

Norwalk finalist for Most Business-Friendly City Award

NORWALK — Norwalk has been named a finalist for the Most Business-Friendly City Award.

Presented by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the award will be presented Nov. 8 at the Eddy Awards, which honor people, cities and organizations “that have significantly contributed to the inclusive economic development within the region.”

Other finalists for the Most Business-Friendly City Award include Carson, Glendale, Long Beach and Torrance.

“The Most Business-Friendly City awards were established to acknowledge and illuminate the tireless and often unsung endeavors of city economic development staff,” said Stephen Cheung, president and CEO of the LACEDC. “Their dedication helps position the Los Angeles region not only as a leader within California but also as a global economic trailblazer. Our region’s 88 cities are the cornerstone of our region’s future, emphasizing equity, sustainability, and resilience.

“We honor these innovative cities and their dedication to our community, and we hope their hard work will inspire other cities throughout the nation to build stronger and more resilient economies.”

In January, Norwalk celebrated the opening of its second Chick-fil-A restaurant, and in March welcomed Sprouts grocery store. Also this year, plans were announced for a Tesla dealership and service center on the former Walmart site on Imperial Highway.

This year’s Eddy Awards will take place at SoFi Stadium.

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey teen kidnapped from park found dead

■ Andrea Vazquez, 19, was abducted from Whittier’s Penn Park over the weekend, police said. A suspect is in custody.

By City News Service

WHITTIER — A 20-year-old man is in custody on suspicion of murder and kidnapping in the fatal shooting of a young woman at Penn Park in Whittier over the weekend, police announced.

Gabriel Esparza of Whittier was arrested Monday afternoon at his workplace in Lakewood, the Whittier Police Department said Tuesday -- one day after the body of Andrea Vazquez, 19, was found in Moreno Valley.

The case will be presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office Wednesday for the possible filing of charges.

Esparza, who was booked on suspicion of murder and kidnapping, was being held without bail, according to police, who said a weapon believed to have been used in the crime has been recovered. Esparza’s vehicle, a 2013 White Toyota Tacoma truck, has also been recovered, police said.

According to police, the shooting occurred early Sunday morning, shortly after midnight, at the parking stalls area of Penn Park at 13950 Penn St.

“An adult male witness reported that while at the park with an adult female companion, an armed suspect approached their vehicle and fired a weapon in their direction,” police said in a statement.

“The male witness ran from the location and upon his return, discovered blood near his vehicle and his female companion was missing,” police said.

On Monday, police sought the public’s help to find Vazquez. On Tuesday afternoon, police announced the arrest.

“Throughout the investigation, an ongoing search for Andrea Vazquez took place in large open land areas of Moreno Valley,” police said.

“At 11:50 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2023, detectives located the body of Andrea Vazquez in a vegetation field off Alessandro Boulevard and Merwin Street in Moreno Valley,” police added. “At this time, it appears that Andrea Vazquez and her male companion were randomly targeted by the suspect at Penn Park.”

Agencies also involved in the investigation included the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Downey Police Department, and the La Habra Police Department.

“Detectives are not disclosing any additional details at this time because the investigation is ongoing,” police said.

Anyone with information about the case was urged to call the police tipline at 562-567-9299.



Andrea Vazquez

MISSING

Authorities search for missing Norwalk man

NORWALK — Authorities requested the public’s help to find a missing 20-year-old man last seen in Norwalk in July.

Peter Nicklos Bustos was last seen in the 15500 block of Elaine Avenue, near Cheshire Street, around 11:30 a.m. July 16, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Deputies described him as a 5-foot-6-inch Hispanic man weighing 170 pounds with straight black hair and brown eyes. He has a beard and was last seen wearing a red shirt and khaki pants.

Bustos’ family is concerned about his well-being and is seeking the public’s help to find him, according to the sheriff’s department.

Anyone with information regarding Bustos’ whereabouts was urged to call the Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500. Tipsters who prefer to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

City News Service



New Little Lake superintendent meets parents, city leaders

■ Jonathan Vasquez recently took over as superintendent of Little Lake City School District.

SANTA FE SPRINGS — The Little Lake City School District Family Resource Center hosted a community event on Aug. 17, allowing families to meet the new superintendent, Jonathan Vasquez, and discover valuable resources.

Families in the Little Lake CSD community were greeted with free Kona Ice, setting the tone for a pleasant afternoon of socializing.

One of the event’s highlights was the Resource Fair, which showcased an array of valuable services available to families in the area. Local organizations such as Think Together, Stone Soup Child Care Programs, L.A. CADA Youth and Family Services, Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, Helpline Youth Counseling Inc, Jar Insurance, and Wesley Health Center were present, offering information and assistance to those seeking support.

The event also featured local dignitaries from Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Downey, and



Little Lake School District superintendent Jonathan Vasquez met with the public at a meet and greet last week.

other community leaders who welcomed Vasquez to the Little Lake City community.

Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo attended and represented Downey.

“It’s heartwarming to see families, local leaders, and community organizations come together to support our community,” said Manuel Cantu, Little Lake CSD Board President.

“This event is a testament to our commitment to fostering collaboration and providing

resources that empower families.”

“I am grateful for the warm welcome from the Little Lake City School District community during the Superintendent Meet and Greet,” said Superintendent Vasquez.

“Your support unites us as a community. I look forward to nurturing a supportive educational environment for our students. Thank you, and I am excited to embark on this journey together.”

New name: CareMore rebranding as Carelon Health

■ CareMore healthcare facilities will have a new name and look starting this fall.

CERRITOS — CareMore Health, which provides integrated, advanced primary care to over 100,000 Medicare Advantage and Medicaid patients across nine states, will rebrand as Carelon Health in January 2024.

CareMore Health patients in Southern California will begin noticing the company’s new Carelon Health name and logo at its facilities in Apple Valley, Downey, Fullerton, Glendale, La Mirada, Lawndale, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Montebello, Santa Ana, Upland, West Covina and Whittier beginning this fall.

The care centers offer same-day and walk-in appointments for most primary care services, as well as support for complex, chronic health conditions, wellness coaching and education.



“For more than 30 years, CareMore has been providing patients with health care tailored to help them maintain a healthy and active lifestyle,” said Cathy Campbell, president, CareMore Health. “Our clinical team takes time to get to know and understand the physical, social and emotional issues that affect

a person’s whole health and well-being.

“As Carelon Health, we will continue to ensure our patients receive the right care at the right time – in our care centers, virtually or at home – during the moments that matter most.”

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	88°	
Saturday	84°	
Sunday	80°	

ON THIS DAY

1835:

The Sun newspaper in New York began running a series of news accounts that falsely claimed British astronomer John Herschel had observed all sorts of life on the Moon, including winged human creatures about four feet tall; it became known as the Great Moon Hoax.

1919:

George C. Wallace—a four-time governor of Alabama who led the American South in a fight, eventually abandoned, against federal orders to end racial segregation—was born in Clio, Alabama.

1945:

John Birch, an American Baptist missionary and U.S. Army intelligence officer, was killed by Chinese communists, which later inspired the foundation of the John Birch Society—a private organization that considered Birch to be the first hero of the Cold War.

1998:

Singer Lauryn Hill released her solo album, “The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill,” which went on to become the first hip-hop album to win the Grammy for Album of the Year.

2001: Singer and actress Aaliyah was killed in a plane crash in the Bahamas; she was 22.

2009:

Ted Kennedy, who was a prominent figure in the Democratic Party and the last surviving brother of President John F. Kennedy, died at age 77.

2012:

Neil Armstrong—who was the first person to set foot on the Moon, an event he described as “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”—died at age 82.

2018: Senator John McCain, a political maverick and the 2008 Republican nominee for president, died at age 81.

Birthdays

Rock star **Gene Simmons** (74), film director **Tim Burton** (65), country singer **Billy Ray Cyrus** (62), chef and author **Rachael Ray** (55), supermodel **Claudia Schiffer** (53), retired Lakers shooter **Robert Horry** (53), TV actor **Alexander Skarsgård** (47), Nickelodeon actor **Kel Mitchell** (45), “The O.C.” star **Rachel Bilson** (42), “Gossip Girl” star **Blake Lively** (36), and actress and singer **China Anne McClain** (25).

Police academy director lauded for anti-hate work

Americans not sure what's true in age of health misinformation

WHITTIER — Rio Hondo College Police Academy Director Walter Allen III has worked to combat prejudice and stamp out pro-hate tactics during his more than four decades in law enforcement, an effort that has earned him the Huff Strategies – ACT Against Hate Alliance (AAHA) – inaugural Leadership Award.

The first-ever Huff Strategies-AAHA Leadership Award was presented to Allen and eight others during an Aug. 17 ceremony in Rowland Heights. Allen has fought against implicit bias throughout his personal life and storied career in law enforcement, which includes his tenure at the Rio Hondo College Police Academy and across California's criminal justice and correctional systems.



Walter Allen III

The AAHA has engaged in statewide collaboration to make identifying solutions against hate crimes in California an immediate priority since it was established by former California State Senator Bob Huff and Mei Mei Ho Huff in August 2022. Allen has shared his expertise as a speaker at AAHA's monthly media events, which focus on solutions to stop the rise in hate crimes.

"Walter has articulated a vision for selecting, training and retaining police officers that helps ensure they will be effective advocates for the communities they serve," Bob Huff said. "He has made a difference in law enforcement programs in California and has identified education as one of the most important factors in stopping the rise in hate crime."

Allen has also served as a state-wide leader in law enforcement, with more than 46 years of experience in the field. He is the former California Youth Authority director and chief of the State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Law Enforcement Office of Correctional Safety. He has participated on the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and served as deputy commissioner for the Board of Parole Hearings.

Allen has spent the last 10 years as the Rio Hondo College Police Academy Director, and was a graduate of the Academy's Class No. 36 in 1976. The Academy follows a teaching philosophy known as Principled Policing, which addresses cultural diversity, prejudice, discrimination, hate crimes, investigative profiling vs. racial profiling, as well as the tenets of procedural justice.

"It has been a privilege to serve as Rio Hondo's Police Academy director," Allen said. "As I continue serving in this role, we will continue utilizing cutting-edge cultural diversity and procedural justice training to ensure that we are producing the guardians of society, who will be our champions of fairness, transparency and impartiality."

In addition to his law enforcement background, Allen is currently fulfilling a fifth term on the Covina City Council, including his fifth stint as mayor of the City of Covina.

He has also sat on numerous boards and currently holds positions on the Ettie Lee Youth and Family Services board and the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee.

■ A recent study revealed that many Americans distrust our nation's health experts, and that's a problem.

By Darius Tahir
KFF Health News

Around 3 in 10 Americans still believe ivermectin is an effective treatment for covid. What's more, few place significant trust in any form of news media or official institution to accurately convey information about health topics, from covid treatments and vaccines to reproductive health issues, a new poll from KFF shows.

The confusion about what's true — and who's telling the truth — is of critical importance to public health, experts in political science said. "Misinformation leads to lives being lost and health problems not being resolved," Bob Blendon, a professor emeritus of public health at Harvard, said in an interview. Blendon was not associated with the survey.

Such misinformed beliefs are strongly held by only a sliver of the population, according to a KFF poll released Tuesday. Nearly a third of the 2,007 respondents said the dewormer ivermectin was definitely or probably an effective treatment for Covid-19. (It's not: Numerous randomized controlled trials have found otherwise.) A mere 22% thought ivermectin was definitely ineffective.

A fifth thought it was definitely or probably true that the covid-19 vaccine had killed more people than the virus itself. (Multiple studies, examining different data sets, have found lower death rates among recipients of the vaccine than among those who didn't get the shot.)

But nearly half, 47%, thought that claim was definitely false.



Nevertheless, said Brendan Nyhan, a professor of government at Dartmouth College who has spent years studying the transmission of false information, the prevalence of vaccine misinformation is "alarming." And, while not necessarily resulting entirely from misinformation, 30% of respondents thought parents should not be required to vaccinate their children against measles, mumps, and rubella.

More than a third of respondents also thought using birth control such as intrauterine devices made it harder for most women to get pregnant once they stopped.

For Lunna Lopes, a senior survey analyst at KFF and one of the poll's authors, the results show wide exposure, but limited uptake, of false claims. "A lot of people have heard about these health misinformation claims. Just because they're exposed to it doesn't mean they're buying into it," she said. Still, the din of misinformation might leave the populace unsure what to believe. "You might be less trusting, and less likely to outright reject false information."

The limited embrace of outright misinformation may be cold comfort for public health advocates. The study also found only grudging trust, at best, for media sources of all kinds and the federal government. The limited trust the survey recorded is colored by wide partisan gaps, noted Nyhan.

Respondents did not have "a lot" of trust in the information relayed by any news media institution. Just over a quarter had this high level of trust for local TV news stations. And that was the highest mark of the institutions tested, which ran the ideological and stylistic gamut from MSNBC to The New York Times to Fox News and Newsmax. More people had "a little" trust in each of these institutions.

For Blendon, however, the mild support is a problem. It suggests that "we are short" of trusted sources of news about health.

Journalists and editors, he

said, should consider there's "something about the way you're presenting information that's not seen as credible by viewers." Seventy percent of respondents said the news media wasn't doing enough to limit the spread of health misinformation.

The public conversation tends to focus on the often extreme declarations and wild claims featured on social media and on both corporate and government attempts to regulate the medium, Blendon noted. Sixty-nine percent of respondents said social media companies were not doing enough to limit the spread of false or inaccurate information.

But the poll shows that while the public tunes into social media quite frequently, they have very little faith in the health information they see there. No social media outlet enjoyed a double-digit percentage of respondents saying they had "a lot" of trust in it.

Even so, said Lopes, a significant slice of the public — about a quarter — turn to these platforms for health information and advice. "That stood out to us," she said. Latinos and the young are especially likely to use the forums.

The picture is similarly bleak for official institutions. Around

a quarter of respondents had "a great deal" of trust in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations. That response rate dropped to a fifth when it came to the Food and Drug Administration. The Biden administration, Donald Trump, and state and local public health officials lagged behind.

Those findings, combined with the partisan gaps in trust, were especially discouraging for Nyhan. "They will be essential sources of information in future pandemics despite their errors and misjudgments during the pandemic," he said of public health institutions.

By far the most highly trusted source of health information? One's own doctor. Forty-eight percent of respondents had a great deal of trust in their recommendations.

The survey, the KFF Health Misinformation Tracking Poll Pilot, was conducted May 23 through June 12, online and by telephone among a nationally representative sample of U.S. adults in English and Spanish.

KFF Health News is a national newsroom that produces in-depth journalism about health issue.

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Long Beach VA hosting job fair

LONG BEACH — VA Long Beach Healthcare System is holding a hiring fair this Saturday, Aug. 26, from 8 am to 2 pm as it looks to fill more than 500 job vacancies.

The VA is hiring in the following departments:

Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Nurse Assistant, Housekeeping Aid, Food Service Worker, Dietitian, Clinical Psychologist, Senior Social Worker, Social Worker, Senior Police Officer

Bonuses are available for housekeeping aids and food service workers.

Applicants attending the hiring fair should bring two unexpired forms of ID (driver's license, state identification, birth certificate, or social security card), immunization records, and copies of their resume.

The hiring fair will take place in Building 600 of the VA medical center at 5901 E. Seventh St. in Long Beach.

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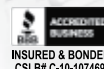
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The big story behind the police raid on a small-town newspaper

Why I care about Bradley Cooper's fake nose



By Celia Wexler

Celia Wexler is a journalist and the author of "Catholic Women Confront Their Church: Stories of Hurt and Hope."

What happened to a weekly newspaper in Marion, Kansas, on Friday can be viewed as one unpleasant incident in a small town: the police raiding a local newspaper and the home of its owners and confiscating the digital equivalent of the paper's printing presses by seizing computers, cell phones and reporting materials containing the names of confidential sources.

But the proper perspective is a much broader one. This is about a police force essentially shrugging off the law and the Constitution. It's about an intrusion into newsgathering that almost never happens because it so profoundly violates one of our deepest American values – the primacy of the public's right to know.

The event stirred journalists to their core. But it also alarmed the White House. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told CNN that the Kansas raid raises "a lot of concerns and a lot of questions" for the Biden administration.

I'm the vice president of the Washington, DC, chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. It happens that our national board is giving up to \$20,000 to the newspaper in question, the Marion County Record, to help with its legal fees. But my views don't represent my organization. Rather, they are deeply personal. I'm writing as a citizen who became a journalist to ensure the public's access to information out of a conviction that good reporting is the best way to ensure a functioning democracy.

The news story at the center of this raid was so responsible and honest, and the reaction of local law enforcement was so over the top, it would be funny if it weren't true.

The day before the raid, Eric Meyer, co-owner and editor of the Record, wrote an article laying out the state of affairs. His paper had received a private message on Facebook from an anonymous source sharing a government record indicating that a local restaurateur had had her driver's license suspended because of a DUI. According to Meyer's reporting, under state law, this could have jeopardized her ability to get a liquor license.

The Record checked the information on a public website and confirmed its accuracy. But Meyer said the paper declined to publish it, worried that the source may have had an agenda. Instead, the paper reported the incident to law enforcement out of fear the paper was being set up.

Then, Meyer reported, police apparently told the restaurateur about the information the newspaper had. Later, at a public meeting of the Marion city council, the restaurateur wrongly accused the paper of illegally obtaining and spreading private information about her, in the process making public by herself her DUI. The paper covered the meeting and spoke to the restaurateur following the event while refuting her accusations against it.

Does this sound like the making of a crime? Or is this anything but solid news reporting, something you'd expect from Meyer, a longtime journalist at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel who then went on to teach journalism at the University of Illinois? According to the publicly available information, there is no sign the newspaper did anything wrong.

Yet four days after the council meeting, the police raided the newspaper's offices. Marion police chief Gideon Cody reportedly pushed for the warrant for the raid in order to investigate whether the paper illegally obtained the DUI information, thus potentially committing identity theft.

Cody also had a personal connection to the Record. The paper had investigated the police chief himself over "serious" allegations of misconduct in his previous job with the Kansas City Police Department, Meyer told the Kansas City Star.

Cody retorted that the paper had never published that investigation, which proved the charges had been groundless. "I have already been vetted," he told the Star. Now the raid, according to Meyer, has given Cody access to the sources behind the story.

That raid was groundless, according to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. In a letter to Cody it wrote, "Based on public reporting, the search warrant that has been published online, and your public statements to the press, there appears to be no justification for the breadth and intrusiveness of the search."

The letter also warned that the raid "may have violated federal law strictly limiting federal, state, and local law enforcement's ability to conduct newsroom searches," which "are among the most intrusive actions law enforcement can take with respect to the free press, and the most potentially suppressive of free speech."

While the Kansas Bureau of Investigation has not closed its probe of the publication, the paper is now getting back all its seized equipment and records. Even more important, the Marion County Attorney said Wednesday the search warrant was being withdrawn, concluding that the search shouldn't have been permitted to begin with, saying it was based on "insufficient evidence" that any crime had been committed.

This plot could have the makings of a Frank Capra film – the noble newspaper editor standing up for truth and the rule of law and (hopefully) ultimately prevailing – except for its tragic, un-Capra-like elements. Joan Meyer, 98, who owned the paper with her son, had trouble eating and sleeping after her home was raided, asking, "Where are all the good people to put a stop to this?" Her anger and upset were, her son believes, a factor in her death the following day.

And contrary to Capra's formula, there hasn't been an overwhelming outpouring of public community support for the paper from churches, civic leaders, anyone. Meyer said that some people in the community were offering their support, but only privately. They tell him they're afraid, he said. What if the police go after them?

Indeed, just because this raid had received lots of publicity and even drew the attention of the White House, it doesn't mean that the Marion Record or anyone else who cares about democracy should breathe a sigh of relief.

We have seen so many laws broken and rights trampled over the last few years. Each time these boundaries are crossed, democracy is a little weaker, and people a little less empowered.

This time it was law enforcement seizing a newspaper's property. Next time, a governor may decide to arrest a blogger for saying unkind things about him. In Florida, a bill pending in the legislature would require bloggers who write about state elected officials to register with the state and file reports about how much they earn from their work or face fines.

Librarians are quitting their jobs, fearful of intimidation by the book banners. Election workers are leaving in droves because they can't stand the threats from people who believe, mistakenly, that they are rigging the vote. Teachers are growing weary of the harassment by parents who want to dictate what public schools may teach.

Marion may be a small town. But there's nothing small about what happened there. Just ask Maria Ressa, the Nobel laureate Filipino journalist who was hounded by her government for years and became a symbol of press freedom. When news of the Marion police raid began to trickle out on Friday, Ressa responded, "It's happening to you now ... death by a thousand cuts."

By David M. Perry

David M. Perry is the associate director of undergraduate studies in the history department of the University of Minnesota.

Arguably the least interesting thing about Leonard Bernstein — the legendary conductor and composer now being played by Bradley Cooper in an upcoming Netflix biopic called "Maestro" — was his nose.

Bernstein wrote symphonies, musicals (his best known is "West Side Story") and film scores, labored throughout his life to make classical music accessible to broader audiences and took public stances on important human rights issues of the day. The film focuses on his relationship with his wife, Felicia Montealegre (played by Carey Mulligan), a Costa-Rican American TV star, and the complexities of that marriage given Bernstein's sexual relationships with men.

It's a good, if fraught, story that's well worthy of a thoughtful adaptation. Unfortunately, Cooper, who also directed and produced the film, apparently decided that in order to play Bernstein properly, he needed to wear a big prosthetic schnozz.

Although there was some notice of the nose when stills were released a year ago, the new trailer released Tuesday has sparked one of those predictable internet storms around issues of representation, with calls for absolute moral clarity on why the prosthetic is a deplorable act of antisemitism and the dismissal of such concerns as out of line or missing the point.

This controversy leaves me yearning for a more nuanced position, one that empowers individuals without requiring fealty to anyone else's dogma. Why can't we acknowledge that each of us might have a reaction to Cooper's prosthetic — or to any act of representation of people with whom we personally identify — and that's ok. It's ok to be offended, to feel a certain way. It's ok if someone else feels differently.

Let's state two facts. Cooper is not Jewish. Bernstein in fact had a pretty big nose. However, any non-Jewish person putting on a fake nose in order to portray a Jew is colliding with a grim history. Images of Jews with big noses have been associated with some of the most virulent anti-Jewish stereotypes since the later Middle Ages, according to art historian Sara Lipton, author of "Dark Mirror: The Medieval Origins of Anti-Jewish Iconography."

In more recent times, the hook-nosed Jew is a feature of antisemitic memes that proliferate across the internet, including all-too-often in my email inbox and social media mentions. Bernstein's children have defended Cooper's portrayal, in part by writing in a joint statement that the critiques were "disingenuous attempts to bring a successful person down a notch — a practice we observed all too often perpetrated on our own father."

While I'm glad they like the film, I'm sorry that they feel such critiques are "disingenuous." They don't get to decide for me how I get to feel about it, any more than I get to tell them to stop supporting the film about their dad.

I've never been especially bothered by non-Jews playing Jews in film and TV. When I wrote about Amazon Prime's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" in the spring, I talked about how the show made me feel good, how I didn't mind that most of the lead actors were not Jewish, but that it's all right if other people were turned away from the show by the casting choices.

I am interested in stories that feel authentic ("Maisel" has a certain kind of authenticity that reminds me of my grandparents, long residents of Greenwich Village, even if it's a comedy, not historical drama) and while I like to see accurate casting, it's not my first priority. But if it bothers you that Cooper isn't Jewish, isn't gay or bisexual or that Mulligan isn't a Latina (it bothers a lot of people, quite reasonably!), that's a good reason for you not to watch "Maestro."

For me, I know I will be unable to see the movie without thinking constantly about Cooper's fake nose, and that's reason enough for me to not want to start streaming.

But I'm not claiming that my distaste places me on some kind of moral high ground over those who think it's no big deal. I think we can and must discern between Cooper's nose prosthesis and, for example, the virulent antisemitism embedded in the works of beloved children's author Roald Dahl. Dahl explicitly identified as an antisemite and spread some of the most vile ideas about Jews (the blood libel) in his works.

There's a difference between an unfortunate (in my view) artistic choice and deliberate bigotry. I don't want to watch "Maestro." I don't really care whether you do, so long as you respect my feelings.

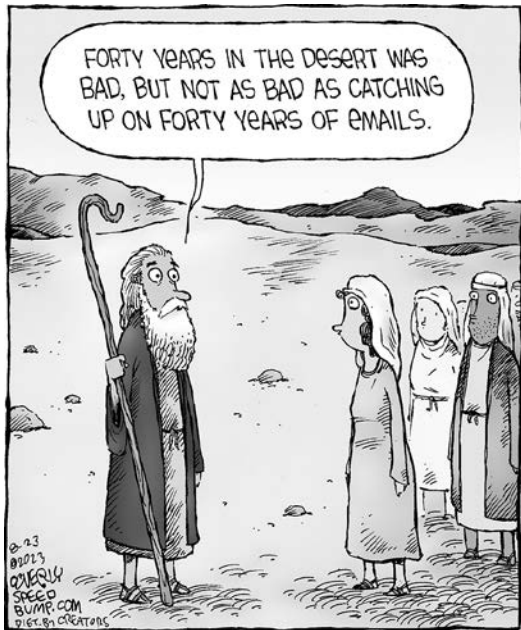
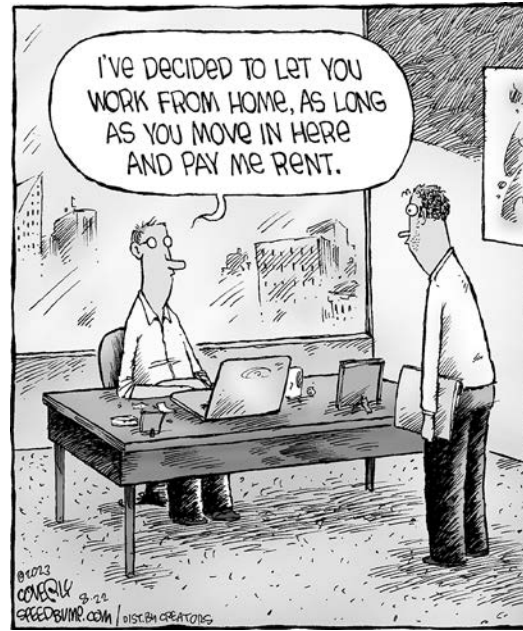
I don't think you or your kids should read Dahl, and I'm not keeping his books in my house. But if you make a different choice, I do believe you owe it to all of us to have frank and open conversations with your family about what Dahl's antisemitism signifies in a world where hate is on the rise.

I want to be able to have these conversations in part because arguing about film and TV can be fun. I definitely belong to the "two Jews, three opinions" school of debate. But also because representations shape reality.

Lipton, the medieval art historian, has argued that it's the depiction of Jews as physically recognizable (mostly by wearing "eastern" hats) in art that led to the perpetuation of Jewish dress codes such as the mandatory wearing of a yellow star in the 13th century.

You cannot have a non-Jewish actor putting on a fake nose in order to play a Jew and not at least pause for a moment to consider the history. After that pause, though, in this case, I think it's pretty much up to you whether or not you still want to press play.

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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

SUNDAYS

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

Would you like an event listed in the community calendar?
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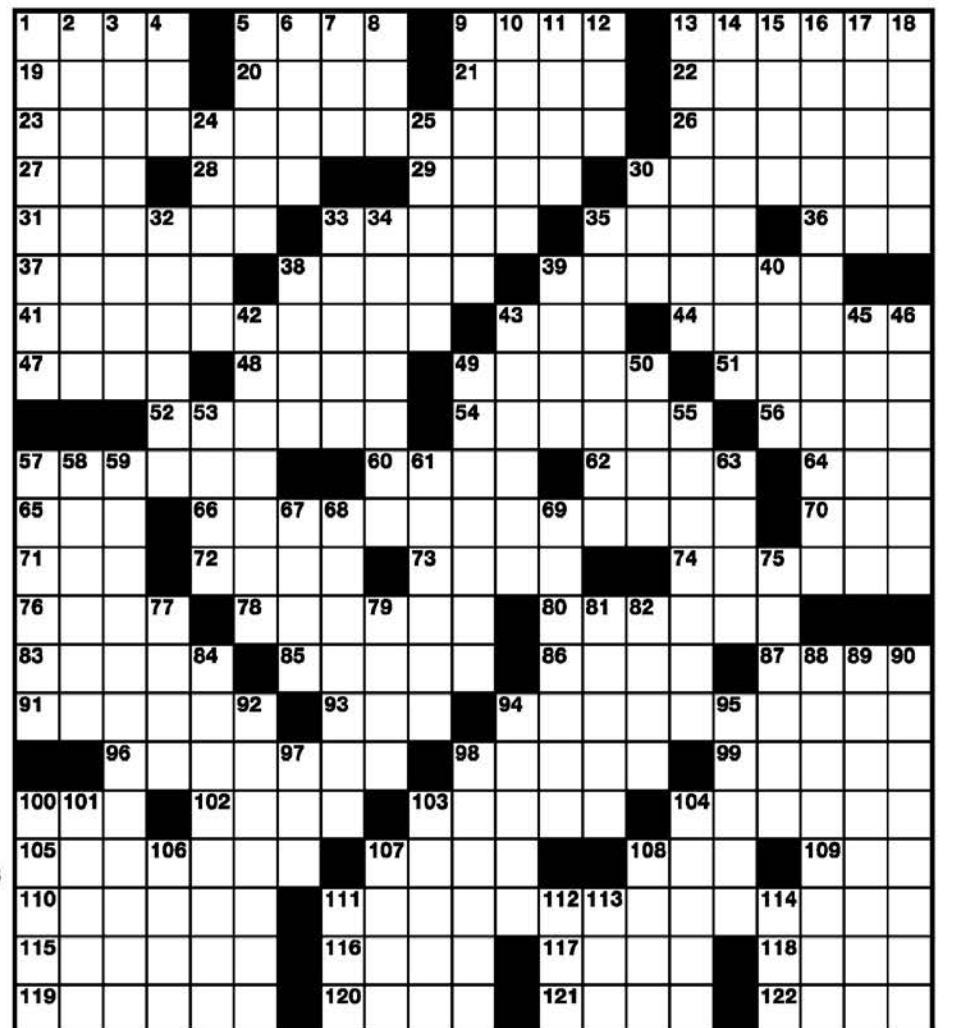
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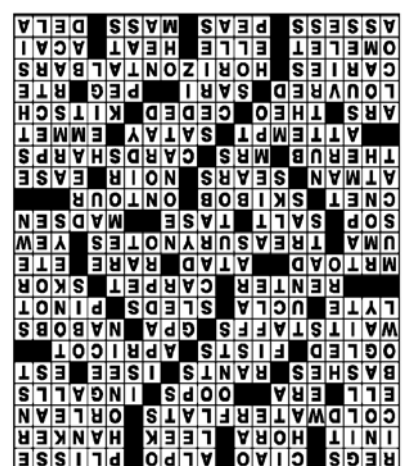
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Going on a road trip? Pack these 30 things.



■ Universal Technical Institute (UTI) compiled a list of 30 essential items for every road trip survival kit. How many do you have in your vehicle?

- Tire Pressure Gauge:** Keep a tire pressure gauge in the glove compartment. Check tire pressure with a tire pressure gauge before departing, as changing temperatures can affect tire performance.
- Spare Tire, Jack, and Lug Wrench:** Ensure you have a spare tire or run flat tires and that they are in good condition. Check to make sure your jack is in your vehicle and tire-changing tools are easy to use.
- Paper Maps or Road Atlas:** Be sure to pack "old fashioned" road maps that are available on Amazon.com and at many bookstores or convenience stores.
- Owner's Manual:** Be sure to keep in the glove compartment or other easily accessible location in your vehicle.
- Jumper Cables:** Keep a pair for yourself or to help others.
- Driver's License:** Remember to keep it in your wallet.
- Emergency funds:** Cash and a credit card or two are handy to hide away in a safe place.
- Registration and Inspections:** Make sure both are up to date and keep proof if stickers are not already attached to the windshield or license plate.
- Emergency Necessities:** In case of emergencies, pack jumper cables, flashlight, road flare, multi-tool with window breaker and seat belt cutter, first aid kit and a survival blanket.
- Proof of Insurance:** Always have proof of your insurance printed out and stored in your vehicle or wallet.
- Blanket or Towel:** Keep a towel or blanket to kneel or sit on to avoid contact with hot pavement.
- Water:** Always have extra bottles of water so you can stay hydrated during delays or breakdowns.
- Sunscreen:** Have sunscreen with high SPF levels to protect yourself from harmful sun rays.
- Sunglasses:** Keep a pair of sunglasses available to reduce glare and improve visibility while driving or waiting outside.
- Umbrella:** Have an umbrella with you to provide shade or in case of a rainstorm
- Sunshade:** Use a reflective sunshade in your windshield to keep your vehicle cooler while parked.
- Cooling towels:** Cooling towels are designed to stay cool when wet and can provide relief from the heat when traveling during high temperatures.

- Hat:** Have a wide-brimmed hat to shield you from the sun and keep you cool.
- Snacks:** Pack non-perishable snacks like granola bars or nuts in case of unexpected delays.
- Shoes:** Keep an extra pair of comfortable shoes in the trunk or cargo space.
- Smart Phone:** Maintain ready access to call roadside assistance such as AAA, dealer roadside service, family members and friends.
- Portable Chargers:** Always have spare portable chargers or battery packs to keep
- Gasoline Can:** Keep an empty, lightweight gas can with a spout in the event you run out of gas and need to walk to a fueling station.
- Ratchet Straps:** These are helpful in the event towing is needed.
- Personal Care and Personal Hygiene Items:** Keep spare contact lenses and solution, spare eyeglasses, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, and other "care and comfort" necessities in the vehicle console or a small travel bag.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check your vehicle's tire pressure, fluid levels, and oil levels before driving.
- Be sure the tank is fueled if you have a gasoline powered engine.
- Be sure your battery is charged if you are driving an electric vehicle.
- Be sure to stay up to date with tire rotations and brake inspections.
- Check that your headlights, taillights, brake lights, and turn signals all work correctly. Share your travel details with family members and friends and contact them when you have arrived at your destination safely.
- Update emergency contact information on your smartphone. Plan your route ahead of leaving to allow ample time to arrive, factoring in the possibility of traffic, weather, or road construction delays.

Book explores Southern California's spookiest locations

■ "The Ghostly Tales of Southern California" takes readers to nine potentially haunted attractions.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

A new book is inviting kids to explore the spooky world of some of Southern California's most haunted locations.

"The Ghostly Tales of Southern California" is a part of the Spooky America series, a collection of books adapted from the Haunted America series.

This particular installation covers nine places of interest, including ghost towns, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, the Camarillo State Hospital, and even Universal Studios and Disneyland.

The book is meant to appeal to a broad, younger "middle-grade" audience. Author Dan Alleva "leaves it up to the reader" to decide whether or not ghosts are real.

"It's a hope that these kids are getting a real laugh out of some of these stories, and start to become interested in different places in their country," said Alleva. "It's almost like an inspiration to travel as much as it is an opportunity to read something really cool."

"Ghostly Tales of Southern California" does deal with some source material that might be considered scary, dark, and dreary.

However, Alleva says it's written in a way that is not so much a watering down than a repurposing.

"One of the things that is absolutely integral before anything when writing these books is that you should never as a writer sort of pander or play down to the reader, or expect that they don't know as much as you. No audience is that more true than with children; they'll know when you're trying to pull one on them," said Alleva.

"Within these adaptations, it's not so much the supernatural that has sort of be repurposed; the actual supernatural events themselves are very multigenerational in terms of how these stories are told. A lot of them are rich nuggets from our American folklore."

He likens Ghostly Tales to the popular Goosebumps series.

"It is incredibly cool and rich in detail, but doesn't read down. It's really kind of lifts the reader up," said Alleva.

"Ghostly Tales of Southern California" is available at all major retailers, and your local book stores.

POET'S CORNER

Black Bears

I like black bears. They are relatively common around here, and they are usually not aggressive. Actually, they are generally affable, loners mostly, but not opposed to hanging out with humans now and then. In fact, I've found that in many ways they are a lot like us.

My friend, Richard, an older male, drops by now and then and we hang out down on the shore, have a couple of beers, but mostly we just sit and look out at the water. We don't have a lot to say. We aren't friends exactly, but we enjoy the company. Richard says, at our age we don't have friends. We have associates. quarantined but we can still survey the sky

Louis Jenkins, *In the Sun Out of the Wind, Will o' the Wisp Books, 2017*

Jenkins is one of the contemporary masters of the prose poem. The bear has the last word. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

LEGALS

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 mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 111424-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** Effective January 1, 2021, 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 (855) 313-3519, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 111424-CA 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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-956073-AB Order No.: 230140343-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/7/2022. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of

sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): GUADALUPE R PARAMO, A SINGLE WOMAN, AND SULTAN ALI MUHAMMAD, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 10/13/2022, as Instrument No. 20220983863 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 9/12/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$645,769.95 The purported property address is: 15029 ROSETON AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8079-007-008 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you

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