

Norwalk tops Bell for first season victory

■ The Lancers defeated Bell, 29-6 in Ruben Guerro's first game as coach.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK - The Norwalk High School Lancers defeated the Bell High School eagles, 29-6, in their first victory of the football season last Friday.

Students cheered in the bleachers, waving their yellow and purple streamers as the marching band played their fight song.

Jay Goodlow, #6, scored three touchdowns throughout the game. In the second quarter, the high school senior ran an 89-yard touchdown.

"I was just thinking to get some yards," said an out-of-breath Goodlow. "I thought somebody was going to catch up to me, but I just ran it."

Goodlow went on to run a 72 yard touchdown and a 59 yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"He's one of our starting wingbacks. We've been waiting for him to have a breakout night, and he really came out," said head coach Ruben Guerro.

During the game, notable plays were made by #31, David Herrera, who scored a 45-yard touchdown. David Castillo, #55, also ran a 34-yard touchdown, but injured his wrist during a tackle.

Guerro also noted quarterback Caden Barnhill did excellent as well.

"All around the board the kids did well. I'm very proud of them," said Guerro.

The game was Guerro's first win with the team, but he has an extensive history with the school. Guerro played football for the lancers when he attended Norwalk High in 1993.

He starts the season with determination, and a goal to bring the city together.

"I want to have a season that our city, our students, our school, and our community can be proud of. I want to have a breakout season for the kids as well," said Guerro. "I'm going to keep plugging forward and help these guys have the best season they can have."

Principal David Olea attended the game, and expressed his faith in coach Guerro.

"Guerro is a Norwalk Alumni," Olea said. "He went here, he played here. He's got skin in the game, and he's connected to the community."

The school's marching band also attended the game, led by their new band director Romero Castinado.

The new director encouraged the band to cheer and stomp the stands during the game, which helped excite the fans.

"I wanted them to get excited about being part of a band, to play music and to be at the games, so it doesn't feel like homework or just part of the class," said Castinado.

While they played the high school fight song and familiar percussion cadences, Castinado plans to add new music to the band.

"This week we focused on pep-tunes they were familiar with, but next week we will focus on rock, pop, and '80s," he said. "We'll learn 'Rock Lobster,' 'Shout,' think '80s music and we will have it."

When the Lancers sealed their victory at the end of the game, a new tradition was introduced.

From now on, whenever the football team wins, a yellow flag will be raised above the field to mark their victory.

Officials hope battery-electric trucks will help reduce emissions along 710 corridor



■ A fleet of battery-powered trucks are hitting the streets in compliance with new state emissions standards.

SOUTH GATE - The South Coast Air Quality Management District is leading a landmark effort along with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to deploy 100 battery-electric regional haul and drayage trucks across California.

The battery-electric trucks will be deployed through a partnership with NFI Industries and trucking company Schneider.

The project, known as Joint Electric Truck Scaling Initiative, or JETSI, is the largest commercial deployment of battery-electric trucks in North America to date, helping to significantly increase the number of zero-emission heavy-duty trucks available for goods movement while achieving necessary emission reductions.

This is the first battery-electric truck project jointly financed by CARB and the CEC, and the largest investment of its kind.

"We are proud to be a part of this historic initiative here in Southern California," said South Coast AQMD Board Member Gideon Kracov. "The agency has always been a leader in innovative collaborations that help advance zero-emission transportation and protect the health of our communities."

The project is poised to reduce five tons of pollutants such as nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) annually along Southern California's I-710 corridor, as well as eliminate 8,247 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

Connecting the San Pedro Bay Port complex to inland distribution centers and warehouses, the I-710 sees more than twice the average Los Angeles freeway truck traffic and accounts for 20% of all PM emissions in Southern California.

The JETSI project will inform large fleets on the capabilities of battery-electric trucks to ensure the emission reductions achieved are sustainable and improve the air quality for communities most impacted.

"Projects like JETSI are

needed to help accelerate the large-scale manufacturing of zero-emission trucks. They also demonstrate to other fleet operators how zero-emission technologies are commercially competitive, especially when it comes to cost savings on fuel and maintenance," said CARB Chair Liane Randolph.

"Putting more of these trucks on our roads and highways as soon as we can is a primary goal of the Newsom administration, and crucial to cleaning up the air in communities adjacent to our ports and along the highways now crammed with diesel-powered trucks."

Project partners Daimler Trucks North America and Volvo Trucks North America will produce and deliver the Class 8 battery-electric trucks (BETs) for deployment in Schneider and NFI's Southern California fleet operations.

Operating almost exclusively in disadvantaged communities, the zero-emission trucks will replace the equivalent of more than 690,000 diesel-gallons annually while helping to accelerate commercialization

of heavy-duty battery-electric vehicles across the market.

"We are proud to support JETSI," said CEC Commissioner Patty Monahan. "Not only will this create good paying jobs, it will reduce diesel pollution and improve air quality for residents disproportionately impacted by transportation emissions."

"This project is demonstrating to the world how electric trucks can deliver goods efficiently while zeroing out pollution."

DTNA will deliver 80 battery-electric Freightliner eCascadias, the company's first all-electric commercial Class 8 truck, to both Schneider (50 trucks) and NFI (30 trucks). Schneider will deploy the 50 eCascadias within its intermodal operations in Southern California.

Volvo will deliver another 20 VNR Electric trucks, an all-electric Class 8 model that the company commercialized in late 2020, to NFI.

With the deployment of a combined 50 BETs at its Ontario facility, NFI will operate the first 100% zero-emission freight logistics fleet in California.

Through the JETSI project, NFI and Schneider will collectively install significant charging infrastructure (50 chargers total), warehouse upgrades, on-site energy storage and rooftop solar, resulting in more than \$16.8 million of regional economic activity from associated construction costs.

Over 20 project partners representing charging equipment manufacturers, infrastructure providers, nonprofit organizations, technology suppliers and more will collaborate on the eight-year project to ensure all aspects of fleet electrification are considered.

The project was funded with \$26.98 million from CARB's California Climate Investments Initiative and the CEC's Clean Transportation Program, \$5.43 million from South Coast AQMD, as well as \$41.37 million in funding from project partners.

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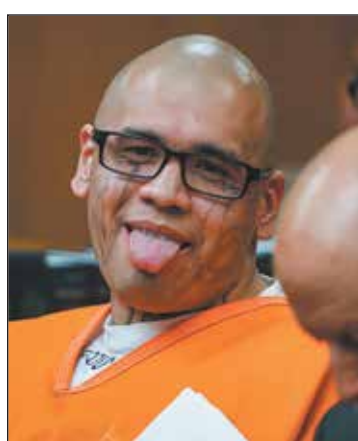
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- 2004:** A three-day hostage siege at a school in Beslan, Russia, ended in chaos after Chechen militants set off bombs and Russian commandos stormed the building; more than 330 people were killed, most of them children.
- 2005:** President George W. Bush ordered more than 7,000 active duty forces to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- 2006:** Tennis player Andre Agassi announced his retirement.



Birthdays

Beach Boys founder **Al Jardine** (79), "Two and a Half Men" star **Charlie Sheen** (56), former Dodgers outfielder **Luis Gonzalez** (54), rapper **Redfoo** (46), Olympic softball player **Jennie Finch** (41), Olympic snowboarder **Shaun White** (35), and South Korean singer and actress **Joy** (25).

Gang member convicted of police officer's murder



■ Michael Mejia will be sentenced Dec. 1 after he was convicted of killing two people, including a Whittier police officer.

WHITTIER - A gang member who killed a man in East Los Angeles in 2017 then opened fire on two Whittier police officers, killing one and wounding the other, was convicted Wednesday of murder and other counts.

Jurors deliberated for less than two hours Tuesday before reaching their verdict in the trial of Michael Christopher Mejia, 30.

The verdict was read Wednesday morning, with the panel convicting Mejia of two counts of first-degree murder and single counts of attempted murder, carjacking and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Jurors also found true special circumstance allegations of murder of a peace officer in the performance of his duties, murder for the purpose of avoiding arrest and multiple murders. Jurors also found true gang and gun allegations.

He is facing life in prison without the possibility of parole when he is sentenced Dec. 1.

Mejia was convicted for the Feb. 20, 2017, killings of Keith Boyer, a 53-year-old Whittier police officer who was the first officer in the city killed in the line of duty in 37 years, and 47-year-old Roy Torres.

The attempted murder count involved Whittier police Officer Patrick Hazell, who was shot in the abdomen.

In his closing argument Tuesday, Deputy District Attorney Garrett Dameron urged jurors to "hold him accountable, hold him accountable for the ruthless, inhumane killer he is."

The prosecutor said the two police officers were responding to a three-vehicle traffic collision near Colima Road and Mar Vista Street in which Mejia had been involved, and that the two had no idea that those would be "the last moments" of Boyer's life.

Dameron called the evidence "so strong," telling jurors that there was "clear intent to kill the victims in this case" and an "abundance of evidence" that Mejia premeditated the shootings.



COVID outbreaks expected to increase at schools

■ Infections are up at schools throughout Los Angeles County and the numbers are expected to rise.

LOS ANGELES - Outbreaks at school campuses are on the rise since Los Angeles County students returned for in-person learning this month, with unvaccinated students and those involved in school sports at higher risk, public health officials said Wednesday.

Three outbreaks a week were reported over the first few weeks of August, but last week the figure increased to eight outbreaks involving 72 students and three staff members, said L.A. County public health Director Barbara Ferrer, who called the early data "sobering."

"We anticipate that there'll be an upward trend in outbreaks as more schools reopen," she

said. A total of 5,207 student cases and 729 staff cases were reported from Aug. 15 to Aug. 29, with a vast majority of the cases at L.A. Unified campuses, which test everyone weekly.

Of the campus outbreaks so far this academic year, 47% were connected to sports teams.

The latest outbreak figures mirror trends from last October and November, when the county was entering the devastating winter surge, Ferrer said.

In all, 849 schools reported one positive case, 193 LAUSD schools and 105 campuses in other districts reported two cases, and 621 LAUSD schools and 94 other school sites reported three or more cases.

Ferrer noted that an instance of three or more cases at one school is only considered an outbreak if the cases are linked to each other.



Christopher Thornberg

Circus Vargas sets up shop at Stonewood Center in Downey

■ The traveling circus will be performing shows outside the mall through Sept. 12.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Circus Vargas raised its big top over Downey this weekend, officially kicking off a three week stay in the city.

The Circus returns after the Covid-19 pandemic forced it into an over-a-year hiatus on live performances.

Katya Arata-Quiroga, owner, said that the circus is "excited to be back."

"It's been a long time coming," said Arata-Quiroga. "Hopefully, we are back better than ever. We have a new tent, new seating, new lighting. We have a new show; the show has not been seen yet in LA at all."

The show, entitled "Mr. V's Big Top Dream," pays homage to Circus founder Clifford E. Vargas, telling the story of how he fell in love with the circus as a small child, started his own, and eventually passed it onto the next generation. It features dancing, comedy, spectacular tricks and death-defying stunts which Arata-Quiroga described as "the thrill of a lifetime."

She added that guests and performers alike were "ready for this."

"As they say, the show must go on," said Arata-Quiroga. "Now it's going stronger than ever."

Jessica Lester, foot juggler, said that the show has "made people excited again."

"I think, most of all, it's that they're happy with seeing things that they don't normally see, that excitement feeling," said Lester. "When you come to the circus, you know you're going to see things you don't see at home. We're satisfied if they enjoyed the whole show, and that's the whole point of the show, to make people smile."

Mariella Quiroga, trapeze artist, said that people "have been wanting to go out."



Photo by Alex Dominguez

Financial Partners' economic forum returning for fifth year

DOWNEY - Financial Partners Credit Union will host its 5th Annual Economic Forum this year on Thursday, Sept. 23. The virtual event will be keynoted again by economist Dr. Christopher Thornberg, founder of Beacon Economics who will discuss the realities of the future workplace in a post COVID-19 era and the impact on the local economy in Southern California.

"Given the positive response to last year's event, we will continue to stream the event live this year to reach the broader audience," said Nader Moghaddam, CEO and President of Financial Partners Credit Union. "This event has become a forum for exchange among business leaders in Southern California."

"As the economic recovery evolves, it is important to examine the long-term effects and how business leaders may adjust their strategies to address future opportunities and possible challenges."

"Flexibility is what employees expect after the shock of the pandemic," said Thornberg. "Everyone from urban policy makers to workers will have to adapt. I look forward to what will once again be an insightful conversation."

The complimentary forum will take place at 2 pm. Open to the public, the event will feature an hour-long presentation by Dr. Thornberg followed by a Q&A session and discussion among attendees. Registration is open at FPCU.org/EconForum.

"With having everything closed for so long, being home, I feel like everyone is really excited to have the circus back in their life," said Quiroga. "We've had a great experience with our audience so far."

She added that she loves the intimacy of this year's show.

"We try to include the whole audience in the show so they feel like they're part of the show,"

said Quiroga. "Our main goal is to make people happy and help them forget the everyday struggles; that when they come to the circus, they're just amazed by what's going on and they can forget about their troubles and just have a nice few hours with their family."

Circus Vargas has set up their tent in the Stonewood Center parking lot closest to Firestone

Boulevard, and will be performing most days through Sept. 12. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office, ranging in price from \$12 to \$70, with children age 2 and under free.

Patrons will be required to wear face masks.

For more information, visit circusvargas.com.

Social Security funds predicted to run dry by 2034

WASHINGTON - For the first time in 39 years, Social Security payments made to retired Americans this year, and every year after, will exceed tax revenues coming into the federal government in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic's economic downturn, according to

a new government report.

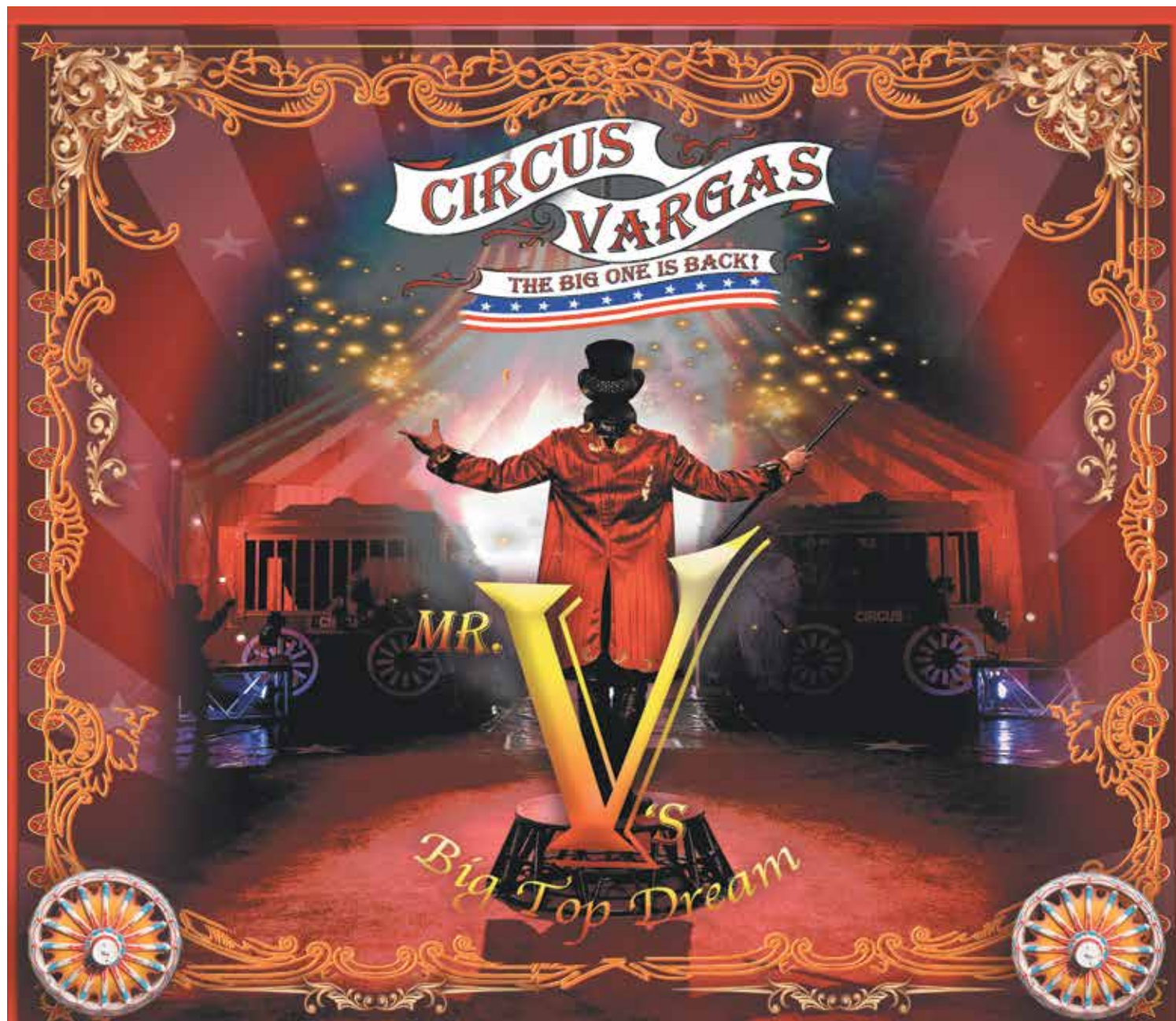
Social Security payments for retired Americans will be exhausted in 2034 - a year earlier than previously predicted, says the 2021 report from the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees, which oversees both programs. After that, tax incomes will only cover 76% of anticipated benefit needs. As for Social Security's disability insurance program, those funds will run dry in 2057 - eight years earlier than previously predicted.

The recession and increased mortality rate due to the COVID-19 pandemic are the main factors driving the earlier depletion of funds, according to the report - the red flags adding to the pressure for federal lawmakers to act as a wave of retiring baby boomers and the pandemic's new variants are sure to put more strain on an already stressed system.

The report says last year's Social Security income exceeded costs by \$11 billion. When excluding interest earned on the program's trust fund assets, the program's deficit is \$65 billion.

While the funding shortfall would seem to point to benefit cuts, the nonpartisan Concord Coalition estimated Wednesday that Social Security could start liquidating the trust funds' bonds to cover its obligations absent congressional action.

"Sudden and substantial benefit cuts await Medicare and Social Security beneficiaries in less than 15 years - well within the lifetimes of many current recipients - as long as lawmakers continue to ignore the warning signs in these reports. Solutions must be found that are fiscally and generationally responsible," said Robert Bixby, the coalition's executive director.





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Obituaries

Lucille Times, civil rights activist

Lucille Times, a civil rights activist in Montgomery, Alabama, who started a one-woman bus boycott in 1955 shortly before Martin Luther King Jr. took the boycott citywide to protest Montgomery's discrimination against Black Americans, died Aug. 16 at the age of 100 from complications of COVID-19.

In June 1955, six months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus, Lucille Times got into a fistfight with that same bus driver, James Blake, after he reportedly tried to run her car off the road.

Following the incident, Times began driving to bus stops around the city and offering rides to Black citizens so they wouldn't have to take the bus.

The local cafe she and her husband owned, the Times Cafe, was a frequent meeting place for civil rights leaders as they planned the larger boycott that soon followed, after Parks's arrest for defying Blake in December 1955.

In 2017, Times's story reached a nationwide audience when she appeared in a Facebook video titled "Living History."

Her role in fighting segregation in Alabama reflected a "remarkable, but undiscovered piece of history" that was unknown to many nationwide, said Troy King, a former Alabama attorney general and a friend of Times.

"She was this larger-than-life giant of the civil rights movement who was living in obscurity," King told The Washington Post.

Vivian Milligan, clean water activist featured on HBO

Vivian Milligan, a clean water activist who prominently fought for the cleanup of a New Jersey Superfund site, died Aug. 26 at age 70.

Milligan was a member of the Turtle Clan of the Ramapough Lenape tribe, some of whom live in Ringwood, New Jersey. In the 1970s, the Ford Motor Company dumped toxic waste, including lead-based paint sludge, in a Ringwood landfill, which was later declared a Superfund site by the EPA.

It was partially cleaned up, but toxic materials still remained in the ground. Over the years, nearby Ramapough residents were diagnosed with leukemia and other health problems that have been linked to the landfill.

Milligan led a fight to have the landfill's dangerous materials fully removed, advocating for a thorough cleanup instead of the cap on the landfill proposed by the EPA. She was one of the leading advocates for the cleanup, giving tours of the site and speaking out at public meetings on the subject.

In 2011, the HBO documentary "Mann v. Ford" told the story of the fight to clean up the Ringwood Superfund site; Milligan was among the residents who was featured in the documentary.

Jeanne Robertson, popular humorist on YouTube and radio

Jeanne Robertson, a humorist who was known for her wholesome stories of family life, featured on YouTube and Sirius XM, died Aug. 21 at her home in Burlington, North Carolina at the age of 77.

Robertson began her career in public speaking as a young woman, when she was crowned Miss North Carolina 1963 and went on to win Miss Congeniality in the year's Miss America pageant.

She continued taking speaking engagements after her year as Miss North Carolina, in addition to working as a physical education teacher.

Robertson became the president of the National Speakers Association in 1985, and later, the internet helped her humor reach a wide audience. Clips of her humorous stories received millions

of views on YouTube and were played on Sirius XM's Blue Collar Comedy and Family Comedy channels.

She was known for her folksy stories and her southern drawl. Among Robertson's frequent subjects was her husband, who she called "Left Brain" in her stories.

Robertson posted her most popular YouTube video in 2009, titled "Don't Send a Man to the Grocery Store," which 12 years later had registered more than 16 million views. In the video she recounts writing out a shopping list for her husband and numbering the items needed. He took the task literally, thinking that the numbers were quantities, and brought home 25 pounds of sugar and enough flour to fill a storeroom.

"I wouldn't feel comfortable with the four-letter words and the off-color stories, and my mama would come up out of her grave," she said in a 2014 interview.

Ruth Marx, sang commercial jingles

Ruth Marx, a singer known for commercial jingles, as well as the mother of singer Richard Marx, died Aug. 24 of lung cancer at the age of 85.

After growing up poor in Ohio, Marx began touring with big bands as a young woman. She sought out vocal coach and songwriter Dick Marx to help improve her technique, and the two later married.

They became a partnership, as he wrote some of the most memorable commercial jingles of the day and she sang them. Her voice can be heard on the Chicken of the Sea jingle: "Ask any mermaid you happen to see, what's the best tuna? Chicken of the Sea!"

She also sang jingles for products including Doublemint Gum and Quasar. Marx sang backup vocals on some of her son's songs, including the 1991 track "Streets of Pain."

Kenny Malone, drummer for Dolly Parton

Kenny Malone, a Nashville session drummer who played on classic hits including Dolly Parton's "Jolene" and Crystal Gayle's "Don't it Make My Brown Eyes Blue," died Aug. 26 of COVID-19 at the age of 83.

Malone was sought after for his versatility and ability to add just the right rhythm that a future hit song needed. After serving in the U.S. Navy for 14 years, including playing in the Navy band, he began his career as a session drummer by recording with Carl Perkins.

He went on to record with Nashville stars including Johnny Cash, Charley Pride, Kenny Rogers, Emmylou Harris, and many more.

Malone's drumming can be heard on "Drift Away" by Dobie Gray, "Sin Wagon" by the Dixie Chicks, "Love at the Five and Dime" by Nanci Griffith, and a diverse range of other songs.

Malone also invented percussion instruments, including a large clay hand drum he called the Og and a wood and metal shaker named the Shak-ka.

Ed Asner, popular film and TV actor

Ed Asner, an actor who rose to fame playing cranky newsman Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" from 1970 to 1977 and had later voice acting fame in 2009's "Up," died Aug. 29 at age 91.

When Asner began playing Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," he gave the character the perfect blend of cranky gruffness and underlying kindness.

His character was spun off into his own show, "Lou Grant," with the unusual switch from the half-hour comedy of "Mary Tyler Moore" to an hour-long drama for "Lou Grant." Asner won five Emmy Awards for playing Lou Grant across the two series, in addition to two other Emmys for the miniseries "Rich Man, Poor Man" and "Roots," making him the most honored male performer in Emmy Awards history.

Asner appealed to younger generations as he provided the voice of another gruff fellow with a tender heart: Carl Fredricksen in Pixar's "Up" (2009). Asner also notably played Santa Claus in "Elf" (2003).

Beyond his best-known roles, Asner had hundreds of acting credits in a television and movie career that spanned seven decades. His movies include the Elvis Presley musical "Change of Habit" (1969), "They Call Me Mister Tibbs!" (1970), and "JFK" (1991).

On TV, he had recurring roles in "Mad About You," "ER," and "Dead to Me," and he provided voices for many animated series including "Spider-Man: The Animated Series," "King of the Hill," "The Boondocks," and "The Cleveland Show." And he made guest appearances on shows as diverse as "Gunsmoke," "The Mod Squad," "Roseanne," "The X-Files," and "Cobra Kai."

Asner was president of the Screen Actors Guild from 1981 to 1985.

Bill Emerson, hall of fame banjo player

Bill Emerson, a Bluegrass Hall of Fame banjo player who was a founding member of The Country Gentlemen, died Aug. 21 at the age of 83 from complications of pneumonia, according to a post on his official Facebook page.

Emerson was a bluegrass legend who is considered to be one of the greatest banjo players in music history. He was a founding member of The Country Gentlemen in 1957 and then became a prominent sideman.

He was a member of Jimmy Martin's Sunny Mountain Boys from 1962 until 1967 and left to team up with guitarist Cliff Waldron for the duo Emerson & Waldron. He joined up again with The Country Gentlemen and then joined the Navy in 1973.

In the Navy, he started Country Current, the first military band dedicated to bluegrass.

Besides being an incredible banjo player, he was also an outstanding harmony vocalist. Emerson was inducted into the Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 2019.

Lee 'Scratch' Perry, reggae music innovator

Lee "Scratch" Perry, one of the giants of reggae music, a singer and producer who pioneered the new genre of dub in the 1970s as he incorporated layered rhythms and samples into remixes of his work, died Aug. 29 in Jamaica at the age of 85.

Perry was one of the early reggae singers who helped create the genre in Jamaica and bring it to international attention. He had an early hit with "People Funny Boy" in 1968 and went on to form the band The Upsetters.

Perry began producing, and in 1973, he built a recording studio in his backyard. The Black Ark would become legendary, as Perry produced music there for artists including Bob Marley and the Wailers, Junior Byles, and Paul McCartney and Wings.

The Black Ark era wasn't long - Perry reportedly burned it down in the early 1980s - but it was highly influential. It was there that Perry innovated a new style of remixing that became known as dub.

He created weird sounds, trying techniques like burying microphones by a palm tree and pounding its trunk to record a bass beat. Perry layered those sounds with songs and samples to make music like no one had heard before, and he influenced generations as he did it.

Perry's early dub recordings were a profound influence on rap and hip-hop, as well as on the reggae music they were born from.

Perry co-wrote the song "Police and Thieves," first recorded by Junior Murvin and later made famous by the Clash; he later produced the song "Complete Control" for the Clash.

In 1998, Perry was featured on the Beastie Boys song "Dr. Lee, Ph.D." He won a Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album for 2002's "Jamaican E.T."

"When I left school there was nothing to do except field work. Hard, hard labor. I didn't fancy that," he said in a 1984 interview. "So I started playing dominoes. Through dominoes I practiced my mind and learned to read the minds of others. This has proved eternally useful to me."



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Local control matters – reject SB 9

By Marcel Rodarte

Picture your neighborhood without yards. Now picture homes built approximately four feet from one another, and with an extra three units stacked on your single-family property. Regardless of where you live. Regardless of local zoning restrictions. This could be California's future if some in the legislature have their way.

California's Legislature is advancing its latest attempt to solve the state's lack of affordable housing with Senate Bill 9 (Atkins), a measure that would fundamentally change neighborhoods across California and strip cities of their local control over zoning.

If approved, SB 9 will eliminate single-family-residential zoning in the state and enable four-unit, high-density development statewide. It would trade single-family homes for seas of duplexes and displace localities from shaping the future of their communities. Because the bill would keep cities from governing their own local zoning, community members would be forced to trek up to Sacramento to advocate for their neighborhood concerns—an option only available to very few residents.

Big tech and other corporate interests have been pushing a Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) agenda for years, funneling money into efforts to strip communities of control over their futures. Their interests are focused on creating a housing supply that they believe will reduce housing costs.

Unfortunately, the bill creates a potentially massive increase in housing units while not addressing a fundamental responsibility of all cities: basic infrastructure. Streets, parking, water supplies, power and sewer systems have been installed and maintained over decades with a presumption of the nature of the housing and development that would fit into single-family-residential zoned neighborhoods. A sweeping change to zoning would dramatically

increase the demand placed on sewer systems and tax our already troubled—and now drought-stricken—water supplies. SB 9's narrow-focused pursuit of housing—supply-at-all-costs ignores the fundamental basics that make homes functional: running water, flushing toilets and lights that turn on when needed. Issues that Sacramento doesn't have to solve—cities do.

Cities are not the barrier to California's housing supply. Hundreds of cities from across the state have been implementing innovative programs and stretching what few low-income housing funds they have to create affordable housing options. Indeed, cities would be further along in the game had California Redevelopment Agencies not been eliminated in 2011.

Redevelopment agencies were the single largest source of low-income housing funds in California—and while redevelopment agencies were eliminated by the Legislature, the Legislature took no action to create a replacement fund for low-income housing. Now their solution is to eliminate single-family-residential zoning, stripping city governments from controlling their own jurisdictions.

California needs rational CEQA reforms, a funding source for low-income housing, an in-depth review of the impacts of Wall Street's housing investments and a more thorough understanding of international capital flows driving demand for housing in California.

Our challenge is not entirely a supply-side question—it is a demand-side pressure that we should understand before taking the drastic step of eliminating the California dream. Otherwise, we are likely implementing a policy that will benefit billionaire investors from overseas and in New York—not the Californians who choose to live, work and contribute to their communities.

Cities are ready to be pragmatic partners in the pursuit of resolving California's affordable housing crisis, but we cannot

What is Senate Bill 9?

SB 9 would allow up to 4 units and a total of 8 market-rate units to be built on lots that are currently zoned for single family housing only, with no limit on the number of parcels used for this purpose in any neighborhood.

The housing bill was passed by the California Assembly last week and by the Senate earlier this year. It now awaits Governor Gavin Newsom's signature, who has until October 10 to sign or veto the measure.

How did our local representatives vote?

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia and state Sen. Bob Archuleta both voted in favor of the legislation.

support policies that sideline local decision-makers and our communities in this debate. Cities are the most trusted level of government—and representative democracy has proven that cities deliver for communities and are responsive to the needs of residents. We hear the people on this, we stand behind the local leaders elected by their communities and we know that throwing out local control over land-use policies is not the answer to California's affordable housing issues. Collaboration with local leaders is.

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AB 701 will crush economic opportunity in California

By Elba Guerrero

Our country's economy is in the midst of a historic recovery. Sparked by consumers with trillions in excess savings and the pandemic-induced necessity of online shopping, these consumers are driving e-commerce to new heights and pushing retailers to expand fulfillment capabilities. According to recent forecasts, e-commerce will account for over 25 percent of all retail sales in this country by 2025. And California could be poised to reap the rewards.

In Southern California's Inland Empire, known for its warehouses, the first two quarters of this year were among the busiest in history, and commercial property vacancy rates last quarter hit record lows. As our state continues to expand our GDP, create new jobs, and prioritize economic growth, ensuring that we do not chase away this booming sector should be a priority.

Our state is fortunate to be home to two of our nation's busiest ports; the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach. This advantage, combined with the growing demand for industrial real estate in Southern California's Inland Empire, creates countless economic opportunities for the state. However, there are lawmakers

in Sacramento who are currently working to crush these economic opportunities, opportunities that would provide working-class Californians with stable, good-paying jobs.

Currently, there is a bill making its way through the state legislature, which would effectively gut the warehouse and fulfillment industry in our state. While this bill, Assembly Bill 701 (AB 701), was created with the intention of protecting warehouse workers, it fails to create a single new protection. Drafted to ensure that employers no longer implement harmful quotas that disregard the health and safety of an employee, the bill's sponsors fail to acknowledge that if an employer were to implement dangerous quotas today, they would already be violating existing California law.

While AB 701 is redundant and ineffective at what it was designed to do, it would be extremely effective at pushing California's existing businesses out of the state and simultaneously discouraging new businesses from entering. Given the economic opportunities associated with warehouses and fulfillment centers that currently exist, and the even greater ones that are projected to develop due to e-commerce in the coming years, passing this bill would be a serious mistake.

By putting an unnecessary burden on our warehouse employers, which will encourage many businesses to leave the state, AB 701 would also lead to job loss for many working-class Californians. By chasing away employers that provide blue-collar jobs, our state's lawmakers will be responsible for further marginalizing under-represented and lower-income communities that depend on these vocations. Trading good-paying, reliable jobs that do not require a degree, for rules and regulations that create no new protections for warehouse workers, is a poor decision no matter how you frame it.

Our state's lawmakers must look to the future and prioritize creating laws that are effective, non-redundant, and set our state up for economic success in the future. Warehouses and fulfillment centers are a blossoming industry and one that can provide stable and good-paying jobs for years to come. For this reason, I urge our elected officials in Sacramento to seriously consider the long-term consequences of AB 701 and work to ensure that this flawed bill does not become law.

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In Afghanistan, Joe Biden did the right thing

By Steve Chapman

If Joe Biden were a typical politician, his choice on Afghanistan would have been easy. Political wisdom says you should never accept consequences today that you can postpone until after the next election, if not longer. Deceptive gimmicks and clever evasions are always preferable to painful solutions that pay off only in the long run.

Biden could have persisted in prolonging the stalemate. He could have quietly expanded our troop presence to hold the Taliban at bay. He could have blithely accepted the deaths of more American troops—and more Afghan civilians—to maintain the status quo.

Most Americans wouldn't have noticed or cared about the cost of continuing the war. His own party's progressives would have groused, but their priorities lie mainly in domestic policy, where Biden has been fairly accommodating. Republicans would not have made much of the issue.

But the president whose political skills earned him 36 years in the Senate and eight in the vice presidency chose to act with statesmanlike foresight. When it came to our longest military conflict, he could not countenance the option embraced by his three immediate predecessors.

George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump failed to win the war and refused to end it. Instead, they dragged it out, each leaving the problem to the next occupant of the White House. They wimped out to avoid being accused of wimpiness. They put their political interests ahead of the lives and limbs of American service members.

Biden refused to avoid the inevitable any longer—in the full knowledge that the consequences would most likely be ugly and highly

visible. He was the first president to act as though the buck really did stop with him.

His Tuesday address to the nation was a model of realism. He found two important lessons from our ill-starred effort. "First, we must set missions with clear achievable goals, not ones we'll never reach," he declared. "And second, we must stay clearly focused on the fundamental national security interests of the United States of America." Neither principle could justify staying in Afghanistan.

Critics accuse him of weakness, but there was nothing weak about his resolve to put a stop to a hopeless war. In the face of furious denunciations by people whose terrible judgment helped lead us into the deadly quagmires that have bogged us down for so long, he was bracingly immovable.

Biden understands better than his critics what the options were: Get out and accept the defeat of the Kabul regime or expand our military role to push back against an enemy that had been steadily gaining ground.

As he noted in his Tuesday address, the Trump administration had signed an agreement committing us to leave by May 1, in exchange for the Taliban's agreement not to attack our forces. Biden extended the deadline by four months, and the Taliban chose not to renege on its obligation. But any further postponement—or renunciation of the deal—would have meant a renewed and wider war.

It is understandable that critics would find fault with the chaotic, deadly and heartbreaking endgame. But the possibility that Biden might have managed our departure better doesn't mean the departure

was a mistake.

The shockingly rapid collapse of the government only proved how completely we failed in Afghanistan. You might say that the structure we created turned out to be a Potemkin village, but that would be too generous. A Potemkin village doesn't disintegrate overnight.

The Afghan military got vast amounts of money, training and equipment from the U.S., not for one year or five years but for 20. It could call on American bombers, helicopter gunships and drones to incinerate its foes. It enjoyed an embarrassment of riches. In resources, the Taliban were grossly outmatched.

But they had the most vital asset any fighting force can have: motivation. It was something our Afghan partners lacked. In the end, they didn't really lose to the Taliban; they forfeited.

William Safire recalled that as a speechwriter for President Richard Nixon, one of his tasks was to say, "Mr. President—Do the popular thing! Take the easy way!" Nixon could then tell the public, "Some of my aides have suggested that I do the popular thing, that I should take the easy way. But I have rejected such counsel."

For a long time, we've had politicians who happily accepted such counsel. Biden is a different kind of leader.

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When only veterinary science will do

By Froma Harrop

You know things are off the wall when even the FDA can't keep a straight face. What could the U.S. Food and Drug Administration say to Americans who refuse to get a coronavirus vaccine administered by medical professionals but instead go to a livestock supply house for a drug designed to deworm horses and cows? Ivermectin in big animal doses can easily make a human sick and possibly dead.

The FDA did issue a warning for people using ivermectin to prevent or treat the virus. But it also playfully tweeted: "You are not a horse. You are not a cow."

Some might deem it inappropriate to apply humor to a matter attached to serious health consequences. Some anti-vaxxers of the right-wing persuasion may accuse intellectual elites of looking down on them. They're not wrong, but average functional folk are also rubbing their eyes in disbelief.

The only logical explanations are stupidity, mental disability and terminal ignorance. That U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson has endorsed use of ivermectin for early treatment of COVID-19 does not change the explanation.

After the FDA gave full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, Johnson issued the following statement: "Our federal health agencies have not been forthright with the public about how these life altering

decisions have been made or what science and data they are based upon. ... The American people deserve full and accurate information so that they make up their own minds regarding vaccination."

I understand little about aeronautics, but I get onto jet planes anyway because I know credentialed engineers have overseen the building of a safe aircraft. I don't feel I have to study the "science and data" of flight, because I know that experts are on the case.

Now you see people on TV, not all right-wingers, say they won't get the shot until they've researched the evidence on the vaccine. Some look like they couldn't operate a toaster, but if they want to examine the science and data, there are scholarly papers on the virus and its spread at their disposal, courtesy of the National Academy of Sciences. (Surely, they know all about interquartile ranges.)

Likewise, I could devote a decade to studying how those planes get off the ground before boarding one, but I'll pass.

A feed store in Las Vegas that ran out of ivermectin has posted a sign saying it will not sell it to customers who can't produce a picture of them with their horse.

Shelly Smith, manager of V&V Tack and Feed, recalled a man telling her that his wife wanted him on the "ivermectin plan." She told him that it was not safe to take, to which he said, "Well, we've been taking it, and my only side effect is I can't see in the morning." Smith said she

responded, "That's a big side effect, so, I mean, you probably shouldn't take it."

Confusing matters, ivermectin in far smaller doses has been used to treat certain parasitic infections in humans. Rest assured, however, that reputable doctors are not prescribing horse paste to human patients.

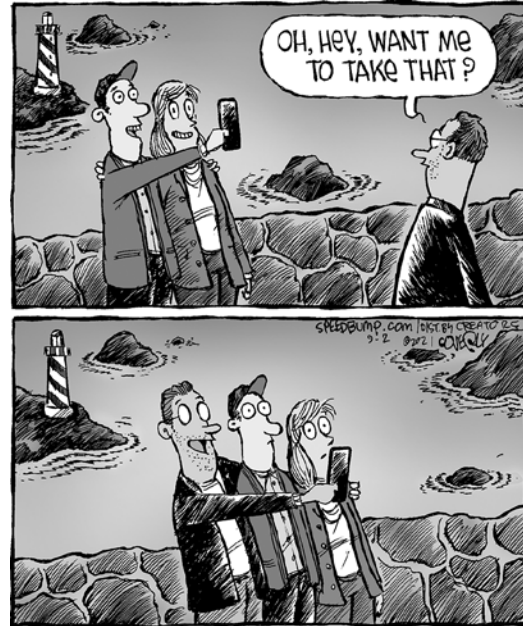
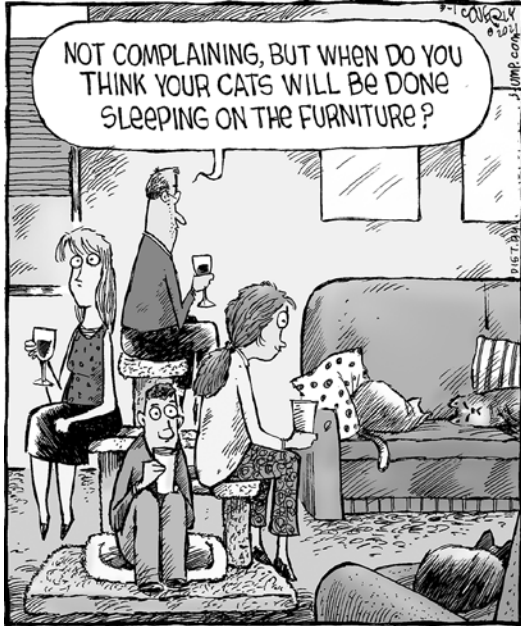
Resistance to vaccines designed for humans and openness to horse meds seems especially acute in so-called conservative parts of the country. The anti-vaccine hordes of the right seem to be charging unarmed into the reality of a well-equipped and heartless virus. It's a free country, right?

Fifty years from now, documentaries about the COVID-19 crisis may relieve the grimness with a short section about the run on horse meds set to playful music. The associated tragedies will probably be forgotten, mainly because they were self-inflicted.

What can you do about people who choose veterinary medicine over the human kind? Nothing, really.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers
3rd Tues., 7 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 1st Christian Church of Norwalk

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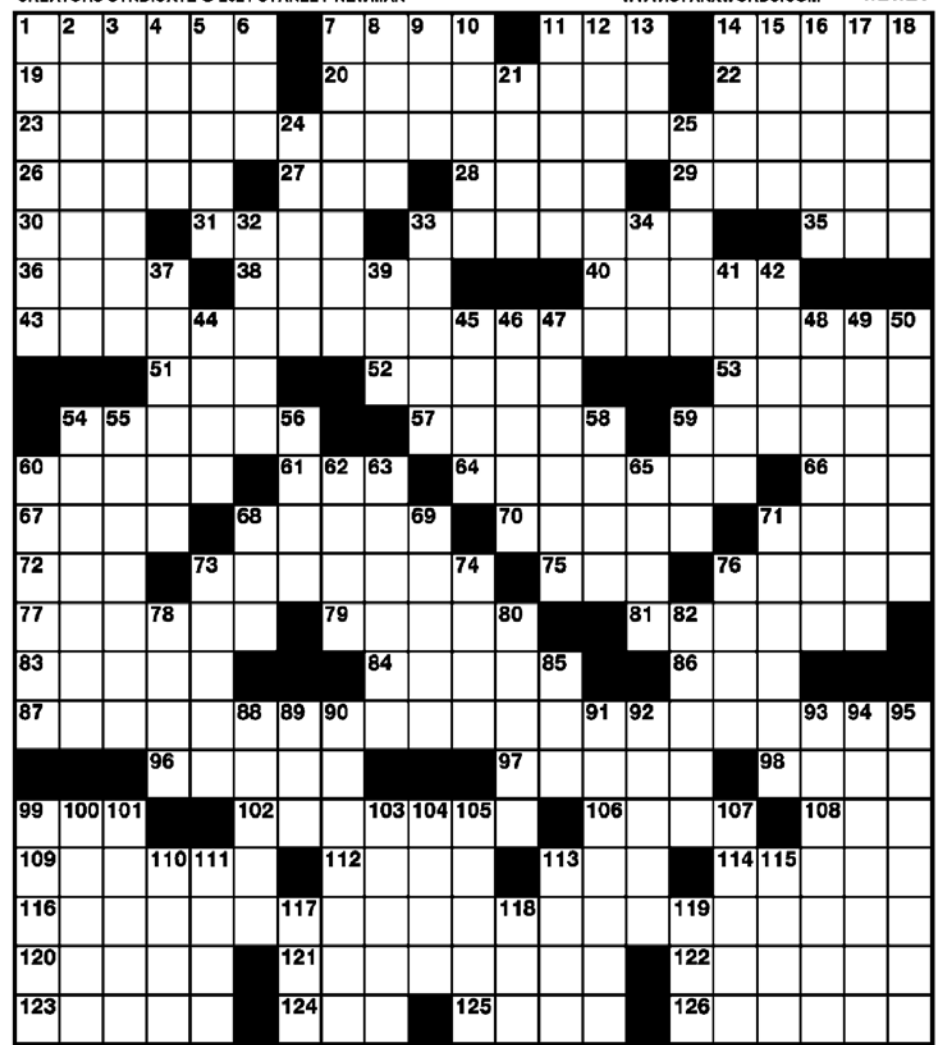
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Spectacularly, a CARAT (22 Across) is equivalent to a weight of 200 milligrams. At 8.1 square miles, NARU (53 Across) is the world's third-smallest country; neither of the two smaller ones (Vatican City and Monaco) is a republic. Founded in 1961, ASPAN (96 Across), or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, is composed of 10 member states.

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Workplace
 - 7 Bill of Rights advocate
 - 11 Stubborn equine
 - 14 Makes a trade
 - 19 Groups of lions
 - 20 Four-legged protector
 - 22 Gemologist's measure
 - 23 "My husband _" (part 1 of quote)
 - 26 Passage to the sea
 - 27 Uncertain conditions
 - 28 Reunion attendee
 - 29 1 Across apprentice
 - 30 TV hosts
 - 31 Autobahn auto
 - 33 Half a quart
 - 35 Set eyes on
 - 36 "Nope"
 - 38 Of armadas
 - 40 Miller anthero
 - 43 Part 2 of quote
 - 51 Facetious "Who, me?"
 - 52 Preposterous
 - 53 World's smallest republic
 - 54 Fighting forces
 - 57 Ultimately become
 - 59 Tree sources of syrup
 - 60 Social asset
 - 61 Group with GPs
 - 64 Steak order
 - 66 HP hardware
 - 67 Diner brewers
 - 68 Part 3 of quote
 - 70 Part 4 of quote
 - 71 Any sacrament
 - 72 Agricultural noun or verb
 - 73 Extreme embrace
 - 75 "_ out!" (ump's call)
 - 76 Article of faith
 - 77 Followed secretly
 - 79 Put on the brakes
 - 81 Put on the brakes
 - 83 Badger cousin
 - 84 Sitting Bull's people
 - 86 Section of the psyche
 - 87 Part 5 of quote
 - 96 Bloc that includes Thailand and Indonesia
 - 97 Blue hue
 - 98 Gold-filled Fort
 - 99 Be in the red
 - 102 Gets through to
 - 106 Slips up
 - 108 Dude's "How's things"
 - 109 Pretty tall
 - 112 Apt rhyme for "pursues"
 - 113 Streaming, in product names
 - 114 Capital on the Nile
 - 116 "_ Sils solo" (end of quote)
 - 120 Venomous snake
 - 121 Visit via vehicle
 - 122 *Unto the Sons* memoirist
 - 123 Peanut-butter cup inventor
 - 124 Early hrs.
 - 125 Hands, unkindly
 - 126 Stings some
 - 11 Make sense
 - 12 Vegan beverage
 - 13 PD rank
 - 14 Digital read
 - 15 Steam engine inventor
 - 16 Taurus preceder
 - 17 Military priest
 - 18 Collection from a quarry
 - 21 Parcel (out)
 - 24 *Burr* novelist
 - 25 "Another card"
 - 32 Open, as a parka
 - 33 Quarterback's protectors, for short
 - 34 Japanese drama
 - 37 Plays along with
 - 39 "Just _ suspected"
 - 41 Former UN leader
 - 42 Tide descriptor
 - 44 Telemeeting service
 - 45 Flatbreads of 46 Down
 - 46 *Gunga Din* setting
 - 47 In the neighborhood
 - 48 Like a fox
 - 49 Constructed
 - 50 Autumn apple
 - 54 Husky in voice
 - 55 Accompanied
 - 56 Frozen food forename
 - 58 Plum cousin
 - 59 IM Pei alma mater
 - 60 Standard practice
 - 62 Ranch mother
 - 63 Horrified
 - 65 Something we share
 - 68 Bottom of a lake
 - 69 *Calvin and Hobbes* girl
 - 71 Edit a lot
 - 73 Mountains of ice
 - 74 '90s GM cars
 - 76 Like curbside pickup orders
 - 78 *The Last Jedi* general
 - 80 Father/son literary surname
 - 82 Seesaw, essentially
 - 85 Ultimate letters
 - 88 Marsh wader
 - 89 Glasgow denial
 - 90 Capriciously
 - 91 Gas station attendants
 - 92 Directional symbol
 - 93 One in a clique
 - 94 Travel guide toter
 - 95 Tell-all articles
 - 99 With 100 Down, Dorian Gray creator
 - 100 See 99 Down
 - 101 Radiate, as charm
 - 103 Sorority members, old-style
 - 104 Sewing machine inventor
 - 105 Virtual emporium
 - 107 "Beat it!"
 - 110 Casual tops
 - 111 Thin cable
 - 113 Really went by
 - 115 Penne _ vodka
 - 117 _-la-la
 - 118 Eggs: Lat.
 - 119 NHL extensions

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PHOENIX PAINTING, 36846 POND AVE, PALMDALE, CA 93550 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 36846 POND AVE, PALMDALE, CA 93550. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4726546. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PHOENIX MAINTENANCE, 36846 POND AVE, PALMDALE, CA 93550 (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: KEERTHIHAN THILLAINATHAN, 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) 08/26/2021. 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: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932013.

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ENHANCED BY VEE, 5230 E. 27TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90815 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: above. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VANESSA VEGA, 5230 E. 27TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. 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: VANESSA VEGA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/26/2021. 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: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932087.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021191698
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: COUNSELING LB, 4647 LONG BEACH BLVD. #A4, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JAIME DUNHAM, 3845 GUNDOBY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807 (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: JAIME DUNHAM, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/26/2021. 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: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932115.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021191736
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MILLWOOD ORCHARDS LLC, 181 CULVER BLVD. UNIT C, PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MILLWOOD ORCHARDS LLC, 181 CULVER BLVD. UNIT C, PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293 (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: RYAN AVE 101, 09/02/21. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/26/2021. 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: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932125.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021191775
The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s): PORTOFINO HOTEL, 111 CRESCENT AVE, AVALON, CA 90704. The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed on: NOVEMBER 7, 2016 in the County of Los Angeles. Original File No. 2016271850. Full name of Registrant(s): CATALINA HOTEL OPS, INC., 1253 GARNET AVE STE A, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This statement 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: BRETT MILLER, CEO. This statement was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on 08/26/2021. Publish: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932137.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021191796
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. CHARMING PROPERTIES, 2. EMERALD EMPIRE AUTO, 3. A TOUCH OF SPLASH, 4. SUDS 4 DUDS, 5. PARKING STATION, 1106 LOCUST AVE 104, LONG BEACH, CA 90813 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JAEEL WILLIAMS AND ASSOCIATES LLC, 1106 LOCUST AVE 104, LONG BEACH, CA 90813 (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: JAEEL WILLIAMS, CEO. 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) 08/26/2021. 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: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932141.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021195626
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE UPS STORE 7414, 17631 VENTURA BOULEVARD, ENCINO, CA 91316 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 12051 SUSAN DRIVE, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KRISTALS SUPPLY CHAIN, 16911 SAN FERNANDO MISSION BLVD #169, 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: ANA THUKRAL, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/06/2021. 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: 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/24/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933806.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021179439
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NOT SO SUNNY, 12075 FOSTER RD UNIT 8, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI ##: N/A
REGISTRED OFFICER(S): (1) HANNA KO, 12075 FOSTER RD UNIT 8, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2021
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/HANNA KO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 12, 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021163887
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: J MICRON PRECISION MANUFACTURING, 9675 WILSON AVENUE, UNIT 202, CHATSWORTH, CA 91314 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: TERESA DE JESUS MORENO, 15549 COVELLO ST, VAN NUYS, CA 91406, JESUS JOSE MORENO, 15549 COVELLO ST, VAN NUYS, CA 91406. This business is conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE. 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: TERESA DE JESUS MORENO, WIFE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/21/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA921199.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021165152
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BLUE H O ENTERPRISE, 871 S WILTON PL 20, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 871 S WILTON PL 20, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: OSCAR VALDEZ, 871 S WILTON PL 20, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005. 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: OSCAR VALDEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/22/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA921504.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021165703
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: OZ PAKER DESIGN, 2212 VOORHEES AV UNIT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: OZLEEN P TANNER, 2212 VOORHEES AVE UNIT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278 (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: OZLEEN P TANNER, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/22/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA921504.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021170615
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MYKINCLOUD, 12644 HESBY STREET, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: THE BLUE BOX GROUP LLC, 12644 HESBY ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 91607 (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: TIFANY KOLCHINS, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923490.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021170615
The following person(s) is/are doing business

as: MYKINCLOUD, 12644 HESBY STREET, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: THE BLUE BOX GROUP LLC, 12644 HESBY ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 91607 (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: TIFANY KOLCHINS, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923490.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021166275
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BROWNTEEFUL, 4778 PECK RD, EL MONTE, CA 91732 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: THERESA NGUYEN, 5632 W DAVIT AVE, SANTA ANA, CA 92704. 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: THERESA NGUYEN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/23/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA922202.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021166822
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 10212 SOUTH WILTON PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KIMLEY LOUIE, 10212 SOUTH WILTON PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 (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: KIMLEY LOUIE, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/23/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA922705.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021169573
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TRHAGA MARKET, 5915 S NORMANDIE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: OSAMA OSMAN ABDELGADIR ELAMIN, 1239 ROSECHANS AVE APT 35, GARDENA, CA 90247. 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: OSAMA OSMAN ABDELGADIR ELAMIN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923280.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021169681
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AM CLOTHING AND DYE CO., 12439 MAGNOLIA BLVD #298, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ISABEL BOHORQUEZ, 12439 MAGNOLIA BLVD #298, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607, MICHAEL JAMES WINFIELD, 2148 GUNSMITH ER, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22191. This business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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: ISABEL BOHORQUEZ, PARTNER. 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) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923306.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021169829
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AKO AESTHETICS, 1039 FOOTHILL BLVD, LA CANADA, CA 91011 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 1910 N EDISON BLVD, BURBANK, CA 91505. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JENNIFER LYNN DE VIVO, 1910 N EDISON BLVD, BURBANK, CA 91505. 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: JENNIFER LYNN DE VIVO, 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) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923328.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021170130
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. BEACH VIBES BEAUTY, 2. COASTLUXE, 1200 PACIFIC COAST HWY SUITE 106, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 17019 KORNBUM AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90504. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BRITTNEY GRAY, 17019 KORNBUM AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90504. 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: BRITTNEY GRAY, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2012. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923382.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021170615
The following person(s) is/are doing business

as: MYKINCLOUD, 12644 HESBY STREET, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: THE BLUE BOX GROUP LLC, 12644 HESBY ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 91607 (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: TIFANY KOLCHINS, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 07/29/2021. 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: 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/03/2021, 09/10/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA923490.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARY J. TORRES

CASE NO. 21STPB07966
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARY J. TORRES. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ESTHER GUTIERREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ESTHER GUTIERREZ 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 many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/28/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 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 PAUL ROBERT DESJARDINS

Case No. 21STPB07925
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAUL ROBERT DESJARDINS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jeffrey Moore in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jeffrey Moore be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority

will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 7, 2021 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANTHONY P. GUTIERREZ

CASE NO. 21STPB08027
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANTHONY P. GUTIERREZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATRINA GUTIERREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATRINA GUTIERREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/28/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 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: MICHAEL ALLEN CROW

AKA MICHAEL A. CROW
CASE NO. 21STPB08397
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MICHAEL ALLEN CROW AKA MICHAEL A. CROW.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BILL CROW AKA BILL DON CROW in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BILL CROW AKA BILL DON CROW be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/07/21 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.

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 082066-CA APN: 8024-013-015 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/13/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 9/28/2021 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded

10/20/2017 as Instrument No. 20171202745 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JUNG HYUN CHUN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 128 OF TRACT NO. 15199 IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 352, PAGES 8 AND 9 OF MAPS. IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11836 HERCULES STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$444,664.94 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 082066-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are a "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you

can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 082066-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 147943 Title No. 190925943 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/02/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 09/23/2021 at 9:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/15/2005, as Instrument No. 053085433, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Jose Barajas and Silvia Barajas, Husband and Wife, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650-Vineyard Ballroom. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION REF. NO. 147943 LOT 87 OF TRACT NO. 16167, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 542, PAGE(S) 17 TO 21 INCLUSIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. APN 8016-011-014 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11117 Maidstone Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$213,364.15 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 8/17/2021 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham/ Authorized Signature 27455 TIERRA ALTA WAY, STE. B, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens

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How to deal with debt collectors



credit scores. In some cases, the debt may be too old to affect your credit report or credit scores.

If you don't believe you owe the debt, you can dispute it with the debt collector and the credit reporting company. If you dispute the debt in writing within 30 days of receiving information about the debt from the collector, then the debt collector must send you verification of the debt. You can also ask the debt collector for additional information.

Can debt collectors tell other people, like family, friends, or my employer, about my debt?

No. Under federal law, a debt collector may contact other people but generally only to find out how to contact you.

There are strict limits about what debt collectors can say or ask about you. A debt collector generally may only contact other people to find out:

- Where you live
- What your phone number is
- Where you work

Debt collectors usually can't contact people you know more than once and they can't say they're trying to collect on a debt. Generally, a debt collector can't discuss your debt with anyone other than:

- You
- Your spouse
- Your parents (if you are a minor)
- Your guardian, executor, or administrator
- Your attorney, if you are represented with respect to the debt

If the debt collector knows an attorney is representing you about the debt, the debt collector must contact the attorney instead of you. The debt collector may contact you if your attorney fails to respond to the collector within a reasonable period of time or your attorney agrees that the collector can contact you.

Debt collectors may ask your employer for your address or telephone number. If your employer does not allow you to receive personal calls at work you should let the debt collector know that.

If a debt collector knows that you are not allowed to receive the debt collector's calls at work then the debt collector is not allowed to call you there.

If a debt collector calls your employer, you might want to talk to the person who took the call to find out what the debt collector said. A debt collector may not tell your employer that you owe a debt. If the debt collector has told your employer that you owe a debt, you may want to speak to an attorney about your rights.

What is harassment by a debt collector?

Harassment by a debt collector can come in different forms but examples include repetitious phone calls intended to annoy or abuse, obscene language, and threats of violence.

The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) says debt collectors can't harass, oppress, or abuse you or anyone else they contact.

Some examples of harassment are:

- Repetitious phone calls that are intended to annoy, abuse, or harass you or any person answering the phone
- Obscene or profane language
- Threats of violence or harm
- Publishing lists of people who refuse to pay their debts (this does not include reporting information to a credit reporting company)
- Calling you without telling you who they are

You can also sue the debt collector for violations of the FDCPA. If you sue under the FDCPA and win, the debt collector must generally pay your attorney's fees and may also have to pay you damages.

No misrepresentations

The FDCPA also says debt collectors can't use false, deceptive, or misleading practices. This includes misrepresentations about the debt, including:

- The amount owed
- That the person is an attorney if they are not
- False threats to have you arrested
- Threats to do things that cannot legally be done
- Threats to do things that the debt collector has no intention of doing

It is a good idea to keep a file of all letters or documents a debt collector sends you and copies of anything you send to a debt collector. Also, write down dates and times of conversations along with notes about what you discussed. These records can help you if you have a dispute with a debt collector, meet with a lawyer, or go to court.

What should I do if a creditor or debt collector sues me?

If you're sued by a debt collector, you should respond to the lawsuit. You can respond personally or through an attorney, but you must do so by the date specified in the court papers.

When you respond or "answer" the lawsuit, the debt collector will have to prove to the court that the debt is valid and that you owe the debt.

Tip: If you are sued, carefully read the lawsuit, and respond by any deadline. If you don't respond, the court will likely issue a judgment against you as requested in the lawsuit.

While you must be properly "served" with a lawsuit, you won't be able to stop the lawsuit by refusing to accept delivery or "service" of the lawsuit. By doing these things you'll essentially be ignoring the lawsuit and you could be considered by the court as being properly served.

If you ignore a court action, it's likely that a judgment will be entered against you for the amount the creditor or debt collector claims you owe. Often the court also will award additional fees against you to cover collections costs, interest, and attorney fees.

Judgments give debt collectors much stronger tools to collect the debt from you. Depending on your situation and your state's laws, the creditor may be able to:

- Garnish your wages
- Place a lien against your property
- Move to freeze or garnish all or part of the funds in your bank account

Warning: You also may lose the ability to dispute that you owe the debt if a court issues a judgment against you.

A judgment is a court order. Only the court can change it. It's very difficult to get a judgment changed or set aside once the case is over. You have a much better chance to fight a collection in court if you defend the case than if you wait until a judgment is entered against you. You may also be able to work out a compromise or settlement by negotiating with the debt collector before a court makes a judgment.

Consult an attorney to learn more about your rights if you are sued on a debt.

Contributed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Under the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, in general, a debt collector is a person or a company that regularly collects debts owed to others, usually when those debts are past-due.

Debt collectors include collection agencies or lawyers who collect debts as part of their business. There are also companies that buy past-due debts from creditors or other businesses and then try to collect them. These debt collectors are also called debt collection agencies, debt collection companies, or debt buyers.

A debt collector may be trying to contact you because:

A creditor believes you are past due on a debt. Creditors may use their own in-house debt collectors or may refer or sell your debt to an outside debt collector.

A debt collector also may be calling you to locate someone you know, as long as the collector does not reveal that they are collecting a debt.

A debt buyer has bought the debt and is now collecting that debt or is hiring collectors.

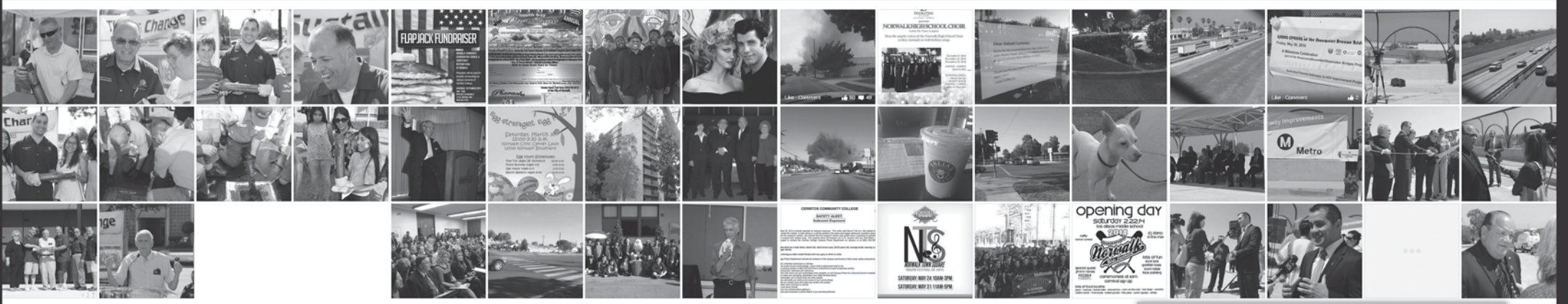
If the debt collector is contacting you for payment on a debt and you have concerns about the debt, the amount they are claiming, or the company contacting you, you might want to speak to an attorney or a credit counseling organization. Before speaking with a debt collector, consider working up a plan. You might be able to set up a payment plan or negotiate with them to resolve the debt.

Tip: You can ask a debt collector to stop contacting you but you should do so in writing. Asking them to stop contacting you will not prevent them from suing you or reporting the debt to a credit reporting company. If you do not owe the debt or have already paid the debt, it is important to take action to contest the attempt to collect the debt.

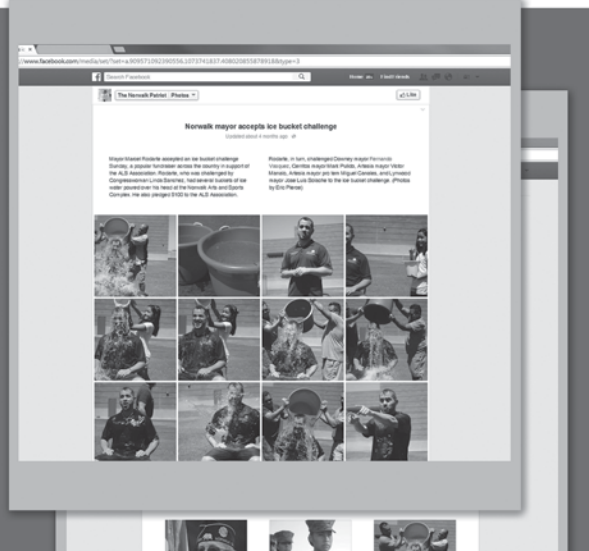
Another tip: The CFPB has prepared sample letters that you can use to respond to a debt collector who is trying to collect a debt. The letters include tips on how to use them. The sample letters may help you to get information, set limits or stop any further communication, or exercise some of your rights.

The creditor or the debt collector also may make a negative report to a consumer reporting company, affecting your credit report and

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Biola debuting new men's water polo team against UCLA

■ Coach Rick Nordell leads the inaugural program, which will play its first game Saturday.

By John M. Sherrard Contributor

LA MIRADA - If the excitement from the new Biola University men's water polo coach, Rick Nordell, is any indication of the future of the program, it's in good hands.

"We're young and it's a good mix," Nordell said. "The guys are working very hard and they're excited to be part of the inaugural team."

"To start a program from the ground floor, very few get that opportunity."

The inaugural season is fast approaching and the fast-talking, always smiling coach has his 19-member team ready for its initial game this Saturday.

And what an initial game it will be.

The Eagles take on the Collegiate Water Polo Association No.1 ranked UCLA Bruins in the Triton Invitational, hosted by UC San Diego.

"At first, when I opened up the schedule, I said, 'What,'" Nordell said. "I was a little wide-eyed."

The Bruins are the defending NCAA Champions and have won four of the last seven championships.

"There are 12-15 teams in the nation that get to play these guys this year and we get to be one of them," said Nordell, of Biola's matchup with UCLA. "We know we have a long ways to go and it's going to take awhile to get us up to the level of this competition, but we're up for the challenge."

Action kicks off at the Triton Invitational hosted by UC San Diego on September 4 and 5. The teams assembled will be a strong challenge for BU's opening weekend.

Biola's home opener is set for September 15, as the Eagles battle against Westcliff. BU will hold its home matches at the Splash Aquatic Center in La Mirada, which is across the street from the university.

Nordell comes to Biola with impressive credentials and 26 years experience as a head coach. Nordell, who coached at Golden West High School in Visalia, led his team to seven league titles and two CIF Central Section Championships.

Nordell was named Coach

of the Year by the Fresno Bee in 2015 and received the Bill Barnett Distinguished Coaching Award from USA Water Polo in 2016.

Nordell spoke of the facility that Biola will be playing at this season.

"We've got a great facility (Splash Aquatic Center) here and they've been very accommodating," Nordell said. "We're fortunate to have this facility this close. It's been great."

The players have only been practicing since August 20 as a team and the first time they got together as a team was in the summer for a dinner.

Assisting Nordell is Salvador Orozco, who is a recent 2019 graduate of Salem University in West Virginia.

Orozco, whose sister Sarah Orozco is the head coach for the Biola women's water polo team, graduated from Montebello and was a two-time All-CIF player. He also played at Cerritos College and was an All-South Coast Conference selection.

"One thing I noticed about Sal is that he brings to the table a recent water polo playing experience to the team," Nordell said. "He is only a few years ahead of some of my current players and can teach them what his recent experience at Salem University has provided."

"He is already developing a great rapport with the guys on the team and has earned their respect."

Biola will be playing in a league (Western Water Polo Association), which is made up of half DI and half DII teams. The teams are: UC San Diego, UC Davis, Air Force Academy, Loyola Marymount, Cal Baptist, Concordia, Santa Clara and Fresno Pacific.

The winner of the league will earn an automatic berth to the NCAA DI National Championship tournament.

"It's a great opportunity and our goal is to be there," Nordell added. "Two years ago I would have never imagined I'd be here starting a brand new team at Biola University. I love what it stands for."

Nordell has a daughter, Kallyn, who graduated from Biola. He, along with his wife of 30 years, Karen, also has two boys, Seth and Sawyer.

"We're going to strap in and enjoy the ride," concluded Nordell.

What they said:

Salvador Orozco, assistant coach: "I ended up staying home after my first year at CBU (Cal Baptist University), when I red-shirted. I went to Cerritos College for two years and I played at a tournament in Pennsylvania and that's when we played against Salem. It was great going to the East Coast with indoor pools and shallow-deep pools."

"As [Sarah Orozco's] brother, I knew she was applying for the job. How that came about is that I knew there was a men's team. I coached at Montebello and had a little bit of high school experience."

"Coach already had a feel for me when he talked to Sarah. Now to bring (the faith) to coaching, it's more than I could ask."

Ana Miroslavic, goalie coach: "It's really exciting. I've only been a coach for women (current Biola women's goalie coach), so I'm excited to coach men as well. I have never coached an American team. We've got a good team and things are looking good. In the fall I'll focus on the men and the spring on the women."

Braeden Marsolini, FR Utility: "Honestly, it's quite amazing to be a part of something new like this. You get to grow as a team and as players and the making of lifelong friends. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"It's quite an experience to play UCLA right out of the gate."

"We are very lucky to have such a big and clean facility to practice at."

Nolan Rapp, FR Defender: "I played for a new club when I first started and this (Biola) kind of reminds me of that. The level is a lot quicker. I'm looking forward to the UCLA game."

"As for coach, I tell my mom, it's like a trip to Disneyland every time he opens his mouth. He's so happy. It's crazy how optimistic he can be. He knows how to push us in the right way. I really appreciate him."

Christian Trapp, FR Attacker: "Right now it's a lot of work and I think we had 27 hours of practice this week."

"It's pretty cool to be the foundation of a great legacy. We were on the very first team of a school. He's (Nordell) different than any coach I've ever had. It's (UCLA game) going to be a big surprise. They are a very good team."

Kenny Wulf, JR Attacker: "It's good to hopefully get these guys in a groove. They are pretty young. I played two years at CC (Riverside City College) and



Goalie Mitchell Carpenter deflects a shot at the goal during practice for the Biola University men's water polo team at Splash in La Mirada. The team is preparing for their inaugural season at Biola. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

it's a different grind than high school. It's a lot of swimming and conditioning. That's a challenge in itself. It's going to be a rough and fun game."

"(Biola) is a pretty tight nit atmosphere here."

Will Tibbetts, FR Defender: "It's really exciting and we're all excited to be a part of it. It's a once in a lifetime experience to start a new team."

"It's kind of like recruiting in the dark (for Biola) and you want the right kind of people on a team. At Biola, I feel it would be more important to have a more Christian environment, before we have a winning team."

"I'm familiar with a lot of players on their (UCLA) roster and they're very strong. It'll be a rough game, especially since they have a lot of experience and skill in the pool."

Mitchell Carpenter, FR Goalkeeper: "It's really fun to

be a part of something new and bigger and better than my high school. It'll be a cool story to tell my kids some day and that'd be something I'd be excited to share with them."

"(Coach) is such a positive guy and something that's really nice for our program. It'll just be cool to face UCLA, the defending National Champions and it will be a good jumping off point for our program. It'll be tough, but it will be a good experience."

"I'm also super excited for our first home game."

Matthew Vinson, JR Center: "It's going to be rough as a team and the only thing that is different is there is really no summer training. A lot of the guys were out of pools because of Covid."

Luke Franklin, FR Center: "I like to make sure everyone is jelling together. You just have to work well with the team. The building of the team is the most

important part. "It's an honor to play such a great team (UCLA). Not everyone gets to play such a high level team. This is just our first game and we'll figure it out how we take it from there."

"Coach is such a great leader and a great supporter and I've never seen him not smile."

John Grasso, FR Utility: "I'm really excited and it's cool to be part of an inaugural team. It's pretty cool to be able to play the National Champion."

"I feel like we've (built) some chemistry in the last few weeks. We have a bond, but it's not close to being a team yet, but we're figuring it out right now, which is cool. I haven't seen coach get mad yet, but I'm terrified for that day. It's a lot of work (new team), but I love it."

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