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## Gomez leads La Mirada into the CIF 2A Semifinals with 79-69 win over Walnut

■ Matadores will host Pacifica Christian on Friday as they continue to seek a CIF Championship.

By John Sherrard  
Contributor

**LA MIRADA**— The La Mirada Boys Basketball team, for the second year in a row, are back in the CIF-Southern Section Division 2A Semifinals, with a convincing, 79-69, win over visiting Walnut in the quarterfinals Tuesday (Feb. 14).

The Matadores, however, have a larger goal in mind – the CIF Championship. They lost on their new home court last year to San Juan Hills, 59-49.

With the win, La Mirada (24-8) will host Pacifica Christian of Orange County (23-8), a 76-56 winner over Sonora, in a semifinal game Friday (Feb. 17).

“I think maturity is the difference between last year and this year and they know what it’s like to be in this situation,” said La Mirada coach Randy Oronoz, of his young team. “It’s crazy to say with six sophomores that I have, but credit to guys like Athan Sierra, Sean Cervantes and Anegi Castillo.

“We went three years without having a home game and we’re taking every advantage we can. We have one loss in this gym and it was in the finals (last year).”

Sophomore guard Julien Gomez, who is averaging 26 points per game, scored a game-high 34 points for the Matadores.

“It all started on the defensive end,” Gomez said. “Shout out to my teammates who created fast breaks for me and secured rebounds so I could get out on a run in transition.

“The reason why I was getting so many open layups, was I could shoot the ball extremely well and I can get to the rim uncontested.”

Gomez scored 25 of his 34 points in the second half to help the

Matadores to a double lead, which reached 19 points in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore M.J. Smith added 19 points for the Matadores, along with six points each from Sierra and sophomore Chris Perez.

Gomez was complimentary of Smith’s improvement over the last year. “I’m going to be honest with you, (Smith) has really improved over the summer. He took a big jump from last season to this season.”

Smith had six points for the Matadores in the first quarter.

“Coming from (Gomez), that means a lot,” said Smith, of his longtime teammate. “Me and Julien have been playing together since we were young and have a lot of team chemistry,” Smith said. “We just kind of thrive off of each other.”

Perez, who was feeling ill in the game, scored two 3-pointers back-to-back early in the first quarter.

“We all have enough experience to go on to the finals,” added Smith. “Honestly, we’re just focused on Pacifica, but it’s all lingering in the back of our minds to get that championship. We’re not going home without a ring.”

Leading the way for Walnut was senior guard Malik Khouzam with 23 points (3 3-pointers), along with 21 points from sophomore guard Myles Wainwright. Wainwright also sank three long-range baskets for the Mustangs.

The third player in double figures for Walnut (28-3) was senior guard Gavin Ibrahim with 17 points. Ibrahim led the way from long distance with four 3s).

As a team, the Mustangs had 10 3-pointers.

An unsung hero for the Matadores was Cervantes (3 pts.), who was big on defense.

“If I have to sacrifice my shots for them to win the game, I’ll do it,” Cervantes said. “Coach Dave



La Mirada’s Julien Gomez (3) goes up for a shot as they play Walnut in their CIF quarterfinal boys basketball game at La Mirada High School on Tuesday. La Mirada defeated Walnut 79-69. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

(Martinez) is a great defensive coach and with his mind and our willing to be gritty, because we’re a smaller team, that combines for a great defensive team. It’s been successful for us so far.”

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair, with neither team leading by more than three points.

Gomez scored the last five points for the Matadores with three free throws and a driving layup at the buzzer, for the 19-17 lead heading into the second quarter.

“This is a huge local game and all the credit to Walnut and a great team with 10 seniors,” La Mirada coach Randy Oronoz said. “I was nervous coming into this game because of how tough they are,” Oronoz said. “They play as a team and have been playing I think for three years with nine of them on varsity.”

The second quarter opened with a 9-4 run, led by a long-range basket by 6-6 sophomore center Jaydin Cox to give the Matadores a 26-19 lead early in the quarter.

As in the first quarter, La Mirada scored in the last few seconds of the second quarter with a driving layup by Smith to take a small, five-point lead, 34-29.

The third quarter was another 19 points by the Matadores, especially led by Gomez with 13.

Oronoz was also complimentary of his star player – Gomez. “Julien is really special in the third. He gets going and that’s been our big quarter. Just having the ability to have that in our back pocket, knowing that we come out strong in the third quarter, we just challenge the guys to extend the lead.”

La Mirada assistant coach Martinez, who specializes in the

defense and has been with Oronoz for five years, said of the young team – “Defense is very important and it’s probably one of the key components to staying in some of these games against talented teams,” Martinez said. “We’ve come up with a system that fits this team. It doesn’t fit every player, but it’s enough to understand that we have principles and a culture that is defensive first.”

With a slim three-point 44-41 lead by the Matadores, with 3:28 left in the third, they finished the quarter with nine consecutive points to extend the lead to 10 points, 51-41.

That was the difference the remainder of the way for La Mirada.

Gomez scored seven of the nine points and Walnut didn’t get any closer than 10 points in the final quarter.

## LA County performs 213 weddings on Valentine’s Day



By City News Service

**NORWALK** – Love was in the air Tuesday, when Los Angeles County officials performed a whopping 213 wedding ceremonies on Valentine’s Day.

Same-day marriage licensing and civil wedding ceremonies were offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the county clerk’s Norwalk headquarters. Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan said Wednesday that 140 couples took advantage of those services, while another 73 couples were married at the RR/CC field offices located throughout Los Angeles County.

“It was a pleasure to see so many couples celebrate their love story on Valentine’s Day at our Norwalk pop-up chapels, as well as at our branch office locations,” Logan said. “We understand some couples prefer an intimate setting

for their civil ceremony and we’re proud to make their day a little more special.”

The county conducted 152 same-day ceremonies at the Norwalk office on Valentine’s Day 2020, the last time they were offered. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, a normal day at the Norwalk office would see about 30 ceremonies per day, according to the clerk’s office.

Marriage licenses and civil ceremonies continue to be conducted on an appointment-based model. Couples looking to make an appointment can visit LAVOTE.GOV for more information.

The county charges \$35 for a civil wedding ceremony. A marriage license costs \$91, but a confidential license costs just \$85.

## Cerritos adds commercial enforcement deputy

**CERRITOS** – The City of Cerritos has welcomed Alvin Tompkins as the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station’s new commercial enforcement deputy, a new position created in response to complaints received from residents regarding commercial vehicles routinely traveling off designated truck routes throughout the city.

“Deputy Tompkins is committed to ensuring the safety of the public by enforcing regulations and educating commercial vehicle drivers,” remarked Cerritos Mayor Chuong Vo. “We look forward to having him lead the City’s commercial traffic enforcement efforts.”

Tompkins is a Cerritos native and graduated from Cerritos High School. He began his career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in 2008, where he worked for eight years at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

In 2016, he transferred to the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station where he patrolled the city and investigated traffic collisions. He received training for Advanced Traffic Collision investigation,



Standardized Field Sobriety testing, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement and Drug Recognition Expert.

He recently completed a course for Commercial Enforcement at the California Highway Patrol training facility in Sacramento.

In addition to a new commercial enforcement deputy, the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station has designated a

2022 Ford SUV patrol vehicle to serve as the designated commercial enforcement vehicle. The vehicle has “Commercial Enforcement” displayed on both rear-side doors, and will be equipped with portable scales, inspection tools and other equipment to facilitate the inspection of commercial trucks on public streets.

## Woman reported missing from Norwalk found

**NORWALK (CNS)**—A 31-year-old woman who went missing over the weekend in Norwalk has been found, authorities said Monday.

Natalie Simpson was last seen in the 16000 block of Clarkdale Avenue on Saturday, and authorities sought the public’s help to find her.

On Monday, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department reported that she had been found. Other details were not released.

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**1864:** During the American Civil War, the Confederate Hunley became the first submarine to sink an enemy ship when it successfully attacked the USS Housatonic in the waters off Charleston, South Carolina.

**1897:** The National Congress of Parents and Teachers, better known as the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), was founded in Washington, D.C., as the National Congress of Mothers.

**1904:** Italian composer Giacomo Puccini’s Madama Butterfly premiered at La Scala in Milan, and it became one of the most frequently performed operas.

**1913:** The influential Armory Show opened in New York City, introducing the American public to artworks by Impressionists, Symbolists, Post-Impressionists, Fauves, and Cubists.

**1955:** British Minister of Defense Harold Macmillan announced plans to develop and produce hydrogen bombs.

**1964:** The Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts have to be approximately equal in population.

**1992:** Convicted serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced to 15 consecutive life terms for a series of gruesome murders; he was later killed by a fellow prison inmate.

**2008:** Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia, though a number of countries refused to recognize the new republic; the International Court of Justice later ruled that Kosovo had not violated international law, but Serbia rejected that decision.

**2014:** Jimmy Fallon began hosting The Tonight Show, replacing Jay Leno.

**2021:** Radio personality and author Rush Limbaugh, who was known for his ultraconservative and often controversial views, died at age 70.

### Birthdays

NFL hall of famer **Jim Brown** (87), the greatest basketball player of all time **Michael Jordan** (60), actress **Denise Richards** (52), Green Day front man **Billie Joe Armstrong** (51), reality star **Paris Hilton** (42), actor **Joseph Gordon-Levitt** (42), pop singer **Ed Sheeran** (32), and “Pretty Little Liars” star **Sasha Pieterse** (27).

# Super Bowl LVII draws second-largest TV audience in US history

By City News Service

**HOLLYWOOD** - Fox's coverage of Super Bowl LVII drew the second-largest audience in U.S. television history, 113.055 million viewers, trailing only NBC's coverage of Super Bowl XLIX on Feb. 1, 2015, which averaged 114.81 million for the New England Patriots' 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks.

The figure for Sunday's game consists of an average of 112.173 million on Fox and 882,000 for the Spanish broadcast on Fox Deportes and includes digital and out-of-home viewing and viewing on the Fox Sports and Fox Now apps and NFL+ streaming service, according to final figures released Tuesday by Nielsen.

Out-of-home viewing was not included in viewership figures before September 2020.

Super Bowl viewership increased for the second consecutive year after dropping below 100 million for the second time since 2014 in 2021 in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Viewership for the Kansas City Chiefs' 38-35 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles was 11.8% higher than the 101.085 million average for the Rams' 23-20 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl LVI in 2022, which aired on NBC.

Viewership for "Next Level Chef" was the lowest on record for an entertainment program immediately following the Super Bowl postgame shows, the latest example of the decline in viewership for nearly all forms of programming.

The second season premiere of the cooking competition series averaged 15.657 million viewers, following eight- and 14-minute postgame shows that averaged 88.171 million and 58.474 million viewers.

The previous low was 17.362 million for an episode of the ABC espionage thriller "Alias" which followed Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003 and did not begin until 11:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time because the postgame show included a performance by the rock band Bon Jovi.

President Joe Biden's State of the Union address Feb. 7

averaged the smallest audience for a presidential address to Congress on record, 27.312 million viewers on 16 networks. The previous low was 26.936 million viewers for Biden's speech to a joint session of Congress in 2021.

Viewership was down 28.5% from Biden's 2022 State of the Union address which averaged 38.197 million viewers on 16 networks.

Fox News Channel drew the largest audience for the speech, 4.695 million.

Figures date back to 1993, when then-President Bill Clinton's address to a joint session of Congress in his first year in office averaged a record- 66.9 million viewers.

The speech a president gives to Congress in his first year in office is not considered a State of the Union address.

The three State of the Union addresses and one address to a joint session of Congress delivered by then-President Donald Trump averaged between 37.173 million and 47.741 million viewers.

As is typical for the network airing the Super Bowl, Fox overwhelmed its rivals, averaging 25.04 million viewers for its 17 hours of prime-time programming between Feb. 6 and Sunday, nearly three times the combined viewership of CBS, ABC and NBC.

CBS averaged 3.96 million viewers and ABC and NBC both 2.94 million, all for 22 hours of prime-time programming.

Fox's most-watched program outside of Sunday was "9-1-1: Lone Star," 25th for the week averaging 3.802 million viewers.

CBS had each of the week's 10 most-watched prime-time programs airing between Feb. 6 and Saturday, topped by "Young Sheldon" which averaged 7.725 million viewers. Only one other prime-time program between Feb. 6 and Saturday topped seven million viewers, the CBS action drama "NCIS," which averaged 7.15 million viewers.

ABC's most-watched program was its State of the Union coverage which averaged 4.405 million viewers, 20th for the week. Its

most-watched entertainment program was "The Conners," 23rd for the week averaging 4.209 million viewers.

NBC's most-watched program was "America's Got Talent: All-Stars," 15th for the week averaging 4.838 million viewers.

The CW averaged 380,000 viewers for its 14 hours of programming. Its most-watched program for the second consecutive week was the magic competition series "Penn & Teller: Fool Us," which averaged 619,000 viewers, 163rd among broadcast programs. Its overall ranking was not available.

The lone premiere on the five major broadcast networks, the ABC comedy "Not Dead Yet," averaged 3.606 million viewers, third in its 8:30-9 p.m. time slot Feb. 8, 34th for the week and seventh among comedies. It retained 85.4% of the audience of "The Conners" that preceded it.

A second episode of "Not Dead Yet" averaged 2.882 million viewers from 9:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 8, third in its time slot, 55th for the week and ninth among comedies. It retained 89.5% of the audience of "Abbott Elementary" that preceded it.

The 20 most-watched prime-time programs consisted of Fox's coverage of Super Bowl LVII, its eight- and 14-minute postgame shows and "Next Level Chef"; 10 CBS scripted programs and its special, "Super Bowl Greatest Commercials: Battle of the Decades"; NBC's "America's Got Talent: All-Stars"; and four State of the Union-related programs, three on Fox News Channel and one on ABC.

Four State of the Union-related programs on Fox News Channel were the week's four most-watched prime-time cable programs, topped by a 25-minute analysis program that averaged 4.797 million viewers, 17th overall.

Fox News Channel was the most-watched cable network in prime time for the third consecutive week, averaging 2.437 million viewers. MSNBC was second, averaging 1.318 million viewers and ESPN third, averaging 905,000.

The cable top 20 consisted of nine State of the Union-related

programs -- four each on Fox News Channel and MSNBC and one on CNN; nine Fox News Channel weeknight political talk shows (five broadcasts of "Tucker Carlson Tonight," three of "Hannity" and one of "The Ingraham Angle"); the MSNBC news and opinion program, "The Rachel Maddow Show"; and TNT's coverage of the Feb. 7 Lakers-Oklahoma City Thunder game where LeBron James became the NBA's career scoring leader.

The fourth season of "You" was Netflix's most-watched television program, with viewers spending 92.07 million hours watching the 10 episodes of the psychological thriller in the first four days they were available, according to figures released by the streaming service Tuesday.

"Your Place or Mine" was Netflix's most-watched movie, with viewers watching the romantic comedy for 51.23 million hours during the first three days it was available.

An episode of the Univision telenovela "Mi Camino Es Amarte" was the most-watched Spanish-language program for the third time in four weeks, with the Thursday episode averaging 1.698 million viewers, 70th among broadcast programs. Its overall rank was not available.

Univision was the most-watched Spanish-language network for the 27th consecutive week and 165th time in 167 weeks, averaging 1.26 million viewers. Telemundo was second, averaging 940,000 viewers, followed by UniMas (454,000) and Estrella TV (80,000).

ABC's "World News Tonight with David Muir" was the most-watched nightly newscast for the 218th time in the last 220 weeks, averaging 8.289 million viewers. "NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt" was second, averaging 7.246 million viewers, and the "CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell" third, averaging 5.289 million viewers.

The week's 10 most-watched prime-time programs were Fox's coverage of Super Bowl LVII, its eight- and 14-minute pregame shows and "Next Level Chef"; and CBS' "Young Sheldon," "NCIS," "Ghosts," "Fire Country," "The Neighborhood" and "Blue Bloods."

# Santa Fe High senior earns full-ride college scholarship



Santa Fe High School senior Max Villanueva has received a full-tuition Posse Foundation scholarship to attend Middlebury College.

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** - Santa Fe High School senior Max Villanueva is dedicated to constantly bettering himself, whether it is in the classroom where he sports a 4.22 GPA, athletically as a member of the school's cross country/track and swim teams, or when it comes to his impact on the environment.

That determination has led Villanueva to receive a full-tuition Posse Foundation scholarship to attend Middlebury College, a private liberal arts college in Vermont.

"I feel like this shows how I am a leader in my community," said Villanueva, who receives support and mentorship from his Posse staff and peers through the foundation's pre-collegiate training and campus programs. "I am excited, and I feel like I fit in well with the roles of the Posse Foundation."

The Posse Foundation is a national nonprofit that identifies students for their leadership ability and overall motivation to succeed and awards them with four-year, full-tuition, merit-based scholarships to top colleges and universities around the country.

Villanueva has taken on leadership roles in multiple sports at Santa Fe High School, as the captain and frontrunner for the varsity cross country team and captain of the junior varsity swim squad. He has also been an active leader in several school clubs such as science, technology, engineering, art, and math club; Earth Alive, an environmental club; Youth Alive, a faith-based club, and Men Achieving Greatness, which focuses on leadership and volunteerism.

Despite the demands on his time, Villanueva said he still manages to find time to give back to his community through volunteering at his church and with Think Together, an elementary after-school program. He also works as a lifeguard every summer.

"I have no doubt that Max will be a leader and world changer with the passion he displays for his academics, strong initiative, and maturity," Santa Fe counselor Melanie Lopez said. "His willingness to take the most rigorous classes, care for others and desire for community, and drive for excellence will allow him to continue to be successful in college and beyond."

Villanueva said he plans to fill his time in college, just like he did at Santa Fe High School. He will run on Middlebury's cross country/track teams and major in environmental science or engineering in pursuit of a career that would empower him to protect the environment.

"We are so proud of Max and his impressive accomplishments while at Santa Fe High School," principal Craig Campbell said. "At Santa Fe, we focus on providing our students with the resources they need to be quality producers, self-directed learners, critical and creative thinkers and responsible citizens. Max is the perfect example of what it means to be a Santa Fe Chieftain and we can't wait to hear about all of his achievements at Middlebury College."

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# Let us eat lungs

By Jonathan Reisman

*Jonathan Reisman is the author of “The Unseen Body: A Doctor’s Journey Through the Hidden Wonders of Human Anatomy.”*

Federal policy in the United States allows butchers to sell virtually every part of an animal’s body as human food, with one notable exception: the lungs. In 1971 the Department of Agriculture declared animal lungs unfit “for use as human food” and banned them from the commercial food supply.

As a doctor who enjoys eating nose to tail, including an animal’s internal organs and entrails, I believe that the lung ban makes no medical sense and accomplishes little to keep the American public safe. The Department of Agriculture should discard the rule.

When people first hear about this rule, even scientists and food law experts I’ve spoken to, they often presume that it is designed to protect us from dangerous infections that can harbor in animal lungs, like tuberculosis and anthrax. But the language of the ban’s stated rationale says little about lung infections. When the Department of Agriculture proposed the rule in 1969, it purported to protect people from eating things like dust, flower pollen and fungal spores that animals (including humans) inhale.

The rule was based on studies conducted around 1970 in which pathologists at the Department of Agriculture cut open the branching airways of animal lungs to study them much more deeply than in a typical post-mortem examination. The pathologists found those inhaled airborne particulates. They also found stomach contents, which may have refluxed up the animals’ esophagi and into their airways before or after death.

Notably, the pathologists did not mention any serious infections, which are generally discovered with a typical superficial examination — the same check that every internal organ undergoes before being U.S.D.A. approved. (Infected specimens should, of course, be kept out of the food supply.)

Still, the Department of Agriculture felt that such impurities rendered lungs unfit for human consumption and banned them outright. Scottish haggis, which includes the organ, disappeared from store shelves and butcher shops in the United States. (Dried lung treats for pets, however, are legal and widely available. Also, the ruling does not extend to those who hunt and slaughter animals for personal consumption.)

To be clear, there is little scientific data to show that ingesting these impurities is dangerous — or, conversely, that it is safe. But a basic understanding of how our lungs clean themselves suggests how nonsensical the Department of Agriculture rule is.

Humans and other animals cannot avoid inhaling particulates, since the atmosphere we breathe is full of them. To clear out these impurities, our airway linings secrete small amounts of mucus, which creeps along the branching air tubes and gathers up inhaled particles. This contaminant-laden mucus eventually moves up the windpipe and into our throats, where we automatically swallow it. We do this all day, every day of our lives.

The operation of this self-cleaning mechanism, called the mucus elevator, means that we are already ingesting the very impurities from which the federal rule supposedly protects us. And furthermore, we are ingesting them completely uncooked, whereas animal lungs are almost always cooked before being eaten. Humans who live in cities or smoke cigarettes most likely swallow far more — and more toxic — substances from their own lungs than they would by eating those of livestock.

As for the stomach contents that turned up in the studies, there is no good reason to believe they pose a danger, either.

To sum up the Department of Agriculture’s 1971 rule’s apparent justification: Some people think that eating lungs is yucky.

Virtually all other developed countries lack such a rule. Last month I formally petitioned the Department of Agriculture to

discard it. (The petition is currently open for public comment.)

In recent years, there has been a welcome resurgence in the United States in the eating of overlooked body parts. Many restaurants offer foods like heart and bone marrow on their menus. This development follows a century of declining interest in offal. The 20th century saw the large-scale industrialization of meat production as slaughtering moved from backyards to factories, and efficiency drastically improved. Meat became cheaper and more available, and a growing middle class increasingly preferred the most desirable cuts. Eating certain internal organs became stigmatized, and traditional offal dishes became the purview of poor country bumpkins.

These changes contributed to the decline of traditional ethnic cuisines and dishes, without, in my opinion, making people any healthier. When my grandmother, an Ashkenazi Jewish immigrant from Lithuania, switched in the 1960s from using schmaltz (chicken fat) in her cooking to using partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, her food likely became not only less tasty but also less healthy. The trans fats she adopted — heavily promoted at the time by doctors and nutrition experts as a healthier option — are now widely recognized as the most dangerous kind of fat or oil to ingest.

And when lungs disappeared from her kosher butcher shop after the 1971 federal rule came into effect, she could no longer make traditional lungen stew, a dish her children loved.

The American palate is now expanding once again. There is growing interest in local food, in knowing where fruits and vegetables are grown on the land and in knowing where and how an animal’s body parts functioned during its life. There is also greater interest in sustainability and the ethics of eating: If we are going to kill animals for food, it makes sense to use every body part.

That should include lungs, too.

# I’ve never seen waves like these

By Tyler Fox

*Tyler Fox is a professional big wave surfer, an environmental advocate and the publisher of Santa Cruz Waves magazine.*

Throughout my 20-plus years of surfing big waves, I’ve experienced some amazing moments in and around the ocean. I’ve witnessed carnage and chaos, joy and jubilation, events that have been seared into my subconscious and that I believe will stay with me until my dying day.

A majority of these experiences have taken place at a spot called Mavericks in Half Moon Bay, Calif. It is notorious in the big-wave-surfing world as having some of the heaviest waves on the planet. It’s a spot where life has been lost. Boards, bodies and egos get disassembled every winter. I remember my very first session out there at the ripe age of 20 like it was yesterday. This particular day was unique in that the swell went from 20 feet to 50 feet in a matter of three hours and had an energy I’d never seen. I was so anxious to get a wave under my belt that my impatience eventually got the better of me. I went for an inside wave no one else wanted, only to miss it and turn around to see the horizon going black. A solid 40-footer was marching my way looking for fledgling rookies like me to devour. I remember paddling up, up, up the face of this wall of water and barely squeaked over the top in a torrent of stinging spray. I don’t think my heart rate has ever been higher than it was at that moment.

Fast forward past a lot of learning, a handful of injuries and dozens of memorable sessions, and I’m now 41. I still love the rush of big waves and feel like I possess a tad more patience. I own a surfing and lifestyle magazine and am happily hunkered down in the Santa Cruz Mountains with my wife and our adopted blue heeler, who goes everywhere with us. One thing that has remained consistent these past 20 years is my deep respect for the power of the ocean and my quest to better understand the effects climate change has on our waves, our coastline and our communities, and how we can collectively protect these special places.

From the time I caught my first wave at 10 — or, I should say, was pushed into, by my legendary surf coach, Richard Schmidt —

I’ve been hooked. Not just on the act of riding waves but all aspects of being in and around the ocean. I’ve seen storms of all levels and swells from waist high to five stories. I’ve admired the juxtaposition of land and sea and how these colossal giants clash heads again and again. My love for surfing has led me to freediving, spearfishing, sailing and paddle boarding. I’ve seen kelp forests disappear at an alarming rate and be replaced with carpets of zombie sea urchins that devour the kelp at its root before it can mature. I’ve witnessed worsening storms throttle the S.S. Palo Alto, more commonly known as the Cement Ship, year after year. Built for World War I and later used as a pleasure boat before its abandonment, the Cement Ship and the pier that connected it to the coast were for decades a favorite hometown landmark and a scenic space to watch wildlife, fish with friends or simply soak in some salt air. This latest onslaught of violent surf was so relentless and powerful that it caused a collapse of almost the entire pier. The ship now sits marooned like a forlorn island.

Sea level rise is having a profound effect on our coastal communities up and down the California coast. It’s been a slow decay, and it’s hard to even realize what is happening, but when I look at old photos or start to reminisce about times at a particular beach or surf break and visit the same spots today, the issues become much clearer. The deepwater giants at Mavericks haven’t changed, but local breaks close to shore are suffering because of coastal erosion.

In my 30 years as a fanatic oceanographer, I’ve never seen anything like what I saw on Jan. 5 of this year. They called the storm a bomb cyclone, and the thing was a bomb. The swell measured as much as 30 feet and produced surges so powerful that they washed over roadways, flooded beach homes and caused sections of our iconic coastal roads to collapse. The power from these waves broke piers as if they had been twigs and flung at least one massive wooden piling into a nearby restaurant. A friend had basketball-size rocks tossed through the front windshield of his parked car from an exploding wave. Numerous roads collapsed, and several people lost their homes from the relentless surge. I’m not sure it will replace my inaugural session at Mavericks as my go-to campfire story, but it’s

close.

The wreckage was so bad that our little surf town captured national attention, with even the president stopping by for a visit and vowing to provide assistance to those affected. It was a trip to watch how much of a production a presidential visit is. There was security everywhere, and I even spotted three Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft fly over the valley where I live. The commotion and craze are long gone, but even with a promise of support, many residents and business owners are left with substantial damage and thousands of dollars in clean-up costs, not knowing when or if that support will come.

While I’m hopeful our community will get some much-needed federal support, I’m also left pondering: Is this just putting a bandage on a much deeper wound that will inevitably fester? Sea level rise and the storms associated with a warming planet will continue to threaten our way of life here in California, but we are definitely not alone. As much as 80 percent of the Maldives, an archipelagic nation in the Indian Ocean, could be uninhabitable by 2050, according to projections from NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey. By 2100, it is possible that the entire country could be submerged. That is over half a million people who are likely to lose their homes and their way of life. This is just one of the low-lying nations that will be asking itself, “Where do we go now?”

When I read about things like this and the fact that whole communities will get wiped off the map, it bums me out. I have to continually remind myself that amazing work is being done to address these problems and my seemingly small actions right here in my hometown can make a difference. For instance, I support SeaTrees, a group that works to restore kelp forests, mangroves and coral reefs around the world.

Humanity may have set off a ticking time bomb, but that doesn’t mean we should just give up and stick our heads in the sand. Adapting to rapidly changing conditions is what we surfers do every day.

# Listen to Mitch McConnell

By Jeff Merkley and Tim Kaine

*Jeff Merkley, a Democrat, represents Oregon in the U.S. Senate. Tim Kaine, a Democrat, represents Virginia in the U.S. Senate.*

With the United States on the verge of yet another debt limit crisis, numerous paths to avoid default are being floated, including a trillion-dollar coin, steep cuts to Social Security and Medicare, and challenging the constitutionality of the debt limit altogether.

These proposals ignore a simple solution that, conveniently, already exists: the McConnell plan.

In 2011, during the last major debt limit standoff, circumstances were very similar to those of today: a Republican-controlled House, Democratic-controlled Senate and Democratic president, and the risk of default looming because House Republicans refused to raise the debt limit and pay bills that past Congresses had already incurred. When talks between House Republicans and the president faltered, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) proposed

a plan for the debt ceiling.

His proposal, which was later included in the Budget Control Act of 2011, allowed President Barack Obama to increase the debt ceiling, subject to a potential override by Congress. If lawmakers wanted to stop it, Congress could pass a joint resolution of congressional disapproval. Congress still had oversight, but the McConnell plan took the weaponization of the debt ceiling off the table.

While the broader Budget Control Act had numerous flaws, the McConnell plan itself was a good solution then, and it remains a good solution today.

This month, we introduced the Protect Our Credit Act of 2023, which would make McConnell’s fix permanent.

This legislation would put the power to prevent default in the hands of the president, with Congress acting as a check. In other words — just as McConnell proposed, the bipartisan Congress

passed and the Obama administration implemented in 2011 — Congress could only stop the president from raising the debt ceiling if a veto-proof two-thirds majority of lawmakers agreed it was the right thing to do.

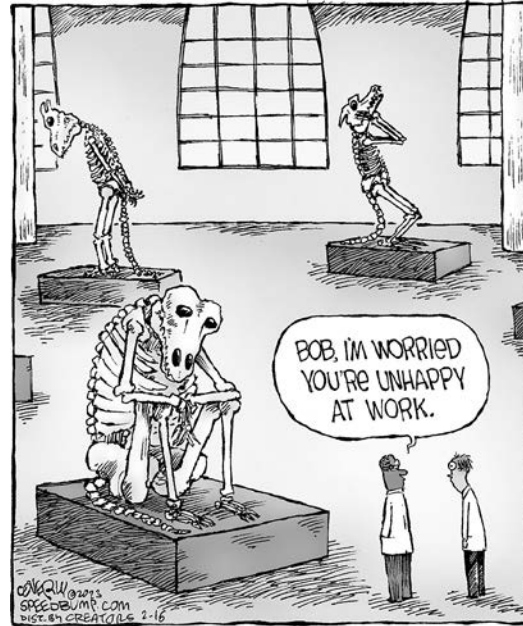
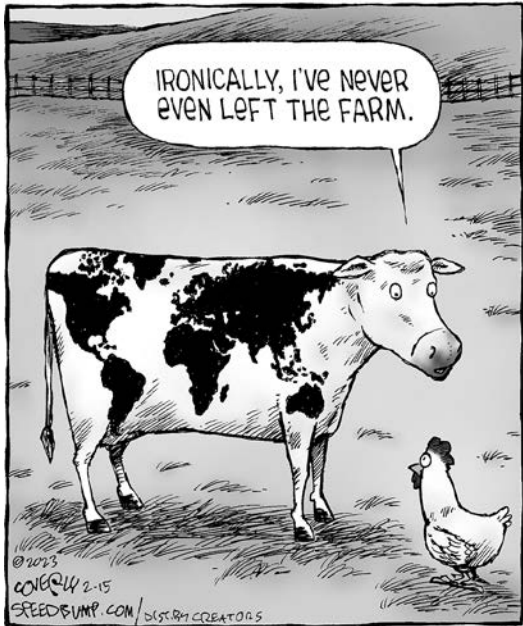
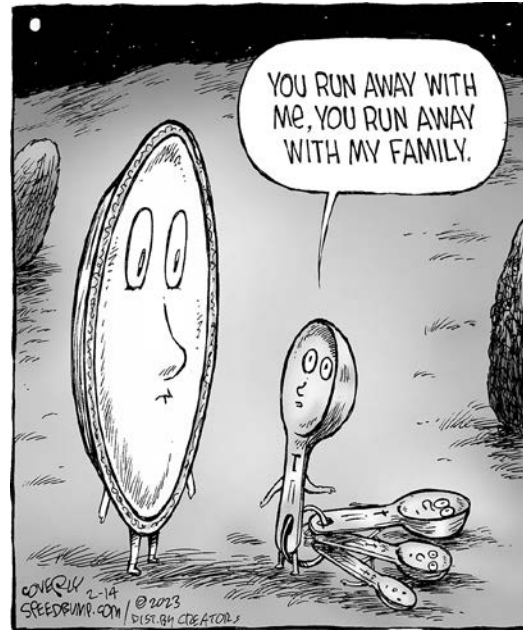
In 2011, McConnell himself said: “It’s extremely important that the country reassure the markets that default is not an option, and reassure Social Security recipients and families of military veterans that default is not an option.”

McConnell had it right in 2011. A dozen years later, the clock is ticking to protect jobs; interest rates for mortgages, car loans and student loans; and our broader economy from unnecessary and self-inflicted disaster. We would do well to make this proposal permanent. We could finally end this episodic crisis by putting a stop to using the debt ceiling as a tool for political blackmail.

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## Norwalk Community Calendar

### MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers  
 2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

### TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers  
 3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

### WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant  
 2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church  
 2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center  
 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom  
 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
 4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

### THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
 2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant  
 2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

### SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
 2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 1st Christian Church of Norwalk

### SUNDAYS

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - 12201 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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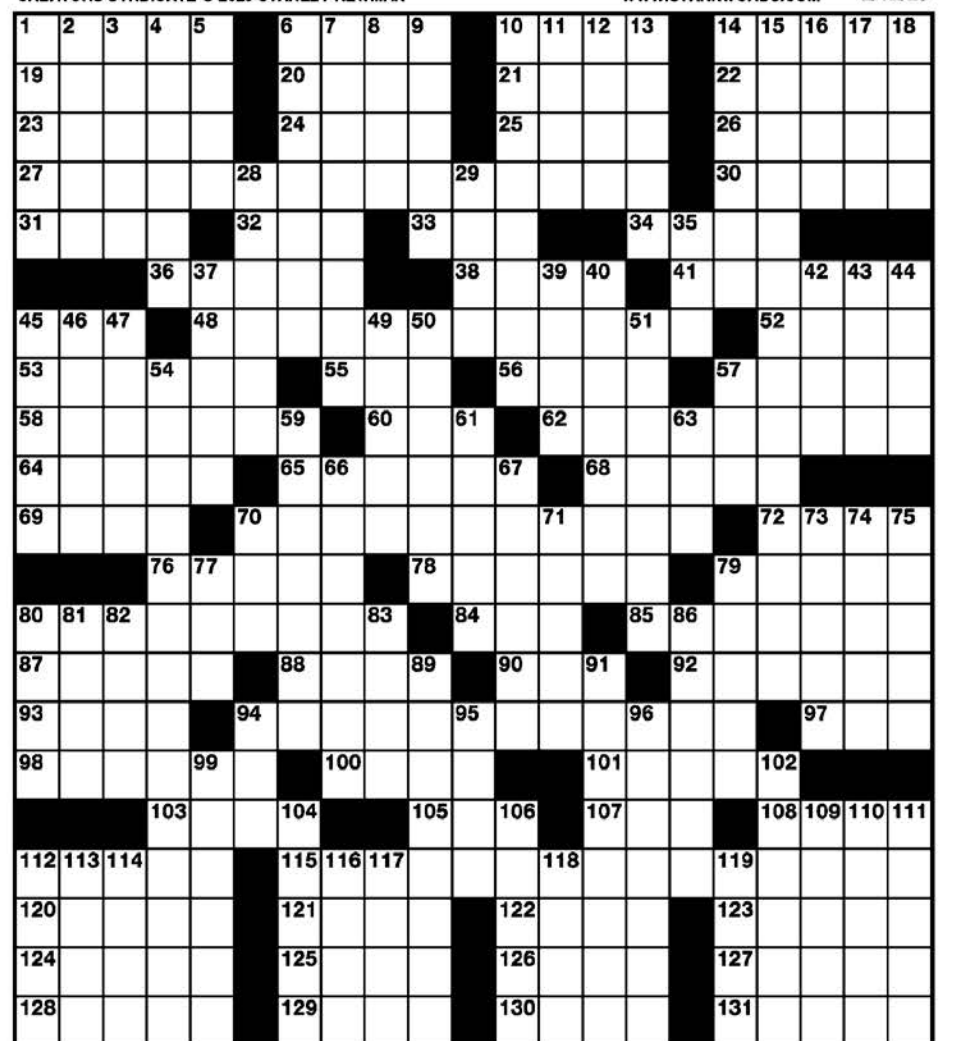
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# Woman accused of abusing puppy identified

**SOUTH GATE** — A 19-year-old woman was identified by police after allegedly abusing a 3-month-old pit bull terrier in South Gate, according to the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAAACA).

South Gate Police said they were presented with video evidence showing the woman dragging and kicking the puppy

named Chas by the leash.

Authorities did not identify the woman but said she has relinquished ownership of Chas to an animal rescue group.

SEAAACA officials said they will be presenting evidence to the Los Angeles County Office of the District Attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

# Pioneer High hosts first science fair in 30 years

**WHITTIER** — Pioneer High School provided a showcase for its future engineers and scientists, highlighting the curiosity and ingenuity of its science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) students, during a Science Fair, held Feb. 2-3.

It is the first science fair held at Pioneer High in 30 years.

Does overcharging your electronic devices cause climate change? What is the effect of Ph levels on algae growth? Do vegan cleaning products work better than non-vegan products? What are the effects of feral cats in Whittier? These were among the 46 unique topics that 135 Pioneer students meticulously researched, designed and executed over the course of 20 weeks, then presented to their classmates and judges.

"We were absolutely thrilled to bring back the Science Fair this school year and provide our students with the opportunity to put their skills and knowledge to the test," Pioneer High principal Mary Chapman said. "Our students went above and beyond in their research and creations, and we are proud of each of them. Pioneer High hopes to continue hosting the Science Fair each year and make it an annual tradition."

Medals were awarded in several categories, including engineering/physical science, general biological science, plant science, environmental science, psychological science and best of show.

Pioneer High juniors Amybella Gaona, Galilea Gonzalez and Isabel Gonzalez were awarded first prize in Best of Show for designing an automatic pet feeder made almost entirely out of cardboard



Pioneer High School juniors Jiselle Rivas (left), Jorge Rivas (center) and Gabriela Gutierrez (right) are all smiles after being awarded the environmental science first prize for their hydraulic robotic arm made of cardboard, popsicle sticks and plastic syringes, during the school's first annual Science Fair, held Feb 2-3.

and duct tape. Similarly, juniors Jiselle Rivas, Jorge Rivas and Gabriela Gutierrez won first place in environmental science for designing a hydraulic robotic arm made of cardboard, popsicle sticks and plastic syringes.

"We were really surprised to win," Galilea Gonzalez said. "We put so much effort into this project. Sometimes we would stay up until 3 a.m. working on it. It was exhausting but very satisfying to win."

Pioneer High physics and chemistry teacher and department chair Matt Murray said the science fair is just one part of

the school's effort to create an extracurricular science program that will encourage and prepare its students for future study in STEM.

Among the extracurricular activities available to Pioneer students are trips to CityLab at UCLA, where students spend the day on campus working side by side with science undergrads exploring experimental science. The Cyber Patriots program trains students to analyze and solve cyber security threats.

The National Science Bowl team prepares students for an annual competition held at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in

Pasadena. The Science Club is an afterschool club that hones its engineering and coding skills in advance of the annual Whittier Union Science Cup.

"Each program Pioneer High offers creates a new group of students who are interested in STEM, while providing them with a wide range of perspectives and guidance," Murray said. "The science extracurricular clubs and activities give the students experiences that inspire them to take an interest in STEM, a place where they can feel supported and achievements that inspire them to go on."

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# LEGALS

**FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00045  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC MAGANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ERIC MAGANA to Proposed name (1) ERIC MARTIN MAGANA BARBOSA  
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: APRIL 7, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: **NORWALK PATRIOT** FEBRUARY 09, 2023  
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES  
Judge of the Superior Court  
**ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY**  
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PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KARL EDWARD SPICKELMIER**  
Case No. 23STPB01326  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KARL EDWARD SPICKELMIER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jay Alan Spickelmier in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jay Alan Spickelmier 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 on March 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the

estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FERNANDO ENRIQUE GREEN AKA FERNANDO E. GREEN**  
CASE NO. 23STPB01124  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FERNANDO ENRIQUE GREEN AKA FERNANDO E. GREEN.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FERNANDO GREEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FERNANDO GREEN 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: 03/09/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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: OLGA FLORES ENCISO**  
CASE NO. 23STPB01140  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate,

or both of OLGA FLORES ENCISO.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SANDRA ENCISO EVANS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SANDRA ENCISO EVANS 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: 03/09/23 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.  
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