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La Mirada comeback falls short, 63-55, in CIF title game

■ La Mirada's championship aspirations are dashed for the second year in a row.

By John Sherrard
Contributor

ONTARIO — The La Mirada High School Boys Basketball team left everything out on the court in the CIF Southern Section Division 2A Championship game last Saturday afternoon (Feb. 25) at Colony High.

It wasn't enough, as the Rancho Christian Eagles of Temecula held on to send the Matadores to a 63-55 loss in the title game.

La Mirada sophomore star guard, Julien Gomez, did everything he could for the Matadores — driving layups, 3-pointers and dishing off assists to his teammates.

"We put ourselves in a hole that game, giving up some kind of dumb plays," La Mirada coach Randy Oronoz said. "We went into halftime and tried to spark them a little bit and pointed out that we make runs in the third quarter.

"The problem about being down like that, is that you use so much energy and don't have enough to pull it out. Credit to Rancho Christian, they made big shots when they had to and made some big three's. That's what happens when you're going up against a team with multiple division I players."

La Mirada trailed at the half by 11, 38-27, and could only match the Eagles in the second half, except for a brief Matadores run to start the fourth quarter to come within three points with three minutes to play.

"Our whole goal was to give ourselves a chance at the end," Oronoz added. "I think we had a couple of opportunities to do that and just couldn't pull it out. They just made more plays than us that day."

However, after the tough loss in the championship game, a bright light shined down on the Matadores for the second



La Mirada's Julien Gomez (3) goes up for a shot as they play Rancho Christian in their CIF Championship boys basketball game at Colony High School in Ontario on Saturday. Rancho Christian defeated La Mirada 63-55. (Photo by Carol Emmerling)

consecutive year, as they received an invite to the CIF-State playoffs.

La Mirada also lost in the CIF-SS final last season and advanced to the state playoffs, losing in the second round.

In the opening game of the state playoffs, the Matadores defeated Bakersfield Christian, 76-59, in a Division II game Tuesday (Feb. 28).

La Mirada (25-9) played a second-round game Thursday (March 2) at home against Oxnard (30-3), but results weren't available at press time.

Leading the way for La Mirada in the CIF-State second-round

game was Gomez with a game-high 21 points. He also had a game-high 19 rebounds and five assists. Gomez had a 20-rebound game earlier this season for the Matadores.

Senior guard Athan Sierra added 14 points for La Mirada, which included four 3-pointers (4 for 6). The third player in double figures was junior guard Isaiah Valenzuela with 12 points, all beyond the arc.

The Matadores had a game-high nine 3-pointers against Bakersfield.

The Matadores held a slim, 28-26, lead after the first half, but as they have done on numerous occasions this season, came out

with a vengeance and outscored Bakersfield, 24-9, to take a big, 52-35, lead heading into the fourth quarter.

"That seems to be our quarter this year," Oronoz said. "It's hard to come off of a championship loss. Credit to our guys answering the call with the motivation.

"We're just trying to take it one game at hand. It's exciting, and after the game we have to just move on. Five guys have more experience (playoffs) as they are going on their 11th playoff game (against Oxnard).

This goes back to last seasons' CIF-SS run and into the state playoffs.

One big move Oronoz took with Sierra was in the playoffs.

"Athan (Sierra), who started all year, kind of struggled going into the playoffs," Oronoz said. "He came off the bench in the championship game. We started him again against Bakersfield in the state playoffs and he did great."

Championship game goes to Rancho

In the CIF title game against Rancho Christian, the Eagles 6-11 senior center Martin Gummel opened up the game with a thundering dunk.

From there, both teams took turns scoring, before the Eagles opened up the scoring with an 8-0 run to take a 13-5 lead.

Led by Gomez with a couple of driving layups and a short jumper by senior guard Sean Cervantes, the Matadores trailed, 16-11 after the opening quarter.

Midway through the second quarter La Mirada tied the game, 19-19, on the second of four 3-pointers by the Matadores, which included two by Sierra.

The Eagles ended the half with a 19-8 run to put La Mirada down by 11 going into the third quarter.

That's where the third-quarter La Mirada magic began.

A 9-2 run by the Matadores, led by Gomez with five points to open

the quarter, brought them within six, 38-32.

But a second Rancho Christian dunk, this time by 6-8 senior forward Kevin Patton, Jr., ended the run. On the next three ensuing La Mirada possessions, Gomez had consecutive driving layups to bring the Matadores within two, 40-38 with 3:50 left in the third quarter. That would be the closest they would get to Rancho the rest of the game.

"We've always been a second half/third-quarter team, so it was bound to happen," Gomez said. "It's just a basketball game and there was nothing to be afraid of when you go out there. You just play your game and play hard and leave it all out on the floor."

That they did, as the fourth quarter got underway and were trailing, 49-40.

The Matadores opened the quarter with a 9-3 run, led by more inside scoring as sophomore M.J. Smith and Cervantes drove the lane for a basket each, while Gomez hit another long range shot and junior Christopher Cuevas had a layup to climb within three points, 52-49 with 4:22 remaining.

Rancho again answered as Patton, Jr. scored on a layup for the 5-point, 54-49 lead, but Gomez again scored on a driving layup to trail by three, 54-51 with 3:48 left.

"I'm a captain on the team and when the game goes down the stretch it's my time to take over and put the ball in the hole," Gomez added.

However, after Gomez missed a 3-pointer to tie the game a minute later, the Eagles went on a final, 7-2 run, to lead, 61-53 with under a minute left.

Gomez has reached a big number for the Matadores this season, scoring 835 points, which brings him to over 1500 in his two years at La Mirada.

Gomez and the rest of the underclassmen on the team hope to keep the dream going for the next couple of years for the Matadores.

Cerritos College seeks funding for new student housing facility

NORWALK — To tackle the persistent problem of student homelessness, Cerritos College is seeking state grant funding to build affordable on-campus student housing through the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program.

In addition to its request for nearly \$70 million in grant dollars, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees is also contributing \$12 million to ensure the District's bid for funding is competitive.

If accepted, the combined funding will be used to build an \$80-million student housing project that features about 400 affordable beds by 2026. The complex will be located along Studebaker Road, directly across from the college's Health Science Building.

Cerritos College is widely known for its pioneering efforts on affordable student housing. In 2020, the college opened The Village, California's first community college housing development exclusively for students facing homelessness.

The Village serves 28 students; however, additional housing support is needed as more than 50 percent of Cerritos College students were reported to face housing insecurity and had difficulty paying rent or a mortgage, according to the 2019 #RealCollege Survey.

If the college's student housing grant application is approved, the District can offer below-market-rate housing units at \$717 per bed,

including utilities.

"Home insecurity among students is increasing statewide, but above all, L.A. County's typical rent for a one-bedroom apartment is among the highest, costing up to \$1,800 per month. We must eliminate the burden our students face of paying for expensive rent and provide them with a safe and secure living environment, which ultimately will lead them to complete their educational goals on time," said Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Fierro.

Cerritos College continues to offer innovative student support services. In addition to The Village, the campus opened the Falcon's Nest, a centralized network of resources that provides students with basic needs support, including food, clothing, and hygiene. The College also launched its Metro GoPass program, which provides students with a free transit pass.

"Addressing the basic needs of our students is a major goal for the Board of Trustees, and that includes housing students who face homelessness," echoed Cerritos College Board President Dr. Shin Liu. "Having more affordable student housing is crucial so students can focus on getting their education and building their future."

Supervisors back measure supporting job applicants with arrests, convictions



By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — Most businesses in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County would be barred from excluding job applicants with past criminal records during the hiring process under a proposal backed unanimously Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

The board voted unanimously to direct its staff to draft a comprehensive Fair Chance ordinance, which would codify and enhance a similar state law that was enacted in 2018.

County staff were directed to return to the board with a draft ordinance in 90 days for further consideration.

Supervisor Holly Mitchell, who

co-authored the motion with Supervisor Hilda Solis, noted that many employers already adhere to regulations that prevent them from inquiring about applicants' criminal history or considering it in the hiring process, but "we still have a long way to go making it real for every job seeker."

Mitchell noted that "more than a quarter of formerly incarcerated individuals are unemployed on average." Those people "are more likely to experience homelessness, live in poverty or deal with health issues," she said.

Their motion recognized the existence of the state's 2018 Fair Chance Act, but said there have been shortcomings in its implementation and enforcement. It noted that some other jurisdictions, including the city of Los Angeles, have enacted their own local requirements to provide protections for job-seekers with arrests or convictions on their records.

The board's vote Tuesday directed county staff to return in 90 days with a draft ordinance with similar protections that would apply to all employers with five or more employees in unincorporated areas, or for employers with five or more employees with county contracts or leases.

Specifically, the county's proposal would require employers

to make it clear in job solicitations and advertisements that qualified applicants with arrest or conviction records will be considered. It would also bar employers from asking applicants to voluntarily disclose information about their criminal history. Employers would also be barred from considering in hiring decisions an arrest that did not lead to a conviction, participation in a diversion program, convictions that have been dismissed or expunged, motor vehicle offenses, juvenile justice adjudications or convictions more than seven years old.

The proposal would include various other requirements for employers and would establish penalties of \$500 for a first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation and \$2,000 for a third and subsequent violations. At least half of those fines would be awarded to the affected job applicant.

Supervisor Janice Hahn also asked that the ordinance apply specifically to the county's own hiring processes.

"I think this is a good first step as we really try to be so much more inclusive and less discriminatory in how we allow people to apply for good paying jobs," Hahn said.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced a "friendly amendment" to the proposal calling on county staff to also consult with local business organizations, nonprofits and other stakeholder groups when drafting the ordinance, while also calling for reports every two years on the impact of the policy and its effect on recidivism.

Weekend at a Glance

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ON THIS DAY

1671: The Paris Opéra first opened, with a performance of "Pomone" by composer Robert Cambert.

1820: Henry Clay helped win passage of the Missouri Compromise, which divided the United States over the issue of slavery for years afterward.

1847: Inventor and scientist Alexander Graham Bell, whose foremost accomplishments were the invention of the telephone (1876) and the refinement of the phonograph (1886), was born in Edinburgh.

1942: The Voice of America made its first broadcast, in German, to counter the propaganda of Nazi leaders.

1861: The Russian emperor Alexander II issued the Emancipation Manifesto, which declared the freeing of the serfs.

1911: American actress Jean Harlow, who was considered the original "Blonde Bombshell," was born.

1923: The first issue of the weekly newsmagazine Time was published.

1931: "The Star-Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812, was officially adopted as the national anthem of the United States by act of Congress.

1934: Bank robber John Dillinger made a daring escape from prison at Crown Point, Indiana.

1985: The first episode of the sitcom "Moonlighting" aired on American television; the series was a breakthrough for Bruce Willis, who played a wisecracking private investigator.

1986: Metallica released their third album, "Master Of Puppets," featuring an anthemic title track that became their most-played live song.

1991: Following a high-speed car chase, Los Angeles police officers brutally beat Rodney King, an African American motorist; despite a videotape of the beating, the policemen were acquitted in 1992, causing large-scale rioting in the city.



2005: Steve Fossett became the first person to fly an airplane non-stop around the world solo without refueling.

2018: English neurologist Roger Bannister, the first athlete to run a mile in less than four minutes, died at age 88.

Birthdays

"Modern Family" star **Julie Bowen** (53), "Cake Boss" star **Buddy Valastro** (46), actress **Jessica Biel** (41), pop singer **Camila Cabello** (26) and basketball player **Jayson Tatum** (25).

Whittier student becomes a voice for underrepresented classmates



my alma mater and grateful that I have found a place among its community," Marin said. "I would like to thank my parents for supporting me through everything, my siblings for encouraging me, my friends for believing in me, my teachers, counselors, principal and the Board of Trustees for their guidance, and the Las Fotos Project for supporting my creative endeavors."

As a freshman, Marin joined the Las Fotos Project (LFP), a nonprofit that specializes in elevating the voices of teenage girls and gender-expansive youth of color through photography and mentoring.

Through the LFP, Marin has honed her experimental photography and photojournalism skills, contributing photos of Southland pick-up soccer games published in the Los Angeles Times' Image magazine in 2021.

Marin has also served as a national youth leader for the Hope, Healing, and Health Collective, a youth-led policy council that researched and prepared a 40-page report on the mental health of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) youth in low-income communities that was shared with federal, state and local leaders across the country.

In the summer of 2022, Marin participated in the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project's Statewide Leadership Conference, held at Cal State Sacramento, which centered on enhancing the leadership skills of Latinos from across the state. Marin led discussions and broadened her knowledge regarding Chicano

studies and mental health.

"Adria is a remarkable young woman," Whittier High Principal Tim Liggett said. "What I find so impressive about her is that a lot of people are willing to spend time talking about problems in the world. Adria is someone who is taking the time to do something about the problems in the world. If committed and focused people like Adria are willing to do that work, I feel better about where the world is going."

At Whittier High, Marin is a member of the varsity tennis team, serves as Associated Student Body secretary and is a member and former president of the Whittier High chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, helping bring Cardinal students together after the pandemic by organizing community service projects, such as a cleanup day at Penn Park. Marin is also on track to be awarded the California Seal of Bilingualism for French.

"Adria is so passionate about what she believes in, it's what makes her stand out," Whittier High Counselor Diana Salazar said. "Adria has made her own path and done all of her own research. She is poised and confident, sharing her experiences with us and introducing us to new programs. We are so proud of what she's accomplished."

WHITTIER – Whittier High School senior Adria Marin likes to take the initiative. Whether she is volunteering for a nonprofit organization, advocating for underrepresented students, creating a photography portfolio or building a pathway to higher education, Marin always does her research, comes prepared and leaves nothing to chance.

Marin, who has a 4.4 GPA, has received early acceptance to

Barnard College in New York City – one of the prestigious "Seven Sisters" universities – where she plans to study political science and French, with a career focus on international relations. For her leadership and devotion to advocacy, Marin was presented with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees during a Feb. 14 Board meeting.

"I am honored to receive this award and call Whittier High

SoCalGas announces \$10 million to help customers impacted by high prices

LOS ANGELES – Reacting to unprecedented prices, Southern California Gas Co. announced Monday \$10 million in funding to help customers pay their bills.

The company said it committed \$5 million in funding to the Gas Assistance Fund, a program administered by the United Way that provides income-qualified customers with one-time grants to help pay their natural gas bills.

SoCalGas also announced it will contribute \$4 million to relaunch its popular Fueling Our Communities program, a collaboration with local food banks and nonprofits that has provided free meals and groceries to thousands of Californians facing food insecurity since 2020.

In addition, SoCalGas said it will contribute \$1 million in aid to small restaurant owners through the Restaurants Care Resilience Fund, a fund that was started in 2021 to help small restaurants with improvements, employee retention and to manage debt and rising costs.

Millions of Southern California families have been opening their utility bills to sticker shock.

"This winter's unprecedented natural gas prices, on top of already high inflation, have been a real hardship for many Southern Californians, especially our most vulnerable, our seniors, and people facing difficult circumstances, said SoCalGas CEO, Scott Drury in a statement.

"Thanks to the incredible work of the United Way, and the network of tireless, nonprofit leaders who support our work in the community, we will be able to help many more of our neighbors, families, and small businesses in cities and towns across Southern California this winter."

Earlier this month, Governor Gavin Newsom urged the federal government to investigate the recent price spike.

For more information on the higher bills and available help, go to socialgas.com/pay-bill/understanding-your-bill/high-bills.

La Mirada native serves with U.S. Navy



By Alvin Plexico
Navy Office of Community Outreach

SAN DIEGO - Lt. James Kim, a native of La Mirada, California, serves the U.S. Navy at Naval Base Point Loma.

Kim graduated from Buena Park High School in 2002 and later graduated from UCLA with a degree in East Asian studies in 2011.

Kim joined the Navy 21 years ago.

"I wanted to learn more about serving my country," said Kim. "I immigrated to America from Seoul, Korea, when I was 15 years old."

With 90 percent of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on

the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to trained sailors and a strong Navy.

"Our mission remains timeless - to provide our fellow citizens with nothing less than the very best Navy: fully combat ready at all times, focused on warfighting excellence, and committed to superior leadership at every single level," said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. "This is our calling. And I cannot imagine a calling more worthy."

As a member of the Navy, Kim is part of a world-class organization focused on maintaining maritime dominance, strengthening partnerships, increasing competitive warfighting capabilities and sustaining combat-ready forces in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"There's no other organization that can do what we do because of the reach we have around the globe," said Kim.

Kim has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I was enlisted for nine years and then commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer for seven years," said Kim. "I've been a chaplain for four years."

As Kim and other sailors continue to perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy was a calling in my life," said Kim. "This is my passion. It's an honor providing and facilitating religious needs for our sailors."

Kim is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I'd like to send a shoutout to my mom, Sook-Ja and my dad, Hak-Sung," added Kim. "Thank you for walking the path with me along my Navy career."

Sanchez introduces bill supporting independent music creators

NORWALK – Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) and Ron Estes (R-KS) this week introduced the bipartisan Help Independent Tracks Succeed (HITS) Act, a bill that would allow independent music creators – including musicians, technicians, songwriters, and producers – to deduct 100 percent of recording production expenses in the year they are incurred, rather than in later years.

Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) will soon introduce companion legislation in the Senate.

The federal tax code already allows film, television, and theater productions to fully deduct production expenses in the year they are incurred. Under current law, music production expenses do not qualify for the same treatment. Implementing this change would help level the playing field for countless small, independent

creators and labels.

"Music is a fundamental part of our lives, shaping our memories and seeing us through both good times and bad. Yet the reality is that many small creators are struggling to make ends meet, especially after the pandemic," said Sánchez. "That's why I'm proud to re-introduce the HITS Act today. This bill will make it easier for independent creators to keep doing what they love most, without having to worry about putting food on the table."

The bill would allow up to \$150,000 in recording production expenses to be deducted in the year they are incurred, rather than in later years. As recording artists continue to recover from festivals, tours, and studio sessions postponed by the pandemic, this investment in countless music small businesses across the country is more important than ever.

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Helping Ukraine prepares us for a looming confrontation with China

By Gabriel Scheinmann

Gabriel Scheinmann is executive director of the Alexander Hamilton Society.

U.S. military aid to Ukraine’s self-defense, critics allege, is making America’s military less prepared and less potent. In particular, the decrepit state of our defense industrial base, and its inability to produce replacement stores of even the most basic armaments, means that any ammunition, platform or system allocated to Ukraine’s defense is one that becomes unavailable for Taiwan’s.

But these critics are wrong. Russia’s disastrous attack on Ukraine and the United States’ still-too-timid military support for Kyiv will help, not hurt, efforts to deter a cross-strait Chinese attack. In fact, continued military aid to Ukraine might be the only thing that saves the U.S. military from its peacetime atrophy.

The critics’ case is strong. A report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies estimates that it will take five years to replenish the supply of Javelin missiles we provided Ukraine. Some weapons systems that we’ve provided, such as Stingers and M-777 howitzers, are not in production at all. The Biden administration is supposedly not providing much-needed ATACMS to Ukraine partly out of fear that the United States might not have enough in reserve for its own readiness. There is a nearly \$19 billion and growing backlog of approved, but undelivered arms to Taiwan, just as a U.S. Air Force general predicts war with China could come in 2025. In an age of military resource scarcity, choosing to deal Russia a heavy blow, critics lament, is a luxury that is making a Chinese victory more likely.

But this argument conflates cause for consequence. Our constraints are real but are the product of policy choices — choices that have left us unprepared for a dangerous world that reemerged more than a decade ago.

Years of focusing on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations led our leaders to dismiss high-tempo, conventional warfare as archaic. As then-Secretary of State John F. Kerry

incredulously put it when Vladimir Putin launched his first invasion of Ukraine in 2014, “You just don’t in the 21st century behave in 19th-century fashion by invading another country on completely trumped-up pretext.” Well, apparently you do. The current conflict in Ukraine is the largest land war in Europe since World War II.

And it’s not that we merely prepared for the wrong kind of conflict. After the end of the Cold War, many Americans convinced themselves that a peaceful, and permanent, liberal world order had arrived. This, in turn, has led to a 30-year decline in defense spending. When the Berlin Wall stood, the United States was spending 26.5 percent of federal outlays on defense; today, it is less than half that, a post-World War II low. And President Biden’s proposed defense budget would take it even lower than in the isolationist 1930s.

Declining demand has led to a wave of industry consolidations; what was once 50 prime contractors has become five. Three decades ago, the missiles and munitions sector had 30 contractors working directly with the government; today, there are only seven. The United States has few manufacturing lines for even the most basic things. The Pentagon sources its ammunition from only six plants. The sole plant that produces tanks was nearly closed in 2018, and the Army plans on building a mere 22 tanks in fiscal 2023. The Navy has averaged 10 ships below procurement plans since 2017 and currently possesses only four public shipyards. When asked if it should open a fifth, Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, replied, “I need six.” As Lockheed Martin CEO James Taiclet recently said: “The U.S. defense industrial base is scoped for maximum efficiency at peacetime production rates.”

Paradoxically, the greatly expanded U.S. effort to support Ukraine might be our best chance at providing the necessary shock therapy to snap us out of our complacency. It has brought popular attention and political scrutiny to the problem. Just before the Russian invasion last year, the Defense Department issued a report titled “State of Competition within the Defense Industrial Base,” in which it acknowledged the downward spiral caused by declining procurement. In the scramble to identify, update and transport

military materiel to Ukraine, the United States has taken the first — and most difficult — step of fixing the problem: acknowledging there is a problem in the first place.

The Russian invasion has allowed the United States to conduct a dry run of exactly the sort of policies that deterring or defeating a Chinese attack on Taiwan would require: active defense industrial production lines, an efficient logistics network to get those arms into the field, a coalition of allies providing significant firepower and aid, an increase in energy exports to sustain our allies, and economic pressure to punish and degrade the aggressor. It is a fallacy to suggest that the \$30 billion in military materiel provided to Ukraine thus far would have gone to Taiwan deterrence scenarios instead. Had Beijing attacked Taiwan a year ago, the United States would have been just as unprepared to support Taiwan’s defense as it is today.

Despite some opposition in both parties, major, long-term investments in the defense industrial base could get sustainable bipartisan support. Military investment is the original industrial policy; it is a government effort to support the growth of a strategic part of our economy that is critical for national security. In 1985, the defense industry consisted of 3 million workers; today, it is 1.1 million. In the past five years alone, the defense industrial base has lost more than 17,000 companies. A major investment in our own industry, to supply the weaponry necessary to make Russia lose, could unite defense hawks and populists, labor and business, internationalists and nationalists alike.

What’s lacking is the political will and imagination to make a comprehensive case. Defunding our military is a choice with consequences. Doubling our defense spending would still only put it in the lowest range of Cold War levels. Without doing so, we risk the possibility that — much like Pearl Harbor — only after the United States has been attacked will the arsenal of democracy roar.

A PPP plan for East Palestine

By J.D. Vance

J.D. Vance, a Republican, represents Ohio in the U.S. Senate.

East Palestine is a small town of about 5,000 in the northeast area of Ohio along the state border with Pennsylvania. Its median income is \$44,498, and 71 percent of its voters supported Donald Trump in 2020. Like many towns near Youngstown, Ohio, it has suffered substantially from the wave of deindustrialization that saw millions of jobs leave for China, Mexico and other countries.

Because of this, the concerns of residents have focused on economic development questions over the past several years. How do they lure back industry? How do they support the town’s small businesses? How do they persuade some of their young people to return home after college or military service lures them away? How do they provide good jobs to those who never left at all?

Every one of those challenges has gotten much more difficult.

The catastrophic Norfolk Southern train crash this month, which led to the spilling and burn-off of highly toxic chemicals, has forced residents of East Palestine (pronounced “palace-teen”) to ask altogether different questions. Given the chemical release, is the air breathable? Is the water drinkable? Can I still raise a family here? Will our small town survive?

The public safety concerns take precedence. So far, air and water tests performed by the Environmental Protection Agency, Norfolk Southern and local officials have been encouraging. Most people I’ve spoken to are highly skeptical of both the train company and

the federal EPA, but they are heartened by the fact that their friends and neighbors are testing the water, too. While many drink the city water, much of the surrounding area’s residents rely on private wells. These folks will need consistent, timely testing for months or even years, and so far many have been frustrated by the wait times necessary to get their well water tested.

The lack of public trust means that many of East Palestine’s residents will continue to doubt that their community is safe. We cannot just order them to believe the same public health authorities who — in their view, at least — bungled the response to the covid-19 pandemic. Even if air and water tests show little acute risk of exposure, residents want to know what could happen to those who breathe that air and drink that water for years. Indeed, chronic exposure to vinyl chloride and other chemicals present on the derailed train may be the most pressing public health issue facing East Palestine. And our public health and environmental authorities are, by their own admission, not well equipped to monitor and address chronic exposure.

But East Palestine has a longer-term perception problem, too. Residents must rebuild an already stressed local economy, in a media environment where every story about the health concerns of residents drives people and capital away from their town.

I spoke to one young couple who own a successful dog breeding and training business. The day after the train crash, four of their dogs began vomiting. They moved their dogs to a relative’s home far away and don’t plan to return. Another woman told me she’s not

worried about drinking the water herself, but she is worried what a decade of drinking that water will do to her grandchildren. She hopes to leave town as soon as she can. A local farmer who raises chickens and hay on her property put the matter bluntly: “Do you think anyone wants animal feed from a farm in East Palestine? Do you think anyone wants eggs from me?”

Unfortunately, she has a point. No matter how much independent testing shows the worst of the environmental catastrophe is behind us, East Palestine will be dealing with bad perception, and its economic consequences, for years.

The mayor, a good man with an impossible job, told me that about half of his constituents are terrified and half of them just want the media circus to go home so they can get to work rebuilding the community they love. We can help, not just tomorrow but months from now. East Palestine needs long-term investment, from both the federal government and Norfolk Southern Railway. Without special refinancing, homeowners will be underwater as flight from the community drives home prices lower, decimating the tax base on which local schools and public services rely. Farms will require direct support. Underfunded schools will need help. East Palestine will need its own version of the Paycheck Protection Program to protect workers and businesses who lost their livelihoods because of the decisions of others.

Otherwise, an entire town of good people will suffer mightily through no fault of their own.

How Biden helped Congress cut Social Security 40 years ago

By Andrew G. Biggs and James C. Capretta

Andrew G. Biggs and James C. Capretta are senior fellows at the American Enterprise Institute.

President Biden has pledged to oppose any and all cuts to restore the critically underfunded Social Security system to solvency. This makes for good politics for Biden and congressional Democrats. But it is bad for the Americans who will depend on the nation’s retirement and disability program in the future. With most Democrats opposing benefit reductions and Republicans opposing any tax increases, policymakers are at an impasse. Waiting to act until 2035, when the system’s trust fund is projected to run dry, will only make the solution more painful.

Biden himself should know this — because he was directly involved with one bipartisan compromise that kept Social Security solvent for decades and another that failed to pass.

The successful compromise was reached in 1983, when Social Security was mere months away from insolvency. For two years, Republicans and Democrats had been engaged in heated rhetoric over what to do about it. The main players in this drama were a who’s who of the era: They included noted economist Alan Greenspan, appointed by President Ronald Reagan to head a commission on the retirement program; House Speaker Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill Jr. (D-Mass.); Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; and Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and Bob Dole (R-Kan.), who eventually led the bipartisan compromise. They fought for their positions and then negotiated a plan that served the country’s

interests.

The reforms they settled on reduced benefits in three important ways. First, the “normal retirement age” at which full benefits could be received was gradually increased from 65 to 67. This provision did not restrict the age at which benefits could be claimed, but imposed an effective 13 percent benefit cut on anyone claiming benefits before the normal age. Second, the reforms made Social Security benefits subject to income taxes, a de facto means test on retirees with incomes above \$25,000. And third, cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for retirement benefits were delayed. Together, these benefits reductions accounted for more than two-thirds of the reforms’ improvement to Social Security’s finances. Tax increases, which included an increase in the rate paid by self-employed workers and the more rapid implementation of a payroll tax rate increase already scheduled to take place, generated most of the rest of the improvement.

Twenty-six Senate Democrats voted to support the agreement, including Biden. In April 1983, Reagan signed it into law. And Social Security remained solvent for decades.

In 2012, the Obama-Biden administration proposed a budget for the next fiscal year that would have reduced Social Security COLAs as part of a “grand bargain” with congressional Republicans to reduce budget deficits in general. The proposal would have adopted a new measure of inflation to calculate COLAs, the “chain-weighted” consumer price index, which the Bureau of Labor Statistics considered to be an improved measure of the cost of living but would result generally in lower COLAs, including for seniors already taking their Social Security benefits. As vice president,

Biden was the administration’s point man in the bipartisan budget talks, which eventually broke down when Republicans backed away from tax-rate increases. But it’s important for Democrats to note that the Obama-Biden administration had been ready to accept reducing Social Security benefits for current retirees as part of a compromise.

Congressional Republicans, for their part, need to banish any illusions that a bipartisan deal would not include tax increases, most likely on higher income Americans. Republicans don’t have to like raising taxes any more than Democrats like reducing the growth of benefits. But accepting policies you don’t like is the price of a bipartisan fix — the only possible solution to Social Security insolvency.

Social Security’s financing hasn’t gotten any better since 2012. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office predicted last year that over the next 75 years, the system will be underfunded by 27 percent — more than double the shortfall the agency predicted 10 years earlier. Perhaps worse, both political parties’ willingness to engage on fiscal issues has only declined as past concerns over deficits and debt are being ignored.

Biden has an opportunity to be a president who — like Reagan — saves Social Security. His decades of experience on Capitol Hill, including previous efforts on Social Security reforms, are what is needed to get Democrats and Republicans in Congress to put aside their differences and make the difficult decisions needed to protect this important program for current and future retirees.

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

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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

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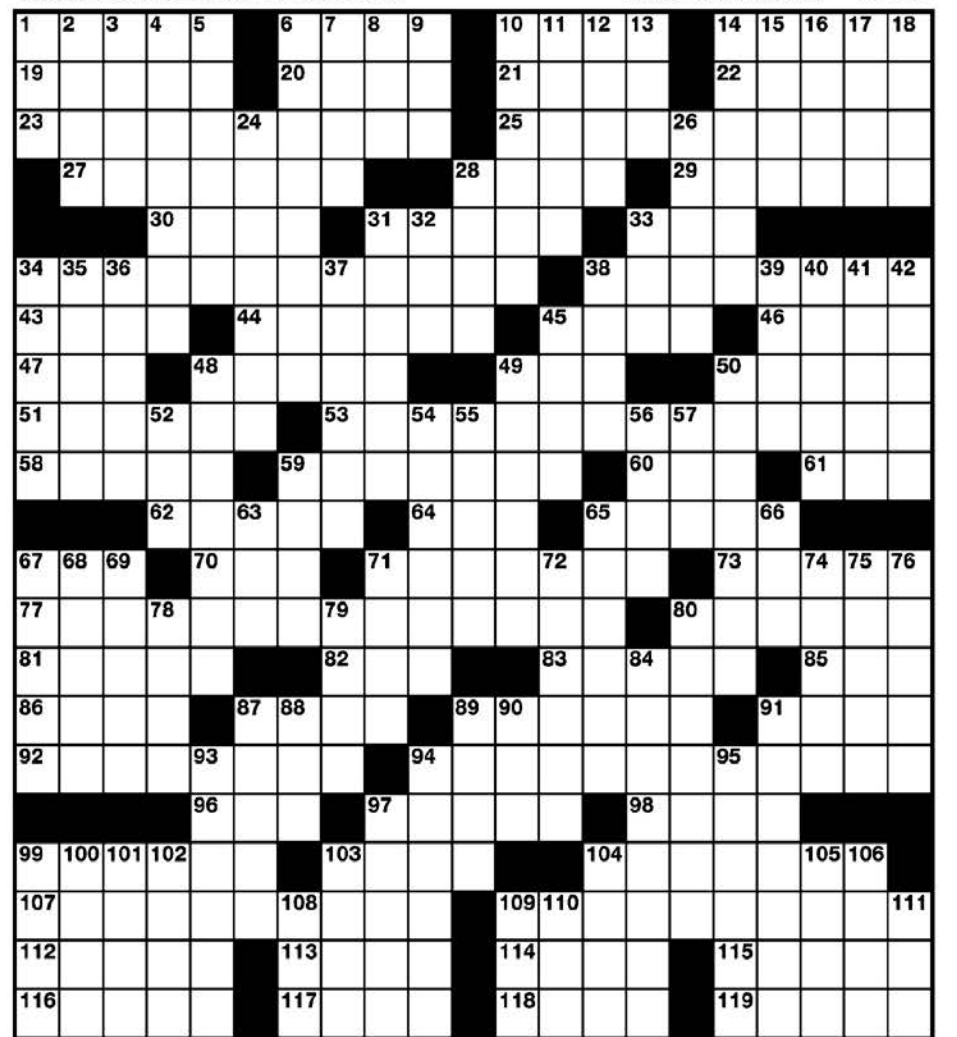
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The fruit of the Amazon-region ACAI (30 Across, pronounced "ah-sah-EE") palm had been a native staple for centuries before its promotion in the U.S. as a health food beginning in the 1990s. The 19th-century pea plant experiments of GREGOR MENDEL (34 Across) established many of the principles of heredity. GORDIE HOWE (10 Across) played professional ice hockey for a record 32 seasons (1961-94) (1971-73).



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Recognizing the roots and red flags of eating disorders



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With advertising, social media campaigns and influencers associating being thin with beauty and glamour, many people – especially young impressionable teenage girls – feel pressured to lose weight to become more ‘attractive’ and ‘accepted’ among their peers.

Sadly, this can be one of many causes that lead to individuals being inflicted with serious eating disorders, which in turn can result in severe illness and even death. As such, ensuring a healthy relationship with food is key to good overall health and well-being.

“Our relationships with food can be complicated, shaped by many factors including culture, media and by the people we love,” said Dr. Evita Limon Rocha, a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist with Kaiser Permanente Southern

California. She noted children are especially at-risk due to societal and peer pressure.

“Ultimately, our relationship with food starts at home,” Dr. Rocha continued. “Children and adolescents in particular are continually learning from the adults around them. They see how the people they love speak about themselves and how they interact with food. They learn to label foods as bad and good, along with placing body shapes into these categories. They see how we speak about others in our environment. Through our criticism of others or ourselves, they learn to view their own bodies in a negative way.”

In observance of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, Feb. 27 – March 5, it’s crucial to educate, as well as provide support and visibility to those affected. According to the National

Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), nearly 29 million people in the United States will suffer from an eating disorder at some point in their lives.

NEDA states eating disorders are serious but treatable mental and physical illnesses that can affect people of all genders, ages, races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, body shapes and weights.

The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) notes that eating disorders are among the deadliest mental illnesses, second only to opioid overdose. According to ANAD, 10,200 deaths each year are the direct result of an eating disorder – that’s one death every 52 minutes.

Furthermore, ANAD states about 26% of people with eating disorders attempt suicide, adding the economic cost of eating disorders is \$64.7 billion every year. Black people are less likely to be diagnosed with anorexia than white people, but may experience the condition for a longer period of time, ANAD states. Black teenagers are also 50% more likely than white teenagers to exhibit bulimic behavior, such as binge-eating and purging. And, in a college campus survey, ANAD notes 91% of the women surveyed admitted to controlling their weight through dieting.

Because disordered eating patterns are highly challenging to treat once they have progressed, Dr. Rocha stresses that early detection and treatment can be lifesaving.

“If there’s a concern a loved one may be struggling, just like we would seek medical care for a broken bone or an infection, we need to seek medical care and speak to our health care provider,” she said.

Dr. Rocha urged parents to look out for certain signs exhibited by their children who may be struggling with eating disorders, and to seek help before it’s too late.

“Look for changes in behaviors such as eating less, changes in appearance, or an increase in irritability,” she said. “If there are concerning changes in a child’s behaviors impacting one’s well-being, this can be a signal that it may be time to talk to a physician.”

Limiting how much time children spend on social media is also important. Dr. Rocha noted, adding adults need to model appropriate media consumption. When using electronics, setting limits on time spent on devices is important.

“Assuring the content children and adolescents are consuming along with the conversations that are being held in this social media realm is of high importance.”

Dr. Rocha advised. “Creating time to review emotions triggered by the social media content such as sadness or doubt can help strengthen relationships between parents and a child or adolescent.”

LEGALS

Jorge Barrera Household Items

Dennis Johnson Household Items

Robert Davenport Household Items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storageetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00069
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KATHERINE ALBERTA CLAY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) KATHERINE ALBERTA CLAY to Proposed name (1) ALBERTA KATHLENE CLAY
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 28, 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 27, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY
KATHERINE ALBERTA CLAY
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE 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

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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
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MA DOLORES FAJARDO CASE No. 23STPB01953

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MA DOLORES FAJARDO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH FAJARDO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH FAJARDO 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: 04/03/23 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 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN M. MATHEWS aka KATHLEEN MARIE MATHEWS Case No. 23STPB01447

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KATHLEEN M. MATHEWS aka KATHLEEN MARIE MATHEWS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Juanita Mathews in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Juanita Mathews 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 March 17, 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 JEANETTE CLEVELAND JONES Case No. 23STPB01688

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JEANETTE CLEVELAND JONES A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: SOPHIA CLEVELAND in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SOPHIA CLEVELAND 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: Date: March 27, 2023 Time: 8:30 am Dept.: 4 Room: N/A located at LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DEPT. ROOM 429, 111 N. HILL STREET 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 estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing

Lance Burton to perform at Cerritos Center

CERRITOS - Magician Lance Burton returns to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) with a new live show featuring a mix of illusions, sleight-of-hand, audience participation, and acclaimed guest stars.

Tickets start at \$70 for the 8 pm show on Friday, March 24.

For three decades, Burton was a Las Vegas headliner, performing more than 15,000 shows for more than 15 million fans. He caught Hollywood's attention, leading to appearances on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Late Show with David Letterman, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The View, and The World's Greatest Magic. Burton also hosted specials for The History Channel, Discovery, Animal Planet,

and The Family Channel.

Shortly after his 20th birthday, Burton became the first winner of the coveted “Gold Medal for Excellence” from the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He won the grand prize at the 1982 FISM (Fédération International Société de Magie) competition in Switzerland, becoming the first American and the youngest performer to claim the honor. Burton was twice crowned “Magician of the Year” by the Academy of Magical Arts.

For tickets or more information, call (562) 916-8500 or go to cerritoscenter.com.

Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts is located at 12700 Center Court Drive, Cerritos.

Detectives seeking additional sexual assault victims

BELLFLOWER (CNS) - Detectives from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station Monday sought additional potential victims of the man charged with sexually assaulting a girl in Bellflower.

Mario Luis Chavez, 42, is accused of approaching a girl in front of a convenience store on the 17600 block of Bellflower Boulevard, near Ramona Street, around 10 p.m. on Feb. 16, asking her where she was going, then forcing the girl into his vehicle and driving away, according to the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

Chavez allegedly proceeded to sexually assault the victim while in

the car, described as a white 2004 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx, detectives said.

Chavez was described as 5 feet, 9 inches tall, Hispanic, weighing 200 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He has an Aries symbol on his left forearm, an “M” on his right hand, “Long Live Them,” and a face tattoo on his left bicep.

Any additional potential victims or anyone with additional information about this case is encouraged to call the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 562- 623-3548. People preferring to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

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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The Norwalk Patriot 3/3/23, 3/10/23, 3/17/23

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title Order NAD 2153930CAD Trustee Sale No. 21372 Account No. 54342-001 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 08/29/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 03/23/2023 at 10:00AM, SUNRISE ASSESSMENT SERVICES, as the duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Notice of Delinquent Assessment, Recorded on 08/31/2022, as Instrument # 20220864232 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, property owned by: INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION COUNCIL LOCAL 1C. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 8047-005-055

THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FOR 90 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLIC AUCTION IS CONDUCTED. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12749 NORWALK BLVD., SUITE 204, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any such records of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$26,378.75 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such records of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Bidder: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you

a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21372. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21372 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE: THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 02/14/2023 SUNRISE ASSESSMENT SERVICES 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Sale Information line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com ERICKA BATES, ACCOUNT MANAGER NPP0421509 TO: NORWALK PATRIOT PUB: 03/03/2023, 03/10/2023, 03/17/2023

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