

CVS customers may have been exposed to measles

NORWALK — A person with a confirmed case of measles visited a Norwalk pharmacy last month, exposing customers and staff to infection, health officials said Wednesday.

The infected person visited the CVS at 11623 Rosecrans Ave. on Jan. 30 between 4:20 p.m. and 6:40 p.m.

Unimmunized persons who were at this CVS during this time are at risk of exposure for up to 21 days.

The L.A. County Department of Public Health is dealing with a local outbreak of measles involving five people. Four of these measles patients were exposed after coming in contact with an “international visitor” who was infected with measles while in L.A. County.

Health officials urged anyone who may have been exposed to monitor themselves for illness with fever and/or unexplained rash. Pregnant women, infants, and those with a weakened immune system should see a doctor immediately.

FICO changing how it scores credit

FICO is changing how it calculates credit scores, and the new criteria reveal some of the trouble spots in Americans’ financial health.

Two of the most substantial changes in the new scoring models, FICO Score 10 and 10T, are how they account for personal loans and how they measure creditworthiness over time.

Previous FICO score models were not anchored as much to personal loan data, yet since 2015 the number of personal loans has risen 42%, making personal loans the fastest-growing category of debt in the country. Currently, there is upwards of \$156 billion in outstanding personal loan debt.

Matt Schulz, chief industry analyst at CompareCards.com, said it’s crucial to access personal loan data to get an accurate view into someone’s financial health.

“If you are trying to figure out the state of someone’s finances and stability and you aren’t taking personal loans into account you’re leaving out something significant,” he said, adding that “it’s a good thing FICO put it in.”

Americans take out personal loans to cover a variety of expenses. The most common reasons are debt consolidation, credit-card refinancing, and home improvements, according to 2019 data from LendingTree. Interest rates on personal loans are heavily influenced by the borrower’s credit score, and ranged from about 6% to 36% as of January 2020, according to NerdWallet.

“For people living paycheck to paycheck, knowing how much they need to pay in a given month and how soon they will need to pay a balance off is a very good thing,” Schulz said. “Some people would be willing to pay more in interest for the predictability clarity.”

Robert Humann, general manager at Credible, an online loan marketplace, said that “the changes to the FICO score methodology should help protect consumers who are not managing credit card debt wisely from getting into deeper trouble with a personal loan.” Scores for consumers who aren’t

Norwalk mourns former mayor



MARCIAL ‘ROD’ RODRIGUEZ. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF NORWALK

Memorial services will be held today.

NORWALK - Former Norwalk Mayor Marcial “Rod” Rodriguez, who served on the Council from 1982 -1990, has died.

Rodriguez passed away early morning on Jan. 27, the city announced in a press release. He is survived by his children Peggy Zupan and Michael Rodriguez, three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

“Our hearts and prayers are

with the Rodriguez family,” said current Mayor Margarita L. Rios. “Mr. Rodriguez was a key figure in our City’s history; not only did he serve our Community, but he also represented Norwalk in larger organizations. We will fondly remember his dedication to our connected community.”

Rodriguez served two terms as part of the Norwalk City Council, including two mayoral terms in 1985 and 1988.

Rodriguez’s commitment to public service extended beyond the community, as he

also served as a member of the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee and League of California Cities Employee Relations Policy Committee, as well as President of the Hispanic Elected Local Officials Caucus of the National League of Cities and the California Contract Cities Association.

Memorial services will be held at 9:30 am on Friday, Feb. 7 at St. John of God, located on 13819 Pioneer Boulevard.

Kevin Gano was champion of public safety



KEVIN GANO. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF NORWALK

NORWALK - The City of Norwalk and the entire law enforcement community is mourning the loss of Kevin Gano, who passed away Sunday morning after battling cancer.

Gano became a well-respected community leader for his introduction of community policing and its positive impact in crime reduction.

“Kevin Gano was a monumental figure in Norwalk history,” said Rios. “His dedication to quality of life issues resulted in the introduction of community policing, a program that many communities follow today. His legacy will remain with us as we carry on the programs that he introduced aimed at enriching the lives of our community members.”

In the early 1990’s, Norwalk neighborhoods were controlled by warring gangs who proudly named themselves after their neighborhood turf. As a result of the growing community concerns over increasing crimes, the City of Norwalk established the Public Safety Department.

“Kevin Gano founded the Public Safety Department and became its first director,” said Vice Mayor Luigi Vernola. “His approach to public safety changed the face of Norwalk. Community policing gave

residents a sense of security to enjoy gatherings outside their homes—something that had not been possible.”

During the first fifteen years, community-based policing efforts changed the community’s outlook towards law enforcement agencies by establishing positive communication and trusting relations. The perception of law enforcement improved substantially and was reflected in the increase of calls for service, improved response time and decrease in overall crime rates.

In fact, in the early 2000s, the FBI ranked Norwalk among the top 20 safest cities with populations over 100,000. The high ranking by the FBI was a result of innovative community policing programs.

“Norwalk would not be the thriving City it is today, without Kevin’s leadership,” said Councilmember Tony Ayala. “He was a true public servant who went beyond the badge to help at-risk teens, growing professionals and the entire community.”

The success of the Department of Public Safety was in part due to the partnerships between residents and governmental agencies. Kevin Gano worked with other

law enforcement agencies to establish programs that would curtail crime and assist families with at-risk teens. Examples of the programs include Curfew Enforcement, Community Probation, Community Service, Street Gang Injunction, Family Intervention Team and much more.

“Kevin was one of the most well-respected individuals not just in Norwalk but in the entire law enforcement community,” said Councilmember Jennifer Perez. “His exceptional character and holistic approach to public safety made him a revered household name.”

In 2018, under leadership of the current City Council, the Public Safety Department was tasked with re-implementing the original community policing model. Today, the City has implemented programs to support this approach to public safety, including Neighborhood/Business Watch, Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Block Parties, National Night Out, Neighborhood Enhancement Team, and youth-centered initiatives such as Public Safety Cadet and Junior Park Ranger programs.

“Kevin gave the City of Norwalk and our residents the best of his professional career,” said Councilmember Leonard Shryock. “We will carry his name and legacy by continuing to make Norwalk a safe and secure community.”

Kevin Gano is survived by his wife, Darlene and children Jeanette and Kevin Jr. and two grandchildren, Ava and Ella. The City has established a memorial site at the Tribute to Norwalk’s Emergency Professionals Monument at the City Hall Lawn.

Memorial services will be shared at a later time.

Norwalk restaurant grades

- Taco Joe**
13019 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/31/20
Grade: **A**
- Pioneer Spa**
16511 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/30/20
Grade: **A**
- 88 Kings**
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/23/20
Grade: **A**
- 3 Amigos Tacos**
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/23/20
Grade: **A**
- Go Hyang Jib**
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/23/20
Grade: **A**
- Rivera’s Juice Bar**
11912 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/22/20
Grade: **A**
- Taco Bell / Pizza Hut Express**
11005 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/15/20
Grade: **A**
- Hole in One Donut Plus**
11702 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 1/15/20
Grade: **A**
- Domino’s**
10948 Imperial Hwy.
Inspected: 1/15/20
Grade: **A**
- KFC**
10905 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/15/20
Grade: **A**
- Del Taco**
10644 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/3/20
Grade: **A**
- Church’s Chicken**
15816 s Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/26/19
Grade: **A**
- 7 Eleven**
14835 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/20/19
Grade: **A**
- McDonalds**
11053 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/17/19
Grade: **A**
- Subway**
10995 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/17/19
Grade: **A**
- Pizza Hut**
11006
Date Inspected: 12/17/19
Grade: **A**
- Subway**
15925 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/17/19
Grade: **A**
- Randy’s Donuts**
10989 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/17/19
Grade: **A**
- Target**
10600 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/16/19
Grade: **A**
- Target Cafe**
10600 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/16/19
Grade: **A**
- Starbucks (Target)**
10600 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/16/19
Grade: **A**
- Home Style Donuts**
12840 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/16/19
Grade: **A**
- Spoon Me Latin Delights**
14431 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/16/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70° ☀️

Saturday 70° ☀️

Sunday 65° ☁️

THINGS TO DO



Cirque Mechanics
Friday - Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 8 pm

A circus like no other, featuring a galloping mechanical metal horse and a rotating tent frame for strongmen, acrobats, and aerialists. Tickets start at \$40.



Frida - Stroke of Passion
All Weekend - Casa 101 Theatre

This play explores Frida Kahlo’s mental, emotional and physical condition during the last week of her life. Tickets start at \$25.



“__ By Women”
Friday - Stay Gallery, 7-10 pm

Opening reception for “__ By Women,” a new group exhibit featuring the works of four female artists.



Sip & Paint
Saturday - Whittier Museum, 4 pm

Enjoy wine and snacks while creating your own masterpiece. \$40 with proceeds benefiting the Whittier Historical Society and Museum.



Dennis the Menace Park Grand Re-Opening
Saturday - Dennis the Menace Park, 9 am

Join the celebration as Dennis the Menace Park officially reopens after an extensive renovation.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

The City of Norwalk is proud to welcome BurgerIm to our community. We congratulate them on their Grand Opening and wish them great success.. @CityofNorwalkCA

Twitter.com/DowneyPatriot

Norwalk Library to undergo multi-million dollar renovation

The library will close mid-March and is expected to reopen at the end of the year.

NORWALK — This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved plans for a major refurbishment of the Norwalk Library. The vote also approved the transfer of \$4 million of Supervisor Janice Hahn's 4th Supervisorial District Capital Funds to go towards the project.

The Los Angeles County Development Authority will oversee the construction and development of the Project as it now goes to bids following Tuesday's vote.

"The Norwalk Library has been a community resource for



decades and it's time it gets a little TLC," said Supervisor Hahn. "The Norwalk community deserves a modern, world class library and later this year they

library services."

The refurbishment will include minor interior demolition, carpet, paint, refurbishment of public areas, upgrades to ADA restrooms, selected areas for furniture and shelving, and a new circulation desk.

Construction is planned to begin in April. The Norwalk Library will close in mid-March, whereupon a triple-wide modular will open at the site, ensuring seamless service to the Norwalk community.

Construction is expected to be completed by late November 2020 with a grand re-opening scheduled for December.

Downey student saves the world with a Snickers in Super Bowl ad



DOWNEY — Everybody knows that the Super Bowl is less about the game on the field and more about the star-studded commercials between plays.

That is, everyone except maybe for 11-year-old Steven Gomez; he'd been in commercials before, yet didn't realize just how big a deal his most recent work was.

Gomez, a student at Unsworth Elementary School, entered the entertainment business when he was just five years old. Gomez's mom, Elizabeth, said that her son's acting career began as a way to add to his college fund.

While he's done a smattering of print and tv / short work, commercials tend to be his forte. Naturally, it was only a matter of time before he'd take his place during the biggest sporting event of the year.

"I got an audition request for the commercial a while back,"

said Gomez. "I did it, I got the call back, and eventually I got it."

Gomez has previously done around 7 commercials, including one for Honda that is currently out.

"My first commercial I did with my family...it was for TJ Maxx," said Gomez.

The Super Bowl ad was definitely the biggest he's done, however.

Gomez was part of the ad for Snickers, which featured hundreds of extras and celebrities coming together to offer up an oversized candy bar in an attempt to fix the world's problems.

He even gets a line in the full version of the commercial.

However, when he hit the airwaves on Sunday, Gomez wasn't even watching the game; he was in his room, playing with his cousin.

In fact, when he's not dropping Snickers bars into pits for the sake of world peace, he's just your ordinary kid; he's a shortstop on his baseball team at Northwest Downey Little League, he participates in Robotics clubs at school, he plays Minecraft with his friends online.

Obviously still very young and with his future still miles ahead of him, Gomez hasn't completely decided on if he will pursue acting as a career.

He hasn't completely ruled it out though.

"I haven't fully decided," said Gomez. "If I want to, I can definitely do that though... becoming a full-time actor is definitely something I'm considering. I've already got a pretty good start."



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Exhibit at Stay Gallery aims to inspire women in the arts

DOWNEY — Stay Gallery will present, "____ by women", an interactive group exhibition featuring the works of four female artists, running Feb. 7-21.

An opening reception is scheduled for Feb. 7 from 7-10

p.m.

The exhibit features the works of Melissa Arevalo, Luna Esparza, Marianna Flores and Josie Marlyn and highlights a colorful array of graphic design, illustration and photography

that aim to inspire and empower female creators.

"____ by women" represents the infinite possibilities women can achieve. The title includes a blank line that allows viewers to fill the space with their own imagination.

The exhibition will feature an interactive installation where viewers can fill in the title of the exhibit on a personalized notecard. These notecards will be displayed on a board in the gallery.

"We want to see more women in art and design," the four artists said in a statement. "With our exhibition, we hope to inspire young girls to pursue their dreams and passion projects through positivity and authenticity."

To learn more about the exhibition, visit staygallery.org/bywomen

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Aquitted but not Exonerated

BY JUDGE ANDREW P. NAPOLITANO

“The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command.” — George Orwell, “1984”

The Senate trial of President Donald Trump ended not with a bang but a whimper. What different outcome could one expect from a trial without so much as a single witness, a single document, any cross-examination or a defendant respectful enough to show up?

Law students are taught early on that a trial is not a grudge match or an ordeal; it is a search for the truth. Trial lawyers know that cross-examination is the most effective truth-testing tool available to them. But the search for the truth requires witnesses, and when the command from Senate Republican leaders came down that there shall be no witnesses, the truth-telling mission of Trump’s trial was radically transformed into a steamroller of political power.

And in its wake is a Congress ceding power to the presidency, almost as if the states had ratified a constitutional amendment redefining the impeachment language to permit a president to engage in high crimes and misdemeanors so long as he believes that they are in the national interest and so long as his party has an iron-clad grip on the Senate.

How could presidential crimes be in the national interest? Here is the backstory.

When the House of Representatives voted in favor of two articles of impeachment against Trump, it characterized his lawlessness as contempt of Congress and an abuse of power. The contempt of Congress consisted of Trump’s orders to subordinates to disregard congressional subpoenas. Both Republican- and Democratic-controlled Houses of Representatives have deemed such presidential instructions in an impeachment inquiry as impeachable per se.

The abuse allegations address Trump’s solicitation of assistance for his reelection campaign from a foreign government by holding up the release of \$391 million in military aid to the same foreign government. These funds were congressionally appropriated and

ordered to be paid by legislation that Trump had signed into law.

Federal law prohibits such solicitation as criminal and prohibits government officials from seeking personal favors in return for performing their governmental duties. The latter is bribery.

Because the solicitation that Trump committed was a crime against the government, it is among those referred to when the Constitution was written as a “high” crime. High crimes are a constitutional basis for impeachment, along with bribery and treason.

The evidence that Trump did this is overwhelming and beyond a reasonable doubt, and no one with firsthand knowledge denied it. Numerous government officials recounted that the presidential leverage of \$391 million for a personal political favor did occur and the government’s own watchdog concluded that it was indisputably unlawful.

The favor Trump sought was an announcement by the Ukrainian government of the commencement of an investigation of Trump’s potential presidential foe, former Vice President Joe Biden.

While the Senate was hearing House prosecution managers argue their case, and Trump’s lawyers challenging those arguments, The New York Times revealed that John Bolton, Trump’s former national security adviser, had authored an as yet unpublished book demonstrating that the House case against Trump was true. True, because, unlike the senators who shut their eyes and ears at Trump’s trial, Bolton saw for himself the presidential tit-for-tat machinations that the House had alleged and, if proven, were criminal and impeachable.

The Times also revealed the existence of 24 emails sent by Trump aides manifesting indisputably his lawless behavior. But they are secret.

At the same time, two signal events occurred in the trial. The first was an argument by Trump’s lawyers that every president seeking reelection believes his victory will be in the national interest and thus all presidential efforts toward that victory are constitutional

and lawful.

This morally bankrupt, intellectually dishonest argument — which effectively resuscitates from history’s graveyard Richard Nixon’s logic that “when the president does it, that means that it is not illegal” because the president is above the law — must have resonated with Senate Republican leaders. They coerced their Senate Republican colleagues into embracing the view that — since the president did not want Bolton to testify or White House emails to be revealed — they must bar all witnesses and documents.

The second signal event was shameful. It was the 51 to 49 Senate vote to bar witnesses and documents from the trial.

Isn’t it odd that a president who clamors for exoneration, who claimed loud and long that he committed no crime and did no wrong, who insisted that his request to the Ukrainian president to seek dirt on Biden in return for American financial assistance was “perfect,” would command the members of his own party to block testimony adverse to him — rather than hear it, cross-examine it, challenge it and thereby obtain the exoneration on the merits that he seeks?

Do innocent people behave this way?

If Trump really believes he did not commit any crimes and any impeachable offenses, why would he orchestrate blocking evidence? And who — having taken an oath to do “impartial justice” — would close their eyes to the truth? How could such a marathon of speeches possibly be considered a trial?

Trump will luxuriate in his victory. But the personal victory for him is a legal assault on the Constitution. The president has taken an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. Instead, he has trashed it. How? By manipulating Senate Republicans to bar firsthand evidence and keep it from senatorial and public scrutiny, Trump and his Senate collaborators have insulated him and future presidents from the moral and constitutional truism that no president is above the law.

Somewhere, Richard Nixon is smiling.

State of Disunion

BY LAURA HOLLIS

Anyone who has watched the English Parliament debate knows that — ceremonial forms of address notwithstanding — they can be a fairly raucous bunch, routinely shouting down opposing speakers, yelling out, “Hear, hear!” and even booing with some regularity. This includes events at which the prime minister speaks before Parliament.

By contrast, debate in the United States Congress tends to be a comparatively staid and polite affair. (There have been notable exceptions. For example, in 1856, then-Rep. Preston Brooks, a pro-slavery Democrat from South Carolina, assaulted then-Sen. Charles Sumner, an abolitionist Republican from Massachusetts, hitting him repeatedly in the head with a heavy metal-topped cane, nearly killing him.)

Opportunities for the president of the United States to address Congress are treated as events warranting the greatest decorum. Consider 2009, when then-President Barack Obama addressed a joint session of Congress to defend his health care proposal. Joe Wilson, a Republican representative from South Carolina, infamously yelled out, “You lie!” This outburst was viewed by politicians (on both side of the aisle) and pundits alike as a grievous breach of propriety. Wilson apologized to President Obama and received an official reprimand by the House of Representatives.

As with so many other things, the courtesy and professionalism we expect of our elected officials is waning in the era of President Donald Trump, replaced by unceasing ire and outrage. This week’s State of the Union address was a sad example. Some Democrats such as Reps. Maxine Waters and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez simply refused to attend. Other Democrats refused to stand when the president entered the chamber. During Trump’s speech, large numbers of Democrats yelled loudly to interrupt him. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in a shocking departure from protocol, did not introduce the president with the traditional honorarium — “I have the high privilege and distinct honor of presenting to you the president of the United States.” Instead, she said merely, “Members of Congress, the president of the United States.”

Pelosi then mumbled to herself, chewed her lip, rifled through papers and made sourpuss faces throughout the entire speech. But the grossest breach of professional etiquette was at the end of Trump’s speech. As soon as the president concluded, amid the applause from (most of) those in attendance, Pelosi made a point of standing up, ripping her paper copy of Trump’s speech in two and tossing the pieces on the desk in front of her in an open gesture of disgust.

The social media universe went nuts, and it was not just Republican and conservative viewers who were appalled. A number of self-described Democratic voters called C-SPAN to express their disapproval of Pelosi’s antics. George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley (himself a Democrat) issued a scathing condemnation of Pelosi’s conduct, calling her behavior “extremely petty and profoundly inappropriate”: “Pelosi seemed to be intent on mocking President Trump from behind his back with sophomoric facial grimaces and head shaking, culminating in her ripping up a copy of his address. ... (S)he tore up something far more important than a speech. Pelosi has shredded decades of tradition, decorum and civility that the nation could use now more than ever. ... If Pelosi cannot maintain the dignity and neutrality of her office at the State of the Union, she should resign as the speaker of the House of Representatives.”

Democrats’ excuse, of course, is that they despise Trump, that he has been impeached (“for life,” in Pelosi’s words), and that he does not deserve their respect.

There are at least two problems with that rationale. First, it is the office that warrants respect, whatever one’s differences may be with the person who occupies it.

But more seriously (in my view, at least), congressional Democrats have let their loathing of Trump spill over into their views of Americans generally. Much has been made of the fact that Democrats in attendance refused to stand or applaud in response to the good economic news of record-low unemployment rates for black and Hispanic Americans, veterans, women and the disabled; record-low rates of poverty for black Americans; and a trade deal that enjoys

the support of America’s labor unions. Nor did Democrats show any sympathy or support for Janiyah Davis, a fourth grader and the child of a single mother, for whom Trump announced an Opportunity Scholarship; or for the family of Rocky Jones, murdered by an illegal immigrant who was shielded from deportation by sanctuary policies.

Minorities, women, union workers, single parents — these are supposed to be Democrats’ natural constituencies. If you cannot celebrate the betterment of your fellow citizens’ circumstances because they were improved by policies advanced by your political opponent, then you are an ideologue and a fraud.

It’s unclear whom Democrats think they are winning over with this self-serving petulance. There is already a #WalkAway movement of disgruntled former Democrats. And African American activist Candace Owens, with her “Blexit” advocacy, is peeling away black support from Democrats. Owens argues that Democrats don’t really want minorities or the poor to succeed; their behavior at the State of the Union makes her claims that much more credible.

We are still far from the acrimony that prompted Preston Brooks to attempt the murder of Charles Sumner in 1856. But the Wikipedia entry states that the attack “contributed significantly to the country’s polarization over the issue of slavery” and is considered a precursor to “the ‘breakdown of reasoned discourse’ and the use of violence that eventually led to the American Civil War.”

It is not absurd to worry whether the ongoing breakdown of political propriety and reasoned discourse in our own age poses a similar threat.

A Union broken with a Senate surrender

BY JAMIE STIEHM

“The state of the union is fractured, and the reason is all me, folks. I made it my job to tear America in two and did it better than anybody, better than Lincoln.”

That’s what we won’t hear when President Donald Trump delivers the annual State of the Union speech to the assembled Congress, Cabinet, Pentagon brass, chief justice and others.

Tuesday’s ritual is a Washington scene in full dress, sure to give Trump psychic healing from his impeachment trial vote, set for Wednesday afternoon. As a guest in the House of Representatives, will he taunt the Democratic House with the Republican Senate’s forthcoming acquittal? Will he poke fun at the Iowa caucuses?

After the trial, then begins “Trump Uncaged,” the show up next till the end of his time: venom, threats, savage mockery, bigotry — un-American stuff. Or so we thought.

Let me, as a witness to the impeachment drama, offer my State of the Union in advance of the president’s crowing narrative. Remember, he’s completely unconstrained now.

The real rub is that the president is changing us Americans, giving light to a dark crevice in our character. He embodies — and emboldens — baleful defiance. The great presidents, like cheerful, sunny Franklin D. Roosevelt, bring out the best in us.

America has not changed Trump — “perfect” while pressing Ukraine to interfere in our elections, he said. His brand of fury has spread like fever to half the body politic. That’s all he needs to win.

“Our radical Democrat opponents are driven by hatred, prejudice and rage. ... They want to destroy our country as we know it,” Trump declared.

It’s no secret Trump hates challenges to his authority. He can’t even handle limits, such as global treaties with allies or criticism from courageous Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Oddly, the height of white male privilege always sounds aggrieved, like a victim. Trump also lashes out at the top echelon of his government: generals, ambassadors, Cabinet officials, the intelligence community. No president in civil society has openly insulted individuals and institutions in such a way before.

That’s bad. What’s worse, he now knows there’s no price to pay

Transparency in government

Dear Editor:

“Transparency,” that’s a very hard word to pronounce and spell, especially if you’re in government (local, county, state or national).

Where is Norwalk’s share of the gas tax money? Why haven’t I seen improvements in new paved streets?

You need need to have a 4-wheel drive vehicle to drive on some of our streets, like Excelsior between Bloomfield and Norwalk, and Shoemaker between Rosecrans and the overpass.

Transparency? Sure.

Jorge Montero
Norwalk

— thanks to the Senate’s tragic turn.

So, the Senate Pledge of Allegiance should change its wording from “one nation under God” to “one nation under Trump.” The Senate once had pride, dignity and a sense of itself as the last bastion of law, liberty and checks and balances in the Constitution.

Yet the Republican majority acted deaf to the House managers’ deft case against Trump for abuse of power and obstructing Congress.

The Senate fall and surrender of its own power to check the president would roil its giants, like Sens. Edward Kennedy and John McCain. Rows of lesser senators — from the South and rural states like Kansas and North Dakota — sat like stones, unmoved by mountains of evidence.

Trump’s claim that Article 2 gives him “the right to do whatever I want” was not laughed off the Senate floor; it was pretty much the verdict. Clear as day, the Republican majority fears him like Caesar. They serve at his whim.

Robert C. Byrd, a late Senate giant, once told me in an interview: “Caesar did not seize power. The Roman Senate ceded power to Caesar.” That always stayed with me. Now I know why. It’s not just a history lesson anymore.

Trump’s political talents are shrewd. Governors and seasoned senators who underestimated him in 2016 were vanquished. While he lost the popular vote in a perfect storm with Russian meddling, he nonetheless became president.

Remarkably, Trump never reached out to the other half of the nation that opposed him. American presidents usually seek to heal and unite us. On the contrary, Trump has forcefully split us apart, polarizing friends and families and furthering the divide between coastal cities versus the rural center and the Old South.

We are “us and them.” That’s the state of the union.

Trump spoke of “carnage” his first hour in office. He declared war on the press his first day. He declared war on Muslim travelers his first week. He defended white nationalist violence in Virginia his first summer. And so on.

The Roman Senate made Caesar dictator for life.

The Norwalk Patriot STAFF

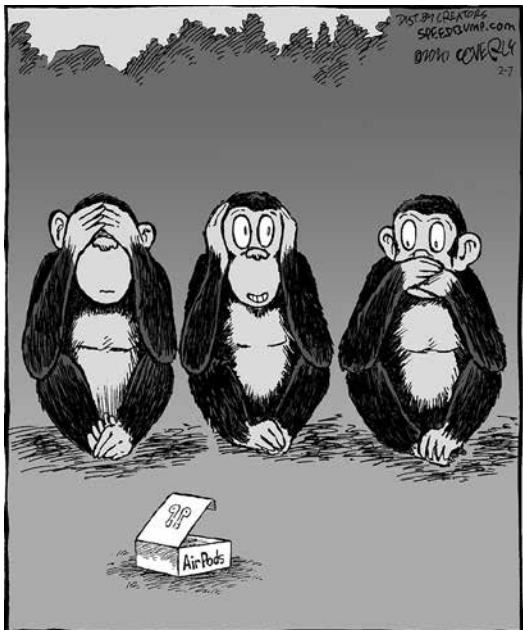
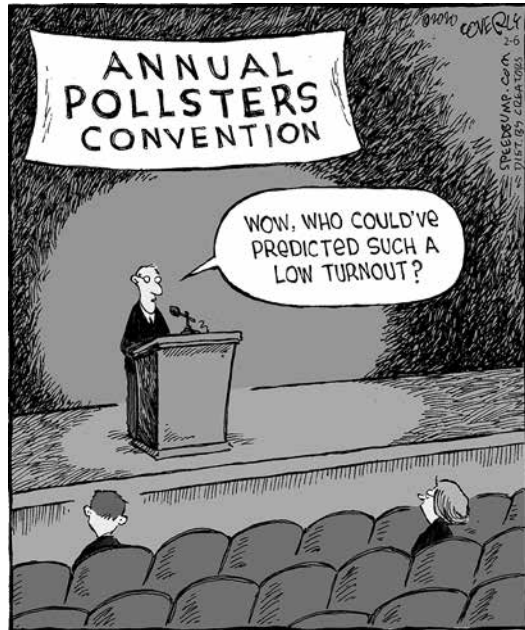
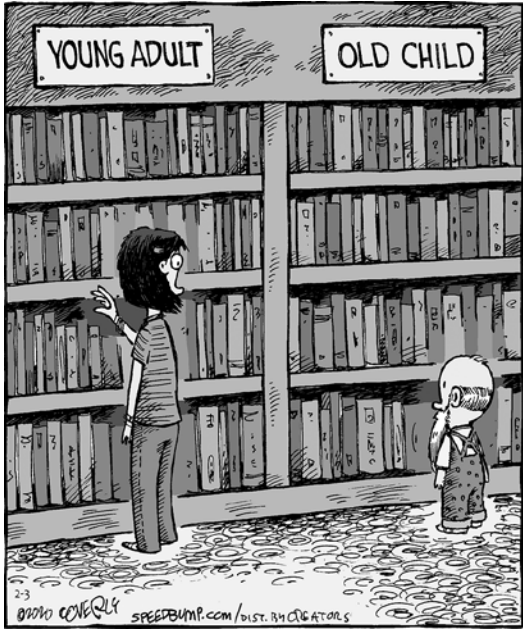
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00011
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENNIFER GAA HEE YOON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JENNIFER GAA HEE YOON to Proposed name (1) JENNIFER YOON GAAHEE PARK
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: MARCH 18, 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, THE NORWALK PATRIOT JANUARY 09, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 17-49396 APN: 8070-019-029

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/4/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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

Trustor: JASMINE PARAS, A SINGLE WOMAN
Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP fka Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 3/6/2015, as Instrument No. 20150248956, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles

County, California,
Date of Sale: 3/26/2020 at 9:00 AM
Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650

Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$349,098.90
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.

Street Address or other common designation of real property:
14335 PONTLAVOY AVENUE
NORWALK, California 90650
Described as follows:
As more fully described on said Deed of Trust

A.P.N #: 8070-019-029

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

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Dated: 1/15/2020
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000008625881 Title Order No.: 191103761 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 1973713684952 255 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THIS DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/14/2008. 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. BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/20/2008 as Instrument No. 20080481000 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: FRANCES CANALES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 02/19/2020 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12049 163RD ST., NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 7009-020-030

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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 said 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 \$390,338.55. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Demand for Sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000008625881. Information

about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concourse Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 01/14/2020 BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4715667 01/24/2020, 01/31/2020, 02/07/2020

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Title Order No. 05940286 Trustee Sale No. 84196 Loan No. 399224547 APN: 8046-018-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/28/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/3/2020 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 1/9/2019 as Instrument No. 20190023522 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: ELDER R. RAMIREZ, AND INDIVIDUAL AND ALBERT VERDUZCO, AN INDIVIDUAL, as Trustor NICHOLAS E. LANPHER, TRUSTEE OF THE NICHOLAS E. LANPHER FAMILY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 21, 1987 as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) At Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: LOT 148 OF TRACT NO. 21975, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 598, PAGES 82 THROUGH 85, INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPTING ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET WITHOUT RIGHT OF ENTRY FROM THE SURFACE, AS RESERVED BY FLOYD O. POTTER AND HELMA C. POTTER, IN DEED RECORDED JANUARY 12, 1956, IN BOOK 00022, PAGE 278, OFFICIAL RECORDS. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12738 HOBACK STREET NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$519,961.56 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 1/31/2020 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. 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More emphasis on personal loans under new FICO scoring system

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managing personal loans will presumably go down under the new FICO scoring systems, which may make it harder for them to borrow more.

The main reason people are taking out personal loans is to pay off high-interest credit card debt, he said. "That can be a sensible debt management strategy," but cautioned that it "can backfire if you keep running up new debt on your credit cards, or miss payments on your personal loan."

With a greater emphasis on personal loans under the new FICO scoring system, consumers may be more likely to take out home equity loans to pay off their debt, Jeffrey Taylor, co-founder and managing director at Digital Risk said. Home-equity loans come with their own risks, however. Missing payments on home-equity loans can lead eventually to a foreclosure.

Credit scores are getting higher — but that's not necessarily good news

The FICO changes also come at a time when the average credit score in the U.S. has hit an all-time high of 703. That sounds like a good thing, but it's not necessarily a sign of financial health.

Schulz sees this trend as a sign of "credit score inflation." Scores could be increasing now in part because black marks on credit scores disappear after seven years, Schulz said, so people who struggled during the recession and its aftermath may now be seeing their scores rise, which "makes everyone look shiny and sparkly and paints a really clean picture," he said.

While credit scores have in fact gone up, the amount of debt people are taking on has too. Most people who have credit-

card debt owe at least as much now as they have over the past decade, according to Bankrate.

"Trending data" may better capture some Americans' up-and-down incomes

The commonly used FICO credit-score that lenders use represents a consumer's financial position at a particular point in time. The new scoring models will use "trended data," which will look at the trajectory of someone's finances, and whether a person has been paying down debt or incurring new ones over time. That will give a "more holistic view" of person's finances, said Dave Shellenberger, vice president of product manufacturing at FICO.

FICO's new attention to trending data comes as many Americans cope with income volatility — big surges or drops in income. These financial roller coasters affect about one-third of American households, and the issue cuts across all income levels. Between 2013 and 2018, the average family experienced significant income swings — increases or dips of more than 25% of their median income — in five months out of the year, despite real wage growth and low unemployment during that period, a 2019 analysis by the JPMorgan Chase Institute found.

"Looking at consumers' profiles over 24 months," as opposed to a point in time, he said, "can give us a greater sense of their financial stability."

"If you get a person at the wrong point in time in the month it isn't always painting a good picture of what their finances are," said Taylor. These "wrong" points in time, he said, can happen when consumers make big-ticket purchases on one credit card to rack up rewards points or airline miles.

Sanchez: State of the Union was filled with lies

NORWALK - U.S. Rep. Linda T. Sánchez (CA-38) released the statement below following President Donald Trump's State of the Union address Tuesday:

"In what I hope was his final State of the Union address, the President proved again that he puts 'Trump First' before Americans or our national security. His speech looked more like a TV game show than a presidential address - giving out prizes while turning his back on reality.

"The fact is that working families aren't doing better. Wages have not gone up, job growth has stalled, and Trump's tax law has helped billionaires and big corporations instead of working Americans. Tens

of millions of Americans are closer than ever to losing health care coverage or being denied care because of pre-existing conditions. The Trump Administration has made it difficult, not easier, for patients to access quality health care.

"I'm disheartened that the President chose to fill this night with blatant lies and demeaning rhetoric about immigrants. As the impeachment trial draws to a close and the presidential primary process begins, Trump has failed Americans in so many ways. It's time for an agenda that puts the American people first by lowering health care costs, raising workers' wages, acting on climate change, and coming back to our shared democratic values."

John Glenn students get personal in new production

NORWALK - "Just Us: Our Original Stories of Life, Love and Loss," a collection of student-created artwork, dances, musical compositions, poetry, songs, monologues and scenes, will be performed at John Glenn High School on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

From bullying to finding love, from near death experiences to rejection, this show has it all. This show forces the audience to question the existential philosophy, who am I? What experiences have shaped my point of view on life at this time?

This show is directed by

Jonathan D. Mesisca and features a cast of 17 students: Joey Louise Abugotal, Aremy Avalos, Ahlexiah Bentley, Valeria Chiquito, Brooke Emmallah, Gaby Estrada, Devin Delgado, Emily Holy, Jimmy Jimenez, Karissa Meno, Adrien Nunez, Joseph Nunez, Ubaldo Ortiz, Brissa Tovar, Alexia Valdez, Alexia Vera, and Adriana Zaragoza.

Lighting Design is by Jeremy Alonso. Assistant Director for this production is Mia Delgadillo.

Tickets for this production are \$5 and can be reserved by emailing JohnGlennHSDrama@gmail.com.

Sheriff's station currently seeking CERT volunteers

NORWALK - The Norwalk Sheriff's Station is looking for certified CERT (community emergency response team) members to join its volunteer team.

This is a civilian group attached to the Sheriff's Department. The team holds

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Mother and Son Dance: To the Moon and Back, 5:30 pm. Mother, aunts or grandmothers; share a memorable evening with the special boy in your life. You'll enjoy dancing, finger foods, games and crafts. Any adult child combination is welcome. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/recreation-park-services. Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex

Sweetheart Doubles No-Tap Tournament, 9 am. Grab your sweetheart and come bowl at Keystone Lanes! Rules: Bowl three no-tap games with a partner of the opposite sex (mixed doubles). Handicap is 100% of 220. Average used is highest 2018-19 book. If none, highest 2017-18 book. If none, highest 21-game average. If none, enter at 220. Must be a current league member at one of the five eligible centers (Del Rio, Cal, Forest, Saddleback) to qualify. Check in at 11 a.m. Bowl at 12 p.m. Cost: \$10/person; \$20/couple

Community Meeting on Civic Center Redevelopment, 10 am. The City of Norwalk is exploring redevelopment options for its Civic Center and Civic Center Lawn and we want your feedback! Join us at a community meeting and share your ideas. Spanish speaking staff will be available. Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex

Cerritos All-Comers Meet, 9 am. Cost: \$5 for Unlimited Events/\$5 for Spectators/\$2 Daily Parking Permit. Registration: Online entries are OPEN until 2/7/20 12:00 PM US/Pacific. Other: Must Sign Waiver to Participate • FAT(Fully Automatic Timing). Cerritos College.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Seven Steps to Boost Metabolism, 10 am. Discover which foods and beverages cause you to store weight and which help you lose it. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

Wildlife Watch information Meeting, 6:30 pm. Learn how you can help address wildlife issues in your neighborhood at an information meeting for Wildlife Watch, presented by the Public Safety Department and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Become a Conservation Coach and help educate your neighbors on coyote behavior and activity, how to remove coyote attractants from their properties and more. Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 am. The Door of Hope Youth & Family Resource Center invites the community to the 50th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the DoubleTree Hotel. The event brings local officials, clergy, residents and students together to share in a uplifting message of inspiration. For tix: (562) 972-1927 or (310) 809-7679

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Norwalk Candidates Forum, 6 pm. Join Norwalk business and community leaders along with Norwalk residents as they hear from the candidates on issues that are important to the community. This event is free and open to the public. Contact the Chamber at info@norwalkchamber.com if you have a questions you would like to submit for the forum. Questions, call 562-404-0909. Norwalk City Hall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Electronic Waste Collection, 9 am to 2 pm. Safely dispose of unwanted electronic waste and expired medications, as well as up to five boxes of documents for shredding. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Spiritual Block Party, 10 am to 10 pm. A wellness festival with three focus areas: movement, meditatoin and nourishment. Featuring vendors, dance, music, vegan food trucks, and more. Free and open to the public. Sanatan Dharma Temple and Community Cultural Center, 15311 Pioneer Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Auxiliary Boys State Luncheon Fundraiser, 12 PM. Meatball sandwiches, fries, cole slaw and dessert. American Legion Post 359.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

State of the City, 11 am. The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council presents the 2020 State of the City Address. The community is invited to learn about Norwalk's upcoming goals and projects, as well as review the past year's accomplishments. The event will include presentations by the Sheriff's Department and Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. Tickets: \$49. Deadline to purchase tickets is February 22. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship info, please contact Gordon at (562) 400-8188 or at bluecamino85@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Pizza, Paint & Punch, 5 pm. T4A is hosting a night of creative fun! Our Pizza, Paint, and Punch event promises delicious pizza while you paint a masterpiece. This event is for ages 13 & up so adults grab your favorite tween or teen and sign up for some family fun. Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

25-Year Anniversary, 7 pm. Rockabilly band Three Bad Jacks celebrates its 25-year anniversary. With special guests The Knockout

Kings, No Que No, The Ripkatz and Los Paka Lolos. \$15 cover. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Rain Barrel Distribution and Rain Harvesting Workshop 9 am. Join the City of Norwalk in partnership with Golden State Water Co and Liberty Utilities for a one-day rain barrel distribution event and workshop! You'll learn about rainwater harvesting, how to install a rain barrel and water conservation tips. The cost of the rain barrel is \$20 plus tax, and they must be purchased in advance at RainBarrelsIntl.com. Maximum two per household. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Diabolic Lounge, 7 pm to 1:30 am. Live music by The Psychlocks, The Peabrains, Uptown Psychos, Johnny Dahmer, The Syndicates, Six Silver Bullets and Lost Boys. \$15 presale, \$20 at the door. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Relay For Life Tri-Cities 2020, 10 am. At Relay For Life events, no one faces cancer alone. We come together every year to show our support and celebrate survivors and caregivers. Our Relay has special events and activities just for survivors and their caregivers, so they can connect with others and know there is a strong support system available to them. 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

2020 Los Angeles International Jiu-Jitsu Open, 9 am through the following day. Hosted by North American Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation. Cerritos College.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Harbor Groove Band "4th" Annual Pachuco Night 9 pm. Come on and show us your stuff, bring your hats, your boas, your suspenders, and your classic cars and dance the night away. Contest for the best-dressed, cash Prize. No Cover Charge. IV Lounge

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Norwalk Summer Concerts 4 pm. Caribbean Dynamics will be performing outdoors for The City of Norwalk Free Summer Concert Series. Glazier Park

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

Sun Scooters coming to Downey later this month

DOWNEY - Representatives from Sun Scooters were briefly in the city last week to give a first sneak peak of Downey's newest ride-share option, which launches Feb. 29.

Discussions of bringing a shared scooter program to Downey first began last September, after a bike-share program that was implemented earlier that year failed to garner the success and popularity that many had hoped it would.

Council greenlit the trial 90-day pilot program last month, that will bring 100 scooters to the Downtown area over a two-phase period starting Feb 29.

Riders 18 and over with a valid driver's license will be able to rent a scooter through an app on their mobile phone. Cost will be one dollar, with an additional 15 cents per minute.

According to Sun CEO Kevin Ellyson, each scooter will max out at 15 mph within a geo-

fenced zone. If the scooter is ridden outside of that area, a push notification will alert the rider and the scooter will begin to slow down. If the rider ends their rental outside of the designated zone, they will be charged a \$25

service fee.

Ellyson added that while state code does require a helmet, there will be an in-app function that will allow for a helmet to be ordered and delivered for free.

Credit union accepting scholarship applications

DOWNEY - Downey Federal Credit Union is looking to reward one high school student and one college student with \$1,000 scholarships.

To be eligible, the high school student must be in their last year of high school and reside in in the credit union's field of membership, which is Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Compton, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs or South Gate.

The college student must live or have attended a high school in the credit union's service area or have a parent or guardian who is a member of Downey Federal Credit Union.

The scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence and community service.

The application deadline is Feb. 21. To apply, go to downeyfcu.org/scholarships

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Norwalk lands \$300,000 grant for new playground



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NORWALK - Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has awarded a \$300,000 grant to the City of Norwalk for an inclusive playground for children of all ages and abilities at Holifield Park.

"This is going to be a state-of-the-art playground where children of all ages and abilities can play together," said Hahn. "I appreciate Norwalk's vision and I am happy I can help turn it into a reality."

The grant comes from the Fourth District Discretionary funds. The planned playground would be ADA accessible and include shade structures to protect children from the sun as well as covered benches for parents.

The two playgrounds at Holifield currently have sand

surfaces which are not ADA accessible and are costly to maintain.

Hahn's Field Deputy, Ivan Sulic, presented the council with an oversized check at the council's meeting on Tuesday.

"This is a good example of a county/city partnership that the supervisor wants to foster and expand," said Sulic.

Mayor Margarita Rios thanked Sulic, and by extension, the Supervisor and her office for their continued support.

"I am so appreciative; [Supervisor Hahn] was so receptive and responsive to our needs," said Rios. "This is just the beginning of our continued partnership, and many future checks I hope."

Norwalk searching for senior citizen to honor

NORWALK - The city of Norwalk is seeking nominees to honor in May as part of Older Americans Month.

The nominees must be at least 65 years old, a Norwalk resident, and perform community service. Service completed at hospitals, schools, libraries, municipal programs or non-profits qualifies.

The honoree will be invited to attend Older Americans Recognition Day in May at the

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and will be honored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Nomination forms are available on the city's website and also at City Hall, the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Norwalk Senior Center, and the Social Services Center.

Nominations must be delivered to the senior center by 12 p.m. on March 6. For questions, call (562) 929-5580.



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Norwalk City Council honored 10-year-old resident Ariana Canada at their meeting on Tuesday.

Canada - a Junior Girl Scout - made a significant difference in the lives of 11 in-need families this past holiday season, providing them a true holiday experience.

Thanks to Canada's efforts, ten families received gifts for 32 children, four families received full turkey dinners, and nine families grab-and-go bags from a local supermarket.

"This is just simply amazing," said Mayor Margarita Rios. "One young girl did all that...you make our community so proud. I hope your actions inspire others to lend a person or family in-need a helping hand."

Bob Archuleta named to 'Hall of Shame' by progressives

NORWALK - A California progressive organization has named State Sen. Bob Archuleta to its Hall of Shame for a voting record "most closely aligned with the corporate lobbyists and campaign contributors that exploit Californians."

Archuleta, from Pico Rivera, represents Norwalk in the state Senate.

"For far too long, Californians have suffered under skyrocketing housing costs, a failing healthcare system, a broken criminal justice system, and a deeply underfunded education system," said Eddie Kurtz, executive director of Courage

California, which produces the annual Hall of Shame. "That's why voters made California a one-party state with a legislative supermajority: they had faith that Democrats would have the courage to stand up to corporate lobbyists and find solutions to our most critical problems. It's time for Democrats to deliver."

"Legislators must truly represent the values of Californians, and take action to make real, bold progress on the array of challenges our state faces."

A dozen legislators in total were named to the Hall of Shame.

Norwalk man sentenced to 16 years for killing 2 in DUI crash

NORWALK - A Norwalk man pleaded no contest Monday for killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alex Barragan, 33, entered the plea to two felony counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one felony count of driving with a .08% blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Deputy District Attorney Safaan Ahmed said Barragan also

admitted causing great bodily injury.

As a result of the plea, Barragan was immediately sentenced to 16 years and four months in state prison.

On July 16, 2018, Barragan was driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear-ended a disabled van, the prosecutor said. The van erupted in flames, killing Atef Mishreky, 52, and Mirna Beshara, 19, as well as injuring three others, the prosecutor added.

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Chamber hosting Candidates' Forum next week

NORWALK - The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce will be presenting a Candidates Forum next week.

On Thursday, Feb 13, voters will have the opportunity to meet their potential future council members at the Norwalk City Council Chambers from 6 pm to 8 pm.

A 15-minute meet and greet period will be followed by a Q&A style forum including candidates' statements.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Please submit potential questions beforehand by emailing them to info@norwalkchamber.com.

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