

Sears teeters on brink of bankruptcy

Sears Holdings has contacted banks in recent days to arrange the financing necessary to file for bankruptcy after 125 years in business, according to media reports.

The stock plummeted 32 percent, to 40 cents a share, in Wednesday's premarket trading after the report.

The so-called "debtor-in-possession" loan, which companies need to have enough liquidity to keep running the business during bankruptcy, is the clearest sign yet that the department store chain may finally file after years of losses. Sears has a \$134 million debt payment due Monday that it previously said it may not be able to cover.

A bankruptcy filing is not yet definite and still could be averted. Sears' CEO, Eddie Lampert, has kept the company afloat through financial maneuvering and pouring his own money into the company. He may again choose to do so.

Lampert, who has a controlling ownership stake in Sears, personally owns some 31 percent of the retailer's shares outstanding, according to FactSet. His hedge fund ESL Investments owns about 19 percent.

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that Sears hired M-III Partners to prepare for a bankruptcy filing that could come as soon as this week.

Lampert, a hedge fund manager called "the next Warren Buffett," bought Kmart in 2004. A year later, he merged it with Sears, in which he had a controlling stake.

Both department stores were already struggling with the rise of new competition, but Lampert believed he could revive the business in part by taking advantage of its lucrative real estate.

The challenges though, proved greater than expected. And the timing was bad — a few years before the Great Recession — which drove down sales of new home products like washers and dryers. The rise of the online shopping brought it a new giant with which it struggled to compete. Sears' 140,000-square-foot stores were monstrous as foot traffic declined.

The retailer's last profitable year was in 2010. Analysts say Sears would need to generate more than \$1 billion a year to keep running, as its sales continue to erode. It has fewer than 900 stores still running across the U.S. today with under 90,000 employees, compared with what used to amount to more than 3,500 Sears and Kmart locations combined, and hundreds of thousands of workers. Layoffs have been steady as store closures mount.

Sears has been in survival mode for more than a decade. Since its merger with Kmart, Sears has spun off Lands' End, sold the Craftsman tool brand to Stanley Black & Decker and closed hundreds of stores, 250 of which he put into a real estate investment trust offshoot known as Seritage.

Efforts to keep the company alive by selling its best assets to pay down debt have left it with little money to reinvest in its stores. They have also left shelves progressively barren, as key vendors, wary of Sears' future, have demanded tighter payment terms.

It is also grappling with an underfunded pension. In 2015, it reached a final agreement with PBGC a federal government oversight organization that guarantees individuals' pension that acts as a parachute if a company goes bankrupt. As part of the deal, Sears gave the PBGC a lien on many of its most valuable remaining assets.

17-year-old aspiring nurse killed in Compton shooting

► **TRAGEDY:** After graduating high school early to pursue a career in nursing, Chloe Hunter was gunned down in Compton. She was 17.

NORWALK – Chloe Hunter had her heart set on being a nurse, but the 17-year-old's life was cut short during a shooting in Compton on Sept. 30.

Chloe was one of four people shot outside a school carnival at the Optimal Child Development Center at 1300 E. Palmer St. around 5 p.m.

The school's blacktop, where the carnival was being held, is behind the large parking lot for DND Mart Liquor, at 217 N. Long Beach Ave., where Chloe and others had parked to attend the carnival, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Scott Hoglund.

Hunter had graduated Bellflower High School early so she could earn more money to pay for college. She went on to take classes at Cerritos College.

"She had three jobs. She just kept saying, 'I can't wait until I'm 18. Then I can be management. I can work after 10, I can work a

full 40 hours,'" her mother, Janel Hunter, said.

She worked as a cashier at Little Ceasars Pizza at Lakewood Plaza and a clerk at the Tommy Hilfiger store at the Citadel Outlet mall and just two weeks ago, started working as a hostess at TGI Fridays in Bellflower.

Janel said she was proofreading her daughter's English assignment Sunday, when Chloe left to meet a friend at a Compton dance-off, which is designed to keep children off the streets and out of trouble.

"She left the house at 5. I got a call that she was shot at 5:30," Janel said.

Chloe was one of four people shot that day. The other three victims are recovering, but Chloe was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Claire Hunter is struggling with the loss of her younger sister.

"I was at work...Chloe just came with a friend to go to a dance battle and then this happened," she said.



Chloe Hunter

The shooter remains at-large; a motive for the shooting is unclear.

"I really just wanted to put a name and a face – a person – and a life to the headline of 17-year-old girl killed in Compton. I want the world to know who that 17-year-old girl is," Janel said.

Anyone with more information is urged to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477.

Dulles Elementary partners with Downey space center on digital education

► **PARTNERSHIP:** The "21st Century Room" at Dulles Elementary will expose kids to modern technology.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

LA MIRADA – Dulles Elementary School and Columbia Memorial Space Center's Ben Dickow cut the ribbon on the campuses new 21st Century Room on Wednesday.

The grand opening helped showcase the latest program in fulfilment of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's 2020 Learning Initiative, which calls for personalized and digitalized education for all students.

The new room features an interactive Apple TV and widescreen monitor along with modular workstations. Students got to experience the room first hand before the official opening ceremony, participating in solar car engineering / energy conversion activities and robotics demonstration.

According to Principal Shanti Gallegos, the room will provide students to learn about science and develop critical thinking skills through fun, hands-on activities.

"It's an environment that's a little bit different than the classroom," said Gallegos. "In



Photos by Alex Dominguez

this environment you can come and get messy. You can get a little bit louder. You're going to be using those skills that you learned in the classroom to create solutions, to research."

"It's a place where they can step out of their environment and critically think."

CMSC Executive Director Ben Dickow explained that this new room could provide a unique opportunity for teachers to learn as well.

"One of the big things that we've been doing is starting to refine our professional development for teachers, which is part of the pool that we've never really stepped into before

because we were trying to get our in-house programs and our outreach together," said Dickow. "The partnership with Dulles has been the first real foray into professional development for teachers, which is a growth sector of what we do."

Dickow added that while the space museum resides and has built its name in Downey, it is partnerships like the one with Dulles that are critical to the CMSC's continued work and success in STEM Education.

"Obviously Downey is the home team and it's always going to be our back yard, but we're a regional center," said Dickow. "Our survival is very much tied to serving a larger footprint."

Norwalk restaurant grades

The Bucket Crab and Crawfish
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Northgate Supermarket
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Northgate Meat Dept.
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Northgate Deli
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Northgate (Main Market)
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Northgate Tortilleria
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Go Hyang Jib
16441 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Mi Lindo Puruandiro
16026 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

El Tazumal
16014 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Kikka
11660 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Marquez Restaurant
13226 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Matchon Inc.
16511 Pioneer Blvd. 107
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

88 Kings Chinese Fast Food and Donuts
16441 Pioneer Blvd. AB
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Western Sizzlin's Wood Grill
12241 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Guesthouse Hotel
12500 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Golden West Donuts
10948 Imperial Hwy. Ste. 106
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
12129 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Tutti Frutti
12327 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Godwin's Coffee / Snack Shop
12417 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/2/18
Grade: **A**

Mexicana Markets
13208 San Antonio Dr
Date Inspected: 10/2/18
Grade: **C**

Western Refining Retail
11821 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 9/28/18
Grade: **A**

San Antonio Spirit Shop
13806 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 9/28/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 84°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 74°



Document Shredding

Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 9 am to 2 pm
Bring up to 5 boxes for on-site document shredding. Plus dispose of unwanted electronics.



Pagan Pride Day

Sunday - Rainbow Lagoon Park in Long Beach, 10:30 am to 6 pm
Learn about pagans' practices and beliefs. Vendors, workshops, rituals, and more. Free but city charges a parking fee.



Los Muertos Uptown

Sunday - Uptown Whittier, 10 am to 6 pm
A Day of the Dead festival featuring artists, vendors, face painters, live music, classic cars, and food.



Savor Santa Ana

Saturday - Downtown Santa Ana, 5:30-9:30 pm

\$10 gets you five tasting tickets to use at your choice of participating restaurants and artisan food producers. Walk between restaurants or take a free ride on the historic trolley.



Beatles vs. Stones

Sunday - Downey Theatre, 7 pm

A musical showdown featuring two of the world's best tribute bands. Who's better, the Rolling Stones or the Beatles? Tickets start at \$35

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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Ambassador Rally., 9 am to 3 pm. The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce hosts its ambassador rally, featuring keynote speakers, breakout sessions, networking, and more. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Ave.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

E-Waste Collection and Shredding., 9 am to 2 pm. Safely dispose of electronic waste and/or have your documents shredded for free. Rain barrels will also be sold. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Pumpkin Patch, 12-7 pm. Haunted house maze, games, cupcake decorating, bounce house, and more. BESA School, 13212 Graystone Ave.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 am to 2 pm. Community blood drive benefiting the American Red Cross. St. John of God Church, 13819 Pioneer Blvd.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

Candidates Forum, 6 pm. Candidates for Norwalk-La Mirada school board answer questions in a forum hosted by the Norwalk chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

College & Career Expo, 6-8 pm. Students can meet with 50-plus colleges and 25-plus businesses. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

Neighborhood Watch Meeting,

6:30 pm. Meet with law enforcement officials and learn about local crime trends in the neighborhood. 11309 Borson St.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

Fall Festival., 5:30-10 pm. The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Fall Festival. So Cal Pizza, 12253 Imperial Hwy.

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Friday, Oct. 19

Metropolitan State Hospital Career Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Learn about a wide variety of job openings, from accountant to warehouse worker. Metropolitan State Hospital, 11401 Bloomfield Ave.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Halloween Parade & Costume Contest., 9:15 am (costume contest) and 11 am (parade). The Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade returns for its 25th year. Residents invited to participate. Norwalk Boulevard and Mapledale Street.

Haunted Jail, 12-4 pm. Free tours of the haunted jail, along with law enforcement displays, arts and crafts, and free hot dogs. Norwalk Sheriff's Station, 12335 Civic Center Dr.

Pokemon Championships, 12 pm. A Pokemon video tournament, using standard Sun Series rules. \$5 entry fee, prizes for winners of each age division. Unrated Gaming, 15617 Studebaker Rd., suite 3.

Pajama Party, 9 pm. Come dressed in your PJs and dance to the live music of Harbor Groove Band.

Prizes for best dressed. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

Book Club meeting, 6:30 pm. The Lit Wits Book Club discusses "The Twelve Lives" by Samuel Hawley. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

Santa Sleigh Volunteer Meeting, 7 pm. Are you interested in helping with the Santa Sleigh program which brings Santa Claus to local neighborhoods? If so, attend this meeting to learn more. Ages 15+. Norwalk Transportation/Public Services Building, 12650 Imperial Hwy. (inside the Public Services break room)

TH URSDAY, OCT. 25

Free Flu Shots, 9 am to noon. Get your free flu shot, recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

Halloween Bash, 3:30 pm. Norwalk parks celebrate Halloween with costume contests, games, candy, and activities. Sign up at your local park.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

Compost and Mulch Giveaway, 8 am. Bring your own shovel, container and elbow grease. Free for Norwalk residents. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Kids Fun Zone, 12 pm. Free craft activities, face painting, games, and gifts for kids celebrating a birthday in October. Norwalk Town Square, 11633 The Plz.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

School Board Candidates Meet and Greet, 6 pm. Meet the candidates for Little Lake City and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified school board. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Time & Space, 6 pm. Opening reception of "Time & Space," featuring artwork created by Cerritos College's summer printmaking residency. Cerritos College Art Gallery, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

Creating Connections Luncheon, 11:45 am. Connect with other members of the local business community. No cost to attend, lunch on your own. Hibachi Grill Buffet, 14021 Pioneer Blvd.

Halloween Festival., 6 pm. Music, dancing, scarecrow contest, crafts, raffles, and lots of candy. A safe alternative to trick-or-treating. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

Open Mic, 7 pm. Singers, dancers, poets, comedians and musicians are invited to share their talents. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

Used Oil Filter Exchange, 9 am to 1 pm. Bring in your used oil filter and receive a brand new one for free. Norwalk residents receive complimentary motor oil change kits while supplies last. AutoZone, 13927 Pioneer Blvd.

Museum Tour, 1 pm. Take a docent-led tour of the historic Hargitt House, built in 1891 and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

Daddy Daughter Dance., 5:30 pm. Themed "A Night in Paris," the dance includes a light dinner, crafts, games, activities and dancing. \$20 per couple, \$7 each additional child. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Measure H Funding Session, 5 pm. Share your thoughts on how proceeds from Measure H - L.A. County's homeless initiative - should be spent. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

"I Am Frida Kahlo,", 8 pm. Mexican actress Alejandra Flores will bring Frida Kahlo to life through a series of monologues charged with social and political subtexts. Burnight Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

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Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

Footgolf Tournament, 3 pm (ages 8-17) and 5 pm (adults) . Have you ever tried footgolf? It's a new sport that combines soccer and golf. The goal is to kick a regulation size soccer ball into 21-inch diameter cups in as few kicks as possible. Don Knabe Golf Center, 13717 Shoemaker Ave.

Adaptive Recreation Art Exhibit, 5 pm . HEART participants celebrate the opening of their new art exhibit. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

MONDAY, NOV. 12

Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 am. A tribute to the brave men and women who served our country. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

How to Avoid Weight Gain, 10 am. Health professionals offer tips on how to avoid gaining weight during the upcoming holidays. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

Contractor License Workshop, 1 pm. Learn the requirements to obtain a state contractors license. Spanish workshop to follow at 2:30 p.m. 12501 Imperial Hwy., suite 600

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

UC Application Workshop, 5 pm. Receive help filling out your UC admissions application for 2019. Cerritos College Transfer Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Midnight Ride, 6 pm . Top 40 cover band Midnight Ride performs live. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

Plants in a Glass, 7 pm . Create your own succulent terrarium, with step-by-step instruction. \$25, first-come, first-served. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

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SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Quartermania Fundraiser, 10:30 am. Quartermania is a cross between an auction and a raffle, where people "bid" to win a prize. Bids are 1-4 quarters. Southeast Academy, 12940 Foster Rd.

Sapphire Dreams, 11:30 am. The annual philanthropic extravaganza by Soroptimist International of

Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

SnowFest., 12-8 pm. The city hall lawn is transformed into Snow Fest, Calif., with snow slides, a snow play area, train rides, game booths, craft tents, face painting, and live performances. The event is capped with the lighting of a 30-ft. Christmas tree. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Children's Holiday Show, 4 pm. Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre presents the holiday show, 'Tis the Season to be Jolly,' an interactive show for all ages. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

Holiday Concert, 6 pm. A free holiday concert by the Praise Symphony Orchestra. Norwalk Missionary Baptist Church, 11429 Beaty Ave.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Holidays at the Museum, 1-4 pm. Holiday entertainment and refreshments at Norwalk's historic home and museum. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

Pokemon Premiere Challenge, 12 pm. A Pokemon video game competition, with prizes for each age division. \$5 buy-in. Unrated Gaming, 15617 Studebaker Rd., Suite 3.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Las Posadas., 6 pm. An annual tradition, this event features a candlelit procession, caroling of holiday songs, performances by mariachis and folklorico dancers, pinatas for kids, and more. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

Self Defense Workshop, 2 pm. A basic introduction to hand-to-hand self defense. Plus, learn about non-lethal weapons such as pepper spray, stun guns and pressure point tools. Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios, 12521 Alondra Blvd., Unit A

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

Norwalk lunch mixer on Halloween

NORWALK - The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce will host a "Creating Connections" networking luncheon at Hibachi Grill Buffet on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 11:45 a.m.

There is no cost to attend; lunch is on your own.

For questions or more information, call the chamber office at (562) 404-0909 or email info@norwalkchamber.com.

Meet school board candidates

NORWALK - Candidates for local school board -- including the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District and Little Lake City School District -- will be at a meet-and-greet event Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

Hear briefly from each candidate and then network with the candidates.

This is not a debate or question-and-answer format.

The event is being presented by the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

Fall Festival on Thursday

NORWALK - The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce's annual Fall Festival is next Thursday, Oct. 18, from 5:30-10 p.m. at So Cal Pizza.

Admission is \$45 per person and includes a special Oktoberfest collector's glass.

There will be beer tastings, appetizers, games, and more.

Call (562) 404-0909 to purchase tickets.

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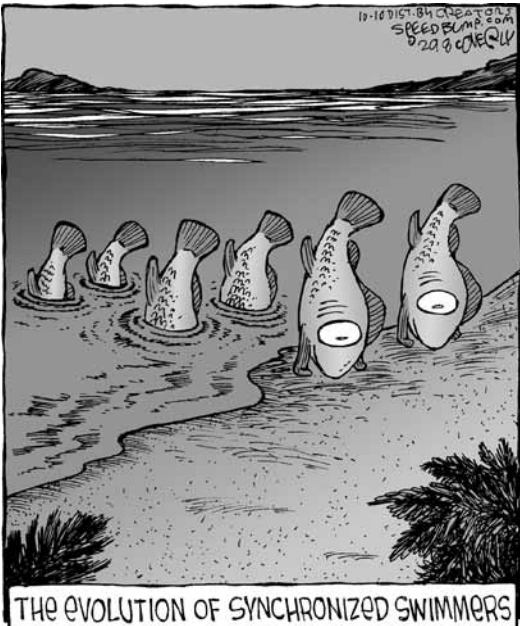
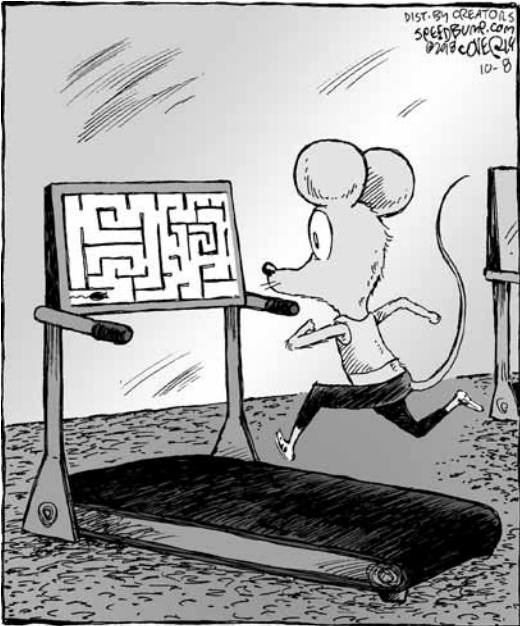
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October 12, 1492: Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer, sighted Watling Island in the Bahamas. He believed that he had found Asia while attempting to find a Western ocean route to India. The same day he claimed the land for Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain

1938: Production began on "The Wizard of Oz."

1998: The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Online Copyright Bill.

2001: A special episode of America's Most Wanted was aired that focused on 22 wanted terrorists. The show was specifically requested by U.S. President George W. Bush.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAYS**
1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers
- TUESDAYS**
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers
- WEDNESDAYS**
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex
- THURSDAYS**
1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
- SATURDAYS**
2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
- Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

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by Gail Grabowski

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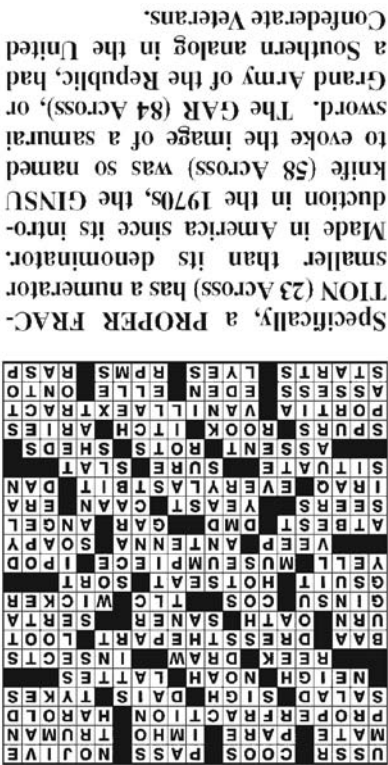
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ADVERTISING POLICY

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LEGALS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018255890
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **I AM A KID (2) AHAUSGULCO KIDS, 1420 E 17TH ST, LONG BEACH CA 90813, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALL 4 OUR KIDS, INC, 1420 E 17TH ST, LONG BEACH CA 90813
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: 08/2018
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ALL 4 OUR KIDS, INC, PRESIDENT, TERESA DELGADO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 1, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018235564
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **COAL CITY CLUB OF NORTH AMERICA, 12900 AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90061, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4186220 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COAL CITY OF NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL, 12900 AVALON BLVD., LOS ANGELES CA 90061
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: 06/2018
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/COAL CITY OF NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL, TREASURER, DORIS IFEOMA CHIME
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018248585
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DAY TRIPPERS (2) WEAK, 15219 DOMART AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEJANDRO PEREZ ORTIZ, 15219 DOMART AVE, 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: 09/2018
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ALEJANDRO PEREZ ORTIZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 28, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018248743
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WASTELAND COMICS, 1002Z ASPEN CIRCLE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SARAH ROSE LANDAUER, 1002Z ASPEN CIRCLE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670 (2) ALSTON NOVAK, 1919 N HOLLYWOOD WAY, BURBANK CA 91505
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 and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/SARAH ROSE LANDAUER, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 1, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018233243
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LALY'S ARGENTINIAN EMPANADAS, 11328 ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LAURA A GONZALEZ, 11328 ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, (2) RODRIGO C. GONZALEZ, 11328 ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2018
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/LAURA A GONZALES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018255124
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WHITTIER DENTAL CLINIC, 13431 TELEGRAPH RD., WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMAN EDALAT, DDS, INC., 13431 TELEGRAPH RD., WHITTIER CA 90605
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/SAMAN EDALAT, DDS, INC., PRESIDENT, SAMAN EDALAT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 9, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018215293
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LA CAFE VERDE, 3329 DELTA AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90810, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LENA YANEL GALLO, 3329 DELTA AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90810
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: 08/2018
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/LENA YANEL GALLO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 24, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself

authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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GOVERNMENT
CITY OF NORWALK PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LIST PREFERENCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Norwalk Housing Authority is proposing changes to the preferences governing the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. The change would give homeless residents of Norwalk a preference above all other applicants on the waiting list. Individuals and families that qualify for the Norwalk homeless preference must be referred by a Housing Authority approved homeless services provider. The referring partner must provide a certification of the family's homeless status. Annually, the Housing Authority will accept seven (7) referrals or other number as directed by the Housing Authority Commission. Additionally, Norwalk residents registered on the waiting list that declare themselves as homeless will be referred to the approved homeless services provider to certify the applicant's homeless status.
Public Comment: Written comments are encouraged and may be submitted via email to kmaithonis@norwalkca.gov or by mail to the Norwalk Housing Authority, Attn: Kristin Maitthonis, Housing Manager, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650, no later than 5:00 PM, on November 1, 2018.
Public Meeting: The Norwalk Housing Authority commission will hold a public meeting concerning this matter at 5:45 p.m. on November 20, 2018. Interested persons are invited to attend the Housing Authority Commission meeting and be heard regarding this matter at the City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650.
Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 12th day of October 2018.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

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NOTICES

Notice of Reservation of Rights UCC1 2088-1-207 Michael Eduard Eisner, No trespass notice on a living person private property violation, a \$10,000,000.00 remedy if violated.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS031018
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BEATRICE TSUYUKO TAMAYOSHI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BEATRICE TSUYUKO TAMAYOSHI to Proposed name (1) BETTY TSUYUKO TAMAYOSHI
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: November 28, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., 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 for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE NORWALK PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Beatrice Tsuyuko Tamayoshi
15022 Dumont Ave
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 868-5779

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030884
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AYLIN CRUZ OCAMPO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) AYLIN CRUZ OCAMPO to Proposed name (1) AYLIN CRUZ
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: October 31, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., 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 for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE NORWALK PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
AYLIN CRUZ OCAMPO
11762 Mollynknoll Avenue
Whittier, CA 90604
(562) 640-1637

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS031017
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner

GINO ANTHONY ARTEAGA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) GINO ANTHONY ARTEAGA to Proposed name (1) GINO ANTHONY CARZOLI
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: November 28, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., 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 for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE NORWALK PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Gino Anthony Arteaga
10853 Firestone Blvd Apt92C
Norwalk, CA 90650
(626)825-9390
ginoarteaga94@gmail.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHITOSE KITAGUCHI CASE NO. 18STPB08950

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHITOSE KITAGUCHI.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM JUN KITAGUCHI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM JUN KITAGUCHI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/22/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 09 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
PAUL HORN, ESQ. - SBN 243227
PAUL HORN LAW GROUP, PC
11404 SOUTH STREET
RRITOS CA 90703
9/28/106, 10/5/12/18
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: AUGUSTIN RAMIREZ CASE NO. 18STPB08176
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of AUGUSTIN RAMIREZ.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARIA N. RAMIREZ MOJARO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIA N. RAMIREZ MOJARO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/29/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
JUVENTINO B. CASAS JR. - SBN 44445
LAW OFFICE OF J. B. CASAS JR.
2520 WEST BEVERLY BLVD.
MONTEBELLO CA 90640
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-18-006661-AB Order No.: 180048685-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/31/2006. 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): **EMMA GOMEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN** Recorded: **6/7/2006** as Instrument No. **06 1248483** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **LOS ANGELES** County, California; Date of Sale: **11/6/2018** at **10:00 AM** Place of Sale: **Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$306,392.22** The purported property address is: **14806 HALCOTT AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650** Assessor's Parcel No.: **8075-034-018** **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 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 714-747-2727 or visit the Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case **18-20454-SP-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. Date: 10/01/2018 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Boston, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-4671902 10/12/2018, 10/19/2018, 10/26/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-20454-SP-CA Title No. 180257763-CA-VOI A.P.N. 8072-031-010 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/25/2005. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, 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. Trustor: Theodore Rusk, A Single Man. Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 08/01/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2114847 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/02/2018 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$409,036.20

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14612 Seafarth Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale; If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. **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 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 714-747-2727 or visit the Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case **18-20454-SP-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. Date: 10/01/2018 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Boston, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-4671902 10/12/2018, 10/19/2018, 10/26/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 129049 Title No. 160312913 **NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/16/2005. 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.** On 11/08/2018 at 9:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/27/2005, as Instrument No. 05 3178659, and Modified on 2/24/2012 by Instrument No. 20120299297 and Modified on 11/20/2015 by Instrument No. 20151459229", in book xx, page xx, of

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site – www.Auction.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 129049. 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. A-4672354 10/12/2018, 10/19/2018, 10/26/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 137311 Title No. 180015582 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. DATED 12/02/2005, 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. On 11/08/2018 at 9:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 3085433, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Jose Barajas, and Silvia Barajas, Husband and Wife, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 - Vineyard Ballroom. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8016-011-014 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11117 Maidstone Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 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 without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, 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, if any, 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 be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$205,410.77 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated:10/8/2018 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27455 TIERRA ALTA WAY, STE. B, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-9200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 17-20461-SP-CA Title No. 170454709-CA-VOI A.P.N. 8025-011-016 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/10/2005, 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, 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. Trustor: Anatole Kortscheff and Sylvia Patricia Kortscheff, husband and wife, as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/28/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2871454 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 10/26/2018 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic

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Downey featured in new short film

►FILMS: "Invincible Boy," a short film that premiered last week, was shot on location in Downey. Its director is a Downey native.

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – Julian Park's new short film, Invincible Boy, premiered at the InFocus Short Film Festival in Van Nuys last Saturday. The movie is now available on YouTube for viewing by the public.

Park, a graduate of Downey High (2003), continues an exploration of the themes that run throughout his work – hope, kindness, and following one's passion. The story's two young protagonists, Vincent and Barney, played by Kaleb Alexander Robert and Nathan Kim, learn lessons about life through their obsession with comic book super heroes.

Vincent, who tries to be a super hero to people in need, gets discouraged. "Nobody cares about being good," he says, "Why do they write this stuff in comic books? What's the point?" The engaging young actors bring to life a modern-day story with a lesson for all ages at the end.

There is an additional reason why people who live and/or work in Downey will have fun watching this movie. It was shot on location in Downey, with permits and encouragement from the city. The sidewalks of Firestone Blvd. are integral to the story.

Park, who wrote, directed, and edited the film, said the ideas in his initial script were too expansive and the city told him that he couldn't block off the streets. His rework of the plot confirms his talent as a storyteller. The dynamic action in Downtown Downey is implied, and did not require stopping any traffic.

Growing up in Downey was an advantage, Park explained. "I know it [the city] so well, that at least when I wrote the sequences, I knew where it would take place in my mind." Park said the cost of city permits was minimal, and most of his \$1,000.00 deposit was refunded when the project ended.

Cost is important to Park because his passion for making films is financed by his day job as a web developer. His earlier documentaries were made with a lot of sweat equity – he did most of the work himself. For Invincible Boy, which is fiction, Park decided to hire a professional crew – producer, sound mixer, cinematographer, costume designer, gaffers, etc.

"I shot that film over five days and we strategically planned it over President's Day weekend so I only had to take

two days off work," explained Park.

Except for two, all of the actors are professionals who were found through casting agencies. Park said that he and his producer Dan Marcus were approaching panic when they couldn't find the right boy to play Vincent.

"We almost couldn't make the movie," explains Park. "We were a week away from shooting and we hadn't found the kid yet. I was so scared. We had a whole day of auditions and nobody came in that was even remotely close. They were really just kids, you know, they couldn't act."

Everything fell into place when they discovered Kaleb through a casting site. He and his mother drove down from San Jose for filming. Park said they also had difficulty casting the character Barney, Vincent's friend in the movie. Nathan Kim, who was finally selected for the role, is the son of a friend.

The complete cast of characters reflects the multi-national demographic of southeast Los Angeles County. Downey viewers reading the credits might recognize the name of some friends and neighbors who filled in as Extras.

Park had considered several candidates for the role of producer before selecting Marcus, whom he had worked with before on a film by another local artist Polaris Castillo. Indie film-making of this sort requires a shared vision.

"He's a little like me," says Park about Marcus, "he's a little naïve. He mainly just believed in the project so much. He loves stories about super heroes, and hope, and that was what pulled him in."

Park said he met his minimal goals this year of finishing the film, entering it in one film festival, and getting it on line for the public to see. His next step is to find other suitable film festivals for the work.

Earlier Work

Park, who studied creative writing in college, says that he began making films as a "hobby." Themes of optimism and kindness are apparent throughout his own post-college work as he veered away from a traditional career path.

In 2009 he left home with a backpack and Handycam, only telling his mother that he was going on a road trip. The result was a 53-minute personal and compelling documentary entitled Only Kindness Matters (hitchhiking across the USA).

"I wanted to find adventure," he says in the

film. "I wanted to see America. I wanted to witness kindness." This film is also available on YouTube.

Guided by his continuing desire to work on meaningful projects, Park traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, in 2010 to film the educational challenges faced by elementary school children in the slum of Lenana. His friend Eddo Kim (Warren High 2002) had started an educational non-profit, The Supply, to maintain a public school for these children.

On the last day of filming, Park and his associate were robbed at gunpoint of all their equipment. The story spread immediately over the internet and \$8,000.00 was quickly raised to replace the equipment. Park returned to film the school for another week.

Park's 30-minute documentary was completed by March 2011 and made available for screening at various universities to raise funds for the Nairobi school. The film title Standard 8 comes from the test that all children must pass in Nairobi. This film can be viewed on the website www.Handimade.org.

Back home in Downey, Park was captivated by sensitive paintings of children that would appear mysteriously on unused walls and buildings around the city. The gentle images had an ephemeral nature in that they would only last until someone painted over them. They were too lovely to be called graffiti.

Park tracked down the elusive artist who worked secretly at night and called himself Bumblebee. The two young men had never met before, even as Downey students. But they discovered they shared a community of values when it came to art and creative energy.

The resulting 10-minute documentary, Bumblebee Loves You, was screened at the Epic Lounge in 2012. This film can also be viewed at www.Handimade.org.

Public response was so positive that Bumblebee received permission from the owner of the Epic Lounge building on Second Street to paint the 16-foot mural of a young girl trying to cut her own hair. Entitled "Slices" and covered with sealer, this mural will enjoy a long life

The city of Downey may have lost the film production company Downey Studios to economic forces, but indie film-making in the digital age continues to capture the imagination and efforts of people who want to tell a story. Park's film Invincible Boy is a gift to the community of Downey. Everyone should take 20 minutes to enjoy it.



Filming for "Invincible Boy" took place primarily in Downey.

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Cal High English learner overcomes adversity to become straight-A student

► **STUDENT SUCCESS:** Avigahy Garcia bounced between Mexico and the U.S., but remained committed to her education.

WHITTIER – California High School senior Avigahy Garcia moved from California to Mexico and back during her childhood, challenging her to learn and re-learn different languages and cultures over the course of several years.

Despite the inconsistency, Garcia found a home at Cal High and, with the help of the teachers and staff, nurtured her dream of attending college.

Now fluent in two languages and a straight-A student, Garcia is on track to realize her goal of attending college.

For triumphing against the odds, Garcia was recognized with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees on Sept. 11.

“We talk often at Cal High

about the fact that every one of our kids has a story – many times filled with tremendous challenges,” Cal High Principal Bill Schloss said. “More often than not, our kids work really hard and rise above their challenges to do great things. Avigahy Garcia is a great example of just that.”

At the start of fifth grade, Garcia moved to Mexico with her parents and twin brother, while her two older siblings remained at Cal High. Garcia, who spoke only English, struggled to keep up with her studies in Mexico, painstakingly learning to speak, write and learn Spanish.

Garcia dreamed of the day she could return home and attend Cal High. The opportunity came at the beginning of sophomore year, when she and her brother returned to Whittier, moving in with an uncle and resuming their schooling in Whittier.

Her parents stayed in Mexico, understanding that it was

necessary for the twins to re-establish themselves as college-bound students.

The first year at Cal High was the toughest, as Garcia had to re-learn English, readjust to high school life and make new friends. Despite being separated from her parents, Garcia worked arduously to excel in her studies with the help of the Cal High’s student support program, Expanded Horizons.

Since her parents returned to California in 2017, Garcia has soared. Designated as an English Language Learner student, Garcia was reclassified as fluent English last year and serves as an Academic Mentor for English language arts students who may be struggling.

“I just want to say that Cal High is a great school. I would like to thank everyone, especially my English language teachers. Without them I wouldn’t be on the right track,” Avigahy said. “I would also like to thank my



family, who always supported me and who were always there for me emotionally and spiritually. They will forever be the reason for my success.”

Garcia is applying to UC Irvine and several Cal State universities. She wants to study

business and pursue a career as an accountant.

“Avigahy was embraced by the Cal High community and supported at every step along the way,” Schloss said.

“Avigahy has tremendous drive and a desire to go places.

Cal High helped her develop the skills necessary to be successful at the next level. We are so very proud of her and know that she will be another great American success story.”

Students assemble care packages for hurricane victims

► **GIVING BACK:** Members of the KIWIN’S student leadership club organize care packages and write notes to hurricane victims.

DOWNEY – On Saturday, Sept. 29, the KIWIN’S of Diamond Division (student leaders) led by Lieutenant Governor Diana Mae Baliscao, a junior at Downey High School, spent their Saturday morning at the Downey High School library helping those in need.

The students packaged over 300 personal care kit packages which were given to Convoy of Care and Caring for Others, non profit organizations based in Atlanta who have been delivering supplies to the victims of

Hurricane Florence.

Their goal is to deliver much needed supplies to the flood-ravaged communities in the Carolinas and assist storm victims who are now staying in emergency shelters due to the flooding that took place after Hurricane Florence.

“These are hygiene care kits,” explained Wendy Galvan, president of the Downey High School KIWIN’S. “They have toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand towels, wipes, shampoo, combs, and bandaids, and much more.”

Students also wrote encouraging messages on cards to be sent to those affected by the storms and included them in the

personal care kit packages.

“I feel very proud of all these amazing student leaders who showed up to help those in need and I am proud of the city of Downey residents who donated supplies, it shows that our city cares and that our future is bright, said Diana Mae Baliscao, Diamond Division Lieutenant Governor.

As of today, a total of 12 tractor-trailers stationed at WSB-TV and at the Caring for Others’ warehouse have been delivered with bottled water, diapers, household cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene kits to help Hurricane Florence survivors in the Carolinas.



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Declining enrollment at Downey schools draws concern from school board

► **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** The number of students in Downey schools has declined the past six years.

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DOWNEY – Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. John Garcia announced plans last Friday to increase student enrollment over the next several years.

Garcia made the announcement during his State of the Schools address last Friday 5 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

The presentation was given by Garcia, who opened with some of the accomplishments of the district within the last year. These included the continued success of Stauffer and Warren Robotics teams, the renaming of the Carnival of Champions to honor late administrator Dale Lostetter, and the inaugural Stauffer Foundation Robo Olympics, as well as the announcement that an application has been submitted for the All District Marching Band to participate in the 2020 Rose parade.

Garcia also highlighted the recent achievements and

national recognition of Griffiths and Stauffer Middle Schools.

“When we talk about ‘what are we doing in Downey Unified,’ and ‘We are on the map,’ and we talk about globally competitive and citizens of strong character, two of our middle schools were named ‘Middle Schools to Watch,’ not just for the state of California, but for the United States of America,” said Garcia. “Our schools are on the map.”

Garcia also took time to compare the recent graduation rates of DUSD and other local districts, offering a statistic of a 95.4 percent graduation rate in Downey for the 2016-17 school year.

Warren High School Band and Color Guard Director David Niemeyer was also named Teacher of the Year during the morning’s address.

“I always like to recognize this because every research study that’s ever been done will tell you that the most important factor in student achievement – the most important thing for kids is a highly effective teacher,” said Garcia. “This year our teacher of the year is the band director who runs an amazing program... truly, it’s been inspired by David Niemeyer and the work he’s

doing at Warren High School.”

Niemeyer said it was an “honor and a privilege” to receive the Teacher of the Year recognition.

“I don’t know how I was picked among a thousand amazing teachers; I don’t have half the teaching skills they do,” said Niemeyer. “I graduated from Washington State University in December of 2002. Six months later I was handed the keys to the Warren band room. I was taking over for a guy named Dr. Holiday...his quote to me as I took over was, ‘I feel like I’m handing the keys over to a brand-new sports car to you.’ It wasn’t hard for me to come in and do a good job because Dr. Holiday had done a phenomenal job.”

“Not only did I fill those shoes, but I grew those shoes...We’ve grown the jazz programs to two full jazz programs instead of one. We now have two competitive percussion ensembles when there was none before. We now offer AP Music Theory as often as enrollment allows when there was none before. And as the Warren Band and Booster Program, we continue to service Southern California music education through hosting band competitions.

“We continue to host the Fall Band Spectacular and the Spring Band Spectacular, where all six secondary schools get together and perform music together. In 2011 the marching band of Warren High school turned a corner competitively, and we started placing in the top three in our division...last year we finally made it to the top winning the gold medal in division 4A.

“Our students are greeted by other bands with admiration. We have brought a spotlight to the Downey Unified School District through our music program.”

Niemeyer also took time to highlight the newly established Downey Unified All District Marching Band.

“Recently a new vision has become a reality – and that is the Downey Unified All District Marching Band – with the blessing and the help of Phil Davis and of course Dr. Mary R. Stauffer,” said Niemeyer.

“We had a 420-member marching band rehearse in November and then march in the Downey Holiday Parade...The future goal of this ensemble is to do things like the Rose Parade, the Macy’s [Thanksgiving] Day Parade, Presidential inauguration parades; something

that students wouldn’t normally do at their school site per say. As you can see, we’re trying to bring a global spotlight to the Downey Unified School District through music.”

The big news, however, came in the form of the districts attempt to combat declining enrollment rates.

According to Garcia, enrollment rates have been a point of concern not only in Downey, but other school districts as well.

“In the last couple of years, we’ve been declining in our enrollment, as are most districts in the area,” said Garcia.

Garcia said that the decline boiled down to two factors.

“People are having less children; that is just a societal fact,” said Garcia. “The second the is the cost of housing and where it is is pushing a lot of people inland for housing, so that creates some issues in relationship to our enrollment because we’re funded on our enrollment.”

“Five years ago, in ‘13-14 we were a little under 23,000, so we know we can handle 23,000 students in our schools” said Garcia. “We’ve been steadily

dropping since then.”

To combat this trend, Garcia said that the Board of Education has aimed to increase enrollment back to 23,000 by 2020-21.

Garcia stated that through marketing efforts and other information campaigns, that decline has already started to stabilize this year, however the district is still projected to be in decline in the 2019-20 school year.

“It will have an impact on the ability to run certain programs in our district,” said Garcia. “We’re really aggressively continuing to recruit, attract, and retain as many students as we possibly can.”

Garcia asked for the help of those in attendance to spread word of “the amazing things happening in our district.”

“What we want you to do is just tell three people,” said Garcia. “Let them know that we are absolutely welcoming and opening...give us an opportunity and they will not regret it.”

How to survive a haunted house attraction

► **HALLOWEEN TIME:** A retired haunt actor shares tips on how to make the most of your haunted house visit.

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When I got the go-ahead to write a couple of Halloween themed stories for October, my head went to the obvious: movie reviews, haunted house reviews, costume ideas, etc. So, originally, this was going to be a review of Halloween Horror Nights, which I attended last Friday.

But here’s the thing: I realized I can offer so much more than just the usual, fluffy review articles due to my specialized

expertise that some readers may or may not know about.

For eight years, I was a “professional monster.” A “scare-actor.” A “haunter.” A “slider.” I suited up at several different haunts, including Knott’s Scary Farm, Rob Zombie’s Great American Nightmare, Six Flags Fright Fest, and eventually ended my “career” at the 17th Door.

So instead of just saying where to go and why, I decided to go the more “How to survive route.” This week: How to survive that Haunted House you just bought tickets for.

First, be safe and contribute to a safe environment for you, other guests and the “monsters.”

Everyone at the haunt (actors included) are there to have fun. Still, it can be a bit chaotic with all the scaring, screaming, running, and chainsaw hacking.

Safety is the priority at every haunt. While scare-actors are trained, things can and do go wrong. The best way to avoid incident or injury is to not contribute any excess chaos.

Don’t “pregame;” if you must drink, stay as sober as possible. Always be mindful of the environment, actors, guests, and equipment (such as fog machines and props) around you. Do not try and be funny and scare another guest. And most importantly, never, ever touch the talent.

Secondly, leave your machismo at the door.

We get it, your girlfriend got scared. That doesn’t mean you get to chest bump the axe-murderer up against a wall.

You might not realize it, but it takes one individual with a bad attitude to soil an entire evening for themselves, their group, and scare-actor involved.

Worst case scenario, it takes one shove from a bad boyfriend to get escorted out of the attraction. In some extreme cases, full out brawls break out.

When it comes down to it, you and your party paid to come into an area and get scared. Each scare-actor is being paid (or



sometimes volunteering even) to put on a horror movie-esque show. Don’t be upset when that’s exactly what happens.

Finally, remember that there’s a real person behind that mask.

School teachers. Contractors. Medical staff. Students. You’d be surprised how much people are different from their costumed personas, how “normal” they are under the rubber, latex, and makeup.

For many haunters out there, working these events isn’t so much a job as it is a hobby. Many of them make up the horror fanatics and misfits of the world. Haunting isn’t a paycheck, it’s a bit of a lifestyle.

Many of the masks, costumes, and props that you may encounter may very well be home-made or customized to each individual, to show a bit of personality between each monster. Dedicated scare-actors are known to put hundreds of dollars and hours of their

personal time into their looks and gear.

Did a “slider” just fly past your feet? He spent \$70 on his knee pads. That zombie-girl’s mask was custom made by a professional mask maker, and it cost her over \$100. That crazed clown hand-painted his puppet prop.

Shifts are long. The wear and tear on a haunter’s body is great. The sleep deprivation is real. And the pay isn’t all that great on top of it.

Every scare-actor you encounter is a person first, and a “monster” second. Make sure you remember that the next time you decide to show off or fool around with them for a cheap laugh.

Halloween and haunted houses only come around once a year. Have fun and enjoy them! Just make sure the experience is good for everyone, and you should have no problem “surviving.”

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