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Biola, Azuza Pacific water polo match pits sisters against sisters

■ Coaches Sarah Orozco (Biola), Priscilla Orozco (APU); Players Samantha Rainey (Biola), Shyanne Rainey (APU) face each other one time at CBU tourney.

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Contributor

LA MIRADA — The sport of water polo can sometimes be a family affair.

Saturday, Jan. 28, at Cal Baptist University in Riverside in the Annual Joust Tournament, two families came together for one afternoon.

Two sets of sisters were on both sides of the pool in a very evenly played game.

What made it all happen was the hiring last summer of Biola Women's Water Polo coach, Sarah Orozco's sister, Priscilla Gomez (Orozco) at rival Azusa Pacific University to head up the women's water polo program.

Already in place was the other set of sisters, Samantha and Shyanne Rainey, who were already on the two rosters.

Samantha Rainey is a second-year goalie for Biola and twin sister, Shyanne, is in her fourth season with the Cougars.

Sarah Orozco is in her second year as coach of the Eagles and faced her sister, Priscilla, for the first time in their competitive lives.

Both Orozco sisters come into the two programs with great credentials.

Sarah and Priscilla both played at UCLA and won NCAA Championships in 2008, '09.

Priscilla had coached the Montebello Girls Water Polo team for the last six years and led her team to the CIF playoffs in five of those years.

Only one time previous to Saturday's rival game, the two sisters were on the opposite sides of the pool deck, but not as coaches.

Priscilla Orozco was an assistant at the very site of Saturday's game as an assistant coach for CBU and Sarah Orozco was a senior for the Bruins.

But this particular Saturday they were both NCAA DII Women's Water Polo coaches facing each other.

"It's exciting," Sarah Orozco (Ramirez) said. "It's a classic rivalry — APU and Biola — with our faith schools. It's pretty awesome with our faith and our teams and playing water polo."

"We both are laser focused in, so we worry about how our girls can do their best and we translate our energy and our knowledge of the sport to the teams. We both looked good (Friday)."

"It's exhilarating (seeing Priscilla). You're coaching now and once was a player and now there's all this kind of attention on you with the responsibility, but it's exciting."

"I'm competitively more excited because it's the last time we get to play (APU) this season."

Before the game, they were taking in the moment talking alongside the pool while their respective teams readied themselves for the game.

Just two sisters talking about the sport they love and their families before the Cornerstone Cup game began.

Said Priscilla: "That's our competitive nature. We always want to get that win. For me, it's that healthy competition and as long as both teams are giving it their best effort that's what we're here for."

"This is how we feel about it. We're just happy to get this opportunity to be within actual family and compete at this level. It's a unique experience. We've never coached against each other."



Biola head coach Sarah Orozco, left, and goalie Samantha Rainey, left, center, and her twin sister, APU player Shyanne Rainey, left, center, and APU Head coach Priscilla Gomez, right, and Orozco's sister, after their women's water polo tournament game at Cal Baptist University on Saturday. Biola defeated APU 10-9. (Photo by Keith Durlfinger)

It'll be fun. It makes me feel, as a newcomer, comfortable just to know there's other women around that have already gone through the experience and have that advice and there's a place for myself."

An additional wrinkle into this family affair with the two programs is, who will get their baby sister into their program.

Younger sister, Salma Orozco, is a senior at Montebello High School playing water polo and will have to choose a college for next year. Could it be Biola? or will it be APU?

The recruiting is getting intense.

"Our little sister is trying to come to either school," Sarah Orozco said. "So, she's in the middle of making her decision. Family is really important to us, so we'll see."

Priscilla, like most sisters, finished Sarah's comments about their sister and her aspirations for college.

"Her main focus wasn't just water polo like ours," Priscilla said. "Her main focus is going to a faith school," Sarah added.

That, evidently, narrows it down to Biola and APU. "We happen to be both (faith schools) and playing water polo is a little bit secondary, but we'll see."

As for the Rainey twins, they faced each other only once last season in a non-conference game.

Talking to Biola goalie Samantha Rainey before the game, she pointed out that her sister, Shyanne, didn't score on her in their 2022 game. Shyanne did take four shots.

"One of the shots she took was a back hand that sailed over the goal," pointed out, Samantha Rainey.

As for the sister connection to the sport, Shyanne said, "I think it's fun, because it shows that water polo is a family sport, and it is a close-knit family. It's super cool to see it come out in sports."

"They (Sarah and Priscilla) played together in college and now they're competing against each other in college in sort of a way as head coaches. That's also neat to see that at the pool and be able to coach a sport that they both love."

Biola scores buzzer beater over APU, 10-9

As for the game itself, it couldn't have been more even with a 10-9 win for Biola over Azusa Pacific.

With the game tied, 9-9, Biola had the ball last and with one second left, junior utility Maria Roldan Gonzalez (2 G) swam the ball down and lobbed a long shot into the top right corner for the buzzer beater.

"I'm just so happy that my team got to win," said an excited, Roldan Gonzalez. "That's all we wanted for (Saturday)."

Leading, 9-8, with 2:52 left in the game, APU's Maritza Ochoa tied the game, 9-9, to set up the dramatic finish.

Leading the team was Biola junior attacker Kourtney Pyle with three goals.

Ochoa led the Cougars also with three goals.

Two Biola players had two goals apiece — Rachel Spadt and Lizzy Birch.

"It's always good to win, especially against APU," Spadt said. "But because they are Biola's rival, I wouldn't say that they are our women's water polo rival, because we love those girls. But a win is a win and as a school it's always good to beat APU."

Madeline Schultz scored two goals for the Cougars.

APU took the 2-1 lead after one period, but the Eagles and both teams offenses opened up in the second period.

In the first minute and a half, Biola scored three goals behind Pyle, Birch and Veralie Naranjo to take a 4-2 lead.

APU came storming back with three of its own goals to regain the lead, 5-4.

With 17 seconds left in the first half, Birch tied the game, 5-5.

The teams nearly alternated scoring the rest of the way, leading up to the big finish by the eagles.

Two highlights in the game, was a big stop by Biola goalie Samantha Rainey of her sister Shyanne early in the third period. However, just less than two minutes later it was Shyanne's turn to score her first goal on her sister Samantha in their two official non-conference games played.

"It was fun," said Shyanne, of

her goal. "Samantha played a great second half. You can feel once she went into the cage, the team was right behind her and trusted her. She blocked my first one with a great block and on my goal my teammate passed it to me and I knew right when I had it I looked at Samantha, she looked at me, I looked away and she followed my eyes and I shot it into the top corner."

Samantha smiled and said of her sisters' goal, "I fell into her trap. I really did. I fell into the trap of Shyanne Rainey."

As for the stuff of her sister Shyanne, Samantha answered, "I can't believe I smiled at her when I did that."

Priscilla and Sarah summed up the tightly played game and their first time facing each other on the pool deck as coaches in a non-conference game.

"We definitely wanted to try different strategies and wanted to see what would work," Priscilla said. "Yeah, I think it was good competition for both teams."

"It was a unique and special experience. There was no hostility and even the refs were excited for this game. They had seen us play since we were young."

Sarah added, "I've actually seen two buzzer beaters before. We just wanted to get the win over APU. It feels normal. Me and her (Priscilla), we've played together in the water and we read our every move. Our energy as players has been translated as coaches, which gives you a good game."

What they said:

Debora Rainey, Samantha and Shyanne's mom: "It's been unique the whole season. It kind of brings everybody together a little bit as a family. We were in Arizona last week and Sarah and Priscilla's mom was there. It was kind of a family thing it seems like."

They are both strong in their positions, so we (husband Sam)



Biola's Samantha Rainey high-fives her sister, APU's Shyanne Rainey, left. (Photo by Keith Durlfinger)

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 74°

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All Weekend

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After a whirlwind summer romance, leather-clad greaser Danny and girl-next-door Sandy are unexpectedly reunited when she transfers to Rydell High for senior year. But can they survive the trials and tribulations of teenage life and find true love?

ON THIS DAY

1468: German craftsman, inventor, and printer Johannes Gutenberg, whose printing press was considered a history-changing invention, died in Mainz.

1690: Massachusetts issued the first paper money in the American colonies.

1811: Newspaper editor Horace Greeley, known as one of the most persuasive antislavery voices in the antebellum North, was born in Amherst, New Hampshire.

1865: In a personal meeting with Confederate representatives, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln offered pardons in exchange for the South quitting the Civil War, with reunion as a precondition of peace—an offer that was rejected.

1870: The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of race and intending to ensure, with the Fourteenth Amendment, the civil rights of former slaves.

1913: The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, granting Congress the authority to levy income taxes, was ratified.

1917: Not yet involved in World War I, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany after the Germans announced their intention to practice unrestricted submarine warfare.

1959: Rock and roll musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and "The Big Bopper" J. P. Richardson were all killed in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, in a tragedy dubbed "The Day the Music Died."

1995: American astronaut Eileen Collins became the first woman to pilot a space shuttle, the Discovery.

Birthdays

Soap opera star **Morgan Fairchild** (73), stage actor **Nathan Lane** (67), retired Lakers center **Vlade Divac** (55), sci-fi actor **Warwick Davis** (53) film actress **Isla Fisher** (47), reggaeton singer **Daddy Yankee** (46), attorney and activist **Amal Clooney** (45) and hip-hop singer **Sean Kingston** (33).

Lakeland Elementary breaks ground on renovation projects

NORWALK – The Little Lake City School District broke ground at the construction sites of two playgrounds at Lakeland Elementary School in Norwalk on Jan. 25.

Little Lake City School District has been undergoing various campus updates and upgrades, with more to come throughout the year, thanks to the passage of Measure LL. The bond measure was passed last June and the district is already making progress.

Campus updates and upgrades include concrete and asphalt replacement, painting murals, shade shelters, new playground equipment, window replacements, security fencing, new roofs, and a room remodel.

“The Board of Education is continuously looking for ways to improve the lives of our students, teachers, and staff,” said Board President Manuel Cantu. “Thanks to the support of our community, we are making monumental improvements that positively affect our students and future generations to come. We are very excited and looking forward over the next few years to see the transformation of improvements for all of our schools.”

Superintendent Dr. Crean, Board President Manuel Cantu, Board Vice President Gina Ramirez, Board Members Hilda Zamora, and Jasmine Sanchez visited Lakeland Elementary School for the groundbreaking of two playground sites. Also in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Liz Seymour, former Board Member Gabriel Jimenez, Director of Maintenance and Operations Brent Griffen, and Project Manager Jaime Velasquez.

“We’re excited to see the incredible improvements being made throughout the District,” said Superintendent Dr. William Crean. “Crews are making quick progress as current Lakeland students are also benefiting from a new shade structure that is being enjoyed as the weather begins to warm.”



Superintendent Dr. Crean, Board President Manuel Cantu, Board Vice President Gina Ramirez, Board Members Hilda Zamora, and Jasmine Sanchez at playground construction site.

City Council calls special Saturday meeting

NORWALK – The Norwalk City Council will meet in a special session this Saturday, Feb. 4, to discuss its goals and priorities for the upcoming year.

The council will also discuss implementation of its updated strategic action plan.

The meeting begins at 8:30 am in U.S. Constitution Room #4 at Norwalk City Hall. It is open to the public.

Chamber announces key dates

NORWALK – The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce has announced the dates for two of its premier annual events.

Its nine-hole golf tournament is slated for March 30. Its awards and installation ceremony is set for June 14.

More details about both events will be released in the coming months.

Cerritos prevails in Norwalk truck route case

NORWALK – A trial court has ruled in favor of the City of Cerritos in a case brought by the City of Norwalk last October.

The case was a public nuisance action brought by Norwalk against Cerritos based on increased truck traffic originating from a distribution center in a neighboring city, and the limitations imposed on commercial and heavy weight trucks on local Cerritos streets.

Cerritos filed a demurrer to Norwalk’s complaint, to dismiss the entire lawsuit.

“The City of Cerritos is very pleased that the trial court heard the matter this week and ruled in favor of Cerritos,” Cerritos Mayor Chuong Vo said in a statement.

The main argument and ruling of the court was summarized as follows:

“[Cerritos] has the better argument here. By the explicit terms of the [Cerritos] ordinance, [Cerritos] has implemented a vehicle weight restriction ... on various streets pursuant to Vehicle Code section 35701, subdivision (a)... (Although [Cerritos] has not acted pursuant to any part of section 21101, the analysis would be the same.) It is undisputed that the vehicle weight restrictions have only been implemented on roads within the City of Cerritos, which means that Vehicle Code section 35702 [relied upon by Norwalk] is not implicated.... Even if the vehicle weight restrictions have a regional impact, the restrictions are allowed by the express permission of the [state]. The law allows these restrictions.”

The court did not allow Norwalk to amend its complaint, thereby ruling completely in Cerritos’ favor.

Paul Anka singing hits in Cerritos

CERRITOS – Legendary singer Paul Anka will perform his catalog of hits at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Friday, Feb. 3.

Anka, 81, became a teenage heartthrob in the 1950s. He is perhaps best known for the songs “Put Your Head on My Shoulder” and “My Way.”

Billboard named Anka one of the most successful musicians in history, a list that also includes Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Tickets to see Anka in Cerritos start at \$100.

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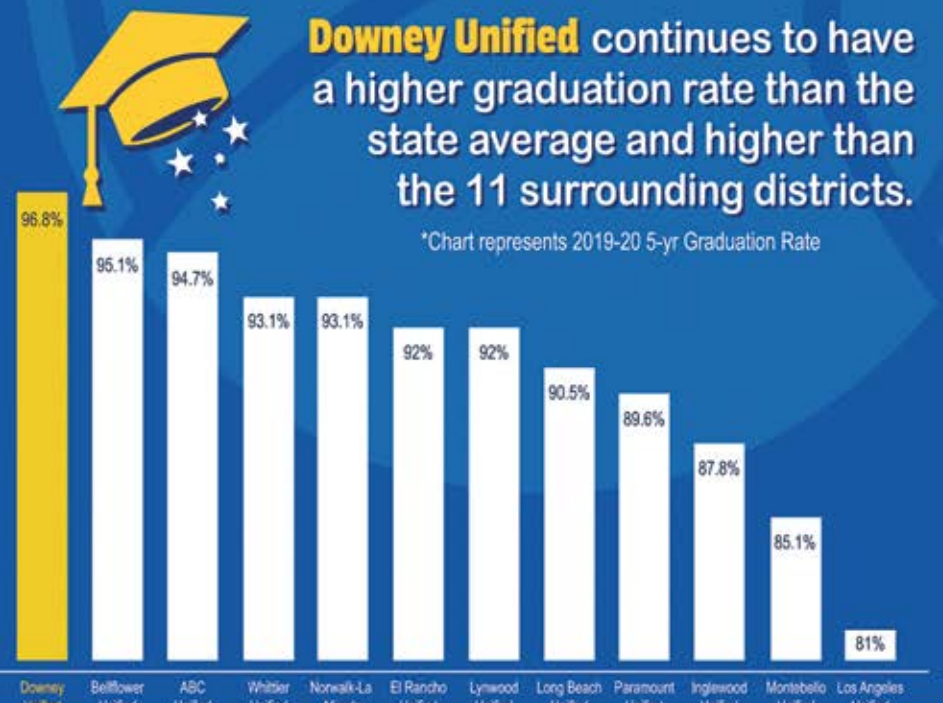
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DeSantis is wrong about Black studies

By Mark Whitaker

Mark Whitaker is a journalist and the author of “Saying It Loud: 1966 — The Year Black Power Challenged the Civil Rights Movement,” which will be published on Feb. 7.

In the latest salvo in his war on “wokeness,” Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced support for a statewide ban on a new Advanced Placement class on African American studies that will be officially unveiled this week at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. In defending the ban, DeSantis (R) and his allies at Florida’s Department of Education relied on a draft framework for the curriculum, and cherry-picked from roughly a hundred proposed topics to object to a handful of buzzwords, including “reparations” and “intersectionality,” as well as Black feminism and Black queer activism. “We want education, not indoctrination,” DeSantis declared.

DeSantis’s attack on this new high school curriculum is an extension of a bill he signed into state law last year called the Stop Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees Act. This provocatively entitled “Stop WOKE” Act prohibits Florida schools from teaching history in any way that generalizes about what members of one racial group have done to members of another racial group in the past. “No one should be instructed to feel as if they are not equal or shamed because of their race,” DeSantis said at that signing, turning language that once might have applied to minorities on its head to signal to today’s White students and their parents that they shouldn’t be made to feel bad about anything their ancestors did to Black people.

Although DeSantis and his allies have insisted that they are not against teaching “the history of African Americans,” their rhetoric suggests that they are hostile to the idea of treating Black studies as a separate field of study, and that they believe it serves only to turn impressionable young people of different backgrounds against one another. “These dangerous concepts seek to divide Americans, rather than unite them,” said Richard Corcoran, Florida’s commissioner of education, when the Stop WOKE Act was passed.

Yet, as I discovered in reporting a book about the pivotal year in Black history that was 1966, when the push for Black studies began at what is now San Francisco State University, the original advocates of this idea had something very different in mind. At the time, their focus was on encouraging Black people themselves to understand and celebrate their role in the American story — and thus to feel a greater stake in American citizenry at a time of intense racial turmoil. If the AP curriculum that has grown out of that movement seems more designed to tell that story than to reassure White students, that’s no accident. But teenagers of all races can benefit from the wider understanding of our history that Black studies have helped foster.

In addition to the dawn of Black studies, 1966 saw an extraordinary flowering of “Black consciousness” on other fronts. Firebrand Stokely Carmichael displaced future congressman John Lewis as chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and popularized the slogan “Black Power!” Huey

Newton and Bobby Seale formed the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in Oakland, Calif., with its trademark berets and leather jackets. Afros and dashikis sprouted, and the first Kwanzaa was celebrated.

But, at a deeper level, the Black Power movement was just the latest manifestation of a “nationalist” strain in African American history that stretched back for more than a century, to the days of Marcus Garvey and before. The key difference was that Garvey and previous nationalist leaders believed that the only answer to the miserable condition of Black people in America was to seek a separate homeland elsewhere. By contrast, the Black Power generation embraced the idea of a new culture that would allow Black people to feel a greater sense of pride and heritage while staying put in the United States.

Malcolm X, who remained a hero to Black Power leaders even after his assassination in 1965, was the foremost proponent of this philosophy. Born Malcolm Little, he was the son of Garvey followers who traveled the country during his early childhood spreading the idea of a Black exodus to a new home in Africa or the Caribbean. But Malcolm himself came to believe that nationalism was a psychological, not a geographical, condition.

After Malcolm was killed, the Black Beat poet LeRoi Jones moved from Greenwich Village to Harlem, founded the Black Arts Movement, changed his name to Amiri Baraka, and was then invited to San Francisco to help pioneer that first Black studies curriculum. In an influential essay, Baraka credited Malcolm with the idea that no matter where they were, “Black People are a race, a culture, a Nation ... Our land is where we live.”

In the winter of 1966, a Black Texas native named Jimmy Garrett enrolled in what was then San Francisco State College. Already 23, Garrett had been a Freedom Rider and a fundraiser for SNCC in Los Angeles, where he sought support from Hollywood liberals such as Jane Fonda, Marlon Brando and Elizabeth Taylor. Now, he was determined to win a bet with a fellow SNCC organizer that he could form a Black student union on a predominantly White campus. When he circulated a manifesto entitled “Justification for Black Studies,” Garrett recalled, it was at first a bid to foster “collective consciousness” among a tiny Black student population that at the time was balkanized between jocks, wonks, and fraternity and sorority types.

With the rise of Black Power in 1966 also came a White political backlash that helped elect Ronald Reagan governor of California and propelled a rightward swing in midterm voting that set the stage for Richard M. Nixon’s presidential run two years later. As that backlash grew uglier, Eugene Genovese, a well-known White scholar of American slavery, predicted that the study of Black history would provide a refuge for Black people on campus who might otherwise turn to violence, answering calls to armed revolution from the likes of Eldridge Cleaver of the Black Panthers. “We may expect to arrive, therefore, at a new view of Afro-American history, whatever the political outcome of the present turmoil,” Genovese wrote in a prominent academic journal.

citizenship requirement for the presidency. If the amendment passed, Henry Kissinger and Arnold Schwarzenegger could run for president.

The 29th Amendment would allow for legislative vetoes of executive and regulatory actions. All three teams shared concerns about an imperial presidency and a runaway administrative state, typically a conservative and libertarian bugaboo. And they all found a solution in resurrecting the legislative veto, which allows Congress to negate executive actions by majority vote. Congress exercised this power from 1932 until the Supreme Court struck it down in 1983, a decision that the delegates’ amendment would overrule.

The 30th Amendment would seek to avoid partisan impeachments while making it easier to remove dangerous presidents. It would reform the presidential impeachment process by replacing “Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors” as cause for impeachment with “serious criminal acts, or for serious abuse of the public trust.” In other words, not all crimes would be impeachable and not all impeachable conduct would be criminal. And while the current Constitution requires a majority of the House to impeach and two-thirds of the Senate to convict, the amendment would change both thresholds to three-fifths, making it harder to impeach but easier to convict.

The 31st Amendment would set 18-year term limits for Supreme Court justices, with staggered terms allowing for a vacancy every two years. Thus each president would get to appoint two Supreme Court justices per four-year term, regularizing and de-politicizing the Supreme Court confirmation process. It would also require the Senate to vote on all nominees. (In other words, no ignoring Merrick Garland.) If a sitting justice died or left the court, the president would nominate a successor to fill out the end of that term.

The 32nd Amendment would make proposing and ratifying

A half-century later, most states have accepted the value of teaching some African American history, and Florida’s constitution even requires it. So why the attack on this AP course? DeSantis told reporters that it was because the proposed curriculum promotes a far-left “agenda” without presenting opposing views. A quick scan of the draft framework shows otherwise. On its last page, the framework recommends 25 books and texts that have achieved a “strong consensus” among educators as essential to the African American studies canon, including such classics as “The Souls of Black Folk” by W.E.B. Du Bois and Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter From a Birmingham Jail.”

But the top 25 list also includes a 1926 essay called “The Negro Art Hokum” by George Schuyler, a longtime conservative columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, a widely read Black newspaper, blasting the idea that African American art was different from any other kind of art as “self-evident foolishness.” Why did the scores of eminent scholars and veteran teachers involved in vetting the AP course recommend Schuyler’s essay, which reads as decidedly un-woke today? Clearly, they wanted to expose students to different points of view and stimulate classroom debate.

Among the contemporary Black scholars singled out as unacceptable by the Florida critics was Leslie Kay Jones, a Rutgers University sociologist who has argued that Black people provide vast amounts of free content to Twitter and Facebook without reflecting on the role those platforms might play in perpetuating a white supremacist “superstructure.” Reached for comment by the Associated Press, Jones said she assumed that any good high school teacher would use her writing as a jumping off point to encourage students “to come to their own conclusions through an evaluation of primary and secondary texts.” As Jones put it, “Is Ron DeSantis claiming that Florida students are unable to formulate their own opinions?”

A skeptic would say that DeSantis actually doesn’t care about the educational arguments and is simply grandstanding to get attention and support for an expected presidential run. But far more than transitory politics is at stake. In America, teaching history in high school has long been seen as having not just an educational but a deeper civic purpose. DeSantis seems to be playing to his political base by harking back to a day when that meant offering students a one-size-fits-all, uplifting national story dominated by the noble deeds of great White men. But as far back as the 1960s, members of the Black Power generation announced they were no longer accepting that sanitized narrative, and since then they have been joined by millions of young women and members of other ethnic and LGBTQ communities.

In today’s world, preserving a sense of shared American identity requires allowing young people to understand our history in all its complexity. If Florida officials were wise, they would realize that means helping students of all backgrounds see themselves in our past, so they can better envision themselves in our future.

How ideological foes united on ideas for amending the Constitution

By Jeffrey Rosen and Sal Khan

Jeffrey Rosen is president and CEO of the National Constitution Center. Sal Khan is CEO of Khan Academy. They are creating a free online course focused on the Constitution and its history.

Political polarization, the conventional wisdom goes, has made our Constitution unamendable. The supermajorities required to propose and ratify constitutional amendments — two-thirds in both houses of Congress plus three-fourths of the states — are now unobtainable. As a result, as Jill Lepore reported in the New Yorker, the United States has one of the lowest amendment rates in the world.

And yet, there might be more agreement on constitutional change than meets the eye.

That’s the surprising lesson that emerged from a virtual convention of conservative, progressive and libertarian legal scholars organized by the National Constitution Center.

It began when we convened three teams of well-known law professors — conservative, libertarian and progressive — to draft new constitutions from scratch. All three teams converged around basic reforms, including the need to strengthen congressional oversight of the president and to increase Congress’s control over federal spending and regulations.

Encouraged by this consensus, the three teams gathered together for a Zoom convention in August to see if they could agree on specific amendments to the existing Constitution.

And after a week of dialogue, deliberation and compromise, the ideologically diverse delegates agreed on proposals for five pathbreaking amendments:

The 28th Amendment would eliminate the natural-born

Democrats have a spending problem

By Betsy McCaughey

Betsy McCaughey is a former lieutenant governor of New York and chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths. Follow her on Twitter @Betsy_McCaughey.

The average American home is almost 2,200 square feet. An average home in the United Kingdom is a minuscule 818 square feet, in Finland 880 square feet and in Germany under 1,200 square feet. Cramped. Americans have bigger houses and a higher material standard of living — more appliances, clothing and cars — largely because they can keep more of what they earn. The U.S. is a low-tax nation — for now.

Europeans, in comparison, have to fork over much more of their earnings to the government. They enjoy paid maternity leave, free health care, nearly free college and many other government benefits. But they settle for a lower standard of living.

Are Americans willing to settle for less, too? As Washington politicians fight over the debt ceiling and whether to limit government spending, the real issue is whether Americans are ready to pay more taxes and have less spending money in order to finance European-style government benefits.

In the U.S., two-thirds of the nation’s gross domestic product is spent on things people want for themselves — cars, computers, housing, furniture, vacations, you name it. In Europe, only 50% goes for these things. Government sucks up the other half.

Workers in Europe spend half the workday toiling to prop up their government’s socialistic programs.

Advocates for a liberal welfare state slam our materialistic lifestyles — our giant refrigerators with built-in ice machines, and in-sink garbage disposals. Bloomberg columnist Allison Schrager deplores Americans’ “overconsumption” and argues we should learn to live like Europeans. That’s her opinion.

Americans who disagree, and don’t want to trade their take-home pay for cradle-to-grave benefits, need to speak up.

Democratic politicians won’t admit there’s a trade-off. They want you to believe taxing “the rich” will pay for big government programs without taking a dollar out of your pocket.

President Joe Biden told Steamfitters Local 602 last week: “As long as I’m president, no one making less than \$400,000 will have a single penny of their taxes raised. Period.”

That’s the Democrats’ script. They’re hawking magic. There aren’t enough rich people to pay for all the programs Biden Democrats are pushing.

Manhattan Institute economist Brian Riedl added up all the extra revenue that would be produced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s proposed 70% tax on income over \$10 million, plus Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s proposed corporate tax rate hikes and payroll tax hikes, and Sen. Bernie Sanders’ wealth and estate tax measures. Together, these soak-the-rich proposals can’t close the current budget deficit, much less finance the Biden nanny state agenda.

Paying for that agenda would actually require draining the middle class. “If America wants to spend like Europe, it must tax like Europe — and that means large payroll and value-added taxes

future amendments a little easier. Congress could propose amendments by a three-fifths vote of both Houses (down from two-thirds), and amendments would become law when ratified by two-thirds of the states (down from three-fourths). The delegates also added an alternative, population-based amendment track, so that small states couldn’t block overwhelming majorities from changing the Constitution. On this other track, states representing two-thirds of the national population could force Congress to propose amendments, and states representing three-fourths of the population could call a Constitutional Convention themselves. And all proposed amendments would go into effect if ratified by states representing three-fourths of the population.

What unites all five amendments is a focus on the structures of government rather than individual rights. By preventing all power from being concentrated in one place, all are designed to ensure that each of the three branches can check the others or that all three branches are ultimately responsible to the people.

Watching the delegates deliberate so thoughtfully felt like watching modern-day founders. And sustaining the whole project was the spirit of compromise. No delegates got their ideal solutions, but they did get solutions that were better than the status quo. Their training in constitutional history and law was key to helping the delegates focus on long-term consequences rather than immediate partisan advantage.

The delegates to the virtual convention hope to present their five amendments to Congress and start the process of building the support necessary to ratify them. Whether or not they succeed, they have already shown us there is more that unites Americans when it comes to the Constitution than our broken political system suggests.

on the middle class,” says Riedl.

That brings us to the drama in Washington, D.C., over House Republican demands that any debt ceiling hike be linked to future limits on government spending. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer opposes any conditions, bashing Republicans for “hostage-taking.”

But Schumer’s out of touch. A staggering 86% of registered voters polled say Democrats should agree to negotiate, including 44% from Schumer’s party. Fifty-eight percent of voters say the Biden administration has been “reckless and loose” with people’s money, including 44% of Democrats, according to the same Harvard/Harris poll.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen claims raising the debt ceiling should be automatic. “This is something you can’t negotiate or bargain about.” That’s B.S. History proves that the expiration of the debt ceiling, which happens every year or two, is the biggest opportunity to rein in Washington spendaholics.

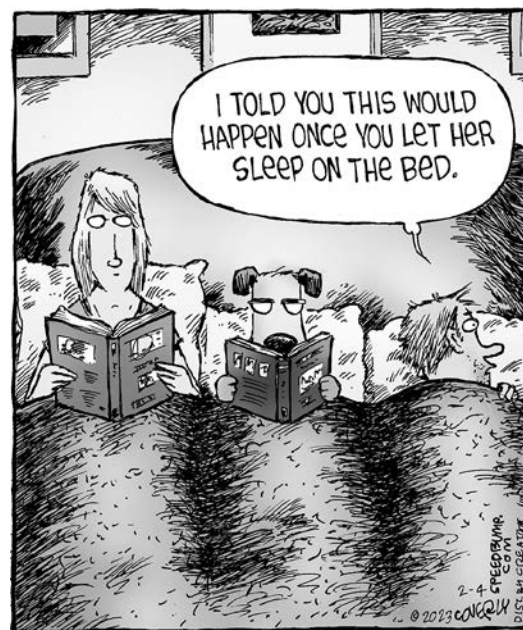
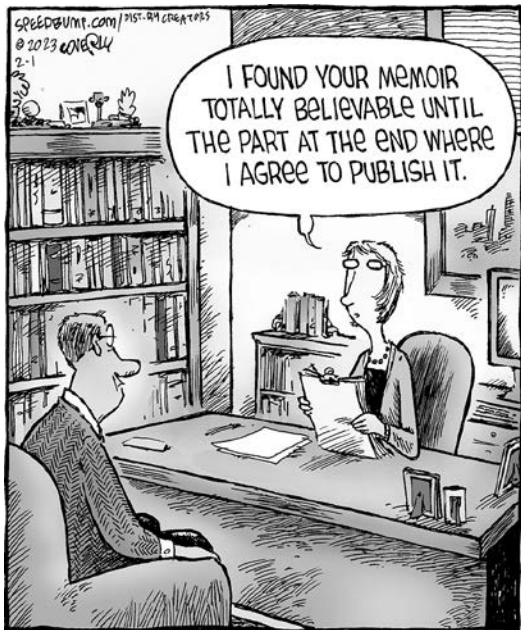
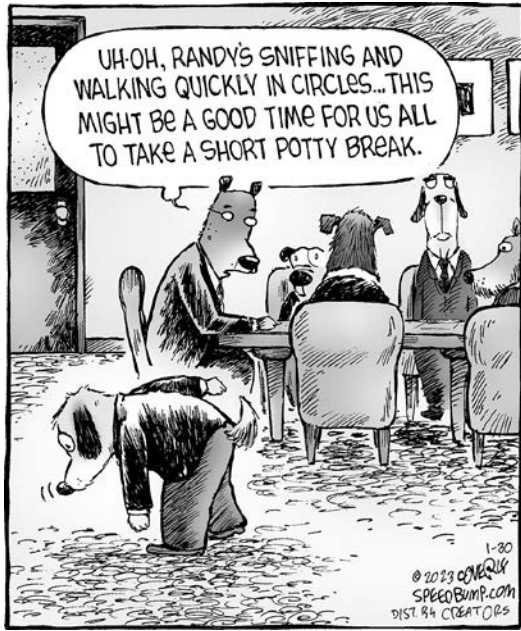
Over the last 25 years, Congress has hammered out eight laws to control spending. All eight were tied to debt ceiling hikes.

At stake in this current debt ceiling struggle is preserving what sets the United States apart from Europe.

In the United States, working people get to keep most of what they earn and decide how to spend it.

Don’t let the Washington polls treat your paycheck as if it belongs to them.

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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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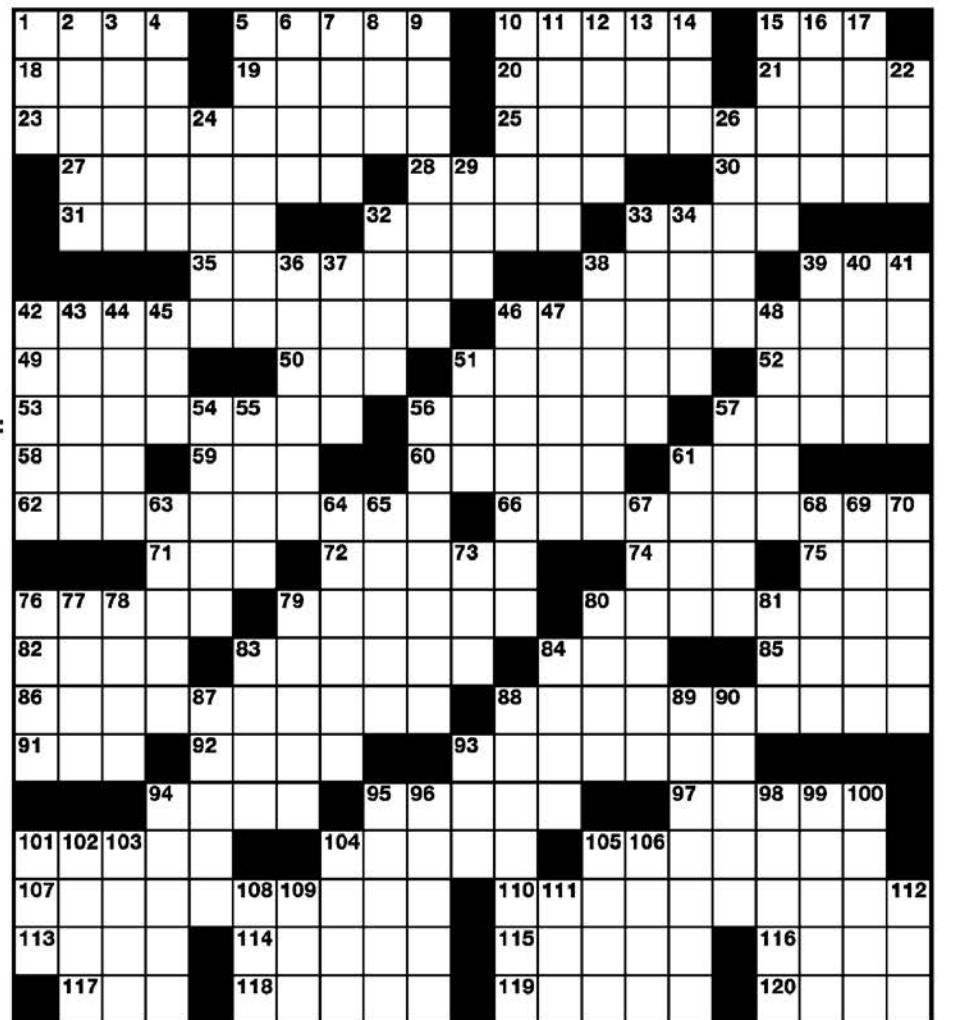
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 202278041
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WHEN PIGS FLY DRONE OPS, 11518 TELEGRAPH ROAD SUITE 300, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 11630 GARETAL STREET, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): #1#0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **TIMOTHY MICHAEL JAKCYS, 11630 GARETAL STREET, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670** 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: 11/2022

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). S/TIMOTHY MICHAEL JAKCYS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 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 2023014063

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ROJOS PAINTING, 8524 1/2 ROSE ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90707, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **GASPAR SALVADOR ROJO SILVESTRE, 8524 1/2 ROSE ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90707** 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: 01/2004

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/GASPAR SALVADOR ROJO SILVESTRE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 19, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023015809

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RAYMOND LEE HAYES, JR. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (2) R.L. HAYES JR. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1506 WEST GAGE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES CA 90047, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **RAYMOND LEE HAYES JR, 1506 WEST GAGE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES CA 90047** 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: 12/2014

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/RAYMOND LEE HAYES JR, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 23, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023015503

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PIVIT CLOTHING (2) PIVITCLOTHING.COM, 14031 GRIDLEY ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **DUSTIN DRAGOTTO, 14031 GRIDLEY ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650** State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2023

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/DUSTIN DRAGOTTO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 23, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
2023005705

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **THE HEALING SP-CE: ACUPUNCTURE & TRADITIONAL ASIAN MEDICINE, 349 RICHMOND STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **SONDRINA L. BULLITT, 4121 S. HALLDALE AVENUE #202, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062.** This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL.** I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **SONDRINA L. BULLITT, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/10/2023. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1078778.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022270365
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. **LEXINA HR, 2. LEXINAHR, 333 N JACKSON ST APT 8, GLENDALE, CA 91206 LOS ANGELES COUNTY.** Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202253614222. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **LEXINA HR LLC, 333 N JACKSON ST APT 8, GLENDALE, CA 91206** (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: **ALEXIS FORDE, MEMBER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/15/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080203.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022271916
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **ALESSANDRA BEAUTY SPA, 3915 TWEEED BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **SARALEXA ROSAS, 3915 TWEEED BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280.** This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL.** I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **SARALEXA ROSAS, 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080527.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022272305
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **WON HEE KIM, CPA, 3400 W 6TH ST STE 312, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **WON HEE KIM ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION, 3400 W 6TH ST STE 312, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020** (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: **WON HEE KIM, CEO.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/19/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080620.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 202227413
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **FLOWERS ON THE GO, 13666 FILMORE STREET, PACOIMA, CA 91331 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: P.O BOX 641, SAN FERNANDO, CA 91341. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **JULIAN A BECERRA, 13666 FILMORE STREET, PACOIMA, CA 91331.** 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: **JULIAN A BECERRA, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/19/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080644.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 202227940
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **RIDER BASEBALL 9008 ELSTON AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **RAMON RUIZ JR, 9008 ELSTON AVENUE, 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: **RAMON RUIZ JR, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/19/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1082434.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022273047
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **DOOR KNOCKER HOME SOLUTIONS, 4113 ARLALIA RD., ALTADENA, CA 91001 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **OPEN DOOR OPPORTUNITIES GROUP LLC, 4113 ARLALIA RD., ALTADENA, CA 91001** (State of Incorporation/Organization: NV). This business is conducted by: **LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **REGINA M. HARDMAN, PRESIDENT.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/19/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1080744.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023005707
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **NUTRL, 15801 1ST ST., IRWINDALE, CA 91706 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202028610163. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **IBY, LLC, 15801 1ST ST., IRWINDALE, CA 91706** (State of Incorporation/Organization: DELAWARE). 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: **RYAN NELSON, VICE 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) 01/10/2023. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1081978.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022273963
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **YELLOW SUNSHINE MEDIA, 6536 LA MIRADA AVE APT 203, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **DESTINY FARRANT, 6536 LA MIRADA AVE APT 203, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038.** 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: **DESTINY FARRANT, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1082001.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022274490
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **WW ALTADENA, 2545-2555 N. FAIR OAKS AVE., ALTADENA, CA 91001 LOS ANGELES COUNTY.** Mailing address if different: 2056 S BARRINGTON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **WW ALTADENA, LLC, 2056 S BARRINGTON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025** (State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A). 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: **ROGER A. JORGENSEN, MANAGER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/21/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1082153.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022274979
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **SKY HIGH INK, 127 W. MANCHESTER AVE SUITE 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **JACQUELYN G. CASTILLO, 127 W MANCHESTER AVE SUITE 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003.** This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL.** I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **JACQUELYN G. CASTILLO, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/21/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1082274.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022275203
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **1. IMPROV TRAINING, 2. IMPROV SAFETY, 3. IMPROV LEARNING, 4. IMPROV LEARNING, 20950 WARNER CENTER LN SUITE A, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367** (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: **GARY ALEKSINTSER, CEO.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/13/2023. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1084104.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022275960
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **1. TDOT FOUNDATION, 1696 W BRUIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4732827. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **TEE DIVAS AND TEE DUDES GOLF CLUB FOUNDATION, 1696 W BRUIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047** (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: **VERNA STROUD, 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) 12/29/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1084104.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2022279264
 The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s): **RISA RISA STUDIO, 5161 RIVERTON AVE, APT #112, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601.** The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed on: **FEBRUARY 22, 2022** in the County of Los Angeles. Original File No: **RISA20241937.** Full name of Registrant(s): **RISA RISA STUDIO, 5161 RIVERTON AVE, APT #112, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601** (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: **LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** I declare that all information in this

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022275394
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **EZE PEDAL, 4400 W. RIVERSIDE DR. SUITE 110-439, BURBANK, CA 91505 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **EZE BRANDS LLC, 336 N. CLYBOURN AVE., BURBANK, CA 91505-3701** (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: **TYRONE JAMAL MCCLOUD, 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) 12/22/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1082398.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022275408
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **1. EVERYDAY WARES, 2. EVERYDAY WARES & GOODS, 638 W 10TH ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **RORY COYLE, 638 W 10TH ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731.** 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: **RORY COYLE, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 12/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/22/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1082409.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022280094
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **1. JCE SUPPLY, 2. JCE, 12263 LA MIRADA BLVD SUITE 138, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **ELYN ESCALANTE, 14639 FONSECA AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638.** 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: **ELYN ESCALANTE, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/30/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1084295.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022280636
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **UGLY QUTES, 15135 KIMBERLY DR 1101, VICTORVILLE, CA 92394 SAN BERNARDINO.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **IRENE BONAM, 15135 KIMBERLY DR 1101, VICTORVILLE, CA 92394.** 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: **IRENE BONAM, OWNER.** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/19/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1083866.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022287856
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **RISHAD THERAPY, 2123 RODNEY DR., APT. 203, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027 LOS ANGELES.** Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: **RISHAD LAWYER, 2123 RODNEY DR., APT. 203, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027.** 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: **RISHAD LAWYER, 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) 12/28/2022. 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: 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1083938.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022278956
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **PREMIER FINANCIAL TAX & ACCOUNTING SERVICES, 2. FRIEDLITZ SERVICES, 3. LA PREMIER TAX SERVICE, 17457 VENTURA BLVD, SUITE 102, ENCINO, CA 91316 LA COUNTY.** Mailing address if different: **PO BOX**

Downey Councilwoman recalled in landslide vote

■ The embattled Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez's term will be cut short after Tuesday's vote.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - In Downey's first recall election in city history, Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez was successfully ousted from office by the voters of District 3.

Early results from the Los Angeles County Registrar's office showed Alvarez overwhelmingly behind in the polls, with over 2,900 (over 90%) votes for her removal.

At the time of writing, Alvarez had only mustered 318 votes in favor of her retention.

Alvarez did not respond to a Downey Patriot email asking for comment, however appeared to concede her defeat in a statement Tuesday evening, pinning blame against "Downey landlords" as she has for the last several months.

"Tonight, I was recalled because I stood up against the Downey landlords," she wrote. "They have been getting more aggressive about evicting tenants. And now, they got their wish to evict the only tenant on the Downey City Council. They want zero representation for working class families."

Alvarez's statement was first reported by the Press Telegram.

Despite her claims, proponents of the recall maintained throughout their campaign that they sought to recall Alvarez because they felt she had "deceived Downey voters" when she ran for office in 2020 by not disclosing her prior criminal history.

"This recall was about fairness and accountability," they said in a statement sent to the Patriot Tuesday evening. "Voters deserve to know if a candidate has been arrested, and in this case, Catherine



Catherine Alvarez speaks at a Havana Nights concert in Downey in 2021. (City of Downey photo)

Alvarez had numerous arrests that she hid from voters. She never would have been elected had District 3 residents known of her prior arrests.

Even after taking office, Alvarez showed no inclination of a desire to change. She was cited by Code Enforcement after her son was found living on the floor of a utility room closet in her apartment building. Alvarez also voted against a Code of Ethics for the city council and said the American flag 'brings her pain.'

Supporters of the recall included former Mayors Rick Rodriguez, Mario A. Guerra, Alex Saab, and current mayor Claudia Frometa. The recall was organized and driven entirely by District 3 residents.

This week's election marks a significant day for Downey. It's a turning point for our community, the start of restoring character and decency to the city council. Residents may not always agree on policies and ideas, but we stand united in agreement that our elected representatives should be honest,

trustworthy and have Downey's best interest at heart."

Mayor Claudia Frometa said it was "a new day for our city."

"The message from D-3 residents is loud and clear, character counts in this community," she said in a statement to the Patriot. "You cannot lie, steal and defraud your way onto a position of leadership, not in Downey. Ethics and transparency matter."

"Thank you District 3 residents for taking back our Downey. A special thank you to the recall team and all those who worked tirelessly to restore our city."

Rodriguez, whom Alvarez replaced after he opted not to run for reelection for reasons of health, called it "a great day for Downey."

"The voters have spoken, and she's out of office. That's a great thing," said Rodriguez. "It was a lot of work. We are very fortunate that our residents, you know, they stood up and they took charge. They took charge of the idea of recalling somebody that is not fit for office,

and they did it."

Voter turnout was relatively low.

According to the county registrar's online results page, only 3,225 (just under 19%) of eligible voters cast their ballots. Of those who voted, a vast majority (2,656, or 82%) did so early via vote by mail.

Election results will still need to be certified by the county to happen on Feb. 10. Alvarez will then be immediately removed from office.

Alvarez's recall does come at significant cost to the city.

Tuesday's election cost the city \$571,000. With Alvarez's successful recall, the city will spend another \$571,000 for a special election, likely to take place in November, according to a city staff report presented to the city council in October last year. Per the city's charter, the city will not be able to appoint an interim council member in the meantime.

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