

### **APRIL 27**

#### Paint Class and a Glass

**DATE:** Friday, April 27 TIME: 7 pm

**LOCATION:** Norwalk Cultural Arts Center

### **APRIL 28**

### Arbor Day tree planting

**DATE:** Saturday, April 28 **TIME:** 8-10 am **LOCATION:** Sara Mendez Park

### MAY 1

### City Council meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 1 TIME: 6 pm **LOCATION:** City Hall

### MAY 3

### **Social Services Commission** meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 3 **TIME:** 6:30 LOCATION: Norwalk Social Services Center

### **Neighborhood Watch meeting**

**DATE:** Thursday, May 3 **TIME:** 6:30 LOCATION: 11300 block of Adoree

### MAY 4

### Middle school dance

DATE: Friday, May 4 TIME: 6:30-9:30 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

### MAY 5

### **Breakfast with Mom**

**DATE:** Saturday, May 5 **LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

### **MAY 7**

### **Public Safety Commission meeting**

**DATE:** Monday, May 7 TIME: 6 pm LOCATION: City Hall

# Senior Commission meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 9 TIME: 3 pm

**LOCATION:** Norwalk Senior Center

### **MAY 10**

### Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, May 10 TIME: 6 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

### **MAY 11**

### Open Mic DATE: Friday, May 11

**TIME:** 7-9 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Cultural Arts Center

### **MAY 19**

### Rose Garden celebration

**DATE:** Saturday, May 19 **TIME:** 1-3 pm LOCATION: D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum

#### Sediment of Elsewhere opening reception

**DATE:** Friday, May 19 **TIME:** 5-7 pm **LOCATION:** Norwalk Cultural Arts

### **JUNE 2**

### Kids & Cops Golf Tournament

**DATE:** Saturday, June 2 TIME: 10 am **LOCATION:** Don Knabe Golf Center

### Ice Cream social

**DATE:** Saturday, June 2 **TIME:** 1-4 pm

**LOCATION:** D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum

# City Council dumps CR&R, picks Athens

► At a special meeting Tuesday, council members voted to accept Athens' offer for waste collection services.

Councilman Leonard Shryock dissented, claiming a competing offer from CR&R was cheaper.

#### By Raul Samaniego Contributor

NORWALK - The Norwalk city council voted 4-1 on Tuesday to award a new city-wide solid waste disposal contract to Athens Services.

The motion was introduced by council member Tony Ayala, seconded by Leonard Shryock and then approved by members Ayala, Luigi Vernola, Mayor Jennifer Perez and Vice Mayor Margarita Rios. Shryock cast the lone opposing vote, despite seconding the motion.

During a special meeting on April 2, CR&R had been awarded the waste contract, "pending final negations," according to a background report presented at Tuesday's meeting.

On April 17, CR&R was eliminated from contention for deviating from the original Request for Proposal (RFP), city officials said. During the same meeting, the council approved opening negotiations with Athens Services based on their submitted proposal.

However, just before the scheduled special meeting on April 20, the city council was handdelivered a letter from CR&R which included revised rates, requesting to be reinstated into the evaluation process.

hearing comments from the public and from the two opposing trash haulers (CR&R and Athens Services) the council voted 3-1 to have both CR&R and Athens provide their "last and final best" price structures to the city, due by noon on April 23. Both trash companies submitted final bids.

At Tuesday's special meeting, after a staff report by Norwalk project leader Adriana Figueroa, the floor was opened to comments from the public.

Norwalk longtime resident Ken White addressed the council with his concerns about the new agreement's 15 percent franchise fee and whether it was a tax on residents.

California Proposition 218 is California amendment to the

at the Sawmill

Belle Fluhart supported her

one of his business partners.

endeavors as long as she could,

but she was a little skeptical about

Shared Stories is a weekly column

featuring articles by participants

in a writing class at the Norwalk

**Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is** 

**College Adult Education Program.** 

By Belle Fluhart

been working with his father and

Uncle Burt in Los Angeles County

building a sawmill to be trucked up

to northern California later. I was

still living in Kern County near his

buying a car from Uncle Burt and to

send him \$300.00. That isn't much

money now, but at that time it was

what I could save penny by penny

out of my \$80.00 allotment each

sent the money. George's mother

came by and told me George was in

Bakersfield with the car. We were

to come and bring all of the tires

tires. I didn't either, so we drove the

hour and a half down the narrow

She didn't have any wheels or

But we did need a car, so I

month from the Army.

and wheels we could find.

George called and said he was

After World War II, George had

the instructor for this free class

offered through the Cerritos

**Curated by Carol Kearns** 

husband's entrepreneurial



A representative for Athens speaks at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Photo courtesy city of Norwalk

approval requirements for local government taxes.

Norwalk City Attorney Roxanne Diaz shared her opinion that the franchise fee did not conflict with Prop. 218, stating that, "[it] comes out of the haulers pocket and not the [residents]"

Additionally, regarding the amount, 15%, she said, "it wasn't out of the norm."

Council member Tony Ayala responded with, "For the last 20 years, we've had 0% franchise fees."

In fact, the current two-company city trash haulers have reported that \$221,000 out of \$9,214,000 annual revenues had been collected on the report listed, representing a 2.4% franchise fee rate. That revenue is directed into the city's general fund.

Speaking to the council, Gary Clifford, executive vice president of Athens Services, claimed their proposal was overall less expensive, saying, "we are \$430,000 cheaper."

He also made mention that he had made a phone call to Adriana Figueroa and, "I was told by Adriana Figueroa, that we could absolutely not waver from the format."

Later, Council member Shryock, asked Figueroa, "Did you tell Athens they could not deviate?" To which Figueroa replied, "I can't recall."

During the discussions following public input, Shryock called the current trash contract "extremely profitable to the haulers."

After final comments from the council, Ayala motioned to accept the proposal from Athens Services. Shryock seconded the motion and the council voted 4-1 to adopt the motion, with Shryock dissenting.

Shared Stories: The End of My Time

the Kern River Canyon.

returned to Uncle Burt.

Mayor Perez struck the gavel

winding mountain road through

and saw the car. It was a 1933

Ford. It had two 19-inch wheels

on the rear, a 17-inch wheel on the

left front, and a 16-inch wheel on

the right front. This made the car

ride at a slant. These wheels and

tires were borrowed and had to be

everything mechanical. It runs like

a new car. Get in and start it." I did,

and it really did sound like a new

looked around at the interior.

George had done a good job

George had built a ceiling of chicken

wire and then covered it with an old

quilt. This is what I would always

see inside the car. On the outside,

you only saw the black waterproof

\$300.00 without wheels or a top.

Uncle Burt had sold me a car for

A few weeks later is when I

moved up to the sawmill. I was

going to Ukiah and I asked Uncle

Burt if he wanted to come along.

He said, "Yes, I'm going to drive."

I said, "I'm going to drive."

He said, "Then I'm not going."

I said, "Suit yourself," and

cleaning it. Then I looked up.

I turned off the engine and

It hadn't had a top on it, so

George said, "I've gone through

We met George in Bakersfield

state's constitution regarding voter and, after seven years since it was announced that the contract would not be renewed and after a twoyear process in the proposal stage, Norwalk has a new solid waste disposal provider, Athens Services.

> The guoted plan will lower the current residential rate from \$20.79 to \$16.75 and the senior rate from \$9.79 to \$4.19. Commercial rates will increase \$41.70 to \$197.65 (3-yard bin). All three rates will be frozen for two years after the inception of the

> Asked for comments afterwards, Mayor Jennifer Perez reiterated, "I'd rather be at the ballpark."

> "[It was] very tiring," added Shryock. "I'm glad it's over. "We've got a lot of thing to do, like the Economic Development Plan, public safety, and the homeless situation"

> Asked why he voted "no" after seconding the motion, Shryock insisted CR&R's bid had lower residential and commercial rates" and had provided waste services for Norwalk with no rate increases the past seven years.

> Shryock received campaign contributions from CR&R and Consolidated - another waste hauler - in 2015 but said those donations did not influence his votes.

> Ayala and Perez each received \$2,000 from CR&R in their 2017 election campaigns.

> Norwalk City Manager Jesus Gomez said he hoped to finalize the franchise agreement with Athens as early as May 8, the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

turned on the key. He came and

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New

Year's. But I had used up all of my

savings and all of my canned goods

from under the bed. Uncle Burt still

wasn't giving George's father any of

the proceeds from selling lumber in

to southern California and go to

will you come back?"

the proceeds?"

you come back?"

alone.'

I'm not coming back."

home in Lynwood.

I told George, "I'm going back

He said, "If we get going good

I said, "Your father and Uncle

George said, "No," and asked

I replied, "If you let me go alone,

He said, "Then you're not going

We went south and George

I have no idea what would

went back to U.S. Motors. I got

a job in the Sears mail order

department. We bought our first

have happened if George had said

anything else that day. We were

married 61 years and 2 months

when George passed away in 2004.

Burt have been partners all your life.

Has he ever given your father any of

again, "if we get going good, will

We managed to get through

got in the passenger seat.

# **Norwalk** restaurant grades

Seattle Teriyaki 13302 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 4/20/18

Grade: A

**Tacos Chihuahua** 11735 The Plz Date Inspected: 4/19/18 Grade: A

**Golden Pho Restaurant** 10925 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/19/18 Grade: A

> **Burger Basket** 12155 Firestone Blvd

Date Inspected: 4/17/18 Grade: A

**RC Burgers Cafe** 10951 Alondra Blvd Date Inspected: 4/16/18 Grade: A

**Buy Low Market** 10951 Rosecrans Ave.

Date Inspected: 4/16/18

Grade: A **Buy Low Market (Restaurant)** 10951 Rosecrans Ave.

Date Inspected: 4/16/18

Grade: B Northgate 10931 Alondra Blvd.

Grade: A **Taco Bell** 12503 Alondra Blvd.

Date Inspected: 4/12/18

Date Inspected: 4/16/18

Grade: A Yoshinoya Beef Bowl 12555 Alondra Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/12/18

Angie's Deli 14346 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/12/18

Grade: A

Grade: A

Sanchez Restaurant 12061 162nd St. Date Inspected: 4/12/18

Grade: A

**Baja California Bar and Grill** 11521 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/11/18

Grade: B

Noemi's Mexican Restaurant 14350 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/11/18

## Grade: A

**Churchs Chicken** 15816 Pioneer Blvd Date Inspected: 4/10/18 Grade: A

El Zarape

15716 1/2 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/10/18 Grade: A

**RC Burger Cafe** 10961 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/5/18

Grade: A **Albert's Mexican Food** 11543 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/5/18

**China Bowl Espress** 11031 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/4/18

Grade: B

Grade: A Waba Grill

11005 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 4/4/18 Grade: C

### **Ana's Bionicos** 1005 Firestone Blvd.

Date Inspected: 4/4/18 Grade: A

Costco 12324 Hoxie Ave. Date Inspected: 4/02/18 Grade: A

# Weekend at a Glance

Friday



Saturday



Sunday



### **Painting Class** Friday - Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 7 to 9:30 pm

Bring your friends or a date for a night of paint therapy. All supplies included, take home your masterpiece. \$25.



### City of STEM

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am to 5 pm

Dozens of STEM booths, indoor and outdoor activities, music, food trucks, and celebrity appearances.



### **America's Pet Expo** All Weekend - Orange County **Fairarounds**

Dog shows, reptile exhibit, police K9 demonstrations, bird show, adoptable pets and more. \$15



#### **Car Show** Saturday - Downtown La Puente. 10 am to 3 pm

Classic car show, chili cookoff, live music, raffles, vendors, food, and more.



### 2pac Paint & Wine Party Saturday - DeSano Pizza Bakery in Los Angeles, 7 pm

With expert assistance, create your own painting to take home. All materials provided. Buy tickets online.



# 5K run/walk

Saturday - Bonelli Regional County Park, 9 am "Survive & Thrive" run/walk to aid child

### Plus a health fair. \$40 **TWEET OF THE WEEK**

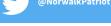
victims of physical and sexual abuse.

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# Paramount kindergartener stars with John Cena in Make-A-Wish campaign

Unified's Keppel Elementary students rallied behind three classmates who are battling cancer by raising \$3,062 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients research program.

wanted students to see that they can make a difference right now where they are, and that they do not have to wait until they are older to make a positive impact on people," Keppel Principal Darrenn Platt said.

"It is rewarding for the students to know that the money raised is going to help kids like them, and it teaches our students to be leaders and to use their voices."

During the month of March, a challenge was held with classrooms with classes gaining points for pennies added and losing points for silver change and dollars.

"Paramount Unified "Through the fundraiser, we committed to instilling positive values in our students with charitable opportunities that will resonate with them," Paramount Unified Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez said. "We want to guide our students as they become citizens who focus on the wellbeing of others, and through Pennies for Patients they are able to give back and make a huge difference."

> Kindergartener Emelyne Ramirez, one of the Keppel students who is a cancer survivor and in her

placed outside of each classroom, in the Make-A-Wish Foundation's party. promotional campaign video.

> The commercial, which aired in March, shows Ramirez in a pink dress is and tiara as she stars alongside WWE wrestler and actor John Cena.

"It was a really beautiful experience for Emelyne and her favorite part was being a princess," her mother, Laura Ramirez, said. "We went through a really rough time and when we finished with the treatments there was this fear that it would come back, but the Make-A-Wish Foundation made us feel happy and gave us hope to see all the children who made it past their

Emelyne's kindergarten class

PARAMOUNT - Paramount competing to see who could raise second year of remission, made was one of the top donators, and as the most money. Water bottles were her national debut as a princess a reward earned a classroom pizza

> Pennies for Patients is part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Series, a three-week fundraiser designed to introduce students to service learning with proceeds going to the research and treatment of blood cancers.

'To support their classmates raise money for a commendable cause demonstrates the thoughtfulness and empathy that we nurture in our students and future leaders," Board of Education President Vivian Hansen said. "I am so proud of the Keppel Elementary students for taking the time to participate in a wonderful community service opportunity."

### **Open mic at Cultural Arts Center**

NORWALK - All types of performers, including singers, dancers and poets, are invited to take the stage at the upcoming Open Mic Night on Friday, May 11 at the Norwalk Cultural Arts Center.

Come out and try new material or join with friends and family for a fun evening of live entertainment.

Participants will be allowed to perform up to two selections or a maximum of seven minutes. Performances should be appropriate for all ages. A microphone, mic stand, speakers, and auxiliary cord will be provided. Performers should arrive early to secure a spot and bring in any additional equipment if needed.

Open Mic Night is free and open to the public and takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. Light snacks will be provided. For more information, call (562)

### 'Paint and a Glass' Friday night

NORWALK - Residents are invited to start their weekend with painting and socializing at the Paint Class and a Glass event on Friday, April 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center.

The evening will feature a predetermined painting and step-by-step instruction, simple enough for painters of all experience levels to follow.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 13200 Clarkdale Avenue. Cost per person is \$25 and includes painting materials and light refreshments.

For more information, call (562) 929-5521 or visit Norwalk.org/ city-hall/departments/recreation-park-services for quick, easy online registration.

# Former resident Mary Champlin dies at 100

Baltimore, Michigan. She was the fourth child of William and Harriet Stuart.

The Stuart family moved to Long Beach in 1922 due to her mother's ill health. She attended local schools and graduated from Excelsior High School in Norwalk.

That summer she came to visit her cousin, Barbara LaForge for a few weeks. During her visit she met her future husband, Ivan Champlin, at the La Granada Ballroom

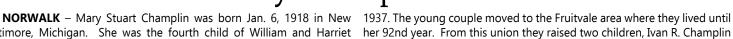
She attended Bakersfield College and soon married Ivan in February

and JoAnn Poteet.

Mary was active in the Fruitvale community PTA and later worked as a cafeteria helper. When that job ended she was hired as a classroom aide until her retirement at age 62.

After suffering a stroke, she moved to Santa Maria to live with her daughter, JoAnn Poteet. She celebrated her 100th birthday in January

She passed away peacefully on March 25.



surrounded by friends and family.





### **Registration open for Kids & Cops** golf tournament

NORWALK – Local youth are invited to connect with law enforcement over a round of golf at the Kids & Cops Golf Tournament on Saturday,

The event allows youth to meet public safety and sheriff personnel in a fun, informal environment, help build lasting trust and positive relationships between young people and the men and women who protect their families. The cost is \$10 per player and includes golf, t-shirt, a barbeque luncheon and raffle.

The tournament is open to youth ages 8017 and will be held at the Don Knabe Golf Center & Junior Academy at 13717 Shoemaker Avenue. Check in begins at 9 a.m. with tournament at 10 a.m.

Registration is currently open until Monday, May 21 at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex at 13000 Clarkdale Avenue. For more information,

## Help plant trees for Arbor Day

NORWALK - As a Tree City USA, Norwalk maintains a healthy urban forest comprised of 17,000 trees. The City adds to this inventory during its annual Arbor Day celebration to remind citizens about the importance of this resource. This year, the Arbor Day celebration will take place on Saturday, April 28 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Sara Mendez Park.

School clubs, local service organizations, parishes and community members are invited to participate in the tree planting event. All planting tools will be provided.

Sara Mendez Park is located at 11660 Dune Street. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, call (562) 929-5511.



# Don't hold your breath with North Korea

### By Steve Chapman

Donald Trump says that if his meeting with Kim Jong Un "is not fruitful," he will "respectfully leave the meeting." My advice would be to wear his walking shoes, because he will probably be taking a hike.

Anytime two enemies sit down to resolve their differences peacefully rather than through war, hopes rise that reason will prevail and compromise will emerge. On Twitter, Trump assured everyone, "Denuclearization will be a great thing for World, but also for North Korea!" It's tempting to think that his combination of insults, threats and economic pressure has caused the North Koreans to see the error of their ways.

But negotiations are often a tedious exercise in killing time. Often one side is not willing to meet halfway. Often neither is.

These are likely to yield a meager harvest. North Korea began pursuing nuclear weapons some three decades ago. It agreed in 1994 to freeze its nuclear program but cheated on the deal. In 1999, it accepted a moratorium on long-range ballistic missile tests, only to lift it in 2006.

Since then, it has conducted nuclear tests, and it is believed to have some 60 nuclear weapons. It has also tested a variety of missiles, including one capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. Through all this time, efforts by Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama failed to persuade Pyongyang to renounce nuclear weapons.

Why isn't Trump likely to succeed? The first reason is that nuclear weapons are the ultimate security guarantee. After the U.S. missile strike

want to learn the easy way."

Kim undoubtedly reached a different conclusion — that the U.S. felt free to attack because Assad lacks nukes. The strike is bound to have reinforced his belief that he can't afford to give up his most potent arms. If Saddam Hussein had been able to acquire nuclear weapons, he would still be in power, not dead from a hangman's noose.

Kim has generously agreed not to rule out the complete denuclearization that the administration demands. But that's a long way from signing up for it. He may be willing to place some limits on his nuclear arsenal or his missile tests, but such a modest outcome would be hard for Trump to accept.

The second reason to expect failure is that Trump has indicated we can't be trusted. Under the Obama administration, Iran agreed to dismantle much of its nuclear infrastructure and submit to a strict inspections regime. U.N. inspectors have repeatedly affirmed that Iran is complying with the terms.

Yet Trump, his national security adviser, John Bolton, and his nominee for secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, all detest the accord. The president said in January that if the Iranian agreement isn't amended to his satisfaction — which is unlikely — he'll abandon it.

He has until May 12 to decide whether to continue waiving U.S.

against Syrian chemical weapons facilities, super-hawk Sen. Tom Cotton, sanctions on Iran, and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob R-Ark., said Bashar Assad had learned the hard way that "weapons of mass Corker predicted last month that he won't. The lesson for North Korea is destruction won't create a military advantage" and "Kim Jong Un might that even if one president agrees to certain obligations, the next one may

> In any case, Trump will have to confront an unpleasant prospect in the talks with North Korea. Kim is not about to trade a cow for a bag of magic beans. Getting him to surrender something the North Koreans value so highly and have invested so much to achieve would require comparable concessions on our part.

> What might those be? It wouldn't be enough for the U.S. to lift economic sanctions, normalize relations and guarantee the security of the regime — all of which would be hard for the administration to swallow. The North Koreans say they won't demand that we withdraw all our troops from the South, but they could insist on such deep cuts that we might as

> Trump may not be willing to bear that cost — or be able to persuade Republicans in Congress to go along. In negotiations such as this, nothing big comes without painful compromises.

Whatever we get from North Korea, we can expect to pay for in full.

We can all hope Washington will succeed in getting Pyongyang to denuclearize. But no one has ever gone broke betting against it.

Steve Chapman is a columnist and editorial writer for the Chicago

# It's time to tax sugar

#### By Oscar Romo

The large consumption of unnecessary sugary food products is equally as harmful as the consumption of tobacco.

People in the U.S. consume sugar at an all-time high, consuming candy, sodas, condiments, etc. throughout the day. Markets are lined with sugary products down their aisles. Sugar is everywhere. Food products contain high amounts of sugar, extremely more than is recommended for daily consumption, and contain little to no nutritional value.

It is therefore important for government officials to impose a federal tax on unnecessary sugar-products in order to protect Americans' oral health; because sugar causes more than just cavities, creating pathogens that are transmissible, and affect overall systemic health.

People forget that their diet affects their oral health, believing that brushing their teeth twice a day - or just once - is enough to prevent cavities and other dental problems. No one really thinks twice before snacking on some cookies or washing down their lunch with a diet Coke. Research shows that bacteria residing in individuals' mouths feed off the sugar consumed, creating a coat of acid that damages the teeth leading to tooth decay.

However, people continuously consume large amounts of sugar throughout the day, leading the mouth to fail to produce enough saliva to help protect the enamel. Sugary-cereal, sodas, jams are readily accessible sugar for everyone, everywhere, creating cavities in everyone. Sugar can be purchased by anyone, no matter where they are.

Everyone has access to sugar and sugary-products. Therefore, diabetes, liver diseases, addiction, and even cancer. People know that it

everyone is susceptible to dental problems. It is not enough to brush one's can lead to obesity or diabetes. teeth. Prevention of the large consumption of sugar is necessary because the bacteria and pathogens are contagious. Bacteria can be passed down through saliva, proven to spread dental problems through acts like kissing. It is important to not share cups/drinks with anyone in order to prevent such transmission.

This can occur at all ages, which is why it is not recommended to kiss others (especially infants) when one has a cavity - many people are

However, it is not only just kissing and sharing cups that transmit bacteria; it is important to use protection when engaging in oral sex, as cavities can transmit pathogens throughout the body. The more intimate the act, the greater the chance that one may pass dental problems worse than bacteria and cavities. It is important to realize that oral health affects more than just the mouth but can produce a waterfall of health complications such as poor nutrition, acute/chronic pain, infections, and other health complications.

But because oral health is brushed aside, individuals do not seek proper medical care in the early stages, leading to higher dental care costs more expensive than medical care.

Though medical care may be less expensive and more accessible to people. Waiting until the problem with sugar has escalated is also a problem. The heavy consumption of unnecessary sugar affects individuals' oral health but may also lead to major health complications. Medical professionals know that it can lead to a wide range of diseases like

However, they may be unaware of how sugar can affect the entire body. Sugar not only affects humans' intestinal organs and teeth, but also the brain, skin, pancreas, kidneys, and even sexual health. While Americans are aware that too much sugar is not good for them they continue to do so anyway. Part of the reason behind is that people do not know how the daily amount of sugar to drink; consuming more than the daily recommended 26 grams – about a glass of chocolate milk. A sugar tax could prevent heavy consumption of sugar, preventing systemic health complications.

There is no doubt that sugar causes dental problems and health complications. It is therefore important to reduce the amount of unnecessary sugar consumption too little or nothing in order to improve Americans' oral health through the implementation of a sugar tax. Opponents may argue that everything has sugar and impossible to prevent such dental problems. Although many foods have sugar, such as juice and fruits, the tax would be aimed at food products with added sugar, which include artificial sugar. The tax would deter individuals from purchasing sugary-products. Money from the tax will be used to create public health programs aimed at oral health, such as educational programs, and bring awareness to the problem of sugar.

Sugary-products are equally as bad as tobacco because of the individual ability of young children to purchase readily accessible sugar and consume without parent consent.

Oscar Romo is a South Gate resident.

# Whatever the left touches it ruins

### By Dennis Prager

The only way to save Western civilization is to convince more people that leftism — not liberalism — is a nihilistic force. Quite literally, whatever the left touches it ruins.

So, here is a partial listing of the damage done by the left and the Democratic Party:

The most obvious — and, therefore, the one more Americans can resonate with — is the near destruction of most American universities as places of learning. In the words of Harvard professor Steven Pinker — an atheist and a liberal — outside of the natural sciences and a few other disciplines (such as mathematics and business), "universities are becoming laughing stocks of intolerance."

If you send your children to a university, you are endangering both their mind and their character. There is a real chance they will be more intolerant and more foolish after college than they were when they entered college.

When you attend an American university, you are taught to have contempt for America and its founders, to prefer socialism to capitalism, to divide human beings by race and ethnicity. You are taught to shut down those who differ with you, to not debate them. And you are taught to place feelings over reason — which is a guaranteed route to eventual evil.

The left has ruined most of the arts. The following three examples are chosen because they are scatological, a favorite form of left-wing artistic expression. Before the left poisoned the arts, art was intended to elevate the viewer (or listener). But to the left, "elevate" is a meaningless term; it is far more at home depicting urine, fecal matter and menstrual blood.

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In 2011, a lifelike German sculpture depicting a policewoman squatting and urinating — even the puddle is sculpted — received an award from a non-Orthodox Judaism and much of the Catholic Church — including and prestigious German foundation, the Leinemann Foundation for Fine Art.

In 2013, the Orange County Museum of Art in California placed a huge 28-foot sculpture of a dog outside the museum, where it periodically urinates a yellow fluid onto a museum wall.

In 2016, one of the most prestigious art museums in the world, the Guggenheim in New York, featured a pure-gold working toilet bowl, which visitors were invited to use. The name of the exhibit was "America" - so one could literally relieve oneself on America.

Thanks to the left, The Philadelphia Orchestra, one of the greatest orchestras in the world, allowed itself to become of a voice of leftist hate last week. It featured the premiere of Philadelphia Voices, "a political rant put to musical garbage," as some musically knowledgeable Philadelphians described it to me. In the fifth movement, titled "My House Is Full of Black People," the black teen narrator chants the following lines: "The county is full of black people/ All wanting to be heard/ While old white men draw lines on maps/ To shut all of them up." Later in the movement, he yells, "If you would all just f—-ing listen!"

Uplifting, no?

On the left, that's considered art.

And, of course, such politicization of the arts is accepted as the norm.

Indeed, that's part of the left's poisoning of everything — its politicization of everything.

The left is increasingly poisoning sports. In most football stadiums this past season, one could not attend an NFL game without being subjected to left-wing contempt for America and its flag.

So, too, one cannot watch late-night television if one desires to simply be entertained before drifting off to sleep. Jimmy Kimmel, Stephen Colbert and other hosts have changed late-night TV into left-night TV. Why merely be funny when you can use your monologues to advance your left-wing views?

The left has poisoned mainstream religion. Mainstream Protestantism, especially Pope Francis — are essentially left-wing advocacy groups with religious symbols.

The left is destroying the unique American commitment to free speech. Almost half of incoming college freshmen do not believe in free speech for what they deem "hate speech" (merely taking issue with a leftwing position is, in the left's view, "hate speech"). They do not understand that the whole point of free speech is allowing the expression of opposing ideas, including what we consider "hate speech."

The left has poisoned race relations. America is the least racist multiracial society in the world. On a daily basis, Americans of every race and ethnicity get along superbly. But the black left and the white left constantly poison young minds with hate-filled diatribes against whites, "white privilege," "systemic racism," black dorms, black graduations, lies about the events in Ferguson, Missouri, and the like.

The left has made innumerable women unhappy, even depressed, with its decades of lying about how female sexual nature and male sexual nature are identical — leading to a "hookup" culture that leaves vast numbers of young women depressed — and its indoctrinating of generations of young women into believing they will be happier through career success than marital success.

And, in some ways scariest of all, the left is poisoning our children with its commitment to ending male and female as distinct categories. One of the great joys of life, celebrating one's sex, is now deemed nothing more than a hateful idea in many of your children's schools.

For these and other reasons, if you treasure American and Western civilization, fighting the left — something all liberals and conservatives need to do — is the greatest good you can engage in at this time.

Dennis Prager is a nationally syndicated radio talk-show host and columnist. His latest book, published by Regnery in April 2018, is "The Rational Bible," a commentary on the book of Exodus.

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# A quiet conspiracy of billionaires

By Jim Hightower

The Koch brothers are oil magnates and billionaire GOP funders.

They believe that their great wealth entitles them to rule over the many. For decades, they've been running a surreptitious assault on the rules that protect the majority of us from their abuse. From whacking our voting rights to busting unions, their intent is nothing less than to pull a coup on democracy, installing a government of, by, and for the superrich.

They've enlisted a secretive cadre of other billionaires who share their extreme kleptocratic belief that 1) the property rights of the rich are more important than the people's political rights, 2) that majority rule is not a good form of governing, and 3) that the "Makers" (as the billionaires dub themselves) should be able to overrule collective actions of the lower classes (whom they call "Takers").

They've created a complex, sophisticated web of right-wing front groups that have already corporatized a slew of our most basic laws and institutions, and they've gained a chokehold on nearly every level of government (including our courts and whole states like Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Texas). They've essentially taken over the Republican Party.

Even more shocking than the arrogance of this unprecedented power grab by the conspiracy of billionaires is its quiet success.

The Koch Coup crept up on us because it abhorred publicity and couched each move as an independent effort by a separate group. Then the conspirators backed the Supreme Court's outrageous 2010 Citizens United decision, decreeing that unlimited corporate spending is allowed because it's "free speech." Only then did Americans begin waking up to the reality that the Kochs were making an assault on democracy itself.

To learn more, check out the extensive Koch web files at the Center for Media and Democracy: www.exposedbycmd.org/koch/.

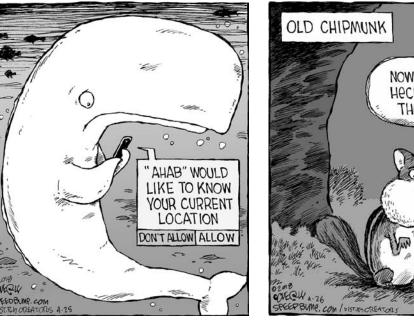
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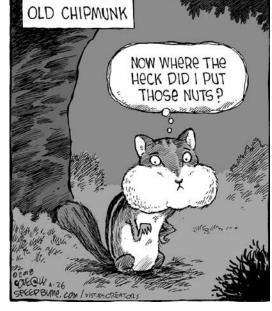
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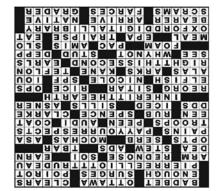
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018079086
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRICK WALLS
ENT., 37530 ONYX DR, PALMDALE
CA 93550, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 586,
COMPTON CA 90223
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AL#ON: N/A

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONIO EDWIN WALLS, 37530 ONYX DR. PALMDALE CA 93550

State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ANTHONIO EDWIN WALLS, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018087273
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOGO FOAM,
2629 FOOTHILL BLVD SUITE 291, LA CRESCENTA CA 91214, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization

Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOE
ROBERT BENITES JR, 2664 MAYFIELD
AVENUE, LA CRESCENTA CA 91214
(2) BRUCE SILVERA II, 7205 PARKSIDE
PLACE, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91701
State of Incomparation: N/A State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

General Partnership The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business

nd Professions Code that the registran knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) S/ BRUCE SILVERA II, GENERAL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018085378
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS
(ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JAY'S
DESIGNS, 14013 FLALLON AVENUE,
NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JEANNINE
MINOR, 14013 FLALLON AVENUE,
NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an
Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this
statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ JEANNINE MINOR, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 2018
Notice — In accordance with Subdivision

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

**2018093384** FILE NO: 2015163037 DATE FILED: JUNE 19, 2015
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): BROKEN
SPRINGS GARAGE DOORS SERVICE
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP
CODE: 8954 OLIN ST, LOS ANGELES,
CA, 90034

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO AVILA, 8954 OLIN ST, LOS ANGELES

If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: an Individual

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ SERGIO AVILA, OWNER

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018089021 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) I

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MIND'S EYE TRANSPORTATION INC, 12122 1/2 ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650,

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C4131510
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIND'S
EYE TRANSPORTATION INC, 12122 1/2
ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

Corporation The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.).

S/ MIND'S EYE TRANSPORTATION INC, PRESIDENT, ROBERT VAN LID MARTINEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AL HOME
REPAIR, 7214 MILTON AVE APT 7, WHITTIER CA 90602, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1)
FERNANDO ELEAZAR ALMARAZ
GARIBAY, 7214 MILTON AVE APT 7,
WHITTIER CA 90602 WHITTIER CA 90602 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant

and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ FERNANDO ELEAZAR ALMARAZ GARIBAY, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018081755 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) OLIVITA SALES CO., 11050 EXCELSIOR DR. UNIT C, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TAE HWAN KIM, 11050 EXCELSIOR DR. UNIT C, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINĖSS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2017 I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business

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S/ TAE HWAN KIM, OWNER
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT
FILE Number 2018092881
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FREEZE AIR
CONDITIONING, 10071 LANETT AVE.,
WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY

WHITIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE
GUSTAVO SOLARES, 10071 LANETT
AVE., WHITTIER CA 90605 (2) HENRY
JERSON ABARCA RAMIREZ, 6819
STAFFORD AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK
CA 90255

State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business

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S/JOSE GUSTAVO SOLARES, PARTNER This statement was filled with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 16, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018093382 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SPRINGS GARAGE DOORS, 11914 BATTLE ST, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO AVILA, 11914 BATTLE ST, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: N/A
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk will accept bids for this project until the hour of eleven o'clock A.M. on May 22. 2018. Bids are to be submitted to the City Clerk's office, Room 10, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the City Clerk's Office Room 10 unless

**OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS.** Plans, specifications, bid forms, bonds and contracts may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Room 12, City Hall. Plans and specifications will be issued to prospective bidders over the counter for a \$24.50 charge. For plans and specifications that are required to be mailed the charge will be \$29.50. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Norwalk. FACSIMILE NUMBER AND EMAIL

ADDRESS. Bidders shall supply the City Engineer with a facsimile number and email address to facilitate transmission of Addenda and other information related to these Contract Documents. If the Addenda and other information are emailed, the City shall also send all documents by facsimile or U.S. Mail. Failure to provide such a facsimile number and email address may result in late notification. The City does not guarantee that it will provide any in facsimile, email, or both. A Bidder shall responsible for all Addenda regardless of whether Bidder received any such fax or email, and a Bidder shall have no recourse due to not receiving such facsimile, email

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5

and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section

1771.1(a)]. PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are available from the Department of Industrial Relations' Web site. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing The Contractor shall post a copy rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring

and enforcement by the DIR. **BONDS.** Each Bid must be accompanied BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum <u>equal to</u> the Contract Price. Before acceptance of the Project, the Contractor shall submit a warranty or maintenance Bond that is valid for one year from acceptance, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the final Contract Price; in lieu of that Bond, the Contractor may submit proof from the Surety that the performance Bond has been extended for the appropriate duration of time. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, may subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law. LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A or C-27 Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors. License Board at the time of the Bid submission. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license. INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD. The bidder shall submit as part of its Bid a completed copy of its Industrial Safety Record including all construction Work undertaken in California by the bidder and any partnership, joint venture or corporation that any principal of the bidder participated in as a principal or owner for the last five (5) calendar years and the current calendar year before the date of Bid submittal.

INCORPORATION OF STANDARD

SPECIFICATIONS. The 2015 edition of
"Standard Specifications for Public Works
Construction" ("Standard Specifications"),
as amended by the Contract Documents, incorporated into the Contract Documents.

incorporated into the Contract Documents RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and a

the request and expense of the Contractor securities equivalent to the amount withheld

may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent

which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the

City Attorney. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.** Liquidated damages shall accrue in the amount of \$500 for each day that Work remains incomplete beyond the Project 60 Working Day completion deadline as specified in the Contract Documents.

BIDDING PROCESS. The City Council

of the City of Norwalk reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality on a bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date and time set for the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL of the City of Norwalk, California this 20th day of March 2018.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

The Norwalk Patriot

### NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: VS030860
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
HECTOR ACOSTA VALENZUELA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

pention with this court of a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) HECTOR ACOSTA VALENZUELA to Proposed name (1) HECTOR VALENZUELA ACOSTA 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

is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: June 20, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm,
Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

Blvd., Norwalk, 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set

successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE NORWALK PATRIOT**April 16, 2018

April 16, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
HECTOR ACOSTA VALENZUELA
12240 CORLEY DRIVE
WHITTIER, CA 90604
562-322-8415

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

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030839
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: etitioner ANNAMARIA GARCIA-FLORES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ANNAMARIA GARCIA-FLORES to Proposed name (1) ANNA MARIE GARCIA-FLORES

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: May 30, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312

Blvd., Norwalk, 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hosting on the published in the following. for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed

newspaper or general circulation, printer in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT March 28, 2018 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per ANNAMARIA GARCIA-FLORES 4302 SNOWDEN AVENUE LAKEWOOD, CA 90713 (310) 415-8994

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### **PROBATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
Don Morris, aka Don E. Morris, aka
Donnis E. Morris, deceased
Case No. 18STPB00055
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who may
then wise he interested in the will be needed.

otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Don Morris, aka Don E. Morris, aka Donnis E. Morris, deceased

aka Donnis E. Morris, deceased A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kelly D. Morris in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

that Kelly D. Morris be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of 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 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

grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 30, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 29 Room located at 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

shows good cause why the court should not

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 the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California Statues and legal authority

may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the

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

Attorney for petitioner: Kelly D. Morris 13587 W. Alaska Drive Lakewood, CO 80228

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JULIO CESAR SALMERON SORTO **CASE NO. 18STPB03586**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate or both of JULIO CESAR SALMERON SORTO.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROSA SALMERON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROSA SALMERON 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 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: 05/17/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL S1., 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

Attorney for Petitioner
CHARLES D. NALOR - SBN 62243
LAW OFFICES OF CHARLES D. NAYLOR
11 GOLDEN SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 350 LONG BEACH CA 90802 BSC 215703 4/27, 5/4, 5/11/18 CNS-3124347#

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DANIEL R. MANDEL CASE NO. 18STPB03449 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of DANIEL R. MANDEL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANIEL R. MANDEL, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANCELES. ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIEL R. MANDEL, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's

lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost 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: 05/30/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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.

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

Special Notice form is available from court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
MATTHEW C. YU, ESQ. - SBN 256235
LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW C. YU
3620 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 200 TORRANCE CA 90505 4/20, 4/27, 5/4/18 CNS-3121907#

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### TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000007220254 Title Order No.: 170471464 FHA/VA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE.

TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE.
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/09/2005. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/16/2005 as Instrument No. 052761882 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: ANGELA A. HERNANDEZ, A WIDOW, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(h). (navable at time of sale in of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 05/30/2018 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91766

LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10939 BELCHER STREET, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8050-015-012 ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 251 OF TRACT NO. 16894, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, AS SHOWN ON A MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 398, PAGES 32 TO 35 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness 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 programmer and the remaining the programmer and the state of or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$337,419.34. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust 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.

said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 auditor. You 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 the of these resources you should be 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 th 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 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP. com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000007220254. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 04/19/2018 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-FN4654680 04/27/2018, 05/04/2018, 05/11/2018

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# Kaiser workers protest Downey City Council meeting

► Healthcare workers are protesting Kaiser Permanente's intention to outsource 61 warehouse jobs.

Council members are reluctant to involve themselves in a private labor

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer** 

Permanente employees protested Tuesday's City Council meeting, hoping to persuade council members to step in and help save several warehouse jobs that are on the chopping block.

around 61 warehouse jobs from we're going to fight back against its Downey location. The possible that. The reality is Kaiser can afford action was first brought to public to pay their workers a living wage; attention around two months ago they can afford to pay people who

the hospital.

Hospital workers say that the only thing that has changed since the protest is that the company has served official notice of the planned outsourcing.

"The company did serve official 60-day notice to the [United Healthcare Workers West] Union -**DOWNEY** – Several Kaiser and thus the workers - that they're going to be closing that warehouse on May 23rd," said Gabriel Montoya, an emergency room assistant at Kaiser and union member.

"Kaiser has been doing outsourcing at multiple locations, Kaiser is set to outsource and of course as a union, as workers

want to keep to what they say to people as far as commitment to the community, then part of that is making sure that you keep good paying jobs in that community."

Before the meeting, Montoya said that this was a reflection of both Kaiser's and the City Council's commitment to produce good jobs in the community. He hoped that council would be willing to have a conversation with the healthcare workers and leaders at Kaiser.

"If you look across the state, Kaiser does have healthcare contracts with multiple municipalities," said Montoya. "Do those municipalities want to partner with people who are willing to outsource jobs to save

wage with good benefits. If they sure that Downey City Council has sessions over the past year), Kaiser a full understanding of how that affects their economy. As a city councilman, you want to be able to say that you fought for good jobs in your community...if they're already here, keep them there.

> No city council member would want to tout 'I sat back while good jobs left my city,' because then there's an accountability issue that you have with the citizens. By the way, many of those citizens work at Kaiser and live in the city."

Kaiser released a statement, saying:

"We have been working for nearly a year with the unions representing our employees who work within our pharmacy warehouses, on how to address the many regulatory, technological and efficiency challenges we face now and in the future. After careful deliberations and extensive discussions with our unions,

Permanente reached the conclusion that an external pharmacy storage and distribution network is the best option for meeting the current and future needs of our members.

"As we determine the potential impact to employees, plans will be finalized and shared directly with them. We would add that it is no coincidence that SEIU-UHW's planned activity is occurring the week before bargaining is to begin with our union partners to fully address the effects of this decision.

"Kaiser Permanente is one of the largest private employers in California with more than 149,000 employees and 16,000 physicians in the state. Since 2015, we have added more than 13,000 jobs in California and continue to add jobs with more than 12,000 open staff positions and hundreds of physician positions. In the city of Downey alone, we employ nearly

when workers picketed in front of work in Downey a middle-class a buck? We also want to make including SEIU-UHW (17 all-day 6,000 people and currently have more than 400 jobs open.

> "We never take decisions that affect our employees lightly, but it is important to recognize that the Downey pharmacy warehouse represents roughly 1 percent of our employee population in that city.

> "We are proud of the kinds of support we offer our employees who might be affected by job changes. Our goal is to take all reasonable steps to redeploy the affected employees within Kaiser Permanente.

> "If retention is not feasible given the circumstances, we provide tools and assistance, including up to one year of salary and benefits equal to the affected employees' thencurrent compensation, to support the affected employees and help them gain other employment opportunities.

> "We can't say exactly what will happen in this case, because we have not completed discussions with union leadership, but we can tell you that in past cases we have demonstrated our ability to successfully redeploy the vast majority of affected employees."

> Most of the healthcare workers and union members in attendance spoke at Tuesday night's meeting, each urging the council to intervene.

> Unfortunately for however, it doesn't seem as though they will be getting much help from City Council.

When approached after the meeting, Councilman Fernando Vasquez said the city wouldn't involved itself in the dispute.

"It's a private matter," said Vasquez. "We're not privy to both sides of the negotiation. We obviously support anything that can increase jobs or create jobs in our city, but at the end of the day it's a private personnel matter that we hope both parties can work out."

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