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SnowFest returns this Saturday

NORWALK - The holiday season will officially get underway in Norwalk on Saturday when the city hosts its annual SnowFest.

The Civic Center lawn will be transformed into a winter wonderland providing families an opportunity to enjoy snow slides, a snow play area, game booths, inflatable snow globe races, arts and crafts, face painting, and more.

Entertainers will perform on stage throughout the event and food will be available for purchase.

The event culminates with the lighting of a 30-ft. Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

SnowFest begins at 12 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (562) 929-5702.

Metro eyes toll road on 105 Freeway

NORWALK - One of the best things about living in Norwalk is its freeway proximity. And that includes hopping on the 105 Freeway and a straight shot to LAX.

That drive could get more complicated, however.

The LA Times published a story Monday about Metro's plans to add a toll lane to the 405 Freeway through the Sepulveda Pass. At the end of the article is this revelation:

"The 405 proposal is part of a broader Metro plan to convert carpool lanes to toll lanes on more than a dozen segments of Los Angeles County freeways. The plan calls for eight projects, including the 405, to be completed by 2027.

That includes the 105 Freeway between the 405 and the 605 Freeway, and an extension of the ExpressLanes on the 10 from El Monte to the San Bernardino County line."

Eric Pierce, editor

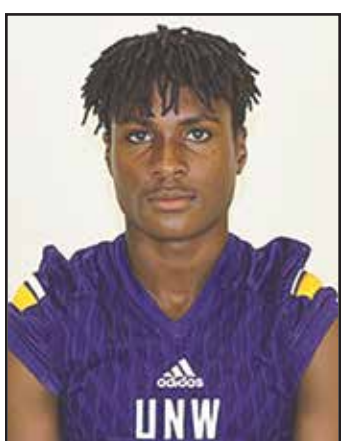
Kabamba named to All-Conference team

NORWALK - Norwalk native Yannick Kabamba has been named to the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference's Football All-Conference defensive team.

Kabamba, a Norwalk High graduate, put together a breakout season for Northwestern, as the sophomore cornerback finished with two interceptions, nine pass breakups and 40 tackles on the year.

He ranked second in the UMAC in passes defended this season to earn Northwestern's only first team defensive award.

Listed at 5 ft., 9 inches tall, Kabamba is a Marketing major.



Thanksgiving at the Norwalk Senior Center



Norwalk restaurant grades

Chapala Bakery
11821 E Alondra Blvd.
Inspected: 11/22/19
Grade: **A**

Wienerschnitzel
11610 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/22/19
Grade: **A**

Western Refining Retail
11821 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/20/19
Grade: **A**

CVS / Pharmacy
11623 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/20/19
Grade: **A**

Mexicana Markets
13208 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 11/20/19
Grade: **A**

Happy's Liquor
12554 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/20/19
Grade: **A**

Toros Taqueria
15617 Studebaker Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Y Mariscos Las Islas
14419 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/19
Grade: **A**

El Marinero
11025 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

Original Rosewood
10640 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

Chuchi's Bionicos
16220 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

Tam's Super Burgers
11700 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

El Cortez Meat Market
16214 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

Tommy's Original
15911 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

Angie's Deli
14346 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

Los Compadres
11600 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/14/19
Grade: **A**

RJM Vallejo Mini Market
12331 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 11/13/19
Grade: **A**

Cerritos College Cafeteria
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/12/19
Grade: **A**

La Corona Bakery
15708 1/4 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/12/19
Grade: **A**

La Lupita Supermarket
15704 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/12/19
Grade: **A**

Xcellent Nutrition
12200 Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 11/6/19
Grade: **A**

Pho Anvi
12200 Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 11/5/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 69°

Saturday 65°

Sunday 64°



Norwalk Snowfest

Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 12-8 pm

Families can play in the snow, ride the holiday train, dance to live entertainment and create holiday crafts. The event culminates with Santa's arrival and lighting of a 30-foot Christmas tree.



Holiday Sonata

Saturday - Uptown Whittier, 4-9 pm

Cinderella and horse carriage rides, shopping, dancing, caroling, entertainment, and a Santa's Village.



Promenade Tree Lighting

Saturday - Downey Promenade, 1:30-5:30 pm

Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco helps light the Christmas tree at the Promenade. Plus kids activities, food bites, photos with Santa Claus, raffles and more.



Cookies, Crafts and Book Sale

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Library, 2 pm

Children will make a homemade holiday ornament and decorate a Christmas cookie. Adults and children can also check out the Friends of the Library Book Sale.



South Gate Christmas Parade

Sunday - Tweedy Blvd., 12 pm

South Gate's 74th annual parade, with marching bands, floats, dancers, vintage cars, and Santa Claus.



Chili Holiday

Saturday - La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, 5-8 pm

Snow sledding, train rides, live music, crafts, cookies, Santa Claus, a tree-lighting ceremony, and of course, chili.

NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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.

Painting with Watercolors Class, 12-1 pm. Learn about watercolor art techniques! You will learn how to mix colors and complete your own work of art! All materials will be provided. 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.

Winter White Night Holiday Party Presented by BMW Norwalk, 6-8 pm. Join Locale Magazine for Winter Nights Holiday Party Presented by McKenna BMW Norwalk.

Spend your Friday night celebrating the holidays with BMW while enjoying amazing cocktails, fabulous food and live music. White Cocktail attire dress code. McKenna BMW Norwalk 10900 Firestone Blvd. \$10 ticket can be purchased on Eventbrite.

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.

Succulent Bonsai Workshop, 12-1 pm. Create your own beautiful succulent bonsai planter. Workshop is taught by a master gardener. Plant, soil and container provided. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Empowerfit, GA admission \$45, includes event lunch (Sales end on Dec 8 at 11 AM). VIP \$139, Empowerfit will show you financial, mental, and physical fitness. Held at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Classic Book Club - "The Story of my Life" by Helen Keller, 6:30-7:30 pm. Helen Keller's triumph over her blindness and deafness became one of the most inspiring stories of the 20th century. The autobiography, first published in 1903 when she was a young woman, is Helen Keller's own story -- complex, poignant, and, ultimately, successful. 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, DECEMBER 11

Clay Sculpture, 2-3 pm. Students will learn the fundamentals of working with clay. Clay used dries on its own and there is no need to bake. Students will be able to complete a piece of art. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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, DECEMBER 14

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Full Body Workout with Full Chakra Activation, 10 am - 12 pm. The first hour consists of a HIIT workout for all fitness levels. There will be multiple stations containing different workouts. The workout is for all ages, for all levels. We will push you to workout harder, however only to reach your capacity. The format is 30 sec workout followed by 10 sec break with 8 - 12 stations. The second hour is a guided meditation called Full Chakra Activation. Located at 15311 Pioneer Blvd. Donations accepted.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas Program Fundraiser Dinne at Trinity Lutheran Church, Menu: Chicken breast

(or spaghetti) with pasta, garlic bread, vegetable and dessert. Cost: \$8.50 adults, \$6.00 students. Silent auction to be held as well. Please RSVP to the school office - Purchase tickets by Dec. 11th. For questions, contact Nancy Costley at costley5@yahoo.com. This fundraiser supports Trinity people going to minister to Ugandan school teachers.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sewing Workshop, 5-8 pm. Location is in the Cerritos College Community Education Building in Rm CE-3 Near Parking Lot 9. Please RSVP 2 Days Prior to Workshop, so that we may accommodate for Food/Supplies. Call 213/550-4093 to RSVP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Yarn Wrapped Flower Pots, 4-5 pm. Dress up a terra cotta pot to make a small garden container for yourself or a great gift for someone else. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Paper Modeling, 4-5 pm Learn about the world through paper modeling! Paper modeling is the art of making scaled models with either paper or cardstock. Designed sheets are cut, folded and glued to create 3D models. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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, 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, DECEMBER 28

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, 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.

2020 Pokémon Premier Challenge, 12-8pm. Held at Unrated Gaming, 15617 Studebaker Rd. Suite #3. Entry Fee: \$5 cash/credit card. Please have your team sheet filled and ready to turn in at time of registration. This tournament will use the VGC 2020 Sword & Shield Standard Format.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Rhythmic L.A. 2020 Rhythmic Gymnastics Invitational, Cerritos College Gymnasium, 8:30 am - 9:30 pm. Rhythmic Academy of Los Angeles welcomes the Rhythmic community, families and friends to the Rhythmic LA 2020 Rhythmic Gymnastics Grand Championships. Featuring top Rhythmic Gymnastics programs throughout the United States and many elite clubs around the with over 400 gymnasts participating, making it one of the largest and most prestigious Rhythmic Gymnastics Regional tournaments in the United States. Guest admission is \$25 for adults and only \$15 for children and seniors.

Note: This event will continue through February 2.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Sneaker Giveaway, 12 pm. The first 50 guests will receive sneakers. For those who miss out on the sneaker giveaway, however, there will be a stickers giveaway & discounted shoe services.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

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Planning to donate? Know what your dollar buys

BY TINA ROSENBERG

When we buy stuff, we want to know we're getting the most for our money.

So why don't we demand the same thing with our charitable donations? If we can buy twice as much good for the same money — or three times as much, or a thousand — why don't we?

"There's a very emotional aspect to giving," said Michael Thatcher, the president and chief executive of Charity Navigator, the website most used to evaluate charities. "We are touched by a situation and somehow want to impact it."

We give with our hearts. But we should also give with our heads. Every problem we care about has many, many different organizations aiming to solve it. Which should get our money?

Say you care about clean water. A \$50 donation to a charity called Give Clean Water can provide someone with a year of clean water. But the same donation to Evidence Action can buy 100 people a year of clean water. Same cause — but with a different charity, your gift does 100 times as much. It's as if one of the charities wasted 99 percent of its money.

Some causes have even bigger impact gaps. Toby Ord, a senior research fellow in philosophy at Oxford University, likes to cite the cause of helping the blind. For \$42,000 you could train a guide dog. But for the same money, you could pay for trachoma surgeries in Africa to restore the sight of 1,344 people.

Such comparisons should be as normal to making donations as comparing prices is to shopping. They aren't. A report on donor behavior in 2010 found that 90 percent believed that the performance of a nonprofit was important, but only 3 percent had done any research about effectiveness before giving.

Which makes sense, as there has been no way to get that information. But as of last month, there is. The clean-water comparison above came from ImpactMatters, a new organization that offers one-sentence descriptions of the good your money will create. For example, the entry for Evidence Action says, "\$0.50 provides clean water to one person for a year."

ImpactMatters finds how much the organization spends by looking through the charity's 990 tax form, a document every nonprofit must make public. Then it looks through the charity's website for claims about outcomes: How many students graduated? How many trees got planted?

There's one more ingredient going into that impact sentence, called a counterfactual: What would have happened without the charity's help? ImpactMatters researches questions like: How many households in the village would have been able to get clean water another way? What's the normal graduation rate among this group? ImpactMatters subtracts what would have happened anyway from the equation.

Great idea, but as ImpactMatters readily admits, it sometimes doesn't work. The organization can't always get enough detailed information to calculate the counterfactual. There's lots to improve in ImpactMatters — not surprising for a three-week-old system.

Information on outcomes comes from the charities themselves and so could be biased or invented. The group's president, Michael Weinstein (a former economics writer for The New York Times editorial page), said he expects the A+ charities to demand audits by impartial outsiders so that they can better demonstrate how effective they are. This will improve the ratings.

ImpactMatters has rated about 1,000 charities. All provide services. They help veterans get benefits, help students graduate from college, feed meals to the hungry and do other direct work with clients. It's much harder to measure the good done by other kinds of charities. How do you calculate the impact of a research or advocacy organization? A museum? A church?

And even with service providers, ImpactMatters can miss nuances. Dr. Weinstein gives the example of a seemingly effective homeless shelter. It might serve people cheaply because it scrimps on cleaning and security. He said that in the future, ImpactMatters will ask shelters for information about problems such as robberies and fights.

Despite its rookie problems, ImpactMatters's debut is a big step forward. It's the first broad ratings system for charities that actually measures how much good they do.

Charities love to feature a four-star rating from Charity Navigator on their websites. But that rating isn't proof of effective work. The group's ratings used to be based entirely on financial metrics, mainly on the percentage of a charity's money spent on administration and fund-raising (known as overhead) as opposed to programs. Overhead is still the measure most people identify as the test of a charity.

But judging an organization solely by overhead isn't just useless — it can actually cause harm. Organizations that get things done need to spend money on training staff, buying equipment, hiring the right people, gathering data and evaluating their results. All those things drive up overhead.

Charity Navigator and other ratings organizations measure overhead because they can — the percentage is easy to calculate from the 990 form. "Forget that it's the wrong number. It's a number," Dr. Weinstein said.

Overhead also addresses a fear shared by many donors: Is this charity stealing my money? Too much spent on overhead and too little on program could be an indication of fraud.

But such scandals are rare. (The public imagines they are common because they often get a lot of media attention.) And if there's evidence of fraud, Charity Navigator has other ways to inform donors — there is no need to make this the basis of its ratings. "We run advisories when there is potential wrongdoing: attorney general investigations, cases of fraud, credible news sources doing an investigation," Mr. Thatcher said. "On average there are about 400 advisories, out of 1.7 million nonprofits. That's tiny."

The charity sector is well aware of the deficiencies of overhead. Overhead "is a poor measure of a charity's performance," read an open letter to charitable donors from Charity Navigator, GuideStar and the BBB Wise Giving Alliance. "In fact, many charities should

spend more on overhead."

All three organizations have broadened their evaluations of charities to include other measures of how well they are run. Charity Navigator, for example, looks at how well a charity is governed. Is it accountable and transparent?

An assortment of metrics is better than one. But Charity Navigator still rewards low overhead, a decision that even its close partners criticize. And none of these measures answers what people need to know: Does this charity actually make a difference?

Mr. Thatcher said that Charity Navigator plans to include ImpactMatters ratings in the profiles of charities that accompany ratings. Dr. Weinstein argues that it's not enough. "The only way to get donors to consider effectiveness is to incorporate it into the star ratings," he said. "Charity Navigator has 11 million viewers, but virtually none read anything other than how many stars a group has gotten."

Mr. Thatcher said that Charity Navigator is working on adding impact measurements to the star ratings. "That is our intention, but we want to do that in a thoughtful way," he said.

ImpactMatters is part of a two-decades-old movement to evaluate social programs. In October, Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee of M.I.T. and Michael Kremer of Harvard were awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics. The Nobel committee said that the three "have considerably improved our efforts to fight global poverty" through their use of experiments to test how well social programs work. Which intervention is most effective for keeping children in school? These economists can tell you. (It's telling parents about the benefits that education holds for their children, by the way.)

Dr. Duflo and her colleagues find answers with randomized control trials. Nicknamed randomistas, these researchers use the same methods of experimentation we use to determine whether medicines and scientific innovations work.

GiveWell takes a different approach. It carries out exhaustive investigations of a small number of charities, recommending seven where a charitable donation goes farthest. Its top charities — all in developing countries, where money buys more — distribute bed nets for malaria, give out vitamins to prevent blindness and deworm children. One, GiveDirectly, sends poor people cash.

What GiveWell and the randomistas do is crucial. But their evaluations are so in-depth and expensive that they cover only a tiny number of charities. Knowing the best way to keep girls in school or prevent malaria is helpful for governments, aid agencies and big foundations. It's less useful for the large number of individuals giving to hundreds of causes.

Broader guidance is necessary — and ImpactMatters is a first stab at providing it. "We want no donor, however small, to think of making a grant if they had no evidence of the impact of that grant," Dr. Weinstein said. "We want to make impact a necessary part of philanthropy."

Tina Rosenberg is a co-founder of the Solutions Journalism Network, which supports rigorous reporting about responses to social problems.

The meaninglessness of the .org domain

BY SAM WINEBURG AND NADAV ZIV

Are today's high school students, the ones we call "digital natives," able to separate fact from fiction?

Not according to a survey we released last month in which 3,446 high school students across the country evaluated the trustworthiness of different websites. One such site was co2science.org, a climate-change skeptic group that claims to "disseminate factual reports and sound commentary." Students could go anywhere on the web to investigate the site. A quick search uncovers the group's past ties to the fossil fuel industry. But 96 percent of students never uncovered this industry connection.

Too often students' evaluations stalled at three letters: "This page is a reliable source to obtain information from," one wrote, "you see in the URL that it ends in .org as opposed to .com."

The kids are wrong. Dot-org symbolizes neither quality nor trustworthiness. It's a marketing tool that relies on a widespread but false association with credibility.

Kids aren't the only ones misinformed. A 2012 international study found that nearly half of Americans, and larger percentages in France, Brazil and India, believed that an organization must meet "some criteria" before it could register under .org.

The dot-org domain is controlled by the Public Interest Registry, which was sold last month to Ethos Capital, a private equity firm. The three letters are marketed as "a powerful signal that your site serves a greater good — rather than just a bottom line." It's a claim that leads people to make errors about whom and what to trust.

Unlike dot-gov or dot-edu, which are closed to the general public, dot-org is an "open" domain. Anyone can register a dot-org without passing a character test. Even commercial sites can be dot-orgs. Craigslist — among the world's largest ad sites — is craigslist.org. There are over 10 million dot-orgs, each of which pays roughly \$10 per year to register. All you have to do to get one is fill out an online

form and provide payment.

Registration fees generated \$92 million in revenue for the Public Interest Registry in 2018 alone. In theory these revenues could grow much larger soon — in June, the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the supervisory body that regulates the internet's domain name system, agreed to lift price caps on dot-orgs. Still, Andy Shea, a spokesperson for the Public Interest Registry, says it plans to keep the pricing for dot-orgs low, with increases of no more than 10 percent on average a year.

In the Public Interest Registry's latest marketing blitz, they unveiled a logo painted in "deep royal blue," a shade they say evokes "feelings of trust, security and reliability." They tell new customers to expect an increase in "donations, and trust for donors" when they become part of the "domain of trust."

Noteworthy nonprofits, civic organizations and religious groups have embraced the domain — and so have a host of bad actors. All reaped the benefits of dot-org's association with credibility.

Educational institutions unwittingly shape misperceptions around dot-orgs. Many colleges and universities, including Harvard and Northwestern, steer students in the wrong direction. They equate dot-orgs with nonprofit groups and issue no warning of the dangers lurking beneath the domain's positive aura.

Dot-org is the favored designation of "astro turf" sites, groups that masquerade as grass roots efforts but are backed by corporate and political interests. One of these is the Employment Policies Institute, which claims to sponsor "nonpartisan research." It was actually founded and run by the head of a public relations firm that represents the restaurant industry. Another dot-org, Americans for Prosperity Foundation, says it addresses major social problems

Stop saying marijuana is a gateway drug

BY JILL RICHARDSON

Like nearly all Americans of a certain age, I was told in school that tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana are gateway drugs — and that is why marijuana should remain illegal.

First of all, even if you accept that these three substances are "gateways" to something worse, why is it that adults can use alcohol and tobacco legally, but not marijuana?

This is particularly outrageous given that, unlike alcohol and cigarettes, marijuana has a wide range of medical applications.

Other than prescription opioids, marijuana is the only drug that relieves my chronic migraines. I like that it doesn't come with the addiction or overdose risks that opioids do, and I want to use it legally and under a doctor's supervision.

Unfortunately, I live in Wisconsin, where even medical uses are illegal.

For me, marijuana is a gateway to relief from headaches, not a gateway to harder drugs. Legal medical marijuana allows me to decrease my use of opioids.

Senator Kamala Harris recently reframed the gateway idea in another way. The war on drugs approach of criminalizing marijuana, she said, "is the gateway to America's problem with mass incarceration." As a former prosecutor and drug warrior who now supports decriminalization, she would know.

While I was sitting through D.A.R.E. classes in school, others

were being criminalized and locked up for nonviolent drug offenses.

These harsh drug laws and strict sentencing guidelines were not enforced equally, either. Although blacks and whites use and sell drugs at similar rates (white people actually use drugs a bit more), black people are 6.5 times more likely to be incarcerated for drug offenses.

In part this is because law enforcement spends more time looking for drugs in communities of color than in white communities. They could have found plenty of drugs and underage drinking among the rich kids in the dorms and frat houses of the mostly white, elite private school where I went to college, but they weren't looking.

After the arrest, racial disparities continue, disadvantaging low income people and people of color at every stage of the judicial process. The racial disparities continue even after someone has paid their debt to society. A black person with a felony record faces more employment discrimination than an equally qualified white person with a felony record.

It seems like the war on drugs is on its way out, although not quickly enough. The tide is turning toward medical usage of marijuana and even some psychedelics, legalized recreational marijuana in some states, and handling addiction with treatment instead of prison.

Yet marijuana is still fully criminalized at the federal level and in many states (I'm looking at you, Wisconsin).

Many jurisdictions that have legalized marijuana have also expunged the criminal records of anyone convicted of nonviolent, low-level marijuana offenses. But there's no way to give them back the years of their lives they spent locked up for pot.

Why are we still paying taxpayer dollars to incarcerate cannabis users, taking them away from their jobs and their families? Our current path is a gateway to misery. Let's choose another.

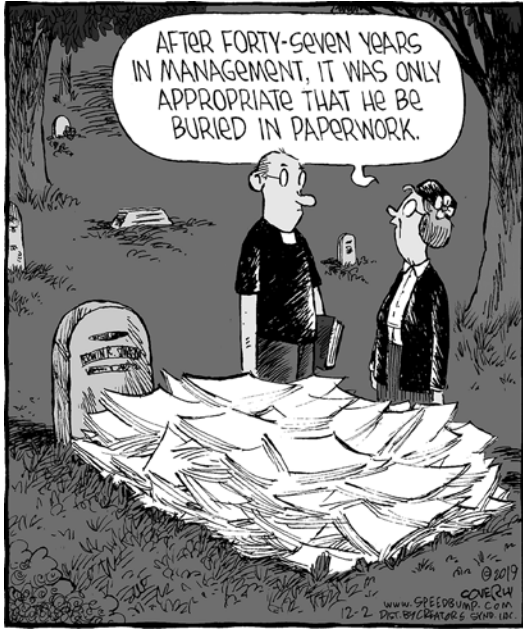
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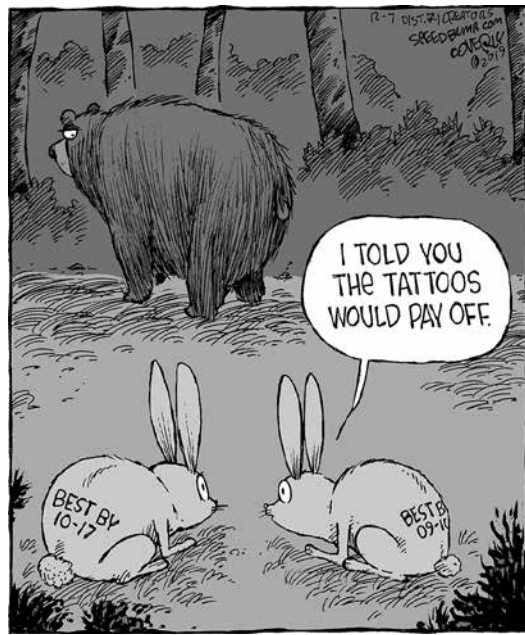
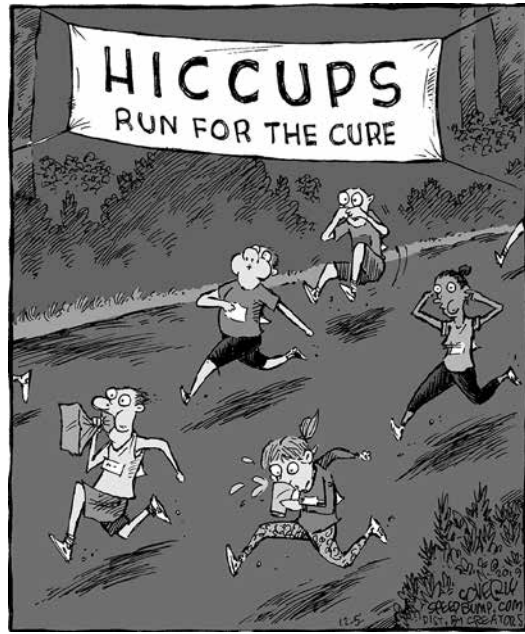
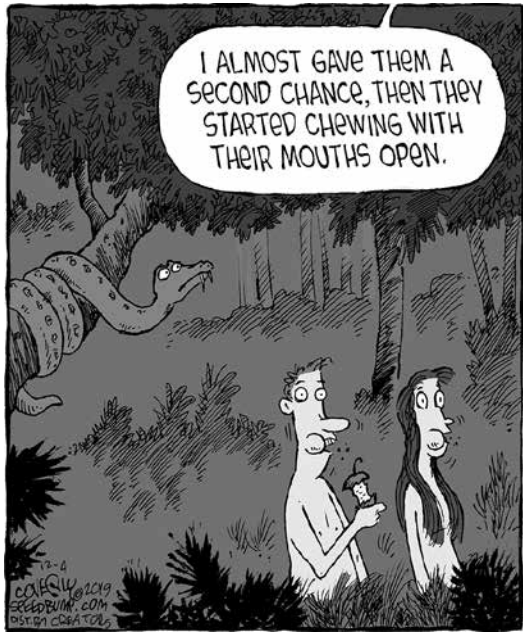
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On This Day...

Dec. 6, 1735: In London, French surgeon Claudius Amyand performed the first successful appendectomy at St. George's Hospital. The patient was an 11-year old boy that had swallowed a pin.
1865: The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. The amendment abolished slavery in the U.S.
1923: U.S. President Calvin Coolidge became the first president to give a presidential address that was broadcast on radio.
1994: Orange County, CA, filed for bankruptcy protection due to investment losses of about \$2 billion. The county is one of the richest in the U.S. and became the largest municipality to file for bankruptcy.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

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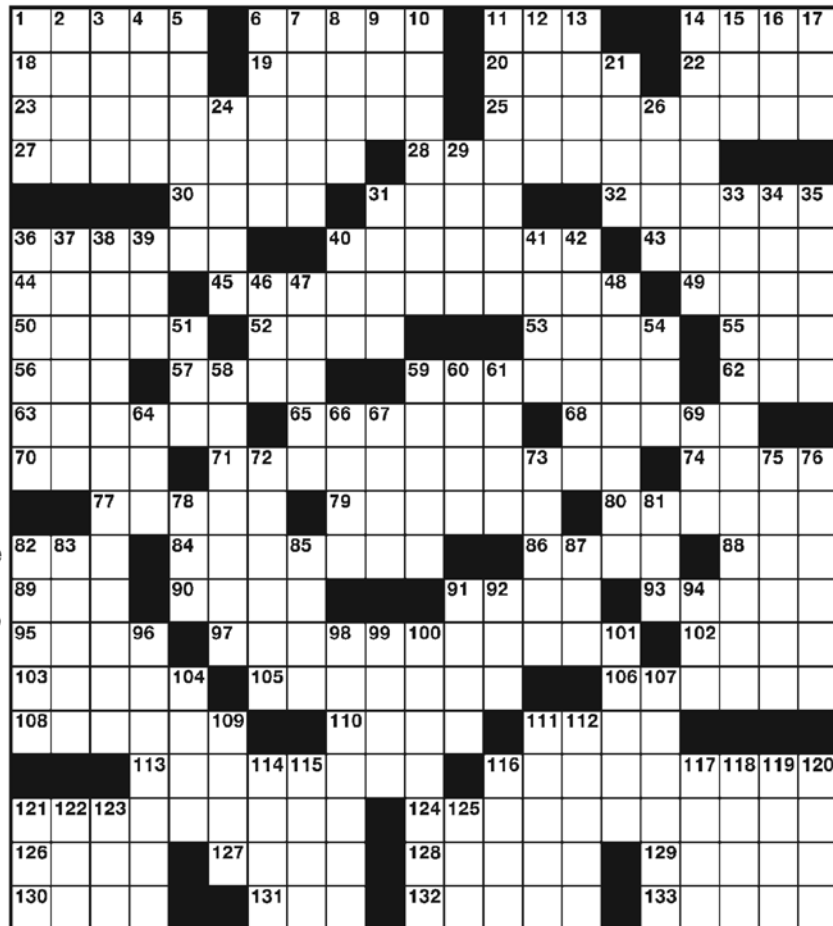
2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
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A statue of Horatio Nelson (32 Across) tops a 169-foot column at the center of Trafalgar Square. Pierce BROSNANN (59 Across) started in four James Bond films between 1995 and 2002. Besides salad greens, the many common ingredients of COBB salad (95 Across) include hard-boiled eggs, avocado, chives, chicken breast and red wine vinaigrette.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MC GARCIA TRUCKING, 8750 WALNUT ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY, 15408 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650

(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).)

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.

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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HANDYMAN911, 12017 EXCELSIOR DR, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRIS MACIAS, 20117 EXCELSIOR DR, 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: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REAL TRAVEL & REGISTRATION, 5001 CLARA STREET UNIT C, CUDAHY CA 90201, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEJANDRO GALICIA, 5001 CLARA ST UNIT C, CUDAHY CA 90201

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A (2) 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: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STUDIO META (2) CULTURE DESIGN SCHOOL (3) CULTURE DESIGN STUDIO (4) CULTURE DESIGN, 3717 EAST 2ND ST. #5, LONG BEACH CA 90803, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201932410580 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THE SHORT COMPANY LLC, 3717 EAST 2ND ST. #5, LONG BEACH CA 90803

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PSP POOL AND SPA PRODUCTS, 14435 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650, LA COUNTY, SAME

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4526212 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PSP POOL AND SPA PRODUCTS, 14435 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMOR NAIL SPA AND HAIR, 7016 SANTA FE AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THUY T NGUYEN, 933 DENVER DRIVE, COSTA MESA CA 92626

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOLDEN PHOENIX ENTERPRISE, 11841 CEDARVALE ST, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SIRVTEE HAONG, 11841 CEDARVALE ST, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 19-1712

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held November 19, 2019, adopted proposed Ordinance No. 19-1712, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE TO RE-ZONE PROPERTIES, which will amend the Norwalk Municipal Code to re-zone 12038 Olive Street, also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8048-029-007 from the Multi-Family High Density Residential Parking ("R-3,P") zone to the General Commercial ("C-3") zone and further apply the newly created Live-Work Overlay (L-W) zone to 13211-13253 San Antonio Drive, 12027-12033 Sprout Street and 12038 Olive Street, also known as APN's 8048-029-007 through 013, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Shryock, Vice Mayor Vernola, and Mayor Rios NOES: None ABSENT: None

The full text of Ordinance No. 19-1712 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk December 4, 2019

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CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 19-1711

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held November 19, 2019, adopted proposed Ordinance No. 19-1711, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE LIVE-WORK OVERLAY ZONE AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME, which will amend the Norwalk Municipal Code to establish the Live-Work Overlay zone, defining a "live-work unit", include a list of permitted and prohibited uses within the overlay zone, establish development standards related to building height, yard setbacks, density, lot coverage, lot area, open space requirements, parking requirements, minimum architectural and building design standards, and performance standards for projects within a Live-Work Overlay zone, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Shryock, Vice Mayor Vernola, and Mayor Rios NOES: None ABSENT: None

The full text of Ordinance No. 19-1711 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk December 4, 2019

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LIEN SALES

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

10950 Firestone Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650

12/18/19 1:00pm

Shaquita Williams Household items

Keith Pearson Household items

Grettel Sarria Household items

Rudolph Martinez Household items

Alyssa Figueroa Household items

Jacqueline Arena Household items

Johnny Corrales Household items

Juanita Castro Household items

Esmeralda Vasquez Household items

Sangeet Gounder Household items

Mario Miranda Household items

Ronald Juarez Boxes

Rene Limuti Household items

Olga Murillo Household items

Krystopher Kabar Household items

Rafael Urbina Household Items

Gloria Ann Hernandez Household items

Faustino Sanchez Electrical equipment

Jessica Cappetta Household items

Jason Adams Household items

Karen Head Household items

Avis C Brumfield Household items

Christian Gonzales Household items

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

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCPO0347 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELANIE JAYE PFEIFFER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MELANIE JAYE PFEIFFER to Proposed name (1) MELANIE JAYE RAMIREZ

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.

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 administrator or executor 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.

In Pro Per Petitioner SIDNEE GERALDINE ROBINSON 13958 DICKY STREET WHITTIER CA 90605 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/19 CNS-3317218# THE NORWALK PATRIOT CNS 3317218 The Norwalk Patriot 11/29/19, 12/6/19, 12/13/19

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RALPH DE LA TORRE GUERRERO CASE NO. 19STPB10913 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RALPH DE LA TORRE GUERRERO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SIDNEE GERALDINE ROBINSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SIDNEE GERALDINE ROBINSON 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: 12/19/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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 administrator or executor as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL aka ROBERT PIMENTEL, SR. Case No. 19STPB08331 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL aka ROBERT PIMENTEL, SR. 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

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 NOVEMBER 8, 2019 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Angelica Isabel Labadie 14638 Longworth Avenue Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 298-2218

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

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCPO0427 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELANIE JAYE PFEIFFER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MELANIE JAYE PFEIFFER to Proposed name (1) MELANIE JAYE RAMIREZ

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.

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 administrator or executor 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.

Short Stories

In Search of Jacob Waltz's Mine

By Anthony Kingsley

When I was around age eight, I borrowed a book from the Dublin library about treasure.

One story was about pirate treasure buried in Trinidad and Tobago. And the book had a map showing the secret location. I copied the map and promised myself that one day I would go look for the treasure.

I kept that map in my metal box. I left it there when I went to America. My father moved and discarded my box, not knowing what was in it.

Around 1985, I borrowed a book from the Bellflower library about the Lost Dutchman Mine in the Superstition Mountains near Apache Junction in Arizona. The mine is named after Jacob Waltz, a German immigrant who died in 1891 and took the location of the mine with him. I

promised myself to go look for this treasure. But there were more important things to do first - like working.

In 2019, I was fired and decided this would be an ideal time to go look for the mine. After I finished my hot-air balloon ride in Phoenix, I set out for Apache Junction.

The first thing I did was get a place to sleep. I was told to go three blocks and there were many motels either to the left or right. I choose to go right and there was a motel right away. But after surveying it, I decided to move on. Further along I spied a motel on the other side of the road. I made a U-turn and went in. I paid \$79 for one night.

Next morning, I went to find the welcome center to get a map but could not find it. Asked many people but after looking at their phones nobody knew

where it was.

I finally made it to the base of the Superstition Mountains and followed the Apache Trail until it became a private road. I turned around and went back to look for the museum. Asked a guy for directions. He said to continue down this road, take a right on the third road, go down and under the bridge, and you are there. I thought great - and he did not even have to consult his phone.

I followed his directions but no museum. Asked a guy and he said just go back under the bridge and continue until you get to the dead-end and take a right, which happened to be the road I had been on earlier. And there it was. If I had continued down a little further instead of asking the first guy, I would have seen it. Bought my wife a little present with some gold in it.

Short Stories

Charge it to My

Mama

By Helen Hampton

When I was a small girl, my mother was always busy with the nursing home she ran, so she was unable to go into town to shop or do anything else. So I was elected to run her errands and do my own shopping for clothing and shoes.

One day, I was sent to buy myself a pair of Mary Janes. Each time I shopped, I would simply tell the salesman to "charge it to Mama." This time, though, that didn't work.

The salesman was new so he said to me, "Who is Mama?"

When I started to cry loudly enough, the manager came over to see what the commotion was all about.

Still crying, I said, "He doesn't know who Mama is!"

The manager told the

salesman, "It's ok, this is Bessie Mason's daughter," so I got my shoes.

Another time I was sent to the bank to make a deposit for my mother. While I was there, I decided to ask about the gold ring my mother had given to me.

It was getting too small for my finger, so I asked the teller if they could enlarge the ring for me. She said that I would have to take it to the jewelry store across the street, since the bank did not take care of things like that.

I replied, "But isn't this where the gold is kept?"

Needless to say, they all had a good laugh.

Helen Hampton is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

All in a Cop's Day of Work

By Sharon Benson Smith

My deceased husband, "Smith," was an officer with the Buena Park Police Department. He was such a good golfer, a 4-handicap at the time, that he

represented the department in all of the area golf tournaments.

But, and more importantly, he was an excellent police officer. I recall his telling us this story (which was corroborated

by other officers and a local newspaper article). This incident took place in the late 50's or early 60's.

The city was paving one of its main highways, which was

nothing but dirt and rocks at the time. They were getting a lot of complaints from the citizens because when traffic raged down the street, the debris scattered throughout the neighborhood and they had a real mess on their hands. So, the department began stationing an officer at the scene to quell the flow of traffic, or to issue citations when necessary.

This particular day when Smith was stationed at the scene, a pickup truck came racing down the street. Smith pulled him over and wrote up a ticket, while listening to the driver call him every name in the book.

A few weeks later, Smith responded to a "child drowning in pool" call. He raced to the home, found that the mother sitting poolside was a basket case, and the child was in the pool face down. He jumped into the pool (in full uniform), took the child out of the pool and began administering CPR.

Around the corner came the pickup driver and recognized Smith as the officer he cussed out just days ago for giving him a speeding ticket, and who had just saved his child's life.

He asked, "What can I say?" Smith replied, "You just said it all."

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Frankie Avalon, Chubby Checker in Cerritos

CERRITOS - Entertainment legends Frankie Avalon and Chubby Checker will perform a joint concert at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$70.

Best known for his roles in the "Beach Party" movies and "Grease," Frankie Avalon dominated with the No. 1 songs "Why" and "Venus."

In the post-Twist/pre-Beatles era, the former teen idol made audiences swoon with a catchy collection of hits, including "Bobby Sox to Stockings" and the Top 10 hit "De De Dinah."

By the time he was 12, Avalon had appeared on "The Perry Como Show" and "The Jackie Gleason Show." Those television credits paved the way for a successful acting career with roles on television and in movies.

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representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 2, 2020 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 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.

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A Sole for Heaven

By Helen Hampton

When my win daughters were 6 years old, I enrolled them in weekly Catechism to give them a proper Catholic education.

One day, my girls were very quiet in the room playing. I always worried when they were too quiet, so I went in to see what they were up to.

They were on the floor playing with their dolls. One doll was lying on a blanket with an artificial flower on her chest. The girls were pretending that she was dead.

Jan was busy cutting out the

shape of her shoe onto a piece of cardboard. I asked her, "What are you doing, Jan?"

She said, "I'm making a sole for my dollie so she can go to heaven."

I laughed so hard! Then I went into the kitchen to tell my husband what Jan had said.

He replied, "I think they lost her in Catechism."

Helen Hampton is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Tracing My Family's Roots

By Helen Hampton

My great-grandfather fought in the American Revolution when he was only 16 years old. My grandfather owned a grocery store with feed and grain in Winslow, Maine. My father went to college in Boston and then returned to Maine to take over his father's store.

My father's first marriage lasted 20 years. His wife died in 1919, leaving him no children. He soon became ill and was hospitalized.

He fell in love with his nurse, a 38-year-old RN who had never married. She became his wife and gave birth to a son in 1922.

He was thrilled to become a father for the first time at age 55. Two years later, I was born, and the world has not been the same since.

My father's wonderful life with his new family was short-lived, however. After a five-year illness, he died in 1930, when I was 5 years old.

My mother had to find a way to make a living for her two young children. She turned her large house into a nursing home for elderly patients. In this way she was able to support us throughout the Great Depression and its aftermath.

In 1941, when I was 16 years old, my mother remarried and we moved to Boston.

Helen Hampton is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Hahn calls for closer look after cruise ship docks with sick passengers

For the second time in one week, Norwegian was forced to dock early after passengers became sick onboard.

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn released the following statement after the Norwegian Cruise Ship, "Norwegian Joy," was forced to dock at the Port of Los Angeles for the second time in a week due to passenger illness:

"I am calling on the Center for Disease Control to work closely with our LA County Public Health officials to ensure the passenger illnesses aboard the "Norwegian Joy" do not become an infectious disease outbreak here in the harbor area.

"This is the second time in a week that this ship has been forced to dock at the Port of Los Angeles due to passenger illness and it raises serious concerns about the hygiene of this ship.

"If the ship is not cleaned to a point that ensures the health and safety of its passengers, it should not be allowed to leave dock."

Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics treated 10 people aboard the Norwegian Joy cruise ship for minor medical complaints after the ship docked early Sunday, the LAFD said.

It's the second time in a week passengers were treated for illness after returning from a trip aboard the vessel.

The patients, on a Mexican Riviera cruise, had minor medical complaints and none were transported to hospitals, the LAFD said about Sunday's incident. It was not immediately clear what caused their illness.

Initially, the LAFD was expecting to treat 20 patients "reporting unspecified illness" as the cruise ship began to dock, it said.

The ship is capable of carrying more than 3,600 guests,

according to Norwegian Cruise Line.

"During Norwegian Joy's Mexican Riviera sailing, a few guests on board experienced a stomach-related illness," the cruise line said in a statement.

"To mitigate any impact of this rare occurrence, we implemented stringent sanitation procedures. As always, we will continue to monitor this situation."

Norwegian Joy experienced a similar incident last week when, the LAFD said, six passengers arriving to Los Angeles from a Panama Canal voyage were treated for flu-like symptoms.

Those passengers, who arrived in the Port of Los Angeles on November 24, were diagnosed with norovirus, Los Angeles Port Police Lt. Rosario Ferrara told CNN.

They were among 127 passengers and six crew members who reported being ill



The Norwegian Joy cruise ship.

while aboard the ship, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The ill passengers were mostly suffering from diarrhea, the CDC said.

Norwegian Cruise Line employed special cleaning and disinfection procedures in response to the outbreak, the CDC said. Norovirus can cause diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain.

Cal High senior recognized for campus leadership

Denisse Palominos, a three-time student of the month, was awarded an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees for her academic gains.

WHITTIER - By the time California High senior Denisse Palominos arrives to campus for zero period at 7:20 a.m., she has already prepared her three younger siblings for school while her mother departs for work in Downtown Los Angeles at 6 a.m.

For Palominos - who maintains a 4.1 GPA and is captain the Cal High volleyball team - taking responsibility for the care of others while balancing a full schedule of classes and extracurricular activities comes naturally, earning her respect from classmates, teachers and administrators alike for her cheerful demeanor and leadership skills.

She was recognized with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees on Nov. 12.

"I'd like to thank my family, and especially my mom for all she's done for me. She's always there, even when things are hectic," Palominos said. "I'd also like to thank everyone at Cal High for their support. I definitely wouldn't have had all of these opportunities at school without them."

Inspired by her mother, who works in the Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor, Palominos joined Cal High's Business Academy. There, she focuses on subjects like accounting and computer information systems while also taking challenging Advanced Placement and honors courses.

Palominos came to the attention of Cal High staff during her sophomore year, when she was a teacher's assistant in the curriculum office for zero period.

"Denisse didn't have to be a TA during zero period - she wanted to do it as an act of service," Cal High Principal Bill Schloss said. "She is an outstanding example of the wonderful students we have at Cal High. They face challenges in their lives, but just keep smiling, working hard and showing up every day. Denisse is going to be a huge success in life because she has the best attitude of anyone I know."

Palominos fully embraces school life, from ordering uniforms for the volleyball team to being an LCAP Advisory Board student representative. She has been selected as a Cal High's Student of the Month on three separate occasions.

Looking forward to a career in business and real estate, Palominos has applied to several four-year universities, including UC Davis and Cal State Long Beach.



California High School senior Denisse Palominos, pictured with Board of Trustees President Dr. Russell Castañeda-Calleros, was recently honored with an Award of Merit for her leadership in and out of the classroom. Also pictured are Board members Dr. Ralph Pacheco (left), Tim Schneider and Leighton Anderson and Vice President Jeff Baird.

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Jury convicts man of deadly crime spree

A multi-city shooting rampage left one innocent person dead and several more injured.

Alejandro Lazo was convicted Tuesday and faces 300 years in prison.

WHITTIER - A 23-year-old man was convicted Tuesday for a shooting spree that left one man dead and two others injured in Whittier and La Mirada two years ago.

Jurors deliberated for about six days before finding Alejandro Lazo guilty of one count of first-degree murder, 12 counts of attempted murder and one count of carjacking. The panel also found true gun and gang allegations.

Sentencing is set for Jan. 6 at the Norwalk courthouse. Lazo faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 300 years to life in state prison.

The crime spree began on April 29, 2017, when Lazo and Reyna Gomez carjacked a driver in Pico Rivera.

Now driving a white Kia Rio, the pair drove to Whittier and shot from the vehicle, striking a man in the leg.

The shooting occurred on the 10000 block of Carmenita Road, in an unincorporated area of Whittier, within the patrol jurisdiction of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

The victim was transported for medical treatment and listed in stable condition.

At 2:15 p.m., the pair appeared in the 11100 block of Rosehedge Drive, Pico Rivera, and carjacked a green Nissan Pathfinder at gunpoint.

The male victim was startled but not injured, and Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station deputies responded to this incident.

The lawlessness continued at 3:35 p.m. in the 14900

block of Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, when a second victim, another pedestrian, was fired upon.

One of the suspects shot at the man from the stolen Pathfinder and sped away from the scene.

The victim, who was struck in the groin, was medically treated and listed in stable condition.

Whittier Police Department personnel responded to the scene and handled the investigation.

Minutes later, at 3:41 p.m., a third shooting occurred in the 10200 block of Colima Road, Whittier. Rounds were fired at two motorists in a vehicle stopped for the traffic light, but they were not injured. Whittier Police Department personnel also responded to this scene and investigated.

The suspects proceeded southeast in the Pathfinder to the intersection of Imperial Highway and La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, where a fourth shooting occurred and the third victim was injured.

At 4 p.m., a man seated in a vehicle was struck in the

arm by gunfire; the suspects eschewed any concern for his welfare and fled the scene.

Norwalk Sheriff's Station deputies responded to the La Mirada shooting but quickly learned another shooting occurred just south of them, at the intersection of Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Alicante Road, La Mirada. The fourth victim, Jose Ricardo Sahagun, a 44-year-old father of two boys, was struck multiple times with gunfire as he sat in his car, waiting at a traffic light.

Other victims in nearby vehicles were also fired upon indiscriminately, but Sahagun was the only person injured and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

As the terror unfolded, communication between Norwalk and Pico Rivera Stations and Whittier Police Department was essential; minutes between each incident to relay descriptive information to local law enforcement partners were precious, officials said.

"Together, they compiled information and followed the destructive and senseless path of havoc in which two stolen

vehicles were recovered, three people were injured and one person was killed; and for which investigators will spend countless of hours processing, and scores of tertiary parties will spend years trying to cope," the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

The crime spree appeared to be over around 6:30 p.m. when Norwalk deputies located the stolen Pathfinder in the parking lot of Amelia Mayberry Park in South Whittier. It was there the suspects unloaded the vehicle they used as a mobile gun turret.

Sheriff's detectives learned Whittier police responded to a 911 call at 8 p.m. regarding two victims suffering gunshot wounds. Police found an injured man and woman in the 15000 block of Carmenita Road, Santa Fe Springs, and saw they matched the description of the suspects involved in the earlier shootings.

Both suspects were shot in the torso and when they realized the gravity of their injuries, they flagged down a concerned citizen and asked her to dial 911 for them. Shortly thereafter, help arrived at the scene... ironically from one of the agencies investigating their afternoon crime spree.



LASD PHOTO
Jose Sahagun, a 44-year-old father of two, was killed while waiting at a stoplight two years ago. The shooting was unprovoked.

Lazo and Gomez were arrested a short time later in Santa Fe Springs.

Police said the shootings were random and unprovoked.

Gomez was found guilty last year of one count of first-degree murder, 14 counts of attempted murder and one count of carjacking. Gun and gang allegations also were found to be true.

She was sentenced to the maximum term of 83 years and four months, plus 270 years to life, in state prison.

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