

Fire damages Norwalk strip mall

By City News Service

NORWALK – A fire damaged a strip mall in Norwalk Wednesday, but no one was hurt.

The fire was reported about 2 a.m. in the 11800 block of East Rosecrans Avenue, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Firefighters found the roof collapsing in the building, according to Fox 11. The fire spread to several businesses inside the mall, which includes a nail salon, a gym and a pet store.

The fire was extinguished about 6:15 a.m., the county fire department reported. The cause of the fire was under investigation. Arson investigators were called to the scene.

College ranks among best for Hispanics

■ Cerritos College placed seventh nationally among the top 100 colleges for Hispanics, according to a magazine's rankings.

NORWALK – Cerritos College in Norwalk is ranked seventh among the top 100 colleges and universities with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States, according to the Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine.

The magazine created the rankings based on the National Center for Education Statistics/Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Department of Education database. Cerritos College is also ranked 28th with the number of associate degrees earned by Hispanic students.

Cerritos College is a Hispanic-Serving Institution and boasts a nearly 70 percent Latino student population. This year, the College awarded a record-breaking 5,167 degrees and certificates in the 2021-22 academic year, making the Class of 2022 the largest graduating class in the 67-year-old campus's history. Cerritos College has a proven record for increasing success rates among Latinx students – especially first-generation students from underrepresented backgrounds – through innovative programs. In August, the College's efforts in supporting Latinx students were featured by Hispanic Outlook. In June, the College was ranked 11th among the nation's best community colleges by College Consensus. Individual programs such as accounting, cosmetology, and culinary arts have earned national and state accolades for excellence.

"We are humbled by this recognition," said President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro. "We must continue our efforts to close the achievement gaps for our students and make a positive impact on our students' lives and the communities we serve."

The college is recognized as one of the leading institutions for Hispanics in the United States in the Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics issue of Hispanic Outlook (HO) magazine published on October 11.

Norwalk breaks ground on affordable housing for veterans



Norwalk and Mercy Housing California officials celebrated the start of construction Tuesday of Veterans Villas, a 60-unit affordable housing complex for military veterans.

The \$3 million project will provide housing for 60 families

■ Located at Foster Road and San Antonio Drive, the project is funded by the state of California.

NORWALK – The City of Norwalk, in partnership with Mercy Housing California, held a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday for Veterans Villas at San Antonio, a new affordable housing project for veterans.

The villas will be a four-story, 60-unit, affordable residential apartment development with support services.

Once constructed, the veteran residential units will serve extremely low, very low, and low-income households and provide them with an affordable, quality residential development.

Veterans Villas is located at 13601 San Antonio Dr.

"This is the first veteran

housing project in the Gateway Cities region and the City of Norwalk is honored to do its part to curb veteran homelessness," said Mayor Rick Ramirez. "The city will continue to support veterans and the construction of this veteran housing project will help homeless veterans off the streets and get them much needed help."

The Norwalk City Council adopted an ordinance on Feb. 4, 2020 that approved a development agreement with Mercy Housing, a non-profit housing corporation, that develops and operates affordable housing units.

Mercy Housing will provide long-term supportive services to veterans and their families who live in the development.

"It's fully within California's reach to end veteran homelessness in our lifetime, and this kind of partnership shows exactly how we make it happen," said Ed Holder, vice president of real estate



development for Mercy Housing. "We're deeply grateful to the City of Norwalk for its tremendous commitment to supporting veterans in leading stable, dignified lives."

The City Council passed a resolution on Aug. 17, 2021 that authorized an amendment to its fiscal budget to receive \$3 million in

state funds to support homelessness and affordable housing in Norwalk.

State Sen. Bob Archuleta and Assemblymember Lisa Calderon petitioned to have this funding earmarked to Norwalk for homelessness and affordable housing in the 2021 state budget.

Downey schedules recall election for embattled councilwoman

■ Downey residents are trying to recall Catherine Alvarez for not disclosing her criminal record.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The recall election of Catherine Alvarez will take place on Jan. 31 next year.

The city council scheduled the special election at their meeting Tuesday, following the successful collection and verification of the 3,471 District 3 signatures needed to send the recall to ballot. In total, more than 4,500 signatures were submitted.

Whether Alvarez is recalled or not it will not come cheaply for Downey, potentially costing the city

over \$1 million over the current and next fiscal year.

January's special election will cost Downey taxpayers \$571,000. Should Alvarez be removed, \$571,000 more in the upcoming fiscal year will also need to be spent on an election to find her replacement.

To try to circumvent these costs, there were calls Tuesday – both by residents in attendance and Councilwoman Claudia Frometa – for Alvarez to resign.

However, under the California elections code, the recall would need to proceed regardless whether Alvarez resigned due to the recall petition already having been filed.

This marks the first time the city of Downey will see a recall election.

Recallers have said that they

have pursued Alvarez's removal due to her failure to disclose her criminal history – which include welfare fraud, lying under oath, and shoplifting from the Michael's Craft store at the Downey Landing – when she ran for her seat in 2020. They say a recall election would allow for residents of District 3 to make a more informed choice.

While commenting on the City Council candidates forum held last week, Councilman Mario Trujillo voiced frustration with the recall, suggesting that voters should "do their due diligence."

"I think it's important, in light of all the controversy we've seen involving the 3rd District and the recall, that we inform ourselves of who the candidates are and what they stand for. And we should ask them all those questions like, 'Do

you have a misdemeanor conviction if that's so important to many of you, even though many of us – or at least I do – believe in redemption,'" said Trujillo. "But if that's important to you, then ask people but later don't say 'Well, they never disclosed it,' when you never asked."

"Ask candidates absolutely all the questions so you can make an informed decision when you cast your vote, and perhaps that way we can avoid these entanglements with recalls that are absolutely costly to the city."

Though silent on the matter Tuesday, Alvarez has contested that the recall is instead over matters of rent control, of which she has been an outspoken advocate for and unsuccessfully attempted to bring into the city on several occasions.

Weekend at a Glance

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THINGS TO DO



Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade

Saturday, 11 am
Norwalk

Norwalk's 37th annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade returns with floats, bands, horses, and more. Starts at Norwalk Blvd. & Mapledale St. and ends at Hermosillo Park.

ON THIS DAY

1806: French troops under Napoleon smashed the outdated Prussian army led by Charles William Ferdinand at the Battle of Jena.

1908: The Chicago Cubs beat the Detroit Tigers to win the team's second World Series championship; they did not claim their third title until 2016.

1926: English humorist A.A. Milne published "Winnie-the-Pooh," a children's book featuring the adventures of a honey-loving bear and his friends, including Eeyore and Piglet.

1944: German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "Desert Fox," ended his life by drinking poison following the discovery of his connection to a conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

1947: American test pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier.

1964: Baptist minister and social activist Martin Luther King, Jr., was named the winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace, cited for his work involving civil rights and social justice.

1968: American sprinter Jim Hines became the first person to run 100 meters in under 10 seconds.

1979: An estimated 100,000 people descended on Washington, D.C. for the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

1982: President Ronald Reagan announced is War on Drugs campaign.

2007: The reality TV series "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" premiered; the show's huge popularity helped make various family members major celebrities, notably Kim Kardashian.

2012: Two days after arriving at Los Angeles International Airport, the space shuttle Endeavour reached its final destination, the California Space Center.



Birthdays

Fashion designer **Ralph Lauren** (83), sportscaster **Stephen A. Smith** (55), R&B singer **Usher** (44), wrestler **Stacey Kiebler** (43) comedian **Jay Pharoah** (35), and TV actress **Rowan Blanchard** (21).

Martinez resigns from city council, De León, Cedillo under pressure to follow

Los Angeles City Council has been in turmoil since a leaked recording revealed racist comments made by council members.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — One day after Nury Martinez resigned from the Los Angeles City Council in the fallout of the City Hall racism scandal, the wait continues Thursday to see if Councilmen Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo will follow suit.

Both are under widespread pressure to step down following the weekend release of a recorded conversation from 2021 involving the three elected officials that included a series of racist remarks, uttered primarily by Martinez.

Under intense pressure, Martinez on Monday stepped down as council president, took a leave of absence on Tuesday, then resigned her seat altogether on Wednesday.

"It is with a broken heart that I resign my seat for Council District 6, the community I grew up in and my home," Martinez said in a written statement Wednesday afternoon.

Her lengthy statement made no direct reference to the recording that likely ended her political career, nor did it include an apology to Councilman Mike Bonin or any of the communities she directed racist slurs at in the tape -- although she said, "To my staff -- I'm sorry that we're ending it this way. This is no reflection on you. I know you all will continue to do great work and fight for our district. I'll be cheering you on."

In a statement moments after Martinez's announcement, acting City Council President Mitch O'Farrell said Martinez's resignation is the "first, necessary step in the process" of accountability. When asked later by reporters about Martinez's statement excluding those apologies, O'Farrell said: "I noticed that."

In the recorded conversation

from October 2021, Martinez made racist comments aimed at Bonin's 2-year-old Black adopted son and at other ethnic groups while the group discussed the politically sensitive process of redrawing council district boundaries.

The recorded conversation was leaked, appearing on Reddit before being removed from the website. City News Service reviewed the conversation, but it was unclear who was responsible for the recording and its leak. The meeting apparently occurred at a Federation of Labor office, and the federation is investigating its source.

Martinez issued a statement Monday announcing her decision to surrender the council presidency, and apologizing to Bonin, his husband Sean Arian and their son.

With Martinez resigning from her leadership role, O'Farrell, the council president pro tempore, was elevated to acting council president. He has repeatedly called for Martinez, de León and Cedillo -- all of whom took part in the recorded conversation -- to resign their council seats.

"The wound is deep," O'Farrell said. "The harm is vast. The transgressions are of a profound significance. In order for us to move forward with the people of Los Angeles, we need two more resignations."

O'Farrell said he spoke with Cedillo for an hour Wednesday and claimed there was some progress made toward a resignation. He said he tried to reach de León all day, but was unable to connect.

At a news briefing Wednesday afternoon, several council members again expressed shock at the racist comments revealed in the recording involving their longtime colleagues, and implored the two remaining embattled council members to resign.

"When someone is being bullied, those around the bully have an obligation to step in and stop the bullying," said Councilman Paul Krekorian, when asked of Cedillo's

being in the room but not partaking in making racist comments.

Councilman Bob Blumenfeld said he hopes Martinez "gets the help that she needs."

"The revelations of this tape showed a very hateful heart and a disdain for others in a sick way," Blumenfeld said.

Blumenfeld added that the council needs to put together a leadership team that "leads instead of trying to rule."

Councilman Paul Koretz tried to isolate the incident to those on the recording.

"People out there will think this represents the conversation that council has," Koretz said. "I'm here to assure you: This is not the council. This is those three people."

Councilman Curren Price said Martinez's resignation signals "the beginning of the end of this nightmare that she, along with Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo created for our city."

"This sad chapter has left a permanent stain on our City Council, forever changing the face of L.A. politics," Price said.

At least two council members -- Krekorian and Marqueece Harris-Dawson -- signaled an intent to have a special election for Martinez's seat, as well as de León's seat if he resigns. Both of their terms expire in December 2024. Cedillo lost his re-election bid to Eunessis Hernandez earlier this year, and Krekorian suggested swearing in Hernandez immediately if Cedillo resigns.

Mayor Eric Garcetti issued a statement saying, "Nury made the right decision, one that I realize is painful to her personally but unquestionably in the best interests of a city that I know she loves. Racism and hateful words cannot ever be overlooked by our community or within one's self, and she needs the time and space to reflect, make amends and move forward with her life."

"Her two former colleagues must arrive at the same decision soon, because Angelenos deserve a government focused squarely on meeting challenges in their neighborhoods that are too serious to risk a paralyzed City Council."

On Wednesday morning, O'Farrell was forced to adjourn the council meeting before it even began, with protesters chanting and shouting in the council chamber for Martinez, De León and Cedillo to resign.

O'Farrell called several recesses in hopes of quieting the crowd, but the protesters refused to relent. After about an hour, O'Farrell announced that the meeting was being adjourned, with all items on the agenda postponed until Friday's scheduled meeting.

O'Farrell said it will be nearly impossible for the council to conduct its business until all three council members involved in the taped conversation resign.

"It's holding us up from moving forward," he said. "The emotions are only going to flare up more and more. This is not going to calm down. It's at a boiling point. It's boiling over."

O'Farrell said he gave the protesters the benefit of the doubt Wednesday, but noted that council meetings need to resume "at some point very, very soon."

It was unclear how Friday's scheduled council meeting might unfold, with officials confirming that a virtual meeting was a possibility.

Michael Hunt, one of the protesters who showed up at Wednesday's meeting, said activists plan on returning to disrupt meetings until the council members resign.

"People want the City Council to do the work of the people, not the work of name-calling," Hunt said.

Calls for resignations have been almost universal among city, state and federal elected officials -- including from Biden, who

arrived in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon for a two-day visit.

Martinez, 49, had served on the council since 2013 representing the Sixth District in the San Fernando Valley. She was the second Latina to serve on the council and was its only female member when she was elected. Six years later, she became the first Latina to become council president when she was elected in 2019, replacing long-time President Herb Wesson.

Prior to being elected to the council, Martinez served on the San Fernando City Council from 2003-09 and on the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education from 2009-2013.

Martinez's term runs through December 2024. It was not immediately clear if the council would call a special election to fill her seat.

De León, 55, has been on the council since 2020 and made an unsuccessful run for mayor this year. He previously served in the state Senate and Assembly. Cedillo, 68, has been in office since 2013.

Among other comments in the recorded conversation, Martinez belittled Bonin, who is white and openly gay, and criticized his adopted Black son for his behavior at a Martin Luther King Day parade, saying the boy was misbehaving on a float, which might have tipped over if she and other women hadn't stepped in to "parent this kid."

"They're raising him like a little white kid," Martinez said. "I was like, 'This kid needs a beatdown. Let me take him around the corner and then I'll bring him back.'"

Martinez also called the child "ese changuito," Spanish for "that little monkey."

De León also criticized Bonin. "Mike Bonin won't f---ing ever say peep about Latinos. He'll never say a f---ing word about us," he said.

De León also compared Bonin's handling of his son at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade to "when Nury brings her little yard

bag or the Louis Vuitton bag."

"Su negrito, like on the side," Martinez added, using a Spanish term for a Black person that's considered demeaning by many.

At another point in the leaked conversation, Martinez recalls a conversation with businessman Danny Bakewell about possibly transferring Los Angeles International Airport out of Bonin's council district into Harris-Dawson's.

Martinez said she told Bakewell to "go get the airport from his little brother -- that little bitch Bonin."

On the subject of Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas' suspension following an indictment on federal corruption charges, Martinez said Controller Ron Galperin would decide whether Ridley-Thomas still gets paid.

"You need to go talk to that white guy," she says. "It's not us. It's the white members on this council that will motherf--- you in a heartbeat."

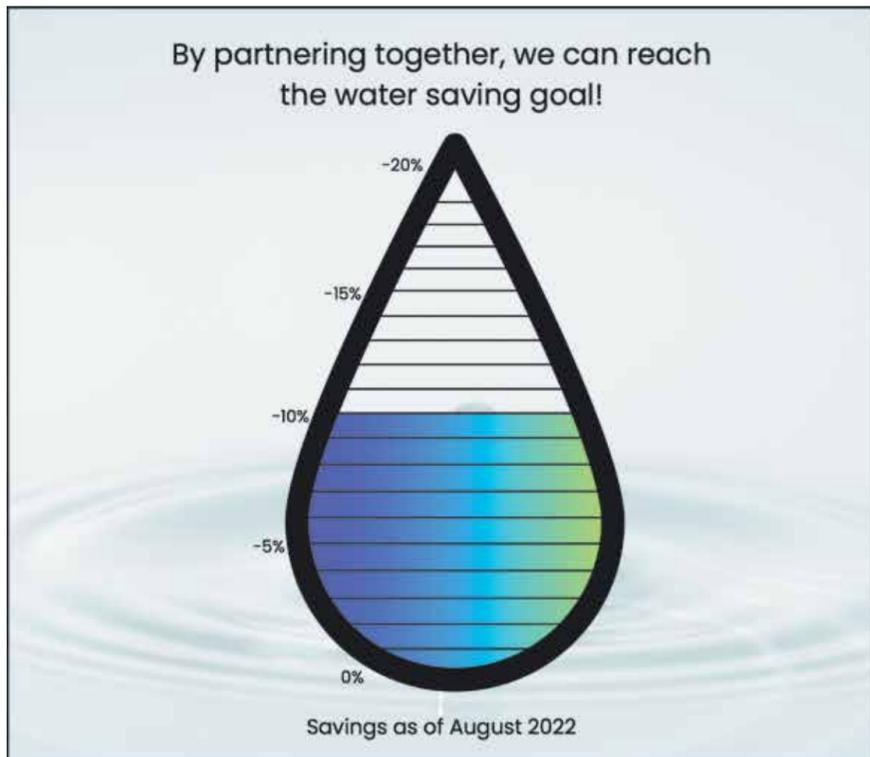
Martinez also took aim at Los Angeles County District George Gascón in profane terms, after the group appeared to discuss whether Gascón would endorse Cedillo in his re-election campaign against Hernandez.

"F--- that guy. (inaudible) ... He's with the Blacks," she said of Gascón.

Martinez, de León, Herrera and Cedillo apologized separately on Sunday for their roles in the conversation.

"In a moment of intense frustration and anger, I let the situation get the best of me and I hold myself accountable for these comments. For that I am sorry," Martinez said in a statement provided to City News Service on Sunday.

"My work speaks for itself. I've worked hard to lead this city through its most difficult time."



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Going to therapy doesn't automatically make you a good person

By Mychal Denzel Smith

When my new therapist asked why I was seeking therapy this past summer, I didn't have a concrete answer.

It wasn't like the first time I'd gone to therapy, as a 21-year-old experiencing severe panic attacks every day. Then, a clear crisis had sent me out in search of someone to help me work it out.

This time it was more that I felt I should be in therapy. Most of the people in my social orbit are in therapy. A few are therapists themselves. My experience has been that therapy is good for me. But I had also managed the past few years — through a pandemic at that — without it, and I didn't think I was on the verge of some total breakdown. I just figured going to therapy should be a part of my life. So I put it on my list of resolutions: learn Spanish; exercise three to four times a week; read more books; go to therapy.

I can't say how much influence the way other people, especially on social media, talk about therapy had on my decision-making, but I'm sure it seeped in. There are armchair diagnoses of celebrities and other public figures happening in real time, alongside tweets admonishing people who display troubling behavior with the phrase "go to therapy!" There are detailed fantasies unfurled in long threads about what the world might look like if everyone (but especially cis-hetero-men) went to therapy and worked out their issues — all of the toxic masculinity poisoning the wells of communication and paths to healing. By not going to therapy, I reasoned — or maybe just felt — I was failing not only myself but also a vision of a utopia that existed just on the other side of a therapist's couch. So I went.

Was I the only person doing this? I suspected not — and so I asked my therapist. Had she seen more people coming into her office, not because of some diagnosable mental illness or catastrophic life event, or even really any particular problem at all, but because it seemed, in some way, the right thing to do?

"Absolutely," she told me, "I have had people come in and tell me, 'I just feel like I'm supposed to be here.'" And my therapist wasn't the only one. I talked to therapists, counselors and psychoanalysts from Virginia Beach to San Francisco, via phone, email and Zoom. And most of them agreed: People are showing up on their couches without knowing exactly why.

More people are receiving mental health treatment or counseling than ever before: In 2008, the year I first sought therapy, 30.2 million adults in the United States were getting help; by 2020, the number had risen to 41.4 million.

Of course, the past few years, since the pandemic arrived, have been a period of crisis, and it's natural that more people would seek therapy to deal with the stresses of isolation and anxiety about illness. But it's not just that. There has also been a sustained effort over the past decade or more to destigmatize mental illness and promote mental health, coming from activists, artists, celebrities and local governments. (I've written and spoken

about the issue many times myself.)

There is no official point at which we can say that therapy is destigmatized, and it may well continue to be looked down upon in some communities (and for others, therapy remains inaccessible). Still, these efforts seem to be working. The list of celebrities opening up about their mental health issues grows by the day — Ryan Reynolds has spoken about his anxiety, Jonah Hill announced he would no longer do press tours because of panic attacks, and everyone from Selena Gomez to Jay-Z has extolled the virtues of therapy and mental health care. On an episode of Taraji P. Henson's show "Peace of Mind With Taraji," which highlights mental health issues, particularly within Black communities, the rapper Megan Thee Stallion talked about her struggles after the death of her mother and how she had come to view therapy differently.

But I've started to wonder if there's a flip side to this new openness, a new form of judgment that has broken down into a too-simple binary: In therapy, good; not in therapy, bad.

This summer, The Times ran an article headlined "Seeking Relationship, Therapy Required" about single people who insisted that their would-be partners be in therapy — who, seemingly, saw being in therapy as a signal for the kind of person they were looking for, the way someone might want a partner who votes in every election or buys organic. "The way u people use 'therapy' to telegraph ur feelings of moral superiority is corrupting our relationships and sucking the romance out of life," a tweet in response to the story said. "Some of the best people have never, never been to therapy," the user said in a follow-up.

In our conversations, therapists confirmed the idea that people are going to therapy without a goal broader than "working on themselves," and sometimes to show others that they are working on themselves. This, they said, can sometimes make sessions slightly confusing, or rudderless.

"As a therapist, I often tend to feel stuck with clients who share this as a primary motivation, without any specific insight into why or how therapy might help them," Madeleine Campbell, a therapist working in Brooklyn, told me via email. "A client's experience with therapy is the result of what they put into it. If a client doesn't have any specific goals or intentions for our time working together, it can be hard to know how to make progress."

"Therapy should be productive," Andrea Gutiérrez-Glik, who started her practice in New York City but moved to St. Louis, Mo., during the pandemic, told me over the phone. "You're paying a lot of money, or you're using health insurance that you work really hard for." The point, she said, is "not just to be like, 'OK, I've done something for the day.'"

More than a couple therapists said this phenomenon was most common with cis men. They are in therapy but don't go with any particular issue they want to resolve or trauma they want to address. They go because their friends are in therapy, or their partner thinks they should be, or they have in some

other way received the message that it's what they should be doing. People in therapy want other people they are around to be in therapy, too. (Ms. Campbell said her Gen Z and millennial clients are the ones most likely to talk to her about "challenges in their own relationships — familial, romantic, friendships, etc. — with people in their lives who 'aren't in therapy.'")

Is therapy-as-box-checking a problem? Not necessarily. Even among the people whose only reason for starting therapy is that they think they're supposed to, there is something they could discuss, starting with why they feel that way in the first place. How do they respond to others' expectations? How can they find the roots of their own desires? It's also difficult to live in the modern world and not be carrying at least a little trauma.

But the biggest issue, which therapists themselves told me, is that the fixation on therapy as the go-to cure-all leaves little room for people seeking other forms of healing.

Therapy, for all that it can help with, is mostly an individual practice. The focus is on the self and the relationship to the self, even though the self, too, is informed by outside forces. Therapy can offer a pathway toward understanding, but it can also overshadow the idea of healing in community.

"A lot of the things people are going to therapy for, they're issues that have become personal, but started off as cultural," said Nityda Gessel, who has an integrated psychotherapy and yoga practice in my hometown, Virginia Beach. "That shared experience is very important." For instance, something like impostor syndrome, which shows up often as a discussion topic that members of minority groups take to therapy, is experienced as personal — I don't believe I'm worthy — but its roots are in receiving that message via a culture that devalues certain identities.

What is often left out of the "go to therapy!" discourse is politics, or bodywork, or even things like a book club — anything that helps you feel connected to both yourself and the world outside of you provides purpose, and can help locate the source of pain while also allowing community to form.

I still find my therapy sessions useful. There may not have been a major catalyst for my going this year, but it has been helpful as I've dealt with my granny's death, my mom's cancer diagnosis, and all the complex emotions that come about with expectant fatherhood that have cropped up recently. I'm grateful for the space to talk it out. But I'm also grateful to be able to cry in my partner's arms, to dance with friends, to sit out on my Brooklyn terrace and smoke a cigar in the autumn air. There's no magic bullet for mental wellness; there is no single prescription for becoming a "good" person. Most of us are doing our best.

Mychal Denzel Smith has written extensively about mental health. He is the author, most recently, of "Stakes Is High: Life After the American Dream."

The Cuban missile crisis was 60 years ago, but it's urgently relevant today

By Katrina vanden Heuvel

Next week marks 60 years since the Cuban missile crisis — the 13-day standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union widely regarded as the closest we ever came to global nuclear war. On this anniversary, as we veer terrifyingly close to the brink of Armageddon once again, we should look to that crisis to guide us in resolving our present one.

Last Friday, President Biden warned that in the Ukraine war, "for the first time since the Cuban missile crisis, we have a direct threat to the use of nuclear weapons." The warning is well founded. Top Kremlin ally Ramzan Kadyrov, head of the Chechen Republic, recently wrote that Russia should consider "the use of low-yield nuclear weapons." Russian TV and military blogs echo such suggestions. And Russian President Vladimir Putin has stressed that he is willing to use "all means" in the conflict.

It's impossible to know whether Putin is willing to follow through on his threat. Harvard Kennedy School professor Matthew Bunn pegs the chances at about 10 to 20 percent. But we do know how to reduce the risk of catastrophe. The Cuban missile crisis proved that even in the face of potential nuclear devastation, de-escalation is possible and diplomacy can prevail.

Experts and scholars have relitigated the crisis for decades. But in recent years, archives and memoirs have clarified the picture of what happened during those 13 days starting on Oct. 16, 1962. The tale is clearly articulated in "Gambling With Armageddon," a 2020 book by Pulitzer-winning historian Martin J. Sherwin that the New York Times declared "should become the definitive account" of the event. The book offers urgently relevant lessons — both about the circumstances that can bring humanity to the edge of

annihilation and how we can step back from that brink.

One chilling reminder of how crises are sometimes averted was first offered by former secretary of state Dean Acheson in 1969. Reviewing "Thirteen Days," Robert F. Kennedy's posthumous memoir, Acheson, who advised President John F. Kennedy during the Cuba crisis, strikingly contended that nuclear war was averted thanks to "plain dumb luck." Sure enough, it has since come to light that a nuclear missile came close to being fired not once but twice — once by the 498th Tactical Missile Group on Okinawa, Japan, and once by a Soviet submarine in Cuban waters. In both instances, the resistance of a single individual derailed a launch.

Of course, the world cannot rely on luck alone to prevent nuclear disaster. In 1962, according to political scientist Graham Allison, Kennedy put the odds of nuclear war "between one in three and even." If Kennedy's assessment was accurate, then after just a few more comparable confrontations, "the likelihood of nuclear war would approach certainty." Humanity cannot afford to spin the cylinder again in this game of Russian roulette; we must unload the gun. Our only path forward is de-escalation.

And de-escalation, as Sherwin makes clear, begins with dialogue. During the Cuban missile crisis, people such as Gen. Curtis LeMay argued that negotiation was tantamount to appeasement. But levelheaded discussion is essential to avoiding certain doom. To sacrifice it in the name of jingoistic posturing is not just absurd; it's potentially apocalyptic. As Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev recalled, "The biggest tragedy, as [my military advisers] saw it, was not that our country might be devastated and everything lost, but that the Chinese or the Albanians might accuse us of appeasement or weakness. ... What good would it have done me in the last hour of my life to

know that though our great nation and the United States were in complete ruins, the national honor of the Soviet Union was intact?"

Today, as the world faces the threat of obliteration once more, figures of all stripes are calling for dialogue to prevent doomsday. A small but growing list of progressive members of Congress (along with several peace advocacy organizations) are increasingly focused on how best to promote de-escalation and dialogue, inspired by a truth that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has himself maintained: This war "will only definitively end through diplomacy." Pope Francis issued an unprecedented statement calling for global leaders "to do everything possible to bring an end to the war." Even former secretary of state Henry Kissinger has reiterated the importance of dialogue. As he recently argued, "This has nothing to do with whether one likes Putin or not. ... We are dealing, when nuclear weapons become introduced, with a historic alteration in the world system. And a dialogue between Russia and the West is important."

We cannot waver from the conviction that nuclear weapons must never be used again under any circumstances. We would be wise at this grave moment to recall the lessons of history — encapsulated in Sherwin's work — and repeat, loudly and often, the November 1985 declaration of President Ronald Reagan and Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev, restated as recently as January by the leaders of the five nuclear weapons states: "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

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Biden's support for pot prohibition ignores marijuana's harm

By Daily Editorials

"We have to hold every drug user accountable," Sen. Joe Biden declared in 1989, "because if there were no drug users, there would be no appetite for drugs, and there would be no market for them." The mass pardon for low-level marijuana offenders that the president announced last week suggests how far he has traveled since his years as a gung-ho drug warrior, even as it demonstrates that he remains out of step with the times.

Biden's decision applies to anyone convicted of simple marijuana possession under the Controlled Substances Act or the District of Columbia Code. He said the pardons will help "thousands of people who were previously convicted of simple possession" and "who may be denied employment, housing, or educational opportunities as a result."

As an act of clemency, the blanket pardon is massive. But in the context of a prohibition that has generated nearly 29 million arrests since 1965, it looks less impressive. Rep. Dave Joyce (R-Ohio), co-chair of the Congressional Cannabis Caucus, notes that "more than 14 million cannabis-related records at the state and local level continue to preclude Americans from stable housing and gainful employment."

Because simple marijuana possession is rarely prosecuted at the federal level, the vast majority of such cases are beyond the president's clemency powers. But Biden's mercy notably did not extend to people convicted

of manufacturing or distributing marijuana under federal law, who still languish in prison or carry the lifelong burden of felony records.

The injustice of that situation is especially striking now that most states treat those federal felonies as legitimate business activities. Depending on the jurisdiction, the same conduct that can send someone to federal prison for years, decades or even life can make someone else a rich and respected entrepreneur.

By himself, Biden does not have the authority to resolve the untenable conflict between state and federal marijuana laws. But despite his avowed transformation from an anti-drug zealot into a criminal justice reformer, he has stubbornly opposed efforts to repeal the federal ban on marijuana.

That position is contrary to the preferences expressed by more than two-thirds of Americans, including four-fifths of Democrats and half of Republicans. The most Biden is willing to offer them is his rhetorical support for decriminalizing cannabis consumption — a policy that was on the cutting edge of marijuana reform in the 1970s.

Fifty years ago, when less than 20% of Americans thought pot should be legal, the Nixon-appointed Shafer Commission recommended that "possession of marijuana for personal use no longer be an offense." President Jimmy Carter endorsed decriminalization in 1977, when he told Congress that "penalties against possession of a drug should not be more damaging to

an individual than the use of the drug itself."

Half a century later, Biden has finally come around to that position. "Sending people to jail for possessing marijuana has upended too many lives — for conduct that is legal in many states," he said on Twitter last week.

The same thing is true of sending people to jail for growing or selling marijuana, of course, although that is a point Biden refuses to acknowledge. The moral logic of his distinction between simple possession and other marijuana offenses is hard to follow.

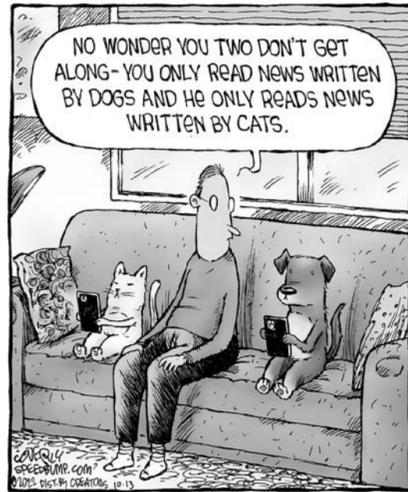
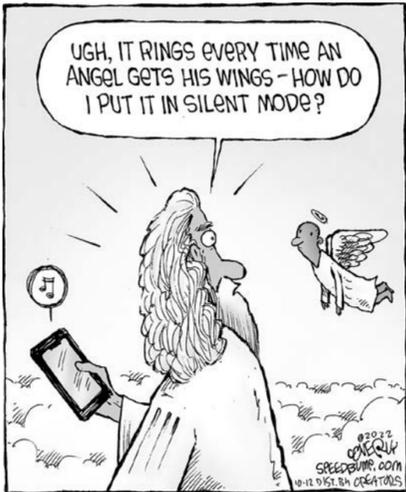
Back in 1989, when Biden was keen to show that Democrats could be even tougher on drugs than Republicans, he correctly identified the source of the problem he was fighting: Americans who defied the law by choosing to consume intoxicants that Congress had arbitrarily proscribed. Without those individual decisions, he noted, there would be no black market to suppress.

Now Biden says marijuana use should not be treated as a crime. But if so, how can helping people use marijuana justify arresting, prosecuting and imprisoning anyone?

There is no satisfying answer to that question. And even as he recognizes the grievous harm caused by "our failed approach to marijuana," Biden has not attempted to supply one.

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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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12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - 12201 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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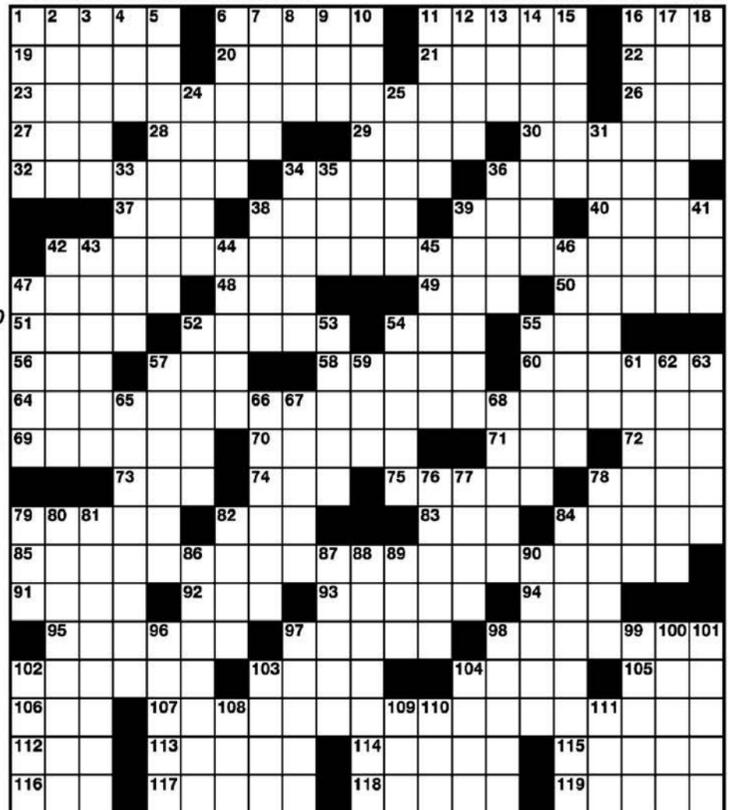
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: VO GALLERY, 610 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD OFFICE NO. 223, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VICTOR OWTSCHARENKO, 2102 NEILSON WAY, 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: VICTOR OWTSCHARENKO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/15/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1053832.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022203639

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CHINA GREAT BUFFET, 11860 VALLEY BLVD, EL MONTE, CA 91732 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 5174019. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LNZ GROUP INC, 11860 VALLEY BLVD, EL MONTE, CA 91732 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: ZENG DING ZHENG, CFO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1053909.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022203609

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. 21NINE ENTERTAINMENT, 2. FUNKATINMENT PUBLISHING, 3. FLEX-O-PHONICS SOUNDLABS, 1001 WILSHIRE BLVD # 1149, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: FORTY9TH STREET, LLC, 1001 WILSHIRE BLVD 1149, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: LAMON TURNER, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 09/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/16/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1054019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205681

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. HILLERY L BROADOUS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, 2. HB CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, 403 E PALMER AVE APT 1, GLENDALE, CA 91205 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HILLERY L BROADOUS, 403 E PALMER AVE APT 1, GLENDALE, CA 91205. 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: HILLERY L BROADOUS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 02/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1054140.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205535

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NICK PATCHEZ, 5520 JOAQUIN COURT, COMMERCE, CA 90040 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: NICHOLAS S. SANCHEZ, 5520 JOAQUIN COURT, COMMERCE, CA 90040. 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: NICHOLAS S. SANCHEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055275.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205537

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LORENA LA VOZ RANCHERA DE JALISCO, 1808 KAY ST, COMPTON, CA 90221 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LORENA CABRERA, 1808 KAY ST, COMPTON, CA 90221. 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: LORENA CABRERA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055276.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205682

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROTCHETS AIR, 8346 CHARLOMA DR, DOWNEY, CA 90240 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOHN D REYES, 8346 CHARLOMA DR, DOWNEY, CA 90240. 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: JOHN D REYES, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055277.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205539

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. L.A.M.F.A., 2. LATIN AMERICAN ACTION, 3. TURE AWARDS, 5315 BIRH CT, WHITTIER, CA 90601 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSE L. MARTINEZ, 5315 BIRH CT, WHITTIER, CA 90601. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOSE L. MARTINEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 02/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055280.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205708

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PAWS PET FOOD, 17605 LAKEWOOD BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 5216 E BROADWAY APT A, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JUAN C RODRIGUEZ, 5216 E BROADWAY APT A, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. 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: JUAN C RODRIGUEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055281.

AAA1055283.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205999

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: POLE POSITION AUTO REPAIR AND SMOOG, 1315 W. EL SERENO BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90247 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MA DEL ROSARIO ACOSTA CARRILLO, 1315 W. EL SERENO BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90247. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: MA DEL ROSARIO ACOSTA CARRILLO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2009. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055285.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022205931

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: C2EAAPP5, 7651 WENTWORTH ST, TUJUNGA, CA 91042 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CONSULTING GROUP, INC., 7651 WENTWORTH ST, TUJUNGA, CA 91042 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: CATHARINE RAJAN, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/20/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055485.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022207121

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DURAN TRUCKING, 4642 ORANGE ST, PICO RIVERA, CA 90680 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SILVESTRE DURAN TLAPANCO, 4642 ORANGE ST, PICO RIVERA, CA 90680. 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: SILVESTRE DURAN TLAPANCO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2005. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/21/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1055599.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2022189604

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS(ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COLORGRAPHIX PRODUCTIONS, 21422 DUMETZ ROAD, WOODLAND HILLS CA 91364-4340, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DEAN KUBINA, 21422 DUMETZ ROAD, WOODLAND HILLS CA 91364 (2) MONICA KUBINA, 21422 DUMETZ ROAD, WOODLAND HILLS CA 91364 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2022 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true a material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/MONICA KUBINA, GENERAL PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 25, 2022 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity for each owner.

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).

The Norwalk Patriot 9/23/22, 9/30/22, 10/7/22, 10/14/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022192826
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: FREEDOM WORKERS CONSTRUCTION, 551 WEBER ST, POMONA, CA 91768 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID JOE RAY VARGAS, 551 WEBER ST, POMONA, CA 91768. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: DAVID JOE RAY VARGAS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/31/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/23/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1049525.

be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: AJITH ROSHAN DE SILVA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/27/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1057735.

10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1057885.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022212468

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WETZEL'S PRETZELS DEL AMO II, 3525 CARSON ST. SUITE 229B, TORRANCE, CA 90503 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 2009 CONEJO LN, FULLERTON, CA 92833. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 20225113838. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: WETZEL DEL AMO, LLC, 2009 CONEJO LN, FULLERTON, CA. This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: ANDY KIM, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/28/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1057886.

FERGUSON DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022 (2) ELISA NUNEZ, 6635 FERGUSON DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/ALBERTO VILLANUEVA GONZALEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

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

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

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LIEN SALES

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

10950 Firestone Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

10/28/2022 11:00am

Haydar Hnyin
Household items

Felix Gomez
Household items

Monyalo Webster
Household items

Robert Ramos
Household items

Veronica Pelayo
Household items

Luke Henry
Household items

Terry Ahlgren
Household items

Jose Melara
Household items

Trumayne Glass
Household items

Christine Gordillo
Household items

Maria Chavez
Household items

Martha Lopez
Household items

Christine Martinez
Household items

Richelle Castellanos
Household items

Jose Chavez
Household items

Veronica Marissa Jaquez
Household items

Michael Ducre
Household items

Louie Luna
Household items

Christina Mononcevias
Household items

Herbert Pahel
Household items

Eva Hoffman
Household items

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSE R. SAHAGUN AKA JOSE RICARDO SAHAGUN CASE NO. 22STPB09743

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOSE R. SAHAGUN AKA JOSE RICARDO SAHAGUN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by AGUEDA JARA DE SAHAGUN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that AGUEDA JARA DE SAHAGUN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/04/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner KEVIN P. DUTHOY, ESQ. - SBN 100611 BEWLEY LASSLEBEN & MILLER LLP 13215 EAST PENN ST #510 WHITTIER CA 90602 10/7, 10/14, 10/21/22

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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 JOSEPH HEINEIN - SBN 296451. LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH F. HEINEIN 6528 GREENLEAF AVENUE, SUITE 202 WHITTIER CA 90601 10/7, 10/14, 10/21/22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022211618

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: IMPERIAL ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES, 23 REDROCK LANE, POMONA, CA 91766 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANJUM DHAR, 23 REDROCK LANE, POMONA, CA 91766. 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: ANJUM DHAR, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/27/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1057736.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022212471

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WETZEL'S PRETZELS DEL AMO II, 3525 CARSON ST. SUITE 174, TORRANCE, CA 90503 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 2009 CONEJO LN, FULLERTON, CA 92833. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: WETZEL DEL AMO, LLC, 2009 CONEJO LN, FULLERTON, CA 92833 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: ANDY KIM, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/28/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1057886.

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 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 will conduct a public hearing to consider the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program application for grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). In 2017, Governor Brown signed a 15-bill housing package aimed at addressing the state's housing shortage and high housing costs. This included Senate Bill 2, known as the Building Homes and Jobs Act (Act) that became effective in January 2018, and established the PLHA program, which provides a permanent source of funding to cities and counties to help meet the unmet need for affordable housing and increase the supply of affordable housing units. The grant funds are proposed to create a Permit-Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program that will expedite the development and increase the supply of ADUs for low-income households.

Public Comment: Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City's webpage at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393>. Until further notice, City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361, which allows City Council and/or staff to participate from a remote location without listing a physical location. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, or livestream through the City's website. If you wish to make a comment on the item during the meeting, you may provide input by attending the meeting, in writing, by phone, or electronically through the following procedures: 1) by emailing publiccomments@norwalkca.gov - emails will be read during the meeting up to three minutes; 2) by dialing into the Zoom Meeting at (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 709 573 2685 to speak on the matter; or 3) mailing written comments to Attention City Clerk at the address noted above prior to the time set for the hearing. 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 Jill Ann Arabe, Development Services Manager, at (562) 929-5741; jarabe@norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk Department at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide participation in the meeting or service.

Dated this 7th day of October 2022.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ADRIAN A. GUTIERREZ GONZALEZ CASE NO. 22STPB09890

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ADRIAN A. GUTIERREZ GONZALEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GUADALUPE MARIA TAPIA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GUADALUPE MARIA TAPIA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/08/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner KEVIN P. DUTHOY, ESQ. - SBN 100611 BEWLEY LASSLEBEN & MILLER LLP 13215 EAST PENN ST #510 WHITTIER CA 90602 10/7, 10/14, 10/21/22

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Attorney for Petitioner JOSEPH HEINEIN - SBN 296451. LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH F. HEINEIN 6528 GREENLEAF AVENUE, SUITE 202 WHITTIER CA 90601 10/7, 10/14, 10/21/22

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JULIAN EDUARDO LUGO CASE NO. 22STPB09411

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JULIAN EDUARDO LUGO.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES J. ALLEMAND in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES J. ALLEMAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/26/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Attorney for Petitioner JOSEPH HEINEIN - SBN 296451. LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH F. HEINEIN 6528 GREENLEAF AVENUE, SUITE 202 WHITTIER CA 90601 10/7, 10/14, 10/21/22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022212422

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: W SCREEN GOLF, 229 1/2 SOUTH WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JINNY KIM, 229 1/2 SOUTH WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004. 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: JINNY KIM, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 09/28/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 09/30/2022, 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1057884.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022212485

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2022200362

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHURCHS CHICKEN , 15816 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KMS FOODS, INC, 15816 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: CA

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2022

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

SKHMS FOODS, INC., PRESIDENT, FERAS SABA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2022207117

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GUERO CONCRETE PUMPING, 6635 FERGUSON DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALBERTO VILLANUEVA GONZALEZ, 6635

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022212485

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Top-ranked Cerritos College shows why it's No. 1 with win over Mt. SAC

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK – A huge victory for the Cerritos College Men's Soccer team strengthened its hold on the top spot in the California Community College Athletic Association, with a 2-1 victory over defending state champion Mt. San Antonio College Wednesday

afternoon (Oct. 12) at Cerritos in a South Coast Conference crossover game.

A stingy defense by the Falcons held Mt. SAC to only two shots on goal, one of which scored.

In a game that took two days to complete, due to a halt in play on Tuesday afternoon when lightning delayed the game in the first half. The Falcons kept the Mounties

from scoring in the second half on Wednesday, when the game was restarted.

With the win, the nation's No. 2-ranked (United Soccer Coaches, DIII) Falcons remained unbeaten with an overall 11-0-2 record and 3-0 in the SCC South Conference.

Mt. SAC falls to 10-3 and 2-1 in the SCC North.

"I told them to treat it like a 90-minute game and to play as if we were starting from the beginning," said Cerritos assistant coach Jose Esparza, who was filling in for head coach Benny Artiaga after receiving a one-game suspension from a previous game.

Esparza was referring to the partial game on day two, as they finished the final seven minutes of the first half and the whole second half that were not completed due to the delay.

"We wanted to re-establish the tempo and set the tone for the game and stick to our Cerritos roots on how we play. The players had an approach of staying on the positive side of everything and work hard from beginning to end. (Wednesday) we made sure our boys understood how important it was to finish strong and manage to keep the ball as much as we can."

With the score tied, 1-1, the go-ahead score came late in the first half in the 30th minute by freshman forward Julian Vazquez, on a play that started with sophomore midfielder Gabriel Oropeza near midfield.

Oropeza passed the ball up to sophomore forward Pablo Caparelli, who crossed it to Vazquez, who knocked the ball into



Cerritos College forward Julian Vazquez (7) is congratulated after scoring a goal against Mt. San Antonio College in their league match at Cerritos College on Tuesday. The match was suspended due to lightening in the area. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

the left side of the net. Just eight minutes later, the game came to a stop.

"Playing Mt. SAC back-to-back was not something normal that happens," Esparza said. "We took full control for 38 minutes, even though our center back made a mistake, we were able to make a great comeback."

Esparza explained how a over aggressive slide tackle in the 18-yard box led to a Mt. SAC penalty kick in the eighth minute.

Sophomore midfielder Alex Mendez took his time for the penalty kick and scored to the right side of Cerritos freshman goal

keeper Juan Pablo Camacho for the 1-0 lead.

Six minutes later in the 14th minute, the Falcons evened the score, 1-1, after a mistake by Mt. SAC goalie Daniel Ramirez didn't get a complete foot on a clearing attempt and sophomore forward Michael Rodriguez sent a high kick over Ramirez, who was out of the goal, for the score.

"You can't explain that high energy game," Mt. SAC coach Juan Sanchez said. "That was the start when both teams came out on fire and tried to get on top of the score. We got one early but they got us on two very good scores."

As expected, the game was rough with seven total yellow cards handed out, four of which went to Mt. SAC and three to the Falcons.

One of those went to Cerritos captain, Tony Negrete, who knew how important the win was over the 6-time state champion Mounties.

"I thought this was a very big victory," Negrete said. "Beating Mt. SAC just boosted it even more."

"We are all going to keep an even pace and are very well prepared. It's very exciting to be part of it and create our own legacy."

Negrete, who is a midfielder, was moved back to the center back position late in the game and it proved to be a difference for the Falcons.

"(Tony) plays a big role and is our machine in the middle," Esparza added. "He covers so much ground in the middle."

Due to both starting center backs being injured, Negrete became a big part of the final line of defense for Cerritos, along with Ernie Vergara.

"It was very intense and (Mt. SAC) kept coming at us," Negrete added. "We did an amazing job to finish the game and secure the win."

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