

Downey clamps down on protests

■ Protestors who target council members' homes now have to stay 300 feet away.

By Alex Dominguez
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DOWNEY - Looking to avoid the protests they faced at their front doorsteps last year, the Downey City Council voted Tuesday to place a buffer zone between picketers and their targeted residences.

Protestors wishing to target a specific individual within their private residence will now have to stay 300 feet from the structure (not the property line). This follows several other municipalities that have taken similar action, including Los Angeles, Carlsbad, Huntington Beach, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Riverside City and County, and San Diego County.

This isn't the first time that the council has attempted to tackle the issue.

The council first entertained action against residential picketing last year, after a group of individuals armed with bullhorns and seeking more rent control, took to the homes of then council members Blanca Pacheco, Claudia M. Frometa, Sean Ashton, Rick Rodriguez, and Alex Saab.

Specifically, both Frometa and Pacheco were concerned with the impact that the protests were having on their neighbors and - in the case of Frometa and Saab - their young children, as demonstrations, although nonviolent, were oftentimes aggressive, amplified, and profane.

Those initial discussions failed to get off the ground, however, as Saab and Ashton both were reluctant to infringe on the first amendment rights of the demonstrators.

It was a different story this time around, however, as the move to establish a residential buffer zone passed on a 3-1 vote, with Ashton absent.

Frometa said that the city was "not aiming to silence anyone."

"With this ordinance, we want to safeguard both groups," said Frometa. "We want to ensure that the targeted picketing that occurs within our community does not force residents to become captive audiences to unwanted speech within their own homes."

Protestors are still liable to other laws and regulations, such as traffic and noise. A demonstrator who violates the buffer zone could also be subject to a private legal action by the targeted individual.

The sole objector to the ordinance was Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez, who took part in the aforementioned protests before winning her seat on the council.

The councilwoman - who is currently facing a potential recall in part for her involvement in the home protests - defended her actions, saying that "these protests started when constituents felt like they weren't being heard."

"They said the council didn't listen to them, so they went to our houses and protested. I was one of them. I was here constantly asking for something; it didn't happen," said Alvarez.

"They were protesting about housing affordability and moratoriums and evictions. The group that did this was mainly the Downey Tenants Union, and other groups in our city. Specifically, they wanted us to create an eviction moratorium prior to the holidays...Protestors had legitimate reasons to protest..."

She added that a buffer zone would limit the effectiveness of anyone to protest, even her current opposition.

State of the City address touts improved city services during pandemic

■ Officials say Norwalk made strides in infrastructure improvements, homeless prevention, and crime reduction.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK - Mayor Jennifer Perez led address on Oct. 22, and showed how Norwalk maintained and improved its community services during the pandemic. Perez and other city officials explained the city's improvements in infrastructure, law enforcement, homelessness, public safety, assisting local businesses and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive director of the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Caren Spilsbury, described the struggles local businesses face during the pandemic, and what challenges businesses meet as they reopen.

"Small business trends are going downward. CNBC ranked all the states in different ways, and while California is ranked number one for access to capital, we are ranked 47 for the cost of actually doing business in our state," said Spilsbury.

Spilsbury added she is working to fix the issue by addressing the anti-business legislation in the state government.

"The Gateway Chambers Alliance works with our elected officials in Sacramento to put new business legislation through, and unfortunately so many laws hinder our business," said Spilsbury.

She continued to say that grants and funding can assist businesses in need, most notably the American Rescue Plan.



Norwalk Mayor Jennifer Perez delivers the State of the City address to Norwalk officials on Oct. 22. The address included updates on the city's effort to reduce crime, help businesses and manage the COVID-19 pandemic. (City of Norwalk photo)

Norwalk was given \$28 million through the plan to bring relief to struggling entities in the community. The city also assisted 60 businesses with half a million dollars through the Business Loan Program.

Norwalk Sheriff's Department Captain James Tatreau explained how Norwalk has improved traffic enforcement and reduced crime.

"We added personnel to enforce traffic safety laws, with one of the bigger additions being a motorcycle sergeant," said the sheriff's captain.

Tatreau displayed a graph detailing the crime rate in the

city before the pandemic in 2019.

"In 2019, we had an over 35-year crime low in the city. In 2021, crime in Norwalk is down 12%," he said. "In LA County, only four sheriff's stations have seen a reduction in crime, and nobody has seen a bigger reduction than Norwalk Station."

Public Safety Lieutenant and acting Emergency Manager for Norwalk Eric Wosick took a moment to describe the effort to help every eligible person receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We've been working with multiple agencies to distribute the vaccine, primarily our local hospitals like Coast Plaza. Then

we transitioned to our site at the Arts and Sports complex," said Wosick.

The Lieutenant stated the complex is open Tuesday - Sunday, from 11am - 6pm, to provide people with the vaccine.

"The city of Norwalk has remained committed to maintaining the same level of services to the community that it did prior to the pandemic and has taken steps to improve on these services," said Mayor Perez. "The city is heading in the right direction, and we are looking forward to the future with new and exciting projects and developments."

Despite rain, Relay for Life raises \$6K

NORWALK - Relay for Life held their annual Tri - Cities event at Norwalk city hall to help fundraise cancer research and spread awareness for the disease on Oct. 23.

Along with Paramount and Bellflower, Norwalk helped to celebrate those who won their battle against cancer and honor those who lost their lives fighting the illness.

Pati Escano survived her fight against breast cancer when her tumor was removed during surgery.

"We are called 'surgical cures.' We never had to do chemo or radiation," said Escano. "It was early detection, because I was only 39 at the time and my aunt had it as well. Cancer runs in my family."

Escano said she is also walking for her aunt, who relapsed after 16 years in remission.

Senior Community Development manager, Nancy Gutzmer, coordinated and helped plan the relay at the city hall lawn.

"My sole purpose is to work with the community and put on Relay for Life," said Gutzmer.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was smaller than previous relays.

Despite the virus, Relay for Life raised approximately \$6,000 for the American Cancer Society to help fund research for a cure.

Vincent Medina, contributor



Breast cancer survivor Pati Escano dances during the Relay for Life of Tri-Cities Relay in Norwalk. (Photo by Vincent Medina)



Most L.A. County businesses complying with mandates

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - If you have ventured out in public places around Los Angeles County over the last few weeks, chances are you've had to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccine since verification became a county requirement earlier this month.

To help ensure the new rules are being followed, health inspectors have been stopping by businesses countywide. Overall, the majority of businesses have been in compliance, officials say.

Between Oct. 16 and Oct. 22, county health inspectors visited 1,008 restaurants, 78 bars, 226 food markets, 26 breweries, wineries or distilleries, 10 nightclubs, 21 lounges, 21 hotels, 35 gyms and fitness centers, 10 hair salons or barber shops, 52 manufacturing plants, 33 garment manufacturing plants, 22 personal care businesses, 11 office sites and five large outdoor and indoor venues.

Out of those, inspectors noted 73% of garment manufacturers, 73% of office sites, 82% of bars, 80% of nightclubs and 86% of lounges were in compliance with employee masking, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported. And, 85% percent of bars were in compliance with customer vaccination verifications.

"Overall, the inspections revealed that while the majority of businesses were in compliance, there is room for improvement with employee masking at garment manufacturers, office sites, bars, nightclubs and lounges, and customer vaccination verifications at bars," county officials said in a news release.

County health officials said business compliance is key to helping reduce the transmission of coronavirus transmission, and it appears to be having a positive impact in the number of reported cases.

On Oct. 6, the day before the vaccine requirements went into effect in L.A. County, health officials reported 1,479 new coronavirus cases and 31 deaths. In comparison to Oct. 25, when those numbers were down to 379 new cases and 5 deaths.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 85°

Saturday 74°

Sunday 70°

THINGS TO DO



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ON THIS DAY OCTOBER 29

1618

Sir Walter Raleigh, the English courtier, military adventurer and poet, was executed in London.

1888

The Convention of Constantinople was signed, guaranteeing free maritime passage through the Suez Canal during war and peace.

1901

President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

1929

Stock prices collapsed on the New York Stock Exchange amid panic selling. Thousands of investors were wiped out.

1940

The United States America began its first peacetime military draft.

1947

Frances Cleveland Preston, the widow of President Grover Cleveland, died at age 83.

1960

An airplane carrying the Cal Poly football team crashes on takeoff in Toledo, Ohio. Of the 48 on board, 22 were killed, including both pilots, 16 players, a student manager, and a football booster.

1962

The Beach Boys' debut album, "Surfin' Safari," was released.



1966

The National Organization for Women was founded.

1967

The musical "Hair" opened off-Broadway.

2004

Osama bin Laden, in a videotaped statement, directly admitted for the first time that he had ordered the Sept. 11 attacks.

2015

China announced the end of its one-child per family policy, which had been in place for 35 years to curb population growth.

Birthdays

Voice actor **Dan Castellana** (64), actress **Winona Ryder** (50), actress and model **Gabrielle Union** (49), actress **Tracee Ellis Ross** (49), U.S. Olympic swimmer **Amanda Beard** (40), and pop singer **Tove Lo** (34).

Pregnant? You should still get the flu shot, CDC says

Influenza is more likely to cause severe illness in pregnant people than in people of reproductive age who are not pregnant.

Changes to the immune system, heart, and lungs during pregnancy make people more susceptible to influenza severe enough to cause hospitalization throughout pregnancy and up to two weeks postpartum. Influenza also may be harmful for the developing baby.

A common influenza symptom, fever may be associated with neural tube defects and other adverse outcomes for a developing baby. Parental vaccination also can help protect a baby from influenza after birth (because antibodies are passed

to a developing baby during pregnancy).

Getting an influenza (flu) vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu. Pregnant people should get a flu shot and not the nasal spray flu vaccine. Flu shots given during pregnancy help protect both the pregnant parent and the baby from flu.

Vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of flu-associated acute respiratory infection in pregnant people by up to one-half.

A 2018 study showed that getting a flu shot reduced a pregnant person's risk of being hospitalized with flu by an average of 40 percent. Pregnant people who get a flu vaccine

also are helping to protect their babies from flu illness for the first several months after their birth, when they are too young to get vaccinated.

A list of recent studies on the benefits of flu vaccination for pregnant people is available on the CDC's website.

September and October are generally good times to be vaccinated. Early vaccination also can be considered for people who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, because this can help protect the baby after birth during their first months of life (when they are too young to be vaccinated).

Some children need 2 doses given at least 4 weeks apart (children 6 months through 8

years of age who either have never received flu vaccine, or who have not already received a total of at least 2 doses in their lives). These children should get their first dose soon after vaccine is available, so that they can receive the second dose (which has to be given at least 4 weeks after the first) by the end of October.

There is no recommendation that pregnant people or people with pre-existing medical conditions need to get special permission or written consent from their doctor or health care professional for influenza (flu) vaccination if they get vaccinated at a worksite clinic, pharmacy, or other location outside of their physician's office.

Pregnant people should not get nasal spray vaccine.

In addition to getting a flu shot, pregnant people should take the same everyday preventive actions CDC recommends for everyone, including avoiding people who are sick, covering coughs, and washing hands often. In addition, breastfeeding also has many benefits, including helping to protect infants from infections like flu.

If you get flu symptoms, call your health care provider right away. There are flu antiviral drugs that can treat flu illness and prevent serious flu complications. CDC recommends prompt flu antiviral treatment for people who have confirmed or suspected flu infection and who are at higher risk of serious flu complications, such as pregnant people.

Early treatment of flu in hospitalized pregnant people has been shown to reduce the length of the hospital stay.

Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than in adults. People may be infected with flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

Treatment

Influenza antiviral drugs are medicines that fight against flu by keeping flu viruses from making more viruses in your body.

Antiviral drugs can make your flu illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious health problems that can result from flu illness.

Treatment with an influenza antiviral drug should begin as soon as possible because these medications work best when started early (within 48 hours after symptoms start).

You need a prescription from a health care provider for an influenza antiviral medication.

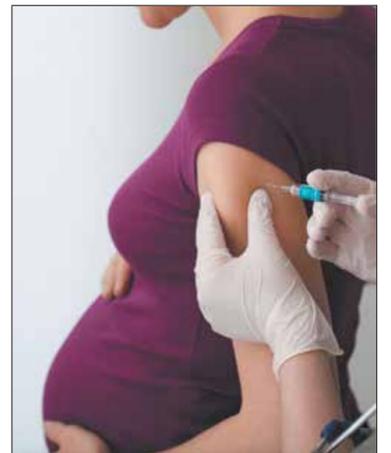
There are four FDA-approved flu antiviral drugs recommended by CDC this season that can be used to treat the flu.

If you are pregnant and have

any of these signs, call 911 right away:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Persistent dizziness, confusion, inability to arouse
- Seizures
- Not urinating
- Severe muscle pain
- Severe weakness or unsteadiness
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- High fever that is not responding to Tylenol (or store brand equivalent)
- Decreased or no movement of your baby

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I am astounded at the variety of sparkling water on the store shelves. Are they a healthful alternative to sodas and other drinks?

Healthier lifestyle trends are on the increase across all age groups, and people are gradually shifting to more healthful and innovative drinks, including sparkling water. The global sparkling water market was estimated at almost \$30 billion in 2020, and is expected to continue to grow rapidly.

Sparkling water is a refreshing alternative to soda. Is it truly any healthier? It depends. Soda and juice include considerable amounts of sugar or artificial sweeteners. However, some sparkling waters contain minerals like salt, or sugars, or artificial sweeteners.

To make water bubbly, it is infused with carbon dioxide gas under pressure. Different forms of sparkling water include seltzer (just water with the carbon dioxide), club soda (with the added minerals potassium bicarbonate

and potassium sulfate, giving it a slightly salty taste), and sparkling mineral water (such as Perrier and San Pellegrino, which come from a mineral spring and contain naturally occurring minerals, such as salts or sulphur compounds). Tonic water is a carbonated water that contains quinine, which is bitter, along with sugar, high-fructose corn syrup, or artificial sweetener. So, if you are watching your sodium, be aware that many carbonated waters contain salt. Others are high in sugar, which poses a risk for tooth decay, diabetes, and weight gain.

Sparkling water is as hydrating as still water, and staying well hydrated has so many benefits, including better kidney function and weight loss. Many people find that adequate hydration is difficult for them to achieve, and that alternatives to still water are helpful.

Symptoms of dehydration can include thirst, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, headache, dry mouth and dry cough, rapid heart rate, low blood pressure, loss of appetite, muscle cramps, constipation, chills, and dark and infrequent urine.

It was believed that consum-

ing carbonated water could harm the bones, due to its slightly acidic content. Studies have not shown this to be the case. What has been shown is that sodas, which are high in phosphorus, do indeed lower bone density.

Perhaps you are fed up with spending money on small bottles of sparkling water (and other drinks), and creating yet more plastic waste? A variety of products, like Soda Stream, make it easy, inexpensive, environmentally conscious, and fast to make carbonated beverages at home, in reusable bottles.

As I am writing this, I am drinking Hint sparkling water. It has no sweeteners, minerals or sodium added. I see on the label that the only additional ingredient is "other natural flavors." I encourage you to try a good pure sparkling water. It is enjoyable, calorie free, and a great substitute for soda. But don't forget to read the label, and avoid sugar, salt, or other chemicals.

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Teen girls had body image issues long before Instagram

By **Froma Harrop**

When I was, like, 17, I didn't eat for three solid days. Ten pounds had to go — immediately. The period of starvation crowded out every other thought in my head. Of course, I lost weight, though it was mostly water. Of course, I gained it back.

My point is that teenage girls' angst over body image long preceded Instagram, the photo- and video-sharing app now being blamed for a spike in eating disorders. So it's hard to assess findings in a study in which 32% of teen girls said when they felt bad about their bodies, "Instagram made them feel worse." Instagram is owned by Facebook.

Young women still see dog-eared copies of Teen Vogue and InStyle at their hair place. They, too, feature pictures of the anorexic stars in bikinis — many digitally touched up as Instagram lets its users do. Ask today's teen girls whether photos of rake-thin model Gigi Hadid make them feel worse about their bodies. They might well say yes.

Which leads one to wonder exactly how much an apparent rise in teenage girls' emotional distress has been fostered by Instagram. A lot, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Unlike the wildly popular TikTok, which emphasizes performance, Instagram puts the focus on faces, bodies and lifestyle. That invites waves of "negative social comparison" with friends and acquaintances

contributing to one's internal turmoil.

In any event, Facebook is worried about the fierce competition for its Instagram audience. Over 40% of Instagram users are 22 or younger. They haven't been "aging" up to Facebook, now the province of older people. The report finds that young adults consider Facebook's content as "negative, fake and misleading." (Where else have we heard that?)

The problem of teens suffering social distress via Instagram could be assigned to most everyone on any social media. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg likes to talk about the positive mental benefits — the connecting with others — that social media offers. But what kind of connections are these platforms promoting and, more to the point, replacing? While social media apps promote shallow relationships, more seriously, they crowd out opportunities for real intimacy.

I know two wonderful women pained by serious depression and racked by self-doubt. They're on Facebook all the time, posting several times a day about their allegedly carefree lives and happy marriages and, in the case of one, flawless children.

I love them both but know they are hiding their realities. All their "friends" see, however, is the phony facade, and then they wonder why they, too, aren't having a grand time.

When these women and I speak one on one, it's an entirely different

conversation. We share our fears and often laugh about them. Rather than respond to a Facebook post with a fake-sweet comment ("Looks like you're having so much fun"), a real friend hearing about an insecurity might respond ("I know how you feel").

It almost doesn't matter what is said in such conversations. It's the sympathetic voice that offers comfort. This is the kind of interaction possible only with honest back-and-forth.

Despite my three foodless days — and some subsequent fad diets — I never developed a full-blown eating disorder. Had I been on Instagram, I doubt things would have gone otherwise.

Anyone on social media, or a simple email account, can be subjected to bullying and cruel comments, many of them anonymously sent by cowards. Women are favored targets for crude remarks.

That's a simple given of the digital age. Teenage girls would be advised to reassess what apps they use. Meanwhile, all sensitive women who insist on living online must toughen up. Adolescence would be the right place to start.

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Netflix's defense of Dave Chappelle

By **Larry Elder**

Many conservatives praised Netflix for "standing up to cancel culture" by defending its decision to carry Dave Chappelle's comedy special, "The Closer."

Critics in the LGBTQ community accuse him of misogyny and of bashing transgender people. Among comments that attracted controversy, Chappelle said, "Gender is a fact. Every human being in this room, every human being on Earth, had to pass through the legs of a woman to be on Earth. That is a fact."

According to Forbes, Chappelle was "roundly criticized by advocacy groups including GLAAD, the Human Rights Campaign and the National Black Justice Coalition." The NBJC issued a statement: "With 2021 on track to be the deadliest year on record for transgender people in the United States — the majority of whom are Black transgender people — Netflix should know better."

A Newsweek headline read: "Netflix's Defense of Dave Chappelle Stirs Hope on the Right of End of 'Cancel Era.'" And New York Post film critic Kyle Smith wrote: "Netflix this week has provided the rest of the culture with a simple example of what to do when the woke mob comes demanding human sacrifice and ritualized electronic humiliation: Just say, 'Nah.'"

Netflix initially stood by Chappelle and reportedly suspended three disgruntled employees for intruding, uninvited, into a virtual meeting where executives discussed how to respond to critics.

At the time, Netflix co-CEO, Ted Sarandos, said, "While some employees disagree, we have a strong belief that content onscreen doesn't directly translate to real-world harm. ... Adults can watch violence, assault and abuse — or enjoy shocking stand-up comedy — without it causing them to harm others."

And Netflix's other co-CEO Reed Hastings said, "I do believe that our commitment to artistic expression and pleasing our members is the right long-term choice for Netflix." And Hastings also pointed out that the special received a high score from its audience on the rating website Rotten Tomatoes.

Hold the praise.

As to Hastings' defense of the Chappelle special due to its high audience rating, consider this. "Uncle Tom," the film I executive produced that was directed by Justin Malone, had the exact same Rotten Tomatoes approval rating, 96%, as did "The Closer." But, despite our best efforts, Netflix refused to carry it. Amazon Prime and iTunes agreed to make the documentary available to their users, but not Netflix.

Also, Netflix is heavily invested in the extraordinarily popular Chappelle. The entertainment company signed him to a mutually rewarding long-term deal. It wanted to protect its investment.

More importantly, while it took a few days, Netflix walked back its ringing defense of artistic freedom. In an interview only days after his email defending Chappelle, Sarandos said he "screwed up": "What I should have led with in those emails was humanity. I should have

recognized the fact that a group of our employees was really hurting. ... To be clear, storytelling has an impact in the real world ... sometimes quite negative."

Sarandos does not intend to remove the comedy special: "We have articulated to our employees that there are going to be things you don't like. ... There are going to be things that you might feel are harmful. But we are trying to entertain a world with varying tastes and sensibilities and various beliefs, and I think this special was consistent with that."

Should conservatives applaud an entertainment platform that refused to carry a "conservative" documentary with the same high rating as "The Closer"? Had Netflix anticipated the negative left-wing criticism leveled at Chappelle's special, would they have aired it as is?

Chappelle, in a public appearance right after the controversy, said: "If this is what being canceled is like, I love it. ... F--- Twitter. F--- NBC News, ABC News, all these stupid-ass networks. I'm not talking to them. I'm talking to you. This is real life." Netflix says it intends to continue its relationship with Chappelle. Time will tell. This will be a test for Netflix and for Chappelle.

But when conservatives expect Netflix to stand up to cancel culture, the winner is cancel culture.

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Note to Biden: Love the senate less

By **Jamie Stiehm**

Two senators should not be pushing a president around on a signature package — legacy legislation called Build Back Better — as time ticks by.

It does not play well. It feels weak when President Joe Biden jokes at a CNN town hall that all senators are presidents.

No, there's only one, Joe; you're it. Know your power, the way House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., does.

The rub is that Biden loves the Senate too much. He reveres the place he spent 35 years of his life and treats the two troublemakers as if they are equals.

Presidents should win arguments with senators in their party caucus. Presidents should inspire some fear in boots or heels. Presidents need to win stalemates, especially if outliers are only 2 out of 50 senators.

So much depends upon this moment now, as Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona hack away at Build Back Better, a big vision of social infrastructure.

From the Oval, here's another president on the phone: "If you want to bring this presidency down, then go ahead!"

That's former President Bill Clinton shouting at Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Nebraska Democrat, perhaps the only vote against a deficit reduction bill. That was an early make-or-break bill, pardon the pun.

Yet in meetings, Biden patiently let Manchin and Sinema rewrite lines of his major new deal for the American people. With any luck, it will still have free pre-K, child tax credits and home health care for seniors.

Whatever it is, it will be half of what it was.

Medicare may also expand if Vermont Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders has his way. (Sanders sputters at the defiance shown to his good friend Joe.)

Manchin and Sinema have done more than whittle down the edges. Manchin, a staunch defender of coal, strip-mined the strongest climate crisis component. Biden's strategy was to cut carbon emissions and dramatically increase solar and wind power.

Now, not so much. At least Manchin went to Delaware over the weekend to talk with Biden. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer went too, taking dictation. (Sorry.) Schumer says a "desperately needed" final deal is within reach.

Sinema, for her part in the drama, played aloof to colleagues, leadership and the press. The freshman had the moxie to tell the president not to raise a penny of taxes on the wealthy and not to increase the corporate rate from 21% to 28%. That's strange because in the House, she voted against Trump tax cuts in 2017.

A fix may be made if taxing billionaires is the compromise. It's the principle of the thing. Presidential power and elections should be respected. Lyndon Johnson was master of the art, passing big bills on voting and civil rights.

When did this start to ebb? Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell blocked former President Barack Obama's nominee to the Supreme Court, Merrick Garland.

Obama unwisely let the joust pass. He failed to exert presidential power against a Republican offensive.

Obama's reluctance to confront congressional Republicans was

a pattern that may have hurt Biden later, on a sheer power scale. As Obama's vice president, Biden took cues from the top and did not deal forcefully with Congress.

With his young presidency on the line, Clinton did get Kerrey's vote in a 50-50 victory for history. (The vice president breaks ties.)

As author George Stephanopoulos noted, it wasn't only for Clinton, but for all Democrats under that dome. Kerrey couldn't betray them, or he'd be "finished."

Former President Donald Trump abused presidential power, to be sure, in word and deed from the get-go. That's not what I mean.

Pelosi consults her caucus yet wields the final word with the House Democrats. A very mixed bunch, they fear crossing their leader.

With the country convulsed in crisis, negotiations are taking too long. For the common good, Biden should act less like a Roman patrician senator.

Oh, the Senate is grand, with columns, verandas, chandeliers, marble busts, Italianate frescoes and murals. Southern cuisine is served. The summer lemonade is to die for.

You could easily spend 35 years there, as Biden did, a cross between a country club and "plantation," as it's nicknamed.

Note to Biden: you're not in that club anymore.

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A good president is burned by both sides

By **Jeff Robbins**

The immutable laws of politics and of human nature make one thing clear: It's easier to be angry than it is to be rational, and it's more satisfying. Leaders to whom citizens owe a great deal are often punished, undone by undercurrents of "What have you done for me lately?"

Just two months after he had finished rescuing his nation from the brink of national obliteration, winning a once-impossible-seeming victory over Nazi Germany, Winston Churchill was overwhelmingly voted out of the prime minister's chair. Churchill's countrymen chose Labor Party head Clement Attlee to replace him in Britain's 1945 election, persuaded that Attlee was the one who could deliver competence in government.

In 1946, American voters rejected the Democratic party of President Franklin Roosevelt, who had delivered them from a Great Depression spawned by Republican policies under Republican presidents and who had defeated the Axis coalition in the World War just recently ended. Defections from within the Democratic party contributed mightily to massive Republican gains, resulting in Republican control over Congress for the first time since 1932.

In 2016, the fact that President Barack Obama had rescued America from financial collapse and expanded health care for tens of millions of Americans, presiding over an administration that was clean as the proverbial whistle, did not inoculate him from the white-hot white rage that catapulted Donald Trump into an Oval Office in which he most

assuredly did not belong.

So, it isn't surprising that the laws of politics and human nature have combined to batter President Joe Biden's approval ratings. A president who has done an admirable job of lifting America out of an abyss has been subjected to a frenzied whipsaw by both the Right and the Left.

Biden assumed the presidency of a country riven by divisions not seen since the Civil War, whose economy had been decimated by a global pandemic that was taking 43,000 American lives a month. His administration has battled through dumb and dishonest misinformation campaigns in order to orchestrate the delivery of at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine to 220 million Americans. Within weeks of being inaugurated he enacted a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package for a country on the ropes, and he has nudged historic infrastructure and social safety net bills down the field, positioning them for passage in some meaningful form in the near future.

But half of Americans reside in a world of angry fantasy, lapping up the fiction that Biden lost an election that he won, and that Trump won an election that he lost. They cheer what for them is the somehow excellent news that the president is unable to wave a magic wand and make a global pandemic disappear.

Meanwhile, Fox News personalities deride vaccinations, discouraging Americans from receiving them, thereby fostering illness and delaying our recovery. By mocking vaccinations, Fox's entertainers encourage their viewers not to take simple measures that will save their lives —

even as the entertainers make sure to get themselves vaccinated, and even as Fox itself demands that they do so.

For their part, progressive Democrats squat in The Land of Make Believe. They make believe that Democrats hold a majority of the Senate, rather than merely 50 votes. They make believe Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema do not exist. They make believe that Democrats have something more than a razor-thin majority in the House, one likely to be erased next year. They make believe that if Biden simply stamps his feet, the political realities that make it impossible for them — and him — to achieve all they wish to achieve will be replaced by different, more favorable realities.

And so they take to the airwaves and social media to criticize the president in terms that are unfair, inviting others to join them in The Land of Make Believe.

Caught in a vise between the unhinged and the irrational, Biden has his work cut out for him. As history has shown, a good and admirable job leading a country is no guarantee that his countrymen will judge him fairly.

Jeff Robbins, a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

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AAA947226.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021229941
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EUROPEAN PASTRIES&BREAD, 676 W GLENOAKS BLVD UNIT C, GLENDALE, CA 91202 LA. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: OLGA CHIBUKHCHYAN, 676 W GLENOAKS BLVD, GLENDALE, CA 91202. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: OLGA CHIBUKHCHYAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/21/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA947243.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021230669

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. SOLIDON FINANCIAL & REALTY, 2. SOLIDON HOME LOANS, 3. SOLIDON MORTGAGE, 4. SOLIDON REALTY, 22760 HAWTHORNE BLVD. STE 107, TORRANCE, CA 90505 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C4065775. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MELBA JOHNSON, INC. 22760 HAWTHORNE BLVD. STE 107, TORRANCE, CA 90505 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: KI YOUNG KIM, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/21/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA947418.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021231008

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ITS A WRAP BY MELBA, 954 WEST 20TH STREET, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MELBA JOHNSON, 954 WEST 20TH STREET, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: MELBA JOHNSON, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/22/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA947480.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021231269

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GOLIATH COINS, 1519 S JENIFER AVE, GLENDORA, CA 91740 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSEPH M WARD, 1519 S JENIFER AVE, GLENDORA, CA 91740, CHRISTINA WARD, 1519 S JENIFER AVE, GLENDORA, CA 91740. This business is conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOSEPH M WARD, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/22/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA947571.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021233312

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. LONG BEACH BMW MOTORCYCLES, 2. LB BMW MOTORCYCLES, 2125 EAST SPRING STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90806 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C0790574. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: R. C. A. INVESTMENTS INC., 2125 EAST SPRING STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90806 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: RYAN B. AUTREY, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 03/20/04. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/26/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA948664.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021233709

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RAVEN TAX SERVICES, 10563 PARISE DRIVE, WHITTIER, CA 90604 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: STEVEN OSORIO RAVEN, 10563 PARISE DRIVE, WHITTIER, CA, ALMA ROSA RAVEN, 10563 PARISE DRIVE, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This business is conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: ALMA ROSA RAVEN, WIFE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/26/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA948664.

NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA948666.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021234270
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. COLONIAL REAL ESTATE, 2. NEW CITY LENDING, 7658 GREENLEAF AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90602 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C4598178. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: COPPER KEY REAL ESTATE, INC. 7658 GREENLEAF AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90602 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: RENE COBIAN, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/27/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA948672.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021234267

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SIMITE AUTO SALES, 1235 AMELUXEN AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C3442547. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SIMITE AUTO SALES, 1235 AMELUXEN AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: FRANK SIMITE, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 10/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/27/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA948741.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021234264

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TACOS LA GUERA AL VAPOR, 8015 LONG BEACH BLVD STE. G, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C3746992. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: TACOS LA GUERA AL VAPOR, INC., 8015 LONG BEACH BLVD STE. G, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: ROCIO LOPEZ, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/15. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/27/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/29/2021, 11/05/2021, 11/12/2021, 11/19/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA948895.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2021232505

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) QbD Solutions (2) QUALITY BY DESIGN SOLUTIONS, 16432 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: If applicable, Alt #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) QUALITY BY DESIGN SOLUTIONS LLC, 16432 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name 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/QUALITY BY DESIGN SOLUTIONS LLC, CEO, BIBU PHILIP GEORGE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 25, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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LIEN SALES

Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that SS Santa Fe Springs, LLC db/a Simply Self Storage at 13461 Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 will sell at public auction the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased unit(s) to satisfy the owner's lien. The personal property stored therein by the following tenants may include but is not limited to general household, office and personal items, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The unit(s) will be sold at public auction through online auction services of www.storagevenues.com with bids opening at 10:00AM PT on November 2nd, 2021 and closing at 10:00AM PT on November 9th 2021. Bidding may close later than stated to allow all interested bidders to participate and to permit soft closing if needed. Unit 3286-Curtis Johnson; Unit 2297- Angie Medina; Unit 3268- Daniel Moore; Unit 1131- Chris Morales; Unit 2195- Steve Silgailiss; Unit 3283- Tracy Smith; Unit 3336- Hilda Varelas; Unit 3111- Rebecca Vonk

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00396
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HALLI ELECTRA BRAINARD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) HALLI ELECTRA BRAINARD to Proposed name (1) HALLI ELECTRA CAMPITIELLO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.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 OCTOBER 22, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
LAWRENCE G. CAMPITIELLO, ESQ. (CA 110274)
CAHILL & CAMPITIELLO LLP
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SAN DIEGO, CA 92127
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00341
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GIOVANNI PADILLA-ANDRADE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) GIOVANNI PADILLA-

ANDRADE to Proposed name (1) GIOVANNI CASTILLO
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: NOVEMBER 12, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.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 OCTOBER 6, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
GIOVANNI PADILLA-ANDRADE
2300 S. HACIENDA BLVD. APT G7
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00394
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALFRED SEBASTIAN HURTADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) a. ALFRED SEBASTIAN HURTADO b. EZEKIEL ENOCH HURTADO c. ABRAHAM AARON HURTADO d. JAQUELYN NICHOLE HURTADO to Proposed name (1) a. ALFRED SEBASTIAN HIGHCASTLE b. EZEKIEL ENOCH HIGHCASTLE c. ABRAHAM AARON HIGHCASTLE d. JAQUELYN NICHOLE HIGHCASTLE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, NORWALK PATRIOT OCTOBER 21, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
ALFRED SEBASTIAN HURTADO
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NORWALK, CA, 90650
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00324
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARY TAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARY TAN to Proposed name (1) XIUQING TAN
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: NOVEMBER 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following

newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, NORWALK PATRIOT OCTOBER 20, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00324
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARY TAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARY TAN to Proposed name (1) XIUQING TAN
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: NOVEMBER 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following

newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, NORWALK PATRIOT OCTOBER 20, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
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JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00377
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DENNIS A ROWLAND filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) DENNIS ABRAHAM ROWLAND to Proposed name (1) SADAM ABRAHAM ROWLAND
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 01, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
DENNIS ROWLAND
12350 DEL AMO BLVD APT #820
LAKEWOOD CA 90715
(862) 755-9739

The Norwalk Patriot 10/8/21, 10/15/21, 10/22/21, 10/29/21

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUIS TORREJON CASE NO. 21STPB09754

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LUIS TORREJON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARTHA BENAVENTE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARTHA BENAVENTE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/02/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CELIA CAROLINE MARTINEZ CASE NO. 21STPB10200

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CELIA CAROLINE MARTINEZ.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SALLY V. SANTIAGO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SALLY V. SANTIAGO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/01/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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Short story: A serendipitous day

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

Although I had my standing every two-month appointment with my dermatologist and had several new, suspicious “spots” to have frozen, it turned out to be a very serendipitous day.

After the doctor’s exam, I went to the desk to get my follow-up appointment. I fumbled around in my purse for my car keys as I was on my way out. I could not find the keys, so I went into the ladies’ room and emptied my purse on the counter...still no keys. I then went to the main reception desk to inquire whether a set of keys had been turned in...still no keys.

Now I’m outside and thinking I must have dropped them somewhere between leaving the car parked and entering the medical office. I looked all around and even zig-zagged between cars and looked as far as I could under some of them...still no keys.

Out of the blue, a man appeared and offered to help. He checked and could not see anything in the ignition. He got binoculars from his car and still could not determine if there was anything in the ignition. (He made a comment that if anyone could see him peeking in my car with binoculars they’d say he was a weirdo). Of course, all along I have been skeptical of the situation.

At this point, I called Premiere Triple A, and they said a tow truck would be there in thirty minutes, if not sooner.

That gave me and the guy who appeared out of the blue the opportunity to get acquainted (he said he would stay until the tow truck appeared and I was safely on my way). I was appreciative of that, but still “on guard.”

He told me his name was Jim, that he was a Christian, and said I had the aura or fragrance of The Rose of Sharon (that alone was serendipitous to me). I then explained that my name is Sharon and it is Biblical, and thanked him for the compliment that ends all compliments.

He told me he was married, had been for 47 years, and the reason he had the binoculars in his car is because he and his wife are bird watchers, and now that he is retired, they travel all around the U.S. to enjoy their pastime.

He said he dedicated his life to the Lord at the age of fifteen, went to seminary school in the south, and was a pastor for many years in several of the states in the U.S. We exchanged our present situations and, of course, I consented when he asked if he could pray with me.

Now the tow truck drives up, gets my car door open, and... still no keys! While I talked to the driver and gave him my identification, Jim looked through my car and came up with keys he found on the floor of the back seat where I keep my cane. He brought them to me, in the presence of the tow truck driver, and we all sorta chuckled...like uh huh...told you so!

Jim then got into his car, told me he would wait until the car started up and I was safely on my way. I got into my car, and as he was driving off, he said to me: “I won’t forget you, Sharon. I will pray for you and, if I don’t see you again down here, I’ll see you in Heaven!”

Now that’s what you call a serendipitous day.

Do you believe in vampires?

Have you ever walked into a room and found a vampire? No, not the sexy kind, but a foul creature with bony limbs and ashen skin?

The kind that snarls as you enter, like a beast about to pounce? The kind that roots you to the spot with its sunken, hypnotic eyes, rendering you unable to flee as you watch the hideous thing uncoil from the shadows?

Has your heart started racing though your legs refuse to? Have you felt time slow as the creature crosses the room in the darkness of a blink?

Have you shuddered with fear when it places one clawed hand atop your head and another under your chin so it can tilt you, exposing your neck? Have you squirmed as its rough, dry tongue slides down your cheek, over your jaw, to your throat, in a

slithering search that’s seeking your artery?

Have you felt its hot breath release in a hiss against your skin when it probes your pulse—the flow that leads to your brain? Has its tongue rested there, throbbing slightly as if savoring the moment?

Have you then experienced a sinking, sucking blackness as you discover that not all vampires feed on blood—some feed on memories?

Well, have you?

Maybe not. But let me rephrase the question: Have you ever walked into a room and suddenly forgotten why you came in?

Fictional story by Reddit user IPostAtMidnight

Short story: Double the fun

By Helen Hampton
Contributor

Much of my pleasure in life over the last 45 years has come from my identical twin daughters, Joy and Jan. They looked so much alike the day I brought them home from the hospital that I had to paint Jan’s fingernail red to avoid mixing the two of them up. After all, I didn’t want to make the mistake of feeding one twice, while the other was left hungry.

Throughout their lives my twins looked so much alike that people have always had trouble telling them apart. This enabled them to play tricks on people.

Once when they were in the second grade, they switched classes on April Fools’ Day. Jan had to take a spelling test for Joy and Joy was mad at Jan for missing a word that Joy knew how to spell.

When my twins were 14 years old, Joy did what so many other people had done to the twins all of their lives...she mixed the two of

them up! But how is it possible that one twin could get herself mixed up with the other twin? It happened like this:

One day I had taken my twins shopping at The May Company. On this day, as on every other day since their birth, they were dressed alike. They were adorable in beautiful long white dresses and large floppy-brimmed hats.

I left the two of them to shop for clothes while I went to another part of the store. They somehow became separated, and Joy wandered the store looking for Jan.

Finally, as Joy stepped off the escalator, she saw Jan out of the corner of her eye,

in the distance off to her left. She waved and Jan waved back at her. Relieved to have found her twin, Joy hurried over to where Jan was standing...and found herself looking into a mirror between two racks of clothing.

Short story: The ring

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

The Hollywood Bowl is an amphitheater in the Hollywood Hills. It opened in 1922, and has been the premiere destination for live music, hosting everyone from Billie Holiday to The Beatles, its most recent payroll being Kool and the Gang performing their famous “Celebration.”

The Bowl also presented early ballet and opera performances, theatrical productions, and even Easter Sunrise services.

It has now become relaxed to the point that you can pack a picnic basket, complete with a meal and wine and a comfortable blanket to spread on the wide grassy area, just to watch their regular shows. Of course, people-watching is a must and a favorite pastime while picnicking at the Bowl.

But the subject of the Hollywood Bowl will always take my thoughts back to the late 1950’s; a time when Mom and family and/

or a group of friends went to the Bowl for a special performance. I was not with Mom that day, and any of my siblings who might be able to confirm what occurred, have passed on. I do recall all of us talking about the subject and being very sad to learn of Mom’s loss.

After the performance, walking back to the car, Mom somehow lost her diamond wedding ring. The crowd she was with was in lock step with her, helping in the search to find that ring. As fate would have it, all that searching was for naught, as the diamond ring was never found.

So, the lovely ring that Dad placed on Mom’s finger on their wedding day of Sept. 16, 1934, was gone forever. Dad replaced the diamond with a white gold wedding band, which mom always wore after that fateful day.

I now have that white gold wedding band among my treasures.

Short story: Dressed in black while casting her spell

By Yolanda Reyna
Contributor

While I was growing up, my parents were always at war with one another. It seemed like doors were being slammed every other day. My father’s car usually screeched out of the driveway, leaving tire rubber artwork or they angrily hollered and swore back and forth at each other.

Hell, I was told my mother even gripped a knife in her hand in an attempt to attack my father. They were always ready and fully loaded with ammunition each time their war went on.

Eventually, reconciliation would set in, but not for long. The battle would immediately begin all over again. Was this war caused by jealousy or another man? Who knows?

This went on for many, many years. According to my mother, she believed that all of this began with the woman dressed in black while casting her spell. The woman’s name was Mary and she was my father’s first wife. My father had three daughters, my half-sisters,

with Mary. I never knew of these half-sisters until I was older.

Apparently, there had been some “hanky-panky” going on between my mother and father while he was still married to Mary. Soon after this, my father abandoned Mary and wooed my mother into his arms, having six children with her.

When I was a teenager, my mother told me a story of a woman clothed in black. It was the spookiest story I had ever heard. Nonetheless, it made perfect sense to me. According to my mother, while our family was out visiting relatives on a dark, chilly night, something bizarre happened.

When we returned that evening, a neighbor nervously told my mother that she observed a woman draped in black heading toward our house. Her eyes peered into the darkness and she cupped a lit candle in her hands, much like a praying spirit with evil in its bones.

The neighbor saw this spirit of a woman circling our house, engaging in some kind of witchcraft. My mother believed that this woman was Mary and that she used some type of witchcraft on the relationship between her and my father. My father had told my

mother that Mary often engaged in such evil spiritual callings. This confirmed my mother’s belief.

Again, according to my mother, the relationship slowly began to unravel after that night, and it was never the same between them. This, in return, caused uproars and battles with doors often being slammed, a screeching car pulling out of the driveway, hollering and swearing back and forth, and even causing my mother to raise a knife at my father. There was some happiness and laughter in our home; however, this occasional happiness and laughter soon turned into uproars and battles.

Then, one night in 1980, the war between my parents ended, leaving them speechless and their relationship broken. This last argument caused my father to shut the door forcibly and screech out of the driveway for the last time, embedding that final piece of rubber artwork he so often created on the driveway—never to return.

My parents never saw nor spoke to each other again for as long as they lived.

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Norwalk man charged with murder

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NORWALK — A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the city freeway.

Alex Barragan (dob 8/27/80) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Redondo Branch.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he ran over a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison. Bail is set at more than \$2.19 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, and the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner's Office.

This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange with the San Antonio Drive Bridge, and to

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Obituaries

Duane Dewey, Medal of Honor recipient

Duane E. Dewey, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War who was awarded the Medal of Honor, died Oct. 11 at age 89.

Dewey enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1951. A year later, he earned his Medal of Honor, the highest decoration for valor, while serving near Panmunjon as the leader of a machine gun squad.

Dewey was being treated for injuries sustained when a grenade exploded near his foot when another grenade landed next to him. He threw himself on the grenade to protect the members of his squad.

Dewey was severely injured but survived the large shrapnel wounds inflicted by the grenade as well as a bullet to his stomach.

He was presented with the Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953. The president remarked on his unlikely survival, "You must have a body of steel."

In later years, Dewey ran an office machine repair shop as well as driving a bus and working at a piano factory.

Mort Sahl, pioneer in stand-up comedy

Mort Sahl, a stand-up comedian who pioneered a conversational style of comedy that influenced generations of comics, died Oct. 26 at age 94.

When Sahl began doing stand-up in the early 1950s, comedy was still evolving from its vaudeville roots, and nobody was doing quite what he'd do when he first stepped on a stage.

Carrying a newspaper under one arm, Sahl offered a rapid-fire, conversational patter that sounded utterly natural and unscripted (and it often was - Sahl frequently improvised). Focusing on political satire and commentary, Sahl's dark humor appealed to young humorists including Woody Allen and John Cleese, who were profoundly influenced by him.

Sahl also found a fan in President John F. Kennedy, who asked the comedian to write political jokes for him.

Sahl's 1958 album, "The Future Lies Ahead," a recording of a routine in front of a live audience, is widely considered to be the first modern comedy album.

After President Kennedy's death, Sahl volunteered to be a part of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's team investigating the assassination. Sahl became obsessed, he admitted, with the various theories about the assassination, and he disbelieved the Warren Commission Report. His obsession spilled over into his comedy routines, often taking over a show and turning off fans.

Sahl's career suffered as he chased the truth about Kennedy's assassination, his bookings and income drying up.

In the 1970s, as the audience for political satire increased, Sahl's career partially recovered, and he returned to stage and TV appearances. He continued doing stand-up well into his 90s, performing weekly until 2020.

Dorothy Steel, late blooming actress

Dorothy Steel, an actress best known for playing a tribal elder in Marvel's "Black Panther," died Oct. 15 at age 95.

Steel didn't begin acting until long after her retirement from her career as a senior revenue officer with the Internal Revenue Service. In fact, she was in her 80s when she first appeared on stage, in plays put on by her Atlanta-area senior center.

There, she was discovered by an acting teacher and an agent, who were impressed by her authoritative stage presence.

Steel was 90 when she auditioned for "Black Panther" and was cast as an elder of the Merchant Tribe. Her other films include "Jumanji: The Next Level," "Poms," and "Daisy Winters." On TV, she had a recurring role in "Saints & Sinners."

At the time of her death, Steel had nearly completed her filming for the upcoming "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever."

James Michael Tyler, barista on 'Friends'

James Michael Tyler, an actor best known for playing Gunther, the barista at Central Perk, on "Friends," died Oct. 24 of prostate cancer at the age of 59.

Tyler's best-known role was Gunther, the coffee shop worker who had a longstanding unrequited crush on Jennifer Aniston's Rachel Green character. He was a regular recurring character on the show, appearing in more than half of its episodes as the show's most frequent guest star.

Tyler also made appearances on TV shows including "Just Shoot Me," "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch," and "Scrubs."

In a 2019 interview, Tyler spoke of auditioning for "Friends."

"I went in with the white hair kind of by mistake," he said. "A friend of mine had bleached it, literally the night before I went in as an extra. He was practicing on my head because he wanted to be a stylist. So I went in with this bleached hair and they put me behind the coffee counter and I guess the producers liked it. They were like, 'this is what a New York barista looks like in 1994.'"

Jennifer Aniston has led the tributes to her "Friends" co-star, saying the show "would not have been the same" without him.

"Friends would not have been the same without you," she wrote. "Thank you for the laughter you brought to the show and to all of our lives. You will be so missed #JamesMichaelTyler."

Her post included a clip from the 2004 series finale when Gunther finally plucked up the courage to tell Rachel that he loved her as she prepared to leave New York for a new life in Paris.

David Schwimmer, who played palaeontologist Ross Geller, thanked Tyler for "playing such a wonderful, unforgettable role" and "for being such a big hearted gentleman and all around mensch off screen."

Jerry Pinkney, children's book author

Jerry Pinkney, a children's book illustrator and author known for books including the Caldecott Medal-winning "The Lion & the Mouse," died Oct. 20 at age 81.

Pinkney illustrated more than 100 books for children and teens, beginning with the 1964 "The Adventures of Spider: West African Folk Tales."

He often worked with author Julius Lester, including on "John Henry" and several books in his "The Tales of Uncle Remus" series. Pinkney also wrote his own books later in his career, including "Noah's Ark," "Little Red Riding Hood," and "The Lion and the Mouse."

Though he worked in a number of different styles, Pinkney's preferred medium was watercolor. He was widely honored, including winning several Coretta Scott King Awards.

He illustrated notable Black Americans for the U.S. Postal Service for the first Black Heritage postage stamp series in 1977. Pinkney also provided illustrations for publications by the National Park Service and National Geographic, both on the history of the Underground Railroad.

Jay Black, lead singer of Jay and the Americans

Jay Black, the lead singer for Jay and the Americans, who had 1960s hits including "Come a Little Bit Closer" and "Cara Mia," died Oct. 22 of pneumonia at the age of 82.

Born David Blatt, Black began his singing career with the doo-wop groups the Empires and the Two Chaps in the 1950s. He joined the Americans in 1963, when their first lead singer, Jay Traynor, left the band.

It was then that Black took the nickname Jay, for continuity with the band's name. They scored Top Five hits in 1964 with "Come a Little Bit Closer" and in 1965 with "Cara Mia."

Other popular singles included "Let's Lock the Door (And Throw Away the Key)," "Some Enchanted Evening," and "The Magic Moment."

Jay and the Americans opened for the Beatles at their first U.S. concert, at the Washington Coliseum in February 1964.

The band broke up in 1973, though Black continued to perform as Jay and the Americans with a different group of backing musicians for decades. In 2006, the name was auctioned off after Black filed for bankruptcy, and another former band member purchased it and began touring with a new version of Jay and the Americans.

Halyna Hutchins, up and coming cinematographer

Halyna Hutchins, a cinematographer who worked on films including "Archenemy" and "Darlin'," died Oct. 21 in an accidental shooting on the set of the film "Rust" at the age of 42.

Hutchins grew up in the Soviet Union, where she studied journalism. In her early career, she worked on investigative films before moving to Los Angeles to pursue a Hollywood career.

Hutchins began working in production while studying cinematography, and she quickly began gaining respect in the field. Her credits as cinematographer or director of photography include "The Mad Hatter" and "Blindfire" as well as a number of short films and the upcoming "Rust," on which she was working at the time of her death.

In 2019, American Cinematographer named her one of "10 up-and-coming directors of photography who are making their mark." The same year, Hutchins won the award for Best Cinematography at the English Riviera Film Festival for her work on the short film "Treatle."

In Hutchins' memory, friends and colleagues established the Halyna Hutchins Memorial Scholarship Fund at the American Film Institute's Conservatory.

Val Bisoglio, character actor in films and TV

Val Bisoglio, a character actor known for roles in movies including "Saturday Night Fever" and TV shows including "Quincy, M.E.," died Oct. 18 at age 95.

Bisoglio's early movies include "No Way to Treat a Lady," "The Hindenburg," and an uncredited role in "Serpico." On TV, he made early appearances on "Mayberry, R.F.D.," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," and "All in the Family."

In 1973, he took a regular role in the short-lived sitcom "Roll Out," and he went on to notable appearances on "Kojak," "Police Woman," and "Barney Miller."

A big break came for Bisoglio in 1976 as he was cast as restaurateur Danny Tovo on "Quincy, M.E.," a regular role spanning the show's entire eight-season run. Another notable role came in 1977's "Saturday Night Fever," in which he played Frank Manero Sr., father of John Travolta's character. It was followed by another big screen role, playing Chief Gray Cloud in "The Frisco Kid."

In 1981 and 1982, Bisoglio appeared on several episodes of "M*A*S*H" as Sgt. Sal Pernelli, also known as The Cook. After appearances on "Hill Street Blues" and "Miami Vice," Bisoglio's final acting role was in

"The Sopranos," playing aging mob capo Murf Lupu.

Joanna Cameron, actress starred in own TV sitcom

Joanna Cameron, an actress best known for starring in the 1970s TV show "The Secrets of Isis," died Oct. 20 of complications of a stroke at the age of 70.

Cameron launched her acting career with a small role in the 1969 movie "How to Commit Marriage." She went on to have roles in movies including "B.S. I Love You" and "Pretty Maids All in a Row" as well as on TV shows including "Columbo" and "Marcus Welby, MD."

In 1975, she was cast as the title character in the Saturday morning superhero series "Isis," which was renamed "The Secrets of Isis" in syndication. The live-action show featured Cameron as a high school science teacher who could invoke the powers of the Egyptian goddess Isis and use them to fight crime.

The series lasted two seasons and included crossover episodes with "Shazam!"

Cameron appeared in TV shows and commercials throughout the 1970s, as well as hosting the show "Navy Network" for the U.S. Navy, before stepping away from acting. In later years, she worked as a nurse and in marketing.

Peter Scolari, co-starred in 'Bosom Buddies' with Tom Hanks

Peter Scolari, an actor who starred as Henry Desmond on "Bosom Buddies" and as Michael Harris on "Newhart," died Oct. 22 of cancer at the age of 66.

Scolari got his big break starring alongside Tom Hanks in the 1980 ABC sitcom "Bosom Buddies." Featuring its two stars as young men who dressed as women in order to live in an affordable women-only building, the sitcom often featured improvisation from Scolari and Hanks.

Though it was popular with audiences, "Bosom Buddies" lagged after several schedule changes, and it was cancelled after two seasons. Scolari went on to star as the yuppie TV producer on "Newhart," starting in a recurring role but being added as a main character after a season.

The two 1980s sitcoms proved to be the height of Scolari's career, though he continued to work regularly for the rest of his life. He starred in the short-lived sitcoms "Family Album" and "Dweebs" in the 1990s as well as in the syndicated sitcom "Honey, I Shrank the Kids."

In his later career, Scolari won a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series for his recurring role as Tad Horvath on "Girls." He also had recurring roles on "Gotham" and "Evil" as well as in the miniseries "Madoff" and "Fosse/Verdon."

Scolari had roles in movies including "Sorority Boys," "The Polar Express," and, most recently, 2020's "Looks that Kill."



Cooling or collapsing? Key factors to consider about the housing market

The question: With the mortgage forbearance program winding down and housing inventory hitting a 40-year low, where is the housing market headed amid dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Shades of 2008? When the U.S. housing market collapsed in the Great Recession in 2008, Congress created the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to regulate the mortgage industry. The FHFA placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into a conservatorship, which led to Fannie and Freddie sending large payments to the U.S. Treasury.

Expert's take: "This isn't a crisis of oversupply like in 2008," says Tim Pagliara (www.capwealthgroup.com), ForbesBooks author of Another Big Lie: How The Government Stole Billions From The American Dream Of Home Ownership. And Got Caught! "It is a crisis due to shortage. We are short 6.8 million single-family housing units while we have static demand for 1 million-plus new homes every year.

"Because of delays in the recapitalization of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac of their release from conservatorship, the availability of credit has been constricted. As a result, minority home ownership among Blacks and Hispanics has not kept pace. Black home ownership is at a 50-year low."

Pagliara points out the foreclosure crisis following the '08 housing crash was largely due to the fact that millions of homeowners were underwater - i.e., their remaining mortgage balance was greater than their home's value. Real estate and mortgage experts today say homeowners now are generally likely to have more home equity than those in '08.

But will a large sector of would-be buyers be left out without the government giving Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac more help?

"Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac need capital so they can serve their mission of providing long-term fixed-interest housing for the underserved and the middle class," Pagliara says. "They are the bedrock of the American middle class, the strongest engines of economic equality this country has ever invented."

Pagliara's takeaways about the housing market:

Budget constraints are going to force the Biden administration to be creative. "By finishing the recapitalization of Fannie and Freddie and the release of their conservatorship," Pagliara says, "the government can generate over \$50 billion in proceeds, which can be placed in a housing trust to assist communities and first-time homebuyers."

As the Federal Reserve System tapers later this year, Pagliara says economic activity will need to accelerate - especially the housing market. "A strong housing market has a multiplier effect on many things throughout the economy," Pagliara says. "Everything from paint to appliance sales benefit."

Big real estate investors and asset management firms are factors driving up home prices and making home ownership less accessible to average Americans. One result, Pagliara says, is too many renters who should be owning. "If you can rent a home in a neighborhood where people own, you should be able to purchase that home," he says.

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Santa Fe on verge of ending CIF drought

■ The Chiefs are hoping for an at-large berth when CIF playoff brackets are released Saturday.

By John Sherrard
Contributor

SANTA FE SPRINGS – There’s a buzz around the Santa Fe High School campus these days. After more than 30 years, the boys water polo team is on the verge of qualifying for the CIF-Southern Section playoffs.

History could be made Saturday (Oct. 30), as the brackets will be announced at 10 am on the CIF website and the whole team will be gathered around their phones and laptops at the school.

“Our mindset has always been, ‘We’re going to CIF,’” Santa Fe fourth-year coach Jacob Correa said. “I hope that’s the point. If it doesn’t, we’ll be upset, but our journey together and what we’ve done this year is the memories we’ve made and regardless of what happens, our goal was to go to CIF.”

“We’re going to have a team breakfast (Saturday morning) and our laptops going and waiting. Regardless of what happens,

we’ll have a practice right after. It’s a moment for all of us.”

Correa, who is also the girls water polo coach, is an alum of Santa Fe and played from 2009 to 2012. Correa still jumps in the pool and plays with the team.

Correa, who also played at Cerritos College under longtime coach Joe Abing, started as a JV coach under former Santa Fe coach Robert Maddex.

“I learned from him,” Correa said. “I learned to ask questions. I learned everything from different coaches and put it all into one. I just asked ‘what do we need to become different.’”

Santa Fe, which had been ranked as high as No. 6 in Division 6 (Oct. 5 poll), played its final Del Rio League game Tuesday at Cal High and lost, 16-6. The Condors, who are in a higher division (3), won a CIF title as recently as 2018.

With the loss to the Condors (11-15, 3-1), Santa Fe, which is 18-9 overall as of press time, finished in fourth place in league. But a ray of light may shine on the Santa Fe team this coming Saturday when CIF announces the 2021 brackets.

Only the top three teams qualify for playoffs in league. But

with their overall winning record, the Chiefs (1-3 in league) are in good shape to qualify for an at-large berth.

That may result in a wild card game next week, but no doubt no one associated with the water polo program would be complaining.

“Jacob (Correa) has done a great job with the entire aquatics program,” Santa Fe Athletic Director Steve Hendry said. “He works well with the athletes and the administration. His focus throughout the last year and a half has been the safety of the kids.

“I think they see that and appreciate that. The results can be seen by their performance in the pool. Jacob has definitely changed the culture of our boys water program.”

Hendry has encouraged Correa, 27, along the way as a new coach.

“I’m fairly new to coaching and when Steve (Hendry) talks to me, he always makes sure he says nice things to me,” Correa said. “I appreciate it. To get recognition from an AD that’s been there for almost 30 years and to get respect from him at such a young age, I really respect that.”

The culture began with top players like seniors Nathan Salcedo, Max Rivas, Eric Lopez and Joshua Lara.

They are the team leaders in goals, with Salcedo far and above the leader with 110 this season. He is followed by Rivas with 71, Lopez (54) and Lara (50).

“All I know is that it’s very exciting to do what we haven’t done in a while,” Salcedo said. “I’m excited to do this with the guys that I have now.

“Ever since we started, we’ve always had a strong bond. We practiced together with the JV this year and intertwined with them.”

Salcedo, who is looking to play at Rio Hondo next year, reflected on the last three years as the current team began to bond and grow together.

“It’s crazy to think about how much our coaches have helped us,” Salcedo said. “I don’t think I would have gone this far without



Santa Fe's Nathan Salcedo (5) scores on a penalty shot against CalHi in their Del Rio League boys water polo game at California High School in Whittier on Tuesday. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

them. They’ve all pushed me to be the best I could be.”

Salcedo, along with the rest of his teammates, will be waiting for the announcement about CIF on Saturday.

“We’re all going to be having a little breakfast with each other,” Salcedo added.

In the game against Cal, Santa Fe was led by Saucedo with four goals, followed by single goals from senior attacker Eric Lopez and junior attacker Ray Arroyo.

Cal, which has been in the playoffs every year since 2017, was led by senior utility Emiliano Jasis with four goals. Freshman utility Aaron Llamas and junior wing Austin Hochadel each had three goals, followed by a pair of goals each from senior point Euri Lopez and senior point Sebastian Avila.

Senior utility James Reaves and senior flat Jadrian Mejia each added a goal for the Condors.

Santa Fe jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the first period behind a pair of goals from Saucedo. Hochadel scored twice for the Condors, with the last one coming with just fifteen seconds left in the opening period.

Prior to the goal scoring by each team, senior goalkeeper, Isaiah Ramos made some good saves and stops.

Ramos was making his first start as a goalie, sitting in for starter Victor Quintero, who was out with an injury and hopes to be ready for a possible playoff

appearance.

Arroyo gave the Chiefs their second lead of the half, 3-2, in the second period with a long shot, almost halfway out.

In the third period, with the score tied, 4-4, Cal scored six out of the next seven goals and led, 10-5, heading into the final period. Jasis scored three of his four goals in the period for Cal.

In the middle of the two scoring runs of three and four goals by Cal, Salcedo scored on a hard shot to keep close, 6-5.

The fourth period was again all Cal, as they scored six goals to one by Santa Fe. Cal was led by five different goal-scorers, led by Lopez with a pair of goals. The Chiefs lone goal was scored by Salcedo.

Aiden Parra started in goal for Cal.

Cal third-year coach Aaron Valdavinus was complementary of the resurgence of the Santa Fe program.

“It’s going to make the league a lot more interesting,” said Valdavinus, who took over for Davey Brown, who coached the Condors to the championship. “With Jacob (Correa), he knows what he’s doing and he’s making the team real strong with the fundamentals.

“I’m looking to having more competition in league. They were ranked almost every week. You could tell that Santa Fe wanted to win as they came out with the heat and they caught my boys by

surprise, honestly.”

What they said:

Josh Lara, Santa Fe senior attacker: “It’s unbelievable to think that we came from basically not knowing how to swim and not knowing what water polo was. It’s amazing it’s all coming together after these four years of hard work and dedication.

Whether or not if we make it on Saturday, our program is definitely going to be seen a lot differently. We’re going to be taken a lot more serious and hopefully we get a lot more support from the school. When we started, we were unrecognized and it’s great to see people coming out now.

It’s a great feeling to have people care about a sport that they often forget.”

Max Rivas, Santa Fe senior utility: “This is the first year in our division that we’re doing decent. Since the start of the season, we’ve been in the top 10. Of all seven of the boys that have been playing together on varsity, five of them have been playing together and all hang out and are friends.”

Isaiah Ramos, Santa Fe senior goalie: “It was my first time playing goalie and I didn’t expect to block everything. It’s exciting and nerve-wracking knowing that we are getting to go to CIF for the first time in 30 years.

“We’re all like a great big family and always hang with each other. I wouldn’t be where I was skill-wise if it wasn’t for everybody on the team.”

Jorge Salcedo, Nathan Salcedo’s dad: “Nathan was trying out different things and he never played water polo before. He’s always been an avid swimmer.

“The team just started clicking and seem close.

“(Jacob) has been a great addition to the program. He’s very open to different ideas too and a few more years, watch out. He’s like a sponge and he learns how to bring it out of the players. He doesn’t go out chasing around club players.”

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