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Norwalk works to meet organic waste law

■ A new California law requires cities to dramatically reduce the amount of organic waste they produce.

NORWALK – The Norwalk City Council approved an ordinance Oct. 5, by title only, that will continue the process of complying with Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), an unfunded mandate signed into law in 2016 by then Governor Jerry Brown to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% and increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025.

SB 1383 targets pollutants that have potent effects on our climate. California has identified one of these pollutants to be methane, which is a powerful greenhouse gas that is produced when organics break down in landfills. Landfills are the third largest emitter of methane in the State of California.

Under SB 1383, organics are defined as lawn and landscaping debris, wood and lumber, food, food-soiled paper, and other paper and cardboard products. Currently, organics comprise two-thirds of the waste disposed in California landfills.

SB 1383 requires cities to adopt an enforceable ordinance to compel commercial businesses and residents to recycle their organic waste and to comply with other requirements of the bill. To meet this requirement, Norwalk's municipal code had to be updated.

"Given that SB 1383 is an unfunded mandate handed down to us by the state, it will affect all Norwalk residents and will be a challenge to implement these requirements," stated Mayor Jennifer Perez. "This leaves local governments in a position of ensuring compliance with the bill so that there are no fines handed down by the state."

As a result of SB 1383 and the regulations established by CalRecycle, Norwalk will have to implement certain practices to be in compliance. Examples include providing organic waste recycling services to all commercial, single-family, and multi-family properties; inspect and enforce compliance with SB 1383 by adopting an enforcement ordinance; and maintaining accurate and timely records of SB 1383 compliance for annual reporting requirements, among other things.

For now, Norwalk single-family residents will see no waste collection and recycling program changes. All jurisdictions are required to implement a mandatory organic recycling ordinance by January 1, 2022.

Norwalk volunteers gather to clean up Rosecrans off-ramp

■ A higher than expected turnout helps to clean up a freeway offramp; officials hope to have more clean-ups in the future.

NORWALK – The City of Norwalk, in partnership with CalTrans, held a successful community clean-up event this past week on Saturday, October 9. There were over 40 volunteers and staff that helped clean a portion of the southbound 605 Freeway near the Rosecrans Avenue off-ramp.

The event coincided with Clean California Day in the City of Norwalk, which is a day dedicated to improving the environment through litter collection, community engagement, and education ultimately protecting and cleaning the natural and built spaces while transforming unsightly roadsides into spaces of pride for all Californians.

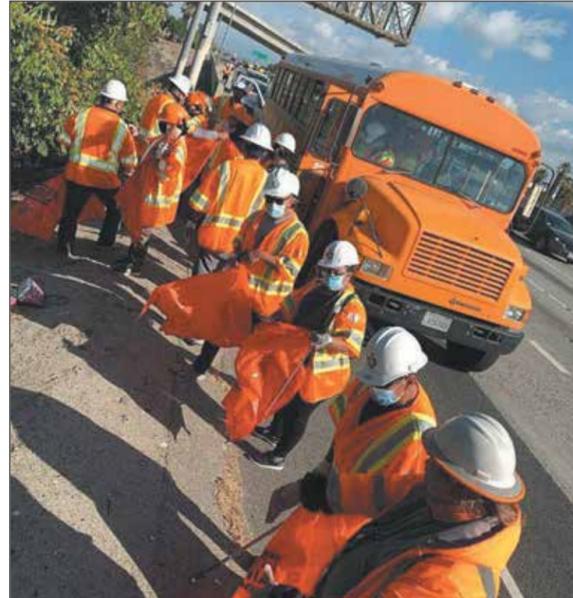
"It's vital that the city is able to work with and coordinate these types of events with CalTrans. The off-ramps and on-ramps tend to get filled with debris from passing motorists," said Mayor Jennifer Perez. "Given the number of motorists that pass by daily and the fact that Norwalk has three freeways that pass through the city, it's important for them to be cleaned up regularly."

Also assisting in the event were members from the California Conservation Corps, California Highway Patrol, Norwalk Public Safety, representatives from State Assemblymember Lisa Calderon's (57th District) office, and the Lions Club.

Event organizers were pleasantly surprised by the turnout of volunteers, having originally called for only 20-25 volunteers.

CalTrans provided masks, gloves, bags, pickers, eye protection, and transportation from the meeting point to the clean-up location. CalTrans also held a brief safety meeting before the start of the event.

"We applaud CalTrans for agreeing to schedule a clean-up of the 605-freeway off-ramp. This is essential to avoid any potential road hazards" said Mayor Perez.



The City of Norwalk hopes to hold monthly clean-up events with the help of CalTrans, which must agree to coordinate these events due to the possible closures of freeway roads and/or the on-ramps and off-ramps to the freeways.

Newsom signs law criminalizing secret condom removal during sex

■ The governor also signed legislation that enhances punishment for spousal rape.

NORWALK – California Governor Gavin Newsom signed two new laws on Thursday that provide more rights for victims of sexual assault and misconduct.

Both bills — one tackling "stealth" and the other spousal rape — were introduced by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, who has been working on the laws for years and represents portions of Norwalk.

The first law, AB 453, makes it a civil sexual battery offense for someone to engage in stealth, or removing a condom during sex without verbal consent from their partner. The state is the first in the country to prohibit the act, according to the Associated Press.

Under the new law, which Garcia has been advocating for since 2017, victims of stealth can sue the person who commits the violation for damages and relief.

"Sexual assaults, especially those on women of color, are perpetually swept under the rug," Garcia said in a statement. "...It's

disgusting that there are online communities that defend and encourage stealth and give advice on how to get away with removing the condom without the consent of their partner."

Newsom's office pointed to a 2017 Yale study that found both men and women have been the victim of stealth. The researchers found that along with victims being fearful of having gotten a sexually transmitted infection or an unwanted pregnancy, they also described the experience as a "disempowering, demeaning violation of a sexual agreement."

The second law, AB 1171, eliminates an existing provision that does not acknowledge spousal rape as the same as non-spousal rape. Spousal rape is illegal in every state, but California is one of nine states that differentiated it from non-spousal rape.

Prior to the bill's signing, California law defined rape as an "act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a person not the spouse of the perpetrator under certain circumstances."

Those circumstances include an inability to give legal consent because of a disorder or disability

or the perpetrator fraudulently representing the situation. According to the previous law, however, spousal rape "does not include acts of sexual intercourse accomplished under the specific circumstances."

The latest legislative action eliminates this provision to include spousal rape in the broader definition of the act, except in cases in which one of the spousal partners has a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability.

Newsom's office pointed to the prevalence of intimate partner violence in their press release of the bill's passage. Marital rape is the most underreported form of sexual assault, even though between 10% and 14% of women are raped at some point in their marriages, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

It wasn't until 1976 that a state legally recognized spousal rape.

The new California law also changes the penalty for spousal rape. While those who rape their spouses had the same maximum penalties as those who rape non-spouses, they were able to receive probation and did not get placed



on the sex offender registry. Now, if a spouse is raped by force, while under the influence or unconscious, or was threatened with retaliation, the perpetrator will not be able to evade those penalties.

"Rape is rape," Assemblywoman Garcia said in a statement. "And a marriage license is not an excuse for committing one of society's most violent and sadistic crimes. AB 1171 will mandate adherence to a law that will protect vulnerable spouses in a union."

Grocery store shelves aren't going back to normal this year

■ A variety of factors have limited food makers' abilities to keep their products in stock.

(CNN BUSINESS) – If you hoped grocery stores this fall and winter would look like they did in the Before Times, with limitless options stretching out before you in the snack, drink, candy and frozen foods aisles, get ready for some disappointing news.

Many of the country's biggest food makers are telling grocers that they will have limited quantities of a number of their products, including items such as Rice Krispies Treats, Sour Patch Kids, some Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavors, McCormick gourmet spices and Marie Callender's pot pies because of labor, commodity and transportation constraints throttling supply chains, according to emails viewed by CNN and interviews with grocers. Some suppliers

are also telling grocers to cancel their promotions of these items and more over the holidays so products won't disappear from store shelves as quickly.

These latest limits mean that stores won't have all things for all customers heading into the holidays, and shoppers may not be able to find some of their favorite products, flavors or niche items. But shoppers will still have plenty of options, including most of these companies' core products, which they are prioritizing over items in less demand — meaning, for instance, that if you're a fan of Ben & Jerry's popular Phish Food, you shouldn't have a problem, but the company's less-well known Cold Brew Caramel Latte might be harder to find.

Major food and consumer product manufacturers being short of supply on some items "will be a challenge in the grocery industry" in the final months of the year, said Steve Howard, vice

president of merchandising at Bristol Farms, a grocery chain in California. Suppliers are warning the company of "potential shortages" of foods, glass jars and packaging containers. In response, Bristol Farms is working to bring in inventory "earlier than any other holiday ever," Howard said.

Purchase limits from manufacturers were rare before the pandemic and are creating "lesser than full conditions" for customers in Morton Williams stores, said Steve Schwartz, director of sales at the New York area chain. Morton Williams is trying to tap secondary suppliers when its primary vendors for food and household essentials can't fulfill orders.

"It's not your ideal situation," Schwartz said. Some customers have been forgiving when they are unable to find what they're looking for. But others "just want to know why they can't get their item."



Shortages at grocery stores are nowhere near as visible as they were at the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, when shoppers flocked to stores to stockpile food and household staples. But supply in grocery store aisles has not fully recovered to pre-pandemic

levels, and companies such as Costco and Sam's Club have recently reinstated purchase limits for customers on paper products and cleaning supplies.

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 92°

Saturday 91°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Día de los Muertos
Saturday
Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs
Traditional music, food, artisan vendors, and entertainment for all. Learn the art of decorating traditional sugar skulls, and/or honor a family member by participating in the Community Ofrenda Showcase.

ON THIS DAY OCTOBER 15

- 1582:**
Adoption of the Gregorian calendar began, eventually leading to near-universal adoption.
- 1860:**
Eleven-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, N.Y., wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by growing a beard.
- 1946:**
Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.
- 1951:**
"I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS.
- 1969:**
Peace demonstrators staged activities across the country, including a candlelight march around the White House, as part of a moratorium against the Vietnam War.
- 1976:**
Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in the first debate between vice-presidential nominees.



- 1990:**
South Africa's Separate Amenities Act, which had barred blacks from public facilities for decades, was rescinded.
- 1991:**
The Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, 52-48.

- 1993:**
Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end apartheid in South Africa.

- 2007:**
The New York Yankees and third baseman Alex Rodriguez agreed on a record 10-year, \$275 million contract, the richest in sports history.

- 2009:**
A false report that a 6-year-old boy was aboard a runaway balloon in Colorado captivated a global TV audience. (The boy's parents later pleaded guilty to charges they made up the story.)

Birthdays

Singer **Richard Carpenter** (75), celebrity chef **Emeril Lagasse** (62), R&B singer **Ginuwine** (50), R&B singer **Keyshia Cole** (40), and heavyweight boxer **Anthony Joshua** (32).

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Everybody loves to snack. Today's question isn't so much whether to do it, but how often is best, and what should we be eating?



There is nothing wrong with snacking - in fact, it is generally better to eat small, frequent nutritious meals, as opposed to just a few enormous ones. This provides a steady flow of nutrients, and minimizes peaks and valleys. Those of us with very long work or school days will particularly benefit from good snacking. And, if you are among those who get ravenously hungry or suffer from low blood sugar between main meals, then snacking is an especially good idea.

However, a snack food or beverage does not need to be fast food, high in sugar, salty, or have poor nutritional value. It may be unrealistic to assume that all snacks should be highly nourishing, but let's see how we can shift them to the healthful side.

The proper number of

snacks? It depends. A snack is best consumed before you feel too hungry, and certainly before you become hypoglycemic. Two to three per day is fine, as long as the portion size doesn't get in the way of eating your main meals. Avoid nighttime snacks if you are prone to acid reflux, or if you are not actually hungry. Diabetics generally find that at least a small nutritionally-balanced bedtime snack works well.

So, let's be specific. Snacks should be enjoyable, easy to prepare, and nutritious. Stick with natural foods, rather than highly processed foods. Read labels! Foods with high fiber, complex carbohydrates, and protein make good choices. Fast foods and highly processed foods tend to be low in nutritional value, and high in salt, fat, sugar, and calories. Undesirable choices include soda, chips, cookies, candy, donuts, and ice cream.

Here are a few examples of great snacks:

- Nuts: A mixture of nuts packs a lot of nutrition, and is linked to a reduction in diseases like heart disease. They provide a balance of healthy fat, protein, and fiber, and are very filling.
- Plain yogurt with mixed berries: It's delicious, a great source of calcium and potassium, and high in protein and antioxidants.
- Apple slices with peanut butter: Apples and natural peanut butter taste just great together. Apples are high in fiber and antioxidants. Peanut butter raises the good cholesterol HDL, and reduces the bad cholesterol LDL and triglycerides.
- Cottage cheese with fruit: The cottage cheese provides fat

and protein, and the fruit adds complex carbohydrates.

• Hard-boiled eggs: Eggs are a healthy and weight-loss friendly food. They are loaded with protein and vitamins. While the yolk has a high cholesterol content, recent studies suggest that moderate egg consumption doesn't increase the risk of heart disease.

• Beef jerky: Beef jerky makes a great high protein snack.

• Edamame: Steamed raw soybeans are loaded with antioxidants, vitamins, minerals and fiber.

• Toasted 100% whole grain English muffin with peanut butter: Another choice that is loaded with protein and fiber.

• Trail mix: You can find many combinations of raw or toasted nuts and dried fruit - or, it's easy to make your own well-balanced mix of good fats, fiber, and protein.

• Raw vegetables with guacamole or hummus: That crunch is enormously satisfying. This is a great blend of complex carbohydrates, protein, and fiber.

• Dark chocolate with almonds: Need I say more? Well, sure: It's rich, satisfying and portable, and loaded with flavanols, monounsaturated fat, fiber, magnesium, and antioxidants.

Snacking can be a very good thing. It helps to level out the blood sugar, and is a good way to add more servings of fruits and vegetables to the diet. I urge you to do your best to avoid fast food and processed foods, and to focus on natural foods and a balance of nutrients. Enjoy!

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Confused by Medicare options?

Each year, an important window of opportunity arrives for current Medicare beneficiaries as well as those about to enroll in the government's health insurance program for older Americans.

It's the Medicare open enrollment period, which runs annually from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. During that time, new enrollments are allowed and current recipients can make changes to their plans.

The enrollment period is definitely not something to be taken lightly, says Chris Orestis, president of Retirement Genius (www.retirementgenius.com) and an authority on retirement planning, long-term care and financial health.

Orestis notes that Medicare, which covers more than 61 million people, is the most important payer of healthcare services in the United States for those 65 and older. Medicare spends more than \$800 billion annually, which is almost a quarter of the country's healthcare spending.

If you are enrolling in Medicare for the first time, or need to change your plan, Orestis says a few important things to know include:

Traditional Medicare. Traditional Medicare provides the same level of coverage to all enrollees across the country. There are no pre-existing condition limitations or wait periods. Every medical provider who accepts Medicare will treat a patient on traditional Medicare in any part of the country. "People who travel a lot or split time living in more than one state will typically enroll in traditional coverage, and then buy a Medicare Supplemental policy to limit their out-of-pocket exposure," Orestis says.

Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Here's how the alphabet soup of Medicare coverage breaks down, Orestis says. Medicare Part A pays for hospital and skilled nursing facility care. Medicare Part B pays 80 percent of costs for doctors, outpatient services and medical equipment. Medicare Part C is private Advantage Plans. Medicare Part D provides a variety of options to pay for prescriptions.

Medicare Advantage. Medicare Advantage Plans are managed as HMO or PPO programs by private health insurance companies. They have lower out-of-pocket costs for staying in-network. They also offer prescription services (replacing Medicare Part D), and extra services such as dental, vision, hearing, care-related home improvements, transportation and even meal services.

The costs. Understanding Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket costs could mean the difference in thousands of dollars for enrollees, Orestis says. Most people will not pay a premium for Part A, but they will for Part B, Part C, and Part D. In 2021, the premium for Part B is \$148.50 a month. The average Part D premium is \$30.50 a month. Anyone who enrolls in a Medicare Advantage Plan or purchases a Medigap policy (which pays for any gaps in coverage), will pay premiums to the insurance company. Medicare Advantage enrollees still pay the Part B premium in addition to their Advantage Plan premiums. Medigap plans, sold by insurance companies, have a range of monthly premiums based on the plan type.

Prescription coverage. In addition to a monthly premium, Medicare Part D prescription coverage also has out-of-pocket costs. As of 2021, once out-of-pocket costs reach \$4,130 the recipient is responsible for 25% of costs for the remainder of that year. If prescription drug costs reach \$6,550 in the same year, the share paid by the individual will then decrease to 5%. "There are numerous Part D plans," Orestis says, "so it is important to compare and contrast what drugs are covered and the associated costs so any needed changes can be made during the open enrollment period."

If you are confused, know that assistance is available, Orestis says. Free assistance also can be obtained through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and the Medicare Rights Center. Also, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services provides a wealth of information and resources.

There is only one way to save the Republican party from pro-Trump extremists

By Miles Taylor and Christine Todd Whitman

After Donald Trump’s defeat, there was a measure of hope among Republicans who opposed him that control of the G.O.P. would be up for grabs, and that conservative pragmatists could take back the party. But it’s become obvious that political extremists maintain a viselike grip on the national G.O.P., the state parties and the process for fielding and championing House and Senate candidates in next year’s elections.

Rational Republicans are losing the G.O.P. civil war. And the only near-term way to battle pro-Trump extremists is for all of us to team up on key races and overarching political goals with our longtime political opponents: the Democratic Party.

This year we joined more than 150 conservatives — including former governors, senators, congressmen, cabinet secretaries, and party leaders — in calling for the Republican Party to divorce itself from Trumpism or else lose our support, perhaps by forming a new political party. Rather than return to founding ideals, G.O.P. leaders in the House and in many states have now turned belief in conspiracy theories and lies about stolen elections into a litmus test for membership and running for office.

Breaking away from the G.O.P. and starting a new center-right party may prove in time to be the last resort if Trump-backed candidates continue to win Republican primaries. We and our allies have debated the option of starting a new party for months and will continue to explore its viability in the long run. Unfortunately, history is littered with examples of failed attempts at breaking the two-party system, and in most states today the laws do not lend themselves easily to the creation and success of third parties.

So for now, the best hope for the rational remnants of the G.O.P. is for us to form an alliance with Democrats to defend American institutions, defeat far-right candidates, and elect honorable representatives next year — including a strong contingent of moderate Democrats.

It’s a strategy that has worked. Mr. Trump lost re-election in large part because Republicans nationwide defected, with 7 percent who voted for Mr. Trump in 2016 flipping to support Joe Biden, a margin big enough to have made some difference in key swing states.

Even still, we don’t take this position lightly. Many of us have spent years battling the left over government’s role in society, and we will continue to have disagreements on fundamental issues like infrastructure spending, taxes and national security. Similarly, some Democrats will be wary of any pact with the political right.

But we agree on something more foundational — democracy. We

cannot tolerate the continued hijacking of a major U.S. political party by those who seek to tear down our Republic’s guardrails or who are willing to put one man’s interests ahead of the country. We cannot tolerate the leaders of the G.O.P. — in 2022 or in the presidential election in 2024 — refusing to accept the results of elections or undermining the certification of those results should they lose.

To that end, concerned conservatives must join forces with Democrats on the most essential near-term imperative: blocking Republican leaders from regaining control of the U.S. House of Representatives. Some of us have worked in the past with the House Republican leader, Kevin McCarthy, but as long as he embraces Mr. Trump’s lies, he cannot be trusted to lead the chamber, especially in the run-up to the next presidential election.

And while many of us support and respect the Senate Republican leader, Mitch McConnell, it is far from clear that he can keep Mr. Trump’s allies at bay, which is why the Senate may be safer remaining as a divided body rather than under Republican control.

For these reasons, we will endorse and support bipartisan-oriented moderate Democrats in difficult races, like Representative Abigail Spanberger of Virginia and Elissa Slotkin of Michigan and Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona, where they will undoubtedly be challenged by Trump-backed candidates. And we will defend a small nucleus of courageous Republicans, such as Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger, Peter Meijer and others who are unafraid to speak the truth.

In addition to these leaders, this week we are coming together around a political idea — the Renew America Movement — and will release a slate of nearly two dozen Democratic, independent and Republican candidates we will support in 2022.

These “renewers” must be protected and elected if we want to restore a common-sense coalition in Washington. But merely holding the line will be insufficient. To defeat the extremist insurgency in our political system and pressure the Republican Party to reform, voters and candidates must be willing to form nontraditional alliances.

For disaffected Republicans, this means an openness to backing centrist Democrats. It will be difficult for lifelong G.O.P. members to do this — akin to rooting for the other team out of fear that your own is ruining the sport entirely — but democracy is not a game, which is why when push comes to shove, patriotic conservatives should put country over party.

One of those races is in Pennsylvania, where a bevy of pro-Trump candidates are vying to replace the outgoing Republican senator, Pat

Toomey. The only prominent moderate in the G.O.P. primary, Craig Snyder, recently bowed out, and if no one takes his place, it will increase the urgency for Republican voters to stand behind a Democrat, such as centrist Representative Conor Lamb, who is running for the seat.

For Democrats, this similarly means being open to conceding that there are certain races where progressives simply cannot win and acknowledging that it makes more sense to throw their lot in with a center-right candidate who can take out a more radical conservative.

Utah is a prime example, where the best hope of defeating Senator Mike Lee, a Republican who defended Mr. Trump’s refusal to concede the election, is not a Democrat but an independent and former Republican, Evan McMullin, a member of our group, who announced last week that he was entering the race.

We need more candidates like him prepared to challenge politicians who have sought to subvert our Constitution from the comfort of their “safe” seats in Congress, and we are encouraged to note that additional independent-minded leaders are considering entering the fray in places like Texas, Arizona and North Carolina, targeting seats that Trumpist Republicans think are secure.

More broadly, this experiment in “coalition campaigning” — uniting concerned conservatives and patriotic progressives — could remake American politics and serve as an antidote to hyper-partisanship and federal gridlock.

To work, it will require trust building between both camps, especially while fighting side by side in the toughest races around the country by learning to collaborate on voter outreach, sharing sensitive polling data, and synchronizing campaign messaging.

A compact between the center-right and the left may seem like an unnatural fit, but in the battle for the soul of America’s political system, we cannot retreat to our ideological corners.

A great deal depends on our willingness to consider new paths of political reform. From the halls of Congress to our own communities, the fate of our Republic might well rest on forming alliances with those we least expected.

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Let Medicare negotiate its drug prices

By Froma Harrop

There’s a drug war on TV. It has nothing to do with cocaine or heroin but does involve an addiction — the pharmaceutical industry’s compulsion to charge Americans an average 3.4 times more for brand-name drugs than people in other countries pay. Step 1 in the rehab program is to let Medicare negotiate prescription drug prices.

The drug makers, represented by Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA, the main industry lobbying group, are running scare ads where seniors fret that they’d be denied lifesaving drugs if Congress applies brakes on what they can charge Medicare. In opposition, the leading interest group for older Americans is sponsoring ads in support of price negotiations. The AARP insists its elderly members would still get the drugs they need, pay lower premiums and get new benefits.

The AARP is right. Most Democrats agree, and so did Donald Trump when he first ran for president.

“We are not allowed to negotiate drug prices. Can you believe it?” candidate Trump said in 2016. “We pay about \$300 billion more than we are supposed to, than if we negotiated the price. So there’s \$300 billion on Day One we solve.”

Upon getting elected, Trump made a top drug-company executive head of Health and Human Services, and the campaign promise vanished.

But we can now update his figure on savings to at least \$450 billion over 10 years, based on Congressional Budget Office numbers.

Most of those savings wouldn’t leave the Medicare program but, as the budget plan says, go to providing dental, hearing and vision coverage. And beneficiaries would enjoy a \$14 billion cut in their Part D premiums by 2029, according to the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Then there are the taxpayers. General revenues — that is, federal income taxes — cover 71% of the costs of Medicare Part D, and states another 12%.

This proposal hardly starves the pharmaceutical companies of revenues. It would cap the prices charged Medicare at 120% of those paid in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom. In other words, we could still be paying more than these other rich countries. The difference is that drug makers could no longer gouge Americans with impunity.

The proposed Medicare cap would have reduced U.S. spending on insulins and 50 top brand-name drugs by 52% during 2020 — a savings of \$83.5 billion, according to a RAND Corporation report. (The Veterans Administration has long negotiated prices and pays 54% less for drugs than does Medicare.)

PhRMA’s public relations department recently wrote that efforts to stop drug makers from charging the federal health insurance program for

the elderly whatever they want “should enrage every senior who relies on Medicare for their life-saving medicines.”

Actually, they’re not enraged. An AARP survey finds that 87% of Americans 50 and older support letting Medicare negotiate drug prices. And nearly 90% of the general public wants it, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

One PhRMA ad falsely claims that politicians will “decide which medicines you can and can’t get.” The budget bill does no such thing. It would not require a prescription drug formulary. Insurers offering Medicare drug plans would still decide what drugs to cover. The negotiations would apply to only a few drugs that account for the highest spending and that lack generic competitors.

Lawmakers intent on protecting the drug-pricing racket include some Democrats. What most have in common with like-minded Republicans is open palms at the bottom of Big Pharma’s money chute.

At some point, Americans will stop playing the world’s suckers. Letting Medicare negotiate drug prices would be a fine place to start recovering our self-respect.

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When are secrets not secret?

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

Last week, President George W. Bush’s torture regime reared its head in an unusual argument before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2002, Abu Zubaydah was captured by a militia in Pakistan and handed over to the CIA, which brought him to Poland where, under the supervision of CIA agents and American psychologists, he was brutally tortured until his removal to the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba in 2006.

The Bush administration argued that Zubaydah was a high-ranking member of al-Qaida who possessed information needed to fight the war on terror. After his torture produced no actionable information, the CIA told the Department of Justice and the Senate that Zubaydah was not a member of al-Qaida, and it had no evidence of wrongdoing by him.

His lawyers filed a criminal complaint with the European Court of Human Rights against the CIA, its psychologists and the Polish intelligence agents who carried out the torture.

That court concluded that the torture did occur, and it referred the matter to Polish prosecutors to proceed criminally against the defendants. During that criminal proceeding, Polish prosecutors asked the DOJ for the names of those who tortured Zubaydah and documentation of what they did to him.

In the Supreme Court last week, the government’s lawyer conceded that the names of the torturers and the nature of their grisly deeds are already known — the psychologists wrote a book about it — but the government will not confirm any of it because it constitutes state secrets.

So, if these so-called secrets are now publicly known, why does the government refuse to confirm them?

Here is the backstory.

On Oct. 6, 1948, a U.S. government plane was leaving from Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia, for a round-trip flight to Orlando, Florida, when it crashed, killing its crew. When surviving family members sued the government to determine who manufactured the plane and why

it crashed, the feds declined to provide any information asserting that what was sought constituted state secrets.

In 1953, when the Supreme Court upheld this novel argument, it effectively changed the rules of evidence by permitting the federal government — without disclosing to a judge what the secrets are — to withhold evidence merely by making this claim.

Since 1953, the government has successfully asserted the state secrets claim dozens of times, each time claiming that the revelation of the so-called secrets will adversely affect national security.

In 2001, after the statute of limitations had long expired for any litigation over the 1948 crash, and reporters filed Freedom of Information Act requests for the alleged state secrets, a judge ordered the government to reveal them.

There were none.

The entire state secrets doctrine was based on covering up government embarrassment and wrongdoing, not the retention of legitimate secrets.

Now, back to the Zubaydah case in which he subpoenaed the DOJ for the records of his torture. Everyone involved in the oral argument knew that the state secrets doctrine was based on material misrepresentations the feds made to at least a dozen federal judges, yet the government treated it as if it were legitimate and compelling. The government argued that in wartime, its powers to keep its behavior secret are enhanced.

When Justice Brett Kavanaugh asked what war the U.S. is currently fighting that underlies its state secrets claim, the DOJ lawyer answered that the U.S. is still at war in Afghanistan!

The government’s argument that the U.S. is still at war in Afghanistan — this must be news to President Joseph R. Biden — is, of course, absurd. Yet its cavalier assertion raises serious constitutional questions about war, torture and secrets.

The state secrets doctrine is a fraud and has been used by the feds to cover up embarrassments and unlawful behavior for 68 years. And its employment by federal judges who have declined to require that the

government produce the secrets for a judicial examination in secret — so the courts can determine if these secrets do exist and if their revelation would harm national security — is a craven rejection of a core judicial function.

That function is to assure that trials are fair and their outcome is based on evidence, not deception.

The claim that somehow the existence of war — in this case, a war that the whole world, except one federal prosecutor, knows is over — somehow justifies the detention without charges of a person as to whom the government has no evidence of wrongdoing, and that somehow war justifies torture, and that somehow all of this can be kept secret are claims that violate the Constitution and the federal anti-torture statutes that all who work for the government have sworn to uphold.

The Fifth Amendment guarantees Zubaydah due process, and the First Amendment guarantees transparency.

The government does not want to confront this. That Zubaydah was tortured for four years before the CIA and its Polish collaborators concluded that he was truthful demonstrates not only the reality of the government’s resort to criminal and medieval means to gather facts but also that torture as a means to the truth is useless and ruinous.

For all we know, Bush pardoned the psychologists and CIA agents who monitored the torture, but he could not pardon the Polish agents whose names and methods may soon be revealed.

At the end of the oral argument, Justice Neil Gorsuch asked the DOJ lawyer why the DOJ doesn’t permit Zubaydah to testify in the Polish proceedings. The same lawyer who had just told Kavanaugh that the U.S. is still fighting in Afghanistan had no answer.

The government undermines the Constitution when it lies and when it tortures. What kind of society enforces criminal laws against harmless drug users but not against harmful government torturers?

Judge Andrew Napolitano is a syndicated columnist and a distinguished visiting professor of law at Brooklyn Law School.

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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

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
 2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
 2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
 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., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
 2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

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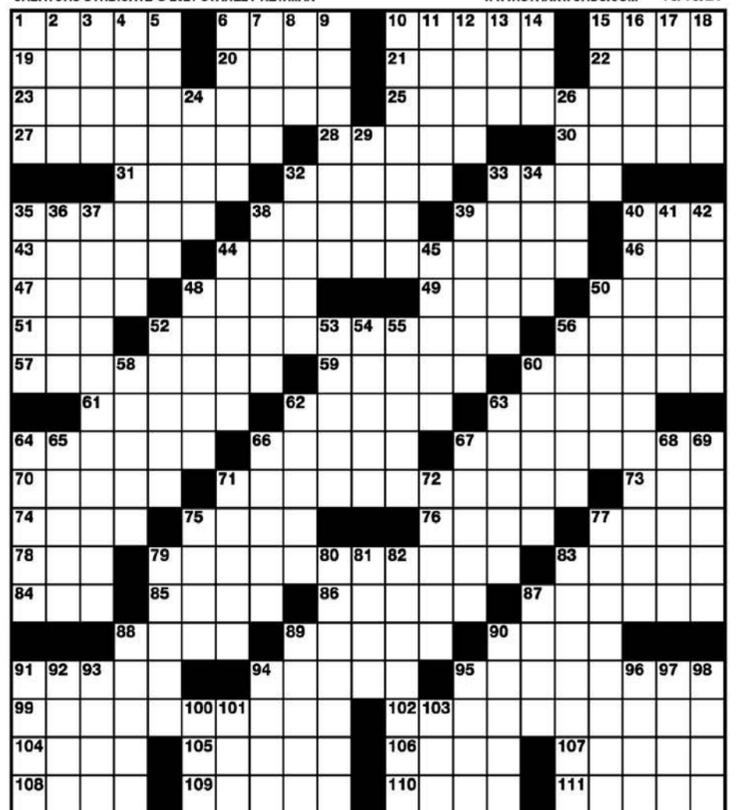
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- 1 Either of two in "George"
- 6 Get cleaned up
- 10 Castle surroundings
- 15 No time at all
- 19 In the know
- 20 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
- 21 Own up to
- 22 Fit for the job
- 23 "Six Degrees of" guy
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- 32 '80s IBM desktops
- 33 Essay page
- 35 Hawthorne tale septet
- 38 Hawaiian Airlines destination
- 39 Middle of the third century
- 40 Alphabetic trio
- 43 What some margins are for
- 44 The West Wing president
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- 47 Gritty film genre
- 48 Shoe salesperson's question
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- 50 Out-of-focus photo
- 51 Thurman of film
- 52 Guys and Dolls inspiration
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- 60 TV promo promise
- 61 Merchandise
- 62 Book, in Barcelona
- 63 Starting squad
- 64 Much-valued
- 66 Spicy Chinese cuisine
- 67 Placing in proper order
- 70 "You've got mail!" hearer
- 71 The West Wing creator
- 73 Male monarch
- 74 "Omery" dude
- 75 Cathedral section
- 76 Star Wars series
- 77 Inconvenience, informally
- 78 Freudian self
- 79 Ghostbusters director
- 83 All the ones here
- 84 Cub Scout unit
- 85 Cartoonist Walker
- 86 Small jazz bands
- 87 Acted listless
- 88 Email notification
- 89 Mall tenants
- 90 Young deer
- 91 Ingredient in Oreos
- 94 Lounge instrument
- 95 Procter & Gamble brand
- 99 Green Mountain Boys leader
- 102 Eminent concert keyboardist
- 104 Short distance
- 105 Game like bingo
- 106 Genesis twin
- 107 "I pass"
- 108 Thatcher or Johnson
- 109 Navigational short cut
- 110 "Darn it!"
- 111 They're held for questioning
- DOWN**
- 1 Benefit
- 2 Actor Wilson
- 3 Falafel legume
- 4 The French flag
- 5 Less harsh
- 6 Ready for a rest
- 7 MLB playoff round
- 8 _mo camera
- 9 How some fries are made
- 10 Study principally
- 11 Nasal appraisals
- 12 You love: Lat.
- 13 Metal in solder
- 14 Normal: Abbr.
- 15 Not easily awed
- 16 Footnote notation
- 17 Polar hazard
- 18 Deflect, with "off"
- 24 Anaconda cousins
- 26 Trap by freezing
- 29 Resort near Santa Barbara
- 32), for short
- 33 Vast amount
- 34 Urgent request
- 35 Biological group
- 36 Nasal appraisal
- 37 Beach Boys leader
- 38 Jug band instrument
- 39 Mass confusion
- 40 Oscar winner as Elizabeth II
- 41 Unavailable at the moment
- 42 LL Bean competitor
- 44 Performs silently
- 45 Final word
- 48 Overstuffed
- 50 Ignore, as a nautical order
- 52 Bold one
- 53 Thick-skinned beast
- 54 Citified
- 55 Norse gods of fate
- 56 Gather gradually
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File Number 2021205550
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NIS WRESTLING CLUB, 10518 EVEREST STREET, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 10299 FIRESTONE BLVD #222, NORWALK CA 90650. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI#ON: N/A. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELIZABETH MORALES, 10518 EVEREST STREET, NORWALK CA 90650. State of Incorporation: N/A. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual.

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

SELIZABETH MORALES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021207361
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SO CALI PLUMBING INC, 1280 PACIFIC COAST HWY SP C13, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4778209. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SO CALI PLUMBING INC, 1280 PACIFIC COAST HWY SP C13, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: GEORGE VALENCIA, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA929095.

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2021207370
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SYNERGYS SOLAR DESIGN, 2222 FOOTHILL BLVD STE E-128, LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA 91011 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SYNERGYS SOLAR SOLUTIONS INC., 9454 HENDRIX LN, NORTH HILLS, CA 91343 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA), N S STRUCTURAL INC, 4642 ROCKLAND PLACE, LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA 91011 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: JOINT VENTURE. 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: CLAUDIA KARZEN, GENERAL 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) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA931447.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021190307
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: UTHINK EDUCATION CONSULTING, 220 N OLIVE AVE APT A, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MINGJIANG ZONG, 220 N OLIVE AVE APT A, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. 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: MINGLIANG ZONG, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/25/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA931745.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021207377
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BELLA BEACH KIDS, 225 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 200914610002. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BBK RETAIL, LLC, 225 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: KRISTINE MACKERER DERRICO, MANAGING MEMBER. The

registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA931954.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021191871
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AYALA POOL SERVICE, 5464 YARMOUTH AVE #29, ENCINO, CA 91316 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PABLO AYALA, 5464 YARMOUTH AVE #29, ENCINO, CA 91316. 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: PABLO AYALA, OWNER. 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) 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932157.

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2021192265
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LOCAL SERVICE PRO PLUMBING, 18740 OXNARD STREET, SUITE 309, TARZANA, CA 91356 TARZANA. Mailing address if different: 18740 OXNARD STREET #309, , Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 3894928. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LOCAL SERVICE PROS, INC, 18740 OXNARD STREET, SUITE 309, TARZANA, CA 91356 (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: MARIANA VAYNEROV, SECRETARY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/27/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932277.

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2021192263
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021192928
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JC CASTRO PRODUCE, 12 STAGE COACH LN, CARSON, CA 90745 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JULIO CESAR CASTRO HERNANDEZ, 12 STAGE COACH LN, CARSON, CA 90745. 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: JULIO CESAR CASTRO HERNANDEZ, 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) 08/27/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932581.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021192594
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BLAGWELL, 1707 W 83RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BRITNEY CARTER, 1707 W 83RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. 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: BRITNEY CARTER, 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) 08/27/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932774.

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2021192068
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ALL VALLEY EQUIPMENT SERVICE AND REPAIR, 13243 EAST AVENUE W, PEARLBLOSSOM, CA 93553 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BLEAU WILLIAMS, 13243 EAST AVENUE W, PEARLBLOSSOM, CA 93553. 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: BLEAU WILLIAMS, OWNER. 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) 08/27/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021192801
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GREENY COSMETICS, 2 THE NORWALK CO, 11408 BENFIELD, NORWALK, CA 90650 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MICHELLE MYRA ARCHILA, 11408 BENFIELD AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. 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: MICHELLE MYRA ARCHILA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/27/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA932968.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EXCELLENCE NEW VISION REAL ESTATE, 129 1/2 W. BADILLO ST., COVINA, CA 91723 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 2616 PALOMINO DR., COVINA, CA 91724. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: EDKA ENTERPRISES, 2616 PALOMINO DR., COVINA, CA 91724 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: EDUARDO ARAIZA, PRESIDENT. 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) 08/27/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933239.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021207368
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PIT TRUCK, 12512 CHANDLER BLVD #319, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: YANIV DADON, 12512 CHANDLER BLVD #319, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607. 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: YANIV DADON, 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) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933405.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021207363
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: VZZ PRODUCTIONS, 22718 NEPTUNE AVE, CARSON, CA 90745 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DANIEL GLASER, 22718 NEPTUNE AVE, CARSON, CA 90745. 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: DANIEL GLASER, 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) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933518.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021207375
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GRANITE WORLD TRUST, 120 W BONITA AVE #202, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DANIEL RICHMOND, 120 W BONITA AVE #202, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. 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: DAVID J RICHMOND, PRESIDENT. 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) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933520.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021207360
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HORIZON STEEL & IRONWORKS, 9200 SUNSET BLVD #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 201436410278. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HORIZON STEEL & IRONWORKS, 9200 SUNSET BLVD #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: MICHAEL J ULLMAN, MANAGER. 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) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933811.

AAA933521.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021194267
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. LOVE, MAVEN, 2. LABDIP SPORT, 1401 E 15TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 1401 E 15TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BY MAVEN INC., 1401 E 15TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021 (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: MINA ATIGEHCHI, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 08/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/31/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933559.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021194554
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MY EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER, 2033 MONTERA DR, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANNA WU, 2033 MONTERA DR, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. 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: ANNA WU, 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) 08/31/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933633.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021194861
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CORNERSTONE BUS LEASING AND RENTALS, 12380 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: 7182 REYNOLDS DRIVE, SEDALIA, CO 80135. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: D.C.S. AMERICA INC., 12380 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650 (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: MARK STENSETH, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/31/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933708.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021195072
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HRELECTRIC, 11857 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HENRY O. RAMOS, 11857 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 (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: HENRY O. RAMOS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 03/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/31/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933773.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021073737
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MERCHANT BUGS, 3746 FOOTHILL BLVD #303, GLENDALE, CA 91214 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4115154. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LATITUDE DOORS, INC., 3746 FOOTHILL BLVD #303, GLENDALE, CA 91214 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: VAHE MEHRABIAN, PRESIDENT. 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) 09/16/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933811.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021195341
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: USA DONUT, 14861 SHERMAN WAY, VAN NUYS, CA 91405 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BONY PHENG, 7707 GRAVES AVE, ROSEMead, CA 91770, NATHALI PICH GAV, 6275 LEMONA AVE, VAN NUYS, CA 91411. 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: BONY PHENG, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/01/2021. 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: 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA933835.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021196114
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MARGAR BEAUTY, 4335 VINELAND

AVE 126, STUDIO CITY, CA 91602 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MARISSA DENISE GARCIA, 4335 VINELAND AVE 126, STUDIO CITY, CA 91602 (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: MARISSA DENISE GARCIA, 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) 09/01/2021.

Groceries are in limited supply across the nation

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Around 18% of beverages, 15% of frozen foods, 16% of snacks, 15% of candy and 18% of bakery items were out of stock at stores during the week ending on October 3, according to the latest data from IRI, which tracks in-stock levels at leading US grocery chains, big box stores, pharmacies and wholesale clubs.

Before the pandemic, 7% to 10% of products were typically out of stock on shelves, according to IRI.

When supply is tight, manufacturers often eliminate some of their fringe items to focus on ramping up production of top-selling products, said Krishnakumar Davey, president of IRI's strategic analytics practice. They also tend to cut products that are more expensive to make, according to Davey.

'The new norm'

Some food brands are imposing allocations, or purchase caps, for certain products on grocery stores and distributors, while other vendors are warning more generally of limited availability. Suppliers typically put products on allocation when there are supply shortfalls.

The allocations have not been confined to one area of the country or a single type of retailer, said an executive at a leading regional wholesaler. Instead, they are happening nationally, according to the executive, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to protect the company's relationships with suppliers and other wholesalers. But the limits could pose particular challenges for independent grocers, who have raised concerns in the past year that suppliers prioritize larger competitors over small stores.

Kellogg told at least four grocery distributors last month in an email that Pringles Snacks Stacks, Eggo pancakes and MorningStar Farms plant-based hot dogs and bacon will be on allocation and Rice Krispies Treats snacks "will remain below service expectations" through the end of the year. The company also requested that stores cancel their promotions for Rice Krispies and Corn Pops cereal "to allow for recovery." Kellogg said in the email that it was experiencing "constraints" in capacity and packaging materials and labor pressure.

(This was before 1,400 Kellogg cereal factory workers went on strike Tuesday.)

The four distributors shared the email with CNN Business on the condition of anonymity to avoid jeopardizing their relationships with suppliers.

Kris Bahner, a spokesperson for Kellogg, said in an email that the company has seen increased demand since the start of the pandemic as people eat more meals at home. Bahner said the company works with retailers "to ensure our food flows through their systems" and, in instances where capacity is tight, it limits orders over certain time periods. The company did not say how many retailers received allocation notifications.

Mondelez is experiencing "limited availability" on items such as Sour Patch Kids and Swedish fish candy, Toblerone chocolate and Halls cough drops "due to supply chain constraints," the company said in an October 1 email to a distributor. Mondelez estimated in the email that the "recovery date" for these items will be in February or March of next year.

A spokesperson for the multinational food and beverage company said in an email that the company is facing "high demand for labor" and "logistics challenges." Mondelez believes it is "relatively well-positioned to face the marketplace challenges and will continue to keep a close eye on things" to get products to retail customers and shoppers on time. The company also did not say how many retailers received limits on such items, but said "we prepare communications which our sales team has the ability to use, as appropriate, as they engaged with their customers."

Unilever told a distributor in an email on September 14 that "labor shortages continue to drive a limited ability to meet demand" and it was de-prioritizing production on certain products including Ben & Jerry's Cold Brew Caramel Latte and Ice Cream Sammie flavors, Breyers vanilla fudge swirl ice cream and Firecracker popsicles "until we are able to return to a supply steady-state." The company said it would instead "focus labor hours on our top-selling items."

"Like many sectors, at times there are challenges in getting all our product to stores, for a variety of reasons related to supply and

distribution," a Unilever spokesperson told CNN said in an email.

Packaging issues also continue to be a problem. For example, some seasonings are in tight supply due to challenges procuring glass bottles.

A McCormick representative said in an email to two distributors on September 20 that "our U.S. bottle supplier shut down due to a Covid related issue and we have not received bottles for several weeks" for its gourmet spices line. "The lack of bottles has impacted our production and is eroding our safety stock across the entire line," the representative said. As a result, McCormick said, it would ship approximately 70% of what it had previously forecast, and the company was encouraging customers to cancel their promotions in November and December for the spices line.

Lori Robinson, a spokesperson for McCormick, said in an email to CNN Business that "Gourmet is the only product line impacted by this packaging shortage," and the company's more recognizable red-cap spices will be fully in-stock throughout the holidays, which customers can use as a substitute for the gourmet spices, she said. The company did not say how many retailers received allocation notifications on gourmet seasonings.

And some sizes of Marie Callender's frozen pot pies could be harder to find.

Conagra said in a September 27 email to a distributor that it was putting an allocation on Marie Callender's 10 ounce and 15 ounce pot pies until November 29 because it "encountered packing material challenges from our tray and carton supplier resulting in a production interruption."

Conagra did not respond to requests for comment.

Chieh Huang, CEO of online bulk goods retailer Boxed, said "allocations are the new norm" from food and packaged goods' makers and are impacting the levels of products in stock at Boxed. Still, he said, "the industry is better off than we were this time last year."

Obituaries

Megan Rice, Catholic nun and activist

Sister Megan Rice, a Catholic nun and a well-known activist against nuclear weapons, died Oct. 10 at the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in Rosemont, Pennsylvania of congestive heart failure at the age of 91.

Rice joined the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus when she was 18 years old. She taught elementary school for several years before beginning a long-term mission to Nigeria and Ghana, where she taught for decades.

Rice became involved in the anti-war movement in the 1980s, working to bring an end to nuclear proliferation and torture as well as war in general.

In the course of her activism, she was arrested dozens of times, including at age 82, when she and other activists entered the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, spray-painting antiwar slogans and splashing blood around the facility.

Rice was convicted of violating the Sabotage Act and imprisoned after a high-profile trial. On appeal, the sentence was overturned in 2015.



"I don't feel like I'm free," she said at a 2015 rally. "I'm not out of prison. None of us is out of prison as long as one nuclear bomb exists."

Ruthie Tompson, pioneering Disney animator

Ruthie Tompson, one of the earliest Disney animators, who worked on classic movies including "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Pinocchio," and "Dumbo," died Oct. 10 at her home at the Motion Picture and Television Fund in Woodland Hills at the age of 111.

Tompson first met Walt Disney and his brother Roy when she was a child who lived near them, then she began working for them as a young woman.

She started at the Walt Disney Company as an inker at age 18, working on their groundbreaking 1937 animated film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Tompson went on to work in a variety of positions in animation over a 40-year career at Disney, with a hand in films including "Fantasia," "Sleeping Beauty," "Mary Poppins," "Robin Hood," and "The Rescuers." She also worked on Disney-produced training films for the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

Tompson was among the first group of women invited to join the

International Photographers Union, Local 659 of the IATSE. She was named a Disney Legend in 2000.

Charles Cummings, inventor of Easy-Bake Oven

Charles Cummings, a toy inventor who created the Baby Alive doll and the Easy-Bake Mini-Wave Oven, died Sept. 30 at age 91.

Cummings began working for the toy giants Kenner in 1968, and within a few years, he had created the iconic Baby Alive doll.

The doll came with a bottle, a spoon, and diapers, and specially made food packets for her could be mixed with water and "fed" to the doll, moving through the doll to become waste in her diaper. The popular doll was later released with new features including teething and speech.

Cummings also patented an innovation to Kenner's Easy-Bake Oven, perfecting a quick-cooking design using a single incandescent lightbulb. It was introduced in 1978 as the Betty Crocker Easy-Bake Mini-Wave Oven.

Cummings remained with Kenner until his retirement in 1995. He also worked with NASA, and he was a U.S. Air Force veteran who served during the Korean War.

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online by visiting <https://www.norwalk.org/businesses/ftp-posts-list>. Potential Bidders may also make an appointment to obtain the Contract Documents for the Project at office of the City Engineer, Room 11, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, California 90650 for a non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set, or \$20.00 per set if mailed. The City must receive payment before the Contract Documents will be provided. For questions regarding this project or to make an appointment, contact the Public Services Department at (562) 929-5511.

any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

Date: 10/15/2021
By: Glen W.C. Kau
Director of Public Services/City Engineer

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10/15/21, 10/22/21

**CITY OF NORWALK
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO.
2040
SIGN USE PERMIT NO. 320
DIRECTOR APPROVAL REQUEST NO.
10
NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL
EXEMPTION (CLASS 32)**

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 and Via Teleconference

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following application filed by John Love, Shapell Properties, Inc. ("Applicant"); a request to: 1) demolish an existing multi-tenant commercial building and construct two (2) commercial buildings to be situated on their own respective lots along with related site and landscaping improvements; 2) establish a master sign program for the redeveloped shopping center; 3) allow for a drive-through use; and 4) be granted a ten (10) percent building height deviation. The subject property is generally known as 11522 Alondra Boulevard, located at the southwest corner of Alondra Boulevard and Maidstone Avenue (also known as Assessor's Parcel Number ("APN") 7014-013-016), in the Restricted Commercial (C-1) and Parking (P) zones.

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the local CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is listed as a Class 32 Categorical Exemption. Class 32 includes in-fill development projects on sites no more than 5-acres substantially surrounded by urban areas. A Notice of Categorical Exemption (Class 32) has been prepared for this project.

Public Comment: Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City's webpage at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393>. Until further notice, the Planning Commission meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-15-21, which allows for Planning Commission and/or staff to participate from a remote location without listing a physical location. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, or livestream through the City's website. If you wish to make a comment on the item during the meeting, you may provide input by attending the meeting, by phone, or electronically through the following procedures: 1) by emailing planning@norwalkca.gov; please limit your comments to three (3) minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings, emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) by dialing into the Zoom Meeting at 1-408-638-0968, Meeting ID: 895 8662 1054 to speak on the matter. If you

challenge the proposed matter, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Kazama, Assistant Planner, at (562) 929-5955; kkazama@norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide participation in the meeting or service.

Dated this 15th day of October 2021.

John P. Ramirez, AICP
Director of Community Development

The Norwalk Patriot
10/15/21

NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00377**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DENNIS A ROWLAND filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DENNIS ABRAHAM ROWLAND to Proposed name (1) SADAM ABRAHAM ROWLAND
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 01, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, NORWALK PATRIOT SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per DENNIS ROWLAND
12350 DEL AMO BLVD APT #820 LAKEWOOD CA 90715 (862) 755-9739

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10/8/21, 10/15/21, 10/22/21, 10/29/21

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00341**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GIOVANNI PADILLA-ANDRADE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) GIOVANNI PADILLA-ANDRADE to Proposed name (1) GIOVANNI CASTILLO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Date: NOVEMBER 12, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLOTTE SUE KONING CASE NO. 21STPB09578

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLOTTE SUE KONING. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TERRY LEE KONING, ONLY PROBATE ASSET AS PLAINTIFF IN CLASS ACTION LITIGATION FILED UNDER NEW JERSEY MDL 2738 CASE83-21-cv-12736-FLW-LHG KONING v. JOHNSON & JOHNSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TERRY LEE KONING be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act 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: 11/19/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner RICHARD BRYSON - SBN 44917 5220 CLARK AVE. STE 220 LAKEWOOD CA 90712 10/8, 10/15, 10/22/21 CNS-3518183# THE NORWALK PATRIOT

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUIS TORREJON CASE NO. 21STPB09575

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LUIS TORREJON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARTHA BENAVENTE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARTHA BENAVENTE 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: 12/02/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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

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High School Football Roundup: La Mirada falls to Mayfair, 15-10, in league game

■ The Matadores were stopped at the goal line with 10 seconds left.

By John Sherrard
Contributor

LAKEWOOD - With only three weeks left in the high school football regular season, area teams are all playing league games and gearing up for the playoffs.

The La Mirada Matadores are the game of the week, as they just fell short to host Mayfair, 15-10, Friday (Oct. 8).

St. Paul, which had a bye last week, is atop the heap of those teams with a perfect, 6-0 record and will take on St. Francis (5-1) for the first of three Angelus League games.

Norwalk (6-2, 2-0) is unbeaten in the Suburban League with a 54-0 win over Firebaugh last week. They will play La Mirada tonight (Oct. 15).

Santa Fe and John Glenn both suffered shutout losses last week, against La Serna (55-0) and Garden Grove (49-0), respectively.

Matadores fall short at goal line

With seconds left in the game, La Mirada was knocking on the door of host Mayfair and just fell short on a defensive stop by the Monsoons defense with a fourth and goal inside the five-yard line.

"We were down to the five-yard line and wanted to score," La Mirada coach Mike Moschetti said. "It just didn't work out."

Mayfair outside linebacker, Jake Snow (12 tackles, 6 solo), made two big plays to thwart La Mirada from scoring.

The junior stopped freshman running back Matt Gallegos on third-and-goal at the five and then sacked La Mirada junior quarterback Neheul Garcia to end the game.

"We're really struggling offensively," Moschetti said.

On the final drive for the Matadores, senior wide receiver Aidan Nasser (2 receptions, 12 yards in the game) made a catch from Garcia on a fourth and seven.

"Aidan had a great catch to keep the drive going," Moschetti added.

A bright spot for the Matadores has been their defense.

"We're getting better defensively every week," Moschetti said. "As long as we are playing well defensively, we have a chance. Our secondary played well and put pressure on their quarterback. The defense also kept their running game in check."

"Our D-line really played well and kept us in the game."

After Mayfair opened with the first possession of the game, La Mirada sophomore outside linebacker Frank Torres intercepted a pass from junior quarterback Evan Tomich (12 for 17, 124 yards, TD) at the Monsoons 38-yard line.

Three minutes later, La Mirada senior kicker Aidan Petruescu gave the Matadores the early, 3-0 lead with a 32-yard field goal with seven minutes left

in the first quarter.

Later in the quarter, Mayfair took its first lead, 6-3, as senior running back Nick Adimora (12 carries, 121 yards) ran for a 51-yard score.

The Monsoons added a 20-yard field goal by junior kicker Samuel Chukwurah at the midpoint of the second quarter for the 9-3 lead. The first of two interceptions by Garcia led to the score.

Early in the third quarter after each team lost the ball on fumbles, an interception led to Mayfair's first touchdown of the game - a five-yard pass from Evan Tomich to his younger brother, sophomore Owen Tomich, for the 15-3 lead.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Matadores scored with six minutes left on a 5-yard touchdown run by Garcia, to trail by five points, 15-10.

Garcia was 9 for 15 for 58 yards in the game with two interceptions.

A long drive by La Mirada preceded the score by Garcia, with a long, methodical drive with five running backs carrying the ball for the Matadores.

Gallegos carried the ball 14 times for 77 yards (5.5 avg.) for La Mirada, while senior running back Eddie Lafferre had 53 yards on 13 carries. Junior Tanner Roberts added 38 yards on five carries.

La Mirada plays Norwalk tonight (Friday, Oct. 15) in a crucial Suburban league game.

"We have a tough game against Norwalk," Moschetti concluded.

St. Paul in showdown against St. Francis

St. Paul, which is perfect on the season with a 6-0 overall record, began its three Angelus League games Thursday (results not available at press time) at home against St. Francis (5-1).

The Swordsmen, who are averaging 37 points per game, did not play last week are led by senior quarterback Isaiah Dunn (89 for 131) with 1,265 yards and 13 touchdowns. Dunn also has 45 carries for 402 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior wide receiver Aidan

Bravo leads with 27 receptions for 439 yards and four TDs, while senior running back Jordan Williams has 302 yards on 14 carries and four touchdowns.

Paul Pierce to attend St. Paul Basketball clinic

Swordsmen notes: The St. Paul Basketball program and coach Patrick Roy is proud to announce a two-day clinic for kids, seven and up. Featuring the event will be former NBA Star and recently enshrined Hall of Famer Paul Pierce.

"Just to have the opportunity to coach at St. Paul and have one of my former players, Paul Pierce, come and give back to basketball with this clinic is great," said Patrick Roy, who was hired this past summer at St. Paul.

The clinic is Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 16-17) at the St. Paul gym. It runs from 8 am until 2 pm Saturday and 8 am to 3 pm on Sunday. The cost for the two-day clinic is \$100 per athlete.

To sign up, contact coach Roy at (310) 345-9834 or register at stpaulhs.org.

"We were excited what coach Roy could bring to the table," St. Paul Athletic Director Rich Avina said. "This will get the community excited about Paul Pierce here at St. Paul basketball. What coach Roy brings to St. Paul basketball will help get us to a higher level of basketball at the school."

Norwalk rolls over Firebaugh

Norwalk, which is 6-2 overall and 2-0 in the Suburban League, will have an away game at Excelsior High School against La Mirada.

Norwalk only has two league games remaining.

The Lancers were led by junior running back David Herrera against Firebaugh with 175 yards on eight carries and three touchdowns. He also had one catch for 22 yards. Senior running back Jonathan Goodloe (5 carries, 79 yards) scored two TDs.

Junior fullback Anthony Martinez and Sam Aguirre ran for 46 and 32 yards, respectively.



La Mirada quarterback Neheul Garcia (6) looks for his receiver as they play Mayfair in their Suburban League game at Bellflower High School on Friday. Mayfair defeated La Mirada 15-10. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

Santa Fe hosts undefeated El Rancho

Santa Fe, which lost to La Serna last week, continues Del Rio League action tonight (Oct. 15), hosting undefeated El Rancho (8-0).

In the La Serna game, the Chiefs were led by senior running back Chris Melendrez with 99 yards on 20 carries, while junior running back Christopher Ramirez had 29 yards on seven carries.

Junior linebacker Pedro Debora led the team with five tackles.

John Glenn continues 605 League action

Glenn, after being shutout for the second consecutive game, opens league tonight (Oct. 15) at Artesia (0-6). Game time is 7 pm



La Mirada's Edward Lafferre (21) breaks through a tackle as they play Mayfair in their Suburban League game at Bellflower High School on Friday. Mayfair defeated La Mirada 15-10. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

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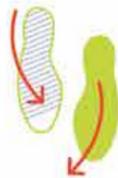
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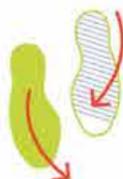
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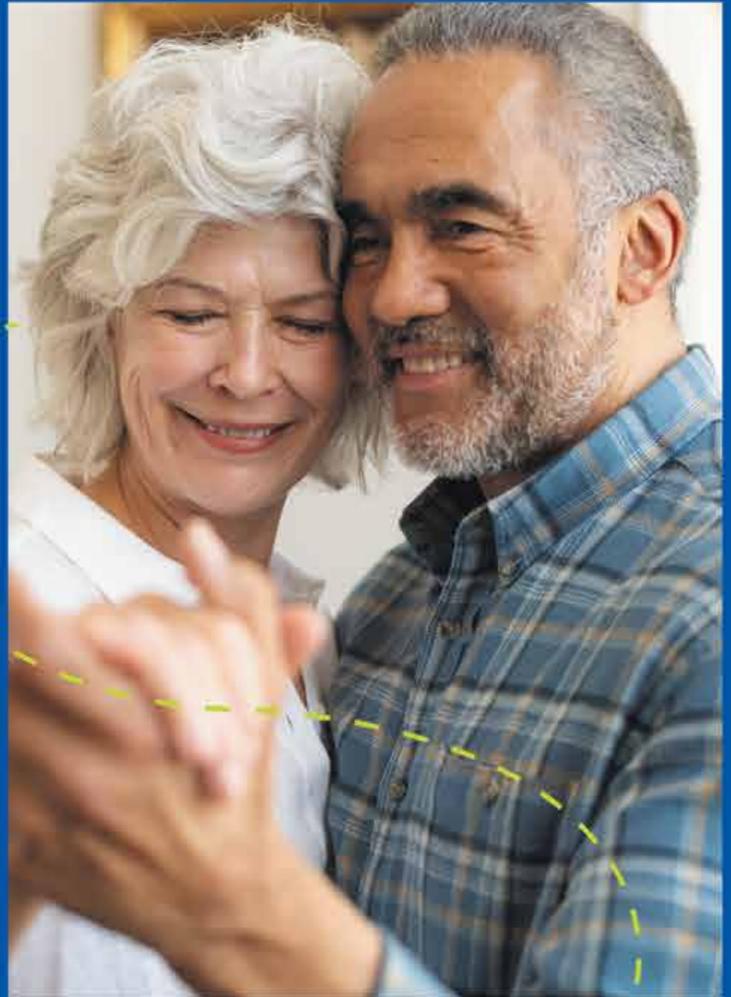
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