

Flush with cash, state may issue rebates

SACRAMENTO – California is on track to have so much money that state officials will likely have to give even more of it back to taxpayers to meet constitutional limits on state spending, according to a new forecast from the state's independent Legislative Analyst's Office.

The state's annual "Fiscal Outlook," released Wednesday, predicts a \$31 billion surplus for the 2022 budget year that begins July 1.

The analyst's office says state is on pace to have so much money that it could exceed a constitutional limit on state spending by \$26 billion over three years. That could require Gov. Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers to either cut taxes, spend more money on infrastructure or – perhaps the most popular choice in an election year – give rebates to taxpayers and spend more on public schools.

"We think it will ... turn out to be a pretty significant issue for the Legislature to consider in this coming budget process," Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek said.

Newsom won't reveal his budget proposal until January. But on Wednesday, the governor indicated he favored giving some of the money back to taxpayers. That's what he and the state Legislature did earlier this year, approving rebates totaling \$12 billion for some taxpayers in a state budget that was also projected to exceed the spending limit.

"How we framed that historic surplus last year, similarly, we will frame our approach this year," Newsom said during a news conference at the Port of Long Beach. "I'm very proud of the historic tax rebate last year, and I look forward to making the decision that I think is in the best interests of 40 million Californians."

California's tax collections have continued to soar despite the pandemic. From April through June of this year, California businesses reported a record high \$216.8 billion in taxable sales – a 38.8% increase over the same period in 2020 and a 17.4% increase over those months in pre-pandemic 2019. Nick Maduros, director of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, said it is "a sign that business owners found creative ways to adapt during a difficult year."

In September, collections from taxes on income, sales and corporations were 40% higher than September of last year and almost 60% higher than September 2019. That's because retail sales have seen double digit-growth this year and stock prices have doubled from their low point at the start of the pandemic last spring.

But the LAO said it's impossible to know whether these gains are sustainable. Prices for goods and services are going up because of inflation. In October, the nationwide growth in retail sales of 1.7% was mostly because prices rose 0.9% during that same time period, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Gas prices grew even faster.

While most of the state's wealthier workers kept their jobs and kept paying taxes during the pandemic, the state's lower-wage workers were hit hard by government-ordered closures of restaurants and other public spaces. More than 18 months into the pandemic, California is tied for the highest unemployment rate in the nation at 7.5%.

"There's something wrong when the state is flush with extra cash – \$750 for every man, woman and child – while ordinary people have to choose between putting food on the table and filling their gas tank," Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron said.

Parents, students get vaccinated at Waite clinic

■ After Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine became available for ages five and up, NLMUSD announced another series of free vaccine clinics.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK – Waite Middle School provided the COVID-19 vaccine to the public and kids as young as five years old on Saturday.

The site is one of the first in Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's next series of free COVID vaccine clinics, in partnership with the LA County Department of Public Health and Albertsons.

The CDC and the FDA authorized Pfizer to distribute the vaccine to children under 11 earlier this month. Many parents in the community took advantage of the free clinic to get their kids vaccinated.

While most kids at the clinic were not eager to get the shot, they understood that getting vaccinated is important.

"It doesn't hurt that much," said Fransico Ramirez, nine, fourth-grader at Moffat Elementary. "I know a lot of people are dying because they are not getting the vaccine. Our teachers encourage us to get it."

(Editor's note: All interviews with children were consented to by their parents and guardians.)

He and his brother Emiliano Ramirez, 11, sixth-grader at Waite, received their first dose of the vaccine.

Emiliano says most of his friends plan to get the vaccine because it is required to participate in school athletics. He says athletes who do not get vaccinated must be tested every two weeks.

"I think the pandemic will end sooner if people get vaccinated," said the sixth-grader.

Maria Del Villar brought her daughters Mia, 9, and Nathalie Barragan, 11, to get the vaccine, but stated she never got her kids immunized against the flu.

"COVID is stronger than flu. [Her father and I] are vaccinated, but we could still spread it to them," said Del Villar. "I think we will get the flu shot after this. I tried it and I didn't have a reaction to it."

Public information officer Chris Hargraves said it was important for the district to help get kids vaccinated before winter.

"We wanted to give the community another chance to get vaccinated, especially with the holidays coming up," said Hargraves.

Doctors predict that COVID



Mia Barragan, 9, received her first dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at Waite Middle School. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

cases may rise November and December due to holiday travel.

While he reiterated that the vaccine was voluntary for students, Governor Gavin Newsom announced in October that COVID-19 vaccines will be required for all students in the state after it receives full FDA approval.

"The governor's order probably won't take effect until July. We are just offering the vaccine to people if they wish," said Hargraves. "These clinics are not tied to any mandate, it's

completely voluntary."

NLMUSD hosted a physicians session webinar last week to give the community a chance to ask doctors questions about the vaccine.

Another vaccine site was held the same day at Benton Middle School. Both vaccine clinics will return on Dec. 4, so people can receive their second dose.

Corvallis, Los Alisos, and Hutchinson Middle Schools will host vaccine clinics on Dec. 11.

In Whittier, high school program aims to help put parents in college mindset

■ The innovative program helps parents better prepare their children for college and careers.

WHITTIER – Proudly waving certificates and beaming with pride, 11 Whittier parents enrolled in the Whittier Union High School District's Path to College Success Parent Mentors program celebrated the completion of their three-month parent mentor program, designed to increase parent engagement and support parents of English learners, during a virtual ceremony held Oct. 27.

The goal of the Parent Mentor program is to train parent volunteers to promote a Road to College Success mentality for their children, while learning basic technology like accessing Zoom and sending emails. Upon completion of the program, parents serve as ambassadors throughout the District, sharing their knowledge with other parents.

The parent graduates were the second cohort to complete the program, joining 12 parents who graduated in October 2020. During the ceremony, parents shared clips of a final video project demonstrating their understanding of a topic they studied, such as the benefits of being bilingual or how to apply for financial aid.

"The ceremony celebrates the culmination of all of our parent mentor's hard work, which reflects their enthusiasm to see us reach our goals," Whittier Union Director of Categorical Programs Francisco Meza said. "We want parents in the District to change their mentality in terms of preparing their child not just to go to college, but to successfully graduate from college and start a career."

The graduating cohort was assisted in the parent mentor program by their peers who graduated in 2020. Both cohorts

will now assist other parents and will help prepare future parent mentors.

The Parent Mentor program was created to support parents of English learners who were having difficulty accessing technology during COVID-19 school closures. Meeting every Thursday for three months via Zoom, parents learned how to best support their child's pathway to college success. The parents also used the program to expand their horizons and assist with their own personal growth.

Parent mentor Artisia Alcazar joined the program after her two daughters graduated from California High School and began attending college. Alcazar's daughters, Chelsy and Jamelyn Torres, attend UCLA and Fullerton College, respectively. Chelsy is majoring in Spanish and is set to graduate in December. Jamelyn is studying administration justice.

After years of making sure her daughters had completed their homework and arrived on time for their extracurricular activities, Alcazar decided she wanted to devote more time to educating herself and assist other Whittier Union parents.

"I wanted to share my experiences, so I joined the Path to College Success program," Alcazar said. "This is such a great program that teaches parents about technology and District support services that they may not be aware of. Having completed the parent mentor program, I look forward to helping many other parents."

Along with the parent mentor program, Alcazar started taking computer classes at Whittier Union Adult School, which was the focus of her final video project. While at the adult school, Alcazar connected with many parents who expressed interest and want to enroll in the parent mentor program.

The parent mentor program has inspired Alcazar to start a



Artisia Alcazar (right) joined the Whittier Union Parent Mentor program after her two daughters, Jamelyn (left) and Chelsy Torres (middle), graduated from California High School and began attending college. Alcazar was one of 11 parents to graduate from the 3-month course, which is designed to increase parent engagement and support parents of English learners.

new career as a clerk. Along with taking classes at the adult school, Alcazar volunteers one day a week assisting the Categorical Programs staff.

The Path to College Success Parent Mentors program is scheduled to be showcased at the California School Board Association conference in December.

"I want to congratulate and

thank all our graduating class of parent mentors. The strength of Whittier Union is that we have the best students anywhere and I also believe we have the best parents," Superintendent Martin Plourde said. "This is a wonderful program, and we are very excited and supportive of all the work they do and are humbled and thankful for their participation."

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The Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles.

1959

Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

1969

Apollo 12 astronauts Charles "Pete" Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

1990

The pop duo Milli Vanilli was stripped of its Grammy Award after it was revealed that neither performer sang on the group's records.



1998

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr laid out his evidence against President Bill Clinton during a daylong appearance before the House Judiciary Committee.

2001

President George W. Bush signed legislation to put airport baggage screeners on the federal payroll.

2001

Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants became the first baseball player to win four Most Valuable Player awards.

2006

The Wii, the Nintendo Co.'s game console, first went on sale.



2007

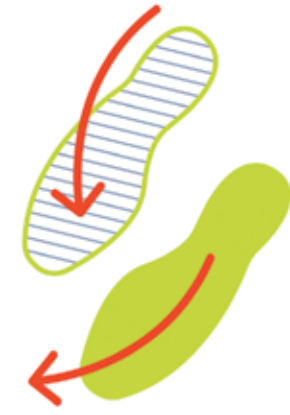
Amazon introduced the Kindle, an electronic book-reading device.

Birthdays

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Downey City Council does the necessary by reducing public speaking time

By Alex Dominguez

Let me make this clear off the bat: I believe in the First Amendment, and would adamantly oppose anything that I felt inhibited someone's ability to say what they felt needed to be said.

When the Downey City Council voted to once again adjust public speaking time on Tuesday, it wasn't an infringement on anyone's rights; it wasn't an attempt to silence anyone.

It was a move to start taking back control of their Council Chambers, and I 100% support it.

For around two years now, City Council and staff have wrestled with the integrity of their meetings, trying to find the line between lawful appreciation of democracy and keeping the dais from resembling a three-ring circus.

Yet almost to a fault, the Council always seemed to air on the side of caution, roll over and take the relentless abuse thrown at them, for fear of legal action.

It was one thing when it was just Armando Herman, who relishes the opportunity to rinse and repeat his favorite four-letter words.

It was another thing when it was the Downey Tenants Union, who though morally grey at times, could be afforded some benefit of the doubt. At the very least, at least they were organized and had some semblance of a protest.

What we have now is a whole different ball game.

The city and its council have been at the mercy of a minority who mistake being loud, crass, and obnoxious for activism.

Herman is as uninged as ever, and is now accompanied by Mike Greenspan (The "Bruin butt-kickin' Florida Gator"), who is just as vile and vulgar as his counterpart.

There's Rudolpho Cortez with camera in hand, eagerly searching

for a "gotcha" moment. It's a shame, because when he speaks you can tell he is actually quite educated, even if you don't agree with what he says. There might be a place to open some dialogue, if he'd ever just get over himself.

And then there's Joey Martinez, who I can only describe as the ringleader. Along with his same dead-horse beating rants, he catcalls the mayor and city attorney from his seat, gets up and (loudly) speaks with the other gadflies, antagonizes other speakers he doesn't agree with, and yet somehow seems to always tow the line of the meeting rules just enough to be safe.

They are joined by a hodgepodge of other colorful characters off and on, all with their own quirks.

All of them zig-zag through the meeting rules as if they were more like guidelines, if they don't flat out ignore them. Instead of our city leadership, Council and staff are instead forced to act more like babysitters.

And whether this group wants to admit it or not, the decision made this week is no one's fault but their own.

You could say that by taking office, Claudia Frometa, Blanca Pacheco, Mario Trujillo, Sean Ashton, Catherine Alvarez, and all council members past and yet to come have opened themselves up for scrutiny.

To that, I'd say you're right.

But what has transpired over the last couple of years - culminating in two consecutive meetings that deteriorated enough that the council chambers needed to be cleared - is far beyond protest. It borders on anarchy. At the very least, it's unreasonable.

I'd even add that it's cowardly. If nothing else, it's counterproductive.

The actions of these select few, whether they know it or not,

discourages others from doing what they themselves seem to be seeking to do.

Imagine being a resident who wanted to approach the council on an issue on their street, in their neighborhood, or at their business, and being forced to not only witness the antics of a handful of renegades, but wait and put your concern on hold until the late hours of the night because of it.

Imagine being a business owner wanting to bring your business into Downey, only to see the inmates run the asylum every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Votes are happening in the council chambers. Decisions are being made. Policy is being passed.

Technically.

But real work, democracy, and progress? That's been missing for a long time.

Downey used to allow five minutes for speaking practically whenever Council spoke about anything, which I'll admit even I thought was a bit much.

We're down to a single four minute opportunity.

I'm glad to see the council start to take its chamber back; it should have happened a long time ago.

And yes, I realize I'll probably get an earful about this next Tuesday. That's fine.

It's been needed to be said for a long time, and luckily, I have the freedom of speech (and press) on my side.

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Moderate Democrats stifle progress and hurt their party

By Jim Hightower

Here they come again — the usual gaggle of Washington politicians and pundits who keep assailing President Joe Biden's package of FDR-ish proposals that, at long last, would begin lifting up America's infrastructure and working class.

"Too big," screech these small thinkers and servants of the established plutocratic order. "Too costly, too ambitious, and ... well, too democratic." You would expect such adamant minginess from anti-everything Republicans — but these are Democrats! Well, sort of. They're Chicken Little Democrats, a subset whose members fastidiously call themselves middle-of-the-road moderates. Actually, though, you can almost always find them hugging the right-hand lane, clucking that the Party of the People is scaring the people with policies that — get this — directly benefit the people.

The latest example of their perverse assertion came after one of their own political adherents, Terry McAuliffe, recently lost the Virginia gubernatorial election. It's their fault, cried the mods, pointing their blamethrowers at the Party's progressive forces, claiming that poor Terry lost because progressives refused to cave in to conservative demands that key democratic reforms from Biden's infrastructure bill be slashed. The go-small cognoscenti claimed that cutting the bill's proposals to raise wages, lower drug prices, etc., would've made it more acceptable to Virginians. As one Washington political columnist wailed, "Had congressional Democrats given voters a reason to turn out, that could well have made the difference."

But wait — isn't it the job of the candidate to motivate voters? McAuliffe, a lackluster corporatist and peer of the business-as-usual Washington power structure, ran a lousy campaign basically assailing his Republican opponent for being a less-blustery political clone of former President Donald Trump. That's true, but besides not being Trump, what was Terry offering to grassroots families to excite them about voting for him?

How's this for poetic justice? One issue that would've been a winner for McAuliffe is that big progressive version of Biden's infrastructure bill! It happens to be very popular among the voters he needed.

Sometimes, when I watch Congress in action, I can't decide whether to laugh, cry or check myself into an insane asylum.

I'm not one who thinks all lawmakers are political hacks, quacks and corporate toadies — but that contingent does seem to dominate. Most infuriating is that our nation's legislative institution, Congress, which purports to represent the people, routinely does what the American majority does not want done and fails to do what people do want. Take a peek at the long, slow legislative hash that Congress is making of Biden's landmark infrastructure proposals, submitted months ago.

This is a monumental, long-overdue undertaking to reinvest in America's physical house and social underpinnings (everything from roads and broadband networks to child care and paid family leave). The package would deliver real, tangible benefits across our nation, especially for low- and middle-income families, so it is enormously

popular. Yet, when the first half of the plan recently came to a vote in the House, Republican leaders turned the people's needs into a partisan mud-wrestling show. Nearly every GOP member voted a loud NO on such obvious needs as fixing decrepit bridges, providing clean tap water in every community and opening preschool education programs to all 3- and 4-year-olds.

Cynical Republican gamesmanship aside, even more infuriating is the clique of self-described "moderate" Democrats who pose as champions of workaday Americans but constantly scuttle public policies that would make their lives better, instead selling them out to the priorities and power of wealthy interests. That has been the ugly "ethics" behind the stalling and track-offs in the joint demand by GOP and corporate Democrats for a trillion-dollar "compromise" in Biden's national investment plans. What's being compromised? Not proposals to fund the corporate wish list, but long-postponed needs of everyday Americans, including home health care, free community college, affordable housing, wage hikes, environmental justice, etc.

The wealthy and their political enablers complain that America can't afford such projects. But, hello — these aren't "projects," they're people! And permitting politicians and lobbyists to leave them behind yet again would be an abominable moral failure of our society.

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Inflation has prices rising but Americans don't seem concerned

By Froma Harrop

Economists tell us that the current high rate of inflation is not forever. And it's not all bad, certainly not for workers whose rising wages play a part in the climbing prices. How seriously Americans are taking it may be reflected in this Wall Street Journal headline: "Retail Sales Rose by 1.7% in October Despite High Inflation."

Anyhow, the media angst over jumps in the broad consumer price index often overlooks the big price differences in the categories that go into it. And what more timely subject for those intent on squawking about inflation than the price of turkey?

As an example, CNN anchor John Berman recently declared, "There's a good chance that the grocery bill is going to be quite high on Thanksgiving." Business correspondent Christine Romans took it from there delivering the scary-sounding news about the Thanksgiving bird.

"We're expecting the price to top a record high of \$1.36 per pound this holiday season," she said. That would be "22 bucks for a 16-pound turkey."

Let's unwrap this. A 16-pound turkey feeds something like 18 people. That would come to \$1.22 per person. Put in perspective, a Sausage Biscuit with Egg at McDonald's costs \$2.79.

But things could go downhill from there. You might not get any turkey at all, Romans warns. "Economists are saying, grocery stores are saying, they expect a run on turkeys, a run on birds." There's also a "risk," she goes on, that "you may not get the size bird you want."

Aha, just the thought that alarmed Americans might do a run on turkeys, fearing they won't get one, could cause ... a run on turkeys. Recall last year's ransacking of shelves for toilet paper. Though inexplicable, it did create some cute memes: Did you know that the Charmin bear was behind the coronavirus pandemic?

Oh, and there are other Thanksgiving food items. The price of potatoes was up 1.7% last month from a year ago. Potatoes in October 2020 cost about 82 cents a pound, which means Americans are now spending slightly over 1 cent more a pound this year for potatoes.

Consider the worst-case scenario. Just suppose the turkey shelves at the supermarket go bare in the days before Thanksgiving. So, you have eggplant parmesan for dinner or hamburger or chicken pot pie. No one is going to starve. After all, the American people did get through the Great Depression.

But let's not interrupt a good cry. As The New York Times reported, "Thanksgiving 2021 could be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday." But then comes the line five paragraphs down that put

things in a calmer light: "Granted, last year the cost of a Thanksgiving dinner for 10 was the lowest it had been since 2010, according to the American Farm Bureau."

In other words, the increase in prices comes on a low base. That is, prices a year ago were unusually depressed because of the pandemic.

That also applies to gasoline, an item whose price has truly surged. The national average is now about \$3.41 for a gallon of regular, according to AAA. There are several causes, but a spike in demand after a year when far fewer people were driving is a big one.

By the way, back in July 2008, unleaded gas hit \$4.11 a gallon — and \$4.11 in 2008 would be worth \$5.17 in today's dollars. Life went on then, too.

As for the price of turkeys, who's panicking, other than certain media desperate for a hot headline during the mid-November doldrums? No need to panic. Black Friday is right around the corner, and as national obsessions go, shoppers-gone-wild are hard to beat.

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The happiest summer of my life

Short Story

By Yolanda Adele

The best summer of my youth (1963) was spent living in a government issued 28-ft. silver metal trailer in the middle of a record summer heat wave without the benefits of air-conditioning. We improvised our own way of cooling off our metal abode by criss crossing two garden hoses atop the roof and letting water run off the wall sidings.

These trailers were built in the 1940's. The government issued them to a part of the Marine Corp military, called "grunts," who were awaiting deployment overseas, so they may live on the Camp Pendleton base with their spouse.

This was the first home Vic and I lived alone in as husband and wife.

I remember thinking that it looked like a very long tin can set on its side with four windows and two doors. On the inside it looked to me like a doll house. It had a tiny sink, a little refrigerator with a freezer compartment with room for only one ice tray. The bathroom was so small that one could sit on the commode and wash their hands in the bathroom sink at the same time.

I moved in with my combination record player/stereo radio, a few pots, pan and a Monopoly board game, medium shopping bag of maternity clothes and the one pair of sandals that I could get my toxemia, swollen feet into.

It was near midnight when we arrived at the trailer that first night. Vic had to leave immediately for his Military Police post on base.

I had never seen the trailer prior to moving in and, in fact,

it was the first time I had ever been in any trailer. I had failed to notice or to ask Vic if the trailer was on tires secured to the ground, assuring it was locked in position. I was concerned about walking and moving in the trailer because I had gained 60 pounds and I was afraid that all my weight might start the trailer rolling down the street. In retrospect that is hilarious.

In the early morning when Vic got back, he found me still dressed in the same clothes sitting on the corner of the little sofa where he left me the night before. My bedclothes, toothbrush, comb were still in the shopping bag just a few feet away from me.

When I asked him if the trailer was stable he thought I was kidding.

I said, "Do I look like I'm kidding?" I began to cry. My eyes and bladder couldn't hold any more water.

Vic helped me down the two wobbly wooden steps out of our front door that were not attached to the trailer that he fixed that day. He showed me where the trailer was indeed anchored to the foundation.

He kissed my tear-stained face and from then on I felt safe in our illustrious home.

Vic got paid every two weeks, as did everyone in our neighborhood. I guess that is why we didn't feel any worse off than anybody else even if on occasion we ate from cans containing food rations that were packed during World War 2.

We experienced such bliss that being poor was an adventure. It was fun having to "make do." We made curtain rods by stretching out wire clothes hangers for the curtain valances. The ends of the wires were twisted and hooked to nails attached to each side of the windows; "Volal!" We transformed the trailer into our home.

Our bedroom barely accommodated our bed, a little bassinnet and two orange crates that we spray painted white and stacked on top of each other for storing diapers in anticipation of the birth of our first baby, Yvette, who was due in a short time.

I enjoyed going to the commissary. It made me feel so mature and independent to choose what "I" wanted to buy for our home.

Affordable entertainment was going to the free drive-in movies on base. One of the drawbacks was that we had to leave the car windows rolled down to hear from the only speaker that was on the outside atop the projectors shed. There were no individual car speakers.

Another inconvenience was the mosquitoes! We had to take a net to put over us as we watched the movie to prevent being bitten by the multitude of mosquitoes that plagued the base that summer. Still we'd cozy up and eat our home-made sandwiches, popcorn and drink Kool-Aid.

The way in which we combated the mosquitoes at our trailer was to leave the light on in the bathroom at night and fill the bathtub with water. In the morning we'd find swarms of them drowned. I never got more than a couple of mosquito bites. In fact, the seven or eight neighbor girls on our street who were also pregnant didn't get many mosquito bites either. My sweethearth on the other hand seemed like a main course for the little pests.

We didn't own a TV. We played marathon games of Monopoly. In the morning I'd love to bring Vic breakfast in bed. I served him fried bologna and eggs on a tray. By his goofy expression I knew that it made him feel special. I wanted him to feel like the king of his trailer.

Our neighbor, Patricia, was a little older than I; she

Do you like

Thanksgiving leftovers?

Short Story

By Yolanda Reyna

My daughter, two sons, grandson and I love Thanksgiving leftovers. They are so important to us.

Each year, I prepare the biggest turkey for Thanksgiving. It's usually an 18-23 pound bird stuffed with my simple sausage stuffing. The turkey is then placed in the oven and roasted until golden. My family and I then eagerly wait to enjoy our delightful Thanksgiving meal. There's also mashed potatoes sprinkled with crisp bacon, with thick turkey gravy poured over them, a green bean casserole, biscuits, cranberry sauce, cherry and apple pies, and vanilla ice cream.

My children always rave about my cooking. They even tell their friends about it. I really don't know what the big fuss is. They particularly rave about my stuffing. I personally think the secret to delicious, moist stuffing is when it's stuffed inside the turkey before roasting.

It takes three full days to prepare our Thanksgiving meal, including cleaning the kitchen, chopping, dicing and slicing the ingredients, and baking store-bought pies. In the end, it's all worth it!

After feasting on our meal, we look forward to Thanksgiving breakfast the next day. I use my cast-iron skillet to reheat the meal with vegetable oil and butter. I heat the turkey and stuffing until they are moist and juicy. I also reheat the mashed potatoes until they have a crisp texture to them. Another batch of biscuits is usually baked. My daughter and I enjoy over-easy eggs with our leftover turkey breakfast. When everything is ready to be eaten, we relish the meal and are grateful for it.

Lastly, there are two more days of eating the rest of the turkey and trimmings and our dessert of cherry and apple pies and vanilla ice cream. It's a repeat each day using my cast-iron skillet.

After everything has been eaten and every last morsel is gone, we look forward to going out and having a hamburger!

Thanksgiving leftovers are so important to my children and me. When I see my family enjoying the Thanksgiving leftovers that I reheated for them, it warms my heart, and I can hardly wait for next year's Thanksgiving meal.

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S/JULIO C MALDONADO, OWNER, JULIO C MALDONADO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 22, 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021244235
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) IMART APPLIANCES 4 LESS, 10717 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: C4722896
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IMART INTERNATIONAL INC, 10717 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703
State of Incorporation: (1) CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A Corporation
The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/20/21
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/IMART INTERNATIONAL INC, CFO, ALAN SIOU LOON LEONG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 5, 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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NOTICES
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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
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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.

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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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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HEIDI LEMAE WHITE-HAUSER aka HEIDI LEMAE WHITEHAUSER aka HEIDI L. HAUSER
Case No. 21STPB10420

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HEIDI LEMAE WHITE-HAUSER aka HEIDI LEMAE WHITEHAUSER aka HEIDI L. HAUSER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Hans Dietrich Hauser in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Hans Dietrich Hauser 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 on Dec. 10, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: PAUL HORN ESQ. SBN 243227 PAUL HORN LAW GROUP PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703-6611
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SANDRA LYNNE FOREMAN AKA SANDRA L. FOREMAN
CASE NO. 21STPB10884

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SANDRA LYNNE FOREMAN AKA SANDRA L. FOREMAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD RAY HALLMARK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RICHARD RAY HALLMARK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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: 12/30/21 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.

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Attorney for Petitioner PAUL HORN, ESQ. - SBN 243227 PAUL HORN LAW GROUP, PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/21
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JORGE RAMIREZ LINARES AKA JORGE LINAREZ AKA JORGE RAMIREZ AKA GEORGE LINARES
CASE NO. 21STPB10873

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JORGE RAMIREZ LINARES AKA JORGE LINAREZ AKA JORGE RAMIREZ AKA GEORGE LINARES.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CLAUDIA ILEANA BOLANOS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CLAUDIA ILEANA BOLANOS 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: 01/04/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 20 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.

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Attorney for Petitioner PAUL HORN, ESQ. - SBN 243227 PAUL HORN LAW GROUP, PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/21
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La Mirada falls to Pasadena in quarterfinals

■ Aidan Nasser scores three touchdowns in the Matadores' loss.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK – The La Mirada High School football season came to an end last Friday night (Nov. 12) but not without a fight from the Matadores in the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 quarterfinals.

Turnovers hurt the Matadores, who got in an early 20-0 hole, and attempted a comeback, but Pasadena had an answer throughout the game and La Mirada ended its season with a 41-31 loss at Excelsior High.

Pasadena (10-2) will play Aquinas (7-5), a 35-34 winner over Leuzinger, in the semifinals tonight (Nov. 19).

“We just ran out of gas and turned the ball over four times and we had our opportunities,” La Mirada Football coach Mike Moschetti said. “Pasadena is a great team. They deserve all of the credit.”

“I’m proud of these kids. They didn’t quit, they fought. You just can’t turn the ball over four times. We fought to the end and had a chance.”

The Matadores (7-5) were led by junior quarterback Nehuel Garcia (16 for 27, 1 Int., 6 carries for 40 Yds.) with 188 yards and a touchdown. La Mirada senior wide receiver Aidan Nasser led all receivers with nine catches for 111 yards and three touchdowns, while junior receiver Xavier Hicks caught five passes for 55 yards.

On the ground, senior running back Amel White carried the ball eight times for a game-high 101 yards. Senior Eddie Lafferre ran for 64 yards on 17 carries.

Pasadena was led by senior running back Mekhi Fox who accounted for four touchdowns in the game.

Fox, who had just returned from a month-long injury, rushed for one score (14 Yds.), caught two touchdown passes and returned a punt for a 58-yard touchdown.

Pasadena senior receiver Jason Sanford, Jr. caught five passes for 84 yards and a touchdown, while quarterback Kaden Taylor was 7 for 10 for 178 yards and three touchdowns. Taylor also ran for 45 yards on three carries.

On the ground, senior Micah Mendoza carried the ball eight times for 53 yards for Pasadena.

The Bulldogs took an early 7-0 lead on their opening drive as Taylor scored from seven yards out.

Fox scored the first of his four TDs in the game on a 20-yard reception to lead, 14-0.

Fox scored again, this time on a 60-yard pass from Taylor, and the Bulldogs built up a 20-0 lead.

“The first quarter was ugly,” Moschetti said. “I don’t know if they were a little intimidated. We were just on our heels from the opening drive.”

“We settled in and did some good things offensively and defensively.”

La Mirada finally got on the scoreboard in the second quarter after Taylor fumbled and Garcia eventually tossed a 17-yard TD pass to Nasser for the first of his three scores to trail, 20-7.

A 32-yard field goal by senior kicker Aidan Petruescu late in the second quarter cut the Bulldogs lead to 20-10.

“I think after we came back and got that second (score), I think that really gave us some momentum and hope for our team,” Hicks said.

After the intermission, Pasadena scored two consecutive touchdowns, the second of which was a 58-yard punt return for a score and the 34-10 lead.

The third turnover of the game for La Mirada led to the first score for Pasadena in the quarter.

However, the “never-say-die” Matadores came back with a pair of touchdowns of their own and trailed 34-24 in the fourth quarter.

The first score was a 9-yard touchdown pass from Garcia to Nasser. White added a 2-point conversion with the run.

The second score came after a direct snap to junior running back Tanner Roberts, who faked a rush and threw a pass to Nasser

La Mirada quarterback Nehuel Garcia makes a pass as they play Pasadena in their CIF playoff football game at Excelsior High School on Friday.



Pasadena defeated La Mirada 41-31. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

for the 1-yard touchdown.

The Bulldogs put the game away with a score, which was the third of the game for Fox. It was a 14-yard run and Pasadena led, 41-24.

Garcia concluded the scoring in the game in the last few seconds with a 1-yard touchdown.

“I’m proud of this team,” Moschetti added. “A lot of the time they were down and they fought their way back from El Toro to Millikan to St. Margaret’s to last week against Golden Valley and to this game (Pasadena) right here.”

“We got a long way to go as

a program. Our goal every year is to win a state championship. We came up short and after Christmas we’ll get back to the weight room and start the culture of building our team for next year.”

What they said:
Xavier Hicks, junior wide

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receiver: “This is a great group of guys. They work hard every day. We go to practice on a bus to a different school. We have a lot of adversity going on and this is a big learning moment for us and for me especially.”

“I’m going to come back better next year and see these guys and hopefully have a different outcome.”

Eddie Lafferre, senior running back: “I just have to follow my line and anything I can do is because of them. Nehuel (Garcia), Bubu (Hicks), (Aidan) Nasser are all key players on this

team. If everyone does their job, we win. This year I remember how close I got to them. I didn’t know any of these players last year. I had a lot of fun times with them this year.

“You got to enjoy every minute of it. You’re going to miss it [because] as soon as it’s over, it’s over. You can’t come back to it. Next year, BuBu, Nehuel and on the line Troy Hancock will all be back and will be good. The coaches got me where I am today.”

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