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Reporter urges Americans to subscribe to local newspapers

The shrinking presence of local news across the United States may be dividing the country, Miami Herald reporter Julie K. Brown said Sunday on CNN's Reliable Sources.

"With these smaller newspapers drying up across the country, it is creating a collapse of local news and the kind of information (they provide) around the country," said Brown, who is known for her reporting on accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein. "Because there isn't the number of voices and the number of local newspapers, (that) has contributed to the divisions that we're experiencing around the country."

Brown's comments come just days after the Herald's owner, McClatchy (MNI), filed for bankruptcy, throwing the future of her paper and 29 others across the country into question.

It's the latest in a years-long decline of local news. Late last year, US newspaper giants Gatehouse and Gannett merged, leading to job cuts and consolidating hundreds of the country's daily newspapers under one company. Around the same time, hedge fund Alden Global Capital became the biggest shareholder in Tribune Publishing, which owns the Chicago Tribune, the Baltimore Sun and the Hartford Courant, among others. Staffers protested the decision and Tribune Publishing has already offered a round of buyouts to employees this year.

Labor Department data show that jobs at newspapers have fallen every year since 1998, a net loss of nearly 300,000 jobs during that period. That represents a nearly 70% drop in employment.

McClatchy said it plans to stay in business and emerge from bankruptcy in the next few months. The company had been trying to reduce operating expenses, but it wasn't enough. It posted a net loss in the hundreds of millions and a revenue decline of 11% in the first nine months of 2019. It plans to use bankruptcy to reduce legacy debt and pension obligations, and that the process will help it transform more quickly into a digital news company.

Brown said that while staffers at the Herald — a Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper regarded for its investigative reporting — are staying hopeful, the future of the paper is "an unknown."

"I don't think we know what the impact is going to be," Brown said. "We've seen this around the country where some of these other chains have been bought up by hedge funds and, in some cases, they've dismantled some of these local newspapers. So of course we're hoping that won't happen to our paper and the papers that are owned by McClatchy."

Media industry analyst Ken Doctor said the trend of hedge fund ownership could be troubling for the long term success of local news.

"Clearly, reader habits have changed, but this isn't news, it's 2020. This has been a transition that has not worked, these companies are dependent on print," Doctor said Sunday. Still, he said there is money to be made from owning newspapers — at least in the short term.

"The people who are making it are the people who are willing to make those tough decisions and cut into the product knowing that they're not building a product for tomorrow, but taking the money in the short term," Doctor said.

But there is still hope for

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New Yoga studio opens near Cerritos College



Golden Soul will offer classes for all levels of yoga and meditation practitioners.

NORWALK - The public is invited to experience Norwalk's first yoga and meditation studio: Golden Soul Yoga & Meditation.

The space on Studebaker Road (just across from Cerritos College) is owned and managed by local Yoga and Meditation Instructor, Premajyoti Saraswati, who recently expanded her local offerings into this newly decorated space. The studio is currently offering classes at all levels focusing on traditional Hatha Yoga, Hatha Flow, Guided Meditation and Yoga Nidra (deep yogic relaxation).

As a dedicated Yoga Practitioner herself, Saraswati says, "Yoga and meditation can make a real difference for anyone at any age and ability level. You

don't have to be a 20-something follower of fitness. We offer classes the cover many health and wellbeing benefits, whether it is stress reduction and relaxation, or to get fit, and build muscle."

"We are especially interested in reaching absolute beginners who might say, 'I can't do yoga, I'm not flexible!', or 'I would like to try meditating, but I don't know how'. We feel that these people are exactly who can benefit the most."

The studio offers beginner classes to welcome newbies to experience the flexibility, balance, strength and peace that yoga and meditation are known for.

Yoga and meditation practitioners at any level can take advantage of single class drop-ins as well as discounted class packs

Saraswati is excited to connect with Cerritos Community Education and the business community to create customized yoga experiences. Her most important goal right now is continuing to build a warm inviting yoga & meditation community that allows people to enhance their lives and improve their wellbeing. Saraswati has loved offering classes in the heart of the Norwalk & Cerritos neighborhoods over the years, and to see folks blossom and grow through attending her classes has been a core inspiration for the studio.

Golden Soul Yoga & Meditation will host a free community event Guided Meditation for Calm, Focus & Creativity.

To find out more, visit: www.goldensoulyoga.com

Cerritos College is official vote center

NORWALK - Cerritos College will serve as an official vote center for the 2020 election.

Under the new election process in Los Angeles County, residents can vote at any location throughout the county, including Cerritos College.

Residents can vote 11 days

prior to the March 3 primary election.

Registered voters in Los Angeles County can vote at Cerritos College as early as Saturday, Feb. 29, through March 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Election Day, March 3, from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Conference Center located behind the school

gymnasium.

Los Angeles County voters can participate in same-day registration at any vote center from Feb. 22 through Election Day. Same-day (conditional voting) voter registration is available through the new voting system for Los Angeles County residents.

Kaiser Permanente announces support for proposed ban on flavored tobacco

DOWNEY - Kaiser Permanente has announced it is the first major health care provider to support California Senate Bill 793 by state Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products in the state.

Under SB 793, flavored tobacco products include menthol cigarettes, flavored chewing tobacco products, and many vaping products.

"Flavors are proven starter products for youth and have no place on the market whatsoever," said Dr. Bechara Chouair, senior vice president and chief community health officer for Kaiser Permanente. "Kid-friendly flavors mask the poison, entice kids to experiment with tobacco products and potentially addict them for life."

The Food and Drug Administration reports that 70% of youth e-cigarette users cited appealing flavors as the primary reason for use. And, according to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, 1 in 4 high school students are current e-cigarette users, a rate that has more than doubled in the last two years. Even more alarming is the rise in e-cigarette use among middle school students, which has tripled since 2017.

The most current update from the California Department of Public Health shows that 199 vaping-related lung illnesses and four deaths have been reported in California since fall 2019. Dozens of young people have been admitted to intensive care units and even required mechanical ventilation.

For many years, Kaiser Permanente health care providers have routinely cautioned patients, especially youth and their parents and guardians, about the harmful effects of nicotine products, which include:

- Risk of life-long addictions and an increased likelihood of becoming a smoker of traditional cigarettes.

- Potential for serious and even fatal damage to lungs.

- Harm to brain development.

- Other unknown long-term risks.

Kaiser Permanente today offered its continued support to efforts by Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration to curb the use of vaping products by youth altogether.

"Kaiser Permanente applauds Gov. Newsom's commitment to ban flavored tobacco products in the state by January 2021, his recent actions to make public health alerts and inform consumers, and newly proposed actions to further curb e-cigarette use by minors," Chouair said. "We are honored to join the broad coalition of advocates for these efforts, including physicians, advocacy groups and public health organizations, who are all committed to reversing this troubling and preventable threat to the lives of 9 million California young people."

Norwalk restaurant grades

Diana's Mexican Food
16330 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/20
Grade: **A**

Diana's Mexican Food (Market)
116330 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/20
Grade: **A**

Golden Pho
10925 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/6/20
Grade: **B**

Tambuli Market
12537 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/2/16/20
Grade: **B**

Luisa and Son Bakery
12543 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/5/20
Grade: **A**

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**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 74°

Saturday 62°

Sunday 66°

THINGS TO DO



Black History Month Panel Discussion

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 1 pm

A panel discussion highlighting several key people who helped get the US to the moon. Free admission.



Classic Car Show

Saturday - Whittier Area Community Church, 9 am to 3 pm

More than 500 classic cars from 1914 to 1976, plus dragsters, vendors, live music, kids activities, and nine food trucks.



African-American Festival

All Weekend - Aquarium of the Pacific

A celebration of African-American and African culture, with live cultural demonstrations and exhibits, arts and crafts, dancers, storytellers, and more.



Women's Self-Defense

Sunday - Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios in Long Beach, 10:30 am

A free 90-minute course for women only where participants will receive a basic introduction to hand-to-hand defenses and non-lethal weapons. Serious topics such as rape and domestic violence are discussed during the class.



Auxiliary Boys State Luncheon Fundraiser

Saturday - Norwalk American Legion Post 359, 12-5 pm

Meatball sandwiches, fries, cole slaw and dessert. \$8 per person.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Special thanks to Alexander Nasario for leading us in the Flag Salute at yesterday's City Council meeting. Alexander is a proud Teen Alliance Program member and enjoys volunteering at special events. @CityofNorwalkCA

Twitter.com/DowneyPatriot

Short Stories

Fender Bender

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

As I was leaving the parking lot in Cerritos Town Center, the signal changed, and I had to make a quick stop before turning onto Bloomfield. The car behind rear-ended me.

As soon as the signal changed, I pulled over to the right and stopped, leaving ample space for that car to pull in behind me so that we could exchange insurance information, etc.

He didn't pull in behind me; he sped off in the direction of the 91 Freeway, and I was so angry that I followed him, putting "pedal to the metal!" I wanted to get close enough to get the license plate number. I made it to the 91 on ramp and saw him zig-zagging from one lane to another in the traffic ahead of me. I suddenly came to my senses, reminding myself that I was 79 years old, and the recklessness of the situation wasn't worth causing harm to myself or anyone else.

I didn't give up though until I determined it was a late-model black Lexus with tinted windows, and I had at least memorized the first three

numbers of the license. As I headed to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station, I was optimistic that the police could do something with what little information I was able to glean.

Here I was in my little 2002 Toyota Corolla on a high-speed chase of a newer model black Lexus. My thoughts ranged from betting that the fancy Lexus was not insured to how I sometimes struggled over the years to make sure my little Toyota had the necessary coverage. I was reminded that the first lesson in life is that "life is not fair."

The situation started zig-zagging again in the Sheriff's Station; "You don't have a complete license number; these things happen all the time; you're probably right... they don't have insurance coverage, maybe not even a driver's license," and the list of possibilities went on.

I left the station thanking my lucky stars that the only damage had been a lot of nicks and chips resulting in the need of a touchup paint job, and not a real honest-to-goodness fender bender.

Our First Date

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

It happened to be raining out, and by the looks of it, would continue on and off all night. But the excitement of being on our first date and Dick's having tickets to a premiere of the highly-touted "The Exorcist" made the outcome look quite promising.

The evening started with a lovely dinner at Yamashiro Sky Room, which was an iconic restaurant set above Hollywood Boulevard in a gorgeous Pagoda-like setting. It was considered romantic dining because of the incredibly stunning views of the city below coupled with the gorgeous interior and lush landscape. It truly was the perfect start to the evening ahead.

MMA Fighter from Downey wins title fight, will face Dog Pound competitor next

Jonathan O'Neill (9-3) captured the IFS Welterweight Championship in a technically sound contest against Jean Chancy via TKO.

O'Neill will now face Raymond Tiscareno next month, who represents Norwalk's own Dog Pound MMA.

By William Odis Martin
Contributor

DOWNEY - Downey mixed martial artist Jonathan O'Neill brought home the IFS Welterweight Championship Belt earlier this month in Anaheim in the most decisive and technically sound victory of his young career.

It was his first win as an adult and it came against a seasoned and crafty veteran. O'Neill outmatched his opponent Jean Chancy forcing the referee to intervene and stop the match via technical knockout at 1:43 in just the second round.

"Since this was my first fight as an 18 year old, I knew I had to fight grown men. He was 36 and, at first, I was a little scared. But, as I got into better

and better shape, I got a lot more confident," said O'Neill. "I knew he threw a lot of leg kicks and ended up in the clinch a lot, so we primarily focused on blocking the kicks and countering. I didn't think that I would have that much success in the clinch but it kept on landing so I didn't stop."

O'Neill dominated Chancy with a flurry of fists, elbows, knees and sweeping leg kicks. Although Chancy looked the part for flashes in the first, it seemed like by the second round he was the one scared and out of his league.



JONATHAN O'NEILL.
PHOTO BY WILLIAM ODIS MARTIN

O'Neill left the ring looking better than he did coming in, sporting a new belt and barely breaking a sweat in the process.

The Downey Patriot first spotlighted O'Neill back in November 2018 when he was just 16 years old. At the time he was training at King Cobra on Paramount Boulevard but has since moved on to Boxing Works in Torrance.

"I train six days a week if I have a fight or I'm just training. So everyday of the year is fight camp. But I knew about this fight and trained specifically for him

for about 6 weeks," explained O'Neill.

O'Neill improved his record to 9-3 and hopes to keep up the momentum as he prepares for his next fight that will go down on March 20 in Anaheim.

His next opponent, Raymond Tiscareno, will be representing Norwalk's Dog Pound MMA next month at the M3Live event center.

For ticket information, visit the IFS website at <https://ifspro.com/>

After our early dinner, we were off to the National Theatre in Westwood for the premiere of the then much talked about, psychological thriller of the demonic possession of a 12-year old girl and her mother's attempt to rescue her through exorcism. It was ironic to learn that it was actually inspired by a true story.

It proved to be an excellent movie with outstanding acting

by the entire lineup of stars. I believe it won an Academy Award and was Linda Blair's introduction to the movie industry.

It was sprinkling and chilly as we left the theatre, so hand-in-hand we hurried to the car walking through a patch of grassy area at the curbside.

Dick turned on the heater immediately to warm us up.

"Ahhh, warmth," was my first thought. Before too long, I began to smell something...it was that undeniable smell of poop, and the warmer the car, the stronger the smell.

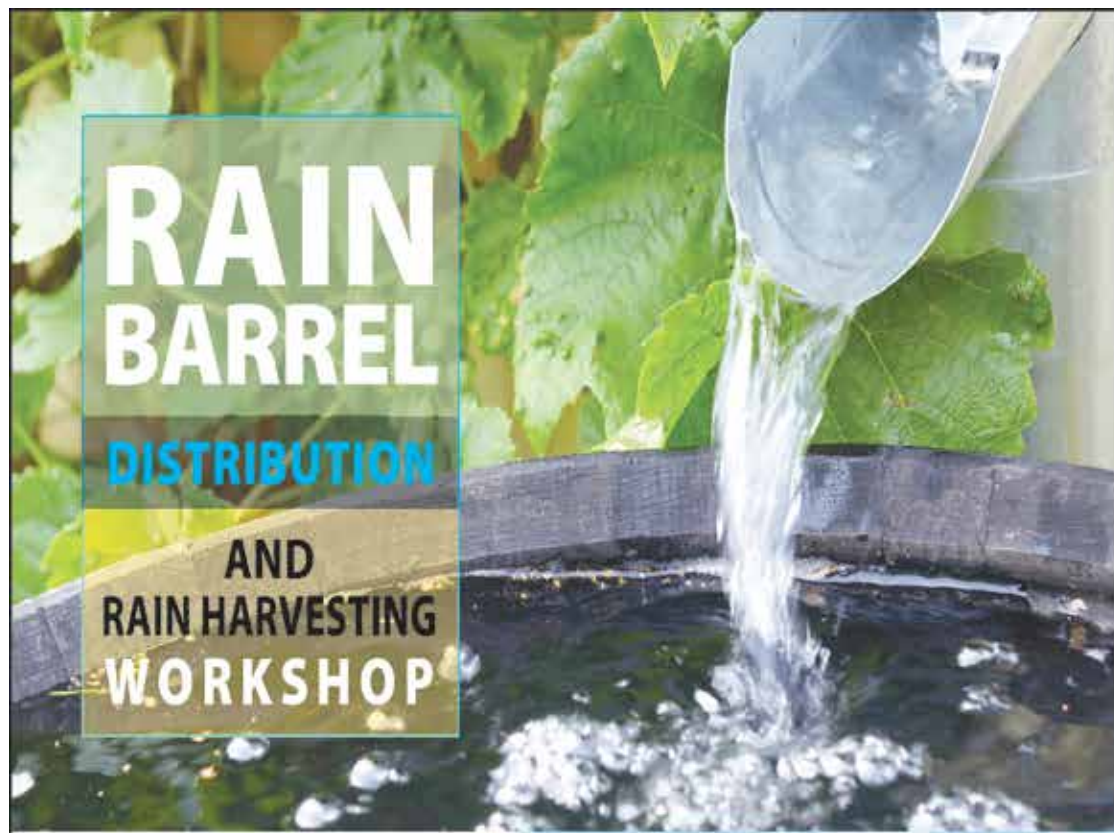
By now I'm praying, "Please Lord, don't let me be the guilty one."

The smell was so bad that Dick pulled over to the curb, got out, and checked his shoes, and,

sure enough, it was on his shoe.

What could I do other than utter, "Thank You, Lord, this time for big favors."

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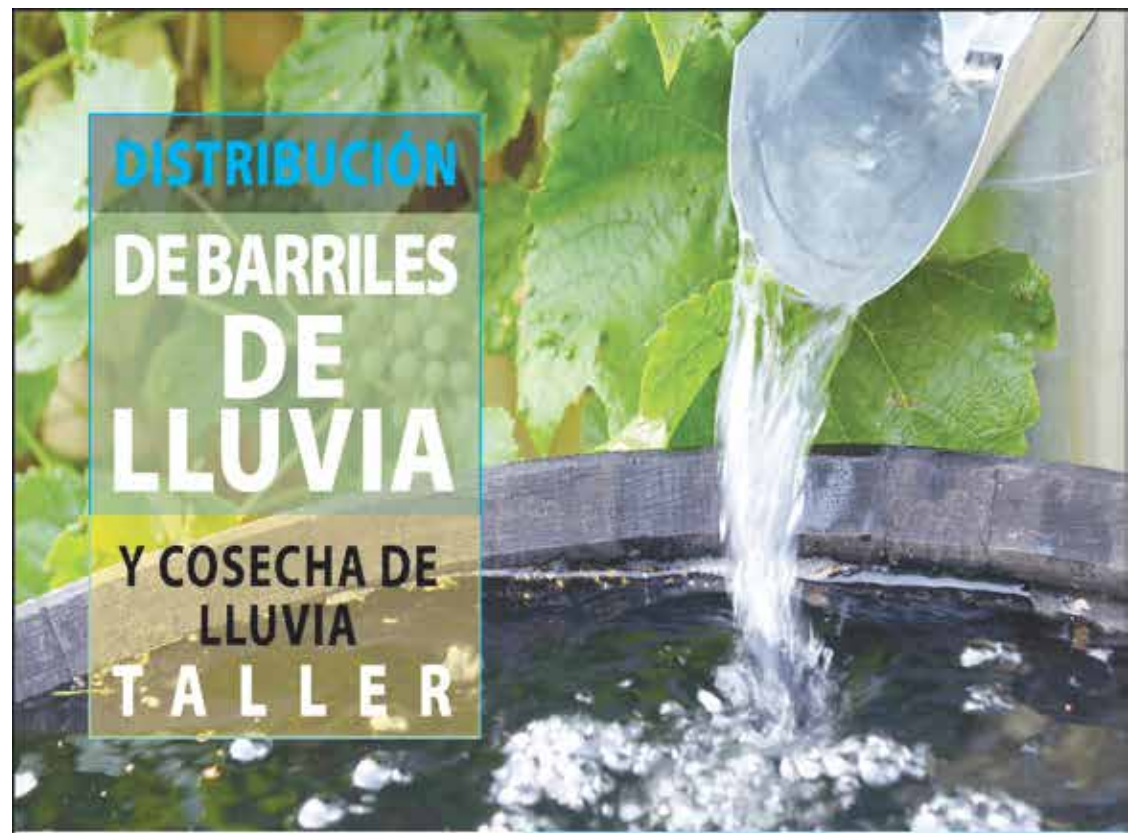
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The Astros' apology? Not accepted

By Steve Chapman

The Houston Astros have gotten a lot of criticism lately, but they may also have a business opportunity. They could work out a marketing promotion with Reese's, maker of those peanut butter cups, whose ad slogan is: "Not sorry."

Oh, they say they're sorry, just as losing Academy Award nominees force themselves to smile and applaud for the winners. But their contrition is about as convincing as Pete Rose's hair dye. When Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman stepped forward to apologize at a Thursday press conference, they looked as though they were making a hostage video.

"I'm really sorry about the choices that were made by my team, by the organization and by me," said Bregman. "I've learned from this and I hope to regain the trust of baseball fans." Altuve assured the audience that everyone in the organization "feels bad about what happened in 2017."

You gotta love their phrasing: "The choices that were made" and "what happened in 2017." The systematic, extended use of electronic surveillance and communication to sabotage opposing teams — well, they made it sound like an unfortunate rain shower that happened to fall on them. "We cheated every chance we got, and the cheating won us a World Series" would have been a more honest formulation.

"I've learned from this" and "feels bad" have a charming vagueness. Did Bregman learn the importance of greater secrecy in foul play? Is Altuve pained that everyone now regards him as a thief? Neither player appeared to be wracked by conscience.

Owner Jim Crane minimized the crime as irrelevant. "Our opinion is, you know, that this didn't impact the game," he said with serene calm. "We won the World Series and we'll leave it at that."

Yes, we were at the bank wielding guns when it was robbed, and yes, we have bags filled with bundles of cash, but we don't think we owe our wealth to the robbery. And we'll leave it at that.

The cheating involved a mix of modern video and primitive

communication, with a TV monitor near the dugout showing the catcher's signs and a guy banging on a trash can to indicate to the batter what pitch was coming. The commissioner's report said the scheme was "player-driven," but an investigation by The Wall Street Journal found widespread guilt: "The Astros' rule-breaking permeated the entire organization, involving executives, coaches and players."

Professional sports teams are results-oriented, so it's safe to say that if this program didn't "impact" games, it would have been scrapped. The obvious reason players were so happy to make use of it is that it made a difference.

The Journal notes that one internal email commended Marwin Gonzalez for doing "the best job with getting this info." The utility player had his best season in 2017. His reward was a \$21 million contract with the Minnesota Twins, who might have paid less had they known more.

But don't worry: Gonzalez apologized. "I'm remorseful for everything that happened in 2017," he said Tuesday — though not, perhaps, for what happened in 2019, when the Brink's truck arrived to unload his windfall.

It's plain that if they had the chance to do it over, the Astros would behave differently. They would try much, much harder to avoid getting caught. Since they were caught, they can bring themselves to utter a few banal words of feigned regret. But nothing indicates a willingness to take true responsibility for their transgressions.

Those transgressions rank among the most outrageous and disgraceful in major league history, with immeasurable consequences. They damaged the careers of opposing pitchers whose failures were mistakenly attributed to their inadequacies. They brought hits and money to hitters who were complicit in the crime. And they cost other teams victories they would have had in the absence of the cheating.

So, if the Astros are sorry, let them show it. First, by providing a complete account of everything they did. Second, by admitting the obvious fact that they owed much of their success to it. Third, by



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surrendering the rings and the bonuses they got for winning the Series and renouncing their title.

If the Astros players and staff aren't willing to do any of these, they should take their apologies and throw them in the trash can. I know they have one.

Steve Chapman blogs at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/chapman>. Follow him on Twitter @SteveChapman13 or at <https://www.facebook.com/stevechapman13>.

If Duterte Wants Us Out, Let's Go

By Patrick Buchanan

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte has just given us notice he will be terminating the Visiting Forces Agreement that governs U.S. military personnel in the islands.

His notification starts the clock running on a six-month deadline. If no new agreement is negotiated, the VFA is dissolved.

What triggered the decision?

Duterte was offended that one of his political allies who led his anti-drug campaign in the islands, which involves extrajudicial killings of drug dealers, had been denied a U.S. visa.

Yet, Duterte has never been an enthusiast of the U.S. presence. In 2016, he told his Chinese hosts in Beijing: "I want, maybe in the next two years, my country free of the presence of foreign military troops. I want them out."

The Pentagon is shaken. If there is no VFA, how do we continue to move forces in and out to guarantee our ability to honor the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty? Defense Secretary Mark Esper called Duterte's action "a step in the wrong direction."

President Donald Trump openly disagreed: "If they would like to do that, that's fine. We'll save a lot of money."

The Philippine Islands are among the largest recipients of foreign aid in East Asia, and we've provided \$1.3 billion in military assistance over the last two decades. But money shouldn't be the largest consideration here.

Trump has been given a historic opportunity to reshape U.S. and Asia policy along the lines he ran on in 2016.

He should tell Duterte that we accept his decision and that we, too, are giving notice of our decision to let the 1951 treaty lapse. And following expiration of that treaty, the U.S. will be absolved of any legal obligation to come to the defense of the Philippines.

Time for Manila to take charge of its own defense. Indeed, what is the argument for a treaty that virtually dictates U.S. involvement in any future war in 7,600 islands 8,000 miles from the United States?

When we negotiated the 1951 treaty, it was a different world.

We had entered a Cold War with Stalin's USSR. We were in a hot war in Korea that would cost 37,000 U.S. lives. Gen. Douglas MacArthur

had just been relieved of his command of U.S. forces in Korea by Harry Truman. A disarmed Japan had not fully recovered from World War II.

The Communist armies of Chairman Mao had overrun China and driven our Nationalist allies off the mainland. The Viet Minh were five years into a guerrilla war to drive the French out of Indochina.

Today, the Cold War is long over. Vladimir Putin's Russia is no threat to the Philippines. Nor is China, though Xi Jinping has occupied and fortified islets like Mischief Reef in the South China Sea that are within the exclusive economic zone of the Philippines.

There is no U.S. vital interest at risk in these islands to justify an eternal war guarantee or treaty commitment to fight Beijing over rocks and reefs in the South China Sea.

Trump should seize this opportunity to tell Duterte that when the VFA, which guarantees immunity for U.S. forces in the Philippines, is dissolved, the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty is dissolved.

A message would be sent to Asia, and the world, that Trump was serious when he said that he intends to revisit and review all the defense alliances and war guarantees entered into 60 and 70 years ago, to address threats that no longer exist in a world that no longer exists.

The U.S. has a long history with the Philippines, beginning in the War of 1898 with Spain, when Admiral George's Dewey's Asian squadron sank a Spanish fleet in Manila harbor, and we invaded, occupied and colonized the islands, thus emulating Europe's imperial powers and abandoning the anti-colonial legacy of the Founding Fathers.

"Take up the White Man's burden," Rudyard Kipling admonished us.

After Filipino patriots fought for nearly four years to liberate their islands from the Americans, as they had from the Spanish, inflicting on U.S. soldiers and Marines thousands of casualties, the New York Herald replied to the Poet of Empire:

"We've taken up the white man's burden/Of ebony and brown/Now, will you tell, Rudyard/How we may put it down."

After Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the Japanese invaded and occupied the islands, until Gen. MacArthur made good in on his famous pledge on leaving Corregidor, "I shall return."



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In 1944, we liberated the islands.

A year after Japan's surrender, on July 4, 1946, we granted the Philippines full independence. And that nation and people, far more populous and prosperous than in 1946, should take full custody of the defense of their own sovereignty and independence.

At the end of the Cold War, nationalists in Manila ordered the U.S. to vacate the great naval base we had built at Subic Bay. We should have used that expulsion to let the 1951 security treaty lapse.

Trump should not miss this opportunity.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

Coronavirus Epidemic Tests the World's Economic Vigor

By Austin Bay

China's coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) continues to take human lives. The Chinese people have suffered the most in terms of total cases and lives lost. The epidemic began in Wuhan, capital of the Hubei province. As I write this column, Hubei has had 60,000

confirmed cases and almost 1,800 deaths.

Covid-19, however, has escaped China's political borders. The World Health Organization's Feb. 18 Covid-19 "Situation Report 29" declared that 25 countries have clinically diagnosed Covid-19 cases, and many are laboratory-confirmed. As of Feb. 17, WHO had sent virus laboratory testing kits to 34 countries. Eventually, 56 countries will receive them.

WHO's Risk Assessment index rated the virus' global health threat level as "High."

Though it is no economy killer, Covid-19 does threaten the world's economic vigor. That is not a surprise. The current trade war between the U.S. and China has only begun to decouple their economies.

China's communist government must import natural resources (oil and minerals) to keep its industry humming. It also imports some foodstuffs that have domestic political impact. Since a swine virus devastated its pig farms, China relies on U.S. pork to appease the palates of its oppressed but increasingly restless citizens.

In the last three weeks, a spate of corporate and governmental announcements shows the U.S. and Chinese economies remain entwined.

For example, Apple warned investors that the coronavirus epidemic will prevent it from meeting first-quarter profit expectations. Domestic Chinese demand for Apple products has declined sharply. The epidemic has also disrupted iPhone production in China. Apple remains a blue chip company, but it faces demand and supply chain problems.

The epidemic has also disrupted the world's largest mobile phone industry trade show, the Mobile World Congress. On Feb. 12, the MWC decided to cancel its annual Barcelona conference. Fear the disease may spread is one reason, but travel restrictions from East Asia would have reduced attendance.

On Feb. 14, The Wall Street Journal examined the epidemic's effect

on auto industry manufacturing. Once again the big factor is supply chain disruption. Hyundai and Renault have slowed production on selected assembly lines in South Korea. Fiat-Chrysler is halting car production at its factory in Kragujevac, Serbia, because the facility relies on Chinese-made parts. North America is not decoupled. The Journal quoted a United Automobile Workers source who warned that General Motors' Arlington, Texas, assembly plant may face a shortage of Chinese-made components.

The Chinese National Immigration Agency has reported that 133 countries have imposed entry restrictions on Chinese citizens or individuals who have visited China. For health reasons, the quarantines are mandatory and must be enforced. But they exact economic costs, obvious and hidden. For example, Chinese companies operate several globally important mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Typically, Chinese nationals fill the critical skilled-worker positions. Movement restrictions could "extend the timelines" for manufacturing projects relying on Congolese minerals from Chinese-operated mines.

A recent Reuters report provided a superb example of economic disruption attributable to a quarantine. The state-owned China Railway International Group's high-speed rail project in Indonesia is one of Beijing's marquee Belt and Road Initiative megaventures. Key managers and technical workers who went to China for the Chinese New Year cannot return to Indonesia. The project now faces major delays.

The virus bugs the oil business, with Iran a definite loser. China has been Iran's biggest buyer, importing roughly 300,000 barrels a day in 2019. Reduced economic activity lowers China's demand for oil. According to The Wall Street Journal, U.S. government officials attribute some of China's decline in demand to the domestic transit restrictions. People can't travel.

Thus, Covid-19 exacerbates Iran's economic maladies. Are the ayatollahs blaming their best customer? No, they will find a way to blame America for the disease.

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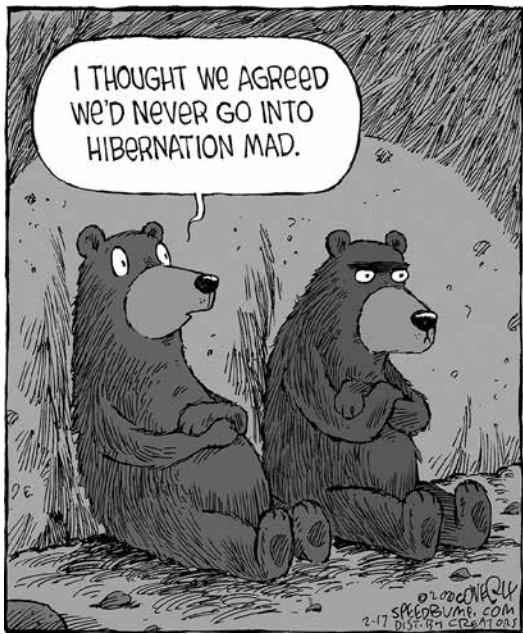
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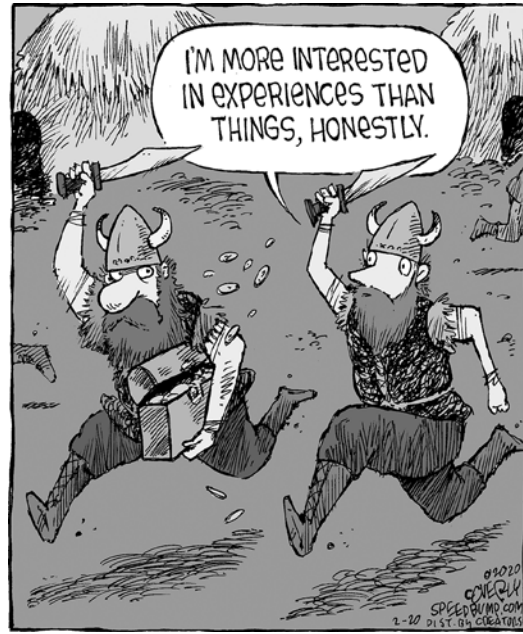
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1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

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.

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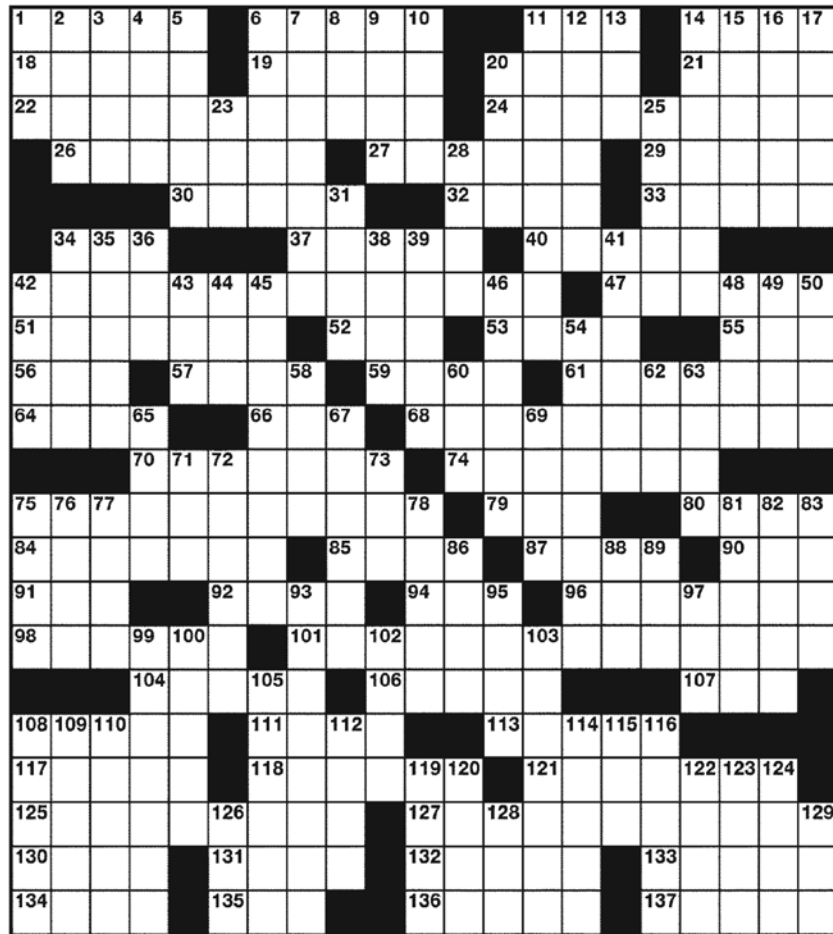
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1965: Malcolm X was assassinated in New York City at the age of 39 by assassins identified as Black Muslims.
1975: Former U.S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.
2000: David Letterman returned to his Late Night show about five weeks after having an emergency quintuple heart bypass operation.

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File Number 2020016318
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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YE JI KIM, 1242 W VALENCIA DR APT 2, FULLERON CA 92833
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17920 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/ YE JI KIM, OWNER
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 S/ DOORWAY TO HEAVEN REALTY, SECRETARY, ANTOINETTE MENDOZA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020031472
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARIES QUIJANO PHOTOGRAPHY, 11517 186TH ST, ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARIES QUIJANO, 11517 186TH ST, ARTESIA CA 90701
 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: 02/2020
 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/ ARIES QUIJANO, OWNER
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File Number 2020035179
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A & R ROOTER SERVICE, 14834 IBEX AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIAN J. MARTINEZ, 14834 IBEX AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) RAYMOND A. JOHNSTON, 14834 IBEX AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2020
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 S/ ADRIAN J. MARTINEZ, PARTNER
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File Number 2020020188
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AC FANTASY, 7123 PACIFIC BLVD, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY, 6711 S BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES CA 90003
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY CALZADILLA, 6711 S BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES CA 90003
 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: 01/2020
 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/ ANTHONY CALZADILLA, OWNER
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 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020025693
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SAD GIRL CREAMERY, 300 S WESTMORELAND APT 402, LOS ANGELES CA 90020, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SUELEEN MANCINI, 300 S WESTMORELAND APT 402, LOS ANGELES CA 90020
 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: 01/2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020020279
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KEYSTONE CONSTRUCTION HOME IMPROVEMENT, 1533 HIDDEN CANYON ROAD, LA HABRA HEIGHTS CA 90631, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS MEDINA, 1533 HIDDEN CANYON ROAD, LA HABRA HEIGHTS CA 90631
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020032006
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WOODFIRE PIES, 621 S SADLER AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUISMIGUEL CASILLAS FLORES, 621 S SADLER AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90022
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ LUISMIGUEL CASILLAS FLORES, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020026513
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FINANCIAL COACHING PROFESSIONALS (2) BITCOIN COACHING PROFESSIONALS, 2336 GLENSTONE AVENUE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRIAN LEE, 2336 GLENSTONE AVENUE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745 (2) MARILYN M LEE, 2336 GLENSTONE AVENUE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745
 State of Incorporation: 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: 02/2020
 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/ BRIAN LEE, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2020
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 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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 S/ BRIAN LEE, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 3, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020014909
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VEGA V.O., 11940 CREWE STREET, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUGO A VEGA, 11940 CREWE STREET, NORWALK CA 90650
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
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 S/ HUGO A VEGA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 17, 2020
 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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NOTICES

Join us for a CEQA public meeting on the CHP Santa Fe Springs Area Office Replacement Project

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), with assistance from the Department of General Services (DGS), is circulating a draft environmental impact report (EIR) for construction and operation of the CHP Santa Fe Springs Area Office Replacement Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a 45-day public review and comment period. Information regarding the project is available at: www.chp-ceqa.com/santa-fe-springs/. The purpose of public circulation and the public meeting is to provide public agencies and interested individuals with opportunities to comment on or express concerns regarding the contents of the EIR. The public review period will begin on February 21, 2020 and ends on April 6, 2020. During this period, DGS will hold a public meeting on the following date and location.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Town Center Hall Meeting Room 1 11740 Telegraph Road Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Will you need an accommodation in order to attend and/or participate in this event? If so, please contact Megan Giglioli, Horizon Water and Environment, at (916) 465-8073. Auxiliary aides and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCPO0011
 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
 JENNIFER GAA HEE YOON
 12432 Heritage Springs Dr.
 Santa Fe Springs, CA, 90670
 (323) 829-3199
 jgyoon@gmail.com

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCPO0023
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Gene Aryn Guzman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Gene Aryn Guzman to Proposed name (1) Gene Aryn Arroyas
 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 25, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m.,
 Department: C, Room: N/A
 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, 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 JANUARY 24, 2020
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
 Gene Aryn Guzman
 205 Leucadia Rd
 La Habra Heights, CA 90631
 714-397-3651

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FELICITAS FELIX CASE NO. 20STPB00969

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FELICITAS FELIX.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GEORGE FELIX in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GEORGE FELIX 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 with limited authority. (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: 03/03/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
 PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA - SBN 065868
 LAW OFFICES OF PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA
 12749 NORWALK BLVD., SUITE 111
 NORWALK CA 90650
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whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-18-836976-BF. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 619-445-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-18-836976-BF IDSPub #0160483 2/21/2020 2/28/2020 3/6/2020**

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-RCS-19019058 NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/7/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 800-280-2891 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RCS-19019058. 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. On March 26, 2020, at 09:00 AM, VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by VICTOR MADRID AND FRANCISCA MADRID, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trusters, recorded on 11/14/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2512065, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn on 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. Property is being sold "as is - where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 8070-007-012 The Land referred to is situated in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Norwalk, and is described as follows: Lot(s) 68 of Tract No. 15584, in the City of Norwalk, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 354 Page(s) 21 to 23 inclusive of Maps in the Office of the County Recorder said County. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 14413 FIDEL AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$206,536.21. 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. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Sale Information Line: 800-280-2891 or Website: www.auction.com Date: February 11, 2020 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC; AS TRUSTEE By Lillian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4718515 02/21/2020, 02/28/2020, 03/06/2020

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NDSF File No. : 19-21099-SP-CA Title Order No. : 191172370-CA-VOI APN No. : 8049-022-032 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/07/2006 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that National Default Servicing Corporation as trustee (or successor trustee, or substituted trustee), pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Luis Rodriguez and Ana Rodriguez, husband and wife, as joint tenants, dated 07/07/2006 and recorded 07/14/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1556832 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, State of CA, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 11/07/2019 as Instrument No. 20191206448 (or Book, Page) of said Official Records. Date and Time of Sale: 03/13/2020 09:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Property will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States, payable in full at time of sale), all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and LOT 47 IN BLOCK "D" OF TRACT NO. 6094, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 67 PAGE 68, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11405 Belcher St Norwalk, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The 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 publications of the Notice of Sale is \$384,563.95 The opening bid at the time of the sale may be more or less than this amount depending on the

total indebtedness owed and/or the fair market of the property. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, in an "as is" condition, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The lender is unable to validate the condition, defects or disclosure issues of said property and Buyer waives the disclosure requirements under NRS 113.130 by purchasing at this sale and signing said receipt. 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. Date: 02/10/2020 National Default Servicing Corporation 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 602-264-0101 Sales Line : 480-257-2444 Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales By: Tasha Augborne, Trustee Sales Representative 02/21/2020, 02/28/2020, 03/06/2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020016950
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VIVIAN'S NOTARY SERVICES, 14019 LEFFINGWELL ROAD UNIT 204, WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VIVIAN TAPIA, 14019 LEFFINGWELL ROAD UNIT 204, WHITTIER CA 90604
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ VIVIAN TAPIA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 22, 2020 (notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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Eagle Scout brings "Little Libraries" to city

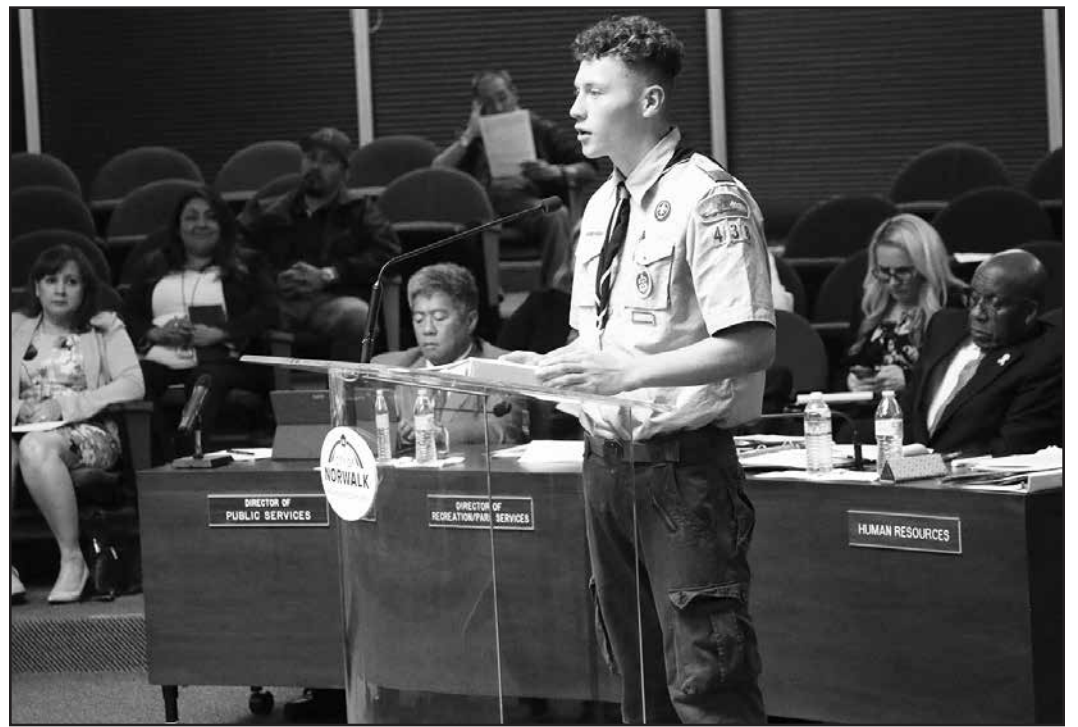


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NORWALK - Three "Little Free Libraries" will soon be coming to the city, all as part of an aspiring Eagle Scout's required project.

Resident Keith Aguilar of Boy Scout Troop 438 was required to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or community.

Aguilar reached out to the city back in May of last year and has been in continued discussions with City staff for the past several months, all while continuing to fundraise the project.

Aguilar's efforts culminated

on Tuesday, when he approached city council for approval.

The libraries will be installed in three locations - Hermosillo and Holifield Parks, and inside the courtyard near the Cultural Arts Center - which staff says are frequently visited by children.

Aguilar has already been in contact with nearby school principals concerning keeping each library stocked should there be a need. Maintenance of the Library structures would be the responsibility of the city.

Once built, local artists selected by the City will paint a design on each box, followed by

an anti-graffiti coating over the paint applied by Public Services staff.

The Little Free Libraries program was created in 2009 to inspire reading and make books more available to the public through book sharing throughout communities. The Little Free Library organization indicates that there are over 90,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide.

There is currently only one existing Little Free Library in Norwalk, which was donated to Sanchez Elementary School by Chick-fil-a during their grand opening.



CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THE WINNERS OF LAST YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOME DÉCOR CONTEST AT THEIR MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT.

"ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS TO DO DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS TO DRIVE THROUGH NORWALK AND ADMIRE THE BRIGHTLY DECORATED HOMES. IT HELPS PUT ONE IN A FESTIVE MOOD AND INCREASES PRIDE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS," SAID MAYOR MARGARITA RIOS. "WE THANK EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED NOMINATIONS, AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN HELPING TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER."

EACH WINNER RECEIVED A YARD SIGN AND A GIFT CARD TO LOWES.

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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Play & Explore, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Spend time with your child exploring and playing with age-appropriate toys. For ages 0-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

The Great Night of Shiva, 7:30 pm. Join us to celebrate this most auspicious night of Lord Shiva, ruler of consciousness and granter of boons. Evening includes Yantra Puja, Abhishek (ritual bathing) of the Yogini Ashram Shivalingam, Chanting by the Sacred Fire & Kirtan. By donation event; \$5-\$10 suggested.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Vietnamese Home Cooking, 1 - 2:30 pm. Join Chef Vivien to learn how to cook healthy Vietnamese street foods. You'll get to sample everything she makes! Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

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

up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lit Wits Book Club: I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. A tragic accident leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. For Adults 18+. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Highway

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2020 Census Presentation, 1 - 2 pm. The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Join us for a presentation of what the census is and why it's essential that everyone is counted. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Jewelry Making Class 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Learn about the subject of

beading and create your own personalized piece of jewelry! Advance registration is required. Please visit or call the library to sign up: 562.868.0775. For Adults 18+. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Highway.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

PLAY & EXPLORE, 10:30 - 11:30 AM. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILD EXPLORING AND PLAYING WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS. FOR AGES 0-5 WITH AN ADULT CAREGIVER. ALONDRA LIBRARY, 11949 ALONDRA BLVD.

State of the City address, 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. No ticket sales at the door.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

DBP Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a, 5 pm. Come out to Chick-Fil-A on Imperial and Bloomfield in Norwalk to support Team DBP in raising funds for their programs and services. All proceeds will benefit youth through backpack distribution, scholarship awards, youth outreach, and mentorship. Let the Chick-Fil-A team know at the register (between 5pm-8pm) that you are there to support Dream Big Project.

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.

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, MARCH 21

Quartermania, 11 am to 3 pm. Support Norwalk Woman's Club scholarships while you shop, and bid on items for 1, 2, or 3 quarters. Join us for a fast-paced and fun afternoon where everyone is a winner! \$20 ticket price includes lunch. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Grind Now, Die Later fest, 4 pm. Music event held at American Legion Post 359. Tickets are \$10 online, or \$15 at the door.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Learn How To Play In A Charity Golf Tournament, 1-4:30 pm. Join

the #Latina Golfers for an in-depth, hands-on, Golf 101 Bootcamp that will teach you how to play in a charity golf tournament. You'll never have to say no to that business golf invitation again! You will learn the do's and don'ts of business golf including golf etiquette. You will also learn the fundamentals of the golf swing and putting. And you will be taken to the golf course to put into action what you learned and learn step-by-step what to do from tee box to the green. No golf experience needed and we provide the golf equipment. Refunds will be given up to 7 days before event minus a \$28 administrative fee. \$95 cost plus 7.42 processing fee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

90's Rock Show at Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Join your community for an all-ages 90s Concert NIGHT in Norwalk.

Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com, or to alex@thedowneypatriot.com.

Expert on African-American baseball history to speak at Whittier College library

WHITTIER - In celebration of Black History Month and the Negro Leagues Centennial, the Baseball Reliquary and the Institute for Baseball Studies will present a special program Feb. 24 at Whittier College featuring author Phil S. Dixon, who has written extensively on African American baseball history and is widely regarded for his expertise on the subject.

Starting at 7 p.m., at the Wardman Library, Dixon will discuss Wilber "Bullet" Rogan, considered by some to be baseball's greatest all-around player, and the history of the legendary Kansas City Monarchs teams from 1920-1938.

During Rogan's career, the Monarchs won five pennants, two Negro League World Series, and featured such talents as Satchel Paige, Chet Brewer, Andy Cooper, and Newt Allen.

Dixon will also emphasize the many barnstorming trips that Rogan made with his Kansas City Monarchs teammates and other Negro League greats, including playing winter league baseball in Los Angeles.

Following the discussion,

Dixon will sign two of his books: "Wilber 'Bullet' Rogan and the Kansas City Monarchs" and "The Dizzy and Daffy Dean Barnstorming Tour: Race, Media, and America's National Pastime," copies of which will be available for sale.

A co-founder and current board member of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, author/historian Dixon has been researching and documenting African American baseball history for more than 35 years. He has written numerous books on the subject, including "The Negro Baseball Leagues: A Photographic History," co-authored by Patrick J. Hannigan.

Dixon served as an inner-city baseball coach for over 25 years, and as an adviser to Kansas City's RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) youth baseball program. He formerly worked in the public relations office of the American League Kansas City Royals.

In January 2014, Dixon began a tour of 200 cities where the Kansas City Monarchs and other African American teams and players barnstormed. His goal was to spread goodwill and heal racial relationships through

baseball history in the places where that history actually occurred.

The tour, which visited 17 states and included an international stop in Saskatchewan, Canada, concluded in 2018. Uniquely, Dixon refused to fly to any city to honor the traveling tradition of barnstorming.

Dixon currently resides in Belton, Missouri, part of the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Attendees can also view the exhibit "The House That Rube Built: The Negro Leagues Centennial," presented by the Institute for Baseball Studies and the Baseball Reliquary throughout the month of February at the Wardman Library.

The program is supported, in part, by a grant to the Baseball Reliquary from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture.

Norwalk's budget in deficit, despite extra \$1 million

NORWALK - Even an anticipated extra \$1 million won't keep Norwalk's budget out of the hole this year.

According to an article written by Mike Sprague and published by the Whittier Daily News, a new state law - which allows states to collect sales tax from online purchases even if the retailer doesn't have a local presence - is anticipated to keep Norwalk's total for annual sales tax at about \$12.4 million, which

is right around where it stood last fiscal year.

Yet, Norwalk will still find its budget at a projected deficit of \$4.3 million this year, forcing the city to utilize its "rainy-day funds."

Those reserves will drop to around \$11.5 million, according to staff.

In addition, expenditures are up by over \$533,000.

All hope is not lost, however.

According to finance director Jana Stuard, the nearly \$55 million budget could still balance out through attrition of unfilled positions, in part.

There is also Measure P to consider, which is will be on the quickly approaching March ballot. If approved, it would mean a .75 percent sales tax increase, which would generate \$7 million annually for the city.

Jury convicts felon of Downey triple murder

DOWNEY - A Los Angeles man was convicted today of killing two women and a man at a Downey business nearly eight years ago.

Jurors deliberated for about four hours before finding Jade Douglas Harris, 37, guilty of three counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder, four counts of kidnapping for carjacking and one count of felon with a firearm.

The special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and murder during the commission of a burglary,

carjacking and kidnapping were found to be true.

Harris faces the death penalty. The penalty phase of the trial is expected to begin on Feb. 18.

Harris fatally shot Josimar Rojas, 26, Irene Cardenas Reyes, 35, and Susana Perez Ruelas, 34, on Oct. 24, 2012, after responding to an online advertisement for a vehicle for sale.

Rojas and Reyes were killed at United States Fire Protection, a business in Downey, where a

woman was shot and injured.

Harris forced Perez Ruelas to drive him and her 13-year-old son to a nearby home where the vehicle was located. The defendant killed Perez Ruelas and shot her son but he survived.

He was found a day later and arrested.

Harris has prior felony convictions for robbery, attempted robbery and carrying a concealed weapon.

Economic summit returns to Cerritos College

NORWALK - Cerritos College will host its second Economic Development Summit on March 6.

Industry leaders, businesses, organizations, and educators from across the Gateway-area region will reconvene for a one-day conference to forecast economic trends and identify solutions to meet the area's workforce and labor demands.

The College hosted its first Economic Development Summit in 2017.

Special guest speakers include Jessica Ku Kim, Senior Director of Workforce Development, with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, who will address the role community colleges play in building a competitive workforce. Erin Baird, Account Manager, Higher Education, and Sterling Smith, Consulting Economist with Emsi, will lead the discussion

related to workforce demand and alignment.

"It is critical that Cerritos College stay active in facilitating a strong environment for economic development, workforce training, and community building across the region so that our students can benefit from programs and resources on campus that are closely aligned with industry trends," said Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro. "When education and training are easy to access throughout our community, residents and students have a better chance to improve their social mobility into the middle class and change the trajectory of their lives and that of their family."

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.cerritos.edu/economicsummit/default.htm>

The value of subscribing to local news

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the industry in the form of new business models, such as nonprofit newsrooms or those with wealthy private owners, including the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times. Doctor said funding from tech giants like Facebook and Google could also help, though those same companies' internet advertising platforms are largely thought to be responsible for tanking newspapers' ad-supported revenue models.

"There's also a lot of push to get Google and Facebook to actually pay for licensing money to these companies and I think we're going to see a lot of that

as antitrust comes up," Doctor said, referencing the growing antitrust scrutiny of many major tech giants.

Brown also urged readers to subscribe to their local newspapers.

"Most people I would think pay \$100 to \$200 a month on their cable subscriptions," Brown said. "Newspapers are a fraction of that. Digital subscriptions are \$10 to \$15 a month. It really isn't a whole lot of money considering that you're investing in your community and you're investing in people at those newspapers who are there to hold your elected people, people who are in power, accountable."

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Joseph Thee Baker: finding passion while on parole

Joseph Maez spent close to 19 years in and out of trouble before finding his niche in baking.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

WHITTIER – You wouldn't be too far off to describe Joseph Maez as a self-made success story; it just took a few years in and out of trouble to get him there.

His story is one of whipped cream and cake. It's also one of drug abuse and prison bars.

"In 2009 I did parole for the last time," said Maez, 51. "I have a total of 14 years invested in the men's prison system, in and out of prison; five different prison terms, three different prison

numbers all for manufacturing methamphetamine and drug charges."

Adding in other jail time, Maez estimates that he has a combined 19 years incarcerated.

"I wasn't a bad person; I just lived a very reckless life," he said.

Maez says that he was a "functional drug addict."

"We were the kind of people that made house payments, car payments, and blended in with society," said Maez.

Having been a foster child that was born and raised in the church, Maez says that he was sheltered from a lot of the harsh realities of life.

"Once I turned 18, you start getting your first little sip of life

– the club life, you get to hanging out with different kinds of friends – the weed, the alcohol, different things lead to different drugs."

"I mixed up with the wrong people, and next thing I knew I was hustling...most of my charges were possession and sales."

"People don't realize there's a lot of really good money into it. Even every time I got locked up, I didn't care about changing, because the money was really good. I had the same mentality of not to get busted, how can I be a little more slick...that's how clouded my mind was."

His last stint in prison came with eight years and a stern warning from the judge; "I better not see you in here again."

"I knew I had to change," said Maez. "I made promises to God; I said, 'God, I've tried everything else. I need your help...if you take me from the revolving door of the prison system, I'll change.'"

It was in that very prison system where Maez would find the answer to his escape: baking.

"All my experience comes from cooking and restaurants, stuff like that; any time I've gotten out, I went right to the restaurants," said Maez. "My points dropped, and I got to go from a level four prison facility to one of those fire camps that you see."

"I was out there fighting fires for a year, but then the opportunity came where I could go in to work in the kitchen."

During Maez's time in the kitchen, another inmate – who was responsible for the baking – was preparing to parole.

"They said we need a baker,"



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

said Maez. "Every camp wants a good baker. No one wants a piece of crap baker; life sucks for everyone when there's a garbage baker."

Ultimately, Maez stepped up and volunteered to be trained. It was a decision that would have a much more lasting impact than he originally anticipated.

"Who knew that that four months of training was going to be some of the best free school I've gotten in my life," said Maez. "And what better test dummies than inmates? It just worked out."

Maez found that he had a knack for baking, and would carry those talents past his last term in prison and back into the restaurant industry, eventually bringing him to help create many of the pastries sold front-of-house.

However, Maez found that even that wasn't satisfying him

enough.

"My last job was at Costco Bakery; I worked there for five months," said Maez. "When I punched out for the last time, I had no clue things would end up the way they did. I perfected my skill; I baked, I learned I watched YouTube. I never went to school for any of this in my life."

Now, Maez, more commonly known as Joseph Thee Baker, runs his own business out of his Whittier apartment.

"That hustle gene that I put into everything I used to do for the wrong reasons, I now do it for the right reasons," said Maez. "Your work is your number one referral."

"You have to learn how to network; you have to learn to market yourself. If not, you're done."

Maez has already accumulated

an impressive social media following, and racked up celebrity endorsements from the likes of Snoop Dog, the KTLA 5 news team, and Christine Devine.

Now, Maez is using his vigor and talent for the betterment of others, having taught over 1,500 students.

"For so many years, I used my platform for the wrong reasons," said Maez. "I get so many private messages from people who I am connecting with...If I can use my platform in a positive way to inspire, that's all I ask."

"That comes as part as being a success, is being able to show somebody. Part of me being a success is being a successful teacher...I want to make sure I'm using my platform in a positive way to inspire."

Maez can be found on Facebook and Instagram by searching Joseph Thee Baker.

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Downey Fire launches hands-free CPR tech

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Hoping to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of

its emergency care, the Downey Fire Department launched new, hands-free CPR equipment this week.

DFD recently showed off it's new AutoPulse system to city staff, demonstrating how the apparatus could administer chest compressions more effectively than manual CPR.

"What this does that manual CPR doesn't do is increase blood flow," said DFD Captain Ivan Orloff. "Manual CPR, for instance, only produces 30% blood flow, where this AutoPulse will produce near-normal blood to a patient's heart, brain, and vital organs."

"We won't take away manual CPR, because that needs to be

done when we get on scene right away while this is being deployed."

Once applied to a patient, AutoPulse will provide continuous compressions throughout the entirety of ambulance loading and travel to the hospital. This will free up paramedic hands to delegate to other necessary tasks, while also allowing for easier transport and safer conditions for paramedics while riding in the back of an ambulance.

"Our paramedics can delegate responsibilities to other important areas. That could be starting IV's, defibrillating, intubating a patient," said Orloff. "It will allow us to focus on other areas which is very, very nice."

The device is intended for adult application, though bigger children or adult-sized teenagers may be able to benefit from its use as well.

Each AutoPulse unit costs \$15,000. The department currently owns two, which have been deployed with the busiest ambulances in the department. According to Orloff, the goal is to hopefully secure funding within the next year to outfit the remaining two vehicles.

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