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Roybal-Allard retiring from Congress

■ Long Beach mayor Robert Garcia is considered a front-runner to replace her in a newly-drawn district.

DOWNEY – Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard of Downey, the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress, announced Monday she will not run for reelection in 2022.

“Serving my constituents in Congress has been the single most distinguished honor of my life,” the 80-year-old Roybal-Allard, a Democrat, said in a statement.

“Over my many years of public service, I have always strived to do that which is best to help improve my community and my country. After 30 years in the House of Representatives, the time has come for me to spend more time with my family. Therefore, I have decided not to seek reelection.”

Roybal-Allard’s 40th Congressional District includes Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, Vernon and portions of Bellflower, East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone and South Los Angeles.

She was the first Latina to serve on the House Appropriations Committee and to chair an Appropriations Subcommittee.

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia praised the veteran representative’s work.

“Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is a trailblazer and has been a fearless advocate for Los Angeles and the Southeast cities,” Garcia said. “She has been an incredible national leader on immigration, equality and for working families. I am tremendously grateful for her leadership and service to our country and our community.”

Garcia announced last week that he would run for Congress in 2022, though new districts have yet to be finalized.

Roybal-Allard did not disclose specific plans for the future, but said she would continue to support her district, which includes South and East Los Angeles.

“While I will not be seeking re-election in 2022, I look forward to continue to work for the people of my district in the new year and long after I leave public office,” she said.

She did not mention redistricting as a factor in her decision, though she told the Los Angeles Times in November that she had concerns the new maps would dilute the power of Latino voters she currently represents.

“I am aware of the current draft map and I have concerns about the protections of Voting Rights [Act] districts and in particular the diluting of the vote in our Latino communities,” she said, while urging the commission to address those issues before finalizing the districts.

Roybal-Allard was one of three House Democrats to announce Monday they would not run again, bringing the total number of retirements before the midterm elections to 23, according to the Washington Post.



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Rick Ramirez selected Norwalk mayor

■ The City Council veteran takes the reins from Jennifer Perez; Ana Valencia was chosen vice mayor.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK – During the city council reorganization meeting Tuesday evening, Rick Ramirez succeeded Jennifer Perez to become the new Norwalk mayor.

The council unanimously voted for Ramirez to assume the role after the then-vice mayor Tony Ayala nominated him, and Perez seconded the motion.

“I’m humbled and I’m thankful for former-vice mayor Tony Ayala for the nomination and the support of the city council. As a team player, I will continue to work together for the betterment of Norwalk,” said Ramirez. “It’s going to be a challenging year, I’m sure not as challenging as the former mayor served. There is a lot of uncertainty, a lot of unknown, and a lot of good friends who pass along the way, but we will continue to fight for them and move forward.”

The new mayor quickly nominated his vice mayor Ana Valencia, who joined the meeting through zoom after testing positive for COVID-19.

“This is an unprecedented time. Unfortunately, I am COVID positive. I am triple vaccinated so I don’t have to come into the hospital. My doctor and I credit that to the vaccine,” said the new vice mayor. “It’s not as bad as it could have been.”

Before the new mayor assumed his position, the community took a moment to praise outgoing-mayor Perez for leading Norwalk through the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

State senator of the 32 senate district Bob Archuleta then presented Perez with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the state for, “her work as mayor during the ‘20-’21 term. Providing guidance and a strong sense of community, especially during the pandemic, to create a high quality of life in the city of Norwalk.”

During Perez’ time as



Rick Ramirez, top, will serve as Norwalk mayor in 2022. In the bottom photo, state Sen. Bob Archuleta congratulates outgoing mayor Jennifer Perez (Photos courtesy City of Norwalk)

mayor, Project Room Key was able to find homes for the unhoused by working with the county and social services. Norwalk also saw the opening of multiple restaurants, the groundbreaking of the Sprouts grocery store, street renovations and improvements to Holifield park.

“Approaching this meeting has made me pause and think about what our community has endured over these 21 months. We have a lot to be grateful for,” said Perez. “We have learned how important our health and the health of our loved ones are to us. We have learned how things can be taken away from us so quickly.”

Norwalk returned to in-person events after the pandemic prevented large gatherings last year. Residents commented that they were happy to be back with the community, and hoped it would encourage everyone to stay safe.

The outgoing mayor presented the council with a token of her appreciation to thank them for their hard work during her time as mayor.

Valencia quickly opened her gift to find toffee and a large Norwalk ornament.



Gloria Gaynor, Penn & Teller headline Cerritos Center

CERRITOS – Gloria Gaynor, the singer who clinched a Grammy Award for her 1979 hit “I Will Survive,” is set to perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 8 pm. Tickets start at \$60.

Throughout her four decades in music, Gaynor has amassed scores of accolades and hits, including “Let Me Know (I Have a Right),” “I Am What I Am,” “Never Can Say Goodbye” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You.”

But her biggest success is “I Will Survive,” which started as a disco song about female empowerment and quickly dominated the music charts to become a rallying global anthem for people facing loss and personal challenges.

In 2016, the song was inducted into the Library of Congress’ National Recording Registry, which preserves sound recordings that hold great cultural and historic importance.

Gaynor’s book, “We Will Survive: True Stories of Encouragement, Inspiration and the Power of Song,” received a Grammy nomination for “Best Spoken Word Album.”

Aside from her Grammys, Gaynor was honored with the World Music Legends Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Award, which recognizes those who have gone above and beyond to inspire others.

Gaynor’s recent “Testimony” record, which Rolling Stone called “a joyous and revelatory collection of soulful and inspirational tunes,” debuted in the Top 5 of the Billboard Top Gospel Albums Chart. Her duet with Yolanda Adams, “Talkin’ Bout Jesus,” garnered a “Best Gospel Performance/Song” Grammy nomination.

Penn & Teller

Penn & Teller, crowned eight times as Las Vegas Magicians of the

Year, will perform at the Cerritos Center on Friday, Jan. 28, at 8 pm. Tickets start at \$95.

The duo’s 17-year run at The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino makes it the longest running and one of the most beloved headline acts in Las Vegas history, outselling every other resident magician on The Strip.

Nominated for 13 Emmys for its Showtime series, “Penn & Teller: BS!”, the duo has performed all around the globe with sold-out shows, world tours, and appearances on “The Simpsons,” “Modern Family” and “Top Chef.”

They currently host “Penn & Teller: Fool Us,” which features up-and-comers and magic veterans vying for a chance to star in the duo’s hit Las Vegas show. The show was nominated for a 2017 Critics Choice Award.

Their Showtime series was the longest running series in the history of the network, tackling the fakes and frauds behind topics such as alien abduction, psychics and bottled water.

Penn & Teller have starred in specials for ABC, NBC and Comedy Central, and produced the feature film documentary “The Aristocrats.” Their acclaimed documentary, “Tim’s Vermeer,” follows Texas-based inventor Tim Jenison on his quest to discover the methods used by Dutch Master painter Johannes Vermeer. The film was nominated for a British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award and shortlisted for the 2014 Oscars.

Penn & Teller’s return to Broadway was the highest-grossing non-musical on Broadway for its entire six-week run.

Tickets to see Gloria Gaynor and/or Penn & Teller are available by calling (562) 916-8500 or online at cerritoscenter.com.

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ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 24

1814

The War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.

1851

Fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

1865

The Ku Klux Klan was founded as a private social club by several Confederate Army veterans in Pulaski, Tenn.

1871

Giuseppe Verdi’s opera “Aida” had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

1906

Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass. The program consisted of a poetry reading, a violin solo, and a speech.

1943

President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces during World War II.

1968

The crew of Apollo 8 entered into orbit around the Moon, becoming the first humans to do so. They performed ten lunar orbits and broadcast live TV pictures.

1992

President George H.W. Bush pardoned former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five others in the Iran-Contra scandal.

2002

Laci Peterson was reported missing from her Modesto, Calif., home, by her husband, Scott, who was later convicted of murdering her and their unborn son.

2009

The Senate passed health care legislation, 60-39, in the chamber’s first Christmas Eve vote since 1895.

2009

A woman jumped barriers in St. Peter’s Basilica and knocked down Pope Benedict XVI as he was walking down the main aisle to begin Christmas Eve Mass; the pope was unhurt.

Birthdays

Physician **Dr. Anthony Fauci** (81), film producer **Lee Daniels** (62), actor and comedian **Diedrich Bader** (55) pop singer **Ricky Martin** (50), young adult author **Stephenie Meyer** (48), radio and TV host **Ryan Seacrest** (47), and pop singer **Louis Tomlinson** (30).

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Here we go again. Just as the COVID pandemic numbers were looking manageable and our country was beginning to reopen, along comes Omicron. What does this mean? Just how bad is it?



I must mention that just last Saturday, my wife and I planned to take my mother to the Ahmanson Theater for the first time since the March 2020 shutdown. That very morning, the show was canceled, along with the rest of the run. Why? The cast and crew experienced a major COVID outbreak. The Rams football game was postponed due to players with COVID. The UCLA basketball game was delayed due to COVID. Many other events, including Broadway shows, the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, and numerous sporting events have been canceled or delayed as well.

Note that the situation is changing so rapidly that all that is certain is that by the time this column goes to press, the picture will surely look different. Still, here are some

ominous numbers:

- New York City reported 21,027 cases on December 16, the *highest single day count of COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic*. Feel free to reread that last sentence. Cases in New York doubled in a four-day period.

- There have been over 65,000 newly confirmed cases in London in the past seven days, with more than 26,000 cases reported in the last 24-hour period alone. Like New York City, this is the *highest single day count since the start of the pandemic*. The number of COVID patients in London hospitals rose by 29%.

- Paris will not have its traditional fireworks display over the Champs-Élysées due to this surge. All large outdoor events and gatherings will be banned on New Year's Eve as France faces its fifth wave.

- Locally, COVID hospitalizations in Los Angeles County continue to rise, due to this winter surge and a post-Thanksgiving uptick in infections, prompting California to impose a statewide indoor mask-wearing mandate.

Now, on to Omicron. This variant has been found in 89 countries as of December 16. The World Health Organization (WHO) informs us that Omicron cases in those countries are doubling every 1.5 to three days, and that Omicron spreads much faster than the Delta variant due to its large number of mutations. Moreover, Omicron is even spreading in countries where the vaccination rate is very high. In the United States, in just one week, the Omicron variant went from 3% of cases

to 73% of all new COVID cases.

How effective are our current vaccines against Omicron? Preliminary data from England shows that two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are not nearly as effective against Omicron as they are against Delta. However, it appears that for those who have had the booster, protection is far better. This makes the booster shot even more important.

Our biggest hope is that Omicron does not cause as serious an illness as does Delta. Early data indicates that this may be the case, but much more information on hospitalization and death rates is needed. Regardless, Omicron will tax our workforce (health care workers in particular), fill up hospital beds, and cause yet more damage to the economy.

The numbers are serious. We were already heading into a winter surge, and on top of that we now have a far more transmissible variant. You have heard this before: The best defenses are to become vaccinated, get the booster, wear a mask, and despite winter weather, socialize outdoors. Virus mutations do not care that, after these many months, we are all suffering from pandemic fatigue. Please do your best to stay healthy, and be on the lookout for more information from the CDC and the WHO.

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Short story: Santa Pig

By Yolanda Adele Contributor

In the mid 80s when our youngest daughter, Tina, was in high school, she presented me with an ornament for our Christmas tree. She made it from cotton batting she stuffed into a nylon stocking. When she stitched the eyes, nose, and mouth it looked like a pig. Atop its head was a red Santa cap.

I knew immediately that ornament was going to the back of the Christmas tree. A pigged-faced Santa was not an appropriate image to hang on the tree, which I so meticulously adorned with lovely and carefully placed Victorian decorations.

Without any comment I camouflaged the pig by setting it deep within the back of tree branches, thinking that Tina would not take notice. The next morning when I walked past the Christmas tree, there was the pig face staring at me from a prominent place on the front of the tree next to a delicate gilded angel and a white/silver winged dove.

I screamed to a halt. "No! No! I do not want it there," I screamed in silence. Still, year after year the war of the pig placement continued.

When Tina graduated from high school, married and left our home, I thought of a plan to rid myself of that Santa Pig. On her first married Christmas, I adorned her Christmas gift with the Santa Pig face in lieu of a bow and I placed it in her house under her Christmas tree, under her roof. "There," I thought to myself, "I'm done with that hideous Santa pig face."

And so I was . . . until the following year when Tina came over Christmas Eve and placed a beautifully red foil paper wrapped gift

for me under our tree. Atop the box was an exquisite bow with the hideous pig-faced Santa. I was stunned to see it.

From that day on I knew Tina and I would not see the last of that pig until one of us was gone forever.

One year I lost track of who had it last after all the Christmas decorations were put away. When it occurred to me that I may have thrown it out with the Christmas trash, a surprising thing happened.

I panicked. I wanted that ugly Santa Pig! Why? I asked myself.

I ransacked every box and bag in our Christmas storage shed until it looked like a tornado had gone through. As I continued to search, the answer to my question became clear. I couldn't bear to lose something that had started a tradition between my daughter and me.

I discovered that Santa Pig had the power to hold Christmas memories for us to be dispersed year after year. That realization is what gave value to the Santa-faced pig.

My search took three days until at last I spotted the pointed red cap sticking out of a box. I held my breath and gently lifted the cap until Santa Pig's face was in full view. There it was! That Pig Face Santa never looked more handsome.

For decades Santa Pig has made its pilgrimage to and from our house to hers. Now the grandchildren are in on the tradition. They have added their own handmade Santa Piggy to the original and have fun concocting how they are going to present it to me every other year when it's their turn. And of course, I begin to strategize how to surprise them as well.

I'm grateful for this simple, old fashion, no apps, tradition we brought into the new millennium.



Yolanda Adele pictured with her family's treasured Santa Pig.



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& THROUGHOUT THE
COMING NEW YEAR!

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Manchin gave Democrats a chance to save their agenda

By Ben Ritz

Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia seemingly dealt a terrible setback to President Biden’s agenda on Sunday, when he told Bret Baier of Fox News that he could not support the version of the Build Back Better Act passed by the House last month. Although Democrats were rightfully frustrated by the way in which Mr. Manchin expressed his concerns, he was raising a valid critique: This bill was deeply flawed, and the “compromises” his colleagues made did nothing to address the concerns he has been consistently raising since this summer.

Other Democrats may not realize it, but Mr. Manchin may well have given them a gift. They should’ve gone back to the drawing board months ago, when it first became clear that their budgetary gimmickry was turning the bill into a confusing mess. Now, they will have to — and if they revise the bill to cut the number of programs they propose while making the ones they do propose permanent and easier for Americans to navigate, it could deliver Democrats both lasting policy change and the political victory they so desperately need.

Democrats had been trimming the bill for months in an effort to meet Mr. Manchin’s demand that it cost less than \$2 trillion over the next decade. But rather than focusing on a few top priorities, they wedged almost every major social program Mr. Biden had proposed into the bill and relied on arbitrary expiration dates to make it seem less expensive. As a result, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, these programs would cost more than \$4.7 trillion if made permanent, as every supporter of the bill clearly intends them to be.

This structure sets Democrats up for failure. Extending these programs without adding to the national debt would likely require raising taxes by an additional \$3 trillion over the next decade, which would be extremely difficult to do, particularly after Democrats incorporate all of the tax increases they could get consensus for into the Build Back Better Act. If Democrats cannot agree on how to continue paying for their major social programs, the only alternative — besides breaking their promise not to add to the deficit — would be to allow those programs to expire after a few short years.

Not only would this scenario deny new families tens of thousands of

dollars in benefits they would have gotten if they had had children only a few years earlier, many families may never receive these benefits in the first place. Many programs in the Build Back Better Act require state and local governments to implement them, and local officials in both parties have already said they may not commit resources to programs for which federal support may vanish just a couple years after being created.

Unlike those on the left now unleashing their righteous wrath on Mr. Manchin, I have long sympathized with his objections to this approach, as well as his concerns about inflation and the unsustainable growth of our national debt.

But I believe abandoning Mr. Biden’s agenda would be a massive mistake. There is a clear path forward to deliver a historically significant, fiscally responsible bill that supports working families, expands access to affordable health care and combats the climate crisis. If the president wants this bill to be his legacy, he must urge Congress to stop playing games with expiration dates and do fewer things better — starting with making them permanent.

Progressives and centrists will both have to forego some items on their legislative wish list. Many worthwhile policy ambitions, such as creating a national paid family leave program or extending a recent expansion of the Child Tax Credit, which has already lifted millions of children out of poverty, will need to be dramatically scaled back or tabled altogether. But the policies that do get enacted will be more successful, more popular and more durable as a result, which can help lay the groundwork for building on them in the future. It would also leave Democrats with a bill that is more focused and easier to explain to voters than the current version, which Republicans are already portraying as a “progressive grab bag.”

In October, my organization, the Progressive Policy Institute, published a blueprint for such a focused package that prioritized expanding the Child Tax Credit, making preschool universally available, strengthening the Affordable Care Act and combating climate change. That approach now has renewed interest from key Democrats on Capitol Hill.

Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, who leads the Finance Committee in the Senate and will be responsible for writing many of the final bill’s key

provisions, released a statement on Sunday listing three top spending priorities: the expanded Child Tax Credit, subsidies for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and incentives for reducing carbon emissions from all energy sources.

That same day, Representative Suzan DelBene of Washington, who presides over the 97-member New Democrat Coalition that will be crucial for passing the final bill through the House, released a statement embracing nearly identical priorities and reiterating her coalition’s preference for “doing a few things well for longer,” which is also the approach Mr. Manchin has demanded.

The only major sticking point now seems to be the expanded Child Tax Credit. Last week, Mr. Manchin reportedly told Mr. Biden he would support a \$1.8 trillion package that omitted the credit but included long-term versions of Mr. Wyden and Ms. DelBene’s other top priorities, as well as a universal prekindergarten program. Those policies combined would cost roughly \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, which means that if Democrats can compromise on additional priorities that cost less than \$600 billion, whether that’s a modified Child Tax Credit expansion or other permanent programs, they will have produced a transformative bill that fits within the parameters Mr. Manchin supports. Importantly, these permanent policies would not increase budget deficits or inflationary pressures because they can be fully paid for using only the tax increases and other offsets included in the Build Back Better Act.

Democrats have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve American society, not just for a few years, but permanently. Doing so would give them some clear victories they can point to with voters that lay the groundwork for future success. But to get such a package across the finish line, progressives and centrists — including both the White House and the senator from West Virginia — must stop pointing fingers, come back to the negotiating table, and compromise. America cannot afford for the Biden agenda to fail.

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How to win over the unvaccinated

By Anupam B. Jena and Christopher M. Worsham

At this point in the pandemic, many Americans remain unvaccinated because they believe the coronavirus vaccine is unlikely to do them any good. They’re aware of the virus and the damage it can cause, but for any number of reasons, they simply don’t believe they should get a vaccine. We’ve spoken to patients like this in our practice, and we have observed in those conversations that providing more, frightening information intended to change their beliefs is ineffective for many or may even cause further entrenchment against vaccination.

Public health experts have tried many different methods to motivate behavior like vaccination. Our recent research shows even more clearly that providing additional information may not be one of the strongest tools.

In a study published on Dec. 13, we examined data from about 750,000 children who were eligible to receive the human papilloma virus vaccine to prevent cervical cancer. Since the HPV vaccine was approved in 2006, it has experienced resistance from parents and religious and conservative groups who see it as promoting sexual behavior. Its politicization was a preview for what has happened with the coronavirus vaccines in the United States.

Our research question was: Are mothers who themselves had cervical cancer more likely to have their children vaccinated against HPV? We thought that for this group of mothers, a lack of information about the consequences of HPV couldn’t possibly affect their decision to vaccinate their children against the virus. These women had personally suffered from cervical cancer, so, presumably, they would be especially well informed about the harms of this virus and the disease it causes.

What we found surprised us: The girls and boys whose mothers had cervical cancer were no more likely to be vaccinated against HPV

compared with children whose mothers had no history of cervical disease. Children whose mothers had a cancer “scare” — a biopsy of cervical cells that ended up not being cancerous — were only slightly more likely to be vaccinated. But having cervical cancer or a cervical cancer scare did not result in the large increase in vaccination rates that we were expecting.

Motivations behind vaccination decisions are complex; they vary from disease to disease and across time, social groups, culture and geography. But if personally having cervical cancer doesn’t seem to motivate mothers to vaccinate their children against HPV, we probably shouldn’t be surprised when hesitant Americans are not motivated to get vaccinated after a family member is hospitalized or even dies from Covid-19. Emergency room doctors sharing devastating stories from the hospital may, unfortunately, not meaningfully impact vaccination rates.

Information about Covid-19 will continue to be valuable for people who are interested in being vaccinated and just need more data. But that may be only a small portion of the unvaccinated population now. If disbelief in the importance of vaccination is the primary barrier to reaching the country’s vaccination goals, more information is unlikely to work.

Our past research has also shown that more information often isn’t enough to change behavior. A classic example is doctors who struggle to follow the same medical advice that they give to patients. Despite doctors’ extensive training and access to medical information, as a group, they are barely better than patients at sticking to recommendations for improving their health. This includes vaccinations. Rates of chickenpox vaccination among doctors’ children, for example, are not meaningfully different from the rates among children whose parents are not doctors. While most parents vaccinate their children against chickenpox, you would expect the rates among doctors’ families to be especially high.

What interventions might work? Behavioral science research suggests

that one of the best ways to motivate behavior is through incentives, either positive or negative. Incentives work because they do not force people to change their beliefs. A customer might switch cellphone providers not because he believes the new provider is better, but because the new provider is offering a free iPhone to switch (a positive incentive). A teenager might come home before curfew on a Saturday night not because she believes it’s dangerous to be out late, but because she knows her parents will take away her car keys if she stays out past midnight (a negative incentive).

While small positive incentives such as free doughnuts or entries into statewide lottery programs may have motivated some people, those and similar methods don’t seem to motivate people to get vaccinated on a scale large enough to close the vaccination gap.

The incentive that seems to work especially well is the employer vaccine mandate, a negative incentive. “Get vaccinated or get fired” has shown to be an effective message. United Airlines, which mandated the coronavirus vaccination for its employees this past summer, reported in November that 100 percent of their customer-facing employees were vaccinated, and that only about 200 of their 67,000 employees had chosen termination over vaccination. Similar stories have played out among private and public sector employers that enforce mandates, with vaccination rates approaching 100 percent (including at our own hospital).

By now, it’s clear that the public health system does not know how to change people’s beliefs about vaccines. Until we do, America’s leaders should focus on other strategies, especially the ones we already know are effective.

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Omicron should not dim our lights

By Froma Harrop

The screaming headlines about New York City closing down again in response to the highly infectious new COVID-19 variant are premature. Sure, some things are dialing back, witness the cancellation of the Radio City Rockettes’ “Christmas Spectacular.” The reality is that the surrounding streets are clogged with celebrants viewing the store windows and the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.

December 2021 is not December 2020, when America’s holiday season turned eerily quiet. This year, the governors of Colorado, New Jersey and Maryland — two Democrats and a moderate Republican, for those who keep score — are opposing renewed restrictions.

And for a good reason. The threat is not gone, especially with the highly infectious Omicron variant on the loose. But it’s a lot less scary now.

In New York City, 83% of residents 12 years and older are fully vaccinated, meaning they’ve had two shots. They still remain at lower risk of serious disease. For those who’ve gotten the third shot, the risks appear to be no higher than they were before Omicron, when two jabs would do the job. As for those who haven’t gotten any shots, they’re on their own.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports

that the U.S. supply of mRNA vaccines — that is, the highly effective Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna versions — is “abundant.” This is a far cry from last December, when the first vaccine (Pfizer) came out but was very hard for nonmedical workers to obtain.

Rather than coercing the public, the vaccine mandates are seen as freeing most New Yorkers to largely resume their lives with very little fear of hospitalization or death, even in the event of a breakthrough infection. It doesn’t matter if they’re now dining next to tourists from Idaho or Florida, states that refused to institute vaccine mandates. The people at the next table had to show their COVID-19 vax cards or they couldn’t get in.

Early reports suggest that Omicron, while far more transmissible than other variants, tends to produce milder symptoms in the infected. Even though Omicron has exploded the COVID-19 infection numbers in South Africa, hospitalizations there are way down. Other factors could be in play, but evidence has yet to emerge that Omicron is as nasty as the Delta variant.

Omicron has raised the number of hospitalizations in New York, not because it’s shown itself to be especially deadly but because it has spread wildly. The recent surge in the infected has fatigued hospitals, but thanks to the city’s high vaccination rate, its number of COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 residents is less than half that of the United States as a whole.

There’s other reassuring news. Moderna says it will soon have a booster shot tailored for Omicron (if it’s needed). And new treatments are rolling out for those already infected. The most promising one, from Pfizer, has been found to work 88% of the time in preventing hospitalization.

Given these developments, it would behoove the authorities in states with high vaccination rates (and restrictions on the unvaccinated) to let young children, whom the virus almost never hospitalizes, stay in their classrooms. And they should desist in backing panicky moves to stop a pandemic that was unstoppable a year ago but not now.

Yes, they will have to deal with new strains on hospitals and their workers. But they will be sending the wrong message if they let the unvaccinated spoil another year for those who’ve done the right things. For most of us, Omicron remains a concern but not a good reason to dim the lights this holiday season.

Discipline has its rewards. Those who have done the hard part should enjoy the relief it has delivered.

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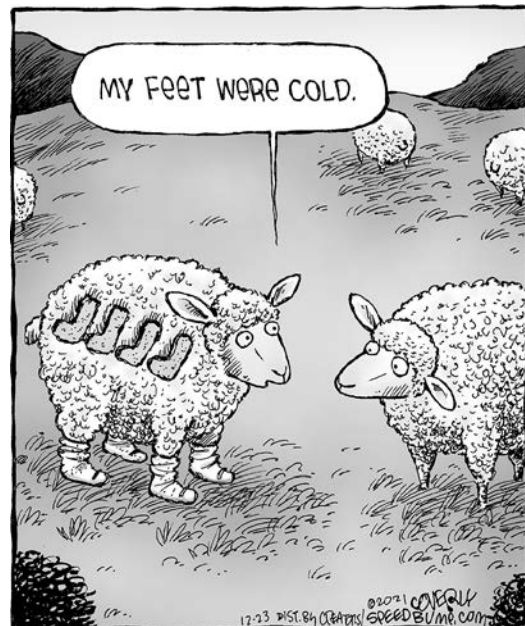
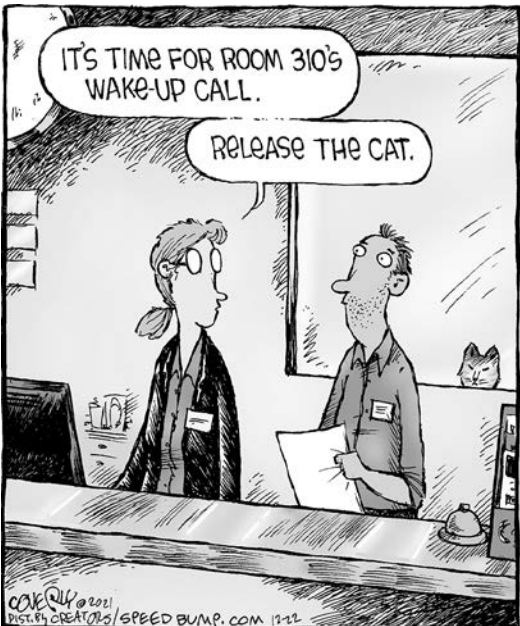
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Norwalk Community Calendar

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

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

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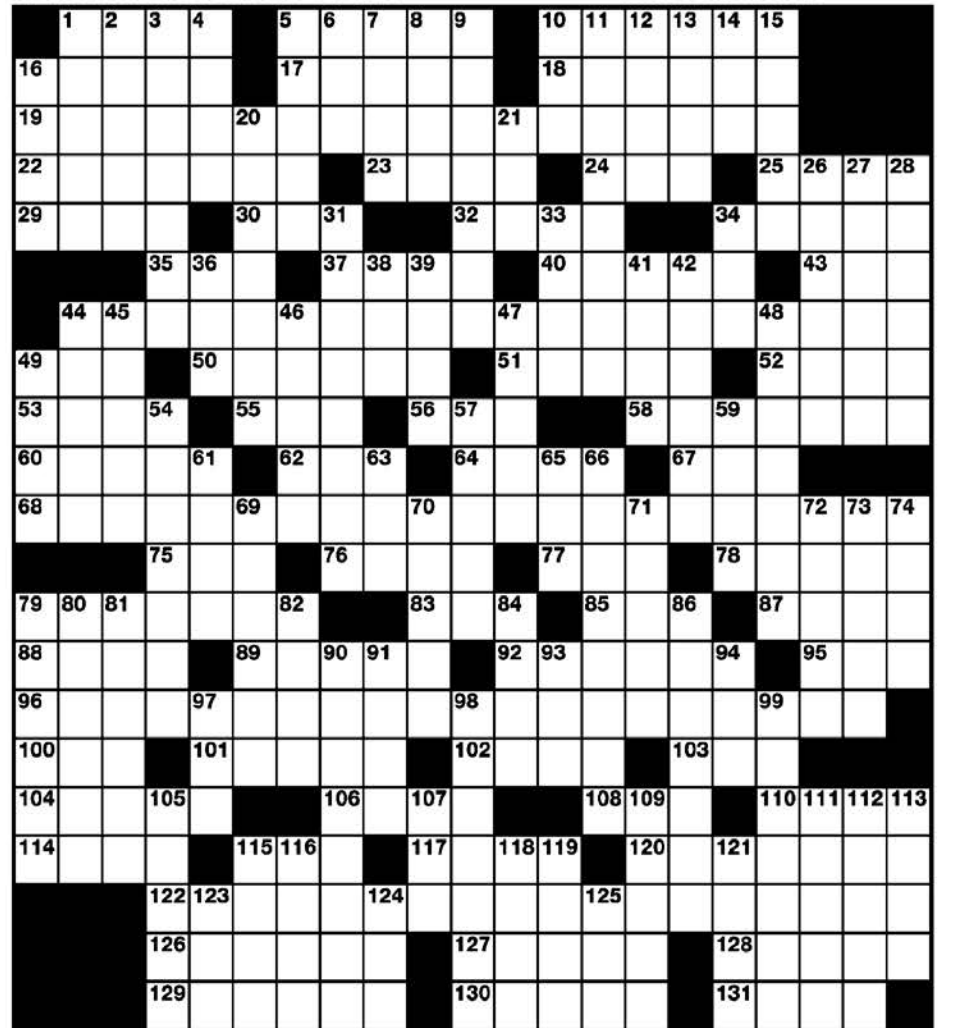
- ACROSS**
- 1 Auto racer Earnhardt
 - 5 Finland, on Finnish stamps
 - 10 Sheriffs' insignias
 - 16 Genesis city
 - 17 Guys writing releases
 - 18 Folded fare
 - 19 "___ Christmas, when all through the house..."
 - 22 Roots for
 - 23 Sorority letters
 - 24 Longtime NASCAR sponsor
 - 25 *The Lion King* queen
 - 29 Parting words
 - 30 QB's successes
 - 32 Travelers of the season
 - 34 Circle dances
 - 35 NASA affirmative
 - 37 Mexican *maison*
 - 40 Verizon ISP user
 - 43 Juilliard subj.
 - 44 "The stockings were hung..."
 - 49 UN observer group
 - 50 Rescued damsel's cry
 - 51 Terrier's tether
 - 52 Emotional poetry
 - 53 Disposes (of)
 - 55 *Toy Story* brat
 - 56 Hoedown dancer
 - 58 Aesopian characters
 - 60 1300 hrs.
 - 62 Extreme aficionado
 - 64 Preposition
 - 67 Bach's Mass ___ Minor
 - 68 "... went straight to his work, and..."
 - 75 Refinable resource
 - 76 Audible iteration
 - 77 Work (out)
 - 78 Pig's nose
 - 79 Wheels on furniture
 - 83 Dr. show sets
 - 85 Sweet Potato Awareness Mo.
 - 87 Pennsylvania neighbor
 - 88 Oil ministers' grp.
 - 89 Tiny specks
 - 92 Arctic diving bird
 - 95 Austrian peak
 - 96 "But I heard him exclaim,..."
 - 100 2016 Olympics city
 - 101 "Likewise!"
 - 102 Uncle Remus honorific
 - 103 Craft beer designation
 - 104 Quarter of a deck
 - 106 Anatomical joint
 - 108 Braille element
 - 110 Tuscaloosa team
 - 114 This: Sp.
 - 115 What got on Santa's clothes, per the poem
 - 117 Abbr. like *mille*.
 - 120 Pupil, presumably
 - 122 "... Happy Christmas to all,..."
 - 126 Make over
 - 127 Conventioneer's wear
 - 128 Comfy quarters
 - 129 Small couch
 - 130 Loathsome
 - 131 Salt Lake County resort
- DOWN**
- 1 Marriage money of yore
 - 2 "Time is money," for one
 - 3 Fails to succeed in
 - 4 FD team
 - 5 Disburse
 - 6 Fancy vase
 - 7 Neglect to include
 - 8 Kilo- squared
 - 9 Brutish
 - 10 Short cut
 - 11 Midwest university city
 - 12 Sure-handed
 - 13 Goopy stuff
 - 14 Suffix for musket
 - 15 Court reporter
 - 16 Claim check
 - 20 Software shortcuts
 - 21 Airport safety agcy.
 - 26 Fleet of warships
 - 27 Small evergreen
 - 28 Size up
 - 31 Put in a slot
 - 33 Motown's "Prince of Soul"
 - 34 Queenly initials
 - 36 Resistance measure
 - 38 Atmosphere
 - 39 Dirty 38 Down
 - 41 *Simpsons* daughter
 - 42 Cuisine category
 - 44 Russian pancakes
 - 45 Mountain music
 - 46 Fine dinnerware
 - 47 Kemper of ... *Kimmy Schmidt*
 - 48 Blend together
 - 49 Campus epithet
 - 54 Something caught by a smock
 - 57 Find loathsome
 - 59 What fills some cartridges
 - 61 Insignificant
 - 63 Gentle handling, for short
 - 65 Egyptian viper
 - 66 Silicon Valley school
 - 69 Belittle
 - 70 The ones yonder
 - 71 Switch label
 - 72 Pop singer Jones
 - 73 Nagging feeling
 - 74 Instructions excerpt
 - 79 Compel
 - 80 Blooming months
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021250695
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ESSENTIAL NATURE, 15241 BORDA RD, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N. N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LINDA SOLIS, 15241 BORDA RD, LA MIRADA CA 90638

State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2021 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/LINDA SOLIS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021238637 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NASCENT INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, 2304 3/4 MICHIGAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ELDER INSURANCE SOLUTIONS LLC, 2304 3/4 MICHIGAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033 (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: MIGUEL SANCHEZ, MEMBER. 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) 12/01/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961269.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021257173 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROYAL NUBIANZ, 4122 HATHAWAY AVE APT #2, LONG BEACH, CA 90815 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: TREMEL SUAZO, 4122 HATHAWAY AVE, APT #2, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: TREMEL SUAZO, 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) 12/24/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA958877.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021258318 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BRAID QUEEN LA, 3959 WILSHIRE BLVD A25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LUCY LOMURO, 3959 WILSHIRE BLVD A25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: LUCY LOMURO, 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) 11/29/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960422.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021258363 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MUNCHIES KITCHEN, 10719 S. VAN NESS AVE. 3, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: K & P INTERNATIONAL LLC, 10719 S. VAN NESS AVE. 3, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303 (State of Incorporation/Organization: NV). 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: KERMIN ROBERTS, MANAGER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/29/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960422.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021258405 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PRETTY SWEETBLING, 5561 NORWALK BLVD APT 6, WHITTIER, CA 90601 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CHRISTINA MARIE CHOUNARD, 5561 NORWALK BLVD APT 6, WHITTIER, CA 90601. 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: CHRISTINA MARIE CHOUNARD, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/29/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021258968 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. JOSIE & THE PUPS N CATS, 2. EVERLASTING PET CARE, 3. CURLS AND COLLARS, 6407 10TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSEPHINE BAILEY-MCLEIN, 6407 10TH AVE APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. 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: JOSEPHINE BAILEY-MCLEIN, 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) 11/29/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960155.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021259552 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CALITRANS, 2416 W. VICTORY BLVD, #606, BURBANK, CA 91506 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SARKIS BLUDYAN, 2416 W. VICTORY BLVD #606, BURBANK, CA 91506. 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: SARKIS BLUDYAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/30/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960269.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021260178 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. SIMPLE KLASSY KREATIONS, 2. VALB KREATIONS, 2111 6TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VALERIE DENISE BROWN, 2111 6TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018. 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: VALERIE DENISE BROWN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 02/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/01/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960829.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021260702 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EARTH CRAVINGS, 3625 CONQUISTA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CYNTHIA CIRELLA TELLEZ, 3625 CONQUISTA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808, JOHN ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, 3625 CONQUISTA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. 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: CYNTHIA CIRELLA TELLEZ, 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) 12/01/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960565.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021260985 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WHATS GOOD RECORDS, 472 N ORCHID TREE LANE, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262 RIVERSIDE. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ARNOLD MCCULLER, 472 N ORCHID TREE LANE, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262. 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: ARNOLD MCCULLER, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960624.

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2021261126 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: E. RUIZ TRUCKING, 27306 LASSO WAY, CORONA, CA 92883 RIVERSIDE. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ESTUARDO RUIZ, 27306 LASSO WAY, CORONA, CA 92883. 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: ESTUARDO RUIZ, 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) 12/02/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021261419 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BILLY CAVANAGH PRODUCTIONS, 5700 ETIWAH AVE UNIT#169, TARZANA, CA 91356 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: WILLIAM JOSEPH CAVANAGH, 5700 ETIWAH AVE UNIT#169, TARZANA, CA 91356. 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: WILLIAM JOSEPH CAVANAGH, 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) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960941.

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2021261798 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LOPEZ CLEANING, 1905 CALIFORNIA AVE APT 11, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 KERN. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HECTOR LOPEZ ALCANTAR, 1905 CALIFORNIA AVE APT 11, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304. 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: HECTOR LOPEZ ALCANTAR, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960962.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021261825 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: C&S CONSULTING SPECIALISTS, 1615 CHESTNUT HILL DRIVE, WALNUT, CA 91789 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CECIL SISON SEBASTIAN III, 1615 CHESTNUT HILL DRIVE, WALNUT, CA 91789. 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: CECIL SISON SEBASTIAN III, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960829.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262108 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DIVINE AFRICAN FOLK DJS, 2039 S. STRATFORD, GARDENA, CA 90249 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PATIENCE OGE UDECHUKWU, 2039 W 146TH STREET, GARDENA, CA 90249. 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: PATIENCE OGE UDECHUKWU, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262210 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SUNAYA, 1140 VENICE BLVD, APT 103, VENICE, CA 90291 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANASTASIYA SHEVCHENKO, 1140 VENICE BLVD, APT 103, VENICE, CA 90291. 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: ANASTASIYA SHEVCHENKO, 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) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960879.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262229 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MIMY TRANSPORTATION INC., 14040 FOOTHILL BLVD UNIT 214, SYLMAR, CA 91342 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: CA 17119. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MIMY TRANSPORTATION INC., 14040 FOOTHILL BLVD UNIT 214, SYLMAR, CA 91342 (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: ANA MIRTA MEHKHKHANIAN, PRESIDENT. 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) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961047.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021263030 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ARASTOOLAW GROUP, 21781 VENTURA

12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960914.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262387 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: STRAWBERRY IVY, 914 FUCHSIA AVE, GLENDDORA, CA 91740 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: GIAVANNA J DIPILLO, 914 FUCHSIA AVE, GLENDDORA, CA 91740. 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: GIANVANNA J DIPILLO, 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) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961056.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262521 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AAA GENERAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 10307 NEWHOME AVE, SUNLAND, CA UNITE D ST. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HENRIK TER-HAKOPYAN, 10307 NEWHOME AVE, SUNLAND, CA 91040. 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: HENRIK TER-HAKOPYAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960962.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262625 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, 4040 W WASHINGTON BLVD SPACE 80, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 15011 LEMOLI AVE 6, GARDENA, CA 90249. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VERONICA ORELLANA, 15011 LEMOLI AVE 6, GARDENA, CA 90249. 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: VERONICA ORELLANA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961586.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262631 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BENEFITS INSURANCE AGENCY, 858 S OAK PARK RD #280, COVINA, CA 91724 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: PO BOX 866, WALNUT, CA 91788. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BENEFITS CONSULTING PARTNERS, INC., 858 S OAK PARK RD #280, 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: LAVINA DING, 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) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262677 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: FLINKMAN REALTY, 171 PIER AVENUE #386, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CROWN PRINCE CONSULTING, LLC, 171 PIER AVENUE #386, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 (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: NOAH MAXWELL FLINKMAN, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021262963 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ETERNITY & CO BOUQUET, 10430 1/2 SAN JUAN AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MICHELLE HERRERA HERNANDEZ, 10430 1/2 SAN JUAN AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. 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 HERRERA 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) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021, 01/07/2022, 01/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961047.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2021263030 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ARASTOOLAW GROUP, 21781 VENTURA

BLVD., SUITE 240, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: FARANAK ARASTOOPAR, 21781 VENTURA BLVD. #240, TARZANA, CA 91356 (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: FARANAK ARASTOOPAR, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021262098

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AC CONSTRUCTION, 147 W. OLIVE ST., POMONA, CA 91766 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ALFREDO CONTRERAS, 147 W OLIVE ST, POMONA, CA 91766 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: ALFREDO CONTRERAS, 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) 12/02/2021. 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: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA960875.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021262740

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EVS BIBBIDI BOBBIDI, 8125 ELLENBOGEN ST, SUNLAND, CA 91040 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 8125 ELLENBOGEN ST, SUNLAND, CA 91040. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: EVLIN AKSERELIAN, 8125 ELLENBOGEN ST, SUNLAND, CA 91040. 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: EVLIN AKSERELIAN, 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) 12/03/2021. 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: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961002.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021263512

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. NEW GEN TECH, 2. NEW TECH GENERATION, 8635 FLORENCE AVE STE. 207, DOWNEY, CA 90240 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CATALINA CASTILLO SALAZAR, 8635 FLORENCE AVE STE. 207, DOWNEY, CA 90240, ROSA M. AQUIRRE, 8635 FLORENCE AVE STE. 207, DOWNEY, CA 90240. 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: CATALINA CASTILLO SALAZAR, GENERAL PARTNER. 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) 12/06/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961120.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021263516

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: IXCOY FAMILY CHILD CARE, 4213 EAST 55TH ST., MAYWOOD, CA 90270 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JUANA IXCOY, 4213 EAST 55TH ST., MAYWOOD, CA 90270. 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: JUANA IXCOY, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/20/20. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/06/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961731.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021263514

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JOSE MONTER ESCUDERO, 2233 E. 124TH ST APT A, COMPTON, CA 90222 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSE AUGUSTO MONTER ESCUDERO, 2233 E. 124TH ST APT A, COMPTON, CA 90222. 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: JOSE AUGUSTO MONTER ESCUDERO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/20/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/06/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961127.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021263427

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EXCELLENTE REALTY, 8560 CHEROKEE DR, DOWNEY, CA 90241 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CARLOS F. VILLACRES, 8560 CHEROKEE DR, DOWNEY, CA 90241. 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: CARLOS F. VILLACRES, 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) 11/26/2021. 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: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961129.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021264095

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: XKLUSIVE BARBERSHOP, 2801 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE SUITE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JESUS DE LA PENA GUAZO, 1179 W 37TH ST C, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. 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: JESUS DE LA PENA GUAZO, 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) 12/06/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961134.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021266556

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WILLIAM J. WADLEY, INC. DBA NORWALK UNIFORMS, 12158 FIRESTONE BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: WILLIAM J. WADLEY, INC., 12158 FIRESTONE BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650 (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: WILLIAM JAMES WADLEY, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/08/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961731.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021266455

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: IMANI BASKETS, GIFTS & NOVELTIES, 134 1/2 E. 104 ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: RHONDA MOORE, 134 1/2 E. 104 ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. 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: RHONDA MOORE, 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) 12/08/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961126.

NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA962138.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021265380

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WILLIAM J. WADLEY, INC DBA THE ORIGINAL GOODIE'S UNIFORMS, 12158 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: WILLIAM J. WADLEY, INC., 12158 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: WILLIAM JAMES WADLEY, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/20/21. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/07/2021. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/10/2021, 12/17/2021, 12/24/2021, 12/31/2021. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA961724.

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Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that SS Santa Fe Springs, LLC db/a Simply Self Storage at 13461 Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 will sell at public auction the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased unit(s) to satisfy the owner's lien. The personal property stored therein by the following tenants may include but is not limited to general household, office and personal items, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The unit(s) will be sold at public auction through online auction services of www.storage treasures.com with bids opening at 10:00AM PT on December 28th, 2021 and closing at 10:00AM PT on January 4th, 2022. Bidding may close later than stated to allow all interested bidders to participate and to permit soft closing if needed. Unit 1222-Jessica Brown; Unit 3419- Elaine Campos; Unit 1225- Kerry Chafey; Unit 2075- Elaine Davis; Unit 1047- Jennifer Dearmond; Unit 1065- Francisco Esquer; Unit 3068- Aaron Good; Unit 2090- Edward Granados; Unit 2136- Rhamad Green; Unit 3398- Michele Holguin; Unit 3145- Julio Lopez; Unit 1013- Eric Lopez; Unit 3150- Michelle Magana; Unit 1010- Robert Mendez; Unit 3392- Rochelle Moore; Unit 1227- Hilda Ontiveros; Unit 2326- Daniella Owens; Unit 3032- Adrian Ramos; Unit 3378- Linda Ruiz; Unit 2116B- Mallory Sanders; Unit 3115- Christine Lynn Smiley; Unit 2189- Andrika Smith; Unit 3198- Wayne Takenouchi; Unit 228110- Walter Tojan; Unit 2095- Hilda Varelas; Unit 2056- Dwayne Walker

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCPC00427
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANDREA MAE METTIVIER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ANDREA MAE METTIVIER to Proposed name (1) ANDREA MAE DE GUZMAN-METTIVIER
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: JANUARY 14, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT NOVEMBER 24, 2021
Honorable Margaret M. Bernal Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **ANDREA MAE METTIVIER 13606 MARKDALE AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 623-5351 AMETIV2999@YAHOO.COM**

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE CHECK CONNECTION, INC VS ANDERSON, KEVIN CASE NO: SC072250R

Under a writ of Execution issued on 04/15/21. Out of the L.A. SUPERIOR COURT SANTA MONICA, of the WEST DISTRICT, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on a judgment entered on 11/04/02; renewed on 08/01/12 & 02/05/21.

In favor of THE CHECK CONNECTION, INC. and against ANDERSON, KEVIN showing a net balance of \$ 214,074.33 actually due on said judgment. (Amount subject to revision)

I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows: LOT 228 OF TRACT 20884, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 565, PAGE(S) 12 TO 16, OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, APN: 8078-034-003

Commonly known as: 15438 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on 02/09/22, 10:00 AM at the following location.

STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE 111 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 125B LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

() This sale is subject to a minimum bid the amount of \$ 0.00 (Subject to revision)

Prospective bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders. Creditor's Attorney LAW OFFICES OF ROGER L STANARD 5850 CANOGA AVENUE, SUITE 400 WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

Date: 12/14/21
Branch: Los Angeles
ALEX VILLANUEVA, Sheriff
BY: PATRICE R STEPHEN, Deputy

Para obtener esta informacion-traduccion en Espanol llame a este numero: (213) 972-3950

NOTE: IT IS A MISDEMEANOR TO TAKE DOWN OR DEFACE A POSTED NOTICE BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE. (Penal Code section 616)

CN982801 SC072250 R Dec 24,31, 2021, Jan 7, 2022

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCPC00447
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RENEE RAYNALDO ORTIZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) RENEE RAYNALDO ORTIZ to Proposed name (1) RAY ORTIZ
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: FEBRUARY 18, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT DECEMBER 17, 2021
Honorable Margaret M. Bernal Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **RENEE RAYNALDO ORTIZ 11012 BOMBARDIER AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 665-4374**

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SANDRA LYNNE FOREMAN AKA SANDRA L. FOREMAN CASE NO. 21STPB10884

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SANDRA LYNNE FOREMAN AKA SANDRA L. FOREMAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD RAY HALLMARK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RICHARD RAY HALLMARK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take 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: 01/19/22 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 general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner PAUL HORN, ESQ. - SBN 243227 PAUL HORN LAW GROUP, PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 12/10/21, 12/17/21, 12/24/21

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICK MEIKLEJOHN aka PATRICK WILLIAM MEIKLEJOHN Case No. 21STPB11226

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICK MEIKLEJOHN aka PATRICK WILLIAM MEIKLEJOHN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Oksana Meiklejohn in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Oksana Meiklejohn be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 10, 2022 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 11 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: MARIA V PRIMUSHKO ESO SBN 252105 MVP LAW GROUP APC 17337 VENTURA BLVD STE 228 ENCINO CA 91314 CN982713 MEIKLEJOHN Dec 10,17,24, 2021

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JESUSITA CHAVEZ Case No. 21STPB11303

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JESUSITA CHAVEZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Luis Zavala in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Luis Zavala be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 10, 2022 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 11 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 real 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: ROBERT M STONE ESQ

SBN 104936 SIMON MCKINSEY MILLER & STONE 2750 BELLFLOWER BLVD STE 100 LONG BEACH CA 90815 CN982736 CHAVEZ Dec 10,17,24, 2021

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALES No. CA-20-884013-BF Order No. 200157002-CA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/23/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s) ARTHUR VALENTINE DE ARMOND AND JESSIE DE ARMOND, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 3/2/2007 as Instrument No. 20070456068 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/4/2022 at

Cerritos College wrestlers win state championships

■ Jonathan Prata, Jonovan Smith bring home individual championships as the Falcons finish second as a team.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Wrestling team may not have won a state title in the recently completed California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championships, but to qualify a program record 12 wrestlers to the final competition of the season and wind up with two individual state champions, was huge for the Falcons.

Cerritos, which hosted the championships Dec. 10-11, finished second for the fourth time in the last 11 years, totaled 138.5 points, while Mt. San Antonio College had 167.0 for its first state championship in individuals. Cerritos has won four titles since 1971.

Fresno City College, which has won 16 titles, including the last four in a row, finished third with 117 points.

“It’s been a tradition and a strong program for years,” said Cerritos Wrestling coach Donny Garriott, of the Falcons long time success.

“I’m real excited about the future next year and another good recruiting class. We hope to have a real good offseason in the spring. I think the next couple of years will be fun.”

Garriott, in his 15th year at Cerritos, is also the wrestling coach at South Torrance High School, where his son Cael just graduated this past June and is a Gray Shirt on the wrestling team at Cerritos and son Caden is an eighth grader.

Highlighting the two-day championship tournament for the Falcons were two individual state champions – Jonathan Prata at 125 Lbs. and Jonovan Smith (285 Lbs.).

Prata and Smith were named All-Americans along with five other Falcons – freshman Daniel Bracamontes, second place (157 Lbs.), freshman Caoilte Drury, third place (149 Lbs.), freshman Armando Murillo, third place (165 Lbs.), sophomore Roland Dominguez, fourth place (133 Lbs.) and freshman Stone Robledo, fourth place (174 Lbs.).

This final state championship tournament is actually the first time the whole team of starters has competed together for the Falcons.

Prata, a sophomore, completed his two years nearly perfect, winning back-to-back championships. Prata, (21-1 this year) lost only two matches in his two years and won 43.

“Honestly, before I started wrestling (at Cerritos), we hosted the state meet (2018) and it was the best,” said Prata, who gray-shirted his first year at Cerritos. “I always wanted to win it at home.

“It (championship match) just went by so fast and I just did what I love to do – dominate.”

Dominant he did, as Prata went 3-0 in the championships. Prata, seeded No. 1 South, had a first-round bye, a pin in the quarterfinals in the first period with less than a minute left and a 10-2 major decision in the semifinals.

Prata advanced to the finals and went up against his friend and competitor, South No. 2, Alexis Tellez of Rio Hondo.

“He is a close friend of mine, but once I step on the mat, everything changes,” said Prata, who started wrestling in the fifth grade. “I know how to wrestle my matches and I just rely on my training.”

Each of the final championship matches at the state competition are under a spotlight, focused on the two wrestlers and Prata remembers

the moment.

“The spotlight was pretty cool,” said Prata, who missed parts of the early season with a toe injury. “It just made me focus on my opponent.”

Prata scored takedowns in each the first and second periods for the 4-0 lead, heading into the final 2-minute third period.

Prata opened the third period with a two-point reversal for the 6-0 lead. Tellez gained his only point of the match with an escape late in the period.

With just four seconds left in the match, Prata had a takedown and then finished the match with a riding time score for the final, 9-1 result.

Prata, who is concluding his amazing career in college wrestling, is the first to win two consecutive titles at 125 Lbs. since Angel Olea (FCC) in 2007-08.

Prata will now focus on freestyle wrestling in some open tournaments in the U.S. and competing internationally with Argentina. He eventually wants to pursue a career as an electrician.

His father, Marcello Prata, is from Argentina and Jonathan Prata is hoping for dual citizenship for competition.

Jonathan Prata, who won CIF Individual titles in his sophomore, junior and senior years, said of the teams’ success, “It felt great with a bunch of young guys.”

Cerritos had eight sophomores this last season and 25 freshmen. Of the 12 wrestlers who competed at state, nine were freshmen and six of them were placers.

“I think the reason for the low amount of sophomores this season was partly due to the pandemic,” Garriott added. “A lot of the young men moved on to the next level.”

Garriott praised the two-time champion and what he has meant to the program.

“The accolades that he had coming in, you don’t get a lot of that,” he said. “He’s such a good kid, so easy going and it was such a pleasure to have him. Watching him was like watching water, so fluid.

“I remember right after he won, he hugged his dad and then he said to me, ‘you know, I really think of you as a second dad.’ That really meant a lot to me.”

In the final match of the night, Smith became the 64th individual state champion for the Falcons, which is the second most all time in California.

He was a top seed from the South at 285 Lbs.

Smith, like Prata, was also 3-0 in state competition. He started out with a bye in the first round on Friday morning, followed by probably his most important match of the state tournament in the quarterfinals, with a win in the third overtime.

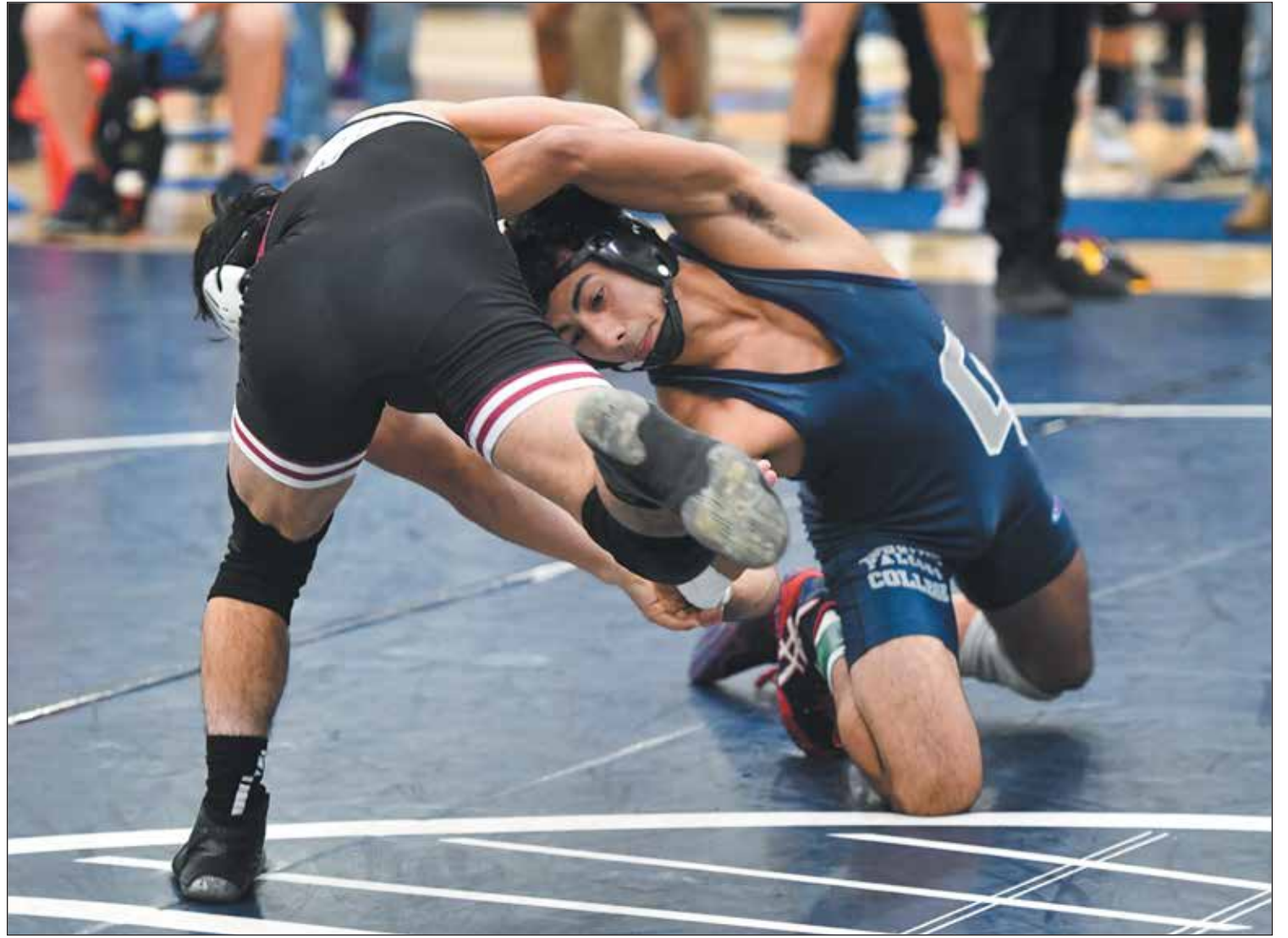
“That just goes to show that even against a guy like me against a competitor who’s won Fargo (Freestyle Jr. Nationals) or who’s won state, anything is still possible,” Smith said. “The sun can shine anytime and anybody’s beatable. I just like to use the best of my wits. (Bakersfield’s Corbin Hayes) wrestled a smart match, but in the end, I knew that I could still outfox him.”

Hayes, who was South No. 5, took a 2-0 lead in the first period with a takedown for two points. Smith then cut the lead in half, 2-1, with an early escape in the second period.

The drama then set in for the final period and overtime for the two wrestlers.

Hayes started the period on the bottom, but quickly escaped for the 3-1 lead. He received a stalling warning with less than a minute (:47) to go in the match, but 17 seconds later Smith tied the match with a takedown, 3-3. The final 22 seconds of the match were dramatic.

After the takedown of Hayes,



Cerritos College’s Jonathan Prata makes a move on Victor Valley’s Alex Cordoza in the 125 Lbs weight class during the quarter finals of the CCCAA State Wrestling Championships at Cerritos College. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

he escaped to take a one-point lead, 4-3, but with two seconds left, he received a second stalling penalty, which resulted in a point for Smith to tie the match, 4-4, to send it in to OT.

In the first OT, neither wrestler scored a takedown for a possible win, so the second and third overtimes would decide the match.

In the second OT, Smith was on the bottom to start and escaped with 12 seconds left for the, 5-4 lead. Almost the same scenario occurred in the third overtime, with Hayes escaping with 21 seconds left to tie the match, 5-5.

At that point, Hayes was leading with riding time that would result in a point for an eventual win unless Smith did something dramatic.

He did exactly that with a match-clinching takedown with seconds remaining. On to the semifinals the next morning for Smith, who was all smiles.

“I knew that I had a lot in the gas tank left,” said Smith, of those last few seconds. “I knew that if I were to explode at the end, it would disorient him.”

Garriott was surprised at the heavyweight’s quick takedown.

“I don’t know that I’ve seen a heavyweight take down someone that quick with so little time,” he added.

In fact, it was so quick that Garriott actually missed that final move by Smith and only recently witnessed it on Instagram.

Smith, who was 31-1 this season, went on to win his semifinal match Saturday morning with a pin to advance to his first college championship match.

It turned out to be the classic title match with the best in the North versus the best in the South.

No. 1 North Seed Rudy Garcia from Fresno City College, who won the Nor Cal’s, came into the title match with two pins in his two matches at state.

After a scoreless first period in the championship match, Smith built up a 5-1 lead in the second period with an escape and two takedowns.

Garcia’s only point was an escape. In the third and final period, Smith had an escape and a point for riding time, while Garcia had two escapes, for the final score of 8-3.

“Jonovan can switch gears whenever he wants,” Garriott said. “He’s beautiful to watch.

“How great it was to start the championships with Jonathan (Prata, 125 Lb. champion) and end with Jonovan (Smith, 285 Lb. champion). Pretty good bookends.”

The third Cerritos wrestler to reach the finals was Bracamontes in the 157 Lb. weight class.

Bracamontes, the South No. 1 Seed, had a first-round bye, a first-period pin in the quarterfinals and a 7-5 decision in the semifinals.

He lost by way of a pin by the North No. 1 Seed, Noah Cortez of FCC.

The future looks bright for the young Cerritos wrestlers in the near future, with numerous state qualifiers returning next season.

What they said:

Gene Choi, Cerritos Asst. wrestling coach: “This is what we’ve been waiting for. The Covid year kind of sucked.

“We were so excited at (So Cal) Regional when we got all 12 to state. It’s super exciting to have 12. It’s the first time in my coaching career to have 12.

“Donny (Garriott) was my high school coach and my first college coach (Cerritos).”

Note: Choi went on to wrestle at San Francisco State after Cerritos and was an All American.

Jonathan Prata, (125 Lbs.) Cerritos sophomore wrestler: “Coach Donny (Garriott) was like a father-figure to me. I love him. I’ve known him since high school.

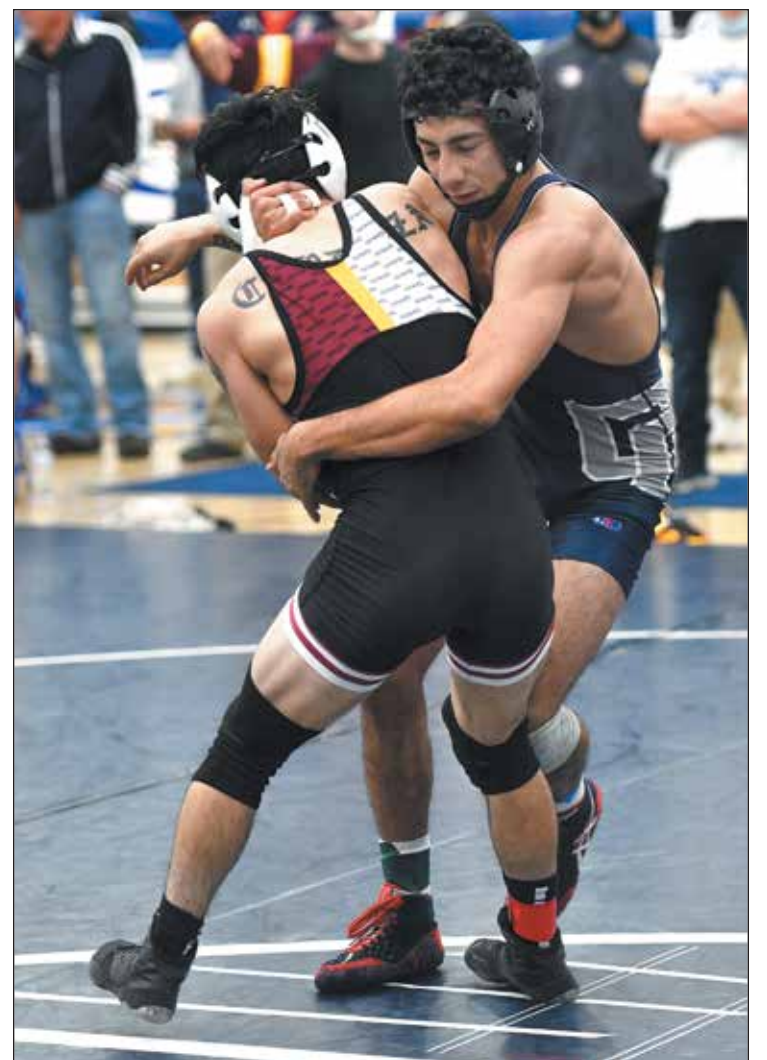
“Each match I try to improve. My first year (freshman) I was still learning and also the rules. In my matches, no one really beat me in riding time. That was domination and I just wanted to give it my all.”

Daniel Bracamontes, (157 Lbs.) Cerritos freshman wrestler: “Luckily, after (the cancellation of the 2020 season) Covid I’m fortunate enough to be able to come back to wrestle at Cerritos.

“It feels good just to compete and sticking to the basics. I’m just grateful for the opportunities.

“(Garriott) is a great coach and is very involved in the program and helps to motivate everyone.”

Bracamontes was 9-1 in 2021



Cerritos College’s Jonathan Prata makes a move on Victor Valley’s Alex Cordoza in the 125 Lbs weight class during the quarter finals of the CCCAA State Wrestling Championships at Cerritos College. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

Place	Weight	Name	Result
141 Pounds	–	Kimo Servino	– Did not place
149 Pounds	–	Caoilte Drury	– 3rd Place (All-American)
149 Pounds	–	Felix Osorio	– 5th Place
157 Pounds	–	Daniel Bracamontes	– 2nd Place (All-American)
165 Pounds	–	Armando Murillo	– 3rd Place (All-American)
174 pounds	–	Stone Robledo	– 4th Place (All-American)
184 Pounds	–	Joseph Rodriguez	– Did not place
197 Pounds	–	Justin Sawai	– Did not place
285 Pounds	–	Jonovan Smith	– STATE CHAMPION (All-American)

CERRITOS COLLEGE STATE WRESTLERS

125 Pounds	–	Jonathan Prata	– STATE CHAMPION (All-American)
133 Pounds	–	Roland Dominguez	– 4th Place (All-American)
133 Pounds	–	Josh Mendoza	– 8th

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Whittier students recognized for singing talents

■ Cal High students were named to state and regional honor choirs.

WHITTIER - The California High School music program is receiving accolades throughout California and beyond, with four Cal High choir members being recognized for their exceptional singing talents and being named to prestigious state and regional honor choirs.

Cal High senior Calvin Monsivais has been named to the Southern California Vocal Association (SCVA) High School Honor Choir, while seniors Randall Pineda and Deanne Fonseca, along with sophomore Roxie Navarro, have been named to the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Western Region Honor Choir.

Monsivais will lend his skill as a bass singer to SCVA's 62-member SATB Honor Choir. Pineda was selected to ACDA's 81-member Gospel SATB Honor Choir, while Fonseca and Navarro were selected to ACDA's 91-member High School SSAA Honor Choir. SATB choirs consist of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass singers, while SSAA choirs consist of soprano and alto singers.

"This is a tremendous achievement for the Cal High music program. Making Honor Choir for a singer is comparable to athletes being selected for CIF all-star teams," Cal High Choir Teacher Dan Hawkins said. "We believe Calvin is the first male singer from Cal High to be selected for SCVA and only one other CHS student has made ACDA honors. I could not be prouder of our singers!"

Monsivais was selected to SCVA after a rigorous audition which saw him perform a variety of music skills, such as singing scales and displaying tonal memory, performing an Italian-opera aria, and sight-singing a music exercise with only one minute to prepare. Monsivais made his debut with SCVA during its High School Honor Choirs Weekend, held Nov. 20 at the University of Redlands.

"Being selected to participate in the SCVA Honor Choir was truly a gift," Monsivais said. "Rehearsing and performing with my peers, who quickly became my friends, was an incredible experience. Most importantly, I'd like to say thank you to my choir director, classmates, family and the SCVA staff for supporting me and making this possible."

The SCVA Honor Choir consists of high school students from across southern California. Honor Choir members with the highest audition scores are eligible to participate in the All-State Honor Choir, which combines students from southern, central and northern California, for a spring performance. Monsivais is waiting to find out if his scores qualify him for the choir.

Fonseca, Pineda and Navarro were chosen for the ACDA Honor Choir after auditioning via an audio submission. Along with performing scales and a solo song, the students learned and performed a portion of a song that will be included in the ACDA final performance, to be held in March 2022. ACDA Honor Choir members are chosen from across California, Hawaii, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

"Congratulations to our Honor Choir recipients, whose hard work and dedication have given them the opportunity to perform at the highest levels," Cal High Principal Bill Schloss said. "The awards reflect the continued progress and excellence of Cal High's choir program under the leadership of Dan Hawkins."

Under new partnership, Rio Hondo students can stay at Whittier College dorms

WHITTIER - Rio Hondo College solidified a partnership with Whittier College, which allows Rio Hondo College students to stay in the Whittier College residence halls in exchange for re-housing vouchers, during the Dec. 8 Board of Trustees meeting.

The partnership between Rio Hondo College and Whittier College aims to alleviate the housing issues faced by some socio-economically disadvantaged students. This partnership was approved to start in Spring 2022 and end June 30, 2026.

The partnership will operate at little-to-no cost to Rio Hondo

College, other than the basic needs of staff to identify and refer students for housing.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Rio Hondo students and both colleges," Board of Trustees President Vicky Santana said. "This partnership will help many of our students have a stable place to live, study and grow so they can succeed and complete their educational goals. Thank you to Whittier College for connecting with Rio Hondo College and giving our students critical housing stability."

This new partnership will allow any Rio Hondo College student with re-housing

vouchers from third-party providers, such as Jovenes Inc. Center, the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America, to gain residence at the Whittier College dormitories. Whittier College will also provide reduced rates to students who run out of re-housing vouchers, in order to provide housing stability.

"My professional mission as a Latina educator is to pay it forward," Whittier College Interim Vice President and Dean of Students Deanna Merino-Contino said. "Over time, Whittier College has worked to strengthen and streamline our CARE resources to support students with basic needs and housing insecurity. So, it was a natural partnership with Rio Hondo College to provide this opportunity. Realizing that community is so important to achieving academic goals, we are pleased to partner with Rio Hondo College in offering these students meaningful transformational experiences."

"I would like to thank Whittier College for making this partnership possible; this will benefit many students and our community," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. "Housing is a basic need, and providing safe housing for our students means they can focus on their academics and prepare themselves to join the workforce or transfer to four-year universities."

Obituaries



Elfrida von Nardroff

Elfrida von Nardroff, notorious game show contestant

Elfrida von Nardroff, a big winner on the fixed 1950s TV quiz show "Twenty-One," died Nov. 11 at the age of 96 from a stroke, her niece told the New York Times.

Von Nardroff appeared on "Twenty-One," a popular program that was hosted by Jack Barry. She won \$220,500, more than any contestant on the show.

The most famous participant in the scandal was Charles Van Doren, whose story was the focus of the feature film, "Quiz Show."

A 1959 congressional investigation proved that contestants on the show were given answers in advance by producers who wanted audience favorites to keep winning for ratings. Von Nardroff pleaded guilty to perjury and received a suspended sentence.

She worked various jobs before appearing on "Twenty-One" and afterwards worked in advertising and real estate.

Sally Howes, actress in 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'

Sally Ann Howes, a British actress best known for starring as Truly Scrumptious in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," died Dec. 19 at a hospital in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida at the age of 91.

Howes began acting as a child and had her first movie roles in her teens, in films including "Dead of Night," "Nicholas Nickleby," and "Anna Karenina."

She frequently appeared onstage in musical theatre, appearing in "Paint Your Wagon" on London's West End before starring on Broadway in "My Fair Lady" after Julie Andrews stepped away from the role she originated.

But it was in 1968 that audiences got to know Howes in her most famous role as she played candy heiress Truly Scrumptious in the children's classic "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Later, she made occasional guest appearances on TV shows including "Sesame Street" and "Marcus Welby, M.D.," but her focus was on theatrical work.

She starred in touring productions of "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music," as well as taking roles in productions including "Hamlet," "A Little Night Music," and "Cinderella."

Henry Orenstein, creator of Transformers

Henry Orenstein, a Holocaust survivor and successful toy developer who helped launch Transformers, died Dec. 15 at age 98.

Orenstein was a successful toy developer who is credited with helping launch the very popular Transformers by arranging a deal between Hasbro and the Japanese toy company Takara.

Born in Poland, he and his brother survived various concentration camps during the Holocaust, coming to America in 1947. He started Topper Toys, a successful toy manufacturer that was known for the Johnny Lightning model cars and Suzy Cute dolls.

He was also a world class professional poker player who was inducted into the Poker Hall

of Fame in 2008. He developed an innovation that allowed TV viewers to see poker players' hole cards via glass-filled cutouts in the table, with cameras below. This became frequently used on televised poker competitions including "Poker Superstars" and "National Heads-Up Poker Championship."

Marjorie Tallchief, acclaimed ballerina

Marjorie Tallchief, was a Native American ballerina and the sister of acclaimed ballerina Maria Tallchief, died Nov. 30 at her home in Delray Beach, Florida at the age of 95.

Tallchief was a member of the Osage Nation who learned to dance as a child. While her older sister became a sensation in the U.S. as prima ballerina of the New York City Ballet, Tallchief worked largely with European companies.

She toured the world with the Monaco-based troupes the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the Grand Ballet du Marquis de Cuevas in the 1940s and '50s before joining the Paris Opera Ballet.

Tallchief became the first American dancer named première danseuse étoile, or prima ballerina, of the Paris Opera Ballet. Later, Tallchief taught and served as a dance director, and she and her sister founded the Chicago City Ballet.

Leonard Hubbard, bassist for the Roots

Leonard "Hub" Hubbard, bassist for the acclaimed hip-hop band the Roots from 1992 to 2007, died Dec. 16 at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania of multiple myeloma at the age of 62.

Hubbard joined the Roots in the band's early days, when they were still called the Square Roots and hadn't yet released their first album.

He had a background in jazz and classical music, having studied at Philadelphia's Settlement Music School and at Carnegie Mellon University. That fit in well with the Roots, who take an unusual approach to their hip-hop, mixing in jazz influences as they play real instruments in concert and on their recordings.

As he played in the Roots, Hubbard became known for his bass solos as well as for the trademark chew stick of licorice root that was always in his mouth.

In 2007, Hubbard was named one of the Settlement 100 as the Settlement Music School celebrated notable alumni for its 100th anniversary.

Kangol Kid, rapper behind 'Roxanne, Roxanne'

Kangol Kid, a rapper with the old school hip-hop group UTFO, known for their 1984 hit "Roxanne, Roxanne," died Dec. 18 at a hospital in Manhasset, New York of complications of colon cancer at the age of 55.

Born Shaun Shiller Fequiere, Kangol Kid got his start as a breakdancer, half of the duo the Keystone Dancers. They appeared on "The Phil Donahue Show," the first breakdancers featured there.

Kangol Kid got his nickname early for the hats he liked to wear, and he went on to influence hip-hop culture as the first rapper to make an endorsement deal when he signed with Kangol.

He and his dance partner, Doctor Ice, cofounded UTFO - the name was an abbreviation for Untouchable Force Organization - along with Educated Rapper and Mix Master Ice. Their 1984 song "Roxanne, Roxanne" was a sensation, spawning dozens of answer songs that riffed on the original's story of a woman who rejected the rappers' advances.

UTFO went on to release five albums, including 1987's "Lethal," featuring the metal band Anthrax on its title track.

After UTFO's 1980s fame, Kangol Kid continued writing and producing music for other artists,

and he wrote a column for Black Beat magazine and AllHipHop.com. He also co-founded the Mama Luke Foundation, fundraising in support of the fight against breast cancer.

Johnny Isakson, Georgia senator

Johnny Isakson, a Republican who represented Georgia in the U.S. Senate from 2005 to 2019, died Dec. 19 at his home in Atlanta after fighting Parkinson's disease at the age of 76.

Isakson served in the Georgia Air National Guard and worked as a realtor before beginning his political career in the Georgia House of Representatives.

He served seven terms there, from 1977 to 1991, and he was minority leader from 1983 on. After a failed run for Georgia governor, Isakson was elected to the state senate, where he served only briefly before being elected to fill Newt Gingrich's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives after Gingrich unexpectedly stepped down.

Isakson was reelected twice before his successful run for U.S. Senate in 2004. During his two and a half terms in the Senate, he served on committees including Finance and Veterans' Affairs, and he became known for his moderate views and his work toward bipartisan cooperation.

Isakson resigned from his Senate seat in 2019, midway through his third term, citing health concerns.

Phil Chen, rock and roll bassist

Phil Chen, a prolific session bassist who played with Rod Stewart, Jeff Beck, and Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger of the Doors, died Dec. 14 at the age of 75 from cancer.

Chen was an in-demand bassist who performed and recorded with many rock legends including Rod Stewart and Jeff Beck.

The Jamaican born Chen played on Stewart's hit song "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?" and on Beck's classic 1975 album "Blow by Blow."

He was a member of the Butts Band with ex-Doors Robby Krieger and John Densmore and later joined Krieger and ex-Doors keyboardist Ray Manzarek in their band Manzarek-Krieger. He also worked with Bob Marley, Eric Clapton, and Pete Townsend.

Wanda Young, singer with the Marvelettes

Wanda Young, a singer with the Motown group the Marvelettes, who sang lead vocals on hit singles including "Don't Mess with Bill," died Dec. 15 at age 78.

Young joined the Marvelettes just after they signed with Motown Records, as they were working on the song that would make them stars, "Please Mr. Postman." Young sang backing vocals on the track, the first No. 1 hit for Motown.

She went on to sing lead vocals on several of the Marvelettes' singles including the million-selling "Don't Mess with Bill" as well as "I'll Keep Holding On," "The Hunter Gets Captured by the Game," and more.

In the group's later years, she was the primary lead singer as well as one of the two original members remaining in the group.

Young left Motown and the music business when the Marvelettes disbanded in 1972, though she returned for a reunion album in the 1990s.



Wanda Young

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