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Grad ceremony goes virtual, drive-thru

■ Cerritos College graduates will have the option of participating in virtual or drive-thru commencement ceremonies.

NORWALK – Cerritos College will host both virtual and drive-thru commencement ceremonies for its graduating Class of 2021.

The virtual event will begin on Thursday, May 27, and the drive-thru ceremony “Carmencement” will be held on Friday, May 28.

Cerritos College is offering its first ever Carmencement, a RSVP-only, drive-thru recognition of graduates.

In one vehicle loaded with family, friends, and supporters, each grad will travel along a celebration route that leads to a ‘Blue Carpet Zone’ where graduates will be announced and receive their diploma cover.

An opportunity will be provided to exit vehicles for picture taking at the conclusion of the route.

The college will present 4,500 associate degrees and skills certificates to students who completed their course of study during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students will transition to some of the nation’s top colleges and universities, including UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, California State Universities Dominguez Hills, Northridge, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Fullerton, among others.

“With some improvement in public health status, we are thrilled to offer a variety of commencement activities in creative formats,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, president and superintendent.

“Our graduates persevered through some of the hardest times during the pandemic with the abrupt transition to online, employment losses, and many other obstacles. We want to make commencement as special as we can, and look forward to celebrating our students and their accomplishments, hard work, and significant milestone in their education.”

For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/commencement.

Library reopens Monday

NORWALK – Norwalk Library will reopen for in-person services this Monday, May 10, LA County officials announced.

The Norwalk main library is one of 30 county-operated libraries scheduled to reopen after the state entered the yellow tier of California’s reopening plan.

The Norwalk Library will reopen at 75% capacity, while also maintaining six feet of physical distancing for customers.

Library officials said they are also “working diligently to ensure safety protocols are met and appropriate preventative measures are in place.”

In total, LA County operates 85 public libraries. With Monday’s reopening, 60 will be open again for in-person visits.

The additional libraries that are scheduled to reopen are part of a phased reopening plan that prioritizes library openings based on geographic location, building availability, and the ability to accommodate physical distance guidelines and Public Health protocols.



Selena Hamilton, of Norwalk, performs at Walt Disney Concert Hall. (Photo courtesy The Music Center)

Norwalk teen dancer is finalist in arts competition

NORWALK – Norwalk teen Selena Hamilton has been named a finalist in The Music Center’s 33rd Annual Spotlight Program, a nationally acclaimed arts training and scholarship program for talented young people.

As a finalist, Hamilton has won a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Hamilton performed in the competition’s finale, which was filmed at Walt Disney Concert Hall. The event was hosted by John Groban and premieres May 22 on YouTube. It will also air on KCET and PBS SoCal this summer.

Hamilton, a high school junior, is home schooled and studies dance.

Earlier this year, the Music Center named 16 semifinalists in each of seven categories—acting, ballet, dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical instrumental and jazz instrumental. This year, nearly

1,500 teens representing more than 275 schools, 194 cities and 8 counties auditioned for the program.

All Spotlight applicants receive written feedback from distinguished panels of judges following each audition round to help students improve and gain knowledge in their particular performance discipline.

“Spotlight is completely free with no financial barriers to participate, which gives equal footing to kids looking to make their dreams come true, no matter their talent level,” said Jeri Gaile, director of The Music Center’s Spotlight program. “Each round in the audition process is a little different so the knowledge and connections each participant makes compound, especially as the semifinalists attend mastery classes. Spotlight is very much an exploration of artistic skills and the students’ capacity to grow as individuals. We absolutely love seeing them shine throughout the process and over the years that they participate.”

College firefighters dispatched to distribute vaccines

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College’s Fire Crew 77 has been deployed to Baltimore, Maryland to assist with COVID-19 vaccine distribution, providing aid to federal officials as they inoculate thousands of citizens against the virus.

Fire Crew 77 sent 15 members on the 14-day assignment, which could possibly turn into a 21-day assignment, after being called into action by the United States Forest Service (USFS). During their stay, they will provide logistical support – moving supplies, setting up and disassembling work and mobile vaccine sites and monitoring citizens during their 15-minute post-vaccine observation period.

“From the first day of the academy, fire service employees, including the members of Crew 77, are trained on how to deal with highly dynamic fire and life-threatening situations. This training translates well into dealing with all-risk situations, including a pandemic,” Rio Hondo College Fire Academy Director Andy Grzywa said.

Grzywa said most of the members being sent to Maryland are recent graduates of Wildland Academy 24, while others are seasoned members – having participated in last fire season and refresher training courses. He said all members of Fire Crew 77 were eager to assist with such an important task and hope that their efforts will further solidify their reputation as outstanding members of the USFS.

Members of Fire Crew 77 who have not already received their vaccines will have the opportunity to become vaccinated while on assignment.



Members of Rio Hondo College’s Fire Crew 77 pose with Baltimore County Fire Department members. (Courtesy Rio Hondo)

Public invited to give input on Norwalk’s housing plan

NORWALK – The City of Norwalk is currently working on a state-required update for the Housing Element of the city’s General Plan for the years 2021-2029.

To inform residents and have them provide input on this, a Housing Element Update Community Workshop will be taking place on Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting ID is 835-240-9280.

Since 1969, California has required that all local governments properly plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in their community through the California Housing Element law. This law requires that local governments update their Housing Element every eight years.

This housing requirement is part of every city’s General Plan, which serves as the “blueprint” for how the city will grow and develop.

There are seven elements included in the General Plan, which are the following: land use, transportation, conservation, noise, open space, safety, and housing.

Norwalk has been assigned 5,034 units of housing at a variety of

affordability levels under this new Housing Element cycle, but the city must demonstrate that it has the capacity for these units. This year, the update is required to be adopted by the City Council and submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for approval by fall 2021.

Norwalk residents have been requested to provide their input as the city seeks ways to accommodate this additional housing. The city has made efforts to increase public input. A recent public survey was conducted to provide residents an opportunity to guide future housing development within the city.

Residents can take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/t/NorwalkHousingElementSurvey

For more information or if you are interested in this process, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner at bchow@norwalkca.gov or 562-929-5744.

Weekend at a Glance

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ON THIS DAY MAY 7

1812: Robert Browning, the English poet and playwright whose dramatic monologues put him among the foremost Victorian poets, was born.

1833: Composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

1840: Composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in Votkinsk, Russia.

1915: A German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast, killing nearly 1,200 people.

1939: Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance, the Rome-Berlin Axis.

1945: Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the European conflict of World War II.

1976: The Honda Accord made its debut.

1977: Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby on his way to horse racing’s Triple Crown.

1984: A \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans.

1986: Canadian mountain climber Patrick Morrow became the first person to scale each of the seven summits, the highest mountains of each of the seven continents.

1992: A 203-year-old proposed constitutional amendment barring Congress from giving itself a midterm pay raise was ratified when Michigan became the 38th state to approve it.

1992: The Space Shuttle Endeavour launched on its first mission.

1994: Edvard Munch’s painting The Scream was recovered undamaged after being stolen from the National Gallery of Norway in February.



1998: Mercedes-Benz bought Chrysler for \$40 billion and formed DaimlerChrysler in the largest industrial merger in history.

2000: President Vladimir Putin took the oath of office in Russia’s first democratic transfer of power.

2020: Motown Records CEO Andre Harrell died at age 59.

Birthdays

Retired NFL quarterback **Alex Smith** (37), former Dodgers first baseman **James Loney** (37), wrestler **Kevin Owens** (37) and reggaeton singer **J Balvin** (36).

Whittier Union announces first phase of Measure AA upgrade projects

■ Campus renovations are underway across Whittier, thanks to a voter-approved bond measure.

WHITTIER - Whittier Union has announced the first phase of scheduled facilities upgrades and improvements from the \$183 million Measure AA bond, passed by voters last November, providing structural relief and security enhancement for each of the District's comprehensive high schools.

Roughly one-third of the bonds issued - \$50 million - has been earmarked for 16 projects designed to modernize schools and District structures, improve energy efficiency, and provide increased access to technology. The initial round of improvements and construction, which began in January, is slated to proceed through June 2025.

"The Measure AA Phase

1 projects cover many of the pressing infrastructure needs throughout the District, combined with facilities projects that look towards the future and transform the community," Whittier Union Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Kevin Jamero said. "Thank you to Whittier residents for supporting the District vision with the passage of Measure AA."

Among the highlights from the first phase of construction are two new state-of-the-art swimming pools slated for California and La Serna high schools and renovation of Whittier High's storied Vic Lopez auditorium.

The swimming pool projects will break ground in 2022, each with a two-year completion timeline. The renovation of Vic Lopez Auditorium will begin in September 2021, with an estimated completion date of October 2022.

At Santa Fe High School, the gym HVAC overhaul, which began

in January, will be completed by August.

Additionally, the Whittier Aquatic Center at Pioneer High School - which is under construction - features a state-of-the-art facility with an Olympic-sized pool, a practice pool, locker rooms and classrooms. The aquatic center, which is funded by Los Angeles County and not Measure AA, will open in fall 2022 and host Pioneer students for swimming competitions.

The remainder of Measure AA Phase 1 projects will address much-needed upgrades and improvements such as roof repairs, interior lighting, air conditioning, security fencing and science lab renovations across the District.

Sustainable synthetic turf will replace existing athletic field turf at Santa Fe, Whittier and La Serna high schools.

"The overwhelming support for Measure AA is a clear indication that Whittier Union has a mandate to make the necessary improvements to our schools and provide a nurturing and healthy academic environment for our children for years to come," Superintendent Martin J. Plourde said. "Whittier Union is thankful to our community for its continued support and dedication to our scholars and their success."

Below is a list of Whittier Union Measure AA Phase 1 projects, with estimated start and completion dates:

- Security fencing at Cal, Pioneer, La Serna, Whittier - Apr. 2021-Aug. 2021
- La Serna High structural overhang improvements - May 2021-Aug. 2021
- Districtwide roof repair - June 2021-June 2025
- Santa Fe High synthetic athletic field and upgrades - June 2021-May 2022
- Whittier High auditorium structural improvements - Sept. 2021-Oct. 2022
- Whittier High synthetic athletic field - Sept. 2021-Nov. 2021
- La Serna High synthetic athletic field - Dec. 2021-Feb. 2022

- Whittier High tennis courts/parking lot corrections - Jan. 2022-May 2022
- SEC science labs - Jan. 2022-Aug. 2022
- Pioneer High small gym HVAC - May 2022-July 2022
- La Serna High swimming pool - May 2022-May 2024
- Districtwide interior classroom lighting - June 2022-Sept. 2022
- Whittier High science labs - June 2022-May 2024
- Cal High swimming pool - Dec. 2022-Jan. 2025
- District performing arts theater - June 2023-June 2025

Cal High senior awarded \$40,000 scholarship

■ Bryant Mendez was one of just 40 students nationwide to receive the College Board Opportunity Scholarship.

WHITTIER - California High School senior Bryant Mendez Melchor is one step closer to fulfilling his dream of attending an elite university after receiving a \$40,000 College Board Opportunity Scholarship, awarded to just 25 students from across the country.

Mendez, a high-achieving scholar with a 4.55 GPA, will attend Stanford University and major in computer science. As a first-generation American, Mendez's determination to succeed is inspired by his family and a deep compassion for helping others.

"I feel gratified to receive this scholarship," Mendez said. "I have seen the sacrifices my parents

have made, allowing me to pursue my education and inspiring me to channel their work ethic to help others. It shows that their hard work has paid off."

Mendez is deeply invested in narrowing the digital divide. He feels that underrepresented communities are not receiving equitable access to technology and wants to use his computer science skills to connect people of color with the resources necessary to build successful lives.

This passion was fueled when Mendez attended Carnegie Mellon University's exclusive Summer Academy for Math and Science in the summer of 2019. Researching the field of computer science, Mendez found that technology companies funnel most of their resources to Western nations and invest very few dollars into developing countries.

"I like programming and computer science, but I realized that there is more that I can do," Mendez said. "Big Tech needs to do a better job of getting into remote areas with few technological resources, learn the culture and provide more equity in tech. The digital divide has motivated me to work towards a more level playing field for underrepresented people."

Mendez's commitment to his studies intensified after his father, who works as a landscaper, became ill in 2019. Working as his father's personal assistant, Mendez observed that in the high-income areas where his father's clients lived, people of color were mainly employed in low-paying service positions. This knowledge motivated Mendez to pursue a higher level of education.

"Working with my father brought us together in many ways," Mendez said. "We are taking similar paths. When he was 18, he immigrated to America to better provide for his family. Now I will travel a long distance to continue my education. I would like to have a family someday as well, and I want to provide for them just

like my parents did for my family."

One of Mendez's favorite memories of attending Cal High came as a freshman. When meeting his Spanish teacher, Mendez realized that they came from similar backgrounds, as first-generation Americans from low-income households. The inclusiveness Mendez sees in Cal High staff has been a strong motivator for academic success.

Mendez is a member of Cal High's Top 25, was named a Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) Scholar in 2020 and was also recognized as a QuestBridge College Prep Scholar.

He has missed the camaraderie of his classmates during distance learning. Although initially worried that school closures would disrupt the college application process, Mendez was accepted to numerous universities, including UC Berkeley, USC, Columbia, and Brown.

"Congratulations to Bryant for being named a College Board Scholar and getting accepted to Stanford. He is a campus leader



Bryant Mendez
(courtesy photo)

and role model, whose hard work and dedication to his studies is matched by his strong family values," Cal High Principal Bill Schloss said. "We wish Bryant the best of luck in his studies and can't wait to see what the future has in store for him."

Library will use grant for virtual nature series

NORWALK - LA County Library has received a \$20,000 grant from Edison International to develop a new virtual Nature Exploration series about the wonders of our natural world—from what we can discover in our own backyards, to what we can learn from scientists and environmental studies professionals.

With the summer months

approaching, LA County Library will launch its Nature Exploration Programs, a series of live virtual events on Webex, in May; they'll run throughout the summer.

From gardening basics to nature-related career paths, tweens and teens can stay connected to nature virtually with exploratory content offerings. Many programs feature partner presenters like the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

In addition to the virtual programs, later this summer the Library will be offering new nature exploration bags for checkout at five library locations—City Terrace, Compton, Quartz Hill, San Fernando, and South Whittier. Developed in partnership with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the bags include scientists' tools like a magnifying glass and specimen jars, and a field guide of tips and tricks to help you discover animals and plants wherever you are.

Bags will be able to be borrowed for three weeks, just like a book.

"Edison's grant gives young people a wonderful opportunity for urban adventuring—with both live virtual programs and nature exploration bags you can check out, just like a library book," said Andrea Carroll, executive director of the LA County Library Foundation. "Our hope is that our Nature Exploration series will ignite participants' curiosity."

For more information regarding registration for the exploration series visit LACountyLibrary.org/Nature-Exploration.

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Biden restored decency in our government

By Mona Charen

Among right-wingers, there has been some delight about polls showing that Joe Biden’s popularity at the 100-day mark is the lowest of any president since World War II. Oh, if you exclude Donald Trump. Undaunted by this detail, they note with satisfaction that Biden’s approval rating, according to multiple polls, is somewhere between 52 and 57%. At this point in his presidency, Trump’s approval was 40%.

Americans were far less partisan in the era of Eisenhower, Reagan, Bush and even Clinton than they are now. Large numbers of Democrats were willing to give high marks to Eisenhower when the economy was thriving, or to George H.W. Bush when we had just won a quick war, and a not insignificant number of Republicans approved of Clinton when we enjoyed balanced budgets and booming markets. But in recent years, negative partisanship has curdled our perceptions. One symptom of negative partisanship is the sharp decline in ticket-splitting. As the Cook Political Report’s Amy Walter noted:

“After the 1992 election, for example, there were 103 split-ticket House seats; 53 that voted for George HW Bush and a Democratic member of Congress, and 50 that voted for Bill Clinton and a Republican member of the House ... Post-2020, there are only 17, or just four percent of the House.”

Starting with the presidency of George W. Bush, the partisan divide in presidential approval ratings went through the roof. Some 80% of Republicans expressed approval for Bush, but only 10% of Democrats agreed, and it was the reverse for Barack Obama.

The same pattern has been apparent in the past year. A Washington Post poll found that 49% of Democrats say the economy is doing well now versus only 18% who said that before the election. Among Republicans, 35% give the economy high marks today compared with 69% in September of 2020. Partisanship similarly colors peoples’ perceptions of health care, race relations and other issues.

So, in this environment, Biden’s approval ratings are quite an accomplishment. That 33% of Republicans give him high marks for this handling of the coronavirus is a testament to something — maybe reality can sometimes penetrate our epistemic bubbles?

Biden ran on unifying and healing the country. His inaugural address hit all the right notes, and his low-key handling of the office has served to relieve the national migraine that the Trump years caused.

Biden is clearly gambling that putting vaccines in people’s arms and deposits in their checking accounts will be enough to transcend whatever kulturkampf the Fox News ecosystem is currently spinning up. And that may work out for him.

On the other hand, since he ran to be a national healer, there are some pitfalls he might want to avoid. Several observers I spoke to cited Biden’s race rhetoric, for example, as unhelpful. David French, a conservative who wishes Biden well, recalled that verbal excess on this subject has been a weakness for Biden. In 2012, he told an African American audience that Republicans wanted to “put y’all back in chains.” His recent comment on Georgia’s election law as “worse than Jim Crow” was ridiculous (though the Georgia law was passed for bad faith reasons and did impose some new burdens while lightening others).

Biden is passionate about racial justice and has included a racial element in many of his proposals, including clean energy, infrastructure, agriculture and small business loans. His heart is in the right place, but is it politically savvy?

David Frum, citing a newly published study by Micah English and Joshua Kalla, agrees that toning down the racial appeals is advisable. English and Kalla tested whether pitching reforms as attempts to atone for past discrimination were effective or ineffective, compared with class-based or neutral appeals. Their results showed that couching reforms in the language of racial justice did nothing to increase support for the

proposals even among Blacks and Democrats, but did provoke a backlash among Republicans. A class frame, by contrast, increased the likelihood that white voters would see the policy as “benefiting people like me.” A class appeal was also linked with more respondents of all subgroups saying the policy was “fair.”

There is no denying that racial discrimination has stained American history, but that doesn’t mean that explicitly racial appeals are good politics. It wouldn’t cost Biden anything to signal openness to Republican ideas. He could incorporate some of Sen. Tim Scott’s police reform ideas for example. That might defuse some Republican resentment. (And even if it doesn’t pacify Republicans, it’s the right thing to do.)

Ben Wittes also stressed to me that the Biden administration should be meeting “on a weekly basis” with Republicans “if only for show.” Biden met with a group of Republican senators to discuss the COVID-19 relief bill but has essentially disregarded Republican counteroffers. Negative partisanship may be at a boil, and yet 60% of Americans told The Washington Post that the president ought to be willing to make “major changes” to his proposals to gain Republican support, versus only 30% who thought he should try to push through his legislation as is.

Biden inherited a country on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Whatever criticisms one can lodge about this or that, he deserves our lasting gratitude for restoring decency, normal order and sanity to the business of governing. Whether it will be enough to reverse the slide into chaos remains uncertain, but defusing our deep mutual loathing, to the degree he can, should be a high priority.

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The dangers of Biden’s spending binge

By Steve Chapman

In his 1996 State of the Union address, President Bill Clinton said: “We know big government does not have all the answers. We know there’s not a program for every problem.” In short, “The era of big government is over.”

A generation later, President Joe Biden says, in effect, “I’ve got \$6 trillion that say otherwise.” That’s the combined cost of his COVID-19 relief program, his infrastructure plan and his American Families Plan. This gargantuan sum would come on top of the nearly \$4 trillion authorized in 2020 to deal with the pandemic and its economic fallout. Biden is proposing a vast expansion of government programs that would weigh heavily on our economic future.

Most of the spending last year was an appropriate response to a massive emergency. With the life and health of millions of people in jeopardy, and much of the economy gasping for air, our elected leaders had little choice but to put the nation on the equivalent of a wartime footing. It was no time for governmental austerity, which would have been heartless and self-defeating.

The outlays were far bigger than needed, as documented by Larry Summers, who was director of the National Economic Council under President Barack Obama. But it was prudent to err on the side of doing too much in response to the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression. The profligate approach worked, in that millions of people were spared severe hardship and the economy contracted less than it might have.

In previous decades, such a frenzied spending binge might have generated widespread anxiety, prompting a return to a semblance of budgetary discipline. That was the reaction to Obama’s far smaller 2009 economic stimulus.

But this time, the effect has been to pulverize any sense of limits. If we can spend \$4 trillion in an emergency, why not \$6 trillion when the emergency has subsided? Amounts that would have choked an elephant two years ago now go down easy.

This insouciance is partly the fault of Republicans, whose 2017 tax “reform” exposed their disdain for fiscal responsibility. It’s hard to make a case against trillions in new spending when you’ve gleefully shoveled out \$1.9 trillion in tax cuts. Nor did Trump curb outlays, which were substantially higher under him than they had been under Obama. Trillion-dollar deficits, once unthinkable, became the norm.

The pandemic spurred a new receptiveness to federal initiatives by aggravating problems that had long festered. Among them: lack of access to health insurance, the disproportionate burden of child care on women, the vulnerability of many people to poverty and more. It raised fundamental questions about the role of government that had long been given short shrift.

Some of the reconsideration is entirely justified. So are some of the remedies — particularly, extending federal child tax credits to poor parents who were previously denied a benefit available to higher earners. The expansion of the Affordable Care Act offers a way to broaden health care access without succumbing to a single-payer system. Some

infrastructure investment is always in order.

What Biden’s plan lacks is any recognition that some tasks deserve priority over others. They are all urgent in his mind. He’s taking his cue from Oscar Wilde, who wrote, “Nothing succeeds like excess.” His tax plans are supposed to pay for this new spending, but does anyone believe Democrats would downsize their ambitions if revenue projections fall short?

They are likely to. A report by the Penn Wharton Budget Model found that increasing the tax rate on capital gains to 39.6% from the current 20% would reduce revenue. Over the first decade, Biden’s infrastructure package would cost \$600 billion more than it would bring in. In the current atmosphere, however, these projections will not dampen the enthusiasm for spending.

Piling up more federal debt may do little harm in the short run, but over time, it’s bound to divert funds that would have gone to private investment, to the detriment of the economy. When interest rates rise, the cost of financing that debt — already \$378 billion a year — will soar.

The budgetary binge may also lift inflation to levels that Americans have not seen since the 1980s, if not higher. On this front, Larry Summers warns, “We’re taking substantial risks.”

Right now, Biden and congressional Democrats have the giddy feeling that there are no limits to what the federal government can do or afford. But limits have a way of reminding us that they exist.

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

U.S. Navy in the 21st Century

By Austin Bay

In April, the U.S. Navy’s Pacific Fleet ran a much-anticipated Fleet Battle Problem. Arguably, its dull official name, Unmanned Integrated Battle Problem 21, was a touch misleading.

Navy Fleet battle problems have a remarkable history for testing technology, training sailors, developing organizations and informing long-term decisions that have greatly benefited the United States. I’m referring to the 1920s and 1930s battle problems, which always had a trans-oceanic campaign against Japan as their strategic backdrop.

Prescient? Yes. And the battle problems were rigorous in execution and detailed in evaluation.

2021’s fleet problem, under wartime-like operational conditions, tested gee-whiz military and communications technology, specifically unmanned warships and unmanned aircraft, some remotely controlled, some autonomously or semi-autonomously controlled. Autonomous-type systems can be classified as robots. They have a degree of “artificial intelligence” to guide the system’s ability to maneuver, communicate and shoot.

Armed robot war machines could and should sound threatening, but as a topic, they are not dull. They are sci-fact, not sci-fi, in the U.S. and in China. Russia has robotic war machines.

As for claiming the name’s slightly misleading, I’m nitpicking the unmanned moniker to make a point: The exercise integrated the unmanned gee-whiz with definitely manned warships, manned aircraft, manned land systems and human beings at communications consoles attempting to monitor and coordinate the complex test.

War is a human endeavor, even when robots and AI are involved, and war is the realm of the unexpected. The unexpected requires human brains.

The battle problem ran from April 19 to April 26, a short time span,

but I’m guessing the Pentagon will be crunching the data gleaned for many months, perhaps a couple of years.

Understand I don’t mean just digital data and gee-whiz techno videos with missiles blasting target ships. Sailor, aircrew, cyber warrior and other human observer and non-robot participant feedback is critical if the goal of this fleet battle problem is what it should be: creating and deploying the war-winning military capabilities and forces America needs and American taxpayers deserve.

During the exercise, an SM-6 missile fired by the USS John Finn destroyer struck a simulated enemy warship at long range. An MQ-9 Sea Guardian “unmanned aerial vehicle” provided accurate, real-time targeting data that all but insured the bull’s-eye.

Great video — but what if the MQ-9 and the destroyer and the missile had faced high-intensity cyber- and electronic interference, of the caliber many analysts think China is capable of generating?

That question relates to this question: Will the 21st-century Navy be as rigorous in evaluating Unmanned Integrated Battle Problem 21 as it was evaluating battle problems in the 1930s?

Dr. Albert A. Nofi’s book “To Train the Fleet for War” provides an in-depth look at how the Navy conducted its fleet battle problems during another era of enormous technological change, the one between World War I and World War II. In those exercises, the Navy examined planning; battle tactics; air operations (carrier and shore); submarine and anti-sub ops; communications; cryptology (offensive and defensive, a kind of cyber equivalent); and perhaps the biggest of all, sustainment of a fleet operating at long distances from major naval bases.

In an email, Nofi told me the pre-World War II fleet problems’ main purpose “was to practice how to ‘make war at the drop of a hat,’ as one admiral put it.” In retrospect, input by informed observers was vital. Nofi recommended the Navy “find reporters who are reliable enough to keep their mouths shut if they encounter anything classified, but who know enough about the naval service to report on the problems.”

That sounds like great advice. *Austin Bay is a retired US Army Reserve colonel and Iraq veteran. He has a PhD in Comparative Literature from Columbia University, is an adjunct professor.*

Downey’s street problems

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Alex Dominguez’ article, “City could speed up road repairs.” (Downey Patriot, 4/22/21). If you would be interested in writing a follow-up article, the following may be of interest.

I was born in Downey in 1958, so I recall when Downey streets were still adequately paved, but it has not been the case for some time. Already back when Downey Ford was still in business, I joked that the reason the city held off on repaving Lakewood Boulevard was to help the Ford dealer sell more off-road vehicles.

I now live near Doty Middle School, and the section of Clancey Avenue near me has been a sore point in the neighborhood for some time. Last year I investigated what could be done about the situation. I spoke with someone at the city engineering department, who referred me to maintenance on Bellflower Blvd., who in turn referred me back to engineering. Finally I got hold of Desi Gutierrez, the Principal Civil Engineer in the Department of Public Works. Mr. Gutierrez was very generous with his time in explaining the situation. Here are some things that I remember from our conversation:

The city hires a company to do a survey of the roads every year, and gives them a rating from 0 to 100. This helps Mr. Gutierrez determine what kind of repairs are necessary. A road with a rating of 50 might need a fresh coat of asphalt, while a road with a rating of 30 might need repaving.

The same company does an estimate of what it would cost to upgrade all of the city’s roads to a “passing” grade of 70. The estimate they gave was \$10 million a year—for ten years. Given that Measure S was originally billed as a public safety bill, to improve police and fire protection but also roads, I asked Mr. Gutierrez how much the city budgeted. Since I, for one, voted for the bill solely because of the need for street repair, I felt misled.

So if Councilmember Mario Trujillo was truly disturbed by the grading of the city’s streets, he either lives in a rare area of Downey, or he hasn’t been paying attention. When Clancey was finally repaved early this year, it was the first time it had been in the over 25 years that I have lived in the area. Before that, it was just patches on patches, a familiar condition to Downey residents.

Every time I read in the Patriot about councilmembers boasting about how well Measure S monies were spent, I see red. The police bought a military type vehicle that they “hope that they never need.” The library got an expensive makeover but hasn’t been open for over a year, and despite having a voicemail message that they will return your call as soon as possible, I haven’t had a callback yet, and it’s been months. Meanwhile, Downey’s streets continue to deteriorate. I was in Morocco a couple of years ago, and they have better pavement there.

I understand why the city has not prioritized street repair: it is unglamorous, and it lends itself to neither a ribbon-cutting ceremony nor an opportunity to install a plaque with the names of the city councilmembers who advocated for it. Nevertheless, in talking with Downey residents, I have been struck with how many agree that the condition of the streets is the number one problem in the city.

In fact Downey’s reputation for poor streets extends far beyond its borders. I have a friend who lives in Lancaster, and when I first mentioned that I lived in Downey, he responded, “I HATE Downey!” When I asked why, he responded that the poor streets, coupled with the lack of parking and traffic enforcement, have led to Downey having some of the worst traffic in Southern California. As a result, when he goes to Orange County, he makes sure that he drives *around* Downey.

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Who is in charge?

Dear Editor:

Well the political pendulum has swung sharply to the left.

The present administration has decided to quickly push their agenda because they have the numbers. That doesn’t surprise me. What does surprise me is their speed in advocating the changes. The outcome will decide if government takes over more control of our lives.

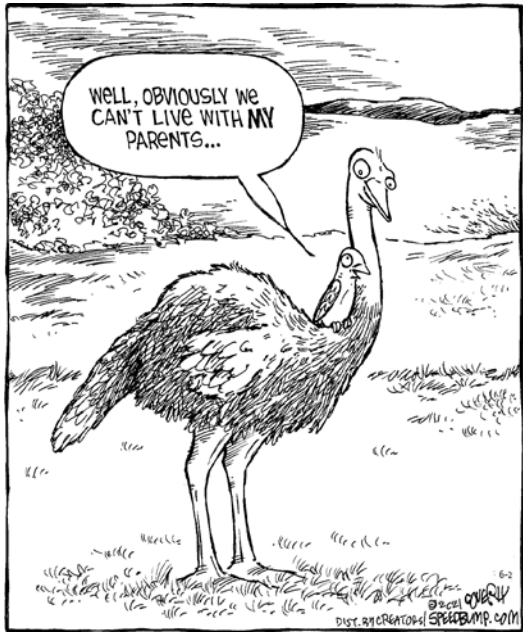
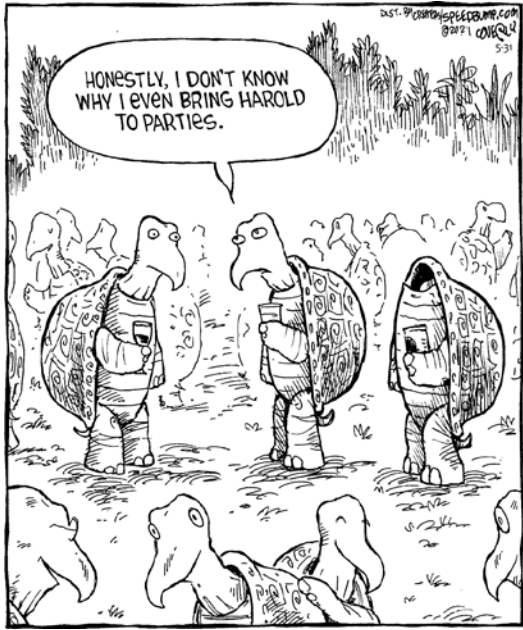
What has always intrigued me is who makes the call. What person or group determines what the policy will be and the strategy to implement it. Not only in government but also in the private sector.

For instance, on Facebook or Twitter, one can be denied access to these platforms because they may not agree with your opinion. Who makes that call and exactly what criteria is used to make that decision.

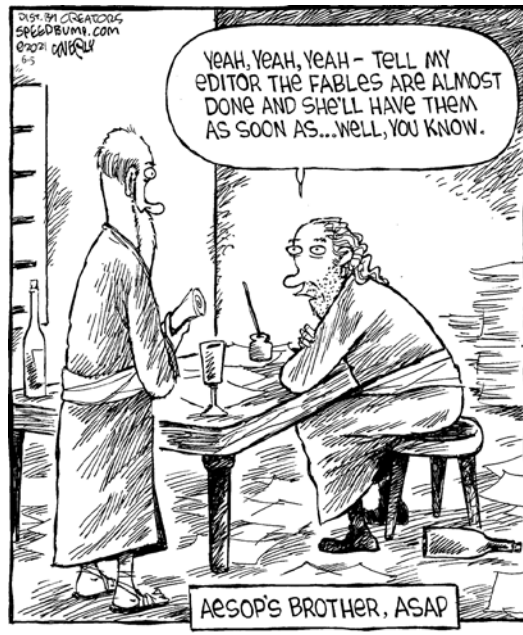
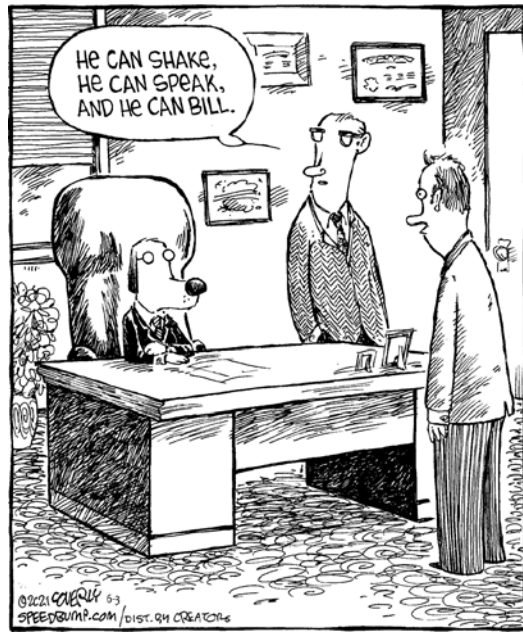
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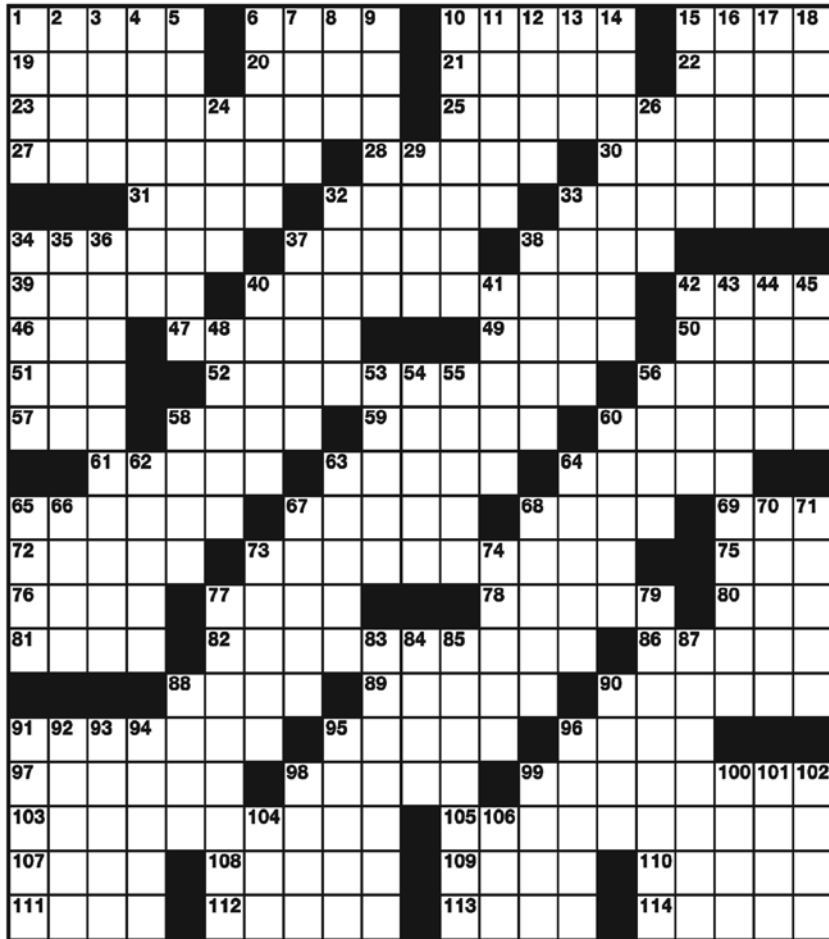
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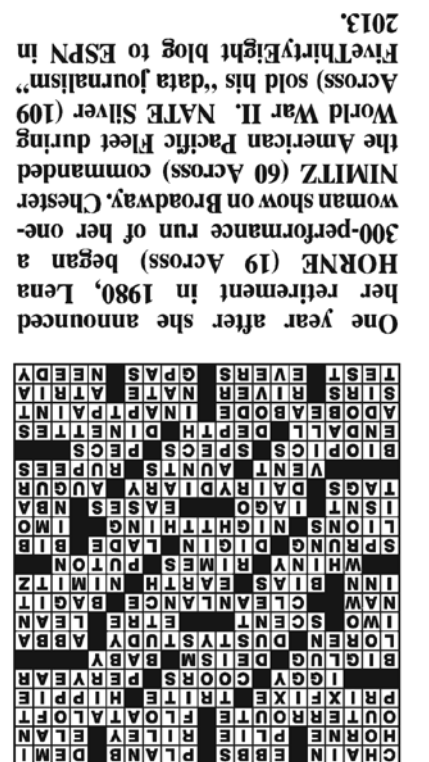
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JAYSON YUMANG DE GUZMAN, 14108 ADOREE ST, LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JAYSON YUMANG DE GUZMAN, 14108 ADOREE ST., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JAYSON YUMANG DE GUZMAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/09/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/16/2021, 04/23/2021, 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85789.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021084631

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. VENICE BREAKFAST CLUB, 2. THIRDEYE BRIMS, 3. DEAR2020 APPAREL CO., 14 28TH AVE APT 1, VENICE, CA 90291. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202016010978. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: WWBD INVESTMENTS LLC, 14 28TH AVE APT 1, VENICE, CA 90291 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JESSICA BREWER, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/09/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/16/2021, 04/23/2021, 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85796.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021084655

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LUCKY DAYS, 5941 FIRESTONE BLVD STE 110, SOUTH GATE, CA 90260. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PHUONG CHI NGUYEN TRAN, 8991 GARO LN, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92844. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: PHUONG CHI NGUYEN TRAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/09/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed

before that time. 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). Publish: 04/16/2021, 04/23/2021, 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85797.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021083616

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. SA MONNIES KOLLECTIONS, 2. CUPID'S MONEY, 1148 EAST AVE K13, LANCASTER, CA 93535. Mailing address if different: 1148 EAST AVE K13, LANCASTER, CA 93535. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KEISHIANA RICHARDSON, 1148 EAST AVE K13, LANCASTER, CA 93535 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: KEISHIANA RICHARDSON, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/08/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/16/2021, 04/23/2021, 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB86902.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2021081667

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUPERIOR OFFICE PRODUCTS, 14721 CARMENITA RD, NORWALK CA 90650

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA TERESA MARQUEZ, 14721 CARMENITA RD, 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: 06/2008 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/MARIA TERESA MARQUEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 7, 2021 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 then 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 20210890321

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BIRRIA ESTILLO JALISCO EL FLACO, 9205 BURNET AVE #108, NORTH HILLS, CA 91343 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: FRANCISCO JAVIER VENEGAS HERNANDEZ, 9205 BURNET AVE #108, NORTH HILLS, CA 91343. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: FRANCISCO JAVIER VENEGAS HERNANDEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 03/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/06/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB84981.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20210890829

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PAUL THE BARBER, 1051 GLENDON AVE SUITE113, LOS ANGELES, CA 90024 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 1201 N LA BREA AVE UNIT199, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PAUL ABDIN, 1201 N LA BREA AVE UNIT199, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: PAUL ABDIN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/06/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85039.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021081817

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: XENON SUSHI, 1794 CHATSWORTH ST, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 19730 STRATHERN ST., WINNETKA, CA 91306. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4702876. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: XAZZ INC, 17941 CHATSWORTH ST, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: PAUL ABDIN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 03/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/07/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85249.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021082963

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SAINT MICHAEL INC., 12308 CHARLWOOD STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 12308

CHARLWOOD STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SAINT MICHAEL INC., 12308 CHARLWOOD STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: EDITH CHUKE, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/08/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85454.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021084206

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NH CONSTRUCTION, 1450 2ND ST SUITE 229, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/08/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 04/23/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85714.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021084295

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. TAYLOR'D INVESTMENTS, 2. ROOTS OF HAPPINESS, 13953 PANAY WAY UNIT 314, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 4712 ADMIRALTY WA #934, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DANIE SMITH, 13953 PANAY WA UNIT 314, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: DANA SMITH, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/09/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB85734.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021085374

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: UMBRELLA PRECISION INC., 21606 OSBORNE ST., CANOGA PARK, CA 91304 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 3881583. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: UMBRELLA PRECISION, INC., 21606 OSBORNE ST., CANOGA PARK, CA 91304 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: EDUARDO MARTINEZ, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 03/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/09/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB86540.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021084338

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MAC AUTO COLLISION, 2307 S LA BREA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DE LEON COLLISION CENTER, LLC, 2307 S LA BREA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JAIME DE LEON, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/09/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB86775.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021086370

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SMOKIN JOE'S BBQ, 3408 REDONDO BEACH BLVD APT 10, TORRANCE, CA 90504 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KENDAL DEON COWART, 3408 REDONDO BEACH BLVD APT 10, TORRANCE, CA 90504 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: KENDAL DEON COWART, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 03/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/12/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB86871.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021086400

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MEMORIAL WOMENS HOSPITAL LEAGUE, 3500 GRAYSBY AVE., SAN PEDRO, CA 90732 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VALORIE LEIGH CAMERON, 3500 GRAYSBY AVE, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: VALORIE LEIGH CAMERON, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above

on (date): 03/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 04/12/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 04/30/2021, 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAAB86889.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021086699

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NOM DE PLUME, 10102 PAINTER AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670 LA

law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021, 05/28/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AA893799.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
2021103317

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. BIRCHWOOD A DESIGN AND ENGRAVING COMPANY, 2. BIRCHWOOD ENGRAVING, 22016 PIONEER BLVD, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANGEL LEIJA. 22016 PIONEER BLVD, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime). Signed: ANGEL LEIJA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 04/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 05/05/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 05/07/2021, 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021, 05/28/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AA894067.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021090362

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ION CATHODE PROTECTION TECHNOLOGIES, 6475 E PACIFIC COAST HWY #396, LONG BEACH CA 90803, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #0N. N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NANCY MARTINEZ, 6475 E PACIFIC COAST HWY #396, LONG BEACH CA 90803 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2014 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 fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/NANCY MARTINEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 15, 2021 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPORT PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: Via Videoconference, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
Project Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the report prepared in connection with the levy of the annual sewer service charges. The City of Norwalk annually levies sewer service charges pursuant to Chapter 13.14 of the Norwalk Municipal Code. The City collects the sewer service charges on the tax roll in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as, together with and not separately from, the general taxes of the City. The sewer service charges are levied to pay for the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer system, including capital replacement costs.
The City Council has caused a written report to be prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk regarding the City's sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2021/22. The report contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving sewer services furnished

by the City and the amount of the charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2021/22 computed in conformity with the charges prescribed in the adopted ordinance. The report is available for public inspection in Room 10 at the address noted above.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the report. If protests are filed and not withdrawn by the owners of a majority of the properties subject to the sewer service charges, the City Council shall order the charges to be collected, but the charges shall not be collected on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2021/22. In such case, the City Council will consider the adoption of a resolution at a subsequent City Council meeting providing for an alternative method of collection.

Public Comment: Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City's webpage at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agenda>. Until further notice, City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and N-35-20, which does allow for City Council and/or staff to videoconference. As a precaution to protect staff, our constituents, and commissioners, public access to the meeting in person is not allowed due to the Governor's Executive Orders. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, livestream through the City's website or join the Zoom meeting. Additionally, as City Council meetings are now closed to the public, if you wish to comment on the item (during the meeting), you may provide input either by phone or electronically through the following procedures: 1) By emailing publiccomments@norwalkca.gov. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes maximum; which is the same time allotted at meetings, emails will be read during the meeting; 2) By dialing into the Zoom Meeting at (669) 900-6833; Meeting ID: 709 573 2685 to speak on the matter. If you challenge the proposed matter, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing.

More Information: Questions concerning this hearing matter should be directed to Glen Kau, Director of Public Services at (562) 929-5511; GKau@norwalkca.gov or Jacques Kooontz, Senior Civil Engineer at (562) 929-5926; JKooontz@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 Department 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 participation in the meeting or service.

Dated this 30th day of April 2021.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

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4/30/21, 5/7/21

CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 21-1725

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held May 4, 2021, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 21-1725, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.18 TO THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A HOUSING AND BUILDING LOCAL APPEALS BOARD AND AMENDING NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1.13 RELATING TO HEARINGS/ CONTESTING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ramirez, Rios and Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The full text of Ordinance No. 21-1725 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours and on the City's website with the May 4, 2021 Council agenda, Item No. 7.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk
May 5, 2021

The Norwalk Patriot
5/7/21

LIEN SALES

Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that SS Santa Fe Springs, LLC d/b/a Simply Self Storage at 13461 Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 will sell at public auction the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased unit(s) to satisfy the owner's lien. The personal property stored therein by the following tenants may include but is not limited to general household, office and personal items, furniture, boxes,

clothes, and appliances. The unit(s) will be sold at public auction through online auction services of www.storageusa.com with bids opening at 10:00AM PT on May 11th, 2021 and closing at 10:00AM PT on May 18th, 2021. Bidding may close later than stated to allow all interested bidders to participate and to permit soft closing if needed. Unit 1111- Daniel Loera; Unit 1119- Angie Contreras

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00130
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LEONARDO VERDUZCO FERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) LEONARDO VERDUZCO FERNANDEZ to Proposed name (1) LEONARDO VERDUZCO 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: JUNE 16, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 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 APRIL 16, 2021 JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY LEONARDO VERDUZCO FERNANDEZ 11534 216TH STREET #1 LAKEWOOD, CA 90715 (213) 604-6920 LEO.VERDUZCO.F@GMAIL.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 21PSCP00140
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HAVEN HAI HO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) HAVEN HAI HO to Proposed name (1) HAI NGOC HO 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: JUNE 4, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: 543
The address of the court is 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA (SOUTH TOWER) ROOM 101, POMONA CA 91766, POMONA COURTHOUSE 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 MARCH 29, 2021 JUDGE PETER A HERNANDEZ Judge of the Superior Court PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY HAVEN HAI HO 3628 CGSGWELL RD, APT C EL MONTE, CA 91732 (714) 200-8926 21TEAMWORK@GMAIL.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00117
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIE ESPELETA NIMO ON BEHALF OF AVID NIMO HAVIK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) AVID NIMO HAVIK to Proposed name (1) AVID VILLAMOR HAVIK NIMO 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: JUNE 14, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 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 APRIL 14, 2021 JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY DAVID MONY 15411 STEVENS AVE BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 (626) 537-6065 DAVID.MONY@YAHOO.COM

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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: JUNE 4, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: 543
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 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 APRIL 6, 2021 JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY MARIE ESPELETA NIMO ON BEHALF OF AVID NIMO HAVIK 15622 LANCELOT AVE. NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 921-5249

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00102
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JUANITA ROSAISELA CEBREROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JUANITA ROSAISELA CEBREROS to Proposed name (1) ROSAISELA CEBREROS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MAY 28, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 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 MARCH 29, 2021 JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY JUANITA ROSAISELA CEBREROS 10528 IMPERIAL HWY. #A NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 440-5727

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00127
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DAVID MONY AND TEPMONNYNEARYRAK NORODOM ON BEHALF OF SAKADA MONY MEAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SAKADA MONY MEAS to Proposed name (1) DUSTIN SAKADA MONY 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.

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CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00120
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JESSE GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JESSE GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) JESSE BARBA 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.

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00131
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JESSE GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JESSE GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) JESSE BARBA 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.

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

CASE NUMBER: 21STPB02091
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LINDA ESHOE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) LINDA ESHOE to Proposed name (1) STEPHEN DION FLORES, STEVE FLORES A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MELANIE DAWN FIELDS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EVA MAE ZINNEN aka EVA M. ZINNEN
Case No. 21STPB03932

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EVA MAE ZINNEN aka EVA M. ZINNEN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sheri L. Ugalde in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

that Sheri L. Ugalde be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any 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 on May 24, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Court. No. 67 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: IAN J. WOOD AKA IAN WOOD, IAN WOODS, IAN JAMES WOOD
CASE NO. 19STPB05377

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of IAN J. WOOD AKA IAN WOOD, IAN WOODS, IAN JAMES WOOD. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR 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 with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/12/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEPHEN DION FLORES
Case No. 21STPB02091

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEPHEN DION FLORES, STEVE FLORES

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MELANIE DAWN FIELDS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MELANIE DAWN FIELDS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any 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 on July 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 29 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 141 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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. Petitioner: MELANIE DAWN FIELDS 10784 EL PLANO AVENUE FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708 714-323-8398

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LEONARDO VALDEZ PADRON
CASE NO. 20STPB08849

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LEONARDO VALDEZ PADRON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by HAYDEE B. LOPEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that HAYDEE B. LOPEZ 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 any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/26/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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

Reverse Mortgages: Your Questions Answered

A Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), the most common type of reverse mortgage, is a special type of home loan only for homeowners who are 62 and older.

A reverse mortgage loan, like a traditional mortgage, allows homeowners to borrow money using their home as security for the loan. Also like a traditional mortgage, when you take out a reverse mortgage loan, the title to your home remains in your name. However, unlike a traditional mortgage, with a reverse mortgage loan, borrowers don't make monthly mortgage payments. The loan is repaid when the borrower no longer lives in the home. Interest and fees are added to the loan balance each month and the balance grows. With a reverse mortgage loan, homeowners are required to pay property taxes and homeowners insurance, use the property as their principal residence, and keep their house in good condition.

With a reverse mortgage loan, the amount the homeowner owes to the lender goes up—not down—over time. This is because interest and fees are added to the loan balance each month. As your loan balance increases, your home equity decreases.

A reverse mortgage loan is not free money. It is a loan where borrowed money + interest + fees each month = rising loan balance. The homeowners or their heirs will eventually have to pay back the loan, usually by selling the home.

Watch out for scams related to reverse mortgages

Contractor scams

Beware of contractors who approach you about getting a reverse mortgage loan to pay for

repairs to your homes. It may be a scam. Don't let yourself be pressured into getting a reverse mortgage loan.

Scams targeting veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) does not offer any reverse mortgage loans. Some mortgage ads falsely promise veterans special deals, imply VA approval, or offer a "no-payment" reverse mortgage loan to attract older Americans desperate to stay in their homes.

You have a three-day right to cancel a reverse mortgage

With most reverse mortgages, you have three business days after the loan closing to cancel the deal for any reason, without penalty. This is known as your right of "rescission."

To cancel, you must notify the lender in writing. Send your letter by certified mail, and ask for a return receipt so that you have documentation of when you sent and when the lender received your cancellation notice. Keep copies of any communications between you and your lender.

After you cancel, the lender has 20 days to return any money you've paid for the financing of the reverse mortgage loan.

If you believe there is a reason to cancel the loan after the three-day period, seek legal help to see if you have the right to cancel.

Note: This information only applies to Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECMs), which are the most common type of reverse mortgage loans.

You may have other options

Before taking out a reverse mortgage loan you may want to look at all of your borrowing and housing options such as:

Waiting

If you take out a reverse mortgage loan when you are too young, you may run out of money when you're older and more likely to have less income and higher health care bills.

Other home equity options

A home equity loan or a home equity line of credit might be a cheaper way to borrow cash against your equity. However, these loans carry their own risks and usually have monthly payments. Qualifying for these loans also depends on your income and credit.

Refinancing

By refinancing your current mortgage with a new traditional mortgage, you may be able to lower your monthly mortgage payments. Pay attention to the length of time you'll have to repay your new mortgage as it can affect your retirement plan. For example, taking on a new 30-year mortgage when you are nearing retirement can become a hardship later. Consider choosing a shorter-term mortgage, such as a 10 or 15 year loan.

Downsizing

Consider selling your home. Moving to a more affordable home may be your best option to reduce your overall expenses.

Lowering your expenses

There are state and local programs that may provide assistance with utilities and fuel payments as well as home repairs. Many localities also have programs to help with property taxes: check with your county or town tax office. Information about these and other benefit programs is available through the Administration for Community Living.

Can anyone take out a reverse mortgage loan?

No. Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECMs), the most

common type of reverse mortgage loan, are a special type of home loan only for homeowners who are 62 and older.

Aside from age, there are a few other requirements for taking out a reverse mortgage, including:

Your home must be your principal residence, meaning it must be where you spend the majority of the year

You must either own your home outright or have a low mortgage balance. Owning your home outright means you do not have a mortgage on it anymore. If you have a mortgage balance, you must be able to pay it off when you close on the reverse mortgage. You can use your own funds or money from the reverse mortgage to pay off your existing mortgage balance

You may not be delinquent on any federal debt, such as federal income taxes or federal student loans. You may, however, use funds from the reverse mortgage to pay off this debt

You must agree to set aside a portion of the reverse mortgage funds at your loan closing or have enough of your own money to pay ongoing property charges, including taxes and insurance, as well as maintenance and repair costs

Your home has to be in good shape. If your house does not meet the required property standards, the lender will tell you what repairs need to be made before you can get a reverse mortgage loan

You must receive counseling from a HUD-approved reverse mortgage counseling agency to discuss your eligibility, the financial implications of the loan, and other alternatives

The information in this article was provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), a U.S. government agency that makes sure banks, lenders, and other financial companies treat you fairly.

Important Norwalk phone numbers

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City Hall (562) 929-5700	Norwalk Sheriff's Station (non-emergency) (562) 863-8711
Athens (trash collection) (800) 333-0191	Graffiti Removal (562) 929-5555
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (562) 210-2000	SEAACA (animal control) (562) 803-3301
SoCal Edison (800) 655-4555	SoCal Gas (877) 238-0092
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce (562) 864-7785	Yard Sale Permits (562) 929-5732
Shopping Cart Removal (562) 860-0604	Norwalk Library (562) 868-0775
Building Permits (fences, roofs, room additions, etc.) (562) 929-5733	Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates (562) 462-2137
Fictitious Business Name Statements (DBA) (562) 904-3668	Alondra Library (562) 868-7771
Marriage Licenses (562) 462-2137	Norwalk Main Post Office (562) 868-9408
Norwalk Community Hospital (562) 863-4763	Coast Plaza Hospital (562) 868-3751

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Norwalk man charged with murder

NORWALK - A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway.

Alex Barragan (dob 8/27/86) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear ended a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison. Bail is set at more than \$2.19 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months

NORWALK - Caltrans announced the scheduled closure of the Norwalk Boulevard off ramp from northbound Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) at 10 p.m., Sunday July 15.

The off ramp will remain closed for up to 90 days for reconstruction and paving.

The reconstruction of this ramp is part of the I-5 widening project which is adding two lanes to each direction of I-5 between I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) and the Orange County line.

This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange and the San Antonio Drive Bridge.

Caltrans advised the

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Norwalk restaurant grades

- Rancho Grande** 1035 E Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
- Diana's Mexican Foods Market** 16310 S Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
- Rancho's Grill** 12405 E Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
- United Oil** 11352 E Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
- Tacos y Mariscos Mi Pueblo** 12001 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
- Lima Services Corp** 11405 E Firestone Blvd. #3 Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
- AMC Norwalk** 12300 E Civic Center Dr. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
- AMC Norwalk Restaurant Bar** 12300 E Civic Center Dr. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
- Joe's Food Mart and Liquor** 10641 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
- El Paraiso Juice Bar** 15002 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/12/18 Grade: A
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Obituaries



Ray Reyes

Ray Reyes, former member of Menudo

Ray Reyes, a former member of boy band Menudo, has died. He was 51.

His brother, Raúl Reyes, confirmed the news on Facebook on Friday. Raúl did not give a cause of death.

"It is with great pain in my soul that I confirm the death of my beloved brother, Ray Reyes," Raúl wrote in Spanish, sharing a gallery of photos.

"I beg you all for space as we navigate this situation and ask that you please pray for our family, especially my mother who is very delicate. I also ask that you never forget his legacy. Now more than ever, we need to be united. Never stop expressing your love and affection for your fellow human beings."

Ray Reyes was raised in Puerto Rico. He joined Menudo in 1983 and stayed with the group through the height of its success. The band is widely considered one of the biggest Latin boy bands in history.

His first album with the boy band was A Todo Rock, on which he sang lead vocals for three songs: "Si Tu No Estas," "Chicle De Amor," and "Zumbador." Though his first stint with Menudo only lasted two years, it coincided with those of Ricky Martin and Draco Rosa.

Reyes would end up reuniting with the band several times after he departed, including in 1998 for

the group's 15th anniversary.

Patrick O'Connell, created the HIV/AIDS ribbon

Patrick O'Connell, the founding director of Visual AIDS, where he developed programs for HIV/AIDS awareness including the red ribbon, died March 23 of AIDS-related causes at the age of 67.

O'Connell was a member of New York City's gay community in the 1980s, when AIDS was ravaging that community but was rarely talked about elsewhere. The government was largely silent as the then-misunderstood disease killed many.

O'Connell co-founded Visual AIDS with a goal of creating awareness campaigns to encourage people to discuss AIDS and understand its impact. As one of the campaigns, he spearheaded the Ribbon Project, organizing "ribbon bees" where participants folded red ribbons into the now-common loop shape.

Wanting to make a big impact with the Ribbon Project, O'Connell lobbied their Broadway connections to wear the ribbons on the 1991 Tony Awards broadcast. It was a success, and the ribbons were worn by Broadway celebrities that night and soon began spreading around the country.

The red AIDS awareness ribbons were the first of the awareness ribbons that now come in all the colors of the rainbow to

represent different diseases and conditions.

O'Connell and Visual AIDS created other awareness campaigns as well. In Day Without Art, museums remove or shroud their artworks and replace them with information about HIV and safer sex. And their Night Without Light saw the New York City skyline go dark for 15 minutes on World AIDS Day as a statement on the disease's impact.

"People want to say something, not necessarily with anger and confrontation all the time," O'Connell told the New York Times in 2002. "This allows them. And even if it is only an easy first step, that's great with me. It won't be their last."

Bobby Unser, three-time Indy 500 winner

Bobby Unser, a racecar driver who was one of only 10 drivers to win the Indianapolis 500 three times, died May 2 of natural causes at the age of 87.

Unser was a member of the Unser family of racing drivers, who have a record nine Indy 500 wins between them. He began racing as a young man alongside his brothers, Al (who won the Indy 500 four times), Jerry, and Louis Unser. His son Robby and nephews Al Jr. and Johnny Unser are racing drivers as well.

Unser's winning career began at the Pike's Peak Hill Climb, a challenging race that he won his second time out, in 1956. He would go on to win another 12 times at Pike's Peak, as well as setting many course records.

Unser first raced in the Indianapolis 500 in 1963, though an early crash kept him from glory. He would first win the Indy 500 in 1967, when he became the first driver to exceed 170 miles per hour there.

Unser won Indy again in 1975 and 1981, making him one of only two drivers to win the famed race in three different decades. His 1981 win was a controversial one in which he was stripped of his title after review of a caution; he contested the result and later got his win back. The incident led Unser to retire from racing.

After his retirement, Unser became a commentator for Indy

car races, working for ESPN as well as NBC and ABC. He also provided commentary for a number of NASCAR races. He is a member of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame, International Motorsports Hall of Fame, and Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

"I look back at my career and go Wow," Unser said in 2010. "I had a lot of bad years, a lot of lean years climbing that long ladder but once I got into it, somehow the good Lord found good race cars."

Johnny Crawford, actor and original Mouseketeer

Johnny Crawford, an actor best known for his role as young Mark McCain on "The Rifleman," died April 29 at the age of 75.

Crawford got his start in Hollywood as one of the original Mouseketeers on "The Mickey Mouse Club" for its first season in 1955, when he was just nine years old. After that season, producers cut the number of Mouseketeers in half, and Crawford didn't return.

He landed a starring role on "The Rifleman" in 1958, playing the son of title character Lucas McCain. Crawford was nominated for an Emmy Award for his performance when he was 13.

While he starred on "The Rifleman," Crawford also began a musical career, recording pop hits including "Cindy's Birthday" and "Rumors." He went on to make appearances on TV shows including "The Donna Reed Show," "Mister Ed," and "The Big Valley," as well as in the movies "Indian Paint" and "The Naked Ape."

He was a U.S. Army veteran during the 1960s. Later in life, Crawford was the bandleader of the Johnny Crawford Orchestra.

"I went on the audition and I did a tapdance routine with my brother, and we also did a fencing routine," Crawford said of his Mickey Mouse Club audition. "Then they asked if we had anything else we could do. My grandmother told me to tell them that I imitated '50s singer Johnny Ray. I stepped forward and did my imitation of him singing 'Cry' and that was what got me into the Mouseketeers."

Olympia Dukakis, actress who starred in 'Moonstruck'

Olympia Dukakis, an actress who was known for her role as Cher's mother in "Moonstruck," died May 1 at her home in Manhattan at the age of 89.

Dukakis won an Oscar and a Golden Globe for her performance in "Moonstruck" (1987), her first major film role. But she was already an established stage actress when she played Rose Castorini.

Dukakis won an Obie Award in 1963 for "Man Equals Man" and co-founded the Whole Theater Company in 1973. She went on to memorable roles in movies including "Steel Magnolias" (1989), "Look Who's Talking" (1989) and its sequels, and "Mr. Holland's Opus" (1995).

On TV, she played Dolly Sinatra, Frank Sinatra's mother, in the 1992 miniseries "Sinatra." Dukakis was also a star of the four "Tales of the City" miniseries, playing Anna Madrigal and earning an Emmy nomination for 1998's "More Tales of the City."

She was the cousin of former Massachusetts governor and presidential nominee Michael Dukakis.

"Growing up I was always feeling like an outsider, being Greek in communities that were not very ethnic," she said in 2007. "I felt like an outsider in the Greek community, too, because women were expected to behave and socialize in a certain way, and I didn't. Also being an actor I felt like an outsider, because not many Greek American women were actors then. But once you realize that you are an outsider, there can be a freedom in that. You can find your own way."

Courtney Hall, San Diego Chargers leader

Courtney Hall, an NFL player for the San Diego Chargers, who played center and was team captain for their Super Bowl appearance in the 1994 season, died April 29 at the age of 52.

Hall played college football for Rice University, and he was chosen in the second round of

the 1989 draft by the Chargers. He became a starter in his rookie year.

Hall was voted team captain four years in a row, from 1992 through 1996, including the year when the Chargers made the only Super Bowl appearance in the team's history at Super Bowl XXIX. Hall was a four-time Pro Bowl alternate.

After leaving the NFL in 1997, Hall earned an MBA and a law degree from the University of Chicago and founded a venture capital firm.

Billie Hayes, played villain on children's show

Billie Hayes, an actress best known for playing Witchiepoo, the villain of the cult classic children's show "H.R. Pufnstuf," died April 29 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles of natural causes at the age of 96.

Hayes' Witchiepoo became one of the most beloved villains of children's TV as she rode her Vroom Broom around Living Island and tried to steal Freddy the Flute. She played Witchiepoo again in the movie "Pufnstuf."

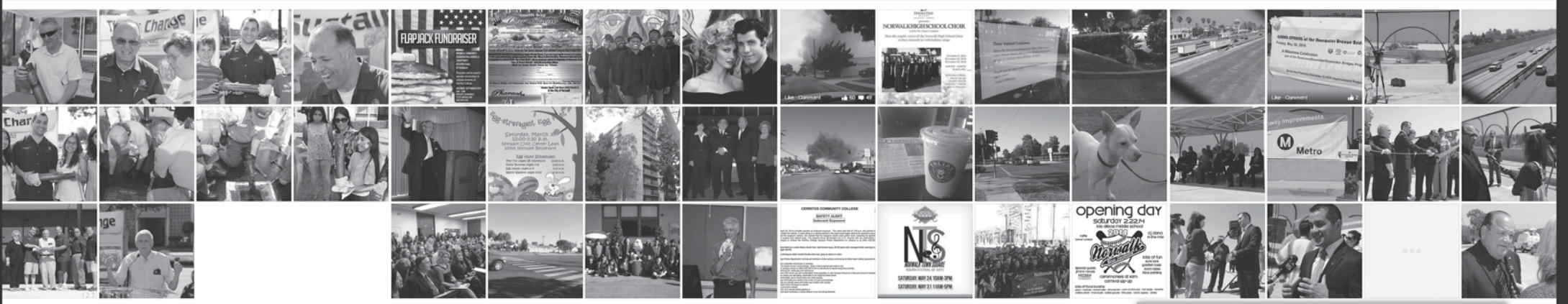
Before her role on 1969's "H.R. Pufnstuf," Hayes had a successful Broadway career, including playing Mammy Yokum in the musical "Lil Abner." She reprised the role for the 1959 movie adaptation and 1971 TV special.

Hayes toured with the national company for "Hello Dolly" in 1966. She made TV appearances on shows including "General Hospital," "The Monkees," and "Murder, She Wrote."

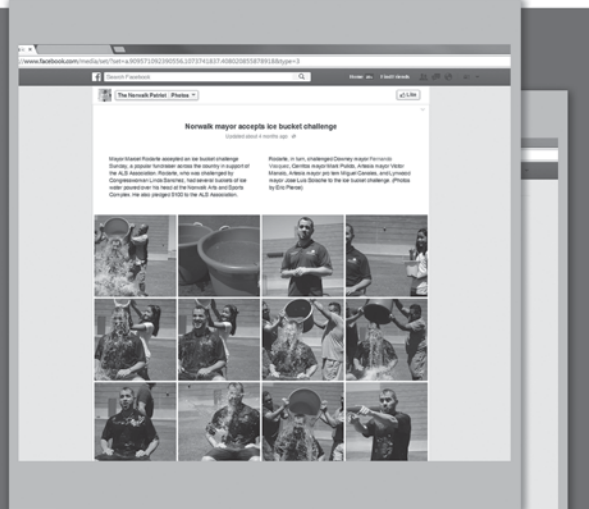
Hayes also did voice work for animated movies and TV shows including "The Black Cauldron," "Rugrats," "The New Scooby-Doo Mysteries," and "The Powerpuff Girls."

"Oh, I love that fan mail," Hayes said in 1969. "I'm the Ann Landers of the witch world — I am. The kids write me and I don't know why they pick the witch to write to unless they figure, you know, 'Either she's so dumb she'll give ya a funny answer,' or 'She's so smart I'll get out of trouble,' right?... What a feeling of power."

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At Rio Hondo, speech and debate students enjoy transfer success



Rio Hondo College second-year student John Connell participates in the IPDA National Championship, held virtually from April 9 to 11. The Forensics Speech and Debate program has a transfer rate of more than 90%, with students moving on to universities such as UC Berkeley and USC.



Rio Hondo College Forensics Speech and Debate team Vice President Ashley Sanchez prepares for a debate during the IPDA National Championship, held virtually on April 9-11. Sanchez, who plans to transfer to a four-year university, credits the Forensics program for having her work evaluated by university coaches and recruiters.

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College’s Forensics Speech and Debate team provides students with a pathway to four-year universities through rigorous instruction, competition experience, networking, and world-class instructors, which include Rio Hondo College alumni.

With a transfer rate of more than 90%, the Forensics program has seen members move on to universities such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC, and Concordia. Forensics Coordinator Grant Tovmasian feels the opportunities for students to meet their higher education goals has never been better.

“I am very impressed with the learning that is taking place,” Tovmasian said. “Forensics gives our first-generation students the tools to speak for themselves and build their futures. They receive economic benefits in the form of scholarship opportunities. The critical thinking component in debate teaches our students to listen, understand and respect, and be respected by their peers.”

One of the advantages of Rio Hondo College’s Forensics team is its readiness to compete at the local, state, and national levels. A full schedule of tournaments, including more than a dozen during the 2020-21 school year, help students to hone their skills against top competitors and have their work evaluated by university coaches and recruiters.

Rio Hondo College Forensics Speech and Debate team Vice President

Ashley Sanchez said the program is also a perfect way to network with representatives from four-year universities. At a recent competition, Sanchez met a debate coach from UC San Diego and hopes to transfer to the school to study communications.

“Rio Hondo College’s Forensics Speech and Debate program is amazing,” Sanchez said. “I have learned so much about researching and presenting my arguments. It has made me a better and more confident student.”

Rio Hondo College Speech Professor Patricia Hughes began coaching the debate team when she was still a Rio Hondo College student, continuing with the program as she completed her master’s degree at Cal State Fullerton. Hughes’ experience and knowledge of the Rio Hondo College system provides a bridge to her students that is invaluable in their training.

“At Rio Hondo College we stress individuality and welcome all

students who have a desire to grow and learn, no matter what their experience is,” Hughes said. “As a Rio Hondo College alumna, I can relate to our students and that helps me foster their growth.”

For Hughes, the three main components of debate are training, listening and confidence. A student must know how to structure an argument, they must listen to their opponent to identify weaknesses and focus on key points, and they must present their argument with complete self-assurance.

“Rio Hondo College’s Forensics Speech and Debate program provides our students with opportunities to enrich the quality of their lives and become leaders in their communities,” Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. “This innovative program benefits those who are looking towards careers in public speaking and advocacy, as well as those who want to challenge themselves and expand their academic capabilities.”

Planning board to handle appeals

NORWALK – Norwalk’s Planning Commission will now also serve as its Housing and Building Local Appeals Board as well, handling appeals of orders, decisions, and determinations made relative to housing and building construction matters.

Previously, the city employed a contracted single-hearing officer to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, and determinations made relative to housing and building construction matters, including appeals related to code enforcement and the issuance of administrative citations.

The council’s recent decision fills a California Housing Code requirement while effectively making the Planning Commission a “one-stop shop” for land use appeals, rather than appointing a new body that may meet infrequently.

According to city staff, the types of appeal hearings handled by a housing and building local appeals board happen infrequently, having only had four in the last three years.

The City Council approved the decision unanimously.

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Norwalk, La Mirada have big wins in boys basketball

■ Lancers defeat Bellflower, 51-40; Matadores upset La Serna, 53-46

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK - The opening game of the Suburban League in boys basketball was nearly four months late in arriving, but when it did Norwalk High School made it count.

The Lancers, behind a game-high 32 points from senior G/F Jayden Williams on senior night, defeated visiting Bellflower, 51-40, Wednesday.

"I'm just glad we have senior night, no matter when it is," said Williams, of the delayed season. "I know it's about in the middle of May but it's another basketball game and I just love playing the game."

"I was always asking coach if there was going to be a season."

And being the leader of the team, Norwalk coach Brent Campanelli gave Williams a personal call that the season was on.

"He actually called me," Williams said. "(Coach) said, 'we're ready to get back in the gym'. I was excited and ran in to tell my mom and dad. We get to have a season and its game time."

Williams and the rest of the team were happy to have a season and will finish off with four more league games and one non-league game.

Norwalk evened its record at 2-2 overall and 1-0 in league, while Bellflower falls to 0-3 and 0-1.

Williams was the only player who scored in double figures, but six other players scored for the Lancers, with senior guard Luis Gomez and senior forward Jonathan Bolanos scoring five and four points, respectively.

The first quarter was a low-scoring affair as Norwalk led, 6-5, heading into the second quarter.

That's when Williams and the Lancers defense geared up, outscoring Bellflower, 16-9, in the quarter.

The Lancers went on an 11-0 run to start the quarter, as Gomez opened with a three-pointer to lead, 9-5. That was followed by another three-pointer by sophomore guard Aytin Reyes.

Williams, perhaps, had the biggest basket of the night as the 6-1 forward took a pass and went up for a thunderous dunk, which got the small, but noisy crowd of only parents excited.

"That was his first dunk in a high school game," Norwalk coach Brent Campanelli said of the highlight moment by Williams. "I don't think he was surprised (Wednesday), I was surprised when he did it."

Williams added the third three-pointer of the run to give the Lancers a 17-5 lead with 4:30 left in the half.

"I was just telling coach in practice the other day that if I got a steal and a fast break, it's going to be show time," he said. "I got the ball and once I was in the air, I ended up dunking it. It was just a turning point from there."

Bellflower outscored the Lancers to end the half, but Williams put an exclamation point on the first half with a long three-pointer in the last few seconds.

Bellflower had its best quarter of the game in the third, outscoring Norwalk, 16-12, to trial by only three, 33-30, heading into the final quarter.

Bellflower leading scorer, Jaden Mason (21 points) scored seven in the third quarter for the Buccaneers.

Norwalk started the fourth quarter outscoring Bellflower 11-7 at the 4:50 mark for a 44-37 lead.

Williams, who scored 12 points in the fourth quarter, scored five of the last seven points for the Lancers. Gomez sank the last two points with two free throws for the 11-point victory.

Campanelli, who led his team into the quarterfinals last season in division 4AA, knew how tough it was on his players during the long wait in between games, especially Williams.

"It's not like the world is going to stop," said Campanelli, of the events of the last year. "Whether you have a good day or bad day, the sun's coming up the next day. This sun just took six months to rise."

"A testament to Jaden specifically, we were in touch a lot," Campanelli added. "He was staying in shape. He never really lost his positivity. He's very, very positive and he's been such a leader for us."

"I wanted to make that call to him and share some happiness that the season was going to happen."

Norwalk continues league play tonight (May 7) at home against Mayfair. Game time is 5 p.m.

La Mirada takes down No. 8 CIF-SS Div. 2A La Serna

And the long three-year road trip continues for the La Mirada boys basketball team.

The latest edition is the 53-46 upset of the Lancers, ranked 8th in CIF-Southern Section, Division 2A Tuesday (May 4).

Trailing by two at the half, 26-24, La Mirada outscored La Serna, 29-20, and won by seven points.

"The guys are learning how to win," fourth-year La Mirada coach Randy Oronoz said, of the big victory. "They're pretty excited. Any time you beat an area school, that's a goal."

"With this win against La Serna, we feel we have a shot to win this year in the division."

The game started out slow, with La Serna holding a 9-8 lead, but both teams amped it up in the second quarter, as La Mirada doubled its output with 16 points and the Lancers scored 17. La Serna led, 26-24, at the half.

Jalen Cole, a 6-5 senior forward, scored five points in the second quarter. "He's a senior



Norwalk's Jayden Williams (24) shoots over Bellflower defenders in the opening of the Suburban League boys basketball game on Wednesday. Norwalk defeated Bellflower 51-40. (Photo by Keith Durlfinger)

and three-year varsity player and a phenomenal shooter," Oronoz said. "He can score multiple three's a game."

Heading into the fourth quarter, the game was tied 35-35 and La Mirada players would score crucial points down the stretch for the win.

Cole connected with one of his two 3's early in the quarter to put the Matadores up by three points. He led all scorers in the game with 21 points (3 3-pointers, 8 of 9 FT).

Cole, 6-7 center George Ochoa and 6-5 junior Aidan Nasser (11 points) would all prove to be crucial players in the final quarter for La Mirada.

"Coles' 12 points in the fourth quarter helped secure the victory for us," Oronoz said. "Ochoa had foul trouble most of the game, but still had nine points and contributed to the win."

"Aidan (Nasser) made multiple hustle plays and he gave us a four-point lead with under a minute to play."

La Serna was led by senior Ruben Nunez with 11 points, while five other Lancers had six points each.

La Mirada (3-5, 0-1) played its second league game the next night, (May 5) and lost to Mayfair, 53-46.

The Matadores, who will play six games in an 11-day stretch, continues Suburban League play tonight (May 7).

No home games in three years for LM

All of the La Mirada players have gone through so much over the last three seasons with no on-campus gym to play in.

It has been under construction since the 2019



Norwalk's Miguel Fernandez (30) shoots over Bellflower defenders on Wednesday. (Photo by Keith Durlfinger)

season and a fire in late December of last year delayed the opening even further.

"La Mirada's indoor sports have been so amazing, adapting to the fact they don't have a home court," La Mirada Athletic Director Christine Mead said. "It has been three seasons without a gym and our teams continue to work hard, adapt to new locations and succeed."

Oronoz added to Mead's observations of the student-athletes at the school.

"One of our staples is not to stray from adversity," he said. "It's been three years on the road without a home game. I respect the kids that have stuck around. We even had to get bussed to Excelsior for practice and they've walked into gyms they've never played in before."

"Players like Cole and senior Isaiah McCormick played in the

old gym as young kids and are a little disappointed that they will never get a senior night at home.

"A lot of the kids were excited to play in the new gym."

Mead thanked local schools and administrators that have aided La Mirada in its hunt for locations for games.

"Thank you to both John Glenn and Norwalk for helping us with gym time," she said. "This year has been extremely tough with the change in the CIF schedule and the fact that basketball, boys volleyball and wrestling are happening simultaneously."

"I am proud of my coaches and athletes for their flexibility in all of this."

Oronoz concluded by saying, "Sports sometimes rebuilds character, to preserve and adapt and adjust. It is what it is."



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