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HORSE RACING

IS BREEDERS' CUP NEXT FATALITY?



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Sunday was the final day of what has been a tumultuous winter/spring meet in which 30 horses died at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.

Santa Anita trips its way to finish line of disastrous meet that saw 30 horses die

ARCADIA » In the second race Sunday, Diego Sanchez and Surveillance ran up against a three-wide barricade.



Mark Whicker Columnist

Sanchez thought he saw some air on the rail. He drove Surveillance underneath the contenders but couldn't improve his position, and Surveillance's knees buckled right at the finish line.

He was fine. In other years you wouldn't have noticed. This year, Surveillance was commemorated because he wasn't the 31st horse to die.

That is how Santa Anita deems success, by relief.

This meet, which ended Sunday, was not **SANTA ANITA** » PAGE 5



Protesters gather outside Santa Anita Park on the final day of the winter/spring meet.

IMMIGRATION

Regional residents fearful of ICE raids

Trump's messages have many on edge, worried about family

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President Donald Trump's announcement that "millions of illegal aliens" would be rounded up on Sunday sent panic through Southern California's immigrant community. News that he delayed the sweep for a couple of weeks did little to lessen fears.

"The president's tweet about deportation increased the already existing fear that my family and I endure daily," said Lancaster resident Diana, 18, who declined to give her last name. "We've had to go over our 'deportation plans' more times than I can count. We can't even go to the store without fear that we will be stopped by the police. My neighbors and extended family are confused and scared."

Trump tweeted Saturday that the deportations are on hold while Democrats and Republicans "work out a solution to the Asylum and Loophole problems at the Southern Border. If not, Deportations start!"

Immigration officials said Sunday's operation would have gone after people who already were ordered deported by a judge or **ICE** » PAGE 12

SOUTHLAND

Caregivers continue push for better pay and benefits

Rallying area workers say conditions hurt everybody

By Sandra Emerson and Jeff Horseman Staff writers

Caregivers have filled recent supervisor meetings in Riverside and San Bernardino hoping to bring attention to their push for higher wages and affordable health care.

It happened on Tuesday, when about 70 members of United Domestic Workers of America/American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3930 came to the Riverside County supervisors meeting wearing green T-shirts with the word "Respect" on the back. Many caregivers also spoke at the meeting, asking officials to approve a contract that will improve their pay and benefits.

A rowdier version played out a week earlier at the supervisor meeting in San Bernardino, when hundreds of members of SEIU Local 2015 arrived in purple T-shirts. At that meeting, caregivers and supporters, including civil rights activist Dolores Huerta, made their case by protesting out- **CAREGIVERS** » PAGE 8

VIETNAM WAR

Bill provides medical aid for offshore veterans

Riverside congressman's proposal aims to help those suffering the effects of Agent Orange

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He couldn't taste it. He couldn't smell it. He couldn't even see it.

But when Riverside-area resident George Swift, a Vietnam veteran and president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 47, saw Inland chapter members develop cancers, Parkinson's and other diseases, he realized Agent Orange was around him during the Vietnam War, though he never stepped foot in the country.

"I served on ships ... [and] we made our fresh water from sea water," he said. "The sea water was the water that we drank and we bathed in. That water was contaminated."

Despite seeing similar symptoms as veterans who served on land, Swift says his fellow veterans were denied medical benefits from the U.S. Department



Takano

of Veterans Affairs because they were offshore.

Now, in a new bill sponsored by Rep. Mark Takano, D-Riverside, Vietnam veterans such as Swift — called Blue Water Veterans because of their deployment off the coast of Vietnam — could receive federal medical benefits for being exposed to the toxic chemical.

The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, which is Takano's first standalone bill, unanimously passed the U.S. Senate on June 12 and is a pres-

idential signature away from becoming law. The bill from Takano, chair of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, passed the House unanimously.

"Tonight, we can finally tell the tens of thousands of veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War but wrongly denied benefits that justice is finally coming," Takano said in a June 12 statement.

The bill would ensure benefits for all soldiers stationed within a certain boundary off the coast of Vietnam who may have come into contact with the substance **TAKANO** » PAGE 6

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