

Hate group protests new wellbeing center at high schools

■ Opened in 2019, the facility offers teens resources related to sex, mental health and substance abuse.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK — The Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District board of education listened as Arthur Schaper, the California MassResistance field director, expressed unfounded claims about the John Glenn and Southeast Academy High School Wellbeing Center.

“These wellbeing centers, your staff, have been trained by Planned Parenthood,” Schaper said. “You have these counselors who teach kids they can change their sex like flipping a switch, it’s unacceptable.”

California MassResistance, an organization the Southern Poverty Law Center labeled a hate group, arrived at the Norwalk La - Mirada Unified School District board meeting on June 26 to oppose the Wellbeing Center and called for its removal.

The organization spread the unfounded claim on social media that Planned Parenthood trained the staff at the center. Schaper claimed, without evidence, that Planned Parenthood pushes an agenda of “sex mutilation” on students and influences them to become transgender.

The Torrance resident continued to call the LGBTQIA+ ideology a “cult and an illness,” as his California MassResistance supporters applauded. Schaper also accused the school board of hiding information on the center from parents and vowed to go door-to-door to spread his beliefs to the community.

NLMUSD superintendent, John Lopez, explained the district addressed most of MassResistance’s concerns of the Wellbeing Center with a fact sheet of frequently asked questions in February.

“The Wellbeing Center was approved by the board of education in 2019,” Lopez said. “They talked to the community members of John Glenn and got an intake of services they wanted.”

The services provided through the center are student-initiated, according to the FAQ. Students



Arthur Schaper, the California MassResistance field director, touted unsupported claims about the John Glenn and Southeast Academy High School Wellbeing Center during an NLMUSD board meeting on June 26. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

are reminded to include parents in their care, as expressed in the district’s memorandum of understanding with the LACDPH.

A minor may consent to medical care related to contraception, the prevention, or the treatment of pregnancy without parental consent, according to Cal. Family Code § 6925.

The superintendent emphasized that Planned Parenthood is not involved with the Wellbeing Center, after the board voted against the Planned Parenthood component in August 2022.

Wellbeing Center staff are trained by the Los Angeles County Department of public health.

Lopez was confused about how Schaper and MassResistance tied LGBTQIA+ into the Wellbeing Center.

“It’s disappointing that we have an opportunity to help our community by giving them resources they need and groups are putting a spin on things that aren’t happening,” Lopez said. “LGBTQIA+ wasn’t even addressed in any of our frequently

asked questions because that never came up until now.”

The Wellbeing Center provides health education, information about substance abuse, mental health and stress reduction groups. Masters Level Health Educators from the LACDPH are present to support students, teach sexual health and provide sexually active young people with counseling, according to the FAQ.

A registered nurse is also available for on-site testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, condoms, over-the-counter emergency contraception, pregnancy tests and sexual health information for students.

The FAQ emphasizes that parents can also utilize the Wellbeing Center. Classes at the center teach parents about teen health, how to discuss alcohol and drugs with their child and how to effectively explain sexual decision-making.

Statistics from the LACDPH were referenced in the FAQ as the district illustrated the necessity for a Wellbeing Center.

Approximately 21.4% of high school students in LA County currently drink alcohol. Among sexually active students, one in five drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual intercourse, according to the LACDPH.

In LA County, approximately 45.3% of high schoolers felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks, and 26.6% seriously considered attempting suicide.

Among high school students in the county, approximately 28% reported having sex and 20% are sexually active. LACDPH reported 44% of sexually active students did not use a condom last time and 78% are not using birth control.

Despite his lack of evidence, Schaper called the fact sheet “baloney.” Supporters continued expressing opposition to Planned Parenthood and transgender people during public comments.

Brenda Lebsack, a pastor at the Assembly of God church in Norwalk, alleged she used a Planned Parenthood chat number and pretended to be a child

confused about her gender.

“They took me to a site that talked about puberty blockers, saying that if you’re confused about your gender, don’t worry, because the Q in LGBTQ means queer or questioning,” Lebsack said.

The pastor accused Planned Parenthood of promoting sexual pleasures to children. However, she was referring to the Planned Parenthood glossary, where the definitions of such words must be looked for and searched.

As Schaper said California Mass Resistance would return to the district to oppose the Wellbeing Center, Lopez encouraged community members to navigate the district website for accurate information.

“We encourage parents to get in touch with their school principals or district staff and we’ll provide them the information,” Lopez said. “We’ll send out information as well and reach out to our community.”

SEAACA accused of inhumane treatment

■ Animal rights activists advocated for changes in SEAACA procedures to ensure pets are adopted and fostered.

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DOWNEY - Animal rights activists, led by Lynette Whiteside-McCalnes, protested against the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) in Downey, after accusing the organization of inhumane animal treatment and demanding changes in their animal care procedures.

“They’ve put way more effort into finding a way to kill the animal than to actually vet them and adopt them,” Whiteside-McCalnes said. “I’ve taken animals from other shelters where I got a dossier of their medical history, and we’re lucky if we get a release sheet from [SEAACA].”

Foster groups and activists expressed their frustration with SEAACA’s animal care protocols during their demonstration on June 24. They accused the animal shelter of miscommunicating with animal rescuers, euthanasia procedures, inaccurate statistics and inaccessible operating hours.

In her petition, Whiteside-McCalnes elaborates that select animals are excluded from SEAACA animals saved statistics. She accused the shelter of touting a 99% live release rate while excluding animals based on owner surrenders, animal behavioral issues, sick animals and unweaned kittens.

Activists expressed concern that the facility is not suitable for a large number of animals, as the shelter covers 14 cities in Southern California, including Norwalk.

Denise Woodside, the executive director at SEAACA, responded to the allegations and said misinformation has circulated through social media platforms, but the organization is committed to serving the community.

“SEAACA takes animal cruelty very seriously and regularly responds to animal cruelty calls within our service area,” Woodside said. “SEAACA abides by applicable Federal and State mandates and any concerns of animal cruelty should be brought to the attention of SEAACA immediately so it can be investigated.”



Demonstrators march outside of SEAACA on June 24. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

Activists continued to advocate for better animal treatment.

An account they continue to refer to occurred on June 13, when Marissa Gomez transported

17 kittens to SEAACA, but were euthanized soon after arriving.

Woodside explained the kittens were sick and not going to survive and were humanely euthanized.

Unweaned kitten euthanasia has decreased between 2013 with 4356 kittens, and 2022 with 306 kittens with according to Woodside.

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ON THIS DAY

1863: The Battle of Gettysburg, one of the most important battles of the American Civil War, began.

1867: The Dominion of Canada was formed, an event subsequently celebrated as an annual Canadian holiday (its current name, Canada Day, was adopted in 1982) marked by parades, fireworks, and the display of flags.

1903: The first Tour de France began, and the race went on to become cycling’s most prestigious and difficult event.

1928: Sliced bread was sold for the first time, by the Chillicothe Baking Company of Chillicothe, Missouri.

1963: The U.S. Postal Service instituted the Zone Improvement Plan Code, commonly known as the ZIP Code.

1968: The United States, the United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., and 59 other states signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in an attempt to halt the spread of nuclear weapons.

1979: Sony began selling its Walkman, a portable cassette player; an international sensation, the device changed the way people listened to music.



1997: The crown colony of Hong Kong officially reverted to Chinese sovereignty, ending 156 years of British rule.

2002: The International Criminal Court—established to prosecute and adjudicate individuals accused of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity—began sittings.

2004: Iconic motion-picture and stage actor Marlon Brando, the most celebrated of the method actors, died at age 80.

Birthdays

Beatles drummer **Ringo Starr** (83), actress **Shelly Duvall** (74), comedian **Jim Gaffigan** (57), basketball hall of famer **Lisa Leslie** (51), and Olympic figure skater **Michelle Kwan** (43).

Burnout threatens primary care workforce and doctors' mental health

■ Hospitals are learning ways to help physicians who are overworked and stressed out.

By Lauren Sausser
KFF Health News

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Melanie Gray Miller, a 30-year-old physician, wiped away tears as she described the isolation she felt after losing a beloved patient.

"It was at the end of a night shift, when it seems like bad things always happen," said Miller, who is training to become a pediatrician.

The infant had been sick for months in the Medical University of South Carolina's pediatric intensive care unit and the possibility that he might not improve was obvious, Miller recalled during an April meeting with physicians and hospital administrators. But the suddenness of his death still caught her off guard.

"I have family and friends that I talk to about things," she said. "But no one truly understands."

Doctors don't typically take time to grieve at work. But during that recent meeting, Miller and her colleagues opened up about the insomnia, emotional exhaustion, trauma, and burnout they experienced from their time in the pediatric ICU.

"This is not a normal place," Grant Goodrich, the hospital system's director of ethics, said to the group, acknowledging an occupational hazard the industry

often downplays. "Most people don't see kids die."

The recurring conversation, scheduled for early-career doctors coming off monthlong pediatric ICU rotations, is one way the hospital helps staffers cope with stress, according to Alyssa Rheingold, a licensed clinical psychologist who leads its resiliency program.

"Often the focus is to teach somebody how to do yoga and take a bath," she said. "That's not at all what well-being is about."

Burnout in the health care industry is a widespread problem that long predates the Covid-19 pandemic, though the chaos introduced by the coronavirus's spread made things worse, physicians and psychologists said. Health systems across the country are trying to boost morale and keep clinicians from quitting or retiring early, but the stakes are higher than workforce shortages.

Rates of physician suicide, partly fueled by burnout, have been a concern for decades. And while burnout occurs across medical specialties, some studies have shown that primary care doctors, such as pediatricians and family physicians, may run a higher risk.

"Why go into primary care when you can make twice the money doing something with half the stress?" said Daniel Crummett, a retired primary care doctor who lives in North Carolina. "I don't know why anyone would go into primary care."

Doctors say they are fed up with demands imposed by hospital administrators and

health insurance companies, and they're concerned about the notoriously grueling shifts assigned to medical residents during the early years of their careers. A long-standing stigma keeps physicians from prioritizing their own mental health, while their jobs require them to routinely grapple with death, grief, and trauma. The culture of medicine encourages them to simply bear it.

"Resiliency is a cringe word for me," Miller said. "In medicine, we're just expected to be resilient 24/7. I don't love that culture."

And though the pipeline of physicians entering the profession is strong, the ranks of doctors in the U.S. aren't growing fast enough to meet future demand, according to the American Medical Association. That's why burnout exacerbates workforce shortages and, if it continues, may limit the ability of some patients to access even basic care. A 2021 report published by the Association of American Medical Colleges projects the U.S. will be short as many as 48,000 primary care physicians by 2034, a higher number than any other single medical specialty.

A survey published last year by The Physicians Foundation, a nonprofit focused on improving health care, found more than half of the 1,501 responding doctors didn't have positive feelings about the current or future state of the medical profession. More than 20% said they wanted to retire within a year.

Similarly, in a 2022 AMA survey of 11,000 doctors and other medical professionals, more than half reported feeling burned out and indicated they were experiencing a great deal of stress.

Those numbers appear to be even higher in primary care. Even before the pandemic, 70% of primary care providers and 89% of primary care residents reported feelings of burnout.

"Everyone in health care feels overworked," said Gregg Coodley, a primary care physician in Portland, Oregon, and author of the 2022 book "Patients in Peril: The Demise of Primary Care in America."

"I'm not saying there aren't



Melanie Gray Miller, a pediatric resident at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, says the practice of medicine has taught doctors to minimize work-related grief and trauma. "They want us to be proud of being resilient," Miller says. "I don't love that culture of medicine." (GAVIN MCINTYRE FOR KFF HEALTH NEWS)

issues for other specialists, too, but in primary care, it's the worst problem," he said.

The high level of student debt most medical school graduates carry, combined with salaries more than four times as high as the average, deter many physicians from quitting medicine midcareer. Even primary care doctors, whose salaries are among the lowest of all medical specialties, are paid significantly more than the average American worker. That's why, instead of leaving the profession in their 30s or 40s, doctors often stay in their jobs but retire early.

"We go into medicine to help people, to take care of people, to do good in the world," said Crummett, who retired from the Duke University hospital system in 2020 when he turned 65.

Crummett said he would have enjoyed working until he was 70, if not for the bureaucratic burdens of practicing medicine, including needing to get prior authorization from insurance companies before providing care, navigating cumbersome electronic health record platforms, and logging hours of administrative work outside the exam room.

"I enjoyed seeing patients. I really enjoyed my co-workers,"

he said. "The administration was certainly a major factor in burnout."

Jean Antonucci, a primary care doctor in rural Maine who retired from full-time work at 66, said she, too, would have kept working if not for the hassle of dealing with hospital administrators and insurance companies.

Once, Antonucci said, she had to call an insurance company — by landline and cellphone simultaneously, with one phone on each ear — to get prior authorization to conduct a CT scan, while her patient in need of an appendectomy waited in pain. The hospital wouldn't conduct the scan without insurance approval.

"It was just infuriating," said Antonucci, who now practices medicine only one day a week. "I could have kept working. I just got tired."

Providers' collective exhaustion is a crisis kept hidden by design, said Whitney Marvin, a pediatrician who works in the pediatric ICU at the Medical University of South Carolina. She said hospital culture implicitly teaches doctors to tamp down their emotions and to "keep moving."

"I'm not supposed to be weak,

and I'm not supposed to cry, and I'm not supposed to have all these emotions, because then maybe I'm not good enough at my job," said Marvin, describing the way doctors have historically thought about their mental health.

This mentality prevents many doctors from seeking the help they need, which can lead to burnout — and much worse. An estimated 300 physicians die by suicide every year, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The problem is particularly pronounced among female physicians, who die by suicide at a significantly higher rate than women in other professions.

A March report from Medscape found, of more than 9,000 doctors surveyed, 9% of male physicians and 11% of female physicians said they have had suicidal thoughts. But the problem isn't new, the report noted. Elevated rates of suicide among physicians have been documented for 150 years.

"Ironically, it's happening to a group of people who should have the easiest access to mental health care," said Gary Price, a Connecticut surgeon and president of The Physicians Foundation.

But the reluctance to seek help isn't unfounded, said Corey Feist, president of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation.

"There's something known in residency as the 'silent curriculum,'" Feist said in describing an often-unspoken understanding among doctors that seeking mental health treatment could jeopardize their livelihood.

Feist's sister-in-law, emergency room physician Lorna Breen, died by suicide during the early months of the pandemic. Breen sought inpatient treatment for mental health once, Feist said, but feared that her medical license could be revoked for doing so.

The foundation works to change laws across the country to prohibit medical boards and hospitals from asking doctors invasive mental health questions on employment or license applications.

"These people need to be taken care of by us, because really, no one's looking out for them," Feist said.

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Expulsion of female pastors will only speed the Southern Baptists' decline

By Rick Warren

Rick Warren is the founder of Saddleback Church and author of "The Purpose Driven Life."

Amid an unprecedented decline within the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), the nation's largest Protestant denomination has elected to expel several churches for their interpretations of scripture. That action has fueled a larger conversation about the future of the denomination to which I have belonged my entire life.

I was not surprised by the vote of the SBC to expel Saddleback Church, the congregation my wife, Kay, and I founded 43 years ago, for giving three longtime female staff members "pastor of" titles. There are now perhaps nearly 2,000 other SBC churches around the United States worried they will be next.

The SBC executive committee's unprecedented decision has opened a Pandora's box of unintended consequences that will fundamentally destroy several tenets of the Baptist faith upon which the Convention was founded.

The SBC has been in decline since the Baptist Faith and Message confession was revised in 2000 to add a prohibition against female pastors. Then in 2015, just eight years ago, an amendment to the SBC constitution weaponized that confession, turning it into an enforceable creed.

For 400 years, Baptists have been anti-creed — but not anymore. Sadly, I think the decline in the SBC's size and influence will continue as the Convention suffers one self-inflicted wound after another. These problems have weakened the identity,

structure, mission and strategies for cooperation that once made the SBC a powerful force for the kingdom of God and for good in our society.

Some SBC leaders seem unable to admit it or talk about it, but denial is dishonesty. This is not a glitch or the result of a pandemic; it is a trajectory on which we have been for a while, and we should recognize the accompanying hypocrisies. No longer can we afford to avoid admitting our faults.

Those who care about the SBC should be concerned: Why would leadership want to further reduce a dwindling denomination? If ever we needed more believers operating in their God-given gifts and teaching abilities, it is now.

The SBC representatives — they are called "messengers" — who voted not to reinstate Saddleback and two other churches could have avoided a costly decade of inquisition and infighting that now looms. They could have avoided the inevitable and painful purging of the roughly 2,000 SBC churches that have already designated female staff as pastors. Instead, they have helped ensure that the once great SBC will be known as the Shrinking Baptist Convention.

That grieves my heart. Many SBC churches have given women the title of "pastor" for various tasks, such as children's pastor, youth pastor, associate pastor or missions pastor. However, to remain "in friendly cooperation" with the SBC, none of that will now be allowed. The debate is over an English word — "pastor" — that is not even in the Bible, though "pastors" (plural) appears once, in a list of spiritual gifts of service but not in the context of an office or title of status. Not a single man or woman is called a

"pastor" in the New Testament in any English translation.

Recognizing that the SBC's executive committee consists of mostly male members, I should note that men treat this as a theological issue. Women, however, see it as an existential issue, because it denies the gifts, talents and skills they were sovereignly given by God. It thwarts their identity. We'll never get 100 percent of Baptists to agree 100 percent on 100 percent of doctrine, but we should be able to agree on the common mission to which we have been called.

The SBC's decision is disappointing to me, given my family's four-generation history as Southern Baptists. I spoke out at the SBC meeting in New Orleans this month to support the frightened pastors and frustrated women in service around the country. But we need to get back to the main thing.

In some of his last words on Earth, Jesus commanded his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

These marching orders are known today as the Great Commission. Nearly 2,000 years have passed since Jesus assigned to us the most important task of all time, and yet there are still people and places across the globe who have never once had the opportunity to hear the good news of the Gospel.

To fulfill the Great Commission, we need everyone in the church using all of their gifts. We cannot finish the task with 50 percent of the team forced to sit on the bench. We need everybody on the field.

Biden whiffs on solar energy

By Terence P. Jeffrey

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Except for a modest number who go by ferry, almost everybody who travels between Marin County and San Francisco does so by crossing the Golden Gate Bridge in some kind of vehicle.

They may do it in a car, a truck, a bus or on a motorcycle — unless they are President Joe Biden.

If you are Biden, you do not cross the bridge at all — and you do not take a ferry. Instead, you take a helicopter — even if you are only traveling the short distance from Crissy Field, which sits just below the bridge in San Francisco, to Mackey Field, which is about 10 miles north of the bridge at the College of Marin.

The San Francisco Standard published an article on June 22 that reported on how surprised some local residents were by how Biden took that trip on June 20.

"Though news reports had just announced that President Joe Biden would be coming to Marin County for a campaign fundraiser during his two-day trip to the San Francisco Bay Area, locals thought his motorcade would cross the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco and drive out Sir Francis Drake Boulevard like everyone else," said the Standard. "No one expected presidential aircraft to land on a soccer field in the backyards of Larkspur — especially a few days ahead of the official visit."

"From the landing field in Larkspur," the Standard reported, "Biden drove just a few minutes to the campaign fundraiser at an estate in Kentfield, an affluent, unincorporated Marin County community of 7,400 where the average home value runs \$2.7 million, according to Zillow."

What did Biden talk about when he addressed this posh crowd? Among his main themes were global warming and environmentalism.

"How many of your friends who were doing well didn't think there was much to global warming?" Biden asked his contributors,

according to a transcript posted by the White House.

"Well, all of a sudden, I flew over more territory with the governor in a helicopter, and other governors throughout the country, from Arizona and New Mexico, all the way up to the state of Washington State and Idaho and the rest," said Biden. "More timber has burned to the ground than comprises the entire landmass of the state of Maryland.

"And people are no longer wondering whether or not we have a problem with the environment," said Biden. "People are stepping up. And we were able to pass legislation for \$368 billion for environmental investment."

Biden then explained that he was seeking to put a significant part of the United States off limits to human development.

"And I made a commitment that 30% of all our lands and all our waters are going to be in conservation by the year 2030," said Biden. "We're well on our way to doing that. And that's going to make a profound impact on what we have and what we deal with in terms of the environment."

When this fundraiser was over, Biden helicoptered back to San Francisco — and attended another fundraiser, where he called for moving America away from fossil fuels to wind and solar power.

"I think we're going to be in a position to have 100% clean energy — and I'll talk about it if you want to talk about it later — by — clean e— 100% clean energy by 2035 in the United States. One hundred percent," Biden told these contributors, according to a White House transcript. "And I explain why: all-electric vehicle future, 500,000 charging stations."

"By the way," Biden said, "it's a hell of a lot cheaper: Solar is cheaper. Wind is cheaper. It doesn't cause cancer."

He then explained the argument he had made to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. "Well," said Biden, "I spent a lot of time with the IBEW, and I said, 'Guys, your future lies in solar and wind and — and alternative energy. It doesn't rely on the fossil fuel industry.'"

Funding for the HOPE scholarship, which never came close to covering my college expenses, ended shortly after I began school. Once it ended, I was left with my Pell Grant as the only way to pay for tuition and fees, room and board, books and incidentals. It didn't come close.

So even though I was a full time student, I still had to work a full-time job to make ends meet. Working sometimes took a toll on my grades but I persevered and managed somehow to graduate with a degree in English, with a 3.4 GPA.

To this day, I find it baffling that these programs, which are put in place for people like me who come from families with no personal assets or financial security nets, still leave students in the position of having to incur massive amounts of debt, even if they attend public universities like I did.

After college, I took a position as a teacher at a non-profit preschool in my community, where I was employed for the first decade of my working life. I then got a job as a classroom teacher and eventually moved into the role of studio arts teacher at the same school.

The school where I worked was an incredible community of dedicated and innovative educators, hardworking, curious children and committed families. I felt lucky to be working with them. As a community, we came together to problem-solve around societal issues like the abysmally low pay for teachers, the lack of government support for early childhood education and insufficient health care options for school staff.

Attitudes about early childhood education are such that most workers in the field know they will never be paid what they truly deserve. And programs ostensibly put in place to provide support for teachers don't always work the way they are supposed to.

For example, I was thrilled to discover somewhere along the way that there was a program for teachers like me who worked at non-profit schools to have college loans forgiven after making 10 years of payments. I mentioned the program to my boss, who immediately splashed cold water on my hopes. She told me that she had tried and failed to collect the same loan forgiveness after nearly

Toward the end of this talk, Biden explained one of his ultimate goals. "(W)e have to significantly eliminate the use of fossil fuels," he said. "But, by the way, you can't eliminate it all right now. It doesn't make even sense to do it all right now, even if you could — number one — but continue to fundamentally change the mix."

What is the current mix?

According to the June edition of the federal government's Monthly Energy Review, the United States produced a total of 102.936 quadrillion British thermal units (Btu) of energy in 2022. Of this, only about 1.8% (1.870 quadrillion Btu) came from solar power sources; and only about 3.7% (3.845 quadrillion Btu) came from wind power sources.

By contrast, about 79.5% (81.485 quadrillion Btu) came from fossil fuels (including 24.662 quadrillion Btu from crude oil; 37.106 quadrillion Btu from dry natural gas; 12.043 quadrillion Btu from coal and 7.674 from liquid natural gas).

Another 7.8% of the nation's energy supply in 2022 (8.046 quadrillion Btu) came from nuclear power plants.

The combined 89.53 quadrillion Btu in energy that the United States derived from fossil fuels and nuclear plants equaled about 87% of the nation's total energy supply.

If you add the 2.317 quadrillion Btu in energy that the nation derived from hydroelectric power sources in 2022 to that derived from fossil fuels and nuclear plants, it equals 91.848 quadrillion Btu or about 89.2% of America's total energy supply.

For wind power to make up for the power lost by shutting down America's fossil fuel production, wind power facilities would need to produce about 21 times as much energy as they do now. For solar power to make up for the loss, solar energy production would need to increase by more than 43 times what it is now.

How would that work with Biden's vision for conserving land in the United States?

Generational poverty is here to stay

By Rachel Clark

Rachel Clark is a former school teacher now working in the tech industry.

For my whole adult life, debt and financial hardship has dictated my path, first through a cycle of generational poverty and now in the form of student debt. With Friday's Supreme Court decision, it looks as if I have many years ahead of student loan repayment. It could take, quite literally, the rest of my working life before my student loans are paid off.

Last week, the Supreme Court blocked President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness plan. In a 6-3 ruling, the Court found that the Department of Education "doesn't have the authority to cancel \$430 billion of student loan principal." This is devastating news.

I was elated when I first heard about Biden's student loan forgiveness plan which seemed designed to help someone just like me — dedicated and hardworking but without much in the way of assets or savings. My profession, teaching, wasn't exactly what one could call lucrative.

The odds were always against me going to college. I grew up in central Georgia in a low income household, the eldest of three children. I was the first of my family to attend a four-year university. My family had no experience with the college application process. We also were not familiar with the complicated financial aid loan application form, known as the FAFSA, that all students need to fill out when applying for financial assistance.

After submitting my FAFSA forms, I applied for aid from my college and to my disbelief, I was told that I had an expected family contribution of zero dollars. Naively, I assumed this meant that almost all of the costs of my education would be covered by my college. I discovered later just how mistaken I was.

I received two types of grant funding during my time in college: A program called the HOPE scholarship, funded by the state lottery, which apportioned grants on the basis of academic achievement; and a federal Pell Grant, for students who demonstrate financial need.

30 years of teaching.

After speaking with others who failed to get their loans forgiven under this plan, I came to the conclusion that the public service loan forgiveness program is difficult by design. Requiring over-worked and emotionally-depleted teachers to jump through multiple levels of bureaucracy seemed a rude way to thank us for our public service. The Biden Administration's loan forgiveness was to have been one last financial lifeline. To have it yanked away as well disappoints me more than I can say.

When I graduated a decade ago, my student loan debt totaled about \$20,000. I began making payments on an income-based repayment plan. What this means is that the loan servicer determines a fair amount for me to repay monthly based on my income.

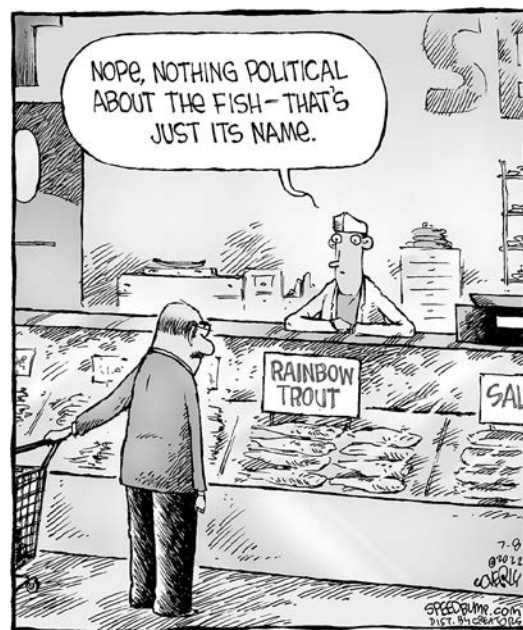
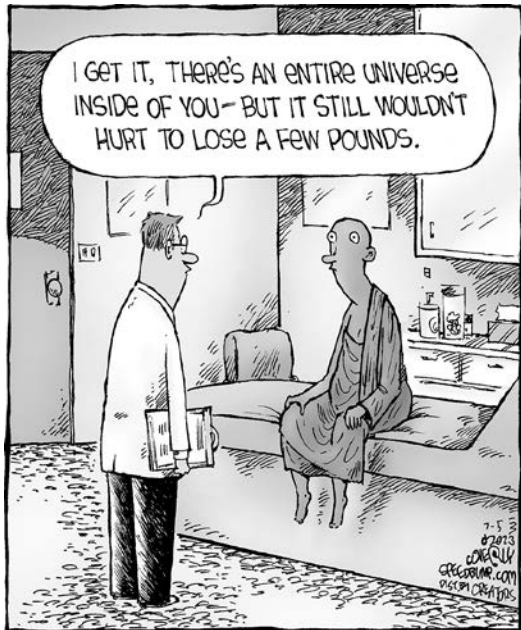
Despite making these payments regularly, because of the interest on the loan, my debt today stands at about \$23,000. Biden's loan forgiveness program would have reduced it to \$3,000. I would have been able to envision, for the first time in my adult life, a debt-free existence.

The interest alone on my debt is higher than the amount that the loan servicer deems I am capable of paying. I've done the math, and it means it will be many years of loan repayment.

This year, I finally decided that although my passion lies in teaching, I will never be able to escape the student debt that just doesn't allow me to get ahead. I left the school community I love and am now pursuing work in the tech field. I am one of a growing number of teachers who has left the field because they're unable to make ends meet. And I recently left Georgia and moved to New York, which I hope will offer ample opportunities to pursue my new career.

At 32, I can no longer live hand to mouth. I have no assets that can set me up for a future of motherhood, home ownership or retirement. I have nothing except debt. And the Supreme Court has just guaranteed that this will be the case for many years to come.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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by S.N.

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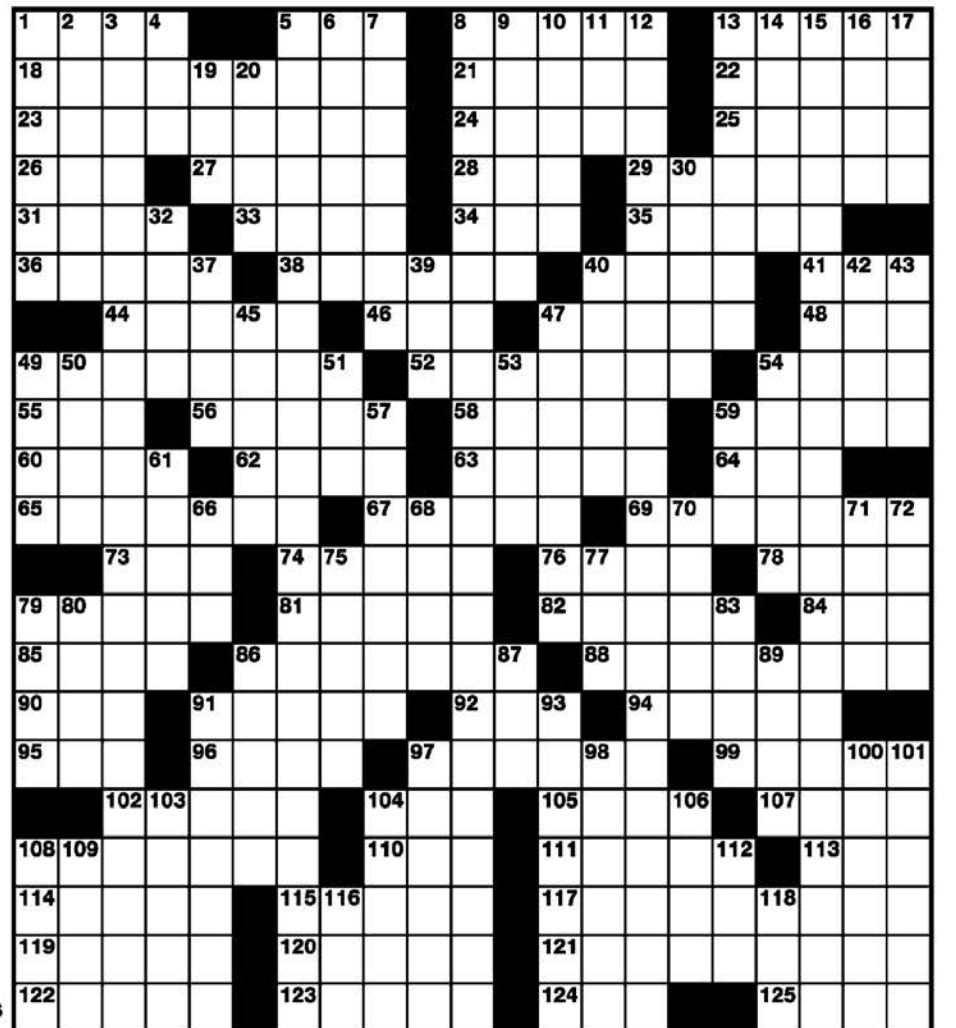
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023141731

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: B'S EMBROIDERY & PRINTING, 42257 6TH ST, WEST #30, LANCASTER, CA 93534 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C3615940. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: B'S EMBROIDERY ETC., INC., 42257 6TH ST, WEST #307, LANCASTER, CA 93534 (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: BETH MARTINEZ, 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) 06/28/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1145927.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023142240

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PRIORITY CHOICE NEMT, 16344 MOUNTAIN LANE, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PRIORITY CHOICE STAFFING PRO LLC, 16344 MOUNTAIN LANE, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387 (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: JAMILLA E MYERS, CEO. 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) 06/29/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146098.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023142350

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROSARIO'S CRAFT, 135 N JACKSON ST, 209, GLENDALE, CA 91206 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MARIA PENA, 135 N JACKSON ST, 209, GLENDALE, CA 91206. 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: MARIA PENA, 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) 06/29/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146125.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023143315

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AJ FADEAWAY, 18732 VISTA DEL CANON UNIT E, NEWHALL, CA 91321 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: AARON SAMONTE, 18732 VISTA DEL CANON UNIT E, NEWHALL, CA 91321. 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: AARON SAMONTE, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 06/29/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146349.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023143946

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PINTADOS, 1550 W 31ST ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90810 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANNAFE LOBEDECIS, 1550 W 31ST ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90810. ROMELO C LOBEDECIS JR., 1550 W 1ST ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90810. This business is conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE. 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: ANNAFE LOBEDECIS, WIFE. 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) 06/30/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146355.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023143531

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MARRO'S MOBILE DETAILING, 40535 SHINNECOCK CT, PALMDALE, CA 93551 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MARIO RAMIREZ, 40535 SHINNECOCK CT, PALMDALE, CA 93555. 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: MARIO RAMIREZ, 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) 06/30/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146439.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

2023145568
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DMC TIRES ROAD SERVICE, 11729 4TH AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90262 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LUDWIN ESAU CORTEZ CAMPOS, 1729 4TH AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90222. 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: LUDWIN ESAU CORTEZ CAMPOS, 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) 07/05/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146935.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023145894

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: UTOPIA FEET, 260 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, #100, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 ORANGE COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4860183. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DENALI NATURAL PRODUCTS, 260 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, #100, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 (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: ORNELA TORRES, CEO. 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) 07/05/2023. 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: 07/07/2023, 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023, 07/28/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1146936.

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONE CHANGE NO. 2022-02

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 and Via Videoconference

Project Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following application filed by Henry and Alice Kim, CNC Worldwide, Inc. ("Applicant"); a request to amend the zoning designation of a portion of the site zoned Automobile Parking (P) to Restricted Commercial (C-1) for the development of a new two-story, 8,715 square feet commercial building on a 0.52 acre site. The subject property is generally known as 12217 Rosecrans Avenue, located on the north side of Rosecrans Avenue and east of Norwalk Boulevard (also known as Assessor's Parcel Number ("APN") 8056-018-006, -005, -038, -023, -024).

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is listed as Class 3 and Class 32 Categorical Exemptions. Class 3 Exemption consists of the construction of new small structures and Class 32 Exemption involves in-fill development within urbanized areas.

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

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Llianna Padilla, Planning Technician, at (562) 929-5776; ipadilla@norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk Department at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide participation in the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 6th day of July 2023.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot 7/7/23

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ROSECRANS/MARILLA HOMES

Lead Agency: City of Norwalk, Community Development Department; 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Applicant: Touraj Kavandji, NFT Real Estate LLC, 6051 Maywood Ave, Huntington Park, CA 90255

Public Review Period: Monday, July 10, 2023 to Monday, July 31, 2023

Project Location: 13310 Rosecrans Avenue, City of Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The project applicant proposes to merge five (5) existing parcels into three (3) parcels to allow for the development of three (3) single family homes. The proposal involves: a General Plan Amendment (GPA), to amend the General Plan land use designation from Neighborhood Commercial to Low Density Residential; a Zone Change (ZC) to Amend the Zoning classification from Restricted Commercial (C-1) to Single Family Residential (R-1); and a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM), to permit the conversion of five existing parcels into three parcels to accommodate three single family homes.

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared for the proposed project. The public

comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on July 10, 2023 and end on July 31, 2023. Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this notice is to advise you that the City intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project described above. A public hearing date will be scheduled and noticed separately.

Public Review/Comment: Interested persons are invited to review the MND at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/community-development/planning/rosecrans-marilla-homes>. Additionally, copies of the MND are available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

City of Norwalk
Community Development, Room 12
Norwalk CA 90650

Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Highway
Norwalk CA 90650

The City will accept written comments regarding the MND and this notice through the close of business on July 31, 2023. Please send your written comments to Manraj Bhatia, PhD, AICP, Senior Planner, Community Development Department, Room 12, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 or by email to MBhatia@norwalkca.gov.

More Information: Questions concerning the matter should be directed to Manraj Bhatia, PhD, AICP, Senior Planner at (562) 929-5710 or MBhatia@norwalkca.gov.

Dated this 6th day of July 2023.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 and Via Videoconference

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the report on the delinquent refuse collection costs, copies of which are on file in the City Clerk's Department. Upon confirmation by the City Council, delinquent refuse fees will constitute a lien on the property unless paid by July 31, 2023. After that date, the unpaid liens will be delivered to the County Auditor to be collected at the time and in the manner of other taxes on the property.

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

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Gabriela Garcia, Sr. Management Analyst at (562) 929-5511, ggarcia@Norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk Department at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide participation in the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 6th day of July 2023.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

LIEN SALES

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

10950 Firestone Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

07/25/2023 11:00am

Delia Legaspi

Household items

Jacqueline Carrizoza
Household items

Francisco Rosales
Household items

Sergio Acosta
Household items

Mervin E Noguera
Household items

Veronica Hernandez
Household items

Adrian Cardoso
Household items

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

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Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that SS Santa Fe Springs, LLC d/b/a Simply Self Storage at 13461 Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 will sell at public auction the personal property in the below-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 11th, 2023 and closing at 10:00AM PT on July 18th, 2023. Bidding may close later than stated to allow all interested bidders to participate and to permit soft closing if needed. Unit 3332- Stephanie Carlos; Unit 3347- Angel Castillo; Unit 303953- Dawn Francisco; Unit 1007- Juan Hernandez; Unit 2247- Rene Lopez; Unit 2047- Jose R Magana; Unit 3372-Edgar Aldaco; Unit 215455- Ana Barajas; Unit 2031-Leslie Bundy; Unit 2265- Dessery Molina; Unit 2042- Steven D Myles; Unit 2059- Samir Palmer; Unit 3157- Destiny Rodriguez; Unit 3336- Hilda Varelas; Unit 3213- Gabriel Woullard; Unit 1109- Peter Yi

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOAN F. BUSH CASE NO. 23STPB07093

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOAN F. BUSH. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRUCE BUSH in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/07/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: ELINFER N. SAWDAY, ESQ. - SBN 228320 TREDWAY LUMSDAINE & DOYLE LLP 3900 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, STE 240 LONG BEACH CA 90806 Telephone (562) 923-0971 BSC 2323602 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/23 CNS-3716617# THE NORWALK PATRIOT

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CAROLINE ELIZABETH RYAN CASE NO. 23STPB06884

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CAROLINE ELIZABETH RYAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD F. RYAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RICHARD F. RYAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/04/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner: WILLIAM BOON, ESQ. - SBN 202150 858 N. CURSON AVENUE LOS ANGELES CA 90046 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/23 CNS-3715138# THE NORWALK PATRIOT

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAROLYN SUE POISAL Case No. 23STPB06308

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CAROLYN SUE POISAL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: SUSAN COKER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN COKER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 18, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 44 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N HILL ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

Attorney for Petitioner: JOSEPH J PARK, SBN 230295 WEINER LAW

12707 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE, STE 125 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 (858) 356-9070 JOE@WEINERLEGACYLAW.COM

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (Family Law) ON 1ST AMENDED PETITION NOTICE TO RESPONDENT(Name) AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): KAREN ANN WARD-WOOD
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente. **Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): DANIEL LEO WARD CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): 22WHFL01284**

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales.

Para asesoramiento legal,

Javier Reynoso, Andrea Urena named John Glenn's Scholar Athletes of the Year

■ The duo excelled in the classroom and in athletics; Reynoso now heads to Stanford while Urena will study at Cal Poly.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK — John Glenn's Javier Reynoso and Andrea Urena, after an outstanding athletic and academic year, have been selected as the 2023 Scholar Athletes of the Year.

In addition to the scholar honor for Reynoso and Urena, two Glenn softball players — senior Beatriz Galvez and sophomore Clarissa Galvan earned All-CIF honors for the past season.

Galvez received an athletic scholarship to Walsh University in Canton, Ohio, while Galvan enters her junior year with a lot of talent.

Receiving the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Award was Mikel Udengwu and Mia Ramirez. Udengwu starred in football and track and field, while Ramirez was in cheer and starred in wrestling.

Scholar Athlete Javier Reynoso

Reynoso was a dual-sport athlete participating in both cross country and track and field. In addition, he was also a team captain in 2022 and '23.

Reynoso will continue his education at Stanford University, majoring in computer science.

"I knew one day I wanted to become captain of the team and beat his records he set before. That really pushed me, as well as I learned that there was some really great people here, as I fell in love with cross country and track." Reynoso, with a smile. "My PR was 17:28 on the 5K and was faster than his. I think he got an 18-minute 5K, but in track and field I fell short in the 800. He was still faster. Maybe one day I can go back and beat that (time)."

Reynoso knew he wanted to become an athlete at Glenn in both cross country and track and field.

"Going into John Glenn, I knew I wanted to be in both of those sports," Reynoso said. "It was really my older brother (Vidal), who was here before. He did the same thing in both sports and really good in school. Vidal Reynoso also earned all-league honors. That really motivated me, and he brought me to this amazing team, and I wanted to help it grow, as well as work on my academics."

"I was able to dedicate my time to both cross country and track and field, as well as working on school academics. I made sure I was focused at every time, whether I was out on the track running or at home doing homework. Being able to dedicate my time across the board really helped me to get to where I was."



Javier Reynoso and Andrea Urena stand on the track at John Glenn High School where they were named Scholar Athletes of the Year. (PHOTO BY KEITH DURFLINGER)

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Javier was proud that he beat his brother in the 5K in cross country.

"In cross country I did beat his PR (personal record)," said Reynoso, with a smile. "My PR was 17:28 on the 5K and was faster than his. I think he got an 18-minute 5K, but in track and field I fell short in the 800. He was still faster. Maybe one day I can go back and beat that (time)."

"As of right now, he was dominant in track, and I am in cross country."

Reynoso has high expectations in his next step at Stanford.

"I plan on attending Stanford University in the Fall mainly for academics," he added. "I plan on majoring in computer science, but I do plan on joining the Stanford running club and maybe working my way up to the Stanford team, if possible, but there's a long way to go, so we'll see where that takes me."

Reynoso settled on Stanford after not knowing initially where he wanted to continue his education. "Obviously, it's a great school and has great student and athletic life and they have an amazing computer science program, which is what I wanted to do."

"I fell in love with computer science by taking a lot of the AP courses here at John Glenn and

Stanford just seemed like an excellent place to go."

John Glenn Track and Field coach Andy De La Torre talked of the improvement and drive of Reynoso through the years.

"Javier Reynoso is what I call a 'Day 1', he said. 'A 'Day 1' is a young athlete that in the early training sessions they don't look the most athletic, but you can see they have the drive to learn and grow to make themselves better, regardless if they're the best athlete on the team."

"Javier joined our team in 2020 with his older brother Vidal Reynoso who was a senior at the time. They were able to run together during cross country in 2020, but our track season was cut short due to COVID and he wasn't able to compete one last time with his brother. Javier did see success in his senior year. During cross country and track and field he made the 605 Second Team All-League. As of right now, he holds the No. 3 record for the 800 meters at John Glenn with a time of 2:12.65."

Scholar Athlete Andrea Urena

Urena, who will continue her education at Cal Poly Pomona, participated in three sports — wrestling, Tennis and track and field - and was also manager of the cross-country team in her senior year.

"I think I got the award because of my grades and how I've been keeping them for the last four years by how many sports I've been involved with," Urena said. "It's a lot to manage and you can fall behind in either

your schoolwork or your sports. It was hard to manage at first, but I got the hang of it."

"My toughest class was probably pre-calculus because I'm not that good at math. I was always at wrestling tournaments and wrestling practice. I wasn't able to be at tutoring for pre-calc in the midst of testing and all of that."

The balancing of both sports and a high level of academics was important for Urena.

"The ability to stay in my sport was important," she added. "When you don't have good grades, you're either on probation or they don't want you to compete and knowing that potentially I couldn't compete I just said, 'No, that's not going to happen.'"

Going to Cal Poly Pomona will prepare her for her future school work load and Urena added, "It's helped me to help with my time management and it's really helping me figure out how I'm going to manage my time, since I'm used to always being on crunch time."

Urena, who wrestled at 111 lbs and finished her senior year as the 605 League Champion, was 13-13 overall on a team that was 8-2 and won its fifth consecutive 605 League Championship.

The team qualified for CIF, losing in the first round, but is losing three top wrestlers to graduation — Urena, Ramirez and Trinity Escobar.

Glenn Girls Wrestling coach Hector Ramirez said of Urena, "We are definitely going to miss her in our wrestling room," he

said. "Her giving personality and willing to step in to help teammates when needed was valuable to the program. She has always made herself accessible to her peers."

"I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to coach such a great person."

In an award that can only be matched, was a perfect four consecutive years of being the top scholar within the wrestling program by Urena.

"Andrea has worked hard during her years at John Glenn, both in the classroom and on the wrestling team," Parra said. "Andrea is the type of athlete who never gives up and is motivated to work each day. She really focused her senior year to improve on the wrestling team and was able to earn herself a league championship. She was a member of the Key Club and CSF all four years."

"Her work ethic shows within the classroom as well, as she graduated with a 4.0 GPA. She plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona and will major in Sociology. Andrea has shown that hard work pays off and it is with great honor to recognize her as our Female Scholar Athlete of the Year."

Parra, who also was the tennis coach for Urena in her freshman year, said this of the senior — "Andrea was such a tremendous help when I had to take on the role of coaching the girls tennis team when we returned back to sports from the COVID pandemic," she said. "She helped me get in touch with former players and we were able to gain the interest of many

kids to come out and join girls tennis. Andrea has always been a hard-working player and was dedicated to her team. She was willing to help others on the team and encouraged the younger players. She was a great captain and role model."

Urena's third sport was on the track and field team as she was primarily a thrower in the discus and shot put, and would step in for other events if asked, including a relay and the 200 Meter.

"Andrea was a team player and a great competitor," De La Torre said. "She went into every competition ready to compete to the best of her abilities."

"She didn't have a lot of success on the big stage of track and field, but we did see personal growth and she was able to achieve the goals she had set for the season. She had a lot of success in wrestling, which was her first sport."

De La Torre said of the tough task of earning top scholars — "Just like every sports program at John Glenn, we want our athletes to excel in the classroom and pursue higher education once they graduate high school."

"To have our athletes, Javier and Andrea, awarded the scholar athletes of the year is an amazing accomplishment."

"For them to maintain their grades and do well in their sports is truly incredible, and they should take pride in it."

Hotel workers may return to picket lines

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES - Hundreds of hospitality workers who walked picket lines over the holiday weekend, targeting 19 Southern California hotels, were back on the job, but union officials warned that more work stoppages could occur at any time.

Workers represented by the Unite Here Local 11 union went on strike at 6:01 a.m. Sunday, and picketing continued through the Fourth of July holiday at hotels in Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Orange County and elsewhere.

The workers returned to their jobs Wednesday, but the union insisted that doesn't mean the strike is over. The union's Maria Hernandez said the first round of picketing targeted 19

hotel properties, but workers at 41 other properties are poised to walk off the job -- something she said could happen "at any moment."

In a statement, union officials said the holiday walkout "marks just the first wave of strikes and disruption by hotel workers across the region."

Workers will not rest until they are paid a wage that allows them to live in the communities where they work."

The contract between the hotels and the union expired at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, although the union reached a deal last week with the largest of its employers, the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles.

Contract agreements are unresolved with the remaining

hotels.

Officials have said the hotels will remain open with management and other nonunion staff filling in.

There has been no word of any renewed contract talks between the union and the Coordinated Bargaining Group negotiating on behalf of the hotels.

Speaking to KNX News, Hernandez said the hotels know what workers want — as reflected in the agreement reached with the Westin Bonaventure.

Representatives for the hotels accused workers of being inflexible in their demands.

The union "has not budged from its opening demand two months ago of up to a 40% wage increase and an over 28% increase

in benefit costs. From the outset, the union has shown no desire to engage in productive, good faith negotiations with this group," the reps said in a statement provided to the Los Angeles Times.

Attorney Keith Grossman of Hirschfeld Kraemer, one of two firms representing the hotel coalition, told the Times that employers have offered raises of \$2.50 an hour in the first 12 months and \$6.25 over four years. He said housekeepers at unionized hotels in Beverly Hills and downtown Los Angeles, who currently make \$25 per hour, would get a 10% wage increase in 2024 and make more than \$31 per hour by January 2027.

The workers are on strike "because the union is determined to have one," Grossman said.

Unite Here Local 11 represents up to 15,000 workers employed at about 60 major hotels in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

On June 8, 96% of the union's members approved a strike authorization.

Union officials said a recent survey of its members showed that 53% said they have moved in the past five years or will move in the near future because of soaring housing costs in the Los Angeles area.

The workers include thousands of cooks, room attendants, dishwashers, servers, bellhops and front desk agents.

Union officials said their members earn \$20 to \$25 an hour.

Negotiators are asking for

an immediate \$5 an hour raise and an additional \$3 an hour in subsequent years of the contract along with improvements in health care and retirement benefits.

The union is also seeking to create a hospitality workforce housing fund. Many union members say they're now commuting hours from areas like Apple Valley, Palmdale, California City and Victorville.

"This walkout was the first of many actions that may come this summer by workers at hotels across Southern California, and it is only one tool in our toolbox," Unite Here Local 11 President Kurt Petersen said in a statement. "We have put the industry on notice that the workers have suffered enough."