

PIH denies lawsuit claims

■ A former nurse claims she was fired after refusing to be tested for the coronavirus and being unable to wear N95 masks.

By City News Service

WHITTIER — A lawsuit filed by a former nurse at PIH Health Hospital Whittier, alleging she was discriminated against and then terminated in 2021 because she objected on religious grounds to being tested for the coronavirus, should be dismissed for a lack of triable issues, the facility's attorneys argue in new court papers.

Lilia Acevedo-Cosio's Norwalk Superior Court lawsuit alleges wrongful termination, retaliation, discrimination and failure to prevent discrimination and retaliation. The 44-year-old Whittier woman seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages as well as an injunction directing PIH not to engage in future discrimination against employees.

Hospital attorneys filed a motion for dismissal of the suit on June 12 in which they deny the nurse suffered discrimination. They say PIH "worked tirelessly to accommodate Acevedo-Cosio's inexcusable refusal to simply test for COVID during the height of the pandemic," forcing the hospital to accept her resignation.

Acevedo-Cosio refused to test for COVID and appeared for her regular shift "in defiance of the CDPH health orders and PIH's directives," and she refused to answer her supervisors when asked if she had tested, PIH attorneys state in their court papers.

When asked to leave because she refused to answer her supervisors' questions and provided no evidence that she had tested, Acevedo-Cosio called her attorney and she told her bosses that she would continue her shift unless security escorted her out, the hospital lawyers maintain in their court papers.

PIH gave Acevedo-Cosio the chance to work remotely, which would not have required coronavirus testing, but she refused the hospital's offer, the hospital attorneys state in their court papers. A hearing on the hospital's dismissal motion is scheduled Aug. 24.

According to her suit, Acevedo-Cosio was hired by PIH in April 2004 and excelled over the years in case manager roles, earning significant respect and admiration from colleagues, according to the suit.

In August 2021, the CEO of PIH said that all employees had to be vaccinated by Oct. 1 of that year and those unvaccinated would have to wear an indication on their employment badge identifying their exemption status -- a rule that also had the effect of singling out unvaccinated employees, the suit states.

All unvaccinated and partially unvaccinated workers were ordered to wear an N95 mask both in the hospital and in PIH clinical facilities, the suit filed in June 2022 states.

The prospect of having to get vaccinated, which Acevedo-Cosio objected to on religious grounds, caused her to have heart palpitations and anxiety attacks, forcing her to go on medical leave, the suit states.

When Acevedo-Cosio returned from medical leave and the hospital staff was unsatisfied with her explanation regarding testing, she was placed on unpaid leave, according to the suit, which further states that Acevedo-Cosio was terminated on Nov. 15, 2021.

Construction delays sparks frustration from council

■ A plan to beautify and widen Firestone Boulevard has been delayed for years, prompting questions from the city council.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK — City council members expressed frustration as they learned development projects in the city were delayed and requests were miscommunicated during their meeting on Tuesday.

A budget amendment was approved for the Firestone Boulevard widening project, which is still ongoing after the council began discussing the project sometime in 2017.

The project would upgrade the existing section of Firestone Boulevard from two lanes of traffic to three lanes in each direction with a center median. The widening is between Hoxie Avenue and the Northbound I-605 Freeway ramps and Imperial highway.

Glen Kau, public services development director, explained the funding for the project was provided through the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority through the Measure M grant.

Councilwoman Jennifer Perez said she empathized with residents after waiting for the project to start.

"I am a bit frustrated just like our residents. I feel like we've been talking about a widening since we



Norwalk vice mayor Margarita Rios, city manager Jesus Gomez and Finance Director Jane Steward have a discussion after the council meeting on Tuesday. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

were elected in 2017," Perez said. "I understand we had to wait for funding and for design and approval. I understand why our residents get frustrated when we say things are approved."

Kau said construction on the project should start by 2024 after bidding the project to the contractor.

The public services development director tried to explain the project was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Perez noted other development that did not stall during the pandemic, and expressed frustration that the widening project is still waiting for a bid.

The council proceeded to discuss the upcoming

budget for the next fiscal year, but found miscommunication occurred when the council discussed the "Norwalk 5K Run - Walk - Bike" event.

Vice Mayor Margarita Rios said she was concerned with the cost of the event and that it would take a year to plan.

"A lot of our neighboring cities have similar events, so I didn't ask for us to necessarily recreate the wheel," Rios said.

Council member Perez also confirmed the cost to the general fund would be \$22,000. Upon confirmation the city council was in uproar that the cost for the event would cost such an "astronomical" amount.

City staff began to explain how the funds would be allocated including medals, t-shirts, having a runners village and other expenditures.

"I believe that if the cost was that exorbitant, then not very many cities would probably hold such similar events," Rios said. "I encourage parks and rec staff to get creative."

Rios motioned to amend the budget by \$25,000, in anticipation of planning this event and to see it again in fall or winter.

The motion passed unanimously from the council.

'Taste of Rio' raises record \$107K for Rio Hondo College



WHITTIER — The Rio Hondo College Foundation's signature fundraising gala, "A Taste of Rio," dazzled guests with an impressive array of artisan cuisine, craft beer and wines, exquisite gift baskets and lively entertainment on June 9.

This year's event brought in the highest amount in the history of the fundraiser, and raised \$107,603 for scholarships and student support services.

On a cool and breezy spring evening, the Foundation hosted more than 350 Rio Hondo College (RHC) patrons, who noshed on freshly prepared culinary delights and curated spirits provided by nearly two dozen local vendors, including

La Crosta Pizza, Tepeyac Sports Grill, The Crooked Gaff, JDO Mediterranean, Whittier Brewing Company, Mi Burrito, Clearman's Steak & Stein, and the College's own Roadrunner Brewing.

Among the dignitaries who attended 'A Taste of Rio' were Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri, South El Monte Mayor Gloria Olmos, Pico Rivera City Councilmember Dr. Monica Sanchez, as well as a host of representatives and elected officials from the Rio Hondo College Community College District and its K-12 partner districts.

Rio Hondo College Superintendent and President



Dr. Marilyn Flores presided over her first-ever "A Taste of Rio" fundraiser, mingling with guests, and marveling over the extraordinary community support for RHC students.

"What makes 'A Taste of Rio' such a special event is that all who attended gathered for the primary purpose of ensuring our students have the resources necessary to attend college and graduate," Dr. Flores said.

"This is our primary fundraiser to provide scholarships and support services for students. The enthusiasm shown by those who donated helped to propel us to our biggest year ever. We are extremely thankful for this heartfelt support."

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, "A Taste of Rio" continued its popular tradition of conducting a silent auction, which featured 54 items and raised more than \$15,000 for the Foundation as guests vied for the chance to win Dodger tickets, see live performances at the Pantages Theater and Musical Theatre West, or take a weekend getaway to Palm Springs.

"Resources generated from this event will help continue to increase graduation rates, close the achievement gaps and provide basic needs, food and housing, to our students," Board of Trustees Clerk Oscar Valladares said.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	74°	
Saturday	76°	
Sunday	75°	

ON THIS DAY

1865: The Cherokee chief and Confederate general Stand Watie surrendered at the close of the American Civil War—one of the last Confederate commanders to do so.

1868: Inventor Christopher Latham Sholes and two others were granted a patent for a typewriter.

1925: An expedition under A.H. MacCarthy and H.F. Lambert became the first to reach the summit of Mount Logan, the second highest mountain in North America.

1961: The Antarctic Treaty was enacted, reserving the entire continent for free and nonpolitical scientific investigation.

1969: IBM announced it would begin pricing its software and services separately from hardware, thus creating the modern software industry.

1987: 15-year-old pop singer Tiffany started her Mall Tour in Paramus, New Jersey, performing what would become her #1 hit, "I Think We're Alone Now."

1991: "Sonic the Hedgehog" was released in North America on the Sega Genesis platform, beginning the popular video game franchise.



1995: "Pocahontas," the Disney film about the romantic relationship between an English soldier and a Native American woman in 17th century Virginia, was released in theaters.

2006: Television producer Aaron Spelling—whose credits included a number of hugely successful shows, including "Charlie's Angels," "The Love Boat," "Fantasy Island," and "Beverly Hills 90210"—died in Los Angeles.

2016: The United Kingdom voted in a referendum to withdraw from the European Union, with 51.9 percent supporting Britain's exit ("Brexit") and 48.1 percent opposing the move; it marked the first time a country had decided to leave the organization.

2021: Britney Spears asked a court to end her conservatorship, which was controlled by her father; her request was denied, but she got her wish five months later when the conservatorship was terminated.

Birthdays

Supreme Court justice **Clarence Thomas** (75), TV show host **Randy Jackson** (67), pop singer **Chico DeBarge** (57), "Cruel Intentions" star **Selma Blair** (51), pop singer **Jason Mraz** (46), and football hall of famer **LaDainian Tomlinson** (44).

Judge dismisses suit against Delta after fuel dump

PICO RIVERA — A judge has dismissed one of multiple lawsuits filed against Delta Air Lines over the alleged dumping of fuel by one of its airliners over areas of southeast Los Angeles County in 2020, in this case by a man who said he was doused in Pico Rivera.

On Monday, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael E. Whitaker tossed Gerald Castaneda's case after neither the plaintiff nor a representative appeared for a scheduled trial of the case. Whitaker also found the lawsuit was never served on the airline.

The judge's dismissal ruling was "without prejudice," meaning Castaneda is not barred from refileing the suit, which was originally brought in December 2021 and alleged negligence, personal injury and property damage.

A Delta representative previously said that the pilots were forced to dump fuel over an urban area to reduce the plane's weight before the return landing.

The Delta Boeing 777 jet was en route to Shanghai on Jan. 14, 2020, but soon after takeoff from Los Angeles International Airport for the 13-hour flight, the pilots of Flight 89 declared an emergency and shut down one of the jumbo jet's two engines because of a compressor stall.

Minutes later, the plane dumped roughly 15,000 gallons of fuel at an altitude of about 2,000 feet over a wide area that also included such cities as South Gate and Cudahy. The jet made a successful emergency landing at LAX.

Castaneda was at a home on Myron Street when he was doused with the fuel, the suit states. He suffered "severe and lasting injuries" that required medical care and attention and he also experienced lost income, the suit stated.

Several other lawsuits were previously filed by other plaintiffs against Delta stemming from the fuel dump.

Former Ross worker settles discrimination suit

LOS ANGELES — A former Ross Dress for Less Inc. employee has settled her gender discrimination suit against the clothier in which she alleges she was on maternity leave in 2022 when management unexpectedly sent her an automated text message stating, "Please select the primary reason that led to your resignation."

Lisette Mayorga's Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit also alleged retaliation and failure to accommodate and engage in the interactive process.

Mayorga was hired as a retail associate in August 2021 and in December of that year informed her store manager that she was expecting, prompting the manager to respond, "Take it easy, you're pregnant," the suit stated.

Mayorga told the assistant store manager in February 2022 that she was going on maternity leave, the suit stated. Mayorga expected to eventually return to her job, but while off work, she received an automated text message from management stating, "Thank you for your contribution to Ross Stores. We value your opinion and welcome feedback on your experience working with us. Please select the primary reason that led to your resignation," according to the suit.

Mayorga was "aghast" after receiving the text and the store manager later told her she had been terminated and would have to reapply, the suit stated. Mayorga submitted her application and followed up four times, but was never rehired, the suit stated.

Retailers agree to share shoplifting data

SACRAMENTO — Retailers and online marketplaces throughout California have signed an information-sharing agreement that targets organized retail crime, which causes billions of dollars in losses each year, officials announced Tuesday.

Organized retail crime refers to large-scale theft and fraud by individuals or groups that steal retail goods with the intent to resell, distribute or return stolen merchandise for financial gain. In some cases, resale may occur through eBay and other online platforms.

According to a 2020 survey, retailers nationwide lose about \$700,000 to organized retail crime per every \$1 billion in sales. In the agreement, the parties agree to take steps aimed at increasing the detection and reporting of organized retail crime, as well as improved collaboration with law enforcement, California Attorney General Rob Bonta said.

"The fact is, we are stronger when we work together as a united front," Bonta said in a statement.

"Organized retail crime costs businesses, retailers and consumers -- and puts the public at risk. This new partnership signals a robust and genuine commitment shared by the retail marketplace and law enforcement to crack down on these crimes. Today's announcement demonstrates California's resilience and tenacity in tackling these challenges within our state. Whether it is law enforcement, online marketplaces or retailers -- we will not tolerate organized retail crime in our state."

In recent years, organized theft groups have targeted Apple Store and Home Depot locations, cargo trucks that had departed from Microsoft shipping facilities and cargo containers on idle trains in downtown Los Angeles.

In 2022, California passed into law a package of legislation to address retail crime. Bonta said the new agreement advances the intent and purpose of the legislation, which includes:

-- Senate Bill 301, which provides threshold requirements for marketplaces to collect and store information related to third party high-volume sellers and consistent with California privacy laws, and requires online marketplaces to suspect future sales activities of high-volume third-party sellers who are not in compliance with these reporting requirements; and

-- Assembly Bill 1700, which creates an online reporting tool managed by the AG's office that provides the public with a mechanism for reporting organized retail theft.

"eBay is committed to providing a secure online shopping experience to millions of people globally and has been very serious about battling stolen goods," Zhi Zhou, the chief risk officer for eBay, said.

"We have zero tolerance for criminal activity on our platform and are proud to support Attorney General Bonta and other online marketplaces in this effort to curtail organized retail theft and support criminal prosecutions against those who try to use our platform to sell stolen goods."

The online portal for the public to submit complaints and tips can be found at oag.ca.gov/retailtheft.

Fire captain alleges favoritism toward female recruit

LOS ANGELES — A jury will soon begin deliberating the case of a Los Angeles County fire captain who maintains he was subjected to retaliation after he criticized a supervisor for allegedly violating the county's policy of equity in giving preferential treatment to a female firefighter recruit at the department's 148th training academy.

Capt. Michael Cash maintains in his Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit that management wrongfully removed him from his position of training captain as punishment for speaking out against the allegedly discriminatory actions of Battalion Chief Patrick Errett.

"Not showing remorse about his gender-based preferences, Chief Errett doubled-down on his discrimination, saying that he did not care if the department had to pay out legal settlement money because he was violating the law," Cash's attorney, Steven H. Haney, states in his court papers.

Cash was hired as a firefighter in 1999 and became a captain in 2013. Errett is the director of training in charge of the academy. The suit alleges that female recruit Alexis Miller was hurt during the 147th academy and failed a ladder test in the 148th academy, telling those around her, "I just didn't get it done," according to Haney's court papers.

However, Errett gave Miller a "charity pass" that he justified by saying the department was considering changing, in the future, the 24-foot, one-person ladder evolution, according to Haney's court papers, which further state that the exercise reflects real world skills which firefighters often face.

None of the training captains agreed with Errett's decision to pass Miller, according to Haney's court papers.

Cash told Errett that his decision to pass Miller was unfair because male firefighters had failed the academy the same day and the department did not bend the rules for them in order to pass, Haney states in his court papers. Cash also told Errett that his decision undermined the previous accomplishments of female recruits in general, according to Haney's court papers.

Cash had been selected as captain of the 151st training academy, a highly coveted position that provides prestige, benefits for future promotions, a higher likelihood of working overtime, and permits more evenings and weekends off, according to Haney's court papers. However, Cash was told by another captain in February 2018 that he no longer had the job, Haney's court papers state.

To replace Cash, the department selected an unqualified person who did not even meet minimum eligibility requirements and Errett refused to tell Cash why he was removed, according to Haney's court papers.

To protect Errett, the department gave the excuse that Cash was removed because he had written articles for a firefighters nonprofit magazine, Straight Streams, which the department deemed "sarcastic" and therefore disqualified him from the position, Haney states in his court papers.

When Chief Deputy David Richardson was asked in a deposition what he found objectionable about Cash's articles, Richardson said it was his use of the words fireman, instead of firefighter, and brotherhood, which he believed expressed too much masculinity, according to Haney's court papers.

Testimony in the trial began May 17 with Cash as the opening witness.

Dine Local

FATHER'S DAY OR GRAD'S DAY... IT'S YOUR DAY AT CLEARMAN'S!

Clearman's North Woods Inn
14305 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada • (714) 994-4592 / (714) 739-0331
clearmansrestaurants.com

DOWNY LOCATION ONLY

VERACRUZ

FAMILY RESTAURANT

BUY 1, GET 1 FREE

* Buy any item from our dinner menu at regular price and get the 2nd of equal or lesser value FREE w/purchase of 2 drinks. Items 1-43 Only. Take Out Only. 1 Coupon Per Visit. Substitutions Extra. Expires 7-5-23. Excludes Holidays.

9085 IMPERIAL (AT COLUMBIA WAY) • DAILY 10 AM - 9 PM • (562) 923-1013

Malhotra & Malhotra Attorneys

Serving the community for 38 years

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

Call us for a **FREE** consultation
Eva Juarez Malhotra
Krishna Malhotra

Se Habla Espanol

(562) 806-9400 • (800) 811-8881

7847 E. Florence Avenue, Suite 111, Downey, CA 90240

Assembly office open to help public

DOWNY — Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco is hosting an open house this Saturday, June 24, from 12-2 pm at her Downey district office.

Staff members will be available to help with state-related issues, including the DMV, foreclosure prevention programs, consumer complaints, veterans' benefits, unemployment and disability insurance, state taxes, professional conduct and licensing complaints, Medi-Cal and Covered California, and more.

Pacheco's office is located at 8255 Firestone Blvd. in suite 203.

BULLETIN BOARD

E&R REASONABLE PRICES
Plumbing, Heating, Electrical
DRAIN CLEANING SERVICES
Residential, Commercial, Experts
LIC. #814113 C36 / LIC. #965519 C10
Cudahy, CA 90201
Erick Cell: 323.228.4500
562.450.7599
reasonableplumbing@sbcglobal.net

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL AUTOMATION INC.
FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS

- ELECTRICAL PANEL REPAIR & UPGRADE • AC ELECTRICAL FEEDING
- MINI SPLITS COOLING & HEATING INSTALLATION • REWIRING
- POOL ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING & REPAIR
- 24/7 ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY • ENERGY SAVING PARKING LOT LIGHTS

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
562-966-1943

35 Years of Experience
ieaelectricians.com • ieaelectricians@gmail.com

FREE ESTIMATES "Your Local Plumber At Your Service"

A-1 Performance
ROOTER & PLUMBING
Lic. #896712

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PLUMBING

- FREE ESTIMATES • RAPID RESPONSE • SENIOR DISCOUNTS
- Plumbing • Sewer • Water Heaters
- Hydro Jet Specialists • Drain Cleaning

(562) 420-6458

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

New Alzheimer's drug is a problem for FDA

By Jerry Avorn

Jerry Avorn is a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School

The Food and Drug Administration is slated to soon give full approval to Leqembi, a new medicine for Alzheimer's disease that offers only modest benefit, could pose worrisome risks and stands to cost the nation \$2 billion to \$5 billion per year. But the agency has an all-or-nothing problem. Even when evaluating a drug that's minimally effective or could carry considerable risks, the FDA's decision nearly always comes down to accept or reject.

Under this pass-fail system, a drug that the FDA disapproves remains mostly unavailable, except to subjects in research studies, while one that is approved can generally be prescribed to anyone. Certain risks may be described in the official product labeling, which few physicians read, or in educational risk management programs that are not designed to measure a drug's effectiveness. But the decision is almost always a binary one that is ill-suited to the way science works — and to the needs of patients.

The Leqembi decision illustrates the problem. In clinical trials, the drug did not improve patients' memory, but it slightly reduced their rate of cognitive decline — a small change that might be welcome to some patients but unnoticeable to many others and their families. Yet the drug didn't do nothing clinically, and that makes it nearly impossible for the FDA to disapprove.

The treatment requires ongoing intravenous infusions every two weeks, it can cause cerebral swelling and bleeding, and it will be priced at \$26,500 a year, not including physician charges. This raises the question: How much minimal improvement in dementia is worth what level of patient burden and risk of complications?

Similar questions come up for other drugs to treat muscular dystrophy and ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). For these medicines, the FDA has granted "accelerated approval" based not on patients' clinical improvement but merely on small changes in lab tests. After accelerated approval, drugmakers are asked to do follow-up studies to prove that their drugs actually help patients. But the government may allow many years to complete such studies, and they are often started late or done poorly, my research group has found.

The FDA faces enormous pressure from patients and their families — and from drug companies — to grant full approval to these drugs with thin credentials, and many others like them, including cancer treatments. But what happens if the medicines don't fulfill their promise, or their side effects turn out to be worse than expected? It has proved difficult to get such products out of circulation. In 2011, a medication meant to prevent premature birth, Makena, was approved on an accelerated basis, but then was never clearly shown to work. Getting it off the market took until this past April.

Medicine has been dealing with tough benefit-risk trade-offs for well over a century. The FDA's simple all-or-none decision framework is a poor fit for this evolving scientific reality. The agency should instead create a new status for some drugs that is neither full approval nor outright rejection — a conditional approval that would allow a new drug with ambiguous credentials to be used only in a limited way until better evidence is collected. This would let doctors and patients learn how well it works in typical use outside of trials.

Then, in two or three years, the FDA could evaluate a richer portfolio of evidence to decide whether to make the drug

available to all patients without restrictions. This would save tens of millions of dollars wasted on ineffective or unnecessarily risky drugs — and thousands of preventable adverse events.

The Medicare program has said it will create registries to track Leqembi use and outcomes. But it will not require that any untreated comparison patients be enrolled in these registries, rendering this approach nearly useless in measuring whether the slight reduction in decline that was seen in the drug's single clinical trial is borne out in typical use.

A more nuanced approach to final approval could also influence the price of a new medicine, though cost is not the FDA's direct responsibility. The Medicare and Medicaid programs are usually required to buy most FDA-approved drugs at whatever price the manufacturer sets, regardless of any questions about their relative value, efficacy or safety. At an industry conference in Boston this month, FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf admitted that companies that receive accelerated approval for their drugs often fail to complete the needed follow-up studies promptly to fully define their actual benefits and risks. He suggested that it might make sense for the prices of such drugs to be set lower until their true worth is better established.

Medical science is not an all-or-none, once-and-for-all endeavor: Knowledge evolves as evidence and experience accumulate, and that's wonderful. But the FDA's all-no or all-yes framework doesn't fit the way our understanding of prescription drugs develops. For some drugs, the agency needs to become nonbinary to better reflect this reality.

AI can't solve our national debt crisis

By Mitch Daniels

Mitch Daniels is a senior adviser to the Liberty Fund, president emeritus of Purdue University and a former governor of Indiana.

The Treasury Department announced last week that the national debt had passed \$32 trillion for the first time. Yet even as the biggest domestic threat to the nation's future increases, our political class offers no answers beyond a periodic scuffle, as with the one recently concluded in Washington, over raising the debt ceiling. Don't look for answers from a president and a leading contender for that office who compete in their pledges to make things worse.

But wait! Technology to the rescue! Because human intelligence, at least the American variety, has proved incapable of squaring federal spending and future promises with any conceivably available resources, I thought we might repair to our new oracle, intelligence of the artificial kind. I put the question of our monstrous national debt to ChatGPT.

I'll say one thing for this gizmo. It is as quick and articulate as advertised. When I posed the first of what turned into several questions, the reply from the new friend I decided to think of as "Artie" was instantaneous and well-expressed. Asked "What are the odds of a U.S. federal debt crisis?" Artie began with a disclaimer: "As an AI-language model, I cannot predict the future, but I can provide you with some information and analysis," going on helpfully to note that the United States has "one of the largest burdens in the world."

Undeterred by this Artful dodging, I tried again: "What are the chances on a scale of 0 to 100%?" Artie was too clever to fall for that: "I cannot provide a definitive probability ... many experts believe the risk is relatively low in the short term, but it could

increase if the federal government fails to address the underlying issues." You don't say.

I attempted one more angle, asking for an estimate of a crisis in the next 30 years, but Artie stuck resolutely to the script. "I cannot give a precise estimation ... it is challenging to predict the likelihood ... it is essential to monitor the situation."

Giving up on that approach, I switched from the likelihood (which without major policy change is mathematically certain anyway) to the consequences, inquiring, "What would a federal debt crisis look like?" I got back a short economics lecture on investor confidence, higher interest rates, a default on obligations, followed by recession, inflation and high unemployment.

At the end of that reply came a flicker of recognition of the worst danger, when Artie mentioned "social unrest, particularly if the government has to implement severe austerity measures." But even here, there was no mention of the entitlement programs that are powering the nation toward the edge of the canyon. The most Artie had to offer was "It's crucial for governments to address the underlying issues driving the rise in debt to avoid such a scenario."

Gradually, it dawned on me that conversing with Artie was just like talking to a standard-issue American politician. The P in the acronym means "pretrained," and, boy, is Artie well-trained in political-peak, presumably from devouring jillions of words of what passes for modern public discourse. Artie has learned all the tricks of the trade.

Don't like the question? Duck and address the one you wanted to be asked. Scared to deal with the heart of the problem? Just leave it out of your answer. Confronted inescapably with a stark and dangerous reality? Acknowledge the issue but avoid

recommending solutions that some might find unwelcome. Stay "on message" no matter what.

I made one last attempt, asking, "What actions should be taken to avert a national debt crisis?" Here at last, after proclaiming that "the U.S. national debt is a complex issue with no easy solution," Artie coughed up some specifics.

The choices were instructive — and tellingly biased: higher taxes so that the wealthy and corporations pay "their fair share," a carbon tax "to address climate change" (who asked about climate?); "address income inequality" with a higher minimum wage and progressive taxation (as though the United States didn't already have the developed world's most progressive tax system). Finally, almost perfunctorily, came a mention of spending reduction of "unnecessary programs" and the entitlements that dwarf all other debt drivers — and whose current promises cannot possibly be kept.

The unimaginable mountain of debt we are on track to dump on future generations is the test of our maturity as a self-governing people, and we are flunking abysmally, as skeptics throughout history have predicted polities like ours inevitably will. The economic damage will be severe, but the sense of social betrayal even worse.

AI might well bring miracles and solve problems far more complex than paying our national bills, but apparently Artie is too well-trained a politician to step up to this one. If our republic is to remain free and successful, I guess it will have to be old-fashioned human intelligence that pulls it off. There's the old saying "Now that the money has run out, we shall have to begin to think." For ourselves.

The environmentalist movement lost its way

By Karen Shragg

Karen Shragg is an author and environmental consultant. This piece originally ran in the Boston Herald.

Americans recently celebrated the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day. The holiday has changed drastically over the past half century -- and so has the natural environment that activists are seeking to protect.

Today's green activists tend to mark Earth Day by focusing on ways to minimize their personal impact on the environment -- through regular recycling, cleaning up local parks, planting trees, driving hybrids, or shopping with reusable bags. These environmentally friendly behaviors are all welcome, of course.

But the activists who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970 had a broader focus -- they were primarily concerned about our collective impact on the environment.

In particular, they feared -- with good reason -- that America's rapidly growing population was overtaking fragile ecosystems. As Senator Nelson later noted, the U.S. population had soared from 98 million the year he was born in 1916 to 200 million by the first Earth Day, and "tremendous ecological damage occurred as

a result of this growth" since vast expanses of green space had to be cleared to make room for houses, offices, malls, roads, and all the other trappings of civilization.

Since then, America has added over 130 million additional people to its population. That growth has taken a toll on the environment and the wildlife that live there. Our nation lost 68,000 square miles of open space from 1982 to 2017. That's an area the size of Florida. And 67% of that habitat destruction resulted from population growth, with the remaining 33% due to increases in per-capita consumption.

And there's no end in sight. In the next thirty years, our population is projected to hit 373 million, primarily due to immigration, according to the latest projections from the Congressional Budget Office.

The resulting future loss of habitat, and increase in pollution, will measurably harm the natural environment and limit Americans' access to nature.

Politicians sometimes dismiss these environmental and quality of life concerns, saying that the benefits of economic growth and technological advances outweigh the drawbacks. Essentially, they argue that "We don't need to worry about how

to slice the pie to serve more and more people, we just need more pie."

But sometimes, there simply isn't more "pie" when it comes to our inherently limited resources. There isn't more fresh water to divide up between more and more Americans who use an average of 80 gallons per day to meet their eating, drinking, and cleaning needs.

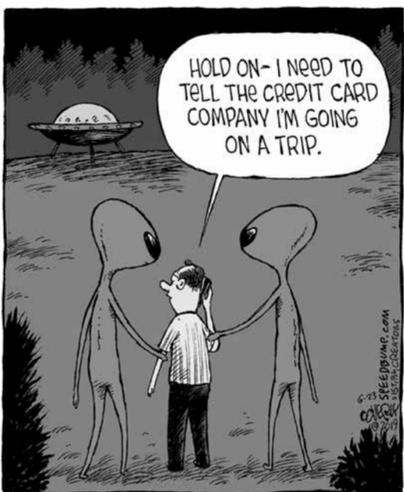
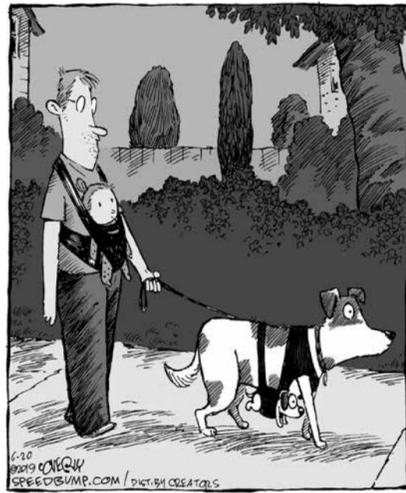
There isn't more pie when it comes to wildlife habitat that supports threatened and endangered species. There isn't more pie when it comes to ending the light pollution that makes it impossible to see the magic of the night sky. There isn't more pie if we want to preserve land for parks and keep some for farming instead of losing it to housing.

It's time for environmentalists to realize that electrifying the grid, or planting trees, or buying cloth bags, is all good -- but it isn't enough. We also need to stop slicing the limited pie of America's resources to the point of no return. Increasing our population of 334 million by millions more each year simply undermines all our traditional Earth Day activities.

Visit us at:

www.TheNorwalkPatriot.com

SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY



Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall

SUNDAYS

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

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

The Norwalk Patriot STAFF

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

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

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

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

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
BUILDING BLOCKS: A well-structured puzzle
by Gary M. Larson

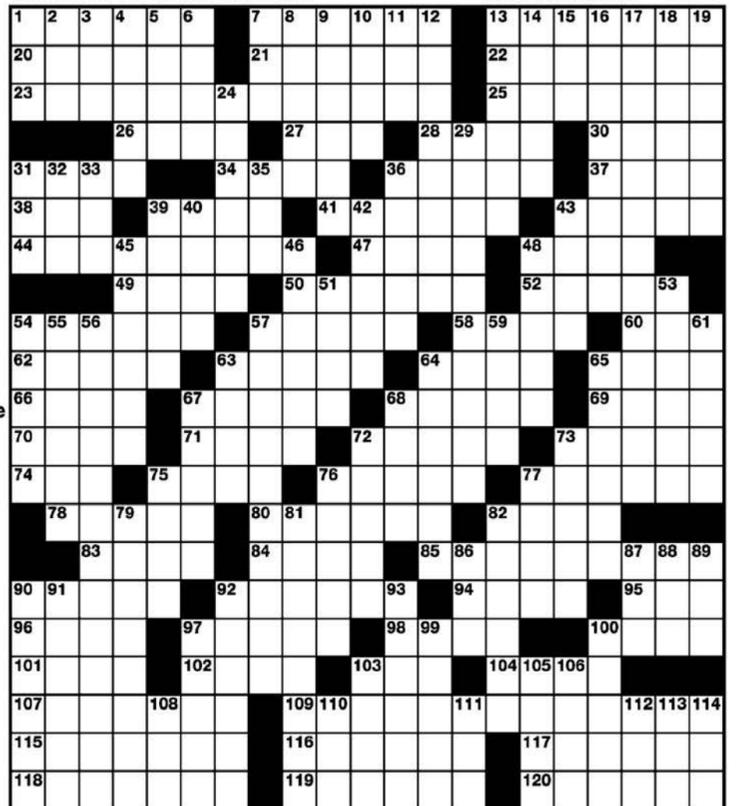
You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

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

ADROIT (21 Across) has the same meaning in French as in English; it is derived from an Old French word with the "correct" meaning of "right." LOLA Bunny (104 Across) made her first appearance in the 1996 film *Space Jam*. Several Hollywood-area restaurants have claimed to have originated the nonalcoholic SHIRLEY TEMPLE mixed drink (109 Across) in the 1930s; Ms. Temple herself called the drink "ticky" in a 1986 NPR interview.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Louvre's *Venus* —
 - 7 Recurring themes
 - 13 Docs
 - 20 How police may act
 - 21 Skillful
 - 22 Paint remover ingredient
 - 23 Performance in outdoor public spaces
 - 25 One far from a star
 - 26 Become absorbed in thought
 - 27 Actress Thurman
 - 28 Uncanny glow
 - 30 Take a crack —
 - 31 Bovine bellows
 - 34 Kind of roast
 - 36 Mid-March VIP
 - 37 Bit of baby talk
 - 38 Assist
 - 39 Dubbed ones
 - 41 Sits in hot water
 - 43 Long tales
 - 44 Traditional in nature
 - 47 Be furious
 - 48 Hold back, as breath
 - 49 Unsatisfactory
 - 50 Loud speaker
 - 52 Choose
 - 54 Stash cash
 - 57 Quick cuts
 - 58 Sentry's command
 - 60 Mid-body joint
 - 62 Do not exist, informally
 - 63 Choreography, essentially
 - 64 Work hard
 - 65 Wrestler/actor John
 - 66 One concerned with nest eggs
 - 67 Midwest hub
 - 68 Saldaña, in *Star Trek*
 - 69 Angler's spool
 - 70 Those, in Spain
 - 71 Penpoints
 - 72 Part of the media
 - 73 Kenyan people
 - 74 — Faire (jousting venue)
 - 75 The depleted — Sea
 - 76 High-strung
 - 77 Opposite of 44 Across
 - 78 "Swell!"
 - 80 Pass by
 - 82 Food court locale
 - 83 Small bay
 - 84 Website with Throwback Thursday crosswords
 - 85 Weep
 - 90 Skiers' transportation
 - 92 JFK commanded one in WWII
 - 94 Significant others, these days
 - 95 Tiny taste of tea
 - 96 It's southwest of UConn
 - 97 Job openings
 - 98 Fusses
 - 100 Do a vet's job
 - 101 Calligraphy mishap
 - 102 Arrived
 - 103 Sign of a stage hit
 - 104 Bugs Bunny's girlfriend
 - 107 Gave as a bonus
 - 109 Ginger ale mocktail
 - 115 Lower body exercise
 - 116 Deep dish
 - 117 Postponed discussing
 - 118 Garden lattice
 - 119 Gave the OK
 - 120 Green-lighted
- DOWN**
- 1 Preceder of Windows
 - 2 AMA member specialty
 - 3 Scratch up
 - 4 Lines on an invoice
 - 5 In — of (replacing)
 - 6 Decides (to)
 - 7 —-jongg
 - 8 Concert hall
 - 9 Walks heavily
 - 10 Slightest trace
 - 11 Giant's interjection heard by Jack
 - 12 Military board game
 - 13 Plaid cotton fabric
 - 14 Sparkling success
 - 15 *Agnus* — (Mass prayer)
 - 16 Appointment confirmation
 - 17 Dairy product with curds
 - 18 Central New York lake
 - 19 Some mattresses
 - 24 What a brat might be called
 - 29 The Senate, for instance
 - 31 Opponent of Chiang
 - 32 Squeak silencer
 - 33 Eccentric
 - 35 GI support group
 - 36 What some tickets reserve
 - 39 Advance soldier
 - 40 Denny's alternative
 - 42 Ensnare
 - 43 Popcorn topping
 - 45 Shells out
 - 46 Solitary ones
 - 48 *Twilight* heroine
 - 51 Ready to harvest
 - 53 Would-be singer's obstacle
 - 54 Sort of sword
 - 55 Up and about
 - 56 Girl in Archie Comics
 - 57 Particle not radioactive
 - 59 Haughtiness
 - 61 Monty Python member knighted in 2019
 - 63 Actor LaBeouf
 - 64 Postgraduate projects
 - 65 Treestop bed of rhyme
 - 67 Sandwich spec
 - 68 Ornate vases
 - 72 Pig of tots' TV
 - 73 Sheds, as feathers
 - 75 Off-road rides, for short
 - 76 Polynesian tubers
 - 77 Fabricated
 - 79 Predict
 - 81 Doctor's orders
 - 82 Paltry
 - 86 Venerable movie channel
 - 87 African snake
 - 88 Southwestern creek
 - 89 Work covertly
 - 90 Cousin of Juliet
 - 91 With less tread
 - 92 Factories
 - 93 Repaired, as a roof
 - 97 Bradbury books
 - 99 Parcels (out)
 - 100 Brazilian dance
 - 103 iPhone voice
 - 105 Tom Hanks title role of '23
 - 106 Pipe problem
 - 108 Weaken with water: Abbr.
 - 110 Successor of 31 Down
 - 111 Californian's ender for Angel
 - 112 Work hard
 - 113 Either of two Virginian Declaration signers
 - 114 Teacher's deg.

CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2023 STANLEY NEWMAN WWW.STANXWORDS.COM 6/18/23



MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords

AAA1137884.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023119805

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MARILYN S BOUTIQUE, 1140 EAST AVE R5, PALMDALE, CA 93550 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANA MARILYN MEJIA, 1140 EAST AVE R5, PALMDALE, CA 93550. 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: ANA MARILYN MEJIA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 05/31/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1137905.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023120332

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SWICK SKATEBOARDS, 1341 STANFILL RD., PALMDALE, CA 93551 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CODY MICHAEL SWICK, 1341 STANFILL RD., PALMDALE, CA 93551. 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: CODY MICHAEL SWICK, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 05/31/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138027.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023121424

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROSY'S CLEANING, 4360 S MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LIBNY ROSCELLY GODINEZ LOPEZ, 4360 S MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. 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: LIBNY ROSCELLY GODINEZ LOPEZ, 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) 06/01/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138300.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023121680

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: M3 PLUMBING, 316 W. FLORAL DRIVE, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: PO BOX 466, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ARMANDO MADRIGAL, 316 W FLORAL DRIVE, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. 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: ARMANDO MADRIGAL, 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) 06/02/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138355.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023121689

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GAS STATION DISPENSARY, 19243 VANOWEN ST, RESEDA, CA 91335 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 201924710261. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: REVOS FINEST LLC, 19243 VANOWEN ST, RESEDA, CA 91335 (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: MURAD TOVMASYAN, MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/02/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138370.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023121706

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TONY'S AUTO DETAILING, 15504 SATICOY ST, VAN NUYS, CA 91406 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ, 15504 SATICOY ST, VAN NUYS, CA 91406. 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: ANTONIO 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) 06/02/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138386.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023121806

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ERTICLASHESLA 444 S ARDMORE AVE APT 259, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: BADAMKHAND ADIYABAZAR, 444 S ARDMORE AVE APT 259, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). 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: BADAMKHAND ADIYABAZAR, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/02/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138401.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023122961

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: A SHOT OF LOVE FILMS, 5945 CRANER AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CAITLIN PITT, 5945 CRANER AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. 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: CAITLIN PITT, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/05/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1138724.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124493

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: X H MASSAGE, 1730 SEPULVEDA BLVD #5, TORRANCE, CA 90501 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HUI XU, 1730 SEPULVEDA BLVD #5, TORRANCE, CA 90501. 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: HUI XU, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140113.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124512

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TRIPLE J JEWELRY SHOP, 607 S HILL ST #733, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSE JUAN HERNANDEZ, 607 S HILL ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOSE JUAN HERNANDEZ, GENERAL PARTNER. 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) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140114.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124666

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CM GREASE SERVICE, 8710 AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ESTEFANY MARIA MORALES MARTINEZ, 8710 AVALON BLVD, 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: ESTEFANY MARIA MORALES MARTINEZ, 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) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140115.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124663

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MASTER-TECH WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTORS AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, 1615 S BRAND BLVD SUITE A, GLENDALE, CA 91204 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 20199804. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: EHAHA CORPORATION, 1615 S BRAND BLVD SUITE A, GLENDALE, CA 91204 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: EDIK SAAKYAN, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2006. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140196.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124910

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DAHL AESTHETIC SKIN CARE AND SPA, INC., 13752 1/2 ROSCOE BLVD, PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 3493346. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DAHLAESTHETIC SKIN CARE AND SPA, INC., 13752 1/2 ROSCOE BLVD, PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOSEPH J. DINGLASAN, CFO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140199.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124907

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. GREATER BETHEL, 2. G.B.C., 4821 GRAMERCY PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4616739. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LIFE CENTER ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 4831 S GRAMERCY PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: AARON M. MARTIN, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 06/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140200.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124829

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BROWN COIN WASH #9, 690 W MISSION BLVD, POMONA, CA 91766 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 2091 N TOWNE AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ODB CORP., 2091 N. TOWNE AVE., POMONA, CA 91767 (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: DESMOND MARK BROWN, CFO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 03/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140259.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124882

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GAMBOA VISUALS, 620 ORCHARD PL, LA HABRA, CA 90631 ORANGE COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JACOB J. GAMBOA, 620 ORCHARD PL, LA HABRA, CA 90631. 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: JACOB J. GAMBOA, 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) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140262.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124950

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LUX RIDE, 14161 MONTFORD ST, ARLETA, CA 91301 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: GABRIEL ANGEL PEDRAZA, 14161 MONTFORD ST, ARLETA, CA 91301. 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: GABRIEL ANGEL PEDRAZA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140264.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023124956

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. CHILL E DOGGS, 2. DIRT DIGGER LANDSCAPING, 1445 W 110TH PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SHANNON B. SYKES, 1445 W 110TH PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. 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: SHANNON B. SYKES, 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) 06/06/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140266.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023125796

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DAZZLING EYEBROW THREADING, 2550 SLAUSON AVE SUITE E, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202354615336. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: USHA ENTERPRISES LLC, 2550 SLAUSON AVE SUITE E, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA). 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: ASHISHA

THAPA, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 05/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/07/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140393.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023125559

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KING'S DONUTS, 12920 HAWTHORNE BLVD #101, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JANE SANGPASANSOUK, 421 E. MYRTLE ST., SANTA ANA, CA 92701. 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: JANE SANGPASANSOUK, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 06/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/07/2023. 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: 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1140394.

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 13481 Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 will sell at public auction the personal property in the below-listed 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 July 4th, 2023, and closing at 10:00AM PT on July 11th, 2023. Bidding may close later than stated to allow all interested bidders to participate and to permit soft closing if needed. Unit 1162- Jason Brown; Unit 2080- Sonia Castaneda; Unit 3335- Keegan Kovash; Unit 2211- Hue Lee; Unit 2020- Jason Rivera; Unit 3195- Sue Thome

The Norwalk Patriot 6/23/23, 6/30/23

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

07/11/2023 11:00am

Annete Briceno Household items

Barbara Washington Household items

Jennifer Michell Hernandez Household items

Manuel Pacheco Household items

Nicole C. Paredes Palma Household items

Monica Valadez Household items

Mervin E. Noguera Household items

Gabriel Romero Household items

Veronica Hernandez Household items

Carmen Miras 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.

The Norwalk Patriot 6/23/23, 6/30/23

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00191

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMELIA YERIN LEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name AMELIA YERIN LEE to Proposed name AMY YERIN LEE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: JULY 24, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00191

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMELIA YERIN LEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name AMELIA YERIN LEE to Proposed name AMY YERIN LEE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: JULY 24, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00191

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMELIA YERIN LEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name AMELIA YERIN LEE to Proposed name AMY YERIN LEE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: JULY 24, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00191

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMELIA YERIN LEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name AMELIA YERIN LEE to Proposed name AMY YERIN LEE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any

Norwalk Chamber of Commerce marks 100 years

