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## Norwalk rejects controversial car wash project

■ A proposed car wash development that would have eliminated three businesses was denied Wednesday by the Planning Commission.

The developer has 10 days to appeal the decision.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

**NORWALK** - After many local residents voiced their disapproval, the Norwalk Planning Commission voted against a proposed automated car wash on Studebaker Road and Rosecrans Avenue during Wednesday's meeting.

If the Red Mountain Group [RMG] earned the commission's approval to build the SuperStar Carwash, the Norwalk True Value Hardware store, TNT Mexican Restaurant and Vic's Barber Shop would be demolished and replaced with the automated facility.

The company has 10 days to appeal the decision to the city council.

During public comment residents argued that if the businesses were demolished, it would cost the employees their jobs.

Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District board member Dr. Robert Cancio argued that the car wash would have little return on investment.

"The residents of Norwalk support small businesses so for the planning commission I ask, do right for Norwalk," Cancio said. "When you have a five to one ratio of businesses or one when you're offering clear and concise multiple



Norwalk planning commissioners listen to public comment at Wednesday's meeting. The commission voted to reject a proposed car wash development. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

job opportunities for residents here, what is your return on investment?"

A majority of residents who spoke were also concerned over traffic, pollution and safety. The proposed development is directly behind a residential neighborhood, and is three blocks away from Corvallis Middle School and Norwalk High School.

Planning Commissioner Luis Navas shared concern over his children's safety, as he lives in the surrounding area.

"I can see just from the design of the car wash that you make a u-turn across the street. I'm also looking at the hours of operation because it's operating in the morning," Navas said. "My kids are going to go to Norwalk High. And I see the kids walk to school in the morning

through that crosswalk, and I don't want cars there. Certainly not while there are kids who go to school."

RMG director of development John Clay tried to dismiss the community's concerns, saying their issue was with the land use.

"I just want to point out the overwhelming objections are the land use. This isn't the forum for that," Clay said. "All of the sentiment expressed here needs to go to a general plan update meeting for the land use."

He did not wish to comment further after the council voted (four to one) against approving the car wash.

Gabriel Garcia was the only commissioner to vote yes on the project.

## Get to know Lakeside Middle School

■ Part of the Little Lake School District, Lakeside Middle School has received state and federal honors for their curriculum and student performance.

**NORWALK** - Lakeside Middle School, home of the Mustangs, is one of nine schools in the Little Lake City School District. There are seven elementary and two middle schools. Every school is an award-winning school. The principal, Ms. Ana Gutierrez says "Truly, if a family wants their child to go to a stellar school district, Little Lake should be their choice."

There are two middle schools, one in Santa Fe Springs called Lake Center Middle School and one in Norwalk called Lakeside Middle School. During the last 8 years, since the 2014-15 school year, Lakeside has received both state and national level awards called the California League of Schools, Schools to Watch and the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, Schools to Watch.

They first received this honor in 2014-2015 but to keep it, the school had to apply every 3 years. That's called a "redesignation" and they've been redesignated two times (out of two possible) to maintain this status. They are evaluated on 4 areas:

**Academic excellence** —their instructional practices are innovative, rigorous, and engaging

**Development Responsiveness (social emotional)** — understanding adolescent development

**Social Equity** —access to a great education for all students including, English Learners, Foster Students, low income and Students with Disabilities

**Structures and organization** —describes how the district supports the schools. LLCSD supports the schools with leadership, efficiency and consistency.

Their district beliefs are:

Students first

Results Matter

Whatever it takes

The Schools to Watch recognition is something they are all very proud of at Lakeside and they are the only school in Norwalk that has this recognition.

Administrative Team: Experienced leaders, innovative, responsible and caring

Teachers: Experienced, talented, fun, creative, and caring

Classified staff: efficient, kind, team oriented

District: Board members are actively involved in school events and programs, visible, responsive to the community

The District Superintendent is an inspiring, experienced leader and former LLCSD principal at both elementary and middle school; and his cabinet are his dream team—experts in education, business, special education and human resources. Together they provide an all-hands-on deck support for Lakeside and all schools in LLCSD.

The hallmark of Lakeside Middle School is providing the following electives:

AVID, Journalism, Choir, Band

Enrichment for All: Karaoke, Yoga, Coding, Guitar and more

Lego Robotics:

GATE After School program for students who are identified as Gifted and Talented and our Enrichment for ALL Class which is open to all students as an elective during the sixth session of Trimester 3. Led by their teacher, GATE Coordinator, Mr. Ortega, students design and create robots of all shapes and sizes and develop coding patterns on their laptops to bring them to life. The students collaborate in small groups to build their robots and in the process get really excited about science. These classes inspire curiosity, fun, and creativity in our students.

After School Programs: THINK Together, from dismissal time to 6:00pm. This has been described as an excellent, highly engaging program.

Bernabe After School Tutoring and Social Emotional programs open to all students

Assist Classes: first period, extra help in reading and math

Counseling: Not only do we teach Social Emotional lessons weekly but our counselors are available for all students.

Examples of Special Events: Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) Special Baseball Game, AVID and ASB spirit week, monthly themed celebrations (e.g., Kindness Month, College and Career month), students frequently recognized and rewarded for achievement and good citizenship.

The school welcomes all students with open arms and there is currently space for everyone. They boast small class sizes and teach students 21st century skills such as students collaborating on projects so that they are prepared for work in the future.

The principal, Ms. Gutierrez, has been the principal of Lakeside Middle School for the past 8 years and has worked for the Little Lake School District for the past 14 years. She is available to share more information on how one may join the Mustang family.

You may contact her at agutierrez@llcsd.net or call (562) 868-9422.

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### ON THIS DAY

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**1862:** New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War.

**1899:** Jazz musician and bandleader Duke Ellington was born Edward Kennedy Ellington in Washington, D.C.

**1945:** Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler married his longtime mistress Eva Braun in a Berlin bunker. (The couple killed themselves the next day.)

**1945:** American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.

**1981:** Truck driver Peter Sutcliffe admitted in a London court to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," the killer of 13 women in northern England over five years.

**1986:** A fire at the Los Angeles Central Public Library damaged or destroyed 400,000 books and other items.



**1992:** Rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King. Fifty-four people were killed.

**1996:** The musical "Rent" opened on Broadway.

**1997:** A worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect.

**2004:** The final Oldsmobile was built in Lansing, Michigan, ending 107 years of vehicle production.

**2015:** A baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox set the all-time low attendance mark for Major League Baseball. Zero fans were in attendance for the game, as the stadium was officially closed to the public due to protests.

### Birthdays

Country singer **Willie Nelson** (89), comedian **Jerry Seinfeld** (68), actor **Leslie Jordan** (67), actor **Daniel Day-Lewis** (65), actress **Michelle Pfeiffer** (64), actress **Uma Thurman** (52), retired tennis player **Andre Agassi** (52), rapper **Master P** (52), and soccer player **Mallory Pugh** (24).

## Norwalk volunteers in action



## Soroptimist donates for GED testing

**NORWALK** - In celebration of Women's History Month, Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs donated \$140 for Custody to Community Transitional ReEntry Program (CCTRP) to fund GED testing.

CCTRP's mission is to help women in transition with employment, counseling, education, and other vital services.

"This donation is part of a continuing partnership between Soroptimist and CCTRP and we hope to fund many more GED exams in the future," said Soroptimist Vice President Marilee Steffenhagen.

Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs has been serving the community for 70 years, since 1952. Between 2021-2031, Soroptimists worldwide have set a goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.

This goal will increase Soroptimist International's collective impact by helping women and girls facing obstacles to economic empowerment.

For information about Soroptimist membership, email [sinorwalksantafesprings@soroptimist.net](mailto:sinorwalksantafesprings@soroptimist.net)

For more information about empowering women and girls, visit [www.liveyourdream.org](http://www.liveyourdream.org)

## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Summer is just around the corner. Water activities are a big part of my summer, and perhaps for you as well. Are you aware that the number one cause of death among children under age five is drowning? Also keep in mind that summer activities may sometimes include alcoholic beverages, overeating, tripping and falling, and other accidents.

It behooves each and every one of us to be knowledgeable and up to date on how to handle emergencies. CPR, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator training is available through a number of organizations, including the American Red Cross.

CPR helps to keep oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and other critical organs, until normal heart rhythm is restored. It dates back to 1740, when the Paris Academy of Sciences first recommended mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for drowning victims. Its use has not only continued through the passage of centuries, but has been continually refined and improved. According to the CDC, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the

United States. Prompt and adequate CPR can dramatically improve chances of survival, particularly from heart attacks and arrhythmias. Four to six minutes after the heart stops beating, brain death occurs. The chances of survival double if CPR is administered within the first two minutes of cardiac arrest, and recovery time is significantly reduced.

It's become quite common to find Automatic External Defibrillators available, both in public and in private locations. They are fully automated, and extremely easy to operate. Many classes include an opportunity to become familiar with them.

Most classes also address the essentials of first aid. We all need to know how to act quickly (whether for our own benefit or for others) in case of falls, lacerations, animal or insect bites, etc. Basic first aid skills are invaluable.

I urge you to sign up for a class today. Check out RedCross.org. CPR, AEDs, and first aid save lives!

*Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.*

# Dave Lopez reflects on life and career in autobiography

■ Veteran TV reporter Dave Lopez reflects on 48 years in journalism in his new book, "It's A Great Life."

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - For 48 years, Dave Lopez told other peoples' stories. Now, he's telling his own.

Lopez's new book "It's a Great Life if You Don't Weaken: Faith, Family, and 48 Years on Television" gives an introspective into the man behind the award-winning journalistic career, 43 years of which was with CBS2 and KCAL9.

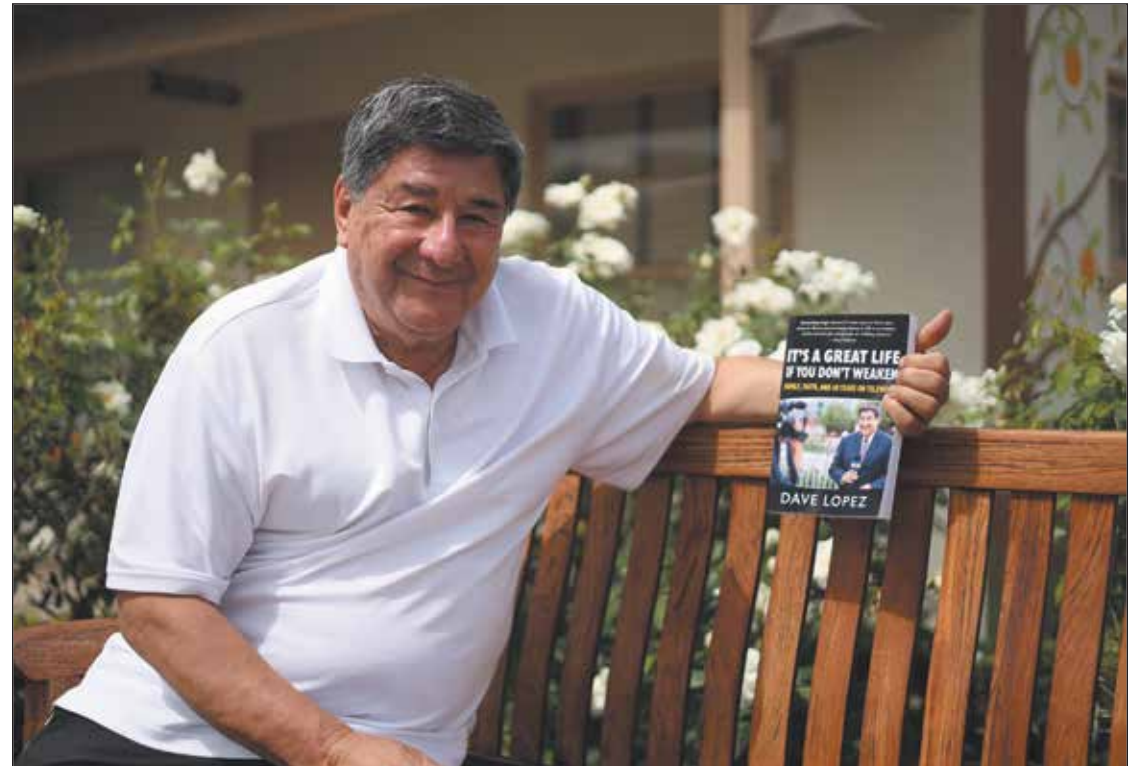
"It's a story about my life. I mean, I think I had an interesting upbringing," said Lopez. "I'm the oldest of eight children. I have a very interesting father who was a very successful businessman.

"It takes [readers] on a journey of my life, really, and it interweaves with my 48 years on television; not too many guys spent 48 years on TV."

Lopez, 74, had always wanted to write a book. He said he wanted his grandkids "to know what their grandpa did."

He describes "It's a Great Life if You Don't Weaken" as "three books in one."

"It's the story about my background, what made me become Dave Lopez, my career, and then my personal life. I had some things happen to me in personal life: lost a wife, lost a mother to Alzheimer's and my father who couldn't cope with it, and I had a bout with cancer myself," said Lopez. "I weave all of this into a story that - I probably went a lot more into my personal life than what some people would want to know - but it's my book. I self-published it, and that's what I



Retired television news reporter Dave Lopez writes about personal life, struggles, and his 48-year career in his new book. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

wanted to tell."

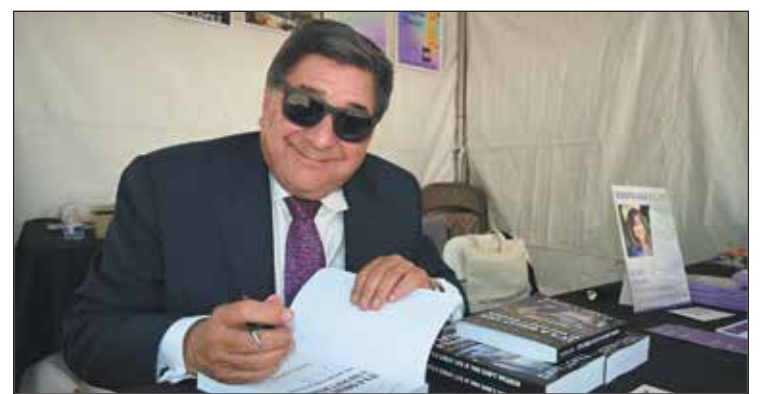
Lopez hopes readers find the story "interesting and inspirational."

"Just a story that says I had a very well-rounded, very lucky gifted life," said Lopez. "I covered a lot of stories, especially the [William Bonin] case...When you see someone on TV, you think 'Oh man, he's got it made, or this is glorified, blah blah blah, but no, there's a lot to it. That's what I hope [readers] take away."

According to Lopez, the book really began to take shape shortly after he retired in 2020. Overall, it's taken "a solid 18 months" to complete.

He said the writing process was "good therapy," though acknowledged some of the difficulties of recounting particularly dark moments in his life.

"It was dramatic at times; nobody wants to relive when you couldn't do anything to save your wife's life, even though you thought you could," said Lopez. "I've always been the kind of guy who though he could fix anything. In television,



you really have to have that feeling of self-confidence. You can't be shy, and you really have to be able to say 'I can do this. I can do that. I can solve this.' I couldn't solve my wife's illness, and to this day it bugs me. I keep saying 'What did I miss?'"

"That was hard to talk about. She had a 73-day very long trial in a hospital; [my wife would] get better, then got worse, get better, got worse. I devote a whole chapter to how agony that was... So yeah, it was tough, but I wanted to do it. I wanted to tell the story. I wanted people to know that life isn't always easy."

of Famer Lou Gehrig, saying that he "considers himself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

"I've lived a very lucky and blessed life, and I just wanted people to know that as I wrote this book," he said.

The book is available now on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. There is also an audiobook available.

Books can also be purchased at a book signing event Sunday, May 22, at 11:30 am at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey.

Still, Lopez quoted Baseball Hall

## 'Newsies' coming to Cerritos

**CERRITOS** - Based on the true story of the Newsboys Strike of 1899, the Broadway hit "Newsies" is coming to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). Tickets start at \$30.

The family-friendly Tony-winning Disney musical centers on Jack, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of being an artist far away from the big city.

The show opens 8 p.m. on Friday, May 13 and continues Friday, May 20 and 27; Saturday, May 14, 21, and 28 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 15, 22, and 29 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, May 21 and 28 at 2 p.m.; and Thursday, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

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# Downey's top employees are leaving. Residents deserve to know why.

By Alex Dominguez

I'm not sure what's more concerning: the mass exodus that the city government is currently experiencing, or the fact that no one is willing to offer an explanation for any of it.

Promotions, retirements, job opportunities, and life changes happen; even just over the last handful of years, we've seen two new police chiefs, a new fire chief, a new city clerk, and other changes without anyone so much as batting an eye.

What is happening in Downey right now feels entirely different.

Ask around, and you'll probably find that there are very few who are satisfied with city manager Gilbert Livas's "retirement." While his exit is written as a resignation and retirement on paper, the much more common belief is that this was not entirely of Livas's own free will. Instead, it seems as though Livas was hurried and pushed out the door after a not-so-subtle attempt to fire him last December was stymied by boisterous public outcry.

Yet even much more impressive – or devastating – is the ensuing cascade of departures that have followed, most recently being Deputy City Manager Aldo Schindler and City Attorney Yvette Abich-Garcia (We can be reasonably sure that they won't be the last, either).

Adding to the turmoil, we have an empty council seat and an assistant city manager suddenly and mysteriously on paid administrative leave.

Yet while the city continues to sprout holes and leaks, the captains at the helm stare up at a synthetic blue sky, as if by ignoring the rising storm water at their hips, it means it doesn't exist.

Meanwhile, the rest of us play the part of Chicken Little as we watch the sky fall.

It's been said that where there is smoke, there is likely fire. Downey is starting to smell like a barbecue.

As more and more administration leave, the city loses more than just a couple of faces at a council meeting; years of experience, expertise, and knowledge of Downey's specific inner-workings seemingly vanish into thin air. What is left behind is a picture that would tell any potential successor of sane mind that they may want to steer clear instead.

This doesn't feel like change, transition, or progress; it feels like abandonment.

Residents see the writing on the wall, but up until now it's been written in unintelligible gibberish; they know it's a bad omen, they just aren't being allowed to know why, how, who's behind it, or where to go from here.

It is not unreasonable to seek an explanation on all fronts. Residents, business owners, and workers in the city have the right to choose their own destinies, and whether or not they see Downey continuing to be a good fit as part of their future.

Over my around seven years writing for the Downey Patriot, I've done a lot of candidate interviews for several campaigns. Almost every single one – including many of you – mentioned "transparency" in some way shape or form.

There is too much at stake to continue staying silent.

Was there an underlying reason (besides his job promotion) for Sean



Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez and Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

Aston's early resignation?

Why was Gilbert Livas's job ever in question? Is he really leaving of his own accord?

Why was John Oskoui placed on administrative leave?

Why are so many of our leaders abandoning ship all at once?

The concerned residents of Downey are listening and await your response.

**Alex Dominguez is a journalist and staff writer for the Downey Patriot.**

## When censorship is necessary

By Susan Estrich

The only former president of the United States to ever make a living teaching constitutional law came to Stanford University last Thursday to propose greater regulation of speech both by the government and by private companies.

"So much of the conversation around disinformation is focused on what people post. The bigger issue is what content these platforms promote."

Actually, the bigger issue is how much protection the platforms receive for speech. President Barack Obama endorsed efforts to strip the platforms of the virtually absolute shield from liability that Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act provides social media platforms for content that their users post.

"These companies need to have some other North Star than just making money and increasing profit shares," the president said.

So does that make censorship a good thing? Who will make the rules, who will enforce them, and perhaps most critically, what will government do to regulate the enforcers?

There is obviously reason for concern. The extent of disinformation on the internet is not, itself, a subject of much debate. I used to ask my students to compete, in my First Amendment class, to see who could find the "worst" postings. I discontinued the contest because it was, frankly, terrifying.

Advocates of free speech will rarely be heard to argue, at least not these days, that all speech is necessarily valuable or that more speech is always better than less speech. It isn't. All speech is not equal. And speech – even pure speech – is powerful, which is why it is protected. It is also not necessarily true that in the marketplace of ideas, the good ideas always win. They don't. Sometimes jihad wins.

Or, as in 2016, Donald Trump did. The former president who once used social media to his advantage as a candidate but who was also plagued by disinformation about his own birth and citizenship reflected on his failure to provide the threat to the integrity of the 2016 election.

"What does still nag at me was my failure to fully appreciate how susceptible we had become to lies and conspiracy theories, despite being a target of disinformation myself," he said, referring to the "birther" business that Trump himself supported – when he was still free to tweet about such things.

Now Trump is banned, a decision that I happen to disagree with almost as much as I disagree with everything Trump stands for. Which is no reason to ban him, for goodness' sake. Political speech may be the most dangerous, but it is the most deserving of protection.

No, the reason I served for many years on the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union, and as president of the Massachusetts affiliate, had absolutely nothing to do with my respect for free speech and everything to do with my concerns over who would draw the lines if lines

were to be drawn.

Should Elon Musk decide who gets to tweet? Or should it be the government that then sits in judgment over whether Twitter or Facebook or others have adequately policed their posts? Is transparency, which Obama called for, enough to protect freedom?

The danger with anyone regulating speech other than you is that they will get it "wrong." The first lesson in a class on civil liberties is to assume that the political personage you respect the least is the one making the decisions. Now, in the civil liberties version of Immanuel Kant's original position, how much protection do you want to afford to speech?

The reason the First Amendment protects free speech against government restrictions (but not private ones) is that the founders recognized that a democracy depends on a free press and government control of the contents of coverage of itself is a step – or a leap – into dictatorship. See, for instance, Mr. Putin.

So is it better if Mark Zuckerberg or Elon Musk makes the decisions, instead of Joe Biden? The first step is surely greater transparency, but from there, both the government and the private censors need to proceed with caution.

**Susan Estrich is an attorney and the first woman president of the Harvard Law Review**

## Mark Meadows and real voter fraud

By Steve Chapman

On Dec. 20, 2020, White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows was still refusing to come to grips with Joe Biden's election victory. "Several members of Congress just finished a meeting in the Oval Office with President Donald Trump, preparing to fight back against mounting evidence of voter fraud," he announced on Twitter. "Stay tuned."

That evidence never quite materialized. Meadows and Co. were looking in the wrong place. The right place would have been Scaly Mountain, North Carolina.

There, a man who owned a home in the Washington, D.C., area, where he worked, had registered to vote in 2020. In his form, he gave a Scaly Mountain address where he apparently had never lived. He then voted absentee in the November election. His name: Mark Meadows.

On Wednesday, the North Carolina State Board of Elections announced that it had removed Meadows from the voter rolls "after documentation indicated he lived in Virginia and last voted in the 2021 election there." That leaves open the question of whether Meadows misrepresented his domicile in 2020 – a federal crime punishable by up to five years in prison.

That question can be determined only in a court of law. But we can say there is, uh, mounting evidence against Meadows.

Much of it emerged in a March article in The New Yorker magazine, which revealed that the dwelling is a small mobile home with a rusted roof

that Meadows has never owned. The woman who owned it in 2020 said Meadows' wife had once rented it for two months but used it for only a night or two. And Meadows himself? "He did not come. He's never spent a night in there."

It's always possible that he sneaked in under cover of darkness for a night of slumber. But that wouldn't validate his claim. He would need some tangible record to indicate he made it his home – a driver's license, tax form or utility bill, for example. If Meadows has any of those, he has yet to make them public.

But we know he takes a stern view of voter fraud, because he has told us so. We also know his party claims to share that view. Many Republican officials and activists have spent the past 18 months spreading the lurid fiction that Biden stole the election.

Trump's own attorney general, William Barr, has said that "all this stuff was bulls—." But a December poll found that 83% of Republicans think Biden owed his victory to "fraudulent ballots."

It is Meadows' good fortune that he has so far escaped the sort of scrutiny that more obscure voters have encountered. One victim is Crystal Mason, who went to the polls in Texas in November 2016, three months after her release from prison. When her name could not be found on the rolls, an election official told her that she could cast a provisional ballot and that it would not be counted unless she was found to be eligible.

Mason was unaware that, being on parole, she wasn't allowed to vote – something her probation officer admitted in court that he never told her.

But innocent intent was no excuse. The Tarrant County district attorney, a Republican, prosecuted and won a conviction – which carried a five-year prison term.

Not every offender gets such tough treatment. As Vann Newkirk II reported in The Atlantic: "In 2018, Russ Casey, a Republican judge in Tarrant County, pleaded guilty to falsifying signatures in order to get his name on the ballot. Casey held a position of public trust, his actions were egregious, and he admitted that the accusations were true. In a plea deal, he received five years' probation, with no prison time."

Two men who lived in The Villages, a Trump stronghold in Florida, pleaded guilty to voting multiple times in 2020. They were sentenced to do 50 hours of community service and take a civics class.

Meadows may not spend time in a correctional facility, even if it is proven that he lied. But there has been a notable lack of interest in what could be a serious federal crime on his part. A search of the Fox News website finds no mention of this story. Republicans have not worn out their lungs demanding that he be brought to justice.

But their supposed commitment to protect election integrity and ballot security has always been more about deterring Democrats from voting than with protecting democracy. That's the real voter fraud.

**Steve Chapman is a syndicated columnist who has written for the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers.**

## If Republicans win back Congress, then what?

By Larry Elder

Republicans look poised to retake the House and perhaps even the Senate in November. After all, crime is hitting levels not seen since the 1990s. In January, the Wall Street Journal wrote: "Several cities set new records for murders last year. Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., Louisville, Ky., and Albuquerque, N.M., had their deadliest years on record. Philadelphia, the nation's sixth largest city, had 562 homicides surpassing its previous high of 500 set in 1990." In Chicago this past weekend, 7 people were killed and 36 others shot, making it the city's most violent weekend of the year.

Inflation has not been this bad since the early 1980s. USA Today recently wrote: "Consumer prices climbed further into the stratosphere in March, and the only consolation is that the painful bout of skyrocketing costs may have peaked. Inflation hit a fresh 40-year high as continuing surges in gasoline, food and rent costs more than offset moderating prices for used cars."

The number of attempted illegal entries last fiscal year (which ends in September) was at the highest level since 1960, when the U.S. Border Patrol started recording illegal entry attempts. Biden's disastrous pullout from Afghanistan has frightened friends and allies and emboldened enemies.

As campaign issues used against Democrats go, this is low-hanging fruit. But what is the Republican plan to rein in spending and the size and intrusiveness of government, given that most of the spending is on automatic pilot?

Medicare/Medicaid/Obamacare take the biggest chunk, and combined with Social Security these programs (aka "entitlements") take more than half of government (aka "taxpayer") dollars. Next is income security, which includes general retirement and disability insurance; federal employee retirement, disability and military retirement; unemployment compensation; housing assistance; nutrition assistance; foster care; Supplemental Security Income; and the earned income and child tax credits. They are followed, in decreasing order, by national security and interest on the debt. Combined, these programs consume almost all federal spending.

When then-President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law, Republicans called it costly, intrusive and a giant leap toward the Democrats' ultimate health care goal: single-payer. Republicans vowed to repeal it. Candidate Donald Trump promised "to replace Obamacare with something better." But Obamacare became increasingly popular, and Republicans failed to offer a "replacement." Republicans stopped calling for its repeal.

When Ronald Reagan first ran for California governor in 1966, his opponents were quick to point out that he said that Social Security should be "voluntary." After the attack, he dropped the idea and never again suggested it. As a presidential candidate in 1980, Reagan promised to abolish the new Department of Education. By the time he left office eight years later, however, the department had not only survived, but was bigger than when he entered office.

Former President George W. Bush promoted a plan to allow workers to direct a portion of their Social Security contribution into a private savings account that could be used to invest into the stock market. Democrats pounced, calling the "privatization" plan risky and dangerous. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., later called Bush's increasingly unpopular idea a "political gift" for Democrats. Republicans, who once supported the idea, ran away from it, and Bush dropped it.

Both parties spend. But campaigning to reduce, let alone take away programs is political suicide. And there is increasingly less discussion or even concern about the growing national debt. The only path forward is to tie the hands of Congress through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that fixes government spending to a set percentage of our gross domestic product, with exceptions for war or natural disasters.

Under the Constitution, Article V allows states the power to call a Convention of States to propose amendments. Thirty-four states must agree to do so. Last month, South Carolina joined, putting the number of states calling for a convention at 19. More than halfway there. It's our only hope to stop the spending rampage. Few Republicans are calling for this. Their silence is deafening.

**Larry Elder is a Republican radio host, bestselling author and former candidate for California governor.**

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## Norwalk Community Calendar

### MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers  
 2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

### 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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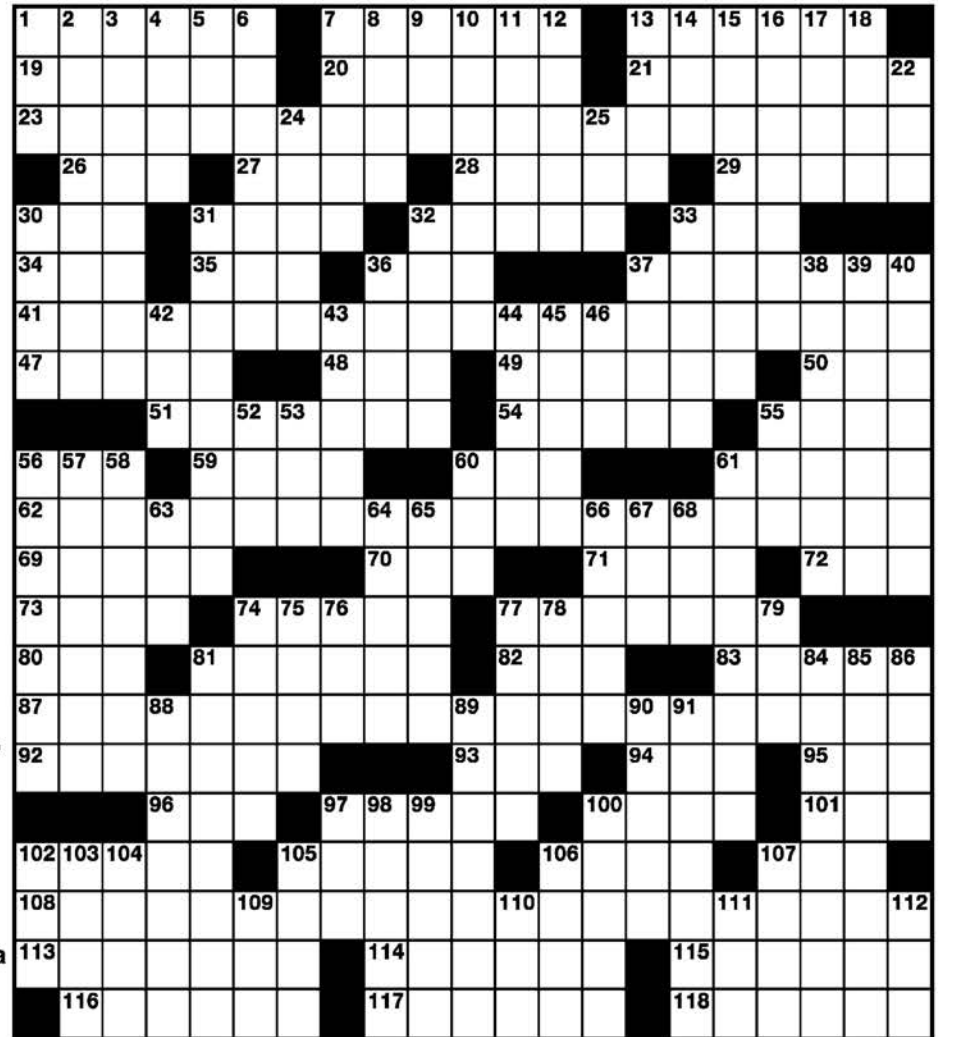
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | 1 Egg cell, e.g.                        | 73 Goddess on Olympic medals      | 11 Eradicate                                    |
| 7 Playful chitchat               | 74 Madrid art museum                    | 12 Pay by mail                    | 13 Small whirlpool                              |
| 13 Not subject to tax            | 77 Cold weather wear                    | 14 Crossed out                    | 15 Olympians in masks                           |
| 19 "Swell!"                      | 80 Pierre's "here"                      | 16 More antiquated                | 17 Pitchfork-shaped letters                     |
| 20 Measure of current            | 81 Don't appear to be a problem         | 18 Run out of energy              | 22 -Mex restaurant                              |
| 21 Bank acceptance               | 82 Simpsons merchant                    | 24 Former spouse, in conversation | 25 Recent USNA grad                             |
| 23 Brando's "Stella!" film       | 83 Shrink back                          | 30 Scholarship criterion          | 31 Mile-a-minute sprinters                      |
| 26 What Fri. follows             | 87 Jennifer Lawrence's Oscar film       | 32 Walk into a plane              | 33 Biblical tablet taker                        |
| 27 Beyond repair                 | 92 "Can you let me take a crack at it?" | 36 Soft cracker spread            | 37 Would-be volunteer's cry                     |
| 28 Nine-season CBS spinoff       | 93 "If you ask me..." text              | 38 Firefighter's one-time catcher | 39 Hamlet's dueling opponent                    |
| 29 County near London            | 94 PC's "undo" key                      | 40 Enhance                        | 42 Pay stub abbr.                               |
| 30 Grp. with pro goalies         | 95 GPS reading                          | 43 City north of Sarasota         | 44 With 31 Across, half a director brother pair |
| 31 See 44 Down                   | 96 Verbalize                            | 45 Lyricist's quest               | 46 Grammy category                              |
| 32 Red vegetables                | 97 Novelist Jong                        | 52 Feast on                       | 53 Part of a sofa                               |
| 33 Caesar's 1002                 | 100 Search for                          | 55 Scratch or dent                | 56 Religion of India                            |
| 34 Letters on some shoeboxes     | 101 Toastmasters, for short             | 57 Markings imprinted on mail     | 58 In a timid fashion                           |
| 35 Charlemagne domain: Abbr.     | 102 Flamboyance                         | 60 Bliss                          | 61 Barbara of Hollywood's Golden Age            |
| 36 ___ voyage party              | 105 For the birds                       | 62 "What __, a mind reader?"      | 77 Lava, before its exit                        |
| 37 River of France and Germany   | 106 Dinner table faux pas               | 63 "Amazing!"                     | 78 ___ facto                                    |
| 41 Spielberg's "phone home" film | 107 Part of MPG                         | 64 Hazardous gas                  | 79 Close kin                                    |
| 47 Farm machinery giant          | 108 Film with Fiennes as a concierge    | 65 Sushi bar mushroom             | 81 Prepare to snare                             |
| 48 Beach ball contents           | 113 Prehistoric paintings               |                                   | 84 Carbon or sulfur                             |
| 49 River bordering 29 Across     | 114 Small crustacean                    |                                   |   |
| 50 Consultant's charge           | 115 White Rabbit's lament               |                                   |   |
| 51 More than miffed              | 116 Alleviate, as fears                 |                                   |   |
| 54 Promotes strongly             | 117 Academic prize                      |                                   |   |
| 55 Griffin of game shows         | 118 Became less ardent                  |                                   |   |
| 56 Carrey or Henson              |   |                                   |   |
| 59 Group for seniors             | <b>DOWN</b>                             |                                   |   |
| 60 Papaya product                | 1 Academic stat.                        |                                   |   |
| 61 Thanksgiving parade VIP       | 2 Connoisseur of creativity             |                                   |   |
| 62 Freddy Krueger's first film   | 3 Competitive calculator                |                                   |   |
| 69 Does nothing                  | 4 Light brown color                     |                                   |   |
| 70 Your choice of                | 5 Tea, to Marie                         |                                   |   |
| 71 Merest bit                    | 6 Not a pretty sight                    |                                   |   |
| 72 Cats inspiration's monogram   | 7 Breakfast staple                      |                                   |   |
|                                  | 8 She loves: Lat.                       |                                   |   |
|                                  | 9 Science Friday network                |                                   |   |
|                                  | 10 Costing very little                  |                                   |   |

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| 66 Illuminated               | 85 Tangible                 | 100 Glove fabric             |
| 67 Bon ___ (witticism)       | 86 Supplements, with "out"  | 102 List shortener           |
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| 74 Pop star Katy             | 89 Compliment to a canine   | 104 Strauss of denims        |
| 75 Hinge (on)                | 90 Impolite glances         | 105 Worldwide: Abbr.         |
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| 77 Lava, before its exit     | 97 Stamp out                | 107 Sport, or sport shirt    |
| 78 ___ facto                 | 98 Zealous                  | 109 Work as                  |
| 79 Close kin                 | 99 Not vacant at the moment | 110 First full mo. of spring |
| 81 Prepare to snare          |                             | 111 Med. care group          |
| 84 Carbon or sulfur          |                             | 112 Took by the hand         |

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 202207679 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ABYS COMICS, 1209 MOLETTE ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022081812 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOLIGHTLY CREATIONS, 18819 PIONEER BLVD UNIT #A, ARTESIA CA 90701-5677, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 202206751 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRENDA ANTHONY ARTS ACADEMY, 11809 DEL AMO BLVD, CERRITOS CA 90702, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

202205897 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DM DELIVERY, 310 N. INDIAN HILL BLVD 455, CLAREMONT, CA 91711 LOS ANGELES...

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EDDIE'S LIQUOR, 2943 SANTA FE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90810 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2022059038 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GLAMA GREEN, 2219 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022059050 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JOSELYN'S BACKYARD, 3159 W. 152ND PL, GARDENA, CA 90249 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 202206127 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: L.A CYLINDER HEADS & SERVICES, 20952 SHERMAN WAY #G, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022060538 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TRIPLE D PROMOTIONS, 132 ROOSEVELT RD., BANNING, CA 92220 RIVERSIDE...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022060838 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SYRUP & BIRDS, 20909 PARTHIENA STREET 21, CANOGA PARK, CA 91304 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022061295 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BRENT DANIELS COLLECTIONS, 1839 254TH ST., LOMITA, CA 90717 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022061837 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EDDIE'S LIQUOR, 2943 SANTA FE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90810 LOS ANGELES...

LIQUOR, INC., 42913 CAPITAL DR., SUITE 111, LANCASTER, CA 93535 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022062393 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MAGNOLIA LIQUOR, 3801 WEST MAGNOLIA BLVD, BURBANK, CA 91505 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022063245 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. HOTT HOMES, INC., 2. HOTT HOMES REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 3. HOTT HOMES, 4. HOTT HOMES CLEANING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022063330 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. NINTENDO NINJA, 2. NINTENDONINJA, 18915 WILLARD ST., RESEDA, CA 91335 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022064656 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SOUTH WEST REPAIRS, 1655 N SERRANO AVE 505, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022064839 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: L.A.D.I.E.S LIMO LEAVING ARRIVING DAILY IN ELEGANT STYLE, 14023 WOODRUFF AVE, D, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 LA...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022064839 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LYON DESIGN LAB, 23014 ERWIN ST LOS ANGELES, WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022064839 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: REBECCA LYON, 23014 ERWIN ST, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367 LOS ANGELES...

2022065419 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TAMMY EDMONDS DESIGN, 680 E COLORADO BLVD., STE 180, PASADENA, CA 91101 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022065516 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROBB ENTERPRISE, 17420 CHASE ST, NORTH RIDGE, CA 91325 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022077667 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ALLI MODA ARCADE, 331 W WILSON AVENUE, APT 303, GLENDALE, CA 91203 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066773 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RIVERA HOME BUILDERS, 9404 BOWMAN AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066845 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE MOBIL CLEANING SERVICES, 16830 KINGSBURY ST APT 310, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066910 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LYON DESIGN LAB, 23014 ERWIN ST LOS ANGELES, WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022067178 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE STABBY KITTY, 4041 INGLEWOOD BLVD., 6A, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 LOS ANGELES...

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.)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022067593 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LONG BEACH OPEN STUDIO TOUR, 1628 FREEMAN AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90804 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022067677 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: YSJ DBA, 900 WEST TEMPLE STREET 508B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022068132 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BOWWOW DAY CAMP, 12852 BORDEN AVE, SYLMAR, CA 91342 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022069113 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BORN 2 TUGG, 1738 CANYON DR UNIT 2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022069148 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: R & E COLLABORATIVE, 110 TERMINO AVENUE UNIT 304, LONG BEACH, CA 90803 LA COUNTY...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022069454 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CANNABIS DELIVERY NETWORK, 13420 VAN NUYS BLVD., SUITE 111, PACOIMA, CA 91604 LOS ANGELES...

on (date): 11/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 03/31/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022069534 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: FATBURGER 1076, 26906 THE OLD ROAD, VALENCIA, CA 91381 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022070141 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. CHIP IN, 2. CHIP-IN, 17337 VENTURA BLVD SUITE 201A, ENCINO, CA 91316 LA COUNTY...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022070224 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HAPPY CARNIVAL TREATS, 941 W CARSON STREET 110, TORRANCE, CA 90502 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022070489 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NICOLE'S MOBILE PET SPA, 28039 CROCO PLACE, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022070769 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. FIRE STARTER VIDEOS, 2. SOLARIS MEDIA GROUP, 28348 CONSTELLATION ROAD, SUITE 820, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91355 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022071279 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. ZECHARIAH EDWARD DOLPHIN, 2. ZECHARIAH E. DOLPHIN, 3. ZECHARIAH EDWARD, 5. DOLPHIN, 3701 WEST SANTA ROSALIA DRIVE, # 1005, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008 LOS ANGELES...



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022080309 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. COSMETIC DESIRES, 2. ECSTASY EXTENSIONS, 1511 ANAHEIM ST APT A, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2022092756 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JMM CLEANING SERVICES, 4308 LONG BEACH AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90058, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): #1 #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE MARTIN MAGANA MANSO, 4308 LONG BEACH AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90058 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2022073101 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C A T REINFORCING, 41452 PRAIRIEVISTA PL., LANCASTER CA 93536, LA COUNTY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022053734 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE HELING, 2040 BONITA AVE, LA VERNE, CA 91750 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022053876 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. VC JANITORIAL & GARDENING SERVICES, 2. VC HANDYMAN SERVICES, 3. VC JANITORIAL SERVICES & VC GARDEN SERVICES, 15250 BLACKHAWK

ST, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 LA. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BEATRIZ GARCIA, 15250 BLACKHAWK ST, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA), FAUSTINO BALDERAS, 15250 BLACKHAWK ST, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055115 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SHHAA SUSTAINABLE, HOLISTIC, HEALING ARTS & ACTIVATIONS, 6111 HORNER ST APT 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055404 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RUZANNA KHECHUMYAN & ASSOCIATES, 303 N GLENOAKS BLVD SUITE 200, BURBANK, CA 91502 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055408 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. DYNAMIC FINANCE, 2. ANI KAMIKYAN, 3. DYNAMICFINANCE. US, 100 NORTH BRAND BLVD #608, GLENDALE, CA 91203 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055501 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CHEZ RAE, 181 PEPPER DR, LONG BEACH, CA 90807 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055823 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LUV LIGHT UNION VORTEX, 18171 LOST CREEK RD, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055876 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. VC JANITORIAL & GARDENING SERVICES, 2. VC HANDYMAN SERVICES, 3. VC JANITORIAL SERVICES & VC GARDEN SERVICES, 15250 BLACKHAWK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022055907 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SAKOS PAINTING, 336 N CHEVY CHASE DR, APT #1, GLENDALE, CA 91206 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056021 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. ELLIS & ELLIS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 2. ELLIS & ELLIS, 3. ELLIS LAW FIRM, 4. LAW OFFICES OF WARREN ELLIS, 500 N. CITRUS AVE., COVINA, CA 91723

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056280 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CONCEPTS, 4747 JONES HUSBAND, THE REGISTRANT COMMENCED TO TRANSPORT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON (DATE): 04/2018.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056393 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: VALERIE E. PORTER PUBLIC ADJUSTER, 622 WALL STREET, #E104, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056435 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ONE LOVE BEAUTY BAR, 100 ARTSAKH AVENUE MARKETPLACE SUITE 148, GLENDALE, CA 91205 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056928 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AMERICAN WINDOW RESTORATION, 3608 EAST ALLINGTON ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022058484 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MC CLEAN MOBILE CARWASH, 43604 FERN AVE, LANCASTER, CA 93534 LOS ANGELES.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056941 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HORIZON CLOTHING DESIGN, 4630 W MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD #18, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022057905 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GRAMERCY PAIN & NEUROSCIENCE CENTER, 1211 SUNSET PLAZA DRIVE 410, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022059227 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CONCEPTS, 4747 JONES HUSBAND, THE REGISTRANT COMMENCED TO TRANSPORT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON (DATE): 02/2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022059612 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AGRIPINA RUIZ CUEVAS, 1401 W JEFFERSON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022059955 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SHOP HEAR, 5625 WINDSOR WAY UNIT 211, CULVER CITY, CA 90230 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066412 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: D & K IMPACT CONSULTING, 412 FERN DELL PL., GLENORA, CA 91741 LOS ANGELES.

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).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066072 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CLEAN CAR LA, 6332 FULTON AVE, APT 102, VAN NUYS, CA 91401 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066125 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HONEST COMMISSIONS, 11960 IOWA AVE 4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066965 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LASD JANITORIAL SERVICES, 14100 CALVERT STREET APT 8, VAN NUYS, CA 91401 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066000 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AURA OF SOULS, 245 S RAMPART BLVD APT 110, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057 LOS ANGELES.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022066268 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SMALL AND ORDER, 527 MOLINO STREET 113, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013 LOS ANGELES.

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# BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK

## La Mirada softball wins third straight Suburban League title

■ La Mirada tops Mayfair, 9-1, to capture its third consecutive league title.

Pitcher Aleyna Urbina wins her 14th game of the year.

By John Sherrard Contributor

**LA MIRADA** - The La Mirada High School softball team wrapped up its third consecutive Suburban League championship with a resounding 9-1 victory over rival Mayfair on Tuesday (April 26).

In addition, the Matadores won their 30th consecutive league game, dating back to the 2018 season. They currently are 7-0 in league with one game remaining on Thursday, April 28. (Results not available at press time).

Next year La Mirada will be in a league with Gahr, Warren and Downey.

Their last league loss was to Cerritos, just over four years ago.

With the win, the Matadores improved to 20-6 overall and have won 15 consecutive games, while Mayfair finishes second in league with a 14-9 overall record and 5-3 in league.

"We won the league title (Tuesday) outright," La Mirada Softball coach Brent Tuttle said. "We wrapped our third straight league title and will try to make a run now in the Division I playoffs."

"This season, early on we had a tough early stretch out there in Bullhead and lost four games. I think at one point we might have been 6-6, but we've always scheduled tough because we're DI and want to make sure we see that competitiveness."

"Since then, this team has jelled together and I want to say 15 or 16 (15) straight. We haven't lost since Bullhead (Tournament)."

"I always tell my girls we want to be playing our best ball in April and early May."

The CIF-Southern Section playoffs are set to begin next week, with the brackets being announced Saturday (April 30).

La Mirada pitcher Aleyna Urbina won her 14th game of the season against four losses.

The senior went the distance, allowing only two hits and a run and struck out two Mayfair batters.

"We just wanted to win because it's our rival game and it's our senior day too, so we just



La Mirada senior players gather for their senior night after playing Mayfair in their league game at La Mirada High School on Tuesday. La Mirada defeated Mayfair 9-1. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

wanted to win" Urbina said.

"Honestly, it's better than I thought we were going to be," said Urbina of the team's success this season. We're mostly younger, so we're good."

Senior third baseman Janis Espinoza (2 for 4, R, 3 RBIs) led the Matadores. She also hit a 3-run home run in the third inning for the 8-1 lead. Espinoza leads the team with hits (29) and has a .382 average in 25 games.

"It meant a lot to win league," Espinoza said. "Especially because a lot of our girls are younger and I feel like this year we especially meshed a lot."

"I get along with the freshmen a lot. We're all more in it together and I would say it's my favorite team out of all my high school seasons."

Winning this title is a pretty big accomplishment for all of us."

Espinoza, who reached base three of her four at bats in the game, had high praise for her pitcher.

"Aleyna just dominates in the circle," she said. "I personally am obsessed with her change-up. Her change-up just makes players look really goofy in the box. There's something about her change-up that changes the tone in the game. It's exciting to see."

Two other Matadores had two hits each – freshman Angelina Conde (2 for 2, R, RBI, 2 Dbls.) and senior catcher Peyton Powers (2 for 3, RBI).

First baseman Natalie Craig hit a solo home run to lead off the fourth inning for the 9-1 lead.

Alyssa Hensgen took the

loss for Mayfair, as she allowed all nine runs on eight hits and struck out three La Mirada batters.

Shortstop Celeste Carbajal and designated hitter Grace Cummins of the Monsoons each collected the only hits off of Urbina in the game.

Mayfair started the game off with the first batter reaching on an error and eventually scored.

In the game, there were 11 errors between the two clubs.

After the first inning, Urbina, who was still sore from a tough weekend workout on her travel ball team, then retired eight consecutive Mayfair batters into the fourth inning before a single by Carbajal.

She allowed five base runners after the fourth, including retiring another five straight in the fifth and sixth

innings.

Meanwhile, La Mirada answered with three runs in the bottom of the first, for the 3-1 lead, followed by five more runs in the third for the 8-1 lead.

Conde knocked in the first run with a double to left-center, scoring Espinoza, followed by center fielder Grace Archuleta scoring on an error.

Conde scored on the second double of the inning by the Matadores, as right fielder Brynn Fukumoto doubled to left.

The third inning was highlighted by Espinoza's three-run home run and Conde and Urbina scoring on an outfield error and a single by Powers, respectively.

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## ADUs soaring in popularity across LA County

By Jeff Prang  
L.A. County Assessor

This month I'm going to be focusing on a type of new construction that's capturing the attention of regional homeowners. It's called the Accessory Dwelling Unit or ADU.

As a most recent Los Angeles Times article entitled "So you want to build an ADU in

California? Here's what you need to know" stated, "For whatever reason, thousands of California homeowners are adding accessory dwelling units to their property. These homes can be built for a fraction of the cost of a new house, mainly because they're small and can be installed inside an existing house or garage."

Commonly referred to as a "Granny Flat" or a "Guest House", the ADU is an independent living space that must provide the basic needs for an individual such as sleeping, eating, cooking and even sanitation. It's also important to remember that adding an ADU to a property is a reassessable event and therefore will affect the value of the property. I will address that later in the column.

Legislation was approved and signed into law last year that paved the way for ADUs. SB 9, the California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency (HOME) Act, facilitates the process for homeowners to build a duplex or split their current residential lot, expanding housing options for people of all incomes that can now add units on their existing properties.

Possibly as a result of the new legislation, my office has witnessed a major increase in the interest of ADUs. As an example of this growing interest, the County has seen an increase of over 180% in permitted ADUs from 2017 -2019, but with under a 20% completion rate for those who began the application process.

To put that in perspective, there are roughly a little over 10,000 permitted ADUs in the County, with over 1.8 million

residential parcels.

However, the large increase in interest in ADU construction and conversion has not kept pace with the outreach or the information needed to plan for these additions effectively and wisely.

There are plenty of hurdles to overcome when planning for the construction of an ADU. The projects are expensive, the rules can be opaque and complex, and the bureaucratic hurdles can seem overwhelming.

A recently passed Board of Supervisor motion calls for the County to analyze the current process and provide recommendations for streamlining and making the process smoother. However, those plans are still in their infancy of the development and proposal stage.

Here's where the Assessor gets involved. The building of, and sometimes the alteration of an existing structure to be an ADU is considered new construction for property assessment purposes.

When new construction, like the addition of new residential units, occurs, the property will be reassessed. That reassessment will change the overall value of the property and impact the resulting property taxes.

Generally, new construction is assessed using the cost approach. The costs used by the Assessor's Office may not necessarily be your costs, but rather those typical of materials used for that quality of construction.

In general, replacing what is already there is not considered new construction. However, if you're

altering a garage by adding the features necessary to convert it into an ADU, such as a kitchen or bathroom, there will be an upward reassessment.

A reassessment due to new construction does not mean your whole property will be reassessed. Instead, the cost to construct the ADU is used to establish its value. That value is then added to the existing assessed value of the land and other structures on the property. The result is a new base year value for the entire property, upon which future taxes will be based.

The increased property taxes obviously come after the whole permitting process, but it does catch many people by surprise and can cause a lot of hardship and anguish. That's why proper planning with full foresight is needed.

For more information on ADUs, including a recent seminar we held on this topic, go to <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/homeowners/adu>.

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