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Family selling beach back to county

■ Bruce's Beach was owned by a Black family before it was taken away in 1924. The land was returned last year.

LOS ANGELES — Bruce's Beach, an oceanfront property in Southern California that was taken from Black owners in the Jim Crow era and returned to their descendants last year, will be sold back to Los Angeles County for nearly \$20 million, county officials said Tuesday.

Family members of the original landowners, Willa and Charles Bruce, have informed the county of their decision to sell Bruce's Beach, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Hahn said in a statement. It's unclear when the sale will be completed.

"The seizure of Bruce's Beach nearly a century ago was an injustice inflicted upon not just Willa and Charles Bruce but generations of their descendants who almost certainly would have been millionaires," Hahn said in the statement.

The Bruce family received the official deed last year, 98 years after the property was taken by the city of Manhattan Beach and after efforts from relatives, activists and local officials.

Willa and Charles Bruce purchased the land in 1912 for \$1,225 and built several facilities, including a cafe and changing rooms. The resort became a popular tourist attraction that offered Black families a place to enjoy the California life, but the family faced intimidation and racial threats from White neighbors and the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1924, Manhattan Beach took the property citing eminent domain and paid the couple a fraction of what they asked for. The Bruces left and died just five years later.

Bruce's Beach is now a park with a lawn and lifeguard training facility.

In 1995, the property was transferred to Los Angeles County and in recent years, county officials began taking steps to return the land to the family. Those efforts led to California Gov. Gavin Newsom signing a 2021 legislation to allow for the return of the property to Bruce's descendants.

Last year, the official deed marking the transfer of the land was given to the family.

Hahn said she fought hard to return the property to the Bruce family because she "wanted to right this wrong," and supports their decision.

"This is what reparations look like and it is a model I hope governments across the country will follow," Hahn said in the statement.

In an appearance Tuesday on the Tavis Smiley talk show on KBLA radio, Bruce family attorney George Fatheree said a variety of factors played into the decision to sell the land back to the county.

"The return of the property and the ability to sell the property and take the funds and invest it in a way that's important to their lives represents an important opportunity for my clients to get a glimpse of that legacy that was their's," Fatheree said.

He noted that there are "multiple family members" involved in the decision-making process -- "each at their own stage in life, some starting families, some nearing retirement, some caring for aging parents."

Fatheree also said that any effort by the family to develop the property would likely involve a lengthy approval process with the city of Manhattan Beach and the Coastal Commission.



Miss Downey Sarah Sarofeem sits on Downey's Rose Parade float.

Downey float wins trophy for best floral presentation

■ Downey won the Leishman Public Spirit Award for best floral presentation by a non-commercial entry.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — The 134th Rose Parade Monday was a spectacle of flower-covered floats, musical performances by marching bands from across the country and a host of equestrians, with thousands of spectators lining Colorado Boulevard and other Pasadena streets to witness the annual tradition.

The Downey Rose Float Association's entry won the Leishman Public Spirit Award, presented to the "most outstanding floral presentation from a non-commercial participant."

Designed by Jason Redfox, the float measured 46 feet long and was constructed entirely by volunteers.

The parade stepped off promptly at 8 a.m., opening with a performance by Fitz and The Tantrums aboard the Honda float "Forever Determined." The parade then made its way along its traditional 5 1/2-mile route, moving east along Colorado Boulevard to northbound Sierra Madre Boulevard, ending at Villa Street.

This year's parade theme was "Turning the Corner," with Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott saying it was meant to celebrate the potential of every new year and rising above challenges.

"Whether that corner is actual or figurative like the unlimited potential that each new year brings -- we all enjoy the opportunity of a fresh start," Wainscott said in a statement. "Turning a corner means rising above -- alone, or with family, friends and community. This year, as we turn the corner

together, we share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring."

Leading the parade was grand marshal Gabby Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman who was shot in the head during an assassination attempt in January 2011 and has become an outspoken gun-control advocate.

Discussing how her experience matched the parade theme of "Turning the Corner," Giffords said in October, "Our lives can change so quickly. Mine did when I was shot. But I never gave up hope. I chose to make a new start, to move ahead, to not look back."

Wainscott hailed Giffords as a "trailblazer," noting that she was the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona state Senate before moving onto Congress.

"She was re-elected to a second term beginning in 2011, but her tenure was cut tragically short," Wainscott said, referring to the shooting that occurred during a community event near Tucson that nearly killed her. Giffords survived the shooting, but she had to re-learn how to walk and speak.

"What followed was an arduous journey of recovery that included physical, occupational and speech therapy," Wainscott said.

Giffords was able to return to the House of Representatives later that year, but she submitted her resignation in January of 2012, one day after attending President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address.

Giffords is married to former astronaut and current Arizona U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly.

In an annual tradition, the parade was overseen by the seven-member Royal Court, made up of Pasadena-area high school girls chosen for their public speaking, academic achievement, youth leadership



and community involvement.

The court, which had already taken part in dozens of community events leading up to the parade, was led by 104th Rose Queen Bella Ballard, an Altadena resident and senior at The Ogburn School.

More than 20 marching bands marched during the parade, hailing from as far away as China, Panama, Italy and Japan. Also featured were bands from the two universities participating in the Rose Bowl Game -- Utah and Penn State.

Sixteen equestrian units also took part, including the Budweiser Clydesdales, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Mounted Detail, the New Buffalo Soldiers and the U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.

But the highlight of the parade by far was the procession of ornate floats, all of which must be completely covered by flowers or other natural materials, such as leaves, seeds, fruits, vegetables or bark. The floats were meticulously crafted over several months, beginning with the understructure and concluding with the arduous task of applying flower petals and other materials, generally one piece at a time.

A total of 39 floats took part

in this year's procession. Some of them were sponsored by local cities, such as Torrance, Burbank and Alhambra -- each touting local attractions, while others were funded by businesses such as Kaiser Permanente, American Honda, Trader Joe's and Snapchat.

Also entering floats were NASCAR, the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, the Building Industry Association of Southern California and Blue Diamond Growers.

Cal Poly Universities presented its annual student-designed and built float. And for the 20th year, the Donate Life float celebrated the impact of organ donors. This year's Donate Life float featured a Chinese street dragon -- a symbol of power, good fortune and strength. The float again featured dozens of "floragraphs," or floral photographs, of those who have given the gift of life through organ donation. Several living donors rode aboard the float.

Following the parade, the floats went on display at the Floatfest at Sierra Madre and Washington boulevard, giving spectators a chance to get a close-up look at the creations.

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1950: Great Britain announced its recognition of the People's Republic of China.

1966: Indian composer A.R. Rahman, known as "the Mozart of Madras," was born in Madras (now Chennai), India.

1974: In an effort to conserve energy during an oil crisis, Daylight Saving Time began several months early in the United States and was slated to remain in place for more than a year; the move, however, proved hugely unpopular, and its duration was later amended.

1975: About a thousand Led Zeppelin fans rioted while waiting for tickets to go on sale at Boston Garden. About \$30,000 was done in damage and the show was cancelled by Boston Mayor Kevin White.

1987: Elton John cancelled all live performances for a year after having throat surgery.

1993: Jazz trumpeter, composer, and bandleader Dizzy Gillespie, one of the seminal figures of the bebop movement, died at age 75.

2001: Congress certified George W. Bush as the winner of the 2000 presidential election following a legal battle.

2021: Supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol, where Congress was meeting to certify Joe Biden's win in the 2020 election; Trump and his backers alleged widespread voter fraud, though there was no evidence for the claims.

Birthdays

College football coach **Lou Holtz** (86), English actor and comedian **Rowan Atkinson** (68), retired golfer **Nancy Lopez** (66), NFL hall of famer **Howie Long** (63), TV personality **Tiffany Pollard** (41), comedian **Kate McKinnon** (39) and rapper **MattyB** (20).



Rowan Atkinson

St. Paul holds successful baseball, softball winter camps

■ Players and coaches spent their winter break training with hundreds of kids.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

SANTA FE SPRINGS – With the baseball and softball seasons right around the corner, one local high school recently completed one of its most successful winter camps for youths.

St. Paul High School, during the holiday break, concluded baseball and softball two-day back-to-back camps at the Santa Fe Springs campus, even with the threat of rain and occasional showers.

The four days between baseball and softball drew 359 kids, with former players and current players and coaches teaching offensive and defensive skills.

Softball kicked off the week of camps on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27-28, with baseball capping off 2022 on Thursday and Friday, December 29, 30.

Highlighting the baseball

camp was a visit from current USC Baseball coach and former major league player Andy Stankiewicz.

St. Paul baseball coach Casey Morales and Stankiewicz were teammates at St. Paul before they went their separate ways in college.

“When he got back into town after he was hired at USC, I asked him about coming to speak and be our guest speaker here and he obliged in a heartbeat,” Morales said. “Andy’s a great guy and he gives back any time that he can. He’s in the area now and it was a little tougher when he was in Arizona.”

After his MLB playing days, Stankiewicz eventually became a coach and became a coach at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix for the last 11 years.

“Coach Morales has invited me to come back and talk to his youth campers here (Friday),” Stankiewicz said. “It’s good to be back on the grounds and I’m looking forward to spending some time with the kids.”

“I’m just going to encourage them. It’s a great sport and I’m

going to also encourage the parents to let their young girls and boys chase these dreams. At this age, it’s just encouragement more than anything else.”

Stankiewicz, who played college ball at Pepperdine University, played in the major leagues for seven years for the Yankees, Astros, Expos and Diamondbacks.

“The highlight of the camp is number one, the attendance,” Morales said. “The number of kids we have here. We haven’t had these many kids in years. We’re over a hundred (Dec. 30) and 94 (Dec. 29).”

“It’s nice because you get the two extremes. We get a lot of the seventh and eighth graders, the kids that are more serious and ready to move on and get ready to go to high school. Then you also get the little guys, the little rug rats that are just getting started. They just want to get out here and run around and have fun. Anytime you can teach them something, they soak things up like a sponge. The two extremes are nice for different reasons.”

St. Paul varsity softball coach Charles Gandara also had a big turnout.

“This year’s camp was the largest camp to date, as 163 local area youth softball players, ranging in ages 4 to 14, participated in the two-day camp,” said Gandara, who is entering his fourth year as coach. “(The camp) featured instruction from current coaches and players from the St. Paul softball program, as well as former St. Paul softball players that are currently playing at the collegiate level.”

Gandara explained the format of the camp.

“The camp offered the youth participants an opportunity to further develop their offensive and defensive skills, regardless of their current skill level,” he said. “The campers were placed in groups according to their age and/or skill level to ensure the instruction was appropriate for all the campers.”

St. Paul softball will also put on two-day camps beginning in mid-June for youths.

Gandara, who has seen multiple players go on to the next level (NCAA DI, DII, etc.) in his first three years, welcomed back alum Camille Marin to help with the younger players.

“I’ve been doing this for a long time,” said Marin, who is a junior catcher/infielder at Iowa State. “Obviously, all of us come back as players and I did it all four years while at St. Paul and now this is my third year coming back while at Iowa State. We’ve been pretty much giving directions to kids and help them out.”

“My favorite thing is just kind of seeing we were once in this position. I remember one year when I was at St. Paul, we had (former) players that participated in the camp. My favorite part every year is coming to see how the camp has evolved. It has grown and we’ve had more kids come every year and the kids always love it and we always have



St. Paul High School hosts their after Christmas youth baseball camp as they work on base running drills. (Photo by Keith Durlflinger)

fun with them. It takes me back to my days when I was younger in their position and looking up to all of the college people. I admired those people whether they were at the DI or DII level.”

Marin’s younger sister, Claire Marin, attended the two-day winter camp for softball.

Morales, who played baseball at St. Paul, also welcomed back former players and coaches.

“We have our staff and the Santa Fe staff,” Morales said. “Coach (Pierre) Romo over at Santa Fe works together with us. We coached together for a number of years, and he left and took over at Santa Fe. He’s a good friend and he always sends a few guys over here to help us out so we can staff it with the adult coaches.”

“In addition, we’re able to bring back as many college players as we can. They’re getting ready for their season, and they get an opportunity to coach, and they want to give back what they learned with their time here.”

One of those players is current Cal State University Los Angeles player Julian Tellez.

“I think this camp has been going on for some time,” said Tellez, who is a 2019 St. Paul graduate. “When I was young about eight, nine years old I attended the camp here. Being a camper, you get to work with the older guys, and you look up to those high school seniors.”

“Being here (now), it’s good to give back to the community and seeing the kids when they were eight and now in high school, it’s fun to give back. Coming back here after attending college, it’s always fun to see your old pals and old coaches and kids who grew up in this community and give them the knowledge that you’ve gained

throughout the years.”

What they said:

Casey Morales, St. Paul baseball coach: “A lot of our kids get to work with the youngers and coach the youth players. They get to explain to them and pass things on.”

“That’s the great thing about the game. The game doesn’t change. Ya, there’s a shift now and a few other nuances to it. It’s still the same game. You catch the ball, you throw the ball straight, you hit the ball and put it in play and you throw strikes.”

“Come January and February when ball gets started, these guys get a head start. It’s been a great time out here and we’re off to a great start.”

Charles Gandara, St. Paul softball coach: “The campers are not the only ones that benefited from the camp. The player instructors also benefit from the satisfaction of giving back to their community by volunteering their time while on vacation to pass on their knowledge of the game to the next generation of players.”

Savannah Patino, St. Paul varsity softball player: “I think it’s just showing the little girls what we do here and how we develop as a program. I really like how the girls all enjoy the sport and were having fun with it. I transferred here last year (from El Rancho). I met a lot of girls who have a lot of talent and they like to talk to a lot of us.”

Mary Hernandez, 7, youth softball player: “I just like the camp. I had a lot of fun doing everything. The best thing I learned was diving, getting back to the base. I’m getting better because I’m paying attention.”

Claire Marin, 14, youth softball player: “I’m here at the camp because I want to get better

and see the experience of what I’m looking at next year. I like how the workers help you make adjustments. Today I was focusing on hitting. I think this will really help me out.”

Micah Baruch, 13, youth baseball player: “The high school guys that are helping us with the drills are making it really helpful to learn new things and get better at baseball. I learned better base running, better ways to field the ball and new hitting techniques.”

Owen Eteuati-Edwards, 13, youth baseball player: “I play everywhere in the outfield and pitch. I’m here at this camp to get better and develop my skills. I know there’s a great coaching staff here to help me develop my skills and be a better person.”

Angelo Patino, 14, youth baseball player: “I learn different things from all the coaches and the different perspectives from the different coaches. For hitting I learned how to stay through the ball. I’m kind of struggling right now. This camp is definitely special. There’s a lot of kids here. It’s good being in a different environment with competitive kids.”

Devin Munoz, senior, St. Paul varsity baseball player: “It’s really good to see the community come out and participate and give back. I was glad to help and be part of something special. I like the set up and they’re learning the fundamentals. I like that I can help out any way I can. I’m always here to help.”

“Today I was working on base running. I was making relay races for candy. You got to make it fun so the kids want to be here. Even in the rain, we’re still working.”

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I don't want my child to earn less than minimum wage because of who she is

By Pepper Stetler

My daughter expects to work. When she was about 5 years old, one of her favorite bath time activities was playing with a set of cups that she would fill up carefully and place on the edge of the tub. “Mo-ka-ma-KE!” she called out. She was imagining she was a barista, a job she had seen performed hundreds of times at the coffee shop.

If my daughter, who has Down syndrome, can imagine herself working in a job that allows her to participate in her community and gain independence, then why can't employers do the same?

Part of the answer lies in the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 which established a federal minimum wage, guidelines for overtime pay and child labor restrictions; it also created 14(c) certificates, which permit employers to pay people with disabilities less than minimum wage — and the law puts no limit on how much less.

Nearly 39 percent of Americans with disabilities were employed in October, with at least 70,000 working for 14(c) certificate holders, many of them “sheltered workshops” for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities. With no floor on wages, sheltered workshops have impoverished and isolated generations of people with disabilities.

But beyond fair pay we need to consider how we can more effectively support people with disabilities in the mainstream work force.

Kyle Stumpf is 32, has Down syndrome and communicates with some assistance. He worked in a sheltered workshop in Dubuque, Iowa, for five years. On most days he sorted clothes, but sometimes he cleaned the break room and the bathrooms. The city bus that picked Mr. Stumpf up at the house where he lived with his dad, Bill, and took him home at the end of the day cost \$3 a ride. He was paid \$3.35 an hour.

Bill Stumpf emphasized to me how little others expected from his son from early on. It started in school. “They pretty much warehoused him,” Bill said. “Eventually I got wore out arguing every year.” After high school, the Stumpfs looked only at workshops for Kyle.

The type of work performed in sheltered workshops varies widely. It might also include packing, collating and light assembly in a factory, or rolling silverware in napkins for a cafeteria. The Department of Labor explains the purpose of sheltered workshops with a language of benevolent protection.

But sheltered workshops are not the only places in which people with disabilities can work, although other options are less known, despite a government rule that requires employers to provide information on alternative work possibilities or be forced to pay the full minimum wage.

Sheltered workshops are described as places of training, yet some people work in them their entire lives. It is difficult for people with disabilities and their caregivers to leave the stability of routines, and for those who do, the transition can be filled with fear. Bill Stumpf says that he was anxious about his son moving to another job. “Kyle enjoyed working in the sheltered workshop,” Bill told me. “He liked the people he worked with, but he got half of minimum wage. It just got really comfortable. I think most people in our situation think, ‘Why rock the boat?’”

In 2013, Bill saw a presentation on “competitive integrated employment,” regular employment with support at minimum wage

or above, and began to believe that more was possible for Kyle.

According to a 2020 report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Americans with disabilities working under a 14(c) certificate earn on average less than half of the federal minimum wage per hour. The new Congress must pass the Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act, which would prohibit issuing new 14(c) certificates and phase out existing ones. The act would also help people with disabilities make the transition into the mainstream work force. This would mean that sheltered workshops would no longer segregate people with disabilities from their communities, and pay workers like Kyle Stumpf below minimum wage.

Several states have already begun moving away from recognizing 14(c) certificates and have instituted programs that support people with disabilities working in the community. Michelle Krefft, director of community and business engagement for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, told me that one of the biggest barriers to community integrated employment for people with disabilities is the hiring process.

But companies have begun to change their hiring practices and job requirements. With the labor market tight, employers are considering a candidate's unique skills rather than searching for someone who can fulfill a broad list of requirements. This is as true for job applicants with a disability as those without.

Ms. Krefft and her staff help job candidates with disabilities get hired without traditional interviews. The candidate does the job for a paid trial period. She also works with candidates to create video résumés, which help many people with disabilities more effectively emphasize their strengths and the skills they can bring to a job. Just like all of us, people with disabilities have different strengths and needs. Personalized support and individual choice allows for a more satisfying job than the monotonous work of sheltered workshops.

According to the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination, an advocacy coalition, supported, community integrated employment is significantly less expensive for taxpayers than sheltered workshops. One study found that for every dollar used to fund support services for community integrated employment, taxpayers receive \$1.46 back in the form of paid taxes, savings from the expenses of sheltered workshops, and reduction in governmental subsidies.

And according to the Job Accommodation Network, an organization that has consulted with businesses on cost-effective accommodations for more than 35 years, 56 percent of surveyed employers report that accommodations needed for employees with disabilities cost nothing. For the accommodations that come with a cost, the typical one-time expenditure was \$500.

Other parents of children with disabilities have warned me that educational and social support ends abruptly after high school. My daughter is now 10, and her experience in an inclusive, mainstream elementary school classroom has been nothing like the warehousing that Bill Stumpf described to me as Kyle's later years in school. But the transition from school to employment takes planning, and knowing that my daughter has support to find a job that will be suited to her strengths, will allow her to save money, and see herself as an important part of a diverse team of people would make all the difference.

At least 17 states have introduced legislation to phase out 14(c) certificates. The federal government has also recently passed a rule

that requires employers seeking certain contracts with the federal government to pay workers with disabilities no less than the full minimum wage. But these changes are not enough.

The 14(c) certificates stand in conflict with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, which asserts that disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish a person's right to participate in all aspects of life, including work. The certificates also violate the Supreme Court's *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision of 1999, which states that people with disabilities should live and receive services in the most integrated setting possible appropriate to their needs. It is not acceptable for any state's policies to be in such conflict with national progress on disability rights in the last 30 years.

Both the Republican and Democratic Parties announced their support for ending the certificates at their 2016 and 2020 conventions. But that federal legislation has not been passed indicates that ending this discriminatory practice is more complicated than it might initially appear. It is less about changing a law and more about changing low assumptions about how people with disabilities can participate in the work force. Unless these expectations change, elimination of 14(c) certificates could result in an even lower employment rate for people with disabilities.

In October, Kyle Stumpf celebrated eight years of community integrated employment at a Papa Johns restaurant. He folds pizza boxes, cleans the trays in the ovens and fills up the soda machines. He uses a picture schedule at work to stay on track, and he checks in with a job coach who ensures that he has what he needs to work. Mr. Stumpf makes \$8.25 an hour, a dollar more than Iowa's minimum wage.

With his earnings, Mr. Stumpf likes to go out to eat and visit microbreweries. He is also putting some of his money in a savings account. When I asked Mr. Stumpf which job he liked better, the pizzeria or the workshop, he broke into a wide smile. “Papa Johns,” he said softly.

The manager now calls Mr. Stumpf in to work hours in addition to his regular shifts when they are busy. His job has also generated meaningful friendships with co-workers. “It's real-life stuff,” Bill Stumpf said. “They're looking at his worth.”

I don't know if my daughter will work as a barista; these days she wants to be a singer like Taylor Swift. What's important is that she is seen as a valuable member of her community. In the last few years, the number of people employed in sheltered workshops has steadily declined. The more than 70,000 people earning subminimum wage in October 2022 is a significant decrease from 2016, when 241,265 people with disabilities were employed at subminimum wage.

But such a decrease doesn't necessarily mean that 140,000 or so people have found employment in an inclusive work force. Given the employment rate for people with disabilities (which for people with intellectual disabilities is even lower at an estimated 18 percent in recent years), it seems likely that many people who worked for subminimum wage under the Fair Labor Act will not be able to find jobs at all. Changing expectations, especially those informed by decades of social and economic discrimination, takes time, and ending 14(c) certificates is just the beginning.

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The key to success in college is so simple it's almost never mentioned

By Jonathan Malesic

For Emily Zurek Small, college did what it's supposed to do. Growing up in a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania, she had career and intellectual ambitions for which college is the clearest pathway. “I just kind of always wanted to learn,” she told me recently. “I wanted to be able to have intelligent conversations with people and know about the world.”

She enrolled at a small nearby Catholic college, majored in neuroscience and in 2016 became the first person in her family to earn a bachelor's degree — and later, a master's. She now works as a school psychologist in Virginia.

I saw Ms. Zurek Small's education up close, in two theology classes I taught during my 11 years as a professor at the college she attended. She was a good student, but what struck me more than her ability was the fact that she cared. Being in class, asking questions and exploring ideas meant something to her.

One reason she cared was that she was paying her own way and was thus amply aware of her education's cost. “If I was not engaging, I was just throwing money out the window,” she said. That engagement helped her realize that her “thoughts and opinions matter.”

As universities in much of the country suffer declining enrollment, they need to make the broader case for going to college even as they debate how best to help students learn after Covid disruptions. How should universities carry out remote learning? How should they teach writing in the age of artificial intelligence? How difficult should it be to pass organic chemistry?

But there's an equally important question that only students can answer: What will they do to get the most out of college? It's their education, after all.

One of the most important factors in Ms. Zurek Small's success seems almost too obvious to mention but, in fact, deserves far more attention and discussion: a simple willingness to learn. In more than 20 years of college teaching, I have seen that students who are open to new knowledge will learn. Students who aren't won't. But this attitude is not fixed. The paradoxical union of intellectual humility and ambition is something that every student can (with help from teachers, counselors and parents) and should cultivate. It's what makes learning possible.

The willingness to learn is related to the growth mind-set — the belief that your abilities are not fixed but can improve. But there

is a key difference: This willingness is a belief not primarily about the self but about the world. It's a belief that every class offers something worthwhile, even if you don't know in advance what that something is.

Unfortunately, big economic and cultural obstacles stand in opposition to that belief.

The first obstacle is careerism. To an overwhelming degree, students today see college as job training, the avenue to a stable career. They are not wrong, given the 70 percent wage premium for 22- to 27-year-old workers with a bachelor's degree over those with only a high school diploma. But this orientation can close students off from learning things that don't obviously help their job prospects. Despite the fact that I taught at a religious college, students in my theology class grumbled about having to satisfy a requirement. Why, they asked, would they need to know theology as an accountant, athletic trainer or advertising manager?

The human mind, though, is capable of much more than a job will demand of it. Those “useless” classes like philosophy, literature, astronomy and music have much to teach.

I haven't had to solve a calculus problem in 25 years. But learning to do so expanded my brain in ways that can't simply be reduced to a checklist of job skills. Living in the world in this expanded way is a permanent gift.

The other big obstacle to the willingness to learn is the urge to present yourself as always already informed. The philosopher Jonathan Lear calls this attitude knowingness. He regards it as a sickness that stands in the way of gaining genuine knowledge. It is “as though there is too much anxiety involved in simply asking a question and waiting for the world to answer,” he writes.

Knowingness is everywhere in our culture. From a former president claiming “everybody knows” some conspiracist nonsense to podcasters smugly debunking cultural myths to your feeling you have to have read, heard and streamed everything, the posture of already knowing supersedes the need to approach new situations with curiosity.

Every semester during my years teaching theology, students would tell me on the first day of class that they knew they would get an A, because they'd already had 12 years of Catholic school. But often enough, they'd get a C. Their assumptions about the subject matter kept them from learning the more critical approach to the subject I was trying to teach.

Knowingness is a danger especially for talented students who have been rewarded for always having the right answer. At the University of Pennsylvania, undergraduates complain that student clubs expect prospective members to have extensive knowledge of the club's area of interest. As a first-year student, Adrian Rafizadeh, told the campus newspaper, “If I can't get into the clubs that will help educate me and foster that interest, then how do I even get started?”

Once, in a cafe near an elite liberal-arts college, I overheard a student lament to another, “I can't take a Russian history class. I don't know any Russian history!” Of course not. That's why you take the class.

Universities are factories of human knowledge. They're also monuments to individual ignorance. We know an incredible amount, but I know only a tiny bit. College puts students in classrooms with researchers who are acutely aware of all they don't know. Professors have a reputation for arrogance, but a humble awareness of the limits of knowledge is their first step toward discovering a little more.

To overcome careerism and knowingness and instill in students a desire to learn, schools and parents need to convince students (and perhaps themselves) that college has more to offer than job training. You're a worker for only part of your life; you're a human being, a creature with a powerful brain, throughout it.

In addition, adults need to show K-12 students that it's OK not to know something yet. School isn't a quiz show; the first person to say the right answer doesn't deserve the greatest reward. Rather, school should cultivate students' curiosity and let them feel the thrill of finding something out.

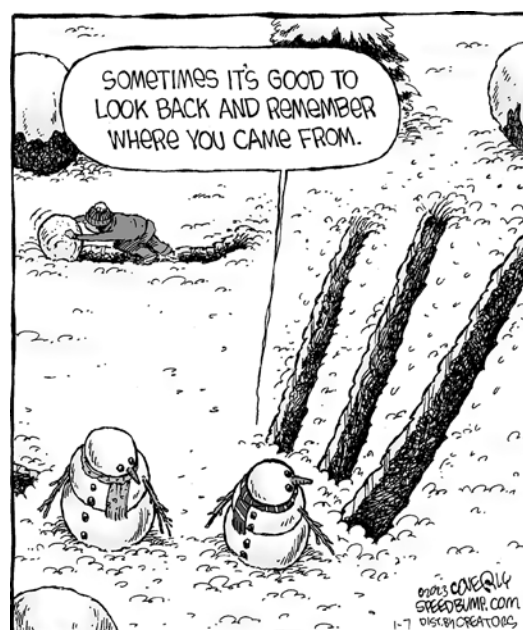
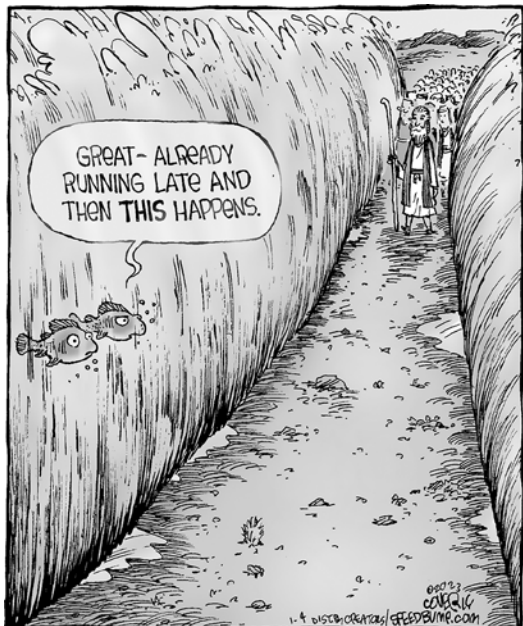
I would bet most teachers already share this outlook, but it's hard to encourage open-ended curiosity when schools are judged by standardized test scores, and it's hard to defeat narrow-minded careerism when the entire economy seemingly mandates it.

The career orientation and the culture of knowingness take for granted the outcomes of college — jobs, knowledge — and gloss over the means. But the means are everything: the books, teachers and fellow students who will change your life.

Emily Zurek Small compared graduating to “unlocking a door.” She is no longer a student, but, she said, “I am still exploring what's on the other side of that door.”

Jonathan Malesic teaches writing at the University of Texas at Dallas.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
 3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
 2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
 2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
 4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
 2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
 2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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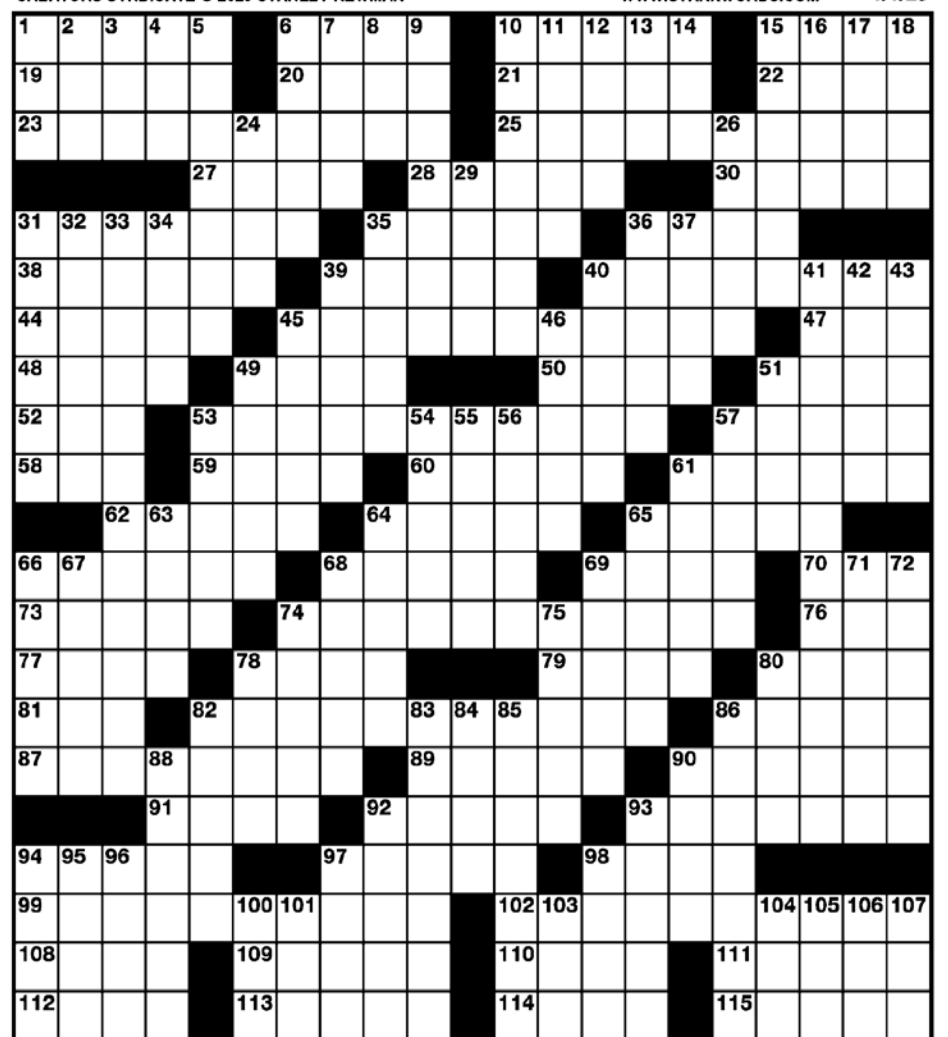
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RAD, 2012 DIVONNE DR, WALNUT, CA 91789 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: RACSO'S AUTO DETAIL, 20702 DIVONNE DR, WALNUT, CA 91789 (State of Incorporation/Organization: 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: OSCAR FLORES, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/20/22. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/15/2022. 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: 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080170.

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PRANA PLANNER, 107 BELMONT AVE APT 2 LONG BEACH, CA 90803 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: STEPHANIE SERRANO, 107 BELMONT AVE APT 2, 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: STEPHANIE SERRANO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/15/2022. 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: 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080174.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022270275
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. SCHIFFMAN WARNER PROPERTY, 2. SCHIFFMAN MADISON II PROPERTY, 9229 W. SUNSET BLVD., STE. 501, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: TODD I. SCHIFFMAN, 9229 W. SUNSET BLVD. STE. 501, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069. This business is conducted by: TRUST. 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: TODD I. SCHIFFMAN, TRUSTEE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 12/20/22. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/15/2022. 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: 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080186.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022270605
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BEACH, CA 90805 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DENISE RODRIGUEZ, 6542 LEWIS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. 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: DENISE RODRIGUEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/16/2022. 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: 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080466.

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LASHTEEZ, 23710 NADIR ST, WEST HILLS, CA 91304 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PROMED CONSULTING, INC., 23710 NADIR ST., WEST HILLS, CA 91304 (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: NANCY RYAN, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/20/22. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/16/2022. 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: 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080467.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022273624
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WATTS STORE #1, 10624 WILMINGTON AVE UNIT 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ABDUL MOHSEN HOSNY ELDESOUKY, 10624 WILMINGTON AVE UNIT 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. 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: ABDUL MOHSEN HOSNY ELDESOUKY, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/20/2022. 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: 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080875.

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NORWALK FLORIST BY PATTY'S PRETTY FLOWERS, 11947 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICIA ZAVALA, 11947 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/22
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/PATRICIA ZAVALA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 30, 2022
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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GALCON CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION, 14621 DALWOOD AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS (S): (1) RAMON GALLEGOS, 11468 MCLAREN ST, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) JOSUE GALLEGOS, 1919 PAULSEN, COMPTON CA- 90222 (3) JONATHAN GALLEGOS REYES, 14621 DALWOOD AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
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: 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/JONATHAN GALLEGOS REYES, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2022
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2022253850
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ACES HIGH, 11605 FIRESTONE BLVD 109, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRIS A RICARDO, 11605 FIRESTONE BLVD 109, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/CHRIS A RICARDO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 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

Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that SS Santa Fe Springs, LLC d/b/a Simply Self Storage at 13461 Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 will sell at public auction the personal property in the below-attached occupants' leased unit(s) to satisfy the owner's lien. The personal property stored therein by the following tenants may include but is not limited to general household, office and personal items, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The unit(s) will be sold at public auction through online auction services of www.storage treasures.com with bids opening at 10:00AM PT on January 17th, 2023 and closing at 10:00AM PT on January 24th, 2023. Bidding may close later than stated to allow all interested bidders to participate and to permit soft closing if needed. Unit 215455- Ana Barajas; Unit 2065- Sean Bond; Unit 108788- Grant W Bourdeaux; Unit 2112B- Deliah Dolly Caldera Barba; Unit 116566- Joseph Collins; Unit 2407- Nicholas Felder; Unit 3418- Mario Vinicio Gonzalez Chavez; Unit 1207- Steven Hernandez; Unit 2398- Ileana Javier; Unit 3105- Justin Martinez; Unit 3244- Richard Mulholland; Unit 3227- Anthony Nunez; Unit 1013- Anthony Ramos; Unit 2089- Leopoldo Romero; Unit 1059- Brandon Ruiz; Unit 2198- Elvinda Valladares Canteros

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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
01/24/2023 11:00am
- Felix Gomez Household items
- John Marquez Household items
- Lilian Washington Household items
- Mario Lara Household items
- Sonia Bustillos Household items
- Sylvia Cheney Household items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICES

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE (CONSUMER RECOVERY ACCOUNT CLAIM) REV 809 (REV 7/18) CONSUMER RECOVERY ACCOUNT UNIT

TO (print names of all Judgment Debtors): LAURA PRECIADO

NOTICE: Based upon a judgment or criminal restitution order entered against you in favor of (name of claimant) JOSE HERMAN HERNANDEZ-PENA; ELIZABETH SARON HERNANDEZ

application for payment from the Consumer Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund is being made to the Department of Real Estate.

If payment is made from the Consumer Recovery Account, all licenses and license rights that you have under the Real Estate Law will be automatically suspended on the date of payment and cannot be reinstated until the Consumer Recovery Account has been reimbursed for the amount paid plus interest at the prevailing rate.

If you wish to contest payment by the Real Estate Commissioner, you must file a written response to the application addressed to the Department of Real Estate at:

Department of Real Estate
Consumer Recovery Account Unit
P.O. Box 137007
Sacramento, CA 95813-7007

within 30 days after mailing, delivery, or filing of this notice, and mail or delivery of that response to the claimant. If you fail to do so, you have waived your right to present your objections to payment.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00478
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JAVIER MICHAEL PEREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JAVIER MICHAEL PEREZ TO Proposed name (1) JAVIER MICHAEL DEARMAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this

court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 30, 2023, 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 DECEMBER 16, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JAVIER MICHAEL PEREZ
5240 BURKE ST #37
PACIFIC PALMS CA 90660
952-340-2020
MICHAELPEREZ1149@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00491
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BABY EDEN AMORADO HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BABY EDEN AMORADO HERNANDEZ TO Proposed name (1) BABY EDEN HERNANDEZ YUMANG
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 15, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 DECEMBER 15, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner BABY EDEN AMORADO HERNANDEZ
132 SUNNYSBROOK LANE
MIRAD, CA 90638
(662) 686-9853
Beh.yden@outlook.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00485
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JULIO GUIHAMA BABASA IV filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JULIO GUIHAMA BABASA IV TO Proposed name (1) REN MIZUHARA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 8, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT DECEMBER 7, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JULIO GUIHAMA BABASA IV
13025 BLUEFIELD AVE
LA MIRADA, CA, 90638
(562) 349-4735
JBABASA@CSU.FULLERTON.EDU

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LARRY ALLEN COLE CASE NO. 22STPB12324

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LARRY ALLEN COLE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANNIE LEE COLE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANNIE LEE COLE 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: 01/27/23 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012-Stanley Mosk Courthouse
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 as 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: Genna Palecek

Hultgren, Esq., Palecek, Morrison & Associates, LLP., 12555 High Bluff Drive, Suite 320, San Diego, CA 92130. Telephone: 858.771.0776
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS Court File No.: 62-fa-22-1857 DISTRICT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT FAMILY COURT DIVISION Case Type: Third Party Custody STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RAMSEY

In the Custody of: LISANDRO MORALES AREVALO Born: July 17, 2005 ANA ADELFA AREVALO, Petitioner, Demandant and

MARIA MAGDALENA AREVALO CUBIAS And JOSE LISANDRO MORALES, Respondent, Demandado

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS: FERNANDO DE MINNEAPOTA ALDEMANDADOS NOMBRA DO ANTERIORMENTE:

The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit against you to ask for custody of the following minor child: LISANDRO MORALES AREVALO, born July 17, 2005 A copy of the Petition for Custody is served on you with this Summons.

El peticionario ha presentado una demanda en su contra para solicitar la custodia del menor mencionado en la lista. Lea detenidamente esta Citacion y la Peticion adjunta. Si no lo entiende, comuniquese con un abogado para obtener asesoramiento legal.

THIS SUMMONS is an official document that affects your rights, even if it does not have a court file number listed. Read this Summons and the attached Petition carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

Esta citacion es un documento oficial que afecta sus derechos, incluso si no tiene un numero de expediente judicial en la lista. Lea detenidamente esta Citacion y la Peticion adjunta. Si no lo entiende, comuniquese con un abogado para obtener asesoramiento legal.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Petitioner's attorney a response to the Petition which is served upon you within twenty-one (21) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of one day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

SE LE ORDENA SERVIR al abogado del demandante una respuesta a la peticion, por la cual tiene un plazo de veinteno (21) dias despues de recibir esta citacion, el dia de entregada. Si no responde a esta citacion judicial, se expone a una rebeldia de sentencia aceptando el alivio del demandante.

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 518.157 in a contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education program that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30 days after the first filing with the Court. In some districts, parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the district court administrator for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

AVISO DE REQUISITOS DEL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACION PARA PADRES

Segun los Estatutos de Minnesota, Seccion 518.157, en un procedimiento impugnado que involucre la custodia o el tiempo de crianza de un niño menor de edad, las partes deben comenzar a participar en un programa de educacion para padres que cumpla con los estándares mínimos promulgados por la Corte Suprema de Minnesota dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la primera presentacion ante el Corte. En algunos distritos, la educacion para padres puede ser necesaria en todos los procedimientos de custodia o crianza. Puede comunicarse con el administrador del tribunal de distrito para obtener informacion adicional sobre este requisito y la disponibilidad de programas de educacion para padres.

Date 12/09/2022 /s/ Kathleen Korniyenko

KATHLEEN KORIYENKO Attorney for Petitioner Lic. No. 0396563 3109 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis, MN 55408 612.913.4230 kathleen@casolaw.com CN992863 AREVALO Dec 30, 2022, Jan 6, 13, 2023

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-943439-SH Order No.: 220497465-CA-VOO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/5/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of

NEWS BRIEFS

Amazon laying off 18K workers

Amazon says it plans to lay off more than 18,000 employees as the global economic outlook continues to worsen.

Several teams will be affected, including the human resources department and Amazon Stores, according to a memo from CEO Andy Jassy shared with employees.

“Companies that last a long time go through different phases. They’re not in heavy people expansion mode every year,” he said.

Jassy had said in November that job cuts at the e-commerce giant would continue into early 2023. Multiple outlets reported in the fall that Amazon had planned to cut around 10,000 employees.

Amazon and other tech firms significantly ramped up hiring over the past couple of years as the pandemic shifted consumers’ habits toward e-commerce.

Now, many of these seemingly untouchable tech companies are experiencing whiplash and laying off thousands of workers as people return to pre-pandemic habits and macroeconomic conditions deteriorate.

Jassy, in his memo, said Amazon’s executives recently met to determine how to slim down the company and prioritize “what matters most to customers and the long-term health of our businesses.”

“This year’s review has been more difficult given the uncertain economy and that we’ve hired rapidly over the last several years,” he added.

The layoffs will help Amazon pursue long-term opportunities with a stronger cost structure, Jassy said. But he called the cuts a “difficult decision,” noting he is “deeply aware that these role eliminations are difficult for people, and we don’t take these decisions lightly or underestimate how much they might affect the lives of those who are impacted.”

The company will start informing affected staff from January 18, he added.

Amazon’s business initially boomed during the pandemic, as consumers relied on online shopping for just about everything.

This year, however, the company is confronting a shift back to in-person shopping as well as surging inflation that has sharply reduced consumers’ demand.

In October, Amazon disappointed Wall Street with a holiday season forecast that woefully missed analysts’ expectations. The company’s stock fell about 50% last year.

Like Jassy, a number of other tech founders and CEOs have since admitted they failed to accurately gauge pandemic demand.

Facebook parent Meta recently

announced 11,000 job cuts, the largest in the company’s history. Twitter also announced widespread job cuts after Elon Musk bought the company for \$44 billion.

Salesforce this week said it would cut 10% of its staff.

Bed Bath & Beyond says it may not survive

Bed Bath & Beyond issued a grim message about its future Thursday, warning that a bankruptcy filing is a possible outcome for the company.

There is “substantial doubt about the company’s ability to continue” because of its worsening financial situation, the home goods chain said in a regulatory filing Thursday.

The company added that it is exploring strategic alternatives, including restructuring its debt, seeking additional cash, selling assets and filing for bankruptcy.

Bed Bath & Beyond’s stock plunged more than 20% during early trading Thursday. It dipped below \$2 a share, an all-time low.

“Bed Bath & Beyond is too far gone to be saved in its present form,” Neil Saunders, an analyst at GlobalData Retail, said in a note to clients Thursday. “All of this points to bankruptcy as being the most likely outcome.”

The company’s announcement marked the latest sign of trouble at one of the most popular retailers in America for decades. Founded in 1971, Bed Bath & Beyond became a staple for affordable home decor, kitchenware and college dorm room furniture.

The retailer became known for its ubiquitous 20% off blue coupons and cavernous stores with merchandise stacked high to the ceilings. Brands coveted a spot on Bed Bath & Beyond shelves.

But the company struggled to make the transition to online shopping and fend off larger chains such as Walmart and Target. Many shoppers switched to those competitors as the novelty of Bed Bath & Beyond’s coupons faded – consumers can find plenty of cheaper alternatives on Amazon and other online sites.

The company also was hit hard during the pandemic, closing stores temporarily during 2020 while rivals remained open. The company lost 17% of its sales in 2020 and 14% in 2021.

Bed Bath & Beyond has rotated through several different executives and turnaround strategies in recent years, including former Target executive Mark Tritton, who left the company last year after less than three years as CEO.

As of February 2022, Bed Bath & Beyond had 950 stores and

32,000 workers. The company also owns children’s retailer Buy Buy Baby.

The chain said in August that it will lay off approximately 20% of corporate employees, close around 150 stores and slash several of its in-house home goods’ brands.

Bed Bath & Beyond said Thursday that net sales for the company’s latest quarter, which included Black Friday, dropped 33% to \$1.25 billion from the same time a year ago. Its losses grew 40% to \$385 million from a year ago.

On Thursday, CEO Sue Grove said “we have a clear vision for the future of the company” and asked for patience.

“Transforming an organization of our size and scale requires time, and we anticipate that each coming quarter will build on our progress,” she said.

Infections rise under new Covid strain

Health experts voiced concern Wednesday over the rapid growth of the new Omicron sublineage XBB.1.5, advising the public to stay informed but not alarmed as they work to learn more.

Over the month of December, the percentage of new Covid-19 infections in the United States caused by XBB.1.5 rose from an estimated 4% to 41%.

“That’s a stunning increase,” Dr. Ashish Jha, the White House Covid-19 response coordinator, wrote in a Twitter thread.

Officials at the World Health Organization shared similar thoughts Wednesday.

“We are concerned about its growth advantage,” said Maria Van Kerkhove, an epidemiologist who is the WHO’s technical lead on Covid-19.

Van Kerkhove noted that XBB.1.5, which was first detected in the United States, has spread to at least 29 countries and “is the most transmissible form of Omicron to date.”

“We do expect further waves of infection around the world, but that doesn’t have to translate into further waves of death because our countermeasures continue to work,” she said.

Jha noted that effective tools to avoid severe Covid-19 infections include rapid tests, high-quality masks, ventilation and filtration of indoor air, oral antiviral pills and updated vaccines.

“We will soon have more data on how well vaccines neutralize XBB.1.5,” Jha said, suggesting that research to determine vaccine effectiveness against the new sublineage is underway.

Jha said XBB.1.5 is probably more able to slip past our immune defenses and may be more contagious. But he said it’s still not clear whether it causes more severe disease, something that was also stressed by Van Kerkhove.

She said WHO is working on a risk assessment for this sublineage and hopes to publish it within the next few days. The group’s technical advisers are looking at both real-world data on hospitalizations and lab studies to assess severity.

Jha said that although he is concerned about XBB.1.5, he doesn’t think it represents a huge setback in the fight against Covid-19.

“And if we all do our part,” he wrote, “We can reduce the impact it will have on our lives.”

Man charged with driving Tesla off cliff

A 42-year-old Pasadena man has been arrested for allegedly intentionally driving a Tesla approximately 250-300 feet down a cliff off Highway 1 in Northern California on Monday with three other people inside the vehicle, including two children, authorities said.

The three victims all survived the crash in what a local fire chief called “an absolute miracle.”

Dharmesh A. Patel has been placed under arrest for attempted

murder and child abuse, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Officers with the CHP’s San Francisco area office were dispatched to a call of a vehicle over the cliff side on SR-1, just south of the Tom Lantos tunnels in unincorporated San Mateo County, at about 10:50 a.m. Monday. Emergency personnel repelled down to the vehicle and found four occupants – a 41-year-old woman, a 7-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy. They were all taken to a hospital with serious injuries.

“CHP investigators worked throughout the night interviewing witnesses and gathering evidence from the scene,” the agency said in a news release. “Based on the evidence collected, investigators developed probable cause to believe this incident was an intentional act. ... There has been no determination as to what driving mode the Tesla was in; however, that does not appear to be a contributing factor in this incident,” the statement continued.

Patel was being treated for his injuries at Stanford Hospital and will be booked into San Mateo County Jail upon his release from the hospital, the CHP added.

Brian Pottenger, a battalion chief for Coastside Fire Protection District/Cal Fire, said he was amazed that the occupants survived the crash.

“We go there all the time for cars over the cliff and they never live,” Pottenger said, the Los Angeles Times reported. “This was an absolute miracle.”

According to multiple medical websites, Patel is a radiologist at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills. ABC7 reported that the medical center released the following statement Tuesday:

“Providence Holy Cross Medical Center is deeply saddened to learn of a traffic incident involving one of our physicians and his family. We are extremely grateful there were no serious injuries. We will not respond further, as this incident is under investigation.”

Any witnesses to the crash were asked to contact the CHP’s San Francisco area office at 415-557-1094.

Police dispatcher sues former chief

An Irwindale police dispatcher is suing the city and a former police chief, alleging the chief sexually harassed the married woman even after she told him she wanted to end the intimate relationship they had that was initially consensual.

Mariela Isabel Avila’s Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit against the city and ex-chief Ty Henshaw alleges sexual harassment, gender discrimination and harassment, failure to prevent discrimination, harassment or retaliation, hostile work environment and negligent hiring, supervision or retention.

Avila, the wife of Irwindale police Sgt. Robert Avila, seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages in the suit brought on Tuesday.

Henshaw’s attorney, Bradley Gage, issued a statement on Wednesday regarding the suit.

“The chief denies the allegations in the lawsuit,” Gage said. “He denies pursuing her relentlessly or otherwise. We look forward to putting the accuser under oath, where she will have to explain her actions. In the end, we expect complete vindication for Chief Henshaw.”

Avila was hired at age 19 as a part-time police cadet for the IPD and the next year continued her career there as a 911 police dispatcher, a role she has maintained for 15 years, the suit states. She currently is the secretary for the Irwindale Police Association Board of Directors, the suit states.

Avila was introduced to Defendant Henshaw sometime in 2014 when he was hired as a captain and that same year he told Avila that she could not work the same shift as her husband even though they had done so since 2007, the suit states.

Henshaw began flirting with Avila in 2017, their relationship grew and they were intimate for the first time at a Monrovia hotel in 2018, the suit states.

The pair continued to have an

occasional sexual relationship for the next year, but Avila ended it in May 2019 by texting her decision to Henshaw, who begged her not to break up with him, the suit states.

“Despite plaintiff’s request ... Henshaw ... continued to text her every day both while she was at home and at work,” according to the suit, which further states that the ex-chief “continued to pursue, harass, and retaliate against plaintiff over the next several years.”

After Avila informed Henshaw that she and her husband had begun living at a new home, Henshaw texted her “congratulations” with an eyeroll emoji, according to the suit.

“Throughout the next several months the emotional trauma from her relationship with ... Henshaw began taking a significant toll on plaintiff’s mental health,” the suit states.

During the December 2019 annual Christmas party, Henshaw brushed against Avila in an inappropriate way while her husband was in an adjacent room, the suit states.

“This made plaintiff feel extremely vulnerable and uncomfortable because the bar was full of colleagues from work, city dignitaries and several members of her family were in the next room,” the suit states. “Plaintiff was worried that someone would see what was happening, so she took her drink and quickly left the bar area.”

During the pandemic period in May 2020, Henshaw called Avila twice and disparaged her husband, the suit states.

In July 2021, Avila resigned from her job as a communications training officer, a decision she says she would not have made had she not been harassed for refusing Henshaw’s alleged sexual invitations.

Avila, who later was excluded from staff meetings by the chief beginning last May, believes she has been targeted, sexually harassed and battered, discriminated against and retaliated against by Henshaw, according to the suit.

“In effect, plaintiff’s work performance, salary and feelings of safety as a woman have been compromised,” according to the suit.

Henshaw retired from the IPD in July.

Black LAPD officer sues city

A Black Los Angeles police officer who works in the department’s Media Relations Division and alleges in a lawsuit against the city that the unit director referred to him and a Black colleague as “boys” is entitled to background information on the officers promoted ahead of him, his attorneys argue in new court papers.

LAPD Officer Raymond Brown alleges in his Los Angeles Superior Court whistleblower suit that he was denied advancements for complaining about discrimination and harassment.

“(Brown) expects (the city) to contend that it selected the other officers over plaintiff because they were more qualified than plaintiff for the positions,” Brown’s attorneys state in court papers brought Tuesday. “In this motion, plaintiff seeks documents relied upon in the selection process to prove that defendant’s proffered reasons for selecting the other officers are pretextual.”

In the motion scheduled to be heard Jan. 27 by Judge Theresa M. Traber, Brown’s lawyers seek, among other things, all documents relied upon by the department in rejecting Brown for the promotions and selecting the other candidates instead.

Brown was hired by the LAPD in 2005 and in 2015 was assigned to the online unit in the Media Relations Division, according to his complaint filed in May 2020.

Brown alleges that in late 2017, Josh Rubenstein -- who as commanding officer of the LAPD’s Public Communications Group oversees the sworn and civilian staff of the Media Relations Division -- asked Brown and another Black officer, “How are you boys?” and repeated the greeting to the pair within a week.

The term “boy” has historically been used to degrade and dehumanize Black men, so the two officers asked Rubenstein not to address them that way again, according to the suit, which alleges Rubenstein “dismissively” responded that he would be mindful of their request, then left “visibly angry.”

Days later, Rubenstein addressed Brown and the other Black officer as “boys” yet again, but this time in “a snide and mocking tone of voice,” the suit alleges.

Within a week, Rubenstein made the remark for a fourth time and was overheard by Capt. Patricia Sandoval, who apologized to Brown and the other Black officer and told them that she informed Rubenstein it was “not cool” to address them in such a manner, the suit alleges.

The suit alleges that both Sandoval and Rubenstein, who are not defendants in the suit, subsequently became “cold and dismissive” toward the two Black officers and that both made statements indicating they would not advance within the unit and should transfer.

In October 2018, Brown applied for two promotions within the unit, and although he was the most qualified for both jobs, Rubenstein and Sandoval picked other candidates, according to the plaintiff’s court papers.

In April 2019, the supervisor for both Black officers, Sgt. Frank Preciado, sued the city for alleged race discrimination, race harassment and retaliation. Preciado alleged he experienced retaliation after he complained about being banned from speaking Spanish.

Brown and the other Black officer both complained to Preciado about allegedly being addressed by Rubenstein as “boys” and the sergeant then told Sandoval, Brown’s suit alleges.

Brown, who was again denied a promotion in July 2019, believes he did not get the job because management in Media Relations believed he would testify on behalf of Preciado in the sergeant’s lawsuit, according to his lawsuit.

Brown has lost income, overtime, pension and other privileges and benefits, as well as suffered damage to his reputation and to his ability to obtain promotions due to the LAPD’s alleged retaliation, according to the suit, which is set for trial Aug. 29, 2023.

Ticketmaster lawsuit assigned judge

A judge has put a temporary stay on a lawsuit brought by hundreds of Taylor Swift fans who allege that Ticketmaster and its parent company, Live Nation, committed fraud in its Eras Tour ticket pre-sale.

The Wednesday ruling by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David S. Cunningham III is an interim order that will expire when an initial hearing takes place before Judge Lawrence P. Riff, who Cunningham assigned to hear the case after determining it to be complex in nature.

The date of the first hearing is not yet set.

An amended complaint filed Dec. 14 brings the total number of plaintiffs to about 255, compared to about 50 in the original suit brought Dec. 5.

The amended suit alleges the ticketing platform monopolizes primary and secondary markets and engages in price discrimination and price fixing.

“Ticketmaster breached the contract by failing to actually provide the proper pre-sale it promised,” according to the revised complaint, which seeks \$2,500 for every violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law, a statute that prohibits false advertising and illegal business practices.

The various problems with the pre-sale “led to the disaster that was the Taylor Swift The Eras tour ticket sale,” the suit states. “Ticketmaster was responsible for addressing every issue.

Ticketmaster either intended for this to happen from the beginning or knew these issues were present, yet Ticketmaster intentionally made no mention of this and hid information from buyers, including plaintiffs.”

Ticketmaster has not yet filed court papers in response to the suit.

The United States Department of Justice has also taken interest in Ticketmaster’s alleged anticompetitive behavior.

In November, The New York Times reported that an antitrust investigation had been opened, and “is focused on whether Live Nation Entertainment has abused its power over the multibillion-dollar live music industry.”

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