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Signs indicate healthy economy, experts say

Economists don't see signs of a recession but rising housing costs will continue to pose a challenge.

LOS ANGELES - Southern California's top economists on Thursday offered a largely promising outlook for the region, forecasting continued strong growth across key industry sectors into 2020 and the foreseeable future.

"If I could summarize in three words: Things are good," Wallace Walrod, chief economic advisor for the Orange County Business Council, told the 10th Annual Southern California Economic Summit.

"I don't have a crystal ball to predict when the next recession will occur, but nothing in the numbers would suggest that happening soon."

Sponsored by the Southern Association Governments (SCAG) and the Southern California Leadership Council, the summit brought together leaders and influencers from across the six-county region to hear updates on the economy, the housing crisis and Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Among the highlights of the economists' panel were statistics showing that employment and income growth in the SCAG region have exceeded national averages since 2012. Among the key industry sectors that continue to outperform the nation as a whole: Construction, trade and goods movement, arts and entertainment, and hospitality.

The news wasn't all good, however. High housing costs, long commutes and the threat of automation are widening the gap between rich and poor. This is exacerbated by a proliferation of low-skill jobs in many communities.

In Los Angeles County, for example, roughly one-quarter of projected new jobs over the next five years will require workers without a high school diploma. The income difference between those jobs and those requiring a graduate or professional degree is \$57,000 per year on average.

A significant consequence of all of this is negative net migration - more people moving out of the region than are moving in – a phenomenon that is already occurring in some communities. During a panel on the housing crisis, Daryl Fairweather, chief economist for Redfin, said Southern California remains "a very desirable place to live with its strong job market and sunny weather. But increasingly, I've seen heavy movement out of this market due to undesirable conditions ranging from lack of quality inventory to wildfire damage. California's future can still be decided through strong economic policies that support construction, transportation, education, manufacturing and the environment.'

One competitive advantage for the region is its investment in transportation infrastructure. Connect SoCal, recently released in draft form, identifies \$638 billion in mobility, land-use and air-quality improvements in the six-county region over the next 25 years. Connect SoCal was developed by SCAG's staff as part of an extensive planning and visioning process that included the active engagement of residents and stakeholders across the region. It is built around a core vision that centers

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Fixing the homeless crisis is "black and white," until it isn't

Some experiencing homelessness don't want the help. Others find it difficult to accept.

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer**

WHITTIER - Whittier is still relatively foreign territory to me, so I only recently learned of the issues going on at Parnell and other parks.

As we all know, the homeless crisis is not unique to any one community alone. It's in Los Angeles. It's in Orange County. It's in Whittier. It's in Norwalk. It's in my home city of Downey.

But that doesn't change the stigma that many of us have about the homeless being dirty, potentially dangerous, and an overall nuisance to society.

It's a bias that I am not afraid to admit that I have developed myself.

If I'm being completely honest, I wasn't exactly volunteering to run in and be buddy-buddy with any of the homeless at Parnell Park. I drive a nice car and had over \$1000 worth of expensive camera equipment on my person. I may have needed photos for a story, but I was alone and potentially vulnerable.

I planned on keeping my distance, getting what I needed, and then getting the hell out of

It was just by happenstance that I arrived at right around the same time as Whittier resident Paul Ramirez.

Ramirez lives in Friendly Hills, and has taken it upon speak with, himself to document, and in a few cases, aid those in his community who are experiencing homelessness.

"In the spring of this year, I started noticing encampments populating bands of businesses, particularly Friendly Hills Marketplace," said Ramirez. "I began working with the city to is "redeemable." try and get them rectified, and then the Boise law changed everything."

The Boise vs Martin case ruling prohibits the removal of a public camper unless there is redemption. a bed available.

As well intentioned as the ruling may have seemed, it has effectively tied the hands of Whittier, and created the dirty and - yes - even dangerous looking eyesore that residents have become accustomed to seeing at their parks.

Whittier remains one of the only cities to adhere to the

As I began to set myself and my camera up behind the comforts of a brick wall, Ramirez extended me the invitation to enter the park with him. He must have sensed my trepidation, because he reached into his pocket and flashed a can of what I assumed to be pepper spray at me and assured me that I'd be safe.

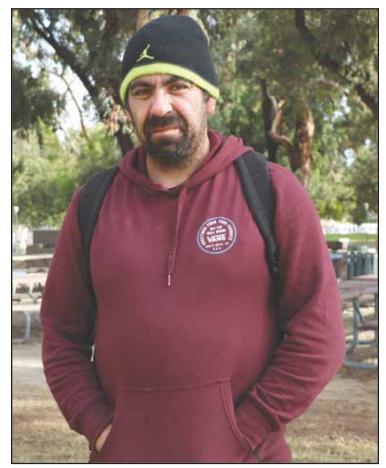
Since the Boise decision, Ramirez has taken it upon himself to clear abandoned encampments by picking up trash and other items left behind.

"In doing so, I became more familiar with some of the homeless who are out here," said Ramirez. "I maintain my own data; I record everything. Of the 110 people I have met, I would say 20% are truly homeless by circumstance... the others would be drugaddicted vagrants."

Many of these individuals know and call Ramirez by name, including 28-year-old Oscar Alcazar.

Alcazar has been experiencing homelessness for over ten years, leaving his home after a confrontation with his brother and mother.

He was almost immediately aggressive with me, telling me that he didn't want me there,



Sam Garcia, 43, says accepting help isn't always as simple as it seems. Photo by Alex Dominguez

nor pictures taken of him, and that I [expletive] hate." that I needed to "get out of here."

It was Ramirez who settled him down enough to engage in a conversation.

In talking with Alcazar, I was able to get him to admit that he was a user of drugs, although he was mum on exactly what. Ramirez would later tell me in a phone call that Alcazar spoke of injecting meth daily. While I hate writing under hearsay, I have no reason to not believe this statement based on my experience that day.

Ramirez says that he has been working hard with Alcazar's mother to get him back home, however "the meth is what is standing in the way.'

Still, he believes that Alcazar

However, along with the drugs that may or may not be in Alcazar's system at any given time, there is one other thing that blocks his path to

His attitude.

The prior night $mey meeting Alcazar, \Del{Whittier's}$ City Council had approved a pilot program with First Day shelter, establishing 11 crisis beds for those who may need them, particularly in the city's homeless hotspots.

Yet, Alczar didn't seem to want any part of it.

"It's not easy to do that shit, man," said Alcazar. "You'll never know until you feel it yourself. That's straight the [expletive] up.'

Unfortunately, much of my conversation with Alcazar dissolved into swear-filled rants from that point on, mostly directed at Ramirez.

"Mr. Paul took me and my girlfriend at the time out to lunch one day, and says how he wants to help us, which is great," said Alcazar. "But then he talks so low of us. He says, 'I want to help you, you scumbag, tweaker, drug addict, [expletive] thief. Who wants to help then?"

"Parnell Park is the 14th most dangerous place in America? Do you believe that? I'm gonna answer for you; no, you don't believe that...That's what [Paul] has done to us.'

Another woman, Sabrina Ruiz, 41, has been homeless for over ten years as well. She joined the conversation and almost immediately became increasingly hostile.

"You I just cannot [expletive] stand, because ou've caused me too many [expletive] problems," said Ruiz, directed towards Ramirez. "I don't hate people, but you're one person that I can actually say with a capital H-A-T-E,

"You don't help nobody, Paul. All you do is make it look more negative than it is.'

Ramirez does not discount claims that he has said negative things about some of the individuals he has tried help.

"I don't think that was inaccurate," said Ramirez. "I offer individuals' help...they don't like being called criminal vagrants or drug addicts, but that's what they are."

It's increasingly rare that those who Ramirez extends his hand to actively accept the help. Of the 110 individuals he has made contact with, Ramirez says that he has only been able to work with 8.

But amongst many of the naysayers, you might find a diamond-in-the-rough Sam Garcia.

Garcia, 43, has only been on the streets for a few months. He was forced out when his rent was raised and living in motels became too much.

much of Ruiz's tirade with the patience and demeanor of a saint. Almost as if he was the Jiminy Cricket of the encampment, he even apologized for Ruiz's words after she departed.

He stood on the side for

He did not deny the worst kept secret of the camp: that it consisted of several substance users; even he himself smokes marijuana, although he said he doesn't drink alcohol or do anything else.

He also affirmed that a majority of the bikes that were scattered around the premises were stolen.

"It's unfortunate that there is a criminal element that does come here. There are people who need mental help," said Garcia. "We can't control that."

Still, he insists that the entire situation is not black and white.

"Until someone comes out and assess every individual individually and sees what each person needs, help for one person is not necessarily help for the other person,' said Garcia. "Until everyone gets assessed and sees what they need, you can't lump us together and say, 'Oh, we tried helping them and they don't want the help."

In Garcia's case, he says it is difficult to go elsewhere because he feels he needs to stay close due to family ties. Shelter stay can also prove to be difficult to manage.

"Shelters are only good in winter months," said Garcia. "You have to be there at 6:30 p.m., it's limited beds,

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Norwalk restaurant grades

Wienerschnitzel 11660 E Imperial Hwy. Inspected: 12/10/19 Grade: A

La Michoacana Ice Cream and **Snacks**

> 11788 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/10/19 Grade: A

Keystone Lanes 11459 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 12/10/19 Grade: A

Golden West Donuts 10948 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 12/10/19

Grade: A Wendy's 12138 E Imperial Hwy.

Date Inspected: 12/10/19 Grade: A

Sanchez Restaurant 12061 E 162nd St. Date Inspected: 12/9/19 Grade: A

7 Eleven 14835 S Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/5/19 Grade: B

Stater Bros (Meat) 12523 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/5/19 Grade: A

Stater Bros. (Deli) 12523 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/5/19 Grade: A

Uproot Vegan Cafe. 12201 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/5/19 Grade: A

Taco Bell 14301 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/5/19 Grade: A

Paleteria Limon 12009 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/4/19 Grade: A

El Paraiso Juice Bar 15002 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/4/19 Grade: A

Wok California 12551 1/2 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 12/4/19 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

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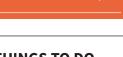
Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 65



Sunday



THINGS TO DO



Whittier Christmas Parade

Saturday - Uptown Whittier, 10 am Now in its 66th year, the parade includes floats, marching bands, celebrities, dance troupes, and lots



Vendo-Rama

Saturday - St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey, 11 am to 4 pm

30-plus vendors selling unique items just in time for Christmas. Plus a special appearance by Santa Claus.



Cowboy Christmas Saturday - Lakewood Equestrian

Petting zoo, pony rides, tractor rides, coloring contests, ornament decorating, and more. \$4 admission, rides extra.



Breakfast with Santa Saturday- Paramount Community

Center, 8 am to 12 pm

Snow play area, sled runs, kiddie trains, and prizes, all free. Breakfast is \$6 (breakfast line closes at 11 am).



Long Beach Filipino Festival Sunday - Browning High School, 9 am to 6 pm

Up to 60 retail and non-profit vendors, two dozen food vendors, two stages of live entertainment, cultural and educational workshops, and Santa Claus. Suggested entry donation of \$2



Living Nativity All Weekend - The Church at Green Hills

See the story of Christmas acted out, complete with Mary (on a donkey) and Joseph, shepherds (with live sheep), Roman soldiers, and the wise men. Performances at 6 pm, 7 pm and 8 pm

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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

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.

Punk and Psychobilly Show

7pm- 12:30 am. An all ages show featuring Corrupted Youth, Uhh Random Bunch, and Uptown Psychos. \$5 Entry fee. Doors open at 7 pm. Norwalk American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St

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.

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 occassion. 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

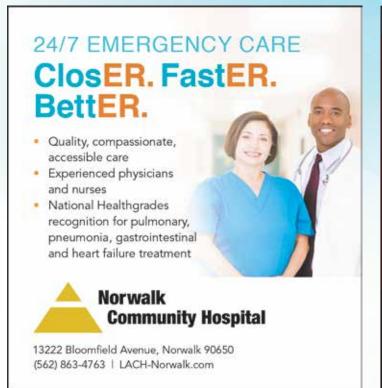
holiday songs, performances by mariachis and ballet folkloricos, and more. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Meeting on Civic Center Redevelopment, 9-10 am. The City of Norwalk is exploring redevelopment options for its Civic Center and Civic Center Lawn and want your feedback. Held at Los Alisos Middle School.

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

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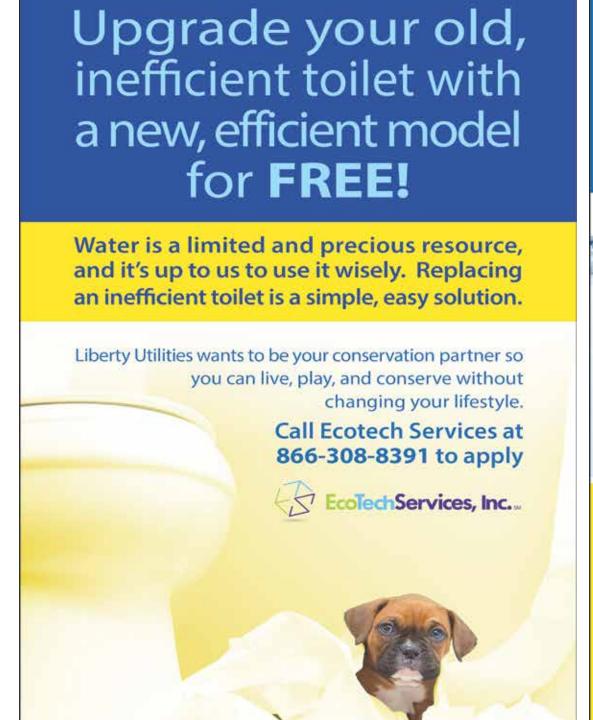
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A tip tutorial, brought to you by Christmas

BYCONNIE SCHULTZ

Last month, a reader tagged me in a post on her Facebook page to let me know that a tip jar in central Ohio was not operating as a

You would agree with her assessment, unless you're a restaurant patron who loves to reward good service with tips for managers and

That's not you, right?

I didn't think so. C'mere and give me a hug.

When I asked that reader for further details, her response on her page inspired two other people to send me private messages a few days later about skimmed tips in businesses in their parts of the country: Houston and Milwaukee, respectively.

All three of these people gave me the names of the businesses and described the conversations that transpired when they pointed to the tip jars and asked the clerks behind the counters a simple question: "Who gets to keep the tips?"

In each of these instances, the answer was the same: Management keeps the tips.

Welcome to the holiday season.

Or, for those who insist saying "Happy Holidays" is an attempt to rob the season of its reason, welcome to the never-ending Christmas fight for food service workers' rights.

Could there be a faster way to keep the Christ in Christmas than to advocate for those who wait on us everywhere we eat? Surely, we Christians can agree that Jesus (a) would not want bosses stealing their workers' tips, and (b) expect us to do our part to put an end to it.

To state what I wish were obvious to everybody, one needn't be a Christian to want hourly wage earners to keep their tips. The Christmas season, however, is a particularly fitting time for the reminder, as so many of us will be eating out more as part of our seasonal rituals.

I've been writing about skimmed tips for more than a decade, but as the examples at the top of this column illustrate, it's a problem that never goes away. Just when we've outed one manager or owner who, not coincidentally, immediately changes their tip-stealing ways, another one thinks he or she is immune from discovery

One of the most rewarding parts of being a columnist for these past 17 years is the steady stream of readers who care about this issue. They confront these businesses, and they let me know when they've changed their own tipping practices because of the ongoing discussions we've had. So often, I meet someone and one of the first things he or she wants me to know is this: "I always tip in cash." I'm never going to stop loving that.

Yes, in a just world, no worker would have to depend on tips to make minimum wage. As soon as the restaurant industry in the U.S. universally agrees to pay their servers a living wage, I'll be one of the first to absolve you of this burden of treating fellow humans as fellow

Kidding.

But if that time ever comes, I will agree that you can stop feeling obligated to leave tips for good service.

In the meantime, a few reminders during this time of giving:

Whenever possible, please tip in cash. Many restaurants still deduct a percentage of the charge card fee from the tips of their

If you are dining with enough people to trigger management's mandatory "gratuity" — quotation marks intended — ask your server what percentage of that payment goes to him or her. Often, the answer is zero.

Likewise, if you are hosting a party and using a catering service, ask in advance who gets that mandatory service charge. I have found the only sure way of getting tips to the waitstaff is to press it directly into their hands at the end of the night.

If you're staying at a hotel and order room service, do not assume that the service charge goes to the person delivering your food. Ask, and vou will likely find that he or she is getting none of it. While you're there, please tip the housekeeper every day of your stay.

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Gearing up for 2020

BY JACKIE CUSHMAN

By Tuesday night, the week's national political news was already too much to grasp. On Monday, the Justice Department's inspector general, Michael Horowitz, released the 436-page report "Review of Four FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane

"Crossfire Hurricane" was the FBI investigation opened during the 2016 presidential campaign into whether people in Donald Trump's campaign were "coordinating, wittingly or unwittingly, with the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election."

Crossfire Hurricane concluded that there was no collusion.

But that wasn't all. The report also concluded that there were "instances in which certain FBI personnel at times during the 2016-2017 period reviewed by the OJG, did not comply with existing policies, neglected to exercise appropriate diligence, or otherwise failed to meet the standard of conduct that the FBI expects of its employees — and that our country expects of the FBI.

There were so many instances of failed FBI process that, in his written response to the IG report, FBI Director Christopher Wray said he "ordered more than 40 corrective steps to address the Report's recommendations." Clearly, a lot of missteps were made during the Russian investigation.

In response to the report, Attorney General William P. Barr stated on Monday, "The FBI launched an intrusive investigation of a U.S. presidential campaign on the thinnest of suspicions that, in my view, were insufficient to justify the steps taken."

After the launch of the FBI's Russian investigation, Barr said, "in the rush to obtain and maintain FISA surveillance of Trump

campaign associates, FBI officials misled the FISA court, omitted advantage." critical exculpatory facts from their filings, and suppressed or ignored information negating the reliability of their principal

In an opposite take, The New York Times covered the release with a headline that read, "Report on F.B.I. Russia Inquiry Finds Serious Errors but Debunks Anti-Trump Plot," written by Charlie Savage, Adam Goldman and Katie Benner. My bet is Barr is correct.

Keep in mind that Barr has opened a second inquiry into the Russian investigation, which U.S. Attorney John Durham is overseeing as a potentially criminal investigation. This gives him subpoena power and the ability to call a grand jury

"Based on the evidence collected to date, and while our investigation is ongoing, last month we advised the Inspector General that we do not agree with some of the report's conclusions as to predication and how the FBI case was opened," Durham said

There is more to come when the criminal investigation is finished. But let's now pivot to the news that came out on Tuesday. That's when the Democrats, who have been wrong on Russian collusion, took President Trump to task for something else.

On Tuesday, the Democrats in the House of Representatives released two articles of impeachment against Trump. The first article focuses on abuse of power and the second on obstruction of justice. The articles focus on Trump and Ukraine.

The first article claims that Trump conducted "a scheme or course of conduct that included soliciting the Government of re-election, harm the election prospects of a political opponent, and influence the 2020 United States Presidential election to his

The second article claims, "Trump has directed the unprecedented, categorical, and indiscriminate defiance of subpoenas issued by the House of Representatives" during their impeachment proceedings.

These articles are expected to be voted on before the end of the

If passed, they will be tried in the Republican-controlled Senate, where they are expected to fail.

Let's just say for these charges: Read the transcript of the call and not opinion news.

The same day the House filed the articles of impeachment, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., announced that the House would pass Trump's U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). This is a big win for Trump.

While some claimed this gave Trump a victory and overshadowed the impeachment proceedings, others claimed this proved the Democrats could carry out the nation's business while also filing articles of impeachment.

Oh, and if that wasn't enough for you, keep in mind that there is still a chance that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will join the 2020 presidential campaign — which would just make 2020 even wilder. Just imagine how that would lead to ongoing questions about Jeffrey Epstein, his activities and his death.

With the economy roaring, and many people tuning out the never-ending soap opera in Washington, D.C., Trump is poised Ukraine to publicly announce investigations that would benefit his to win the 2020 election, whether Clinton runs or not. Thank goodness we have less than a year to go until the next election.

A drama in two acts: The House and The Senate

BY JAMIE STIEHM

They kept it simple and solemn in the House late in fall: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

These are twin articles of impeachment now facing President Donald J. Trump, just announced by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Democratic chairmen, notably Reps. Adam Schiff of Los Angeles (House Intelligence Committee) and Jerrold Nadler of New York (House Judiciary Committee). Pelosi wore bright cobalt

Artillery fire across the aisle soon erupted. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., accused them of trying to "tear down the country.

On the other side of the creamy Capitol, the Senate was still stirring, barely awake. That's the pattern we've seen all year: the House acts; the Senate reacts with a yawn.

Yet now the Senate has no choice but to get into the House act. By the Constitution's clear words, once the House impeaches the president, the eye of the Trump storm moves to the Senate. Hurricane Donald threatens to leave a shambles in his adopted

— or abducted — party wake when it's over. Just in time for the 2020 races. You can count on it: The Democratic House will impeach Trump in late 2019 — next week — and a Republican Senate trial shall

start in early 2020. As sure as stars, it won't be a pretty mud fight, whether Trump is acquitted or removed from office. It's bound to make the bitterly

partisan President Bill Clinton affair — he was impeached but not

removed — look like horsefeathers.

That House drama happened early Tuesday morning. The power of two was quickly debated and rippled among the reporters in the Rayburn Room as they ran after the speaker for questions; she took none. The lawyerly Mueller report on Russia's 2016 election interference did not make the House cut.

That was the curious thing.

Most likely, the decision to keep the articles simple was a deft stroke to protect the moderates in the House Democratic caucus.

Rather, the Pelosi impeachment is all about Ukraine. Trump's explicit July call with the president of a foreign power, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, to pressure him into announcing an investigation of a 2020 political opponent, Joe Biden, and his son Hunter is on record. (Thank you, whistleblower.)

About \$400 million of military aid was at stake, and both presidents knew it: Trump and Zelenskiy. The American president's misconduct, spelled out by the House, was simple: use state power for personal gain.
"That could mean they don't like the way you get up in the

morning," Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., fumed near the floor.

Likewise, the second House article, obstruction of Congress, is not hard to prove to the real jury, the public. The Trump White House refused to provide witnesses or documents to the impeachment inquiry.

But this is politics, not a straight legal trial. Yes, Virginia, anything could happen.

Public sentiment — and the Senate — ruled Clinton's slight affair with a young woman wasn't worth ousting a president in

peace and prosperity. Lying about his personal life in a salacious investigation did not violate the Constitution, in the end.

Most of all, Clinton was a popular president who kept his chin up during a relentless Puritan proceeding.

Trump's approval rating is a rock-solid 43% or 44%. A few Senate Republicans up for reelection in toss-up states are in a tight spot. Key battlegrounds are Iowa and Maine. Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, and Cory Gardner, R-Colo., will be

closely watched chess pieces in the Senate trial. Do they risk alienating their base volunteers and funders or independent swing voters? While there may be a couple of crossovers, such as Sens. Joe

Manchin, D-W.Va., or Mitt Romney, R-Utah., the Senate must reach 67 votes to remove Trump — a steep standard. House Democrats will stick together.

Schiff said in closing, "The President's oath of office appears to mean very little to him.

But Mitch McConnell, the shrewd Senate majority leader, may have the last word. Will he approve Hunter Biden called as a Republican trial witness? That would be foul, even in ugly political

McConnell won't even divulge the date when the Senate returns for the January trial. He's biding — or, Biden — his time. Then the

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Op-Ed: Read the article, not just the headline

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer**

> I know what you're thinking. "Ain't nobody got time for that!"

Every time I sit down to write a story, there is one lesson that a college professor taught me that I always try to keep in mind:

"Statistically, you won't keep the reader's attention for long, so

get your main info out as quickly and as simply as possible.' It's what we journalists like to call "the inverted pyramid."

In layman's terms, most writers like to build up their story to a climax halfway or three-quarters of the way into their piece, and include all the fix-ins along the way.

As reporters, we like to get the gist of it done and over with without too much extraneous fluff.

Look, we get it.

We live in an age of instant gratification, where news apps and Twitter make even the internet seem slow; sitting down and committing to an entire story (even on your smartphone) is a lot to ask sometimes.

But as readers, sometimes you have to meet us halfway.

Against my editor's advice (and maybe a bit of my better judgement as well), one of my favorite things to do is read the comment section of a story after it's been posted.

Chalk it up to my desire to spark discussion and dialogue, but I have a morbid curiosity about what readers think about the topics I cover.

Unfortunately, I've noticed a trend that's a little disheartening.

Folks, there is more to a story than its headline or its lede.

For example:

I couldn't help but chuckle at some of the comments made on my police mounted unit feature, condemning the city for spending money on such a program.

I rolled my eyes at those who drew their line in the sand, refusing to pay any more money towards a potential new hotel bed tax that will be added to the upcoming ballot.

I let out a deep, heavy sigh when someone said that an article about a free turkey giveaway declined to provide a location for the event.

Most of the mounted unit's expenses are covered by the officers themselves. Unless you stay in a hotel in the city, you won't have to worry about the new tax. Turkey's were available at 10919 Lakewood

Blvd on Nov. 27. In case you were wondering.

In other words: read the article, not just the headline. All it takes is a few extra moments of your day.

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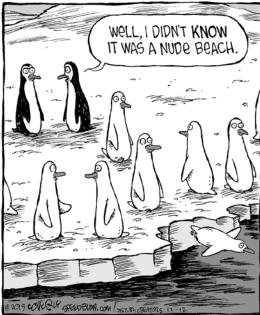
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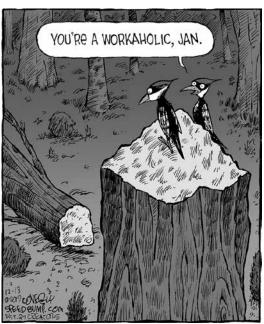
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1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

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 Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

On This Day.

Dec. 13, 1636: The United States National Guard was created when militia regiments were organized by the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

1964: In El Paso, TX, President Johnson and Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz set off an explosion that diverted the Rio Grande River, reshaping the U.S.-Mexican border. This ended a century-old border dispute.

2000: U.S. Vice President Al Gore conceded the 2000 Presidential election to Texas Gov. George W. Bush. The Florida electoral votes were won by only 537 votes, which decided the election. The election had been contested up to the U.S. Supreme Court, which said that the Florida recount (supported by the Florida Supreme Court) was unconstitutional

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com) **OPEN AND SHUT CASE: But not all containers** by Gail Grabowski

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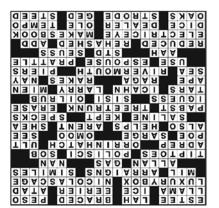
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRIS
MACIAS, 12017 EXCELSIOR DR,
NORWALK CA 90650

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

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/ CHRIS MACIAS, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019295847
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

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARICEL
GARCIA, 15408 LONGWORTH AVE,
NORWALK CA 90650

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

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or names listed above: 11/2019
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S/ MARICEL GARCIA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 8,

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2019303666

FILE NO: 2015105567 DATE FILED: APRIL 20, 2015 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): AMOR NAIL SPA AND HAIR

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 7016 SANTA FE AVENUE 7016 SANTA FE AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA,90255
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THUYLAM
VU, 12141 DITMORE DR., GARDEN

GROVE CA 92841
If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: an Individual
I declare that all information in this statement

is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/THUYLAM VU, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER

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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, CAME

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
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/ PSP POOL AND SPA PRODUCTS, PRESIDENT, ROGER VARGAS FRANCO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 18,

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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 2019303679 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMOR NAIL SPA AND HAIR, 7016 SANTA FE AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THUY T NGUYEN, 983 DENVER DRIVE, COSTA MESA CA 92626

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: 11/2019 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 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/ THUY T NGUYEN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 20,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019295261

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): Al #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 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 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/SIRVTEE HAONG, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 8, 2010.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELEVEN POINT DESIGN GROUP, 8320 ALBIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY Attolage of Industriation of Comparison to the County of Comparison to the County of Co

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAUL MERAZ CHAVEZ, 8320 ALBIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) ARCELIA MARIA CHAVEZ, 8320 ALBIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A (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: 05/2002

I declare that all the information in this 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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/ ARCELIA MARIA CHAVEZ, WIFE (CO-OWNER)

OWNER) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 12, 2019

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TRINITY HOME SOLUTIONS, 12100 IMPERIAL HWY. SUITE 103, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: C4204554 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TRINITY HOME SOLUTIONS, 910 N. WICHITA ST., ANAHEIM CA 92801

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2019
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/ TRINITY HOME SOLUTIONS, VICE PRESIDENT, MARY HELEN JOHNSON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 28, 2019
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019310993
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): Al #ON:

Number (if applicable): Al #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
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name Number (if applicable): Al #ON:

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2019
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/THE SHORT COMPANY LLC, MEMBER

STEVEN A. CHAPARRO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 2,

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2019311045 FILE NO: 2018-250542 DATE FILED:

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): GREMER MACHINE & TOOL STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 13007 LAKELAND RD, SANTA FE

CODE: 13007 LARELAND HD, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CALIFORNIA AUTOMATION PROTOTYPES, LLC, 21151 S WESTERN AVENUE, STE. 213, TORRANCE CA 90501 If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA Business was conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ CALIFORNIA AUTOMATION
PROTOTYPES, LLC, MANAGER, THOMAS

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019311891
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ANDERSON
DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES, 13923 SAN
ANTONIO DRIVE, NORWALK CA 90650,
LA COUNTY LA COUNTY

ARTICLES OF Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDERSON DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES, 13923 SAN ANTONIO DRIVE, NORWALK CA 90650

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

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/ANDERSON DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES,

PRESIDENT, HANS ANDERSON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 3,

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY

OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 181 ZONE CHANGE NO. 360
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 082718
PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO. 2024
DENSITY BONUS AGREEMENT
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Time: 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard,

Norwalk, CA 90650
Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following applications filed by Mercy Housing, a request to allow the construction of a residential apartment development with supportive services. The location of the proposed development is generally known as 13629-13705 San Antonio Drive and 11950 Foster Road (Assessor's Parcel Numbers ("APNs") 8054-016-901, 903 through 906, and 8054-016-020 ("project te"), located on the southwest corner San Antonio Drive and Foster Road, in the Institutional (I) zone and Single Family Residential (R-1) zone, respectively. The request includes the following:

1. Amend the General Plan designation of

APNs 8054-016-901, 903 through 906 of the project site from Institutional (I) to High Density Residential (HDR) and APN 8054-016-020 from Low Density Residential (LDR) to High Density Residential (HDR);
2. Re-zone APNs 8054-016-901, 903

2. Re-2016 AFNS 8034-010-901, 903 through 906 from I to Multi-Family High Density Residential (R-4) zone and APN 8054-016-020 from R-1 to R-4; 8054-016-020 from H-1 to H-4;
3. Merge multiple lots within the project site through a tentative parcel map;
4. Construct a 4-story, sixty (60) unit residential apartment development with supportive services on the project site;

Approval of a density bonus agreement;

6. Approval of a development agreement between the City and the Applicant to construct said development on City owned

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project. Final action regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be taken by the City Council. Public comments will be received on the Mitigated Negative Declaration beginning on December 13, 2019 and ending on January 2, 2020. **Public Comment:** Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. 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. Requests for electronic copies of the agenda report or comments submitted in electronic form may also be submitted via e-mail to: Beth Chow, bchow@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 to the City of Norwalk Planning Commission at or to the public hearing. Public comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted up until January 2, 2020.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner at (562) 929-5953 or bchow@horwalkca.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 13th day of December 2019

Michael L. Garcia Director of Community Development

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00439 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner TERRY UY RODRIGUEZA ON BEHALF OF ERIC NICHOLAS UY RODRIGUEZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows:
Present name (1) ERIC NICHOLAS UY
RODRIGUEZA to Proposed name (1) ERIC
NICHOLAS UY RODRIGUEZA
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 belocities to the name changes described 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: JANUARY 29, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m.,

Date: JANUARY 29, 2020, 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 26, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per ERIC NICHOLAS UY RODRIGUEZA 10615 FIRWOOD CT NORWALK, CA 90650

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NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 293-5116

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

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00427
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
MELANIE JAYE PFEIFFER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names

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. 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: JANUARY 22, 2020, 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 14, 2019 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per

Melanie Jaye Pfeiffer 10536 Bogardus Avenue Whittier, CA 90603 (714) 512-4917 Melramirez4ever@hotmail.com

The Norwalk Patriot 11/29/19, 12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19

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

CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00453
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
JESUSITA MAY BOTELLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JESUSITA MAY

BOTELLO to Proposed name (1) JESSICA MAY BOTELLO 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 reason for the phiertien at 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: FEBRUARY 5, 2020, 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 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 DECEMBER 4, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per JESUSITA MAY BOTELLO 15025 NORWALK BL NORWALK. CA 90650

NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 868-0646 The Norwalk Patriot 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19, 1/3/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00347

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANGELICA ISABEL LABADIE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names

Present name (1) ANGELICA ISABEL LABADIE to Proposed name (1) ISABEL 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 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

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 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 6, 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 The Norwalk Patriot 11/22/19, 11/29/19, 12/6/19, 12/13/19

PROBATE

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 ROBISON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SIDNEE GERALDINE ROBISON 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 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

In Pro Per Petitioner
SIDNEE GERALDINE ROBINSON
13958 DICKY STREET WHITTIER CA 90605

11/29, 12/6, 12/13/19 CNS-3317218#

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT PETER PIMENTEL aka ROBERT PIMENTEL, SR. Case No. 198T PB08331

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 representative to administer the estate of

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.

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,

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

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court clerk.

CN966341

Attorney for petitioner: ROBERT L COHEN ESQ SBN 150913 LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT L. COHEN INC 8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE BUENA PARK CA 90621 CN966341 PIMENTEL Dec 6,13,20, 2019

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TRUSTEE SALES T.S. No.: **2018-02256-CA** A.P.N.: **8082-017-007** Property Address: 12403 Cheshire Street, Norwalk, CA 90650

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT

注:本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다 NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMENDE LAINFORMACIÓNDE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LU'U Y: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BẢY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỀU NÀY

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/22/2005. 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

SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: LUCIA MENO, A SINGLE WOMAN AND MARK MENO AND CARRIE MENO, HUSBAND AND WIFE ALL AS JOINT TENANTS

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 10/05/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2396531 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 01/22/2020 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA 400 CHICAGENTER PLAZA PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 548,033.15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A 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 the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12403 Cheshire Street, Norwalk, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8082-017-007 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if

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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 548,033.15. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 The Norwalk Patriot

Short Stories

Exploring the Pacific Electric tunnels underneath L.A.

By Anthony Caldwell

I felt like I stepped back in time to Ancient Pompeii (buried by Mount Vesuvius). Only I was under modern Los Angeles in 1980!

My friend worked for AT&T at 3rd and Olive in L.A., and said "Do you want to see something fantastic under L.A. next Sunday? I immediately said "Sure."

He drove into the underground garage, signed in, and we went to a backwall

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

If the Trustee is unable to convey title

for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned

a written request to commence foreclosure

and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in

the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S 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

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

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on this property.

hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust

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

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 were sale (865) 200

of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site http://

www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/ DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.

aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2018-02256-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

Closed, Use 4th Street Dock."

counter weighted door and stepped inside. Inside was onto a wide wood walkway. It was built even with the internal loading dock. Protective steel pipes pierced the walls and were all plainly labeled "AT&T" fiber electric lines and the associated users.

"P.G.&E.," labeled

the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the

Date: November 28, 2019
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee

Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 http://www.altisource.com/ MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/ TrusteeServices.aspx

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sign that said "Loading Dock "D.W.P," and "Gas Company." utility associated pipes and He unlocked a huge sliding lines. Overhead were dim, vellowed fluorescent lights, some new, and air ducts a dim old tunnel about two emitting musty air. The whole stories high, lined in white tiles place smelled like wet concrete, very old wood, chemicals, and mold of all sorts. To the west was a locked security entrance to the BofA Twin Towers, and to the east was our destination.

We walked down the creaking walkway; past old Under the walkways were loading docks with signs of old, closed, and gone department Zales, I. Magnin, stores; Desmond's, J.W. Robinson's, and a Warner's Theater with chained-shut centurion gates.

> We came to a branch where another bricked-in barrier with the pipes and lines that entered the old "Pacific Electric" terminal, still remains, and is now a bus terminal.

We had passed signs that said AT&T, 3rd Street, Olive, Broadway, Figueroa, and Hill Street. Now we had to go north, past an old P.E. maintenance trolley on the walkway surrounding it, and saw loading docks labeled Grand Central Market and our destination of The Million Dollar Theater.

The loading dock itself was elaborate-brass railing with old and faded red sash cords. One-half of the double doors was removed for the new pipes and lines, passing neatly into the lower theater. He unlocked the right remaining door, turned on lights inside and we entered into what was now a huge storage area, which once was a very private and cozy viewing theater with what looked like a large bar. It looked like a big Speak-Easy (prohibition was the law), Hollywood-Babylon's promiscuous past is legend.

Now we went upstairs to our quest; only the lighting control room was locked so, we got our flashlights. Egyptian motifs were everywhere--the mosaic picture of an Egyptian type priestess or modern vamp like

Clara Bow or Theda Bara.

I said "A woman like that The walls had big racks holding could stop a war!" My friend countered "Or start one."

> Now we went into the main theater area. It has surprisingly been kept intact, but was being re-purposed by the L.A. Historical Preservation Society, and we found papers of their private tours.

stairs to the big balcony to see the piece de resistance. The chandelier must have weighed a ton! It was covered in gold leaf and could be lowered by cables for cleaning, to replace lights, etc.

As we left this great jewel of L.A., my friend said, "In WW ll all this was used for training military personnel and for tapping into international telephone and telegraph lines. We have found papers that seem to indicate that lots of state and California buildings were used as training centers; like the old L.A. Science Museum.

As we retraced our steps, my friend said "We are not only re-purposing the old subways, but also many underground obsolete or under used loading tunnels; some legal and some suspicious.

With the coming of new subways and New York style construction, expect lots of action to occur. Now, I see it all happening.

P.S. I want to credit my deceased friend, Ronald D. Barton, who made the information and tour possible.

Anthony Caldwell 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.

Belligerent drug-users are stumbling blocks to true homeless

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and at 6:30 in the morning, you have to leave. So, I have nowhere to go, I have to leave, now I walk around, and if I'm caught somewhere in front of a business, I'm a loiterer. Now I'm becoming a criminal; where Next we had to climb up the am I supposed to go during that

> "I have nowhere to go, and it's only in the winter months. After the winter, I'm maxed out. The shelter in uptown Whittier is not really an option."

> I can't help but feel like I walked away from these conversations with a muddled opinion on homeless. Here were a couple of individuals who could use the help, who were actively turning it away. On the other end of the spectrum was a man who wanted the help but didn't feel it was accessible to

> For something that is not "black and white," sometimes it feels entirely "black and

And then, it doesn't.

As we stood by our cars and started to wrap up our conversation, Ramirez said something to me that hasn't left my mind since we parted: "Sam is homeless. Oscar and Sabrina are drug addicts. There's a big difference between the two.'

I don't necessarily feel comfortable endorsing this statement myself, as I don't care to label someone I've only just met a drug addict or not. However, Ramirez is definitely correct in that there is a huge difference between an individual like Sam and Oscar.

There are most certainly those who do not want the help of their community, that is for sure. I can only hope that they don't end up dragging individuals like Sam - who are simply down on their luck down with them.

Economists offer mostly positive forecast for SoCal

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on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, expanding mobility through land-use decisions and increasing investment in transit and complete streets.

Among the projected economic benefits of the plan. 167,100 new jobs supported

by transportation investments. 195,500 new jobs supported by improved competitiveness.

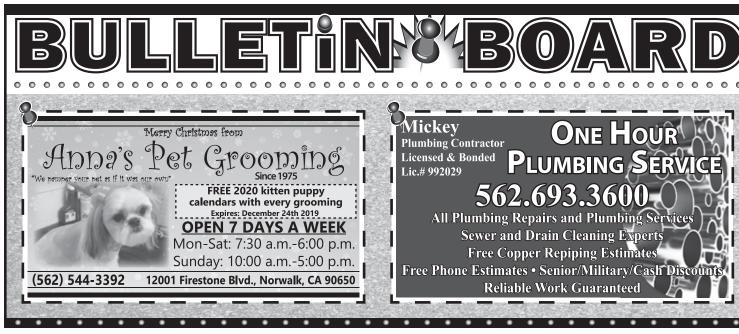
\$350 million saved per year in

health-care spending. \$138 million saved per year on air pollution-related health

An overall return of \$1.54 for every \$1 spent.

"A key to building an effective regional transportation strategy is understanding local growth patterns, which allows us to focus attention on those areas experiencing significant change and increases in transportation needs," said Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director. broadly, being able to recognize the relationship between land use and transportation management

such as supporting more mixed-use and transit-oriented development, helping to reduce commute distances and improve air quality."







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The Norwalk Patriot 07 Friday, Dec. 13, 2019

Paging Dr. Frischer...

yet to hear from even one of my patients that getting older macular degeneration occurs

is a breeze. Age-related macular degeneration (A M D) develops as we age, and is the leading cause severe, irreversible

vision loss in those over 60. One in five over 75 suffer from it. What is this terrible disease, and how can we treat it? Can it be prevented?

The retina is the light- experience the wet type in one

It's hard to grow old. I have sensing nerve tissue at the back of the eye. Age-related when the small central portion of the retina (the macula) deteriorates. Although AMD almost never leads to complete blindness, it is nonetheless extremely debilitating.

> There are two main types of AMD. Most starts as the dry type, but 10-20% of the time it progresses to the wet type, which can result in more serious vision loss. It is always bilateral (occurring in both eyes), but does not necessarily progress at the same pace in both eyes. It is possible to

eye and the dry type in the

With the dry form, there are yellow deposits in the macula. A few small deposits may not cause changes in vision, but as they increase in both size and number, vision becomes dimmer and distorted. This is mostly noticed when reading. In more advanced stages of dry macular degeneration, there is also a thinning of the light-sensitive layer of cells in the macula, which leads to atrophy (tissue death), and blind spots occur in the center of the vision.

With the wet form, there is a growth of abnormal blood vessels from underneath the macula. These blood vessels retina, causing distortion of

vision. These abnormal blood no vessels and their bleeding to permanent loss of central

How do you know if you have macular degeneration? Watch for blurred or hazy vision, where the center of the view looking straight ahead is blurry. Some people experience blank spots in the main line of vision. There may be flashes of light in one or both eyes, halos that appear around lights at night, or a change in the color of the iris or clarity of the cornea. Even with magnification and more light, reading and writing become increasingly difficult.

What treatments are leak blood and fluid into the available? In the early stages of dry AMD, taking some vision that makes straight antioxidants may reduce lines look wavy, as well as vision loss. For later stages blind spots and loss of central of dry AMD there is currently

There is a treatment that eventually form a scar, leading can slow the progression of wet macular degeneration. Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) is a naturally occurring protein in the trigger formation of new blood degeneration. vessels. However, in certain diseases (including wet AMD) it is also associated with the growth of abnormal new blood vessels in the eye. An injection is available that can slow down this process. Eye drops are currently under study which may be able to replace the need for an injection.

> Can we reduce our risk for macular degeneration? Very possibly. Stop smoking Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, cigarettes, eat fatty fish like salmon, tuna, mackerel or sardines twice a week, and eat plenty of vegetables and fruits. Wear sunglasses for protection. Researchers with

> approved treatment. the Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) reported that nutritional supplements containing omega 3 fatty acids, vitamin C, vitamin E, betacarotene, zinc and copper may reduce the risk of developing body, and its normal role is to advanced age-related macular

> > Age-related macular degeneration is truly a terrible disease, however, there is significant progress in research being made and the future is promising.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E.

Paramount students earn National Merit commendations

PARAMOUNT — Paramount which lets me know I'm mov-High School senior Rebecca ing in the right direction." Mejia has been recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar and seniors Edward Quezada and Jocelyn Ureña have received certificates from the National Hispanic Recognition Program for outstanding scholastic achievement.

Mejia was recognized for finishing near the top 34,000 in the U.S. in the 2018 PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. A four-year varsity cross country athlete, she maintains a 4.41 GPA and hopes to pursue environmental studies at UC Davis. She also created a green club among her cross country team members that picks up trash at Paramount High School's West

"I'm really interested in environmental sustainability and trying to improve the world around me," Mejia said. "It's definitely an honor to be named a Commended Scholar,

Quezada has found himself moving in the direction of technology. He attended the California State Summer School for Mathematics and UC Irvine where he fed his appetite for computer science. He is now starting a cybersecurity club where his peers can collaborate to learn the basics of encryption.

"I think artificial intelligence and technology innovation is the future, and I'd like to be a part of it," Quezada said.

Ureña is studying in the District's Patient Care Pathway and plans to become a gynecologist, but she is also inspired by the arts. Last year, she won a playwright competition for her original work, "Bumps in the Night," which was performed by a local theater.

"Having actors perform my work and interpret my words

was amazing," Ureña said. "It really inspired me to keep pursuing my passions in all areas of my life.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program recognizes about 7,000 academically out-Science over the summer at standing Hispanic/Latino high school juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT.

> Paramount Unified waives the registration fee for the PSAT and SAT to allow students to test free of charge and remove any financial barriers keeping them from success.

> "These three scholars are thriving inside the classroom and out and are truly a wonderful example of what's possible for our students with hard work and purpose," PUSD Superintendent Ruth Pérez said. "We're all very proud of what these students have accomplished and look forward to the successes still in store for them."







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Report: To afford a home, you need to make at least \$127K

LOS ANGELES — New home. numbers are confirming what home in Los Angeles County is extremely difficult.

According to the California Association of Realtors, a minimum income of \$127,200 is needed to afford a mortgage payment on a single-family home price of \$649,570.

The association found the monthly payment would be \$3,180.

The number is out of reach for most county residents as only 25% are able to afford it.

The figure was still an improvement from last year, the region. when 22% were able to afford a

County's numbers many of us know - buying a reflect a high housing cost trend in the rest of California.

In San Francisco, the median price of a home is \$1,580,000, which would require a \$309,600 salary from a homeowner.

The association said housing payment on a single-family affordability in California home at the county's median improved in 42 tracked counties, and declined in five counties from a year ago.

In Southern California, affordability did improve. L.A. and Orange counties tied for being the least affordable, while San Bernardino County was listed as the most affordable in



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Legislators celebrate clean-up of contamination site

communities in California, eight of which are in Los Angeles, have been exposed to man-made environmental lead disasters. On Monday, one community celebrated with elected officials, community activists affected families during a press conference touting the recent passage of legislation and budget funding that will expand and expedite clean-up remediation's statewide.

The legislation, AB 142, by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) will increase the fee battery manufacturers pay from \$1 to \$2 and mandates all homes be cleaned up prior to repayment of the 2016 general fund loan of \$176.6 originally set up to clean up less than 1/4 of the affected homes.

In coordination with Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis (District 1), an additional \$74.5 million was secured this year for expedited clean up's through the State General Fund

Budget. "Finally, we have mechanism in place to leave no one behind by providing urgent and ongoing funding for clean-up of this preventable, man-made environmental disaster that has plagued my community," said Cristina Garcia. "This is about environmental justice and ensuring we protect future generations of kids from the horrible effects of lead exposure. It's a personal issue for me and the communities I represent and live in. Creating an expanded clean-up fund that puts the people affected by these poisonings-often poor, working class communities of color—is long overdue. community deserves

COMMERCE - At least 16 clean air, clean water and safe playgrounds.'

Exide, the former operator of a battery facility located in Vernon, CA, was believed to be the cause of a massive lead contamination found in surrounding communities, has declared bankruptcy in California making the recovery of cleanup costs difficult. Decontamination of the production site alone is estimated at \$500 million to \$1

"For far too long, hard working families near Exide suffered due to years of prolonged exposure to dangerously high levels of lead that harmed many pregnant women and children, said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. thank Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia for AB 142 which will help lead-contaminated sites receive additional funds to expedite cleanup efforts. I am also grateful Gov. Newsom signed AB 142 into law, and that he included \$74.5 million in the state's budget to accelerate the cleanup of homes affected by Exide. Together, we are prioritizing environmental helping our justice and communities heal."

The effects of improper production, disposal, recycling of lead-acid batteries are detrimental to communities. Lead contamination has severe consequences, especially for young children and pregnant mothers, including cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive are safe for humans.

children in LA County with elevated blood lead levels each year, more must be done to in AB 2153. Today's legislation eliminate dangerous exposures to lead in soil, homes and

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schools," said Dr. Barbara to General Fund repayment. Ferrer, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. "ÂB 142, in concert with Supervisor Solis' work securing millions of dollars in funding to expedite the cleanup process, will help ensure that lead have the resources to mitigate and prevent additional exposures that have harmful health consequences for women and children. We applaud Assemblywoman Garcia and Supervisor Solis for their extraordinary leadership on this effort and for their constant dedication to the wellbeing of communities across Los Angeles.'

Garcia succeeded in passing legislation in 2016 (AB 2153) which reallocated small portion of an existing fee on new batteries purchased by consumers and sold by manufactures. That fee created a Lead Acid Battery Clean Up Fund to compensate toxic contamination cleanup's in thousands of homes throughout California through the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). There are at least 16 smelting sites in California communities that have tested positive for lead that would be eligible for Battery Fee funding.

In 2018 the governor took initial fee proceeds from the 2016 legislation fund to pay back the General Fund loan instead of allowing funds to harm. No levels of lead exposure accrue for clean-up efforts. Assemblywoman Garcia and "With more than 3,000 the local environmental justice regardless of economic status or community felt that move was afoul of the legislative intent seeks to clarify that intent by mandating the clean-ups prior

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Assemblymember Miguel Santiago (D-53) and Assemblywoman Wendy Carrillo (D-51) were co-authors of this legislation which received consensus support from industry and environmental communities exposed to toxic advocates. The bill will likely serve as a model for other manmade disaster remediations given its inceptive policy and funding mechanism structure.

"Protecting the health and well-being of my constituents livinginthefalloutzoneofExide's negligence is paramount, said Assemblymember Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles). "Since the plant shut down four years ago, we have fought to secure millions of dollars from the state for cleanup efforts. But there is still much work to be done. That is why I am a proud coauthor of AB 142 and applaud my colleague Assemblymember Cristina Garcia for securing this vital funding source for our communities to continue a thorough, rapid cleanup.'

"Disenfranchised communities have suffered from environmental harms and injustice impacting the health of our families and children for far too long," said Assemblymember Carrillo (D-Los Angeles). "Toxic waste and contamination caused by lack of oversight needs to managed and cleaned up. With AB 142, which I am proud to coauthor, there will no longer be the excuse that the funds don't exist. This is about justice for our most vulnerable residents where they live.'





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