

# The Norwalk Patriot

Friday, June 10, 2022

Vol. 16 No. 19

14783 Carmenita Road, Norwalk, CA 90650

## Embattled sheriff Villanueva heads for November runoff

■ Alex Villanueva faces opposition from retired Long Beach police chief Robert Luna, who finished second in Tuesday's primary.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** - Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva's bid for a second term will move to a November runoff election against former Long Beach police Chief Robert Luna, with the pair topping a nine-candidate field in Tuesday's election.

Over the past century, only one incumbent sheriff in the county has lost a re-election bid. That was four years ago, when Villanueva achieved a stunning upset of Sheriff Jim McDonnell, riding to an election victory with strong backing from reform-minded community groups and Democrats.

But over the past four years, Villanueva's support among those groups has waned as he repeatedly clashed with the Democrat-dominated Board of Supervisors over funding and policy matters, fought back against claims of "deputy gangs" within the agency, defied subpoenas to appear before

the Civilian Oversight Commission and refused to enforce the county's COVID-19 vaccination mandate among his deputies and department employees.

He has openly criticized "progressive" policies and politicians, most notably District Attorney George Gascón, and assailed movements to "defund" law enforcement agencies.

Those stances, however, have helped solidify his support among many of those working for him, exemplified by his endorsement by the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

In a campaign statement, Villanueva's campaign insists he has worked to restore public trust in the sheriff's department, pointing to the rollout of body-worn cameras and boosting minimum requirements for new deputies. The campaign also boasts the agency is "the most diverse in the nation."

"In his next term, Sheriff Villanueva will work to reduce violent crime, compassionately clean up homeless encampments and hold public officials accountable for their actions," according to his campaign.

Speaking to his supporters Tuesday night, Villanueva said he is



Alex Villanueva, left, and Robert Luna will face off this November to see who runs the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

"focusing on what matters to people -- homelessness and violent crime."

He said he has been "playing eight-on-one basketball" during the campaign, noting that his candidates were all running on anybody-but-him platforms.

"We're going to keep doing what we're doing, because it's the right thing to do," Villanueva said. "... My job is to keep the community safe. If that means I have to battle the Board of Supervisors, so be it."

Luna argued during the

campaign that the sheriff's department is being "mismanaged" by Villanueva and said he will work to restore trust in the agency. He also touted his position as an outsider with no connections to the sheriff's department.

"Growing up in East Los Angeles, patrolled by the sheriff's department, opened my eyes to examples of both good and bad policing, and inspired my 36-year career in law enforcement," Luna said in a candidate statement.

He said he will work to "modernize" the sheriff's department and its jail system and improve the mental well-being of deputies and employees.

The other hopefuls in the race were sheriff's Lt. Eric Strong, sheriff's Sgt. Karla Carranza, Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo, retired Sheriff's Capt. Matt Rodriguez, parole agent April Saucedo Hood, retired Sheriff's Capt. Britta Steinbrenner and retired sheriff's Cmdr. Eli Vera.

## Downey mayor advances in Assembly race

■ Blanca Pacheco is the frontrunner to represent Norwalk in the California state Assembly.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**NORWALK** - Downey mayor Blanca Pacheco advanced Tuesday to a November runoff election in her bid for a state Assembly seat.

Pacheco, a Democrat, will face Raul Ortiz Jr., a Republican from La Mirada who collected the most votes in Tuesday's primary election.

Ortiz was the only Republican in the race for the newly-formed 64th Assembly District, which encompasses Norwalk, Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, La

Habra, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs and South Whittier.

Pacheco collected 25.65% of all votes, outpointing her Democratic opponents Elizabeth Alcantar, the mayor of Cudahy; Ana Valencia, vice mayor of Norwalk; Robert Cancio, a Norwalk-La Mirada school board member; and Rose Espinoza, a La Habra city council member.

Pacheco said she was "deeply humbled and grateful" to advance to the November general election.

"I first would like to thank all the supporters, volunteers, and voters who fueled our campaign's strong performance," she said. "This moment would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication, and it is humbling to see the widespread support behind the common vision

we share.

"In the coming months, I will continue to run a robust campaign that highlights my history of delivering results on the issues that matter for our district, including a strong local economy, affordable housing, and safe communities.

"I look forward to rolling up my sleeves to get to work expanding my coalition and earning the support of people across Assembly District 64 as we enter the general election."

If Pacheco is successful in the November election, she will resign her City Council position, triggering a special election for her replacement.

Alcantar, who had been endorsed by the L.A. Times, said she was proud of her campaign despite the loss.

"Unfortunately, we did not see the results we wanted to see last night but I'm incredibly proud of the campaign we ran - one that stood proudly with our communities," she said.

"A lot was at stake yesterday and unfortunately low voter turnout only set [Southeast L.A. County] back further."

Cancio, the Norwalk-La Mirada school board member, said he was "grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a significant election, blessed for all the friendships I made, and optimistic for the future."

## Man found shot to death in Norwalk

**NORWALK** - A man was found shot to death Wednesday in a riverbed in the Norwalk area.

Deputies were sent to the San Gabriel River between Imperial Highway and Foster Road at about 1 a.m. on a report of a gunshot victim, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported.

"Upon arriving, deputies discovered the victim laying unresponsive on the riverbed's concrete," a sheriff's department statement said. "There is no suspect or suspect vehicle description at this time, and the murder weapon remains outstanding."

The man, in his 30s, died at the scene. Information on his identity was not immediately available.

Anyone with information on the case was urged to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500, or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.



Blanca Pacheco

"We fought a good fight," he said. "Thank you all for standing with me. Stay safe and stay tuned. I'm not going anywhere. Always remember, all greatness is from God."

### Archuleta primed for re-election

State Sen. Bob Archuleta, Democrat from Pico Rivera, appears poised for re-election, collecting 36.92% of the vote.

Archuleta will face Republican Mitch Clemmons in the November election. Clemmons is owner of a plumbing company in Whittier.

Archuleta represents California's 30th Senate District,

which covers Norwalk.

Archuleta beat fellow Democrats Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, who finished third, and former Whittier councilman Henry Bouchot, who finished last.

"I am grateful to the people of the 30th Senate District who voted for me, and I am humbled by the faith the voters have in me to continue to represent them in Sacramento," Archuleta said.

"Thank you to the people, organizations and elected officials who supported our campaign. As we move forward to the November election, let's continue the work we started four years ago to bring the needed resources to our communities."

### Sanchez, Ching advance to November

Rep. Linda Sanchez and Eric Ching advanced to the November general election in their bid to represent Norwalk in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sanchez, a Democrat, is looking for another term in Congress. She was first elected to her congressional seat in 2002.

Ching, a Republican, serves as mayor of Walnut.

"While we all may share different political, religious, or social views, we all have a common interest," he said. "Our goal is to provide safe neighborhoods, good jobs, and a place to comfortably grow old and raise our kids. We need leaders with proven results."

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday	86°	
Saturday	86°	
Sunday	84°	

### THINGS TO DO



**Cuban American Music Festival**  
Saturday  
La Plaza de Cultura y Artes

A regional destination event that features four musical acts, dancing, local Cuban artists, Cuban food, drinks, dance instruction, domino tables, art exhibits, and cigars. Tickets: \$45 online, \$60 at the door

### ON THIS DAY

**1801:** The North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

**1922:** Singer-actress Judy Garland was born Frances Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minn.

**1935:** Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio.

**1940:** Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

**1942:** The Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.

**1946:** Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.

**1963:** The Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at abolishing wage disparity based on sex, was signed into law by John F. Kennedy.

**1967:** The Six-Day War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated ceasefire.

**1977:** James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others. (He was recaptured three days later.)

**1978:** Affirmed won horse racing's Triple Crown by taking the Belmont Stakes.

**1991:** Jaycee Dugard, 11, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

**2007:** The final episode of "The Sopranos" aired on HBO.



### Birthdays

Football hall of famer **Dan Fouts** (71), actress **Elizabeth Hurley** (57), comedian **Bill Burr** (54), singer **Faith Evans** (49), retired U.S. Olympic gymnast **Tara Lipinski** (40), and model **Kate Upton** (30).

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Parents settle over son's motorcycle death

**MONTEBELLO** - The parents of a 20-year-old man killed when his motorcycle struck a metal chain stretched across a paved pathway near the Lincoln Dam in Montebello in 2018 have reached a tentative settlement in their lawsuit against Los Angeles County.

Lawyers for Alexandro Villaras and Diana Alvarez, the father and mother of the late Lxandro Villar of Montebello, filed court papers on Thursday with Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Gail Killefer stating that a "conditional" accord had been reached. No terms were revealed and an attorney for the plaintiffs could not be immediately reached regarding whether the settlement is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The plaintiffs alleged in the suit brought in October 2019 that a dangerous condition of public property existed because there were no lights, reflectors or other warnings of the chain's presence. Los Angeles County owned the property where the accident occurred and knew of the dangerous condition created by the chain, but failed to warn visitors like the plaintiffs' son, according to the suit.

The plaintiffs also sued the city of Montebello, which was later dismissed as a defendant.

Lawyers for Los Angeles County argued in their court papers that the county was immune from liability under the state Government Code because the accident occurred on a trail rather than a roadway.

According to the suit, Villar's motorcycle hit the chain about 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 26, 2018, as he was approaching the parking lot of the Lincoln Dam. He fell off the motorcycle and his chest hit the pavement.

The large gate that normally was closed across the pathway was broken and the chain was put there in its place, according to the lawsuit.

Villar was taken to Beverly Hospital in Montebello, where doctors were unable to save him. A copy of the coroner's report attached to the lawsuit stated the cause of death was blunt torso trauma, and a copy of a page of Villar's medical records showed he was not wearing a helmet when the accident occurred.

## Female janitor details abuse at Maywood church

**MAYWOOD** - A former janitor at a Catholic church in Maywood who is suing the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, alleging she was forced to quit in 2019 after an associate pastor groped her in the rectory and tried to coerce her into his bed, describes the incident in detail in new court papers.

The Long Beach woman worked as a custodian at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the grounds of which include a school and a rectory that housed the living areas and offices of Pastor Dario Miranda and Associate Pastor Primitivo Gonzalez, the suit filed in December of 2020 states.

On the morning of July 30, 2019, the plaintiff says she was directed to clean the parish rectory, including Gonzalez's private living space. She was normally assigned to maintain only the school and church, but the employee who normally maintained the rectory was absent that day, the suit says.

The plaintiff, who was unfamiliar with the rectory because she had not cleaned it before, encountered Gonzalez in the kitchen on the first floor and he showed her the various rooms, including his own quarters comprised of a bedroom with a private bathroom, according to the suit.

"I was standing when suddenly I felt that my wrist, that someone was touching my wrist," the plaintiff says in a deposition given on March 4, portions of which are attached to her court papers filed on Friday

in opposition to the Archdiocese's motion to dismiss her case. "After that, I froze. I didn't know who had grabbed my wrist. And then I turned around and his hands were touching my breast. I was walking backwards until I got stuck on the wall and I noticed that it was him and I just opened my mouth because I couldn't believe that the priest was doing this."

The woman further states that Gonzalez put both of his hands against the wall and that he "put his body very close to mine and he was touching me. He wanted to kiss me and I was moving my head from one side to the other, and he would move his head from one side to the other doing the same thing that I was doing."

The plaintiff says she "stepped on my tiptoes so that I could be a little bit taller than him so that he couldn't kiss me, but he grabbed my neck. He was breathing hard, and after that, he moved one of his hands away from the wall and he put my blouse down and my bra."

The priest then said "Mamacita, I dreamed of you. Let's go to bed," according to the plaintiff.

The clergyman continued rubbing his body against hers, the plaintiff says.

"I couldn't move," she says. "I couldn't think at the moment."

The plaintiff says she was able to escape from the bathroom, turned around and saw the priest following her while exposing himself.

The alleged incident left the plaintiff with post-traumatic stress disorder and her psychiatrist says she is permanently unfit to resume employment within the archdiocese, according to her court papers.

In their court papers urging dismissal of the plaintiff's suit, lawyers for the archdiocese state that she never actually quit her job.

"Plaintiff is currently employed on a leave of absence," the archdiocese attorneys state in their court papers. "She continued to work for three months after the incident before beginning her leave. At plaintiff's deposition, she testified that she has not resigned and has not told anyone that she will not be returning from her leave."

When the plaintiff reported the incident, the archdiocese the next

day took action so that Gonzalez could no longer function as a priest and he was removed from the parish within 24 hours, according to the archdiocese attorneys' court papers.

Gonzalez admitted his wrongdoing and the archdiocese reported the woman's accusations to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, according to the defense attorneys' court papers. Gonzalez was kept out of the ministry, moved to Northern California to live with his brother in August 2019 and died in December 2020 of complications related to dementia, according to the archdiocese attorneys' court papers.

Prior to the alleged attack on the plaintiff, Gonzalez was a priest in good standing, the archdiocese attorneys state in their court papers.

"In short, (the archdiocese) had no knowledge of any complaints by anyone against Father Gonzalez related to inappropriate conduct," the archdiocese lawyers further state in their court papers.

A hearing on the archdiocese's dismissal motion is scheduled June 17 before Judge Christopher K. Lui.

## Couple settles 'wrong baby' case

**LOS ANGELES** - A Los Angeles woman and her husband have settled "in principle" a lawsuit they filed against a fertility clinic in which they alleged she gave birth to the wrong child in 2019 after doctors implanted a stranger's embryo into her body during an in vitro fertilization treatment.

Lawyers for plaintiffs Daphna and Alexander Cardinale filed court papers on Tuesday with Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephanie M. Bowick stating that the case against the West Hollywood-based California Center for Reproductive Health and Dr. Eliran Mor was resolved.

"The parties are pleased to advise that they have reached an agreement in principle to settle this matter," the plaintiffs' lawyers stated in their court papers while asking that all future hearing dates be canceled.

The court papers did not divulge the prospective settlement terms. In their court papers, lawyers for the defendants disputed the plaintiffs' claims.

"There is no credible allegation that Dr. Mor was aware the embryo he transferred to Daphna Cardinale had been mislabeled or mixed up and was not her embryo," the defense attorneys stated in their

court papers.

In the suit brought last Nov. 8, the couple contended that the center and Mor "recklessly, negligently, and/or knowingly lost or actively decided" to give the couple's embryos to another couple, "while implanting the wrong embryo in Daphna."

According to the suit, when the Cardinales first saw their healthy newborn daughter in September 2019, one of the first things they noticed was that, unlike the rest of their family, the baby had a much darker complexion and jet-black hair.

"Genetic testing revealed that the baby Alexander and Daphna delivered and raised for months was not genetically related to them," according to the couple's attorneys. "Their baby was the biological child of complete strangers."

The couples eventually switched babies, the suit states.

The lawsuit named as defendants CCRH, Beverly Sunset Surgical Associates LLC, In VitroTech Labs Inc. and Mor, CCRH's medical director.

Unknown to the Cardinales at the time, Mor was also the owner of In VitroTech Labs "and was engaged in self-dealing from one company to the other," the lawsuit alleged.

IVF is a procedure during which eggs are fertilized by sperm in a lab before being implanted in a woman's uterus.

"Going through IVF is a very painful process physically and emotionally, involving injections, hormone treatments, blood tests, countless office visits, and even surgery," Daphna Cardinale said in a statement released last fall by the family's lawyer.

"We came to it with incredible vulnerability and trust in our doctor and in the process. We had no idea, at the time, that this greatest potential for joy would bring us such enduring pain and trauma. After discovering the truth of what had happened to our family, I was overwhelmed with fear, betrayal, anger, and heartbreak. It was torture that shook me to my core and forever changed who I am."

According to the suit, the other couple also carried to term and gave birth to a baby boy -- the Cardinales' biological child -- and raised her for months before the mistakes were uncovered and proven.

As a result of the errors, the Cardinales did not even know of their biological daughter's existence until she was 3 months old, the plaintiffs alleged.

"Another month passed before they would finally bring her home for good," the couple's attorneys said. "Meanwhile, they were forced to give up forever the daughter whom Daphna carried to term

and with whom their whole family had irrevocably bonded. The long-term consequences of this baby swap continue to haunt their entire family."

The Cardinales' "pain and fear have not abated with their reunion with their daughter," according to their lawyers, who alleged that both the couple and their older daughter have suffered "life-changing emotional damages necessitating continuing mental-health treatment" and severe physical-health problems.

The couple met in 2002 and married in June 2006. They also have another daughter who was born in April 2014 after being conceived naturally, the suit states.

## Man hit by street sweeper settles for \$1 million

**HACIENDA HEIGHTS** - A man who was injured during a collision between his car and a street sweeper in 2018 in Hacienda Heights has reached a tentative \$1 million settlement of his lawsuit against Los Angeles County.

The accord in the case brought by plaintiff Jeong J. Cha is subject to approval by the county Claims Board and the Board of Supervisors.

According to his suit filed in January 2020, Cha was driving a Toyota southbound on Hacienda Boulevard on Jan. 18, 2018, near Glenmark Drive. Enrique Lozano, at the wheel of a county street sweeper and also driving in the same direction on the same street, tried to make a U-turn directly in the path of Cha, causing Cha's car to strike the sweeper, the suit stated.

Cha suffered severe, costly physical injuries that required medical care, and he also lost wages and the ability to work, the suit states.

## Sheriff's deputies injured in traffic collision

**PICO RIVERA** - A traffic crash in Pico Rivera Wednesday left two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and another person injured.

Paramedics were sent to Gallatin Road and South Rosemead Boulevard at about 9:50 a.m., the Los Angeles County Fire Department reported.

Firefighters freed one deputy from the wreckage, and paramedics transported the injured victims for hospital treatment, the department reported.

The deputies' injuries were not believed life-threatening, the sheriff's department said. The condition of the other injured person was not immediately known.

According to the sheriff's department, the deputies were responding to a robbery call when their vehicle and another vehicle collided. The circumstances of the crash were under investigation.



**Liberty**<sup>™</sup>

**Liberty delivers the water**

**You deliver the bubbles**

### BULLETIN BOARD

FREE ESTIMATES "Your Local Plumber At Your Service"

**A-1 Performance**  
 Lic. #896712  
**ROOTER & PLUMBING**

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PLUMBING**

• FREE ESTIMATES • RAPID RESPONSE • SENIOR DISCOUNTS

• Plumbing • Sewer • Water Heaters **(562) 420-6458**  
 • Hydro Jet Specialists • Drain Cleaning

Family Owned And Operated. Serving Long Beach And Surrounding Areas For Over 25 Years.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

**wesley**  
 Health Centers  
 J.W.C.H. INSTITUTE

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE NEEDS | CUBRIMOS TODAS LAS NECESIDADES MEDICAS

**OUR SERVICES:**

- Primary Health Care | Medicina Familiar
- Behavioral Health | Terapia Psicológica
- Pediatrics | Pediatría
- Vision Care | Salud Visual
- STD/HIV Testing & Prevention
- Pruebas de ETS/VIH y Prevención
- Dental & Oral Health Care
- Dentista y Salud Oral

**OUR LOCATIONS:**

**BELL GARDENS**  
 6912 Ajax Ave. Bell Gardens, CA 90201

**BELLFLOWER**  
 14371 Clark Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706

**DOWNEY**  
 5330 Firestone Blvd. Downey, CA 90241

**NORWALK**  
 12360 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650

We accept most health coverage including | Aceptamos una amplia cantidad de cobertura médica incluyendo  
 MEDI-CAL | MEDICARE | COVERED CA

**CALL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT 866 733 5924**

NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF ABILITY TO PAY  
 A NADIE SE LE NEGARAN SERVICIOS POR INHABILIDAD DE PAGO

# Get in, we're going to save the American shopping mall

By Alexandra Lange

It is easy to think of indoor and even outdoor malls as anti-landscape: big asphalt parking lots, blank walls, artificial lighting, manufactured scents, digital sounds. But the origin of mall architecture was in the European 19th-century conservatory, where cast-iron and glass roofs covered expensive, nonnative plants. Early mall innovators like Victor Gruen emphasized the year-round good weather of indoor shopping, and leading landscape architects like Lawrence Halprin made sure the plantings were as up-to-date as the goods for sale.

As America contemplates mass mall die-off — analysts predict that a quarter of the United States' roughly 1,000 malls will close in the next three to five years — reminding ourselves of the mall's garden origins offers clues as to how they might be transformed. Some should be demolished and returned to nature, but more should be rethought from an ecological point of view. While malls are a wasteful use of land, replacement with new stand-alone buildings with space-hogging parking lots only compounds that wastefulness: Better to add (perimeter buildings, solar panels, trees) and to swap (markets for department stores, classrooms for boutiques).

Ground cleared and buildings constructed for one kind of community benefit — shopping — could be reduced, reused and recycled to serve a broader and greener community purpose, with pedestrian open space as part of a mix of public uses. While the mall was designed to showcase products intended for obsolescence, in the best-case scenario it is also a building designed to change.

Malls represent heavy investments in infrastructure, construction materials and place making that should not be discarded. The popularity of dead malls as sites for Covid testing and eventually vaccinations underlines these essential qualities: Easy road access, unencumbered indoor space, instant name recognition. Contemplating the mall's roots in the garden is an opportunity not for picturesque nostalgia but for new solutions.

The most famous conservatory of all wasn't labeled as such, but the designer of London's Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition of 1851, the English architect Joseph Paxton, had cut his teeth on lightweight, all-weather architecture in the gardens at Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire. The Crystal Palace's barrel-vaulted glass roof sheltered elm trees, as well as natural and human-made goods from around the world exhibited in booths and browsed by six million visitors.

The connection between glass architecture, plants and shopping was further developed by the department stores that proliferated in European and American cities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The grandest of these were organized around central light courts, where plants would soften the lines of iron staircases and, eventually, escalators.

The history of American gardens is also deeply entwined with the mall. At Southdale in Edina, Minn., the first enclosed mall in America, which opened in 1956, Mr. Gruen named the central court the Garden of Perpetual Spring,

to underline the luxury of climate control, and topped the plants, water feature and aviary with fraternal twin "Golden Trees" sculptures by Harry Bertoia. Mr. Halprin, better known for the weathered, hippie modern style of Sea Ranch, in Sonoma County, Calif., cut his teeth bringing curves, water and casual plantings to shopping malls, from Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie, Ill. to NorthPark Center in Dallas, an outdoor mall where children still treat his and his associate Richard Vignola's 1965 tiled fountain as a giant climbing structure and turtles and ducks still find a home.

Tending community has been the impetus behind many malls' longstanding walking programs, considered so important for public health that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a booklet to encourage the practice. Just as teenagers taste adult freedom in the food court, older Americans use malls as a softened version of the city park, with flatter terrain, more benches, more bathrooms and less traffic.

Privatizing the garden isn't an unmixed blessing, however. The Crystal Palace was a colonial project, gathering the fruits (and in later exhibitions, the people) from the British Empire under one industrialized roof as a show of power. So, too, have shopping malls historically cultivated specific audiences by virtue of their locations sometimes in segregated suburbs and, later, by codes of conduct designed to limit the impact of groups of teenagers.

A series of U.S. and state Supreme Court cases, from 1968 on, have sought to limit free speech protections in malls by claiming them as private property; the plaintiffs in these cases have been union members and antiwar and anti-fur demonstrators. In *Amalgamated Food Employees Union Local 590 v. Logan Valley Plaza Inc.* in 1968, one of the first of these cases, Justice Thurgood Marshall, writing for the majority, argued that "businesses situated in the suburbs could largely immunize themselves" from criticism — which went against the public interest in a suburbanizing nation.

The whiteness of malls, at least, is changing. The geographer Wei Li coined the term "ethnoburb" in 1997, studying the rise of majority-Asian American suburbs. Willow Lung-Amam has chronicled the rise of shopping centers and malls curated for this demographic, and formerly white-serving malls across the South have been reborn as mercados offering Latinx food, fashion and entertainment and fulfilling other community service functions.

What these Asian and Latin American projects have in common is a responsiveness to changing residential patterns and a willingness to support local businesses — displays of creative management beyond attracting the latest hot national brand. The approach of these culturally responsive mall managers is more akin to the revolution promised by the festival marketplaces of the 1970s than of the peak mall 1990s. The architect Ben Thompson — a creator, with his wife, Jane Thompson, and the developer James Rouse of the urban marketplaces Faneuil Hall, Harborplace and South Street Seaport — wrote, "Everything we build must inject the affirmative values human beings need as much as food — the pleasure of tactile and visual things, assurance of physical security and freedom, variety of

stimulating impressions and experience."

Ethnocentric mall revamps are only one of a bouquet of strategies deployed in successful retrofits, resurfacings and replacements of malls. June Williamson and Ellen Dunham-Jones have been chronicling suburban reuse for more than a decade. Their database and 2021 book, "Case Studies in Retrofitting Suburbia," includes malls that have become civic centers, schools, churches and medical facilities — sometimes in tandem, reversing the single-use zoning common to the postwar burb.

The more uses added to the sites, the more likely they are to have added green space, whether those are the outdoor courtyards on the former parking lot at Austin Community College's Highland Campus or the great lawn at the Promenade of Wayzata in Minnesota, which combines senior housing, a hotel and offices. Renderings for the Rise, the under-construction redevelopment of Valco Shopping Mall in California, designed by Rafael Vinoly Architects, hype the 29-acre green roof as "the world's largest" and claim it "restores the predevelopment character of the Cupertino landscape."

Some have even become parks. The second wave of mall building in the 1970s often targeted low-lying areas that were difficult to develop for residential or other uses, and rightly so, as they were bottoms, or stream beds prone to flooding. Meriden Hub Mall in Meriden, Conn., was one such site. In 2007 the city began working on a plan, using local, state and federal funds, to replace the mall with a 14-acre park, opening access to Harbor Creek, creating a public space that also functions as a water retention basin and building a bridge and amphitheater. Mixed-income housing and an upgraded transit center now front the park, known as Meriden Green.

My favorite rebirth-of-the-mall story comes from Detroit. Before Mr. Gruen designed Southdale, he worked out some of his ideas for the new suburban Main Street in Southfield, Mich., just north of the city. Northland, which opened in 1954, had landscaped outdoor courtyards with modern sculptures connecting rows of shops and a branch of the city's leading department store, J.L. Hudson. The planted spaces offered room for women and children or anyone else isolated in their homes, to come together and shop, chat and play.

In 2021 a developer, Contour Companies, bought the dead mall from the city for \$11.1 million. Published plans show 1,500 housing units in new buildings on the parking lots, with lofts, shops and offices in the old mall's ground level retail spaces and a market in the old department store.

While most of the post-1950s additions will be torn down, the 1954 core, exemplifying Mr. Gruen's dream of bringing downtown to the edge of town, will stay. Oh, and so will the gardens. In 2022 people still need spaces — between errands or Zooms or classes or meals — to stop and touch grass.

**Alexandra Lange is an architecture critic and the author of the forthcoming "Meet Me by the Fountain: An Inside History of the Mall."**

## Installing rooftop solar can be a breeze. Just look at Australia.

By Saul Griffith

WOLLONGONG, Australia — I recently moved back here to my home country partly because I believe Australians can show the world how much money households can save through simple climate solutions like rooftop solar.

How is it that Australia, a country that historically has been a coal-burning climate pariah, is leading the world on solar? The four-bedroom house we recently bought provides a hint: It came with two rooftop solar systems of 11 kilowatts of combined capacity and a battery with 16 kilowatt-hours of storage. This system should produce more than enough to power my family's home, one electric car and both of our electric bikes with some left over to send back to the grid.

Solar is now so prevalent in Australia that over a quarter of households here have rooftop panels, compared with roughly 2.5 percent of American households.

Australia pays its solar installers salaries comparable to those in the United States, and it buys most of its solar modules from China at 25 cents per watt, just a little less than what American buyers pay. Our houses are mostly detached single-family, like America, too. But unlike in the United States, it's easy to get permits and install rooftop solar in Australia.

Australia's rooftop solar success is a function partly of luck, partly of design. In the early 1990s, regulators considered rooftop solar a hobby, and no one stood in the way of efforts to make the rules favorable to small-scale solar. Looking for a good headline to varnish over Australia's refusal to agree to the same greenhouse emissions reductions as the rest of the world in the 1997 Kyoto climate agreement, the federal government embraced renewable energy policies that set the stage for rooftop solar. Households were given rebates for the upfront costs, and were paid to send excess electricity back to the grid. In 2007, Prime Minister John Howard doubled the rebate, a move that is credited with kick-starting a solar installation boom.

Why has America been significantly slower to adopt this solution to high energy costs? The failures are mostly regulatory: local building codes and zoning laws, state rules that govern the grid connection and liability issues.

Permitting can take as little as a day in Australia and is done over the web; in the United States permitting and connecting to the grid can take as long as six months. Many customers just give up. America also generally requires a metal conduit around the wiring; in Australia, the connections can be less expensive soft cables, similar to extension cords.

The cost of rooftop solar in the United States depends on many things, including the latitude, tree cover and federal and state incentives. Installation costs can also vary quite a bit, depending on what laborers charge and the local permitting and inspection policies.

My friend Andrew Birch, co-founder of the solar and solar software companies OpenSolar in Sydney and Sungevity in the United States, wrote an excellent critique of American rooftop solar and its high price in 2018. Mr. Birch then created a consortium that worked with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to make a free tool called SolarAPP+, or Solar Automated Permitting Process. That user-friendly process could now be adopted by any willing city. Solar could be faster to install tomorrow.

The policy prescriptions for the United States are straightforward: simplify regulations and promote fair access to the grid, allowing every generator, big or small, to connect as equals and supply electricity and battery storage without burdensome connection rules.

According to my calculations, more than half of the energy needed to run America's cars and households could be generated on the roofs of its households. Some states are moving in the right direction: In April, Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida protected solar incentives by blocking legislation that would have slashed "net metering," which allows solar customers to sell excess power to utilities. California, however, is considering taxing residential solar customers connected to the grid, the opposite of the kind of policy that's needed.

On Monday, the Biden administration took a significant step toward increasing solar capacity by issuing an executive order that will use the Defense Production Act to produce more clean energy appliances and solar cells. He also announced a two-year suspension of tariffs for solar panels from four countries to support faster adoption of solar energy. With support for training, this means hundreds of thousands of new jobs in solar installation.

But the administration could do even more: Through an executive order, it could expand its efforts to encourage cities to use SolarAPP+ as the permitting process, further inducing a surge in solar installations.

If a regulatory world existed where you could run an American electric pickup truck on Australian rooftop solar, it would cost 2 cents per mile, rather than the current 20 cents per mile using gasoline or diesel. When solar is used to run a hot water heater with a heat pump, my calculations show, it can cut the cost of a shower by half compared to a gas heater. Even boiling water for a cup of coffee comes in at a quarter the price when compared to using natural gas.

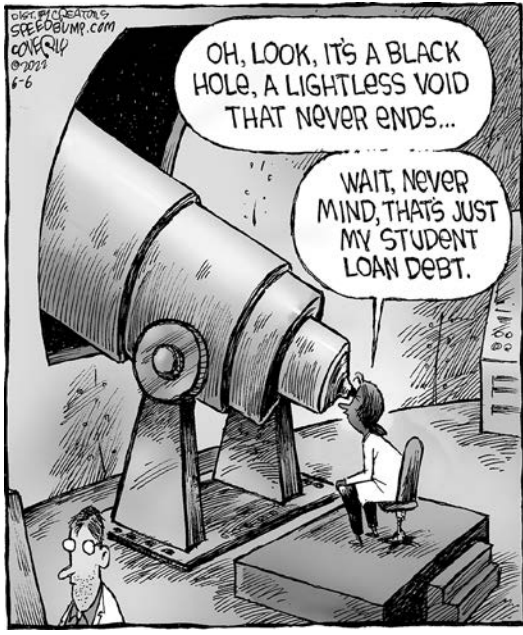
Rooftop solar alone can't solve climate change. We will still need wind, industrial solar farms, hydroelectricity and probably nuclear power. But rooftop solar could make the entire energy system cheaper in America forever. The more solar we put on roofs, the fewer fields and wild spaces we need to cover with large-scale installations. Australia has shown the world the way to cheap, renewable energy, and the United States needs to head toward that same all-electrified future.

**Saul Griffith is the author of "Electrify," and the founder and chief scientist of Rewiring America, Rewiring Australia and Otherlab.**

## Visit us at:

# www.TheNorwalkPatriot.com

# SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY



## 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

Would you like an event listed in the community calendar?  
 E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

## The Norwalk Patriot STAFF

- JENNIFER DEKAY**  
Publisher
- JULIE LEDESMA**  
Display Advertising
- LINDA LARSON**  
Classified Advertising
- JONATHAN FOX**  
Production
- KEITH DURFLINGER**  
Photographer
- ERIC PIERCE**  
Vice President,  
Business Operations
- ALEX DOMINGUEZ**  
Staff Writer
- JOHN M. SHERRARD**  
Contributor
- VINCENT MEDINA**  
Contributor
- CAROL KEARNS**  
Contributor

The Norwalk Patriot is published weekly by The Downey Patriot, Inc. Controlled Distribution, 22,000 copies are printed. Distributed by CIPS Marketing Group, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

**ADVERTISING POLICY**  
 THE NORWALK PATRIOT reserves the right to censor, reclassify, revise or reject any ad. THE NORWALK PATRIOT is not responsible for incorrect ads beyond the first business day of an ad scheduled. Please check your ad on the first day of publication and report any errors that have occurred to the Advertising Department at 562-904-3668 at the beginning of the next business day to have it publish correctly for the remainder of the schedule.

TEL (562) 404-3008 | FAX (562) 904-3124 | MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM - 3PM  
 14783 CARMENITA ROAD, NORWALK, CA 90650 | ADJUDICATION #BS154952

# PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)  
**NOBLE THOUGHTS: With lots of titles**  
 by Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS**
- 1 Go with the flow
  - 6 Evaluated
  - 11 Bell-shaped lily
  - 15 Come clean, with "up"
  - 19 Jazz pianist Chick
  - 20 Fine wood
  - 21 British prep school
  - 22 Golden State sch.
  - 23 Whodunit byline
  - 25 Get into a fistfight
  - 27 Exit angrily
  - 28 Holiday Inn alternative
  - 30 Color nuance
  - 31 Live and breathe
  - 32 It may precede "instinct"
  - 34 Ma Bell introduction of 1959
  - 41 Natural abilities
  - 45 "This can't be!"
  - 46 Folksy stories
  - 47 Catch sight of
  - 48 Poetic time
  - 49 Modus operandi
  - 52 Pastoral expanse
  - 53 "Turn up the heat!"
  - 55 Bond's first film foe
  - 56 Aussie bird
  - 57 Not dressy
  - 59 Domineer
  - 63 Sleep phase
  - 64 Taking care of that
  - 65 Chafe
  - 66 Olympian, e.g.
  - 67 Best of the best
  - 68 Vacation rental
  - 69 Hard-hearted
  - 70 Cheerful refrain
  - 73 Masterpiece
  - 74 Part of AD
  - 75 Account exec
  - 78 '50s Chief Justice
  - 80 Ship's money-handler
  - 82 Org. with many specialists
  - 83 Ballet bend
  - 84 Basketball target
  - 85 Do an impression of
  - 86 Damascus native
  - 88 Golfer nicknamed "The Big Easy"
  - 89 Chooses, with "for"
  - 92 Leading
  - 94 Gallic girlfriend
  - 95 Tweezer target
  - 97 Undisputed champ
  - 101 Outmoded
  - 103 Make illegal
  - 104 "Who's there?" answer
  - 107 Soup legume
  - 109 Requiring no stamps
  - 114 Title originally applied to Mrs. Madison
  - 116 Wonder Woman's secret identity
  - 118 Big sheet of ice
  - 119 Actress Swenson
  - 120 Area of influence
  - 121 Some choristers
  - 122 Strong desires
  - 123 Hammer part
  - 124 Composer Camille Saint-
  - 125 Toy piano sound
- DOWN**
- 1 Sails through
  - 2 Oaf
  - 3 Singer Guthrie
  - 4 Look closely
  - 5 Runway pavement
  - 6 Ask for
  - 7 Sit right next to
  - 8 Bathwater tester
  - 9 Fed. power dept.
  - 10 Hardworking people
  - 11 Unruffled
  - 12 Chopin creation
  - 13 Miniature racers
  - 14 Unspecified individual
  - 15 Pointless
  - 16 Business school subj.
  - 17 Fake coin
  - 18 Fill to the gills
  - 24 Time long past
  - 26 Lake Como's locale
  - 29 Grown-up lad
  - 33 Short snooze
  - 34 Difficult problem
  - 35 Mares, to hares
  - 36 "To recap..."
  - 37 "What's \_\_\_ to like?"
  - 38 Military greeting
  - 39 Court statement
  - 40 Make better
  - 42 Chutzpah
  - 43 Article of faith
  - 44 Nocturnal noise
  - 47 Be mistaken
  - 50 Clean-air legislation, e.g.
  - 51 Philippine capital
  - 53 Become fuzzy
  - 54 Stick up
  - 55 Well-behaved kid
  - 58 Pear-shaped instrument
  - 60 Fixes, as a sock
  - 61 Apple app source
  - 62 Proposed explanation
  - 65 Zodiac beast
  - 67 Glamour rival
  - 68 Euro fraction
  - 69 Mailing-label words
  - 70 Indian dwelling in westerns
  - 71 Make a comeback
  - 72 Get out of bed
  - 73 "Wow!"
  - 75 Spider-Man director
  - 76 Texting ancestor
  - 77 Discussion group
  - 79 Hosp. personnel
  - 80 Regretful feeling
  - 81 No more than
  - 87 Encouraging word
  - 89 Satellite circuit
  - 90 Mailing ctrs.
  - 91 Like some highways
  - 92 Iroquois Confederacy nation
  - 93 WWII vessels
  - 96 Order givers
  - 97 Somali neighbor
  - 98 Onetime electronics giant
  - 99 Hinged fastener
  - 100 Box in
  - 102 Sill, for instance
  - 104 Questionable
  - 105 Word-game piece
  - 106 Waffle appliance
  - 108 Capital of Peru
  - 109 Nabokov novel
  - 110 An aspirin
  - 111 Prefix for lock
  - 112 Screen picture
  - 113 Office furniture
  - 115 Cup edge
  - 117 16th prez

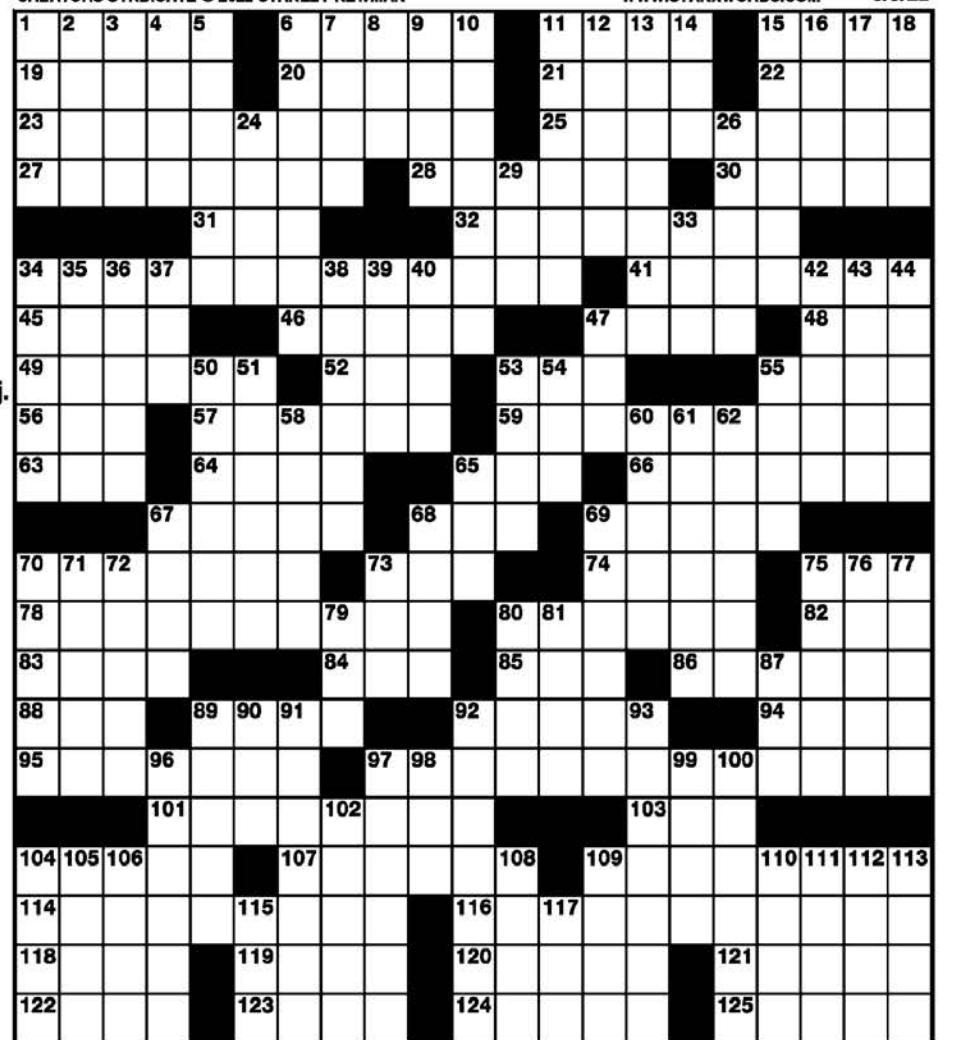
You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at www.StanXwords.com

The SEGO lily (11 Across), state flower of Utah, was used as a food source by Mormon pioneers. The first RAMADA Inn (28 Across) opened in 1954, on Route 66 in Flagstaff, Arizona. The "Big Easy" nickname of pro golfer Ernie ELS (88 Across) is derived from his 6'3" height and his fluid swing.



CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2022 STANLEY NEWMAN WWW.STANXWORDS.COM 6/5/22



- 72 Get out of bed
- 73 "Wow!"
- 75 Spider-Man director
- 76 Texting ancestor
- 77 Discussion group
- 79 Hosp. personnel
- 80 Regretful feeling
- 81 No more than
- 87 Encouraging word
- 89 Satellite circuit
- 90 Mailing ctrs.
- 91 Like some highways
- 92 Iroquois Confederacy nation
- 93 WWII vessels
- 96 Order givers
- 97 Somali neighbor
- 98 Onetime electronics giant
- 99 Hinged fastener
- 100 Box in
- 102 Sill, for instance
- 104 Questionable
- 105 Word-game piece
- 106 Waffle appliance
- 108 Capital of Peru
- 109 Nabokov novel
- 110 An aspirin
- 111 Prefix for lock
- 112 Screen picture
- 113 Office furniture
- 115 Cup edge
- 117 16th prez

Reach Stan Newman at www.StanXwords.com















## The Norwalk Patriot

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) **05/18/2022**. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 05/20/2022, 05/27/2022, 06/03/2022, 06/10/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1012061.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022108324

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **FOUNDATION TC SERVICES, 300 W. VALLEY BLVD #725, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: **N/A**. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **ANGELINA TISLOW, 300 W. VALLEY BLVD #725, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803.** 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: **ANGELINA TISLOW, 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) **05/18/2022**. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 05/20/2022, 05/27/2022, 06/03/2022, 06/10/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1012148.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022108317

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **1. MY SONSHINE HAS COME, 2. MY SONSHINE HAS COME REFUGE, 891 E 49TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: **4429 S VAN NESS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062.** The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **APRIL FANNACE CAMERON-SUTHERLAND, 4429 S VAN NESS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062.** 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: **APRIL FANNACE CAMERON-SUTHERLAND, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): **07/2020.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) **05/18/2022**. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 05/20/2022, 05/27/2022, 06/03/2022, 06/10/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1012150.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022113915

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **C&C WELDING, 8101 PIVOT ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: **N/A**. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **JOSE DANIEL CARRANZA BAUTISTA, 3601 W 108TH ST, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303, GRACIANO COLIN OLMOS, 5447 ATLANTIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805.** 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: **JOSE DANIEL CARRANZA BAUTISTA, GENERAL PARTNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): **05/2022.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) **05/25/2022**. NOTICE: This fictitious business 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: 06/10/2022, 06/17/2022, 07/01/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1014757.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022103867

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **AMUDE, 16788 KNOLLWOOD DR, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: **N/A**. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **TATIANA N AVEDIKIAN, 16788 KNOLLWOOD DR, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344, CHRISTINA HACOBIAN, 838 BERKSHIRE AVE, CANADA, CA 91411.** This business is conducted by: **GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.** I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **TATIANA N AVEDIKIAN, GENERAL PARTNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): **12/2021.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) **05/11/2022**. NOTICE: This fictitious business 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: 06/10/2022, 06/17/2022, 06/24/2022, 07/01/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1010838.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022114667

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **ISHLER DESIGN ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, 2314 PEARL ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 LA.** Mailing address if different: **N/A**. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **MICHAEL W ISHLER, 2314 PEARL ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405.** 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: **MICHAEL W ISHLER, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): **12/1993.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) **05/26/2022**. NOTICE: This fictitious business 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: 06/17/2022, 06/24/2022, 07/01/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1014962.

## GOVERNMENT

**CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT & MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEMP) - MEDIAN & SIDE PANEL TURF REPLACEMENT ON IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, ROSECRANS AVENUE, & FIRESTONE BOULEVARD PROJECT NO. 7857 IFB NO. 23-683**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Norwalk, California (“City”) invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk’s office, Room 10, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650, up to **1:00 AM on Tuesday, June 28, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the City Clerk’s Office, Room 10, unless otherwise posted.

**SCOPE OF WORK.** The Project involves the removal of turf and replacement with low water use, drought tolerant shrubs within medians and side panels on Imperial Hwy,

Rosecrans Ave, and Firestone Blvd. The work includes water quality features and low water irrigation systems.

The Project is estimated to cost approximately \$221,068 and includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

**OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS.** Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-services/engineering/requests-for-bid-documents>. Potential Bidders may also obtain the Bid Documents for the Project at the office of the City Engineer, Room 11, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650 for a non-refundable fee of \$29.00 per set, or by mail for a non-refundable fee of \$29.00 + mailing cost + 10% per set. The City must receive payment before the Contract Documents will be provided. For questions regarding this project, contact the Engineering Division at (562) 929-5723.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT.** A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM** at Engineering, Room 11, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650, followed by a mandatory site visit. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render the Bidder’s Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

**REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.** In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

**PREVAILING WAGES.** In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a “public work.” The successful Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR’s determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

**BONDS.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier’s check, certified check or Bidder’s Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

**LICENSES.** Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A or C-27 Contractor’s license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

**RETENTION SUBSTITUTION.** Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such monies to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor’s expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

**BIDDING PROCESS.** The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

Dated: June 6, 2022

By: Glen W.C. Kau, P.E., City Engineer

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/22**

**CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard  
**Place:** City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 and Via Videoconference

**Description:** The City Council of the City of Norwalk will conduct a public hearing for review and adoption of **Resolution No. 22-34**, a proposed budget, which includes the City’s planned Capital Improvement Projects for the period beginning July 1, 2022. A copy of said proposed budget is on file in the City Clerk’s Department and on the City’s website at <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/finance/budget>.

**Public Comment:** Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City’s website at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393>. Until further notice, City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361, which allows City Council and/or staff to participate in a remote location without listing a physical location. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, or livestream through the City’s website. If you wish to make a comment on the item during the meeting, you may provide input by attending the meeting, by phone, or electronically through the following procedures: 1) by emailing [publiccomments@norwalkca.gov](mailto:publiccomments@norwalkca.gov) emails will be read during the meeting up to three minutes; or 2) by dialing into the Zoom Meeting at (669) 900-6833; Meeting ID: 709 573 2685 or speak on the matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted in person. If you challenge the proposed matter, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing.

**More Information:** Should you have any

questions regarding this matter, please contact Jana Stuard, Finance Director, at (562) 929-5748; [jstuard@norwalkca.gov](mailto:jstuard@norwalkca.gov)

**The Norwalk Patriot 5/20/22, 5/27/22, 6/3/22, 6/10/22**

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

**CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00203**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner **EUNJI ANGIE OH** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) **EUNJI ANGIE OH** to Proposed name (1) **EUNJI OH**  
**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: AUGUST 1, 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, **NORWALK PATRIOT** MAY 20, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**EUNJI ANGIE OH**  
**12325 CHESHIRE ST UNIT A NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 552-1131**

**The Norwalk Patriot 5/27/22, 6/3/22, 6/10/22, 6/17/22**

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

**CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00219**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner **ANTONIO VIVIANO AVILA II** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) **ANTONIO VIVIANO AVILA II** to Proposed name (1) **ANTONIO MATIX TAPPARO**  
**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: JULY 29, 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** MAY 31, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**ANTONIO VIVIANO AVILA II**  
**11542 BAYLOR DRIVE NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 607-1410**

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/3/22, 6/10/22, 6/17/22, 6/24/22**

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

**CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00210**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner **DIANE YORK LAWRENCE** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) **DIANE YORK LAWRENCE** to Proposed name (1) **DIANE YORK**  
**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: JULY 22, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**  
**The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **NORWALK PATRIOT** MAY 24, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**DIANE YORK LAWRENCE**  
**1732 YORK AVENUE WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA 90602 (562) 693-4488**  
[haldyepreschool@aol.com](mailto:haldyepreschool@aol.com)

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/3/22, 6/10/22, 6/17/22, 6/24/22**

## PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TONY AVILA**  
**Case No. 22STP05234**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **TONY AVILA**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Toni Cecilia Avila in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Toni Cecilia Avila 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 June 29, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/3/22, 6/10/22, 6/17/22, 6/24/22**

## NOTICES

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

**CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00188**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner **CHERRYLL SANTOS TAMAYO** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) **CHERRYLL SANTOS TAMAYO** to Proposed name (1) **CHERRYLL CAJAYON SANTOS**  
**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: JULY 11, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**  
**The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE NORWALK PATRIOT** MAY 11, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**CHERRYLL SANTOS TAMAYO**  
**13515 REVA PLACE CERRITOS, CA 90703 714-244-8112**  
**CHERRYLLSANTOS77@GMAIL.COM**

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 LAW OFFICES OF PAUL HORN 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 907003-6611 CN987345 AVILA Jun 3, 10, 17, 2022**

**CN987345 The Norwalk Patriot 6/3/22, 6/10/22, 6/17/22**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN CRANSTON SMITH SR.**

**Case No. 22STPB05362**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **STEVEN SMITH, STEVEN CRANSTON SMITH, STEVEN CRANSTON SMITH SR.**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JERYL LYNN SMITH** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JERYL LYNN SMITH** 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 on July 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11 Room 246 located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES 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: JERYL LYNN SMITH 11908 FERINA STREET NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 562-206-4507 Jicarnes2@gmail.com**

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/22, 6/17/22, 6/24/22**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN A. SANSONE

**Case No. 22STPB05026**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **KATHLEEN A. SANSONE**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Carl Sansone in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Carl Sansone 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 June 27, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
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: JERYL LYNN SMITH 11908 FERINA STREET NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 562-206-4507 Jicarnes2@gmail.com**

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/22, 6/17/22, 6/24/22**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN A. SANSONE

**Case No. 22STPB05026**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **KATHLEEN A. SANSONE**  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Carl Sansone in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Carl Sansone 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 June 27, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
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: JERYL LYNN SMITH 11908 FERINA STREET NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 562-206-4507 Jicarnes2@gmail.com**

**The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/22, 6/17/22, 6/24/22**

# St. Paul names Jordan Williams, Rebecca Topete Athletes of the Year

Williams excelled in football, basketball, track; Topete a four-year varsity volleyball standout.

By John M. Sherrard Contributor

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** - With all of the outstanding athletes that adorn the halls of St. Paul High School, two seniors stood out this year as Jordan Williams and Rebecca Topete were named the Don Ward Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

The two were named at the annual senior awards night, which were held on May 20 at the Knotts Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park.

In addition to Williams and Topete, Scholar Athletes of the Year were awarded to Alyssa Ledezma and Isaiah Dunn. (Story in a future issue).

"Both Rebecca and Jordan were intimidating forces in their sport," St. Paul Athletic Director Rich Avina said. "Both extremely powerful athletes that imposed themselves on their opponents."

"More importantly, they are loved and respected by their peers on the teams, as well in the St. Paul community. These are great kids that have impacted St. Paul High School both on and off the field and court."

The award was named after Ward, who passed away last September and was a longtime supporter of St. Paul athletics.

"He was loved and respected by hundreds and even thousands of athletes that walked the campus at St. Paul from the 70's, 80's, 90's, and 2000's," said Avina, of his introduction of the history of Ward at the senior awards. "He captured memorable moments through photography."

"I and many others to this

day cherish the 8 x 10 black and white photos he would give to the athletes after their games. He was a Historian. Don Ward represented all that is great in athletics at St. Paul High School - commitment, passion, persistence, but most importantly, Mr. Ward was genuinely a great human being that left his imprint on our community. He changed the world one picture at a time."

Avina, who graduated in 1994, saw Ward's work first hand when he played sports at St. Paul and is now the AD and the boys volleyball coach.

Both Williams and Topete were All-League in their respective sports for the Swordsmen.

Williams, who will continue his education at Colorado State University and play football, participated in football, basketball and competed in track and field during his career at St. Paul.

"I was trying to make an impact when I transferred in and be a leader and showing everyone what I could do," said Williams, of his football expertise.

On the basketball court, he was an all-around player, saying, "...basically, I was just being a facilitator just trying to play where everyone needs to go and just trying to win games."

Williams, who averaged 12 points per game, was a part of the teams' successful run to the CIF Quarterfinals this past season.

One of his big moments during the playoffs was a highlight dunk over the Hillcrest 7-footer, during their 66-60, second-round win.

"I told everybody that I was going to dunk on the seven-footer and I did that," he said, with a smile.

"At St. Paul, it was a very high competition level. As far as basketball, we had the toughest schedule and played against Damien, Serra and a lot of strong teams. It made me a better player."



Rebecca Topete, left, and Jordan Williams were named the girl's and boy's winners of the Don Ward Athlete of the Year Award at St. Paul High School. Topete competed as a four-year varsity volleyball player and Williams plays varsity on the football, basketball and track teams. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

Another highlight was participating in the basketball clinic and meeting Hall of Famer Paul Pierce and working with kids.

"I remember, as a kid, going to a Kawhi (Leonard) camp," he added. "It was a fun experience and all the players got to compete. Now, I get to come and show the kids (at the Paul Pierce clinic) what I learned and hopefully they find the love for the basketball game too. It's great seeing the smiles on their face."

Williams said that during the Paul Pierce basketball camp before the season started in October.

Williams' third sport was track and field, and he also excelled at that too.

He competed in the High Jump and 100 Meter, and was All-League in both events. He got second in the 4x100.

"He is a young man that made an impact, not only on the multiple teams he competed with, but also on the campus as a whole," added Avina. "He has earned the respect of all his teammates through his competitive fire, work ethic, and play-making abilities."

He was named 1st team All-Angelus League in Football, 1st team All-Camino Real League in Basketball, Camino Real League Champion in the 100 meter, and Camino Real League Champion in the High Jump.

### Topete is tops

"The Female recipient of the Outstanding Athlete of the Year is a young lady that exemplifies determination," said Avina, of Topete. "She is a hard-working athlete that has made an immediate impact in our sports program by starting since her freshman year. She is motivated, committed, and driven to accomplish her goals. She was an intimidating force on the volleyball court with power and tenacity."

Topete was named 1st Team All-league and Most Valuable Player of the Camino Real League in Volleyball.

Topete spoke of her experience and leadership in the volleyball program - "I showed my talents all

four years at St. Paul High School on varsity even as a freshman and starting and showing life values to my team and being a great example of what it was to be a great volleyball player on the court.

"My job as the captain is to show responsibility to the team and showed how we could make it through with what we had and we came out as league champs this year."

Topete, who said one of her best moments of her volleyball experience was beating Bishop Amat, will be continuing her academic and athletic career at Cal State University Los Angeles. She will be playing outside hitter and the right side position.

"Honestly, this year beating Bishop Amat on senior night."

The Swordsmen went to five sets as it was a struggle. They won the first two sets and then lost the next two sets.

"In the fifth set, we just brought everyone together and told everyone that we needed to get through this and we could win and we did," Topete said.

Topete summed up her career at St. Paul saying, ".....It has prepared me by showing what I can be when I struggled and how I can rise above that and how I can show my talents at the right time."

"St. Paul has been there for me all four years and it's what I've known and it showed me how to be a great athlete," Topete said. "Volleyball brings out my strengths and fiery personality and it really shows who I am as a person and shows that I can be a leader."

# CENTRAL



Ask for Maria to schedule an appointment (562) 927-7888



*A \$25.00 Convenience Fee will be added for each Mobile Service Trip*

*Multiple vehicles will only be charged \$25.00 Total*

**Mobile Service Menu**

**OIL CHANGE GAS ENGINE**

- The Works \$79.95
- Oil & Filter
- Tire Rotation
- Lubricated Chassis
- Inspected & Top off Fluids
- Multi-Point Inspection

**OIL CHANGE DIESEL ENGINE**

- Diesel Oil Change \$199.95
- Engine Air Filter \$70.00
- Engine Fuel Filter \$199.00
- Battery Service \$32.99x2
- Def Fluid \$50.00

• Engine Air Filter \$32.95 • Cabin Air Filter \$69.95

**Battery service Inspection**

*Recalls performed on all applicable vehicles*

*Note: Tire Rotation not performed on dually, after market tires & wheels, and oversized tires & wheels*



MEMORIAL PARK & MORTUARY

Whittier • FD 970

*Now Hiring*

**SALES PROFESSIONALS**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**  
*paid training*

**SET YOUR OWN SCHEDULE**  
*medical, dental & vision benefits*

**GREAT EARNING POTENTIAL**  
*offices in Alhambra, City of Industry & Whittier*

Please send your resume to [Kimberly.Ortega@RoseHills.com](mailto:Kimberly.Ortega@RoseHills.com)  
Immediate interviews will be arranged  
(562) 205-4615

## Malhotra & Malhotra Attorneys

Serving the community for 37 years

**DIVORCE | CHILD CUSTODY/SUPPORT | BANKRUPTCY**  
**| TRUSTS/WILLS | CONSERVATORSHIPS | PROBATE**



Call us for a **FREE** initial appointment

**Eva Juarez Malhotra**  
**Krishna Malhotra**

*Se Habla Espanol*

**(562) 806-9400 • (800) 811-8881**  
7847 E. Florence Avenue, Suite 111, Downey, CA 90240