwalk Park, 7:30 pm
The City of Norwalk presents a free outdoor screening of "Wonder" during a market or learn chair. Food will be available for purchase.

Summer Soul Festival
Friday - Holladay Beach Performing Arts Center, 8 pm
Hip-hop themed festival with performances by Doug E. Fresh, Big Daddy Kane, EPMD, and Ahmad. \$50

Jenni and Selena
Saturday - Sage Lounge in Whittier, 12 am
Jenni Rivera and Selena impersonators perform live, along with full band La Sonora Dinavita.

Colombian Festival
Sunday - Pico Rivera Sports Arena, 12 am
A celebration of all things Colombia. Three stages of live music, including tropic, reggaeton, and electro dance. Sponsored by Mega 95.3 FM. \$35

Hiding in plain sight

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

*Things are seldom what they seem,
Skim milk masquerades as cream...
—Gilbert and Sullivan, “HMS Pinafore”*

Last week found Republicans in Congress complaining loud and long that the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, along with the House Oversight and Foreign Affairs committees, all bipartisan and under the leadership of Rep. Adam Schiff, were violating the rules of the House of Representatives by interviewing witnesses about impeachment behind closed doors. They derided Schiff’s hearings as a “secret impeachment.”

President Donald Trump called the hearings a hoax. When some pointed out that the initial round of government interviews of witnesses is always conducted behind closed doors to facilitate candor, Senate Republicans supported the president and condemned the House process. Nevertheless, the House rules, which were adopted in 2015, when Republicans had the majority, clearly authorize the process Schiff is utilizing.

Not to be overshadowed by their Senate counterparts in their anger over this process, about 30 House Republicans, not on the interviewing committees, physically stormed the Intelligence Committee hearing room last Wednesday morning and occupied it so as to bar the scheduled interviews. By midafternoon, they had tired of their stunt and peacefully departed.

Last Friday, in response to a rejected subpoena the House Judiciary Committee sent to the Department of Justice, a federal court ruled that the House committees’ preliminary impeachment inquiries are lawful and constitutional, and ordered the DOJ to comply with the congressional subpoena it received and turn over secret grand jury transcripts to House investigators. This is a delicious irony since the DOJ serves more subpoenas on Americans than any government entity, and here it got a dose of its own medicine.

The White House continued to argue that the impeachment investigation is illegitimate and unconstitutional because it has not

been authorized by the full House. The president called Republicans who support impeachment “human scum.” On Sunday evening, the president invited the ringleader of the disruption of the House committee interviews to his box at the fifth game of the World Series.

Early this week, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, giving Republicans what they asked for, announced that the full House will vote on initiating an impeachment investigation of the president by the end of this week.

What’s going on here?

Congressional Republicans should be careful what they ask for. Their defense of the president has addressed process, not proof. The proof is largely undisputed, except by the president himself. It consists of admissions, testimony and documents, which show that Trump sought to induce the government of Ukraine to become involved in the 2020 presidential election.

Specifically, Trump held up \$391 million in American military hardware and financial aid to Ukraine — which is at war with Russia after the Russian seizure and continual occupation of what was until 2014 a Ukrainian province — until Ukrainian prosecutors commenced a criminal investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter.

That is a mouthful of facts to swallow in one bite, but the legal implications are straightforward and profound. Whether one agrees with federal law or not, it is a crime to solicit assistance for a federal campaign from a foreign government. As well, the crime of bribery consists of a government official refraining from performing a legal duty until a thing of value is delivered to him.

Trump admits he held up the \$391 million. He admits he asked for a favor from the Ukrainian president. And he admits that the favor was to dig up dirt on Joe Biden and his son. He even gilded the lily by publicly asking the Chinese government to investigate Biden.

Enter Attorney General William Barr. After knowledge of the presidential holdup of the \$391 million in aid to Ukraine became public, the president asked Barr for a formal legal opinion that dirt on a political opponent is not a thing of value.

Barr had his researchers and writers in the Office of Legal Counsel oblige. That legal opinion, which Trump has touted as a form of exoneration, has been so widely mocked in legal and political circles — because dirt on an opponent is the most valuable commodity for a political campaign, and candidates pay dearly for it — that congressional Republicans have stopped referring to it. They know better.

The president was just investigated by Robert Mueller and his crew upon the allegation that he and his campaign unlawfully collaborated with the government of Russia to help him win the 2016 election. That investigation found some evidence of collaboration but not enough to indict. And now, incredibly, Trump has admitted seeking to involve the government of Ukraine in the 2020 presidential election.

One can see that the reason Republicans have been attacking the process of impeachment is largely because there is no credible defense to the proof of impeachment. That proof has been hiding in plain sight — in the president’s public words and the context to be provided by witnesses — and will soon be revealed.

Why and how will all this be revealed? Enter Nancy Pelosi. The “why” will be answered this week by the House vote to commence an impeachment investigation formally; it’s legally unnecessary but politically devastating to the Republicans’ process arguments. The “how” will be answered when all this — the testimony of now interviewed and debriefed witnesses — goes public.

With the process soon to be as Republicans have demanded, and with the proof of impeachable offenses plain to see, to what will the president’s allies resort as a defense? They will claim that the federal crimes of soliciting campaign assistance from foreign governments and bribery aren’t impeachable offenses and that Trump was misunderstood because he exaggerates all the time and often doesn’t mean what he says.

And then the American public will decide if all this is skim milk or cream.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

End the failed Renewable Fuel Standard experiment

BY VERONIQUE DE RUGY

It’s time for the annual Congressional fight over the Renewable Fuel Standard, or RFS. In one corner sit corn farmers and their representatives, who fight tenaciously not just to preserve the RFS but to expand it. In the other sits, well, just about everyone else. Whether you are a refiner, a consumer, an environmentalist, a free market economist or just someone who cares about good government, there is ample reason to oppose the ethanol mandate.

Since 2005, the federal government has required that refineries blend increasing amounts of ethanol (grain alcohol) with gasoline. There are requirements for cellulosic, biodiesel and advanced biofuels, with the rest of the mandate typically being met by corn ethanol since it is the cheapest.

The stated goals of the RFS were to reduce reliance on foreign energy and to move toward cleaner fuel sources. It falls short on both fronts.

Worries about dependence on foreign oil were mitigated by the U.S. shale oil and fracking boom, exemplifying the sort of innovation and market changes that central planners inevitably fail to account for. The RFS is worse than unnecessary when it comes to reducing foreign energy consumption, which is itself a goal of dubious benefit. The RFS works against this objective because meeting the excessive biodiesel mandate has actually required significant imports.

Compounding bad policy with worse, the Commerce Department keeps imposing tariffs on countries selling the cheapest biofuels available to meet the mandate.

The RFS also fails to deliver on the environmental front. A recent Cato Institute report by Arthur Wardle highlights the impact of expanded land use for corn — with the increased application of nitrogen fertilizer leading to runoff that contributes to the hypoxic dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico and kills sea life — as evidence that “the research on the Renewable Fuels Standard is clear that it degrades the environment.” The Cato report also cites a meta-analysis, published in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, of studies that modeled the life cycle greenhouse gas emission of ethanol versus gasoline and found a meager reduction of only 0.23%.

Sadly, Congress is not currently preparing to revisit the big picture. The current battle is primarily over the use of waivers authorized by the law to mitigate the negative impact of the mandate on small refiners that are unable to blend their own ethanol or afford offsets. The House just convened a hearing on the topic, titled “Protecting the RFS: The Trump Administration’s Abuse of Secret Waivers.”

The Obama administration underutilized the hardship waivers, and some refiners consequently went out of business. The corn ethanol lobby is now unhappy with the number of waivers the Environmental Protection Agency has granted in recent years,

even though they are a big reason why the mandate has not done much more harm. They also want higher volumes to be required on remaining refiners to make up for the hardship exemptions.

The statute provides no authority to reallocate obligations to other companies, and doing so would move policy in the wrong direction. As volume obligations increase, it’s vitally important that the waivers be preserved or else the industry would be hollowed out, leaving only the largest refineries. The waivers may not prove to be enough, so lawmakers could also consider capping the costs of Renewable Identification Numbers, which small refineries purchase from their larger counterparts in order to meet obligations that they cannot produce themselves.

Eliminating the mandate and its market distortions altogether would be even better.

President Donald Trump is trying to have it both ways, promising to please small refineries and farmers at the same time, which may be impossible. The administration wants to placate farmers for political reasons, but economic reality is proving to be too much of a challenge. Instead of extending and expanding crony handouts to farmers, perhaps the administration should consider ending the trade war that has hit farmers especially hard in the first place.

Veronique de Rugy is a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

We need publicly-owned utilities

BY JILL RICHARDSON

Right now, thousands of Californians are fleeing raging wildfires, while millions sit in the dark. And for-profit utilities may be to blame.

Pacific Gas & Electric — a private, for-profit utility in the state — has admitted that its equipment likely caused 10 wildfires this year alone. To avoid further damage, the utility has been shutting off its customers’ power when weather conditions cause increased fire danger.

Will this lower the risk of wildfires? Maybe. It will also leave blacked out hospitals choosing whether to refrigerate their vaccines or keep their medical records online.

As Vox environmental reporter David Roberts put it, giving customers a choice between blackouts or fires is a failure.

A popular theory says that businesses must be “efficient” in order to survive in a competitive marketplace. By contrast, the government — without such market pressure — is naturally “inefficient.”

But even in the best cases, for-profit utilities with state-

sanctioned monopolies are not functioning in a competitive marketplace. And unlike public utilities, which simply have to cover the costs of operating, privatized utilities must generate something else: profits.

How do they do this? By cutting costs — including employee salaries and benefits, customer services, and equipment upgrades. In the case of PG&E, it’s meant failing to upgrade and maintain their aging infrastructure.

It would be one thing if PG&E’s grid used all of the latest, most up-to-date technology. But that’s not the case. Instead of making their grid more resilient, now they simply shut it off when the weather gets bad — and it may still be causing fires.

And if customers don’t like that, too bad. It’s a monopoly.

Prices and service aren’t the only things at stake. We also need to get power from sources that are reliable, safe, and environmentally clean.

A corporation with a profit incentive, which needs to provide shareholders with growth each quarter, may not invest in that. Upgrading and maintaining infrastructure cuts into profits, giving them a reason to sacrifice safety and eco-friendliness to cut costs.

Imagine a circumstance in which most consumers and businesses get their power from clean, rooftop solar panels.

Sounds great, but there’s a big problem for for-profit utilities: After the initial manufacturing and installation, there’s no profit in people getting their power from the sun.

It’s clean, it’s technologically sound, and yet it’s not available to most people. As long as private, for-profit corporations provide our power, cleaner solutions like rooftop solar will remain out of reach to many.

But what if we had publicly owned utilities?

Property taxes

Dear Editor:

I just received my property tax statement. Looking it over, I was surprised by how many agencies were taxing me.

The largest tax item was for community college. As there is no college in Downey and I have no one using community college, why am I subsidizing this item? If you’re going to go to college, shouldn’t you be paying for it yourself? Many do. I shouldn’t be paying for your education.

**William Diers
Downey**

The wildfires — and the climate crisis that’s making them worse — are public problems. The reliability of our power grid is a public need.

When we privatize our utilities, we limit the solutions we can choose from to those that are profitable to a corporation. We risk situations like the one we are in now, in which the public is suffering the consequences of decisions a private entity made to maximize its own profits.

The public interest, not private profit, should be priority No. 1. If there’s a silver lining to this mess with PG&E, it’s that more people will demand that.

Jill Richardson is pursuing a PhD in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a syndicated columnist.

The mayor’s health

Dear Editor:

Health: It is a subject that should be a priority not only to Mayor Rodriguez and his family but all the people of Downey.

Thanks Jessica Ortega for bringing the concept of “health” to our attention. (“Downey’s Mayor Should Resign,” Letters to the Editor, 10/24/19) It is an appropriate subject and very relevant. However, I disagree with her conclusion.

I am pretty sure the majority of Downey residents have some kind of ailment that is related to heart disease either because they have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or their sugar level is at the border of being diabetic.

Nobody has perfect health, particularly after one reaches the age of retirement or earlier.

Our body is like our planet earth. We want to take care of it if only when it is a little bit too late. Just like Mayor Rodriguez tried with his health.

However, it is not too late for our bodies. We can start walking right away and get healthier practically for free.

The only thing that one needs to provide is a little time (minimum 30 minutes for walking every day).

For our planet, we need to start cooling it by passing the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763) to cut down carbon pollution quickly.

Going back to Mayor Rodriguez. He needs to continue working to improve his health not only for the residents of District 3, and his family, but for all of us even for our planet Earth.

**Guido Rivero
Downey**

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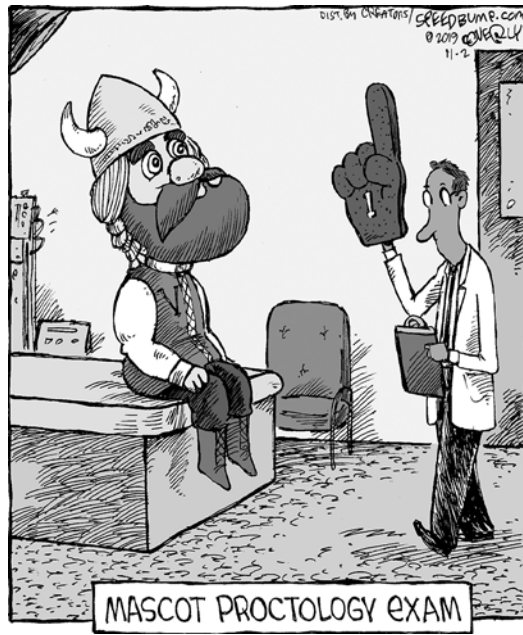
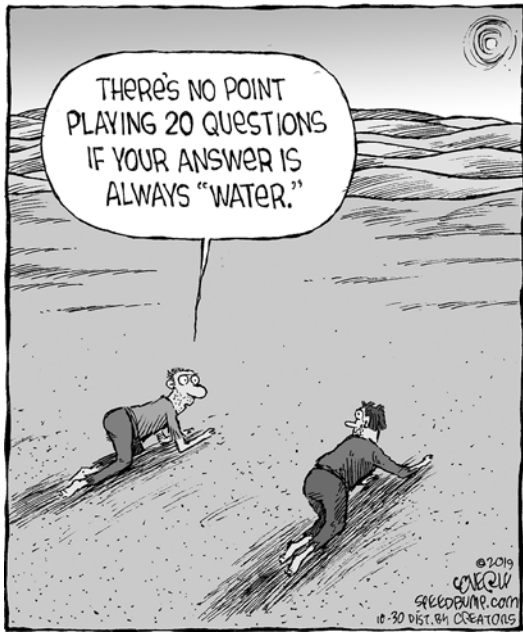
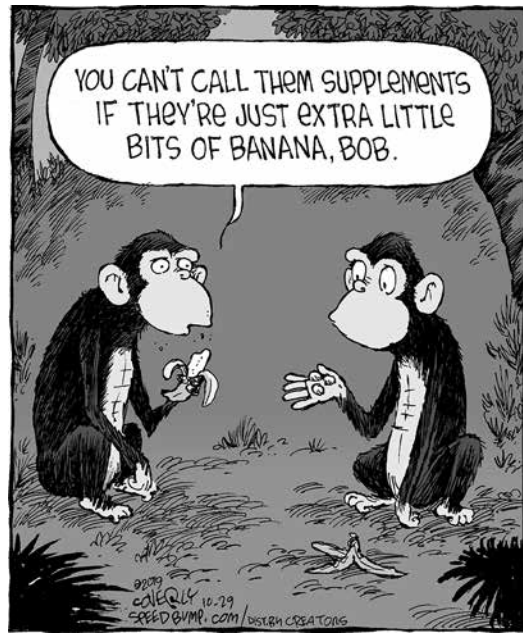
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1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

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.

SATURDAYS

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

- Nov. 1, 1512: Michelangelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel were first exhibited to the public.
- 1800: U.S. President John Adams became the first president to live in the White House when he moved in.
- 1936: Benito Mussolini made a speech in Milan, Italy, in which he described the alliance between Italy and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Berlin and Rome.
- 1994: The Amazon.com domain name was registered.

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- 6 Radio button
- 10 "Too rich for my blood"
- 15 Fish Nash rhymed with "meals"
- 19 Obliterate
- 20 Bring up
- 21 Designer Kamali
- 22 Home to 4+ billion
- 23 Certain American accent
- 25 World's largest landlocked nation
- 27 How some prefer peanuts
- 28 Reach in total
- 30 Friend of Piglet
- 31 Hoodlum
- 32 Cash in Cancun
- 33 Final Four org.
- 34 Was mentioned
- 37 Winter driving hazard
- 38 One way to cook
- 39 One way to cook
- 42 _garde
- 43 Is distinctive
- 45 Finch family creator
- 46 Shipping city
- 47 Myers' spouse in *Shrek*
- 48 Innermost area
- 49 Comedian Carvey
- 50 Space saving abbr.
- 51 Large diving ducks
- 55 More admirable
- 56 Instill with new energy
- 58 Bret of gold rush stories
- 59 They'll slow you down
- 60 Abodes
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- 65 Street urchin
- 66 Came forth
- 69 Racing sleds
- 70 Blockbuster boast
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- 73 Mideast airline
- 74 Stoker of *Dracula*
- 75 Crew team members
- 76 London art gallery
- 77 YMCA class
- 78 Inflexible, as a rule
- 82 Moved along a curve
- 83 Homie
- 84 Word of regret
- 85 Belfast-born
- 86 Reduces, as intensity
- 87 HS auxiliaries
- 88 Cube-hopping video game
- 89 Palm tree berry
- 90 Oscar actor Brody
- 93 Jazz pianist Blake
- 94 Making possible
- 98 Venice's watery "Main Street"
- 100 What you shouldn't oughta use
- 102 Stood up
- 103 Conjure up
- 104 Salt Lake City team
- 105 Dolphins' home
- 106 Starters on menus
- 107 Ltr. enclosures
- 108 Felling of refinement
- 109 Fellow fellows

DOWN

- 1 Outdoor blackboard info
- 2 Caspian sharer with 25 Across
- 3 Fresh talk
- 4 Certain ID checker
- 5 Smash of a show
- 6 Tolkien half-elf
- 7 Honey beverage
- 8 Devotee
- 9 Clue suspect
- 10 Very tense, so to speak
- 11 Defensive rings
- 12 Pasta in minestrone
- 13 Ulla in *The Producers*
- 14 Parting words
- 15 Stress-free course
- 16 This: Sp.
- 17 Contradictory shout
- 18 Well-grounded
- 24 Type of car roof
- 26 Courage
- 29 "New to you"
- 32 Tollbooth arrangement
- 33 Closes in on
- 34 Crime story plot
- 35 Put to _ (decide on democratically)
- 36 Russian-born artist
- 37 Fend (off)
- 38 Piped up
- 39 Fighting force foray
- 40 Name that means "born again"
- 41 Rather long time
- 43 Renders a number
- 44 S&L customers
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- 53 Quit trying
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Popularizer of shoulder pads

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019270307
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARTESIA HISPANIC FOURSQUARE CHURCH (2) CASA DEL PADRE, 12054 183RD ST, ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 0126840 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FLATBUSH GOSPEL, 1910 W SUNSET BLVD SUITE 200, LOS ANGELES CA 90026
 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/1987
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL, SECRETARY, ADAM DAVIDSON
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019284011
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) YOGURTLAND #CA257, 13933 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY, 2775 W. MADISON CIRCLE, ANAHEIM CA 92801
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TOMMY THONG VO, 2775 W. MADISON CIRCLE, ANAHEIM CA 92801
 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ TOMMY THONG VO, OWNER
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File Number 2019274847
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GREENBRIER LANE RECORDS, 12123 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN ABDNEGO CHAVEZ, 12123 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650
 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2002
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019275987
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) OUTSHINE POOL SERVICES, 12143 BAYLA ST., NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BERNARD KIAMCO, 12143 BAYLA ST., NORWALK CA 90650
 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor

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 S/ BERNARD KIAMCO, OWNER
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File Number 2019268342
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXECUTIVE FIRE PROTECTION, 3907 EAST 2ND ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90063, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO ANTONIO CRUZ, 3907 EAST 2ND ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90063
 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2019
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File Number 201927532
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE BEST VISIONS, 13241 ACORO PLACE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHEULLHYUN AHN, 13241 ACORO PLACE, CERRITOS CA 90703
 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
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File Number 2019277105
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALIFORNIA AMERICAN INDIAN RABBIT FLOWER CA 90706-5318, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN ROY DE LA ROSA, 9635 LARUEL ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706-5318
 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ STEVEN ROY DE LA ROSA, OWNER
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File Number 2019268777
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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HAIG KOUFTAIAN ABECHIAN, 625 N GARFIELD AVE, MONTEBELLO CA 90640 (2) DAYANNY CANIZALES PIRELA, 4645 LIVE OAK ST APT 14, CUDAHY CA 90201
 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ HAIG KOUFTAIAN ABECHIAN, PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 8, 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, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019264152
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) B L CASE DOORS, 11608 HOLLYVIEW DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WILLIAM A LACAVA, 11608 HOLLYVIEW DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638
 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ WILLIAM A LACAVA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 2, 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, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019273513
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JESSICARES, 11053 BORSON ST, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA CATALINA PAYUMO, 11053 BORSON ST, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) ROLAND LAO GARCIA, 11053 BORSON ST, NORWALK CA 90650
 State of Incorporation: (1) CA (2) N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ ROLAND LAO GARCIA, HUSBAND
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 15, 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, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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GOVERNMENT
CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 82196 NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION (CLASS 1)
Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Time: 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following application filed by Sarah Bova, Thienes Engineering, Inc. ("Applicant"); a request to convert and subdivide two (2) existing industrial buildings into industrial condominium buildings, resulting in eight (8) sellable condominium units. The subject property is generally known as 15519-15537 Blackburn Avenue, located near the northwest intersection of Alondra Boulevard and Shoemaker Avenue, also known as, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8082-033-029, in the Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) and Parking (P) zone.
Environmental Review Information:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the local CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is listed as Class 1 Categorical Exemptions. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, including subdivisions of existing commercial or industrial buildings. A Notice of Categorical Exemption (Class 1) has been prepared for this project.
Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. Copies of the agenda report for the above-described project will be available for public review at the Community Development Department, Planning Division, City of Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: **Attention: Community Development Department** at the address noted above. Written comments and requests for electronic copies of the agenda report may also be submitted via email to: **kkazama@norwalkca.gov**. If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing.
More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Kazama, Assistant Planner, at (925) 929-5865; **kkazama@norwalkca.gov**.
Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 1st day of November 2019.

Michael L. Garcia
 Director of Community Development

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 11/1/19

LIEN SALES

Extra Space Storage will hold a public trustee sale of real property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
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 11/20/19 1:00pm
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 11/1/19, 11/8/19

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWC00291
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RAY PALMER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) RAY PALMER to Proposed name (1) BOB RAY DEMERY
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: December 18, 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 hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **NORWALK PATRIOT** OCTOBER 15, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Ray Palmer
9830 Belmont St. #342
Bellflower, CA, 90706
(213) 864-1700

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL AKA ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL, SR., AKA ROBERT P. PIMENTEL CASE NO. 19STPB0833
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent interests, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL AKA ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL, SR., AKA ROBERT P. PIMENTEL.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LISA AHUMADA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LISA AHUMADA 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: 11/13/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
 Attorney for Petitioner
PAMELA D. DAGURO - SBN 207262
5942 EDINGER AVENUE, SUITE 113-162 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 94649

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 19NWC02147
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO) OF PAUL THOMAS, AN INDIVIDUAL AND DOES 1 – 10, INCLUSIVE, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE); REPUBLIC SERVICES
 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 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 aid services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (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.
 (VISO) Lo ha demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
 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 procese 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), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quedó 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 su cuota.
 Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
 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 sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o pidiéndoselo 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 SUPERIOR COURT 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD NORWALK, CA 90650
 The name and address of the 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):
DONALD E. STERNBERG, ESQ. 78321 LAW OFFICE OF DONALD E. STERNBERG 5525 OAKDALE AVE., STE 234 WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364 818-710-8934

Dated this 1st day of November 2019.

Michael L. Garcia
 Director of Community Development

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

LEGALS

are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 082066-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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T.S. No. 19-57590 APN: 8075-020-006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee, as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: **ABIGAIL BERGANCIA, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND EDEN GLORIA BERGANCIA, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, AS JOINT TENANTS**
Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP fka Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 3/5/2007, as Instrument No. 20070473669, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 11/27/2019 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: \$211,533.51 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14727 LONGWORTH AVENUE NORWALK, California 90650 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust.

A.P.N #: 8075-020-006 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.

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.

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Dated: 10/28/2019
ZBS Law, LLP fka Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP, as Trustee
30 Corporate Park, Suite 450
Irvine, CA 92606
For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-9270
For Sale Information: (714) 848-9272
www.elitepostandpub.com

Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer

This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation EPP 30289 Pub Dates 11/01, 11/08, 11/15/2019

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T.S. No.: 9987-8157 TSG Order No.: CA19151679 A.P.N.: 8048-031-014
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/25/2013. 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 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 10/31/2013 as Document No.: 20131551639, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: BLANCA S. CARRASCO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, 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: 12/05/2019 at 09:00 AM Sale Location: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11979 OLIVE STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650

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Rio Hondo Fire Academy's longtime chief calls it a career

After 38 years in the firefighting field, Tracy Rickman will retire. He's been at Rio Hondo for 23 years.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

SANTA FE SPRINGS - Rio Hondo College Fire Academy Coordinator Tracy Rickman has announced his retirement after an over 23-year tenure with the school.

Rickman, 55, says that he "always wanted to be a firefighter as a kid."

Self-described as a "type-A, go go go" individual, it was the "activity" of the job that drew him.

"It's 'every day is a new day,'" said Rickman. "You don't know, you might have a structure fire, car fire, somebody might be in cardiac arrest. Everybody's worst day is the day they call you, They call 911, and you're there to help."

He began his career in the United States Air Force in 1982 at the age of 18, going on to serve as a firefighter, captain, and training officer before being honorably discharged in 1990.

"I had a great time in the military actually," said Rickman. "When I was in the Air Force, they gave me a choice to do three or four different jobs. Of course, firefighter was open, so I took it."

Upon his departure from the service, Rickman came to California, where he was hired as training captain of the B2 division by Northrop Grumman. At the conclusion of his tenure there, he took roles as a fire inspector for the city of South Pasadena and an instructor in the fire technology program at Rio Hondo College.

It was in 2000 that he was given the opportunity to become the coordinator of the fire academy at Rio Hondo, which he has been doing ever since.

"Since then we've just grown," said Rickman. "At one time we offered seven classes... this semester we're offering 42



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ
Tracy Rickman is retiring after 23 years with the Rio Hondo Fire Academy.

classes."

Rickman says that the college has been very supportive of the program.

"When I started here, we had a trailer next door at Santa Fe Springs; that's all we had at Rio Hondo Fire Academy...this whole six acres and everything you see here is all Rio Hondo Colleges... the support of the college is huge, because you need the dollars to make things happen."

Now, after an over 38-year career, Rickman says that he is stepping away so that he and his wife of 28 years, Jori, can spend some quality family time with their kids and eight grandchildren.

"They're scattered. I've got a son that lives in Texas, a daughter that lives in North Carolina, a daughter in Oregon, a son finishing his degree at the University of Syracuse in New York," said Rickman. "My wife and I want to travel and be there for these grandkids."

Though he will continue to teach online with California State University Los Angeles, Rickman plans to "be busy doing something else."

"I could stay here another ten years; I love what I do, I'm surrounded by great people, I have great support from the college," said Rickman.

"However, in my life, with my children and my grandchildren, we want to be a part of their life."

While the staff reaction has been a bit bitter sweet, Rickman says that he thinks his students "get it."

"In the fire service, we're very hierarchy driven," said Rickman. "I think the students look at it as...they know we've got a great team here; when I leave someone else is going to come in. I've already got things lined up with my part-time faculty and part-time staff. It's going to be a seamless transition."

He says that his successor needs to have a vision.

"My opportunity was to grow [the program] ...now, we've grown it to a point where we've become a victim of our own success. We can't really grow much more; we're limited to the six acres," said Rickman.

"My vision has concluded... the next leader and the fire director that they hire would have to have a vision for future growth, because where are we gonna go? What are we gonna do to expand? What programs can we add that we don't currently have...the person coming in is going to have their vision for the future for growth, because we are growing."

Paramount school district adds third year to CTE program

PARAMOUNT - Paramount Unified students are receiving new digital tools for launching community-focused businesses and an extra year to hone marketing skills thanks to the addition of a third year to the District's career technical education (CTE) Entrepreneurship pathway.

The third year will incorporate Startup Tech, a tech-entrepreneurship course that features access to MIT App Inventor, which will enable Paramount and Buena Vista high school students to create apps that address community needs and to develop business plans and marketing materials.

"Our Entrepreneurship pathway has been extraordinarily popular, and our students have been asking for a third year of study," Paramount Director of Secondary Education Dr. Greg Francois said.

"The pathway is perfect for our business-minded students who are already forging ahead with their own companies."

Startup Tech was developed by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). At the end of the school year, select students will present their plans at an NFTE Showcase expo, with an opportunity to win funding and publicity.

Nearly 200 Paramount and Buena Vista students are enrolled in an Entrepreneurship pathway course. The first year, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, focuses on development of an idea through completion, with emphasis on market research, customer demographics, advertising campaigns and finances.

The second year, Entrepreneurism 2, introduces tech, expands the entrepreneurial mindset, promotes teamwork and instills established industry business practices and standards.

At the end of the year, Entrepreneurship students pitch their business ideas to their peers. The top business teams are invited to

participate in the District's annual Final Pitch Night, where they compete for funding in a "Shark Tank"-style format, being judged by PUSD administrators, teachers and community business partners.

Three Paramount High juniors - Destiny Flores, Dialgi Perez and Karen Rodriguez - took the top prize in 2019 for their "Fluffy Café" café-style pet adoption business, sharing a \$1,000 cash prize, which is awarded by the Paramount High Entrepreneurship Club.

"Our Entrepreneurship Pathway provides Paramount students with one of the most comprehensive business-focused CTE programs at the high school level," Paramount Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez said.

"There is no limit to the creativity and innovation that Paramount students bring to campus every day, whether they are pursuing hospitality, engineering, media, healthcare or business."

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Downey firefighters deployed to help battle California wildfires

Downey fire engines were requested to help fight numerous wildfires raging across the state.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY - Downey firefighters were part of a strike team deployed to help battle some of the several wildfires raging throughout California this week.

Downey strike team XLE-1281-A was deployed to the Kincade Fire in Northern California's wine country. Downey Engine 61 was assigned to Calistoga, a city north of San Francisco.

A second strike team helped L.A. City firefighters with the Getty Fire. This strike team was comprised of engines 62 and 63, along with strike team leader trainee Dan Rasmussen.

Downey firefighter Mike Gonzales was also deployed to the Getty Fire as a fireline emergency medical technician. He traveled with a Compton firefighter.

It was unclear Thursday if Downey firefighters would be called upon to help fight fires in the Inland Empire.

Residents of north San Bernardino were forced to flee overnight when a fast-moving wildfire engulfed several homes as it raced through neighborhoods early Thursday.

Meanwhile, a second fire forced more evacuations in the Jurupa Valley near Riverside.

The Hillside Fire in San

Bernardino had burned through 200 acres as of 4 a.m. local time, shutting down a stretch of Highway 18 as it burned out of control.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department said several of the burning structures were homes. Video taken by local media showed houses and other structures on fire.

The fire in the Jurupa Valley, east of Los Angeles in Riverside County, is being called the 46 Fire. It began about 12:30 a.m. Thursday and had burned 75 acres and was 0% contained as of about 2:45 a.m., according to Cal Fire Riverside.

Evacuations were ordered for residents south of Limonite Avenue, west of Crestmore, east of Van Buren and north of the Santa Ana Riverbottom.

The fire started near where the pursuit of a possible stolen vehicle ended, according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. One person was in custody.

The 46 Fire was the second blaze to break out in the Jurupa Valley in less than 24 hours.

The first began Wednesday morning, and it also forced evacuations, including at a nursing home, where several patients in wheelchairs and stretchers were helped out by workers as thick plumes of smoke shot into the sky, KABC-TV reported. Groups of patients were seen wearing face masks, waiting for transportation near a roadway off-ramp.

The blaze was named the Hill Fire. Early Thursday, it had burned about 300 acres and was

15% contained, according to Cal Fire. One civilian had sustained minor injuries, and a house and mobile home were damaged.

Also on Wednesday, a fast-moving wildfire in Ventura County, California came dangerously close to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Nearby residents fled with whatever belongings they could carry and scrambled to get horses and other livestock out of harm's way.

Mandatory evacuations were ordered after the blaze, known as the Easy Fire, started just before 7 a.m. Wednesday and burned close to several neighborhoods in the Simi Valley. The fire burned more than 2 square miles within just a few hours. It was 5% contained Thursday morning.

The Easy Fire was threatening 7,000 homes affecting 26,000 residents, officials said. Most of those were under the mandatory evacuation order.

"The fire outflanked us very rapidly today, pushed by those 40 to 45 mph winds," said Ventura County Fire Department Assistant Chief Chad Cook, adding that gusts reached 60 mph and aerial operations had to be grounded at times.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, but Southern California Edison filed a report with state regulators that said it began near power lines owned by the utility, the Associated Press reported.

Melissa Giller, spokeswoman for the Reagan library, said flames started coming up the back part of the museum property about 9 a.m. Wednesday.



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Downey firefighters have been deployed throughout California to help battle wildfires. Downey firefighters are pictured above at the Getty Fire.

Getty Fire

The Getty Fire began on the west side of the 405 freeway near the Getty Center about 1:30 a.m. Monday, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department. In a Tuesday afternoon press conference, Los Angeles mayor Eric Garcetti said the blaze was started when a tree branch was blown onto a power line by strong winds. The incident was captured on dashcam footage.

By Wednesday, it had spread to just over 1 square mile and threatened more than 7,000 structures. It was almost 40% contained. Most evacuation orders were lifted for all but a small area next to the 405.

Twelve homes were destroyed in the fire and another five were damaged. More than 700 firefighters were on the scene.

Kincade Fire

In Northern California, firefighters appeared to be making headway on the Kincade Fire, which had burned nearly 120 square miles and was 45% contained as of Wednesday night.

The fire, which started on Oct. 23 near Geyserville, has destroyed at least 266 structures, including 133 homes.

More than 90,000 structures were threatened and 126,000 people were under evacuation orders, although many were

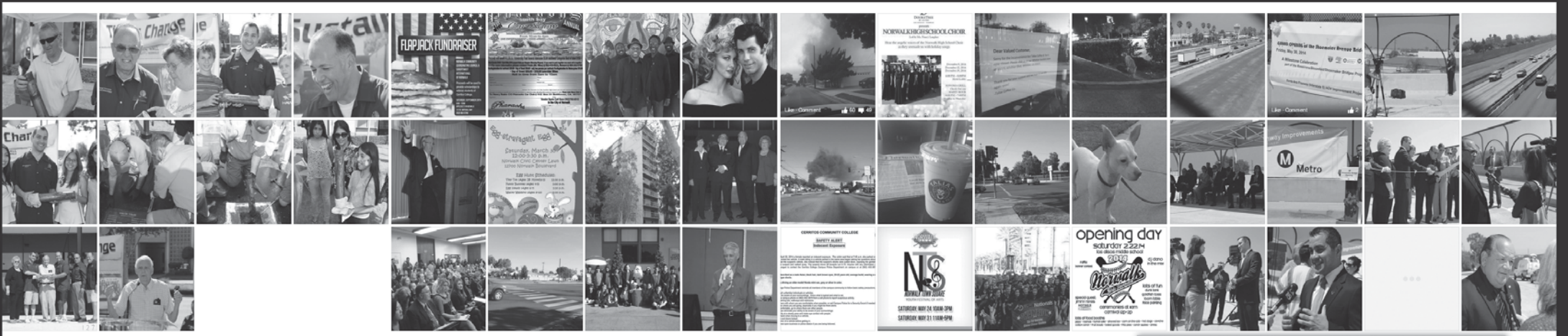
allowed to return home Tuesday and Wednesday.

Two firefighters were injured on Sunday near the fire, including one that had to be airlifted due to his burns. He was taken to the UC Davis Medical Center and was listed in stable condition on Tuesday, according to a Cal Fire official speaking at a morning news conference.

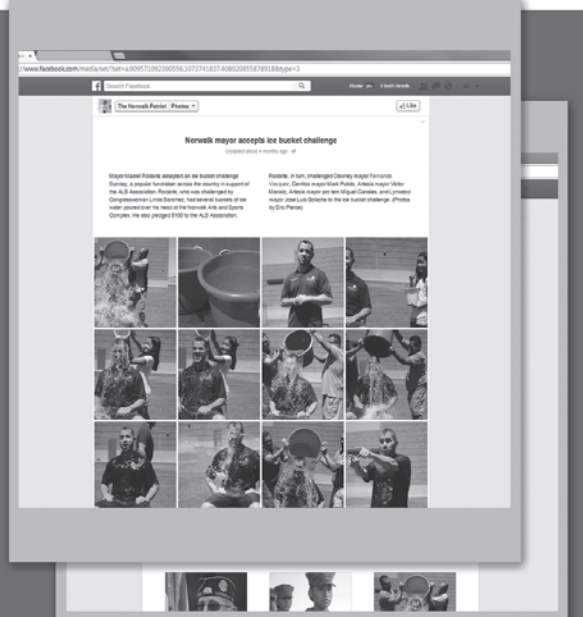
The second firefighter sustained minor burn injuries.

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When it comes to homeless, Whittier is punished for doing the right thing

OP-ED: While other cities are scooting the homeless out of their parks and into neighboring communities, Whittier is forced to deal with the issue head-on.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

Most rational people facing the prospect of homelessness, perhaps due to the loss of a job, the death of a spouse, unforeseen hospitalization, or any other myriad of personal emergencies, would probably accept help if it meant a safe place to sleep at

night.

And I'm willing to bet most Whittier residents -- generous as they are -- would be happy to lend that hand.

It becomes difficult to be sympathetic, however, when said homeless are meth addicts and alcoholics, defecating in our parks and yards, begging for spare change in front of

restaurants, rifling through our unlocked vehicles, stealing our personal property, and showing zero interest in a path toward sobriety.

That's part of the reason the homeless crisis is so complicated. We lump "the homeless" into a singular category when everyone's story is uniquely different. There are many different factors to consider: our state's housing shortage, the opioids epidemic, stagnant wages, rising rents, and mental health services, to name a few.

Nobody wants to see homeless encampments at Parnell Park; besides the obvious hygienic and safety issues, the sight is a reminder of the failures of our society. For so long homelessness was a blight mostly restricted to Skid Row. It wasn't a Whittier problem. But there's no ignoring it anymore.

To Whittier's credit, the city is taking a comprehensive approach to the crisis, even as it struggles to find solutions. Whereas most neighboring cities have taken to simply pushing the homeless outside its boundaries -- either through incentives, intimidation, or outright dumping -- Whittier has chosen to conform to the ruling of Boise vs. Martin, the landmark federal decision that says people have the right to sleep in public areas if no shelter beds are available.

To be clear, Whittier lacks the legal authority to kick the homeless out of parks, even after the park closes for the night. Or at least that's how Whittier has interpreted the court's decision.

Boise is challenging the ruling to the Supreme Court. Whittier has filed a motion in support of Boise.

"If the 9th Circuit's ruling is allowed to stand, then cities will

not have the tools they need to prevent a humanitarian crisis on their own streets," Boise Mayor David Bieter said in a news release. "We hope the Supreme Court takes this case to restore the power of local communities to regulate the use of their streets, parks and other public areas."

At least locally, Whittier appears to stand alone in respecting the court's decision. In Downey, homeless encampments can be found in the riverbeds (out of sight), but police officers are quick to scoot them out of parks and off bus benches. Downey isn't alone in its aggressiveness against vagrancy.

"A lot of those other cities, I've talked to probably 12-15 cities in Los Angeles County, including the Sheriff's Department, and they've chosen to enforce the park curfew and camping," Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper said at a special City Council meeting Monday where the topic was homelessness. "That's why you don't see it there. We're just not doing it here. Right or wrong, I'm not saying that we should, what I'm saying is they've chosen to disregard the Boise case."

Other cities' decision to ignore the Boise court ruling has led to obvious frustration here.

"What I heard the chief say is, 'Other cities don't follow the law, in Whittier we do, we try to do things upright, honest, and in conformance of the law and take care of our own problem, and we get punished for it,'" said Councilman Henry Bouchot.

Ignoring the Boise ruling like neighboring cities would set up Whittier for a potential lawsuit, said Whittier city attorney Dick Jones.

"Whittier has been at the forefront of homelessness for many years," Jones said, "and would clearly be one of the first cities that would be sued if there was an opportunity to say we weren't properly enforcing the law consistent with the Boise case."

Boise court ruling aside, a common complaint has been people using alleys and parks as their own personal toilets, an obvious criminal act, homeless or otherwise. But Whittier



PHOTO BY KEITH DURFLINGER

Whittier officials say a court ruling prevents the city from removing a homeless encampment at Parnell Park.

police officers are stretched thin already and can't immediately respond to all complaints, adding to residents' frustrations.

"The quality of life issues that we're seeing -- the urinating, defecating, the drug usage that we see in the parks -- that is a big deal to us, but we prioritize our calls," said Piper. "And we're responding to between 130-140 calls per day and every time we get a call because somebody's urinating, we're not out there for 2-3 hours sometimes. [Callers] do get frustrated with us and I can understand that."

In the instances police officers do respond in time, they have the option of issuing a citation. But the effectiveness of citations is questionable, especially in the aftermath of Prop. 47, the 2014 referendum that recategorized many felony offenses as misdemeanors.

According to Piper, one local man was cited 20 different times by Whittier police officers. All were dismissed by a judge.

"Our criminal justice system is flawed," Piper said.

Whittier council members have spent much time in recent months developing a plan to combat homelessness, and topping their list of priorities is creating more shelter beds. Where a shelter would be located, and how it would be staffed and funded, still remains unclear.

Any location is guaranteed to face opposition from residents

who'd prefer the shelter be located in Norwalk, Pico Rivera, or anywhere else but in their backyard. A Whittier shelter, however, would take people off the streets and give police the tools they need to get homeless out of parks.

A preliminary plan to possibly open a shelter at 5913 Esperanza Ave., at the city's very west end, is already meeting resistance from Pico Rivera.

"Due to its close proximity to our City, and its immediate adjacency to a residential community and park in an unincorporated community, we would like to emphasize our concern for impacts to specific land use, environmental considerations, and public services, as well as social and community impacts in the immediate, mid, and long term," Pico Rivera Mayor Brent Tercero wrote to the Whittier City Council.

NIMBY (Not in My Backyard) proponents are expected from residents but it doesn't bode well that it's coming from other cities as well.

"I want to say thank you to those of you who labored through this with us, whether in the audience or on television," said Mayor Joe Vinatieri at the end of Monday's 4-hour meeting. "We made some good progress tonight, we gave ourselves some target deadlines, and a comprehensive attack on what we need to do here in Whittier."

In the meantime, a report released Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Department of Health revealed that the number of homeless who have died on the streets nearly doubled from 2013 to 2018.

The county's analysis of death certificates and coroner's records found that 1,047 people identified as homeless died in 2018, up from 536 in 2013.

"This report is tragic, and reflects a true state of emergency on the streets of our community," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "It is unconscionable and inhumane for society to continue to turn a blind eye to this plight."

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