

Mosquitoes in Bellflower test positive for West Nile

BELLFLOWER – A mosquito has tested positive for West Nile virus in Bellflower, vector officials announced.

West Nile virus activity in Los Angeles County “is off to a slow start this year,” said the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

Officials, however, said they expected more activity in the hot months ahead. They also cited 445 positive mosquito samples in Southern California areas outside Los Angeles County.

There is no cure for West Nile virus, which can cause fever, headache, body aches, nausea and skin rashes. The virus can be fatal in some cases.

Mosquitos breed wherever there is standing water, such as plant saucers, old tires, non-functional swimming pools, and air conditioner drip pans.

Eric Pierce, editor

Cerritos College fall semester starts next week

NORWALK – Enrollment is underway for Cerritos College’s fall semester. Classes begin on Monday, Aug. 19, with additional sessions starting Sept. 9 and Oct. 21.

Students can find information about the admissions process and financial aid by visiting cerritos.edu/admissions-and-aid. The schedule of classes is also available online where students can select more than 40 skilled trade certificates or choose classes to transfer, earn a certificate or degree.

New students can meet with a counselor on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

For more information about counseling, please visit www.cerritos.edu/counseling/ or contact the Counseling Department at (562) 467-5231.

High impact classes like English, math and speech are being offered at the college’s La Mirada classroom site located at 15310 Alondra Blvd, La Mirada. Students can access free tutoring support, free online math books, and free parking.

For more information about the La Mirada campus and how students can access Cerritos College closer to home or work, visit cerritos.edu/lamirada.

For more information about Cerritos College and how to enroll, visit www.cerritos.edu.

New River Park hosting block party

NORWALK – The Norwalk community is invited to a block party Saturday, Aug. 17, from 12–2 p.m. at New River Park.

The neighborhood block parties allow residents to connect with neighbors and Public Safety and Sheriff’s Station personnel to foster trust and partnerships.

Residents will receive a hot dog, hamburger, chips and drinks. There will also be games and children’s activities.

For more information, call Public Safety at (562) 929-5732.

New River Park is located at 13432 Halcourt Ave.

Temple’s request to open on Front Street denied

Despite agreeing to Norwalk’s proposed terms, and a recommendation of approval by city planners, a congregation’s request to open a temple was denied.

NORWALK – After a temple’s proposal to open a campus on underdeveloped Front Street was rejected – without explanation – by the Planning Commission, the congregation turned to the City Council for help.

It didn’t find any.

The congregation of Anoopam Mission purchased 12182-86 Front Street in May 2017 with hopes of opening a temple. Anoopam Mission describes itself as a “unique Swaminarayan-based organization.”

The congregation later purchased neighboring 12177 Front St. to satisfy the city’s parking requirements.

The temple’s proposal to open on Front Street was supported by city planners on a number of conditions, including that the congregation provide a crossing guard during services and that the temple’s prayer rooms not be used as sleeping quarters.

Norwalk’s Planning Commission heard the proposal at its July 10 meeting but denied the project on a 2–2 vote. The commissioners who voted against the temple’s plans – Victor Juan and Rosa Barragan –



The site of a proposed temple at Front Street and Funston Avenue.

gave no reason for the votes.

Commissioners Kim Apodaca and Linda Lopez voted in support of the project and commissioner Scott Collins was absent.

The congregation appealed the Planning Commission’s denial; the appeal was heard by the City Council on Tuesday night.

“Given that there are two churches across the street from this property, we are zoned to allow a house of worship on the land, we have enough parking and no one from the community was opposed to the idea of having a temple; we are still in a state of shock as to why our application was denied,” Bobby Patel wrote in a letter to the Norwalk city clerk on behalf of the congregation.

“We are well funded; we want to highly upgrade the main building and the dilapidated lot that has been sitting empty for several years,” Patel continued. “We are willing to do anything it takes to move forward with this project.

“If there is anything in the application that is to your dislike, we ask that you bring [it] to our attention and we can modify the plans but please don’t deny us the privilege of having a wholesome space for our children to learn the spiritual teachings of our religion.”

A representative with the city clerk’s office said the City Council upheld the Planning Commission’s decision Tuesday on an unanimous 4–0 vote.

New law expands refund options for consumers

NORWALK – Assembly Bill 1428, authored by Majority Leader Ian Calderon (D-Whittier) which requires any business that offers a refund to a customer via a prepaid debit card to offer the customer with at least one other method of receiving the refund other than a prepaid debit card, was signed into law last week by Governor Newsom.

“AB 1428 will give consumers the choice, allowing them to decide what type of refund meets their needs,” stated Calderon.

“While there may be some instances where refund via prepaid debit card is preferable – likely for the unbanked consumer – by and large, given the usage restrictions, maintenance fees, and expiration dates, these payment instruments are not favorable to the consumer.”

Unlike gift cards, prepaid debit cards may have an expiration date. Additionally, prepaid debit cards may charge a monthly maintenance or service fee. Some transactions may not be permitted, often involving purchases at gas pumps or stipulations that the card only

be used at restaurants if the card has enough funds to cover the entirety of the bill and a hold for an anticipated 20% gratuity. These restrictions can often make the card difficult to fully utilize. That difficulty of use, coupled with the monthly maintenance fees and expiration date, inhibit the ability of the customer to fully acquire the refund they were due at the onset.

At the federal level, the Credit CARD Act of 2009 provides general consumer protections for not only credit cards, but for various types of gift certificates, store gift cards, and prepaid cards. The law defines “general-use prepaid card” as “a card or other payment code or device issued by any person that is redeemable at multiple, unaffiliated merchants or service providers, or automated teller machines” and “honored upon presentation, by merchants for goods or services, or at automated teller machines.”

However, certain types of general-use prepaid cards may be excluded from the Credit CARD Act’s regulations, including



Ian Calderon

general-use prepaid cards “not marketed to the general public.”

AB 1428 will require any business (excluding retail establishments and restaurants) that offers a refund to a customer via a prepaid debit card to offer the customer a choice among the following refund formats:

A refund back to the original form of payment.

A refund via a check.

A refund via a prepaid debit card.

Norwalk restaurant grades

DK’s
12549 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/1/19
Grade: **A**

Ana’s Bionicos
10977 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/1/19
Grade: **A**

Wingstop
11739 Rosecrans Ave
Date Inspected: 8/1/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Y Mariscos Mi Pueblo
12001 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/1/19
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box
11353 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/1/19
Grade: **A**

Northgate (Deli)
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Inspected: 7/31/19
Grade: **A**

Northgate (Meat)
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/31/19
Grade: **A**

L & L Hawiian Barbeque
12431 S Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/31/19
Grade: **A**

BMW Cafe
10856 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/31/19
Grade: **A**

Douglas Drive In
11939 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/30/19
Grade: **A**

El Taco Rico
12017 E. Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/30/19
Grade: **A**

Golden Express
11770 E. Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/30/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Los Guerro
12115 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

Tropical Juices
11813 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/26/19
Grade: **A**

Tambuli Market
12537 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

Yogurtland
13933 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

Luisa & Son Bakery
12543 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

La Fresita
122 Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

Subway
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

California Sushi & Teriyaki
12531 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **A**

Senor Baja
11833 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/25/19
Grade: **B**

Golden Pho Restaurant
10925 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/24/19
Grade: **B**

Weekend at a Glance

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Sunday 83°



Rock en Espanol

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 6-11 pm

Five live bands playing Spanish rock and ska. Tijuana No is headlining. \$10 pre-sale, \$15 at the door.



Chalk Art Festival

Saturday- Cerritos Town Center (Edwards Stadium courtyard), 12-5 pm

Watch professional chalk artists create 2D and 3D pieces of art. Plus kids crafts, face painting, glitter tattos, live DJ, and more fun.



Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show

Sunday - Fairplex, 5 am to 2 pm

Over 2,400 vendor spaces plus thousands of pre-1985 classic cars. \$10 admission, kids 12 and under free.



Wet n Wild 5K

Saturday - La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, 7:30 am

A grassy, slightly hilly 5K run/walk that concludes with a lazy river finish. Be prepared to get wet. Register at runsignup.com. Also fun for spectators.



Backpack Giveaway

Saturday - Calvary Chapel Downey, 9 am

Bring your kids to receive free backpacks, just in time for the new school year.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

NORWALK DENIES TEMPLE’S APPLICATION TO OPEN ON FRONT STREET

CAITLIN STEBBINS: Everyone deserves to practice their religion peacefully and freely. On top of that they seemed to have gotten the necessary preparations in order, so I don’t think this should have been denied. Also that street has been dead for years and needs a breath of fresh air

CELEST CHAN: So they’ve purchased these building and are willing to do everything the city told them to do, yet they still get denied. #cityofNorwalk get it together! stop this BS & approve them



Reach us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/NorwalkPatriot)

NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Friday Flicks, 7 pm. Bring the entire family to the Civic Center lawn and kick off the weekend with a free outdoor film screening of “Small Foot.” Food trucks will be on-site. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30-11 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Front Street Car Show, 11 am to 4 pm. The 19th annual Historical Front Street Car Show featuring dozens of historical vehicles, lowriders, and vendors. Elk’s Lodge, 13418 Clarkdale Ave.

Orange County Guitar Orchestra Concert, 2 pm. Join us for an afternoon filled with the sounds of traditional classical guitars under the direction of David Grimes. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Summer Jamz, 4-8 pm. Norwalk families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of free live music and games. Groove to Latin and Top 40 tunes performed by The Band Fresh, and bring a picnic basket or purchase food from local vendors. Gerdes Park, 14700 Gridley Rd.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Classic Book Club, 6:30 -7:30 pm. A 1961 science fiction novel by American author Robert A. Heinlein that tells the story of a human who comes to earth as an adult after being born on Mars and raised by Martians. For ages 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30-11 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Smart Gardening Workshop, 10 am. Learn the basics of backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, grass-cycling, and edible gardening. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Neighborhood Block Party, 12-2 pm. Meet with Public Safety and Sheriffs Personnel and obtain important resource information and learn how to partner on efforts to create stronger, safer neighborhoods. All attendees will receive a free barbeque lunch with games available for children. New River Park, 13500 Halcourt Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Fairy Lights Jar, 4-5 pm. Bring the starry magic of the nighttime sky, inside your bedroom. We will dcorate jars to create portable glow-in-the-dark fun. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Boards, Brushes and Beverages, 7 pm. Crafty fun for adults 21 and over. \$25 per person fee includes all materials, instruction, appetizers and soft drinks. Guests may bring alternative beverages from home. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

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while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Lit Wits Book Club: Mary Coin, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss the novel, Mary Coin by Marisa Silver. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Suncatcher, 4-5 pm. Join us for this fun program where we will make a dazzling ornament using glass pebbles and glue. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. Sign up at the customer service desk. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Origami Lotus Flower Notebook, 2-3 pm. Join us as we create decorative mini-notebooks for notations, photos and more. For adults 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 E. Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Harbor Groove Band, 9 pm. Ring in September and the start of fall with live cumbia, Latin and R&B by the Harbor Groove Band. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Tea Time with OISS, 11 am. Practice your English speaking skills over tea with Cerritos College’s Office of International Student Services and hear from Cerritos College librarian Paula Pereira and her story as an ESL student. Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Rain Barrel Distribution, 9-11 am. Learn about rainwater harvesting, water conservation tips, and benefits of a rain barrel. At the end of workshop, participants will have an opportunity to purchase rain barrels for \$20 each. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Quartermania Fundraiser, 12-4 pm. Bring your quarters for bidding or purchase quarters from the vendors. Plus, enjoy shopping and lunch. \$10 admission. Norwalk Masonic Center, 12345 Rosecrans Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Opening Reception: Southern Geometries, 5-9 pm. Opening reception for “Southern Geometries: Contemporary Non-Objective Art and the Latin American Diaspora” featuring artwork by Eduardo Aispuro, Marsia Alexander-Clarke, Linda Arreola, Leonardo Bravo, Romina Del Castillo, Mariangeles Soto-Diaz and Sandra Vista. Cerritos

College Art Gallery, 11111 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Fall Fiesta, 5-10 pm. A three-day carnival (Sept. 27-30) with carnival games, rides, live music, food, and more. St. John of God Church, 13819 Pioneer Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Women’s Personal Safety Workshop, 2-3:30 pm. In this 90-minute workshop, receive a basic introduction to hand-to-hand defenses and non-lethal weapons. If you’ve always wanted to take self-defense, this basic workshop is a good place to start. Out of Harm’s Way, 12521 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Celebrity Waiter & Dance, 6 pm. Get waited on by local celebrities at this annual dance fundraiser in support of CAPC, which works on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111

Sycamore Dr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Harbor Groove Band, 9 pm. Dance to live music by the Harbor Groove Band, playing a diverse playlist of 70s, 80s, and 90s music, plus Latin and R&B. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. An all-ages concert with music from The Radiacs (UK), The Quaranteds, The Peabrians, Radarmen, Lost Boys and Salems Ghosts. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. Live music by The Grim, Peabrians, and The Dead Ricardos. \$14 pre-sale, \$18 at the door. All ages show. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

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

‘Idol’ winner Ruben Studdard performing in Cerritos

CERRITOS – During his “American Idol” run, Ruben Studdard was hailed as “the next Luther Vandross.” See the Grammy nominee pay tribute to Vandross with the late legend’s timeless hits, including “Always and Forever” and “Here and Now” at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.

Dubbed “The Velvet Teddy Bear” by Billboard, Studdard celebrates the legacy and achievements of the eight-time Grammy-winning R&B guru in “Ruben Sings Luther.”

Studdard fills the evening

with Vandross’ timeless romantic ballads such as “Never Too Much,” “A House Is Not a Home,” “Power of Love,” and “Stop to Love.” Variety magazine noted Studdard appropriated much of the late tenor’s nuances with “a smooth, deep burr without any real somersaults.”

Studdard became a household name after claiming the title of “American Idol” in 2003. In 2004, he was honored with the NAACP’s Image Award for Best New Artist and nominated for the American Music Award for Favorite Male Soul/R&B Artist.

Studdard’s first album, “Soulful,” earned him a Grammy nod for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance for his rendition of Vandross’ single “Superstar.” Studdard’s 2004 sophomore album, “I Need an Angel,” was selected the No. 1 Gospel Album of the Year by Billboard.

His latest album, the romance-themed “Unconditional Love,” features collaborations with Stevie Wonder, Eric Benet, and Lalah Hathaway.

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



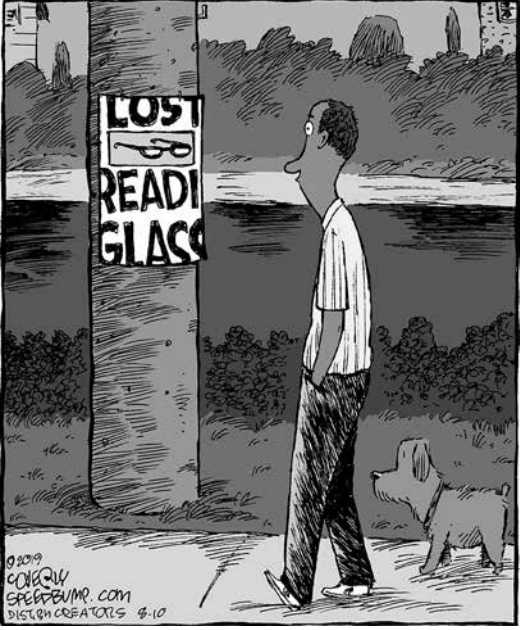
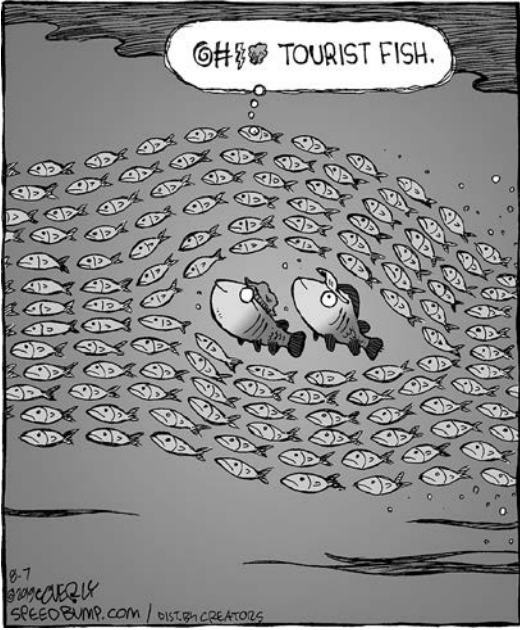
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On This Day...

August 9, 1790: The Columbia returned to Boston Harbor after a three-year voyage. It was the first ship to carry the American flag around the world.

1945: The U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki. The bombing came three days after the bombing of Hiroshima. About 74,000 people were killed. Japan surrendered August 14.

1974: U.S. President Richard Nixon formally resigned. Gerald R. Ford took his place, and became the 38th president of the U.S.

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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
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

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

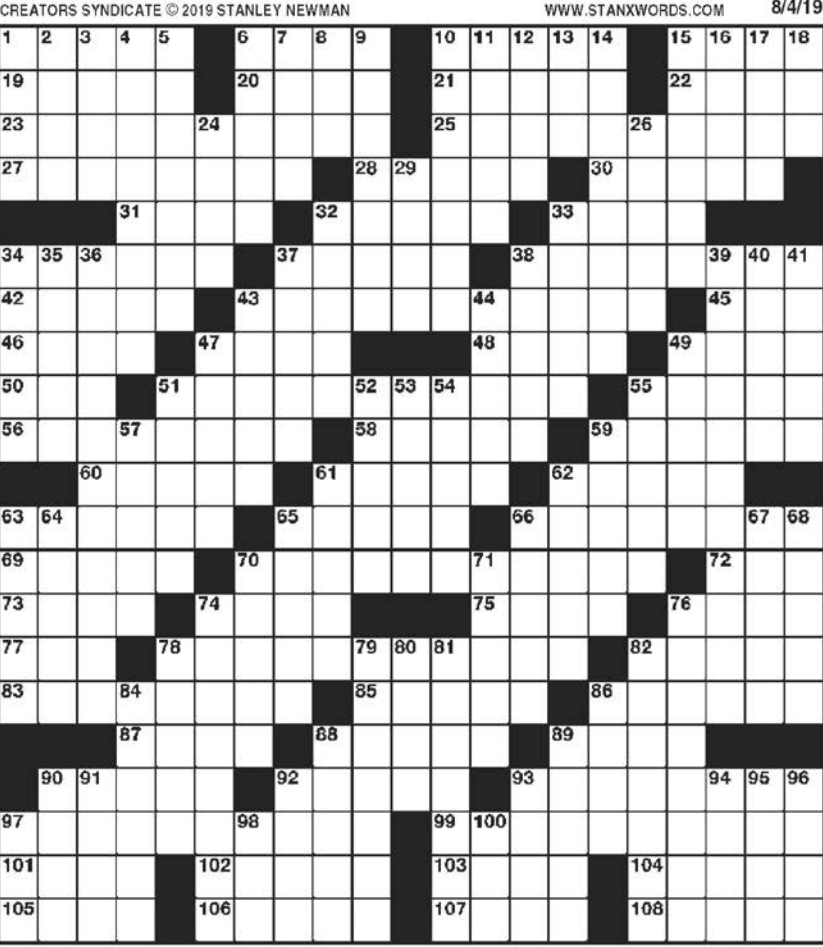
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LEGALS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019200502
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LUCKYLAND COMPANY, 12527 ALONDRA BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMUEL CHAI, 10939 ROBERTA STREET, CERRITOS 90703 (2) LONKY CHAI, 15322 LOFTHILL DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638
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: 05/2014
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/SAMUEL CHAI, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019
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 2019196552
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ANGEL COLE (2) NICOLE GENTRY, 17330 BARNHILL AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY, 13337 SOUTH ST #355, CERRITOS CA 90703**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201803310379
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KIM-Z ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, 17330 BARNHILL AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2019
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/KIM-Z ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, MEMBER, WILBERT L KIMSEY II
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 17, 2019
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).

The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019200480
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MOON PACIFIC NURSERY, 13749 SAYRE ST, SYLMAR CA 91342, LA COUNTY, 15116 GERMAIN ST, MISSION HILLS CA 91355**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN MOSQUEDA, 15116 GERMAIN ST, MISSION HILLS CA 91345 (2) MARIA A GONZALEZ DE MOSQUEDA, 14801 CHATSWORTH DR, MISSION HILLS CA 91345
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/MARIA A GONZALEZ DE MOSQUEDA, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019207132
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **URBAN KITTY, 12109 164TH STREET, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OLGA GODOY, 12109 164TH STREET, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) THERON CHARLES WELLS, 12109 164TH STREET, NORWALK CA 90650
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: 07/2019
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/OLGA GODOY, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 29, 2019
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).

The Norwalk Patriot
8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19, 8/30/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019193760
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WEALTH AND SAVINGS, 17105 GARD AVE., ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARQUES JORDAN, 17105 GARD AVE., ARTESIA CA 90701
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/MARQUES JORDAN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019200236
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DI ORO SHINE SOLUTIONS, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY UNIT # 129, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS ERICK AGUIRRE, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY UNIT # 129, 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: 07/2019
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/CARLOS ERICK AGUIRRE, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019
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).

The Norwalk Patriot
8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19, 8/30/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019203100
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GLOVALINK XPRESS, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE# 289, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS LARA SALAS, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE# 289, 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: 07/2019
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/JESUS LARA SALAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 24, 2019
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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8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019175249
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CREAMISTRY CERRITOS, 11442 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IKN LLC, 27939 PONTEVEDRA DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES CA 90275
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2019
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/IKN LLC, PRESIDENT, KENNETH PAK
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 21, 2019
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).

The Norwalk Patriot
7/19/19, 7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019191705
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MAROBBA, 18333 DELOISE AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 4374, CERRITOS CA 90703**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA LINA PEDREGON, 18333 DELOISE AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/MARIA LINA PEDREGON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 29, 2019
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 to 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).

The Norwalk Patriot
8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019199934
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SOUTH BAY BOOKKEEPING SERVICES, 1859 W 152ND ST, GARDENA CA 90249, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOLENE LOGOLUSO, 1859 W 152ND ST, GARDENA CA 90249
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: 07/2019
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/JOLENE LOGOLUSO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019190671
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **KAILLEE NAIL SPA & BEAUTY SALON, 15933 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) POV NOU, 14809 WHEATSTONE 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: 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/POV NOU, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 10, 2019
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).

The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019185684
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **HAKMA NATURALS, 12802 DUNTON DR, WHITTIER CA 90602-3413, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ, 12802 DUNTON DRIVE, 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 knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 3, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019210036
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SHARP ON, 748 E. FRANCISQUITO AVE., WEST COVINA CA 91790, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE TORRES, 748 FRANCISQUITO AVE, WEST COVINA CA 91790
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/JOSE TORRES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 1, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19, 8/30/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019199921
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PACIFIC MARKETING SERVICES, 23111 BERENDO AVE, TORRANCE CA 90502, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GABRIELLA LOGOLUSO, 23111 BERENDO AVE, TORRANCE CA 90502
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/GABRIELLA LOGOLUSO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019
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The Norwalk Patriot
7/26/19, 8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019208509
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GM TIRES, 14237 DILLERDALE ST., LA PUENTE CA 91746, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EVA HORTENCIA MORALES, 14237 DILLERDALE ST, LA PUENTE CA 91746
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: 06/2006
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/EVA HORTENCIA MORALES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 30, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
8/2/19, 8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019194824
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ANGELA ALCERRO TUTORING AND CREATIVE, 9869 KARMONT AVENUE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELA CECILIA ALCERRO, 9869 KARMONT AVENUE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
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 fin not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ANGELA CECILIA ALCERRO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 16, 2019
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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The Norwalk Patriot
8/9/19, 8/16/19, 8/23/19, 8/30/19

GOVERNMENT
CITY OF NORWALK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE
SOUTH END OF THE 11000 BLOCK OF EXCELSIOR DRIVE, BETWEEN STUDEBAKER ROAD AND ELMCROFT AVENUE

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider petitions filed with the City of Norwalk Department of Public Safety designating the south side of 11000 block of Excelsior Drive, between Studebaker Road and Elmcroft Avenue, as preferential parking by residents currently residing in the area.
Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@norwalkca.gov.
More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Miguel Lucero at (562) 929-5764 or by email to mlucero@norwalkca.gov.
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 9th day of August 2019.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot
8/9/19

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Summer is upon us, and it has been sunny and hot. Despite my own fair complexion, I love Southern California and I love the outdoors. We all need to protect ourselves from the sun’s harmful rays. For those of us who, as I do, insist on spending time outside, one of the key options for avoiding sun damage is the liberal and frequent use of sunscreen. There is new information regarding its safety and use.

I am often asked what the best exercise is. The answer is, of course, that the best exercise is the one that we are willing to do. The same is true for sunscreen! While sunscreens are not all equal, the best one is the one that we will use generously and correctly. However, there are significant differences between them.



What is a broad-spectrum sunscreen? We need protection against two types of ultraviolet light, UVA and UVB, and a broad-spectrum sunscreen protects us from both. UVA rays prematurely age the skin, causing wrinkling and age spots. UVB rays burn the skin. Too much exposure to either type of light can cause skin cancer.

What is SPF, and how much do we need? SPF stands for sun protection factor, and is a measure of how well the sunscreen protects against UVB rays (UVA protection is not rated). Manufacturers

calculate SPF based on how long it takes to burn skin treated with the sunscreen as compared to without. The recommendation is to use one with an SPF of at least 30. Once the SPF exceeds 50, there is only a small increase in UV protection. Regardless of the number, sunscreen lasts the same amount of time on the skin.

Keep in mind that even when applied well, sunscreen will wash off during swimming or sweating, and leave us unprotected. Sunscreen must be water resistant if we plan to be in the water. “Water resistant” means that the SPF is maintained for up to 40 minutes in water. If it states “**very** water resistant,” then the SPF will be maintained for up to 80 minutes in water.

How do the ingredients of sunscreens vary? Sunscreens contain filters that reflect or absorb UV rays. The two main types of filters are organic and inorganic. **Organic** filters absorb UV radiation and convert it to a small amount of heat, and include cinnamates, salicylates and benzophenones. **Inorganic** filters reflect and scatter UV radiation, and include titanium dioxide and zinc oxide.

The most recent FDA guidelines now generally recognize sunscreens as safe and effective (GRASE) that use two **inorganic** sun-blocking ingredients: titanium dioxide and zinc oxide. However, chemicals in some sunscreens with **organic** filters are absorbed into the body at levels high enough to raise concerns about potentially toxic effects. Bloodstream levels of oxybenzone, avobenzone, octocrylene and ecamsule increased dramatically for four days after use. At this time, the FDA recommends that we avoid sunscreen with oxybenzone.

Sunscreens come in different styles. Creams tend to be best for dry skin, while lotions are often thinner and less greasy, and preferred on larger areas. Gels work well in hairy places, like the scalp or chest. Sticks are useful when applying around the eyes. Sprays may

- be easier to apply on children, but never spray near the face.
- Consider these suggestions:
- Whenever possible, the first line of defense is to avoid sun exposure. Consider staying out of the sun at peak hours; typically between 10 am and 4 pm. Water, snow, and concrete reflect light and increase the risk of sunburn. Wear protective clothing, including pants, shirts with long sleeves, sunglasses, and hat.
 - Use sunscreen on all exposed skin surfaces, including scalp, feet, and lips.
 - UV rays pass through clouds, so use sunscreen even when it is cloudy.
 - Apply generous amounts of sunscreen to dry skin, 15 minutes before exposure.
 - Reapply sunscreen every two hours.
 - Keep an eye on the expiration date.
 - Children under the age of six months should not use sunscreen. Keep them out of the sun.

Regardless of issues surrounding the safety of a sunscreen’s particular ingredients, the evidence for using it – vs. NOT using it – is overwhelmingly positive. The benefits of avoiding sun damage significantly outweigh any possible risks. I urge you to use sunscreen generously, and often!

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Demographic Change: In the 90s, Downey grappled with racial tensions

Part V of VII

By Aron Ramirez Contributor

Life for the first middle-class Mexican Americans in Downey was shaped by their place as the demographic minority. To avoid race-based tensions, they took to an assimilated civic identity that emphasized “Americanness” in public.

The previous two installments in this series have shown just how middle-class Mexican Americans did so: first through “Americanness” in business, language, and politics; then by metropolitan Mexicanness in private and public spaces. The assimilated civic identity had, in times of stable demographics, sufficed to prevent race-based tensions. But the rapidity of demographic change that started in 1988 disrupted this equilibrium.

In this week’s installment, I will narrate some of the more uncomfortable episodes in this series. Before I do so, I wish to reiterate the utility of thinking through and talking about difficult periods in history. I discuss these events to recognize their existence, not to place blame on any one group. To be silent about these events may be easier, but silence is a form of historical amnesia. Furthermore, talking about racial tensions in the early 1990s enables us to fully appreciate the community-building made by the end of the millennium.

These episodes were neither anomalous nor unique to Downey. Rather, this period of tension in the early 1990s fits

into a broader context of racial unease in the United States, punctuated by two sensational Los Angeles trials.

In 1991, two California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers tried to pull Rodney King over for reckless driving. Fearing a violation of his parole, King attempted to evade CHP. He was eventually stopped by several Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers, who then brutalized him during his arrest. Footage captured by a passerby captivated newscast audiences, and when a trial jury acquitted the four officers, rioters took to the streets.

Three years later, the “Trial of the Century” again brought race to the forefront of Angeleno consciousness when lawyers for O.J. Simpson argued that the LAPD framed Simpson, a black man, for murder. The televised trial became a popular spectacle, and Simpson’s legal team argued in front of the American public that the same man who said “I’m not Black, I’m O.J.” was discriminated against because of his skin color. It was from this milieu that the corresponding episodes in Downey grew out of.

Ironically, this story begins with a newspaper series on Latinos/as/xs in Downey not unlike my own. In 1985, the Southeast News, by then the remaining local newspaper, ceased production due to a lack of funds. For nearly a decade, Downey residents could only access local news through a subsection of the Los Angeles Times.

However, in 1993, a newspaper printing group started the Downey Eagle to resume local

coverage. The Eagle’s first editor, John Adams, boldly introduced a column on Mexican Americans in the first issue of the nascent paper. Adams’s coverage was neutral and even supportive of the Mexican Americans, calling them “a welcomed addition” who would “benefit or at least maintain the city.”

In many ways, Adams’s commentary merely continued the white residents’ tolerance of Mexican Americans who matched their civic practices. In others, though, the column was newly progressive. Articles like “Some [economic] gains, and more on the way,” “Latino Growth: Downey a city facing changes,” and “Number of elected Latinos increase in US, Downey,” presented Mexican Americans as social equals to their white counterparts. Adams stressed that “Downey is a middle-class community...and most of the people who come here are business people who can afford to live here.” Adams noted the similar interests, such as that “Latinos move to Downey because of the good schools, safe streets, and superior law enforcement—the same reason most Anglos reside here.” The city had its own newspaper for the first time in a decade—albeit one where the editor highlighted a source of unease for the white community.

But the 1990s were different times than the 1980s. For one, racial tension permeated throughout metropolitan Los Angeles, as I mentioned above. The white community was equally uneasy for another reason. After the 1988 latent white flight, the remaining whites were generally poorer than their middle-class co-ethnics who left. In 1990, whites in Downey earned less than whites throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties by \$2,200 and \$3,500, respectively; by 2000, the gap widened to \$9,000 compared to whites in both counties.

While some whites sold their homes and left, working-class whites stayed in Downey by necessity. Some white residents felt left behind in their communities—not as demographic holdouts, but rather as forgotten remnants of an earlier time in Downey. They were especially perceptive of demographic change and felt trapped. So they turned to the newspapers to voice their concern for the community.

Adams’s series drew criticism from both Mexican American and Anglo residents. One Mexican American woman, for example, expressed distaste for being labeled Latina, preferring instead to be referred to as American. Specifically, “she said she was not thought of as a Latina by the Anglo community, and didn’t want to be.” The woman, who chose to remain anonymous, called the column useless and feared that it would divide the community in two camps based on white or Mexican heritage.

In the same article, she referred to other Latinos/as/xs by the derogatory term “beaners.” Her contempt for the series stemmed from a primacy



of the civic—and not ethnic—identity. In being a new steward of the community, she chose to associate herself with terms that suggested her similarities to white neighbors—and avoid the stereotypes associated with “Mexican” neighbors.

Some white residents, though, made those exact associations and overestimated the differences between themselves and the middle-class Mexican Americans. Some especially prolific writers took to the op-eds to voice their displeasure with the series (and demographic change in general). Kay Williams was one such writer.

Williams was a retiree who lived in Downey since before its incorporation. By the time Williams began writing in 1994, whites had fallen under fifty percent of the city’s population for the first time in its history. Williams’s first op-ed spewed racial invective and called attention to the un-assimilability of Mexican Americans. Williams associated Mexican Americans—regardless of economic background—with gangs, graffiti, lower school standards, and an imperiled quality of life. Williams maintained that there was no hope for cultural reconciliation or assimilation by the Mexican Americans as “[w]e Anglos are raised, and live by certain standards of life, and certain values of life—and the Latinos do not, and thus the difference, and the conflict!”

Williams’s first op-ed then argued for residential self-segregation, mused if the local shopping mall was a part of Mexico, and pondered a ban on the Spanish language. Just as “lions live with lions, tigers with tigers, birds with birds, elephants with elephants. Shouldn’t Anglos at least have the option to live with other Anglos if they wish?”

The op-ed flattened and caricatured Mexican Americans, mostly by ignoring class background, differing levels of social capital, generations removed from immigration, and other factors that informed Mexican Americans self-

identities. To Williams, a Mexican American could not and did not want to assimilate to American culture. This was the exact racial stereotype that the assimilationist middle-class Mexican Americans challenged in earlier years by cultivating their civic identity.

Williams held extreme views, but others agreed with the basic premises of the argument. Many whites exaggerated the un-assimilability of Mexican Americans, especially with references to publicly spoken Spanish. One writer opined: “I just want to say ‘kudos’ to Kay Williams’ letter to the editor of last week. She [sic] spoke out and said what a majority of Americans feel.”

Another resident moderated Williams’s claims, but agreed with the dangers that a Mexican American community could pose to property values. She gave the example of Huntington Park, which underwent white flight soon after the Watts Riots. This writer reasoned that “Huntington Park was once the white upper middle-class community...and we all know what happened there when Latinos moved in. Many people now residing in Downey fled that city and remember what took place. Do you blame them for being concerned?”

Williams’s supporters fed into stereotypes of Mexican American neighbors, despite the civic identity middle-class Mexican Americans portrayed. Whereas similarities in civic profiles created community cohesion in the 1980s, white residents in the early 1990s perceived fundamental differences between themselves and their new neighbors. Few were as extreme as Williams, but many believed in the differences.

A handful of white residents moderated the anti-Mexican rhetoric. Peter Lago wrote to the Eagle to suggest the similarities between the middle-class whites and Mexican Americans in economic makeup, home-owning practices, and especially Judeo-Christian ethics. Lago’s Christian ethos emphasized that if members of the white

community professed themselves to be Children of God, they would be remiss to “espouse the philosophy of bigots” and not “reconcile their actions and thoughts with the tenets of Christianity or Judaism or any other good-faith religion purporting to follow a good and righteous God.”

Lago also criticized the proponents of white flight, questioning how anyone could claim to love their community but promptly abandon it. In a sense, Lago more closely resembled the middle-class white community who lived in Downey before demographic change where, so long as their neighbors resembled them as members of the civic community, ethnic differences were marginal concerns. Through all the responses to Adams’s editorial, white voices like Lago were few and far between.

Some Latino/a/x residents responded to Williams with equal vitriol. One Cuban American wrote to second Williams’s distaste for bilingual education, but then wrote that Williams was misguided in blaming Latinos/as/xs for a “societal degradation of values.” A Mexican American woman went further and reciprocated Williams’s race-based vitriol by claiming that “I have seen many white trash in my 23 years in this country... People like Kay Williams are a disgrace to this community. Ms. [sic] Williams, if you are so unhappy in Downey, move to Iowa, I’ll be happy to buy you a one-way ticket out of here!” Comments like these, whether in print or in person, suggested that the race-based divisions of Los Angeles existed in Downey at the time of demographic change.

Tension especially thrived in the high schools, where students self-segregated their social circles by ethnicity. Agitated students ignited a race riot at Downey High School in June 1993 when an unidentified student threw a banana peel at a group of Black students and yelled a racial epithet. Black and white students hurled food

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In the 90’s, racial divides plagued Los Angeles and Downey

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at each other before the melee turned violent. Downey High administrators called in the Downey Police, who dispatched officers to quell the fracas. Upon seeing the first Downey Police officers, some students began to throw food and soda cans at the officers and their patrol cars. By the end of the day, one student was arrested and eight others were suspended.

In the classroom, one teacher, Dolores Neria, witnessed several instances of offhand racist remarks by white students. Once, while supervising the in-class suspension students, Neria noticed a white student reading Adolf Hitler’s Mein Kampf. She asked if he was reading the book for a European history class, to which the student responded that the book was his “Bible.” She asked him to explain what

he meant, but he became irritated and responded, “you know, you’re trying to talk to me here, and all I think you’re good for is picking strawberries,” despite her being of Spanish, not Mexican, ancestry (as the stereotype goes).

Another teacher, Bernie Glasser, recalled multiple students who ascribed to white supremacy. Glasser, who coached the junior varsity baseball team, noticed that the white students in a 1990s team picture aligned their bats to resemble a “W,” one symbol of the White Power movement. Another student showed Glasser, who is Jewish, a picture of himself as a young child dressed in the robe and hood of the Ku Klux Klan, which his parents were members of.

In 1994, two white males at Downey High claimed to

belong to the Klan and planned to bring guns to campus and kill the Mexican American and Black students. Investigators found “White Power” slogans written throughout their textbooks. These and other racial divisions rocked the city in the early 1990s. Whereas previous residents emphasized class interests and similarities, contemporary conditions in metropolitan Los Angeles pushed questions of race to the forefront of public consciousness.

Community groups realized that peace lay in commonalities, not differences. A group of residents formed the Advocated for Multicultural Harmony (AMCH) in 1993 to promote pan-ethnic solidarity through civic interests. Most similarities emphasized home-owning practices and membership in the American home-owning middle

class.

AMCH began with an open meeting in August 1994 and invited residents to write down their concerns about the community and offer solutions. The two most common obstacles that residents identified were prejudice and stereotypes. But the experiment also revealed overwhelming commonalities: both whites and Mexican Americans prioritized issues like cleanliness, property values, discipline, respect for the elders, education, and neighborliness, to name a few. Essentially, AMCH invited all groups to articulate their class interests, prioritized in the name of civic community-building. AMCH sponsored programming to unite residents of different ethnic backgrounds and promote these shared values. Cleanups, house paintings, and other activities hosted by AMCH began to

re-emphasize collective civic interests.

While Kay Williams called for whites to leave (and others countered with “go back to Iowa”), AMCH advocated for class-based multiculturalism in Downey. To that end, AMCH also promoted the stories of Mexican Americans who shared the same civic identity as white residents. AMCH profiled Connie Sziebl, a local politician who was born in Mexico, grew up in Downey, and worked for Republican Congressman Steve Horn. Sziebl spoke English, promoted assimilation, and spoke of civic interests. Her work for Horn, beloved by the white and Latino/a/x communities alike, also endeared her to Downey residents.

The central message of AMCH was that homeownership bridged ethnic differences between middle-class whites

and Mexican Americans in Downey, and worked to bridge the perceived cultural gap between the two groups during the early years of the 1990s. AMCH sought to unite the community by promoting a civic identity based on safe streets, strong public schools, and high property values.

These became the pillars of the civic identity espoused by incoming middle-class Mexican Americans to protect their quality of life. Demographic change coincided with novel challenges throughout the 1990s, and the civic identity offered solutions. Race-based tension was one problem; fluctuating property values were another. How Mexican Americans responded to that will be the subject of my next installment.

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State mandating disclosure of toxic water

Water systems will now have to notify consumers of any chemicals present in their water supply.

BELL GARDENS — Legislation that will require public water systems to notify consumers of the presence of toxic fluorinated chemical compounds was signed last week by Governor Gavin Newsom.

The bill, AB 756, introduced by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens), would require all public water systems to monitor the class of per and polyfluoroakyl substance (PFAS) chemicals and subsequently inform the public of results.

“This is another step towards environmental justice in

communities like mine that have been treated as wastelands,” said Garcia. “California now leads the nation by requiring reporting to consumers of these ‘forever chemicals’ in our public water systems. I’m very happy that the Governor see’s communities like mine and is joining my effort to empower them with regulation and information so they can make informed health decisions.”

PFAS chemicals are good at repelling oil and water. That makes them useful in a lot of products including non-stick cookware, fast food wrappers, pizza boxes, water-repellent fabrics and fire-fighting foam. Manufacturers have agreed to stop using two forms of PFAS in the U.S. These chemicals are known as ‘forever chemicals’ because they are resistant to breaking down naturally in the environment.

“Given California’s abundance of industrial production, particularly in my district of South East Los Angeles, it’s past time we’re monitoring these substances in our water supplies,” added Garcia. “We’re being poisoned at the tap. The little, outdated data we do have is alarming. But we know it’s only the tip of the iceberg and that’s frightening.”

California has the most known detections of toxic PFAS chemicals in drinking water sources at 455 and it’s expected more will be found through this legislation. California is far behind other states, such as New York, Vermont, Minnesota, and New Jersey in investigating water contamination.

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Life in Lynwood

Shared Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

Ray and I were separated. The boys, Steve and Mark, and I, were living with Mom and Dad in La Mirada. I was driving from there to Firestone Tire & Rubber Company in South Gate. The commute became a bit much, so I began looking for a place for us that would be closer to my job. I found a cute one-bedroom upstairs apartment in Lynwood which was just a few miles from work.

The next problem I had was finding a sitter for Steve and Mark. As luck would have it, Mrs. Kozick was just down the street from our apartment and that seemed like an ideal

situation. She was very strict and stern, but I sensed that the boys would be well-fed and safe in her care. Mark was 2 years old and Steve was nearly 7.

Things went very well for quite a while, until one day when I picked them up after work and Steve told me that Mrs. Kozick (he called her "The Sarge") had spanked Mark. When I questioned her about it, she told me that Mark had messed his pants. I wasn't pleased with that and knew I had to find another sitter. Meantime, I called Mom and told her what had happened. I'll never forget her saying, "I'd like to wring the Sarge's neck." That was so unlike Mom, but hey, "The Sarge" was messing with her grandson!

Not long after that, the woman who lived in the house in front of us said she would watch the boys. She had a son between

the ages of Steve and Mark. Again, this was a convenient situation for me. She was a very kind, caring and responsible lady and I was fortunate to have her watching my boys.

One day while they were out and about in the car and Mark was in the back seat, Mrs. Storm had to make a quick stop and Mark fell forward, hitting his mouth on the metal floor divider. I was called and left work; he was in the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital, and they needed my signature before they could proceed with the needed minor plastic surgery (it wasn't minor to me, it was major).

Of course, I raced to get there, and found that his upper lip had been completely split open from beneath his little nose. To this day, he has a bump under his top lip and a fine line or scar that spans from the top of his lip to the corner of the right side of his mouth.

It was a heart breaker to see my little guy in pain and having stitches. I guess I was

just grateful that it wasn't worse (something mom always said in similar circumstances when it was one of her six).

Another incident while we lived there was that we frequented the neighborhood mom-and-pop store "Charlie's Market." There was a short cut to get there so we didn't have to take the busy boulevard. Mark was probably three or four years old by then. It was just a short distance, and it was very familiar to them and I knew they would be safe.

So, I sent them to buy milk or bread. (Nothing even close to that would be safe in today's society...what a shame). Anyway, I forget now what it was but Mark came home with something that hadn't been paid for. The three of us immediately returned and I paid for whatever it was that Mark had taken. I just knew it was important to have them with me when I explained the situation and paid Charlie.

Taking another jump back in

time, Mark had problems with his feet being pigeon toed. I'm guessing that was why I had him checked by the doctor. He ended up having to sleep with his feet in shoes that were attached to a brace that turned his feet outward.

I hated having to put him through that every night. I knew it was cumbersome and uncomfortable. There were times when he'd shake his little head "no-no" and whimper. And there were times when I would give in to him, but not too often, because I knew it was for his own good.

I had been told by the doctor that it was a common orthopedic

condition and that he would outgrow it as he developed better muscle control and coordination, but that the brace would help to speed up the correction. So, I did what I had to do, and the doctor was right. I'm thanking the Man upstairs again.

Ray and I reconciled: he had his real estate license; Tracy was born, and we began house hunting. The year was 1964, and we would soon be leaving our life in Lynwood.

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Shared Stories

Double the Fun

By Helen Hampton Contributor

Much of my pleasure in life over the last 45 years has come from my identical twin daughters, Joy and Jan.

They looked so much alike the day I brought them home from the hospital, I had to paint Jan's fingernail red to avoid mixing the two of them up. After all, I didn't want to make the mistake of feeding one once, while the other was left hungry.

Throughout their lives my twins looked so much alike that people have always had trouble telling them apart. This enabled them to play tricks on people.

Once when they were in second grade, they switched classes on April Fool's Day. Jan had to take a spelling test for Joy, and Joy was mad at Jan for missing a word that Joy knew how to spell.

Once when my twins were 14 years old, Joy did what so many other people had done to the twins all of their lives: she mixed the two of them up. But how is it possible that one twin could get

herself mixed up with the other twin? It happened like this:

One day I had taken my twins shopping at the May Company. On this day, as on every other day since their birth, they were dressed alike. They were adorable in beautiful long, white dresses and large floppy-brimmed hats.

I left the two of them to shop for clothes while I went to another part of the store. They somehow became separated and Joy wandered the store looking for Jan.

Finally, as Joy stepped off the escalator, she saw Jan out of the corner of her eye, in the distance off to the left. She waved as Jan waved back at her.

Relieved to have found her twin, Joy hurried over to where Jan was standing -- and found herself looking into a mirror between two racks of clothing.

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