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Members of the 1964-66 John Glenn CIF championship cross country team, joined by former coach Brian Springer and current coach Andy De La Torre. (PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 81°

Sunday 80°

## SOMETHING TO DO



**WHAT:** Enjoy a three-course dinner while listening to a live singing performance of Phantom of the Opera music. \$95 with proceeds benefiting the Downey Symphony. Contact Pat Gil for tickets at (562) 879-3029

**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 24, 3:30-6:30 pm

**WHERE:** Downey Woman's Club

## ON THIS DAY

**1692:**

In what was to be the last executions during the Salem witch trials, eight people were hanged.

**1776:**

American officer Nathan Hale was hanged by the British for spying during the American Revolution.

**1888:**

The first issue of National Geographic Magazine was published, and it became famous for its richly illustrated articles on the various geographic regions of the world.

**1927:**

Gene Tunney successfully defended his world heavyweight boxing title by defeating Jack Dempsey after the controversial "long count" in the seventh round.

**1989:**

Irving Berlin, who was perhaps the greatest and most enduring of American songwriters, died in New York City.

**1994:**

The first episode of Friends aired on NBC, and the show became one of the most popular sitcoms in the United States.

**2015:**

Baseball player, manager, and coach Yogi Berra, who won a record 10 World Series while a catcher with the New York Yankees and was known for his unintentionally amusing non sequiturs, died at age 90.

## BIRTHDAYS

Rock singer **JOAN JETT** (65), opera singer **ANDREA BOCELLI** (65), "Charles in Charge" star **SCOTT BAILO** (63), actress **BONNIE HUNT** (62), Brazilian soccer player **THIAGO SILVA** (39), and "Harry Potter" actor **TOM FELTON** (36).

## CHAMPIONS REUNITE

### ■ Championship John Glenn High School cross country team reunites over 55 years later

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** – Conversation and laughter permeated across and around the long table. For most of those dining in the DoubleTree's Sonoma Grill private room on Saturday, it was a reunion a long time in the making.

It's been over 55 years since the 1964-1966 Cross Country teams at John Glenn High School capped a successful multi-year title run, including two CIF Championship wins and a second-place finish.

"Some of us haven't seen each other for 50 years," said John Ishii, a team member.

The team – joined by former coach Brian Springer and current John Glenn coach Andy De La Torre – came together over the weekend to reminisce about their triumphs.

Springer attributed the team's success to "an experience of family,"

adding that the team "had something we were proud of."

"John Glenn was a shock to me teaching, a total shock. The fact that kids didn't care about school, getting better than a C grade was, no, you don't do that," said Springer. "But among the kids, the few [on the team], we didn't have a ton, we developed a family relationship where they knew that they had friends. We were like family, we were together. It was something I never experienced again in my life."

It's a sentiment shared by many on the team.

"I remember one time, thinking back to when we ran in 1967, '68, there was a lot of camaraderie, a lot of things that happened spontaneously," said team member Al Davis. "One in particular a time when it was raining, and between the classroom buildings, it was designed so that the water could drain away

from the buildings. It just so happened the water would collect there, and it was perfect for a makeshift slip-and-slide, and so it was too wet for us to run, and of course with all that pent up energy we started just kind of a spontaneous thing of running as fast as we could and then leaning back to slide. We were sliding, and without realizing it we were disrupting the classrooms and all the kids were all standing up looking out the windows."

He continued:

"It was because of the camaraderie and the cohesiveness of the team, I think that was highlighted by the idea that we had such tremendous success in that we were CIF champions, it made for a real closeness. When you're working hard towards a common goal, I think things just happen in a different way."

"When there's a lot of failure, there's a lot of sadness, but when there's success it's like a flower opening up: it blossoms, and people begin to find themselves, and it's easier to work together as a group."



Former John Glenn High School cross country coach Brian Springer and current coach Andy De La Torre at a reunion last week at the DoubleTree Hotel in Norwalk. (PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

Of course, team members also heap a ton of credit to their coaching, first under John Tansley and followed by Springer.

"What got everybody together was Coach Tansley, he was the original coach for us. And then right after that was Brian Springer," said team member Andy Mosqueda. "It does depend on the coach. It's the coach that glues everybody together."

"Both of them, they were coaches that were able to inspire the kids, and for us to be able to know that they really cared about us," added Ishii.

"That's the key: for us to know that they really did care about us."

Tansley passed away in 2021 at the age of 85.

Seeing many of his former pupils again for the first time since leaving John Glenn left Springer emotional.

"From a teaching standpoint, there can be nothing to make you prouder than to see the kids that you had in class be a success, and they are," said Springer. "They're successes."

## Cerritos hires Lopez as city manager

**CERRITOS** – Robert A. Lopez has been appointed Cerritos city manager, replacing Art Gallucci, who is retiring.

Lopez will assume the position Nov. 4.

"Robert grew up in and is a resident of Cerritos, and he has devoted his career to serving our great city," Cerritos Mayor Bruce Barrow said in a news release. "His extensive knowledge, education and dedication to the City of Cerritos will make him an outstanding city manager."

Lopez has worked for Cerritos since 2002 and held various Planning Department roles prior to being promoted to redevelopment manager in 2005 and planning manager in 2009. He was appointed community development director in 2020 and public works director in 2022.

Lopez received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering with a minor in urban studies from Stanford University, and his master of public administration and master of planning degrees from USC.

A lifelong Cerritos resident, he was a valedictorian of his graduating class at Whitney High School.

Gallucci announced his retirement in December 2022. He has served as Cerritos city manager since 1991.

"I am honored to have been appointed the new city manager for the city of Cerritos," Lopez said. "I look forward to working collaboratively with the City Council, city employees and the community on the continuing growth and success of Cerritos."

# Suspect in deputy's killing remains jailed

■ Kevin Salazar pleaded not guilty to capital murder charges by reason of insanity.

By City News Service

**PALMDALE** — The man suspected in the fatal ambush shooting of a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy in Palmdale remained jailed without bail Thursday, while the investigation into the killing continued to expand and questions lingered about how he allegedly obtained a weapon despite claims he is mentally ill.

Kevin Eduardo Cataneo Salazar, 29, was charged Wednesday with capital murder, although he will not face the death penalty. He appeared in a Lancaster courtroom with his hands shackled to his hips, and he appeared to be wearing a bullet-proof vest. During the short arraignment hearing, a judge entered dual pleas on his behalf of not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

He is due back in court Nov. 7. Salazar remains jailed without bail at the Twin Towers jail in downtown Los Angeles after his arrest early Monday morning at his family's home in Palmdale.

The murder charge against Salazar includes special circumstance allegations of murder of a peace officer, lying in wait and firing from a vehicle, along with multiple sentence-enhancing allegations of personal use of a firearm, specifically a .22-caliber revolver.

The special circumstance allegations normally could open a defendant to a possible death sentence, but Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón is a staunch opponent of the death penalty, so Salazar will face a maximum sentence of life without the possibility of parole if convicted. At a Wednesday

afternoon news conference, Gascón stood by the decision not to seek death for the defendant.

"If I thought that seeking the death penalty was going to bring Ryan back to us, I would seek it without any reservation. But it won't," he said. "If I thought that the death penalty was going to stop people from committing brutal murders, I would seek it. But we know that it won't. The reality is that the death penalty doesn't serve as a deterrent, and the death penalty does not bring people back. ... What I can assure you is that we're going to do everything within our legal power to make sure that this defendant never is out of prison."

If Salazar is convicted and determined to have been insane at the time of the killing, he would be confined to a state hospital rather than prison.

Salazar was arrested Monday morning following an hours-long standoff with law enforcement and a manhunt that began Saturday night, shortly after the slaying of Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer near the department's Palmdale station.

The Los Angeles Times, citing unnamed law enforcement sources, reported that Salazar has confessed to the killing.

Salazar's family insisted he is not a "coward" -- as Sheriff Robert Luna called him -- but is mentally ill.

Clinkunbroomer, a 30-year-old, third-generation deputy who was recently engaged to be married, was shot around 6 p.m. Saturday while sitting in his patrol car at a traffic light near the station at Sierra Highway and East Avenue Q.

Video from the scene shows a dark-colored sedan pulling up behind the patrol SUV, then slowly pulling alongside the driver's side of the deputy's vehicle, pausing, then driving away.

Sheriff's officials said a good

Samaritan stopped to render aid after the shooting and the wounded deputy was taken to Antelope Valley Medical Center in grave condition. He was pronounced dead that night.

Early Monday morning, sheriff's deputies in tactical gear and armored vehicles -- working off tips from the public -- descended on Salazar's family home, initiating a standoff that finally ended when Special Enforcement Bureau personnel flushed him out with "chemical agents," Luna said at a Monday news conference.

Luna said "numerous firearms" were also recovered following the arrest, and that deputies seized a dark-colored sedan that was believed to be linked to the killing.

Luna said Clinkunbroomer was "murdered, ambushed by a coward."

But Salazar's mother and sister told reporters he is mentally ill.

"My brother, he's getting called a coward," Salazar's sister, Jessica, told reporters Monday. "He wasn't in his right state of mind."

"I do want you guys to know that my brother did have schizophrenia," she said. "He has paranoia. He heard voices. We're not justifying, we don't know if he did (the shooting), if he did not. We are not justifying anything. We feel for the family. It hurts."

"... Nobody wishes to go through that. There are a lot of people that know, have family members with the same situation will understand, will understand how it is so hard to want to help a loved one and knowing that their mind is not at the right state of mind."

She said her family is praying for the Clinkunbroomer family, but added there are "two sides to the story."



Sheriff Robert Luna speaks at a news conference earlier this week.

"Just please, don't punish him like if he was a regular person. He's sick," she said.

Luna's mother, Marle Salazar, also told reporters her son was mentally ill and had stopped taking his medication, but they were unable to get him the help that he needed. She told the Los Angeles Times the family called sheriff's deputies at least twice because he refused to take his medication, but she was told there was nothing they could do.

She also told the paper that her son was never violent or aggressive toward anyone else, but tried twice to take his own life because of the persistent voices he would hear in his head. She said her son was acting normally Saturday night at home after the shooting occurred.

She also said she was unaware her son owned any firearms, but said an investigator told her that he had legally purchased a weapon. It was unclear how someone with mental illness was able to purchase a gun.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday afternoon, prosecutors declined to discuss details behind Salazar's alleged purchase of the weapon or his alleged mental illness.

"We believe the suspect in

the case ... did purchase a firearm in the weeks before the crime occurred, but that's all we can say," Deputy District Attorney Michael Blake said.

Gascón and Luna, appearing at the news conference Wednesday, declined to delve into any specifics of the case, saying they did not want to jeopardize the prosecution. There has been no indication of a possible motive for the killing.

Luna said earlier that tips from the public led investigators to Salazar. The Times reported that a man who had allegedly been involved in a road-rage confrontation with Salazar was among those who contacted authorities, but Luna and Gascón declined to address that issue Wednesday.

Clinkunbroomer had gotten engaged four days before he was killed. His fiancée, Brittany Lindsey, attended the Wednesday news conference alongside Gascón, Luna and Clinkunbroomer's parents, brother and sister.

Fighting back tears, Lindsey said, "First of all, I want to thank each and every officer from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for everything you've done for our family the last few days. I also

want to say thank you to anyone who helped solve this case.

"Ryan was the best guy I've ever met. He was so thoughtful and caring, and everyone who met him or knew him, loved him. I'm so happy I was able to love him. It was not long enough. I couldn't wait to start our lives together. We were just engaged, planning to get married and start a family. Ryan, I miss you and I love you so much. I don't know how to live without you and I didn't ever want to imagine it. Now look down on all your brothers and sisters in blue, keep them safe so this never happens to anyone else. Protect them and watch over them as they continue to serve their community. Until we meet again."

Anyone who witnessed anything related to the shooting was urged to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500, or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).

Clinkunbroomer's body was carried in a procession Wednesday morning from the county Medical Examiner's Office in Lincoln Heights to a funeral home in Covina. Details about funeral services have not yet been announced.



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County of Los Angeles Public Health

# Elon Musk is no superhero

The richest man in the world may be a genius but he's also toxic.

By Nicole Hemmer

Nicole Hemmer is an associate professor of history at Vanderbilt University.

For much of the past two decades, journalists, politicians and investors have lauded Elon Musk for his creations: PayPal's seamless financial transactions, Tesla's stylish electronic cars, SpaceX's space-related strides. And while "his creations" deserved an asterisk — his businesses emerged through absorption of other people's technologies, ideas and start-ups — Musk entered the mid-2010s as a bright-eyed innovator pushing for new green technologies and for new extraterrestrial frontiers.

His reputation glowed: all that innovation, all that wealth, was going toward The Good. No wonder he became the model for Robert Downey, Jr.'s superhero character Tony Stark. In a world of super-wealthy supervillains, Musk chose a different path.

Then in 2022, Musk bought Twitter, and the other part of Musk, the one referred to by his former partner Grimes as "demon mode," took center stage. Whatever his previous reputation, he now emerged as a force of destruction, stripping the social media site of its value, its reputation and then, ultimately, its name. In recent weeks, he has been using the rebranded "X" platform to attack the Anti-Defamation League, an organization that fights antisemitism and extremism. Musk has repeatedly been criticized for enabling and boosting antisemitic content on the platform.

In his new biography of the world's richest man, "Elon Musk," Walter Isaacson tries to square these two Musks. He rummages through Musk's violent and chaotic childhood in South Africa (though, as Jill Lepore notes in *The New Yorker*, he focuses solely on the Musk family's chaos: "There are no other people, and there are certainly no Black people...."). He dissects Musk's many combative, combustible romantic relationships and the many children they produced, often in secret. He charts the ruptured business partnerships and dismissed employees and impossible deadlines that seemed tailor-made to increase human suffering. And Isaacson decides that this is the cost of innovation.

It is an old story, the backbone of American lore: the driven inventor, dismissive of human frailties like emotion, personal commitments and the need for sleep, whose seemingly superhuman drive is not a kind of villainy but rather vital to keep humanity driving forward. Isaacson, a biographer who has written about such

innovators and geniuses as Albert Einstein, Benjamin Franklin, Leonardo da Vinci and Steve Jobs, sees in Musk an affirmation of that story. Musk's demon mode may be unpleasant, but it is the price of genius.

As Isaacson writes in the closing sentences of his 600-page tome, "Sometimes great innovators are risk-seeking man-children who resist potty training. They can be reckless, cringeworthy, sometimes even toxic. They can also be crazy. Crazy enough to think they can change the world." Crazy, cruel, immature: these aren't failings; they're features of creative genius.

That is Isaacson's thesis, anyway. But it relies on a narrow understanding of genius. Genius for Isaacson can be measured in patents and profits. Musk runs several companies and is the richest man in the world. His genius is a given. All the rest, no matter how harmful, must be understood as an essential ingredient of that genius.

That's quite an impoverished view of genius, one that perpetuates the "great man" theory of history, in which the course of the world is shaped by a few brilliant men who thrive under the systems of their time. It overshadows genius generated through collaboration, which, though present throughout Musk's career, takes a backseat to the force of his singular personality throughout Isaacson's book. And it leaves little room for the transformative power of people such as racial justice and LGBTQ movement leaders who divined a new way of being in the world, which requires a sort of emotional and moral understanding absent from Musk's career.

Musk's apparent cruelty is at least in part an offshoot of the fact that his companies seem to be more real, more alive, to him than human beings. In Isaacson's telling, when Musk is anxious that a company might collapse, he doesn't warn that it might fail, he warns that it might die. ("We either do this or we die," he tells Tesla executives concerned about the potential misuse of customer deposits; "I believed if we couldn't do it in three, we deserved to die," he tells Isaacson about his first three failed rocket launches for SpaceX.)

Yet when Tesla drivers using the car's autopilot mode are killed when the technology fails, Musk appears more annoyed by the bad press than the dead customers. As Isaacson describes it, Musk "held a conference call with reporters in October 2016, and he got angry when the first questions were about the two deaths. If they wrote stories that dissuaded people from using autonomous driving systems, or regulators from approving them, 'then you are killing people.' He paused and then barked, 'Next question.'"

As that incident suggests, having the skill to develop technologies is not the same as having the judgment to use them. This became clear in Musk's deployment of the Starlink satellites. Musk owned the satellite communications network that Ukrainians relied on in their efforts to battle back a Russian invasion. Musk, believing he knew best how to prevent escalation, denied Ukrainians access to the network after discussions with

senior Russian officials. Though he seems stunned by his involvement in the conflict — "How am I in this war?" he asks Isaacson — he involved himself, relying on his own judgment about how the war should be conducted (judgment that does not, to put it mildly, seem up to the task).

After the publication of excerpts from the book, Musk posted his own version of these events to X. Isaacson has since clarified in subsequent posts that "Musk did not enable it [Starlink], because he thought, probably correctly, that would cause a major war" and that he believed "mistakenly" after talking to Musk the version of events portrayed in the book. Musk responded, thanking Isaacson for the correction and elaborating that the "onus is meaningfully different if I refused to act upon a request from Ukraine vs. made a deliberate change to Starlink to thwart Ukraine."



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The book also problematically portrays Musk's lack of empathy as a function of undiagnosed and untreated mental illness and neurodivergence. Isaacson makes clear in the text that Musk and his colleagues believe he has Asperger's, obsessive-compulsive disorder and bipolar disorder. This, too, fits into an unexamined trope of the brilliant genius: that to seek medical and psychological support would blunt the brilliant mind and stymie innovation. Isaacson and Musk both buy into this — Isaacson concludes that "crazy" is what makes Musk innovate to try to change the world — apparently preferring the romantic and mystifying concept of "demon mode" to describe what could be better explained as a lack of treatment and restraint.

There were clearly better ways to approach a Musk biography than Isaacson's fog-machine of demon mode and distant genius and man-child superhero. Musk is a product not only of apartheid South Africa but also of Silicon Valley, which has produced more than its share of innovators like Musk, who feel unconstrained by laws and regulations, who sell utopian visions that devolve into corporate money-machines with miserable employees and questionable contributions to society. Even Musk's recent turn — minimizing the pandemic, ranting about the "woke mind virus," promoting far-right conspiracies — keeps him in line with techno-compatriots like Peter Thiel.

A richer analysis of Musk would help make sense not only of his chaotic career but the culture and politics that made it possible. But that would require shattering myths, not perpetuating them. And that is a task neither Elon Musk the person nor "Elon Musk" the biography is interested in.

# Data shows a recession on the horizon

Disposable income levels are dropping and Americans are taking on more debt.

By Nicole Hemmer

Nicole Hemmer is an associate professor of history at Vanderbilt University.

While US economic growth has defied expectations this year, clouds are gathering on the horizon. The all-important US consumers have stood their ground and continued to spend, and most data underlines spending strength. But some emerging information suggests that consumers may eventually stumble, which could drive the US into a brief recession.

To be clear, gross domestic product (GDP) growth has been surprisingly robust this year — and that's largely due to strong consumer spending over the first half of 2023. First quarter GDP expanded by 2% and in the second quarter grew by 2.1%. At the end of last year, most economists expected the economy to contract over that period because of severe inflation and, in response, rapid interest rate increases. But rising wages, a war chest of pandemic savings and low debt levels have kept US consumers active this year despite these pressures.

So, what's there to worry about?

Real personal income was flat in July, real disposable personal income (real personal income minus taxes) dropped in July for the first time in 13 months and the personal savings rate dropped in July. Meanwhile,

consumer spending jumped in July, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. That all suggests that US consumers may be getting out over their skis with their buying habits.

To be sure, the tight labor market is still driving incomes up, but not as quickly as last year. And the Fed is intent on softening up the labor market to further curb inflation by targeting wages.

So, if spending growth is starting to exceed income growth, how are Americans paying for things? The answer is debt and savings, neither of which is sustainable.

During the second quarter, outstanding credit card debt rose up, but not as quickly as last year. And the Fed is intent on softening up the labor market to further curb inflation by targeting wages. So, if spending growth is starting to exceed income growth, how are Americans paying for things? The answer is debt and savings, neither of which is sustainable. During the second quarter, outstanding credit card debt rose up, but not as quickly as last year. And the Fed is intent on softening up the labor market to further curb inflation by targeting wages. So, if spending growth is starting to exceed income growth, how are Americans paying for things? The answer is debt and savings, neither of which is sustainable.

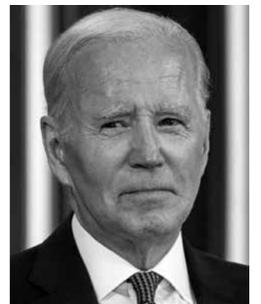
US consumers have also leaned on their pandemic-fueled savings. Pandemic-relief money from the government and spending that people skipped early in the pandemic resulted in a national savings war chest of about \$2.1 trillion, according to a Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco study. Those savings are rapidly being spent and are currently estimated to have dropped to just \$190 billion. Without a more balanced relationship between spending and income growth, these savings could be wiped out by the end of the year.

Further evidence of an increasingly stretched consumer can be seen elsewhere. Hardship withdrawals from 401(k) accounts have jumped, retail theft is spiking and retailers report that consumers are increasingly focused on discount brands.

None of this bodes well for future spending, nor do the mandatory student loan repayments set to resume in October. Indeed, following a three-year hiatus, millions of Americans will have to start diverting a part of their monthly paycheck back to these payments. This could potentially lead to a spending cut of about \$9 billion per month, increasing the probability of recession.

How do Americans feel with all this going on? Not that great. Consumer confidence dropped in August, erasing most of the gains seen over the summer period. Worries about future employment are rising, as are concerns about incomes and finances. Consumers' assessment of their present situation fell, as did their future expectations. Indeed, the index that tracks expectations fell to just above 80, which indicates that recession may be near.

As we approach the end of the year, we'll continue to see mixed data, some stronger and some weaker. But the balance will most likely shift toward the latter. Income growth will continue to cool, savings will fall and debt will rise, and eventually the US consumer will have to pull back. A brief recession is the most likely outcome.

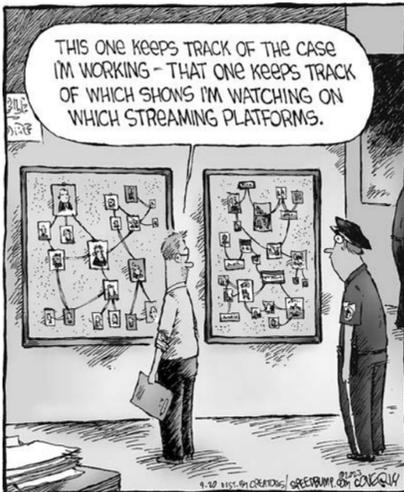


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### MONDAYS

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

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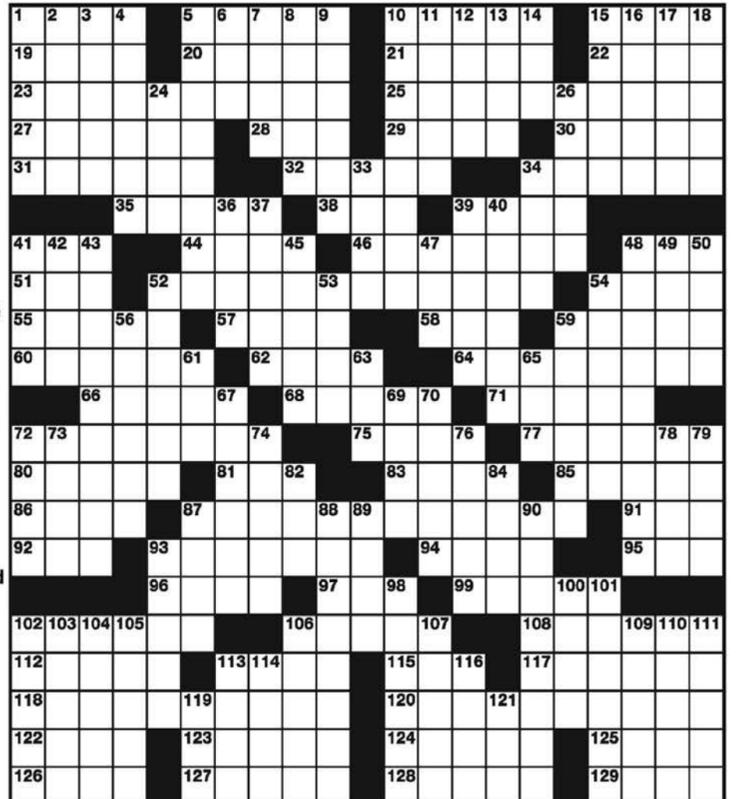
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- ACROSS
- 1 All the time
  - 5 Taken \_\_ (started)
  - 10 Testy
  - 15 Generator measure
  - 19 "Don't look now ..."
  - 20 Scrub in the tub
  - 21 Eagle's nest
  - 22 Cyberactioneer
  - 23 Person on safari
  - 25 What many keys will open
  - 27 Spotted
  - 28 Orange veggie
  - 29 Book jacket blurbs
  - 30 Song sung at a reunion
  - 31 Gung-ho
  - 32 East \_\_ (UN member)
  - 34 Sports surprises
  - 35 Garden tool
  - 38 Danson on TV
  - 39 Church niche
  - 41 Scottish surname
  - 44 Flock cries
  - 46 Comparatively cool
  - 48 Release, with "go"
  - 51 "Price negotiable" letters
  - 52 Phase of the moon
  - 54 Arithmetic, for instance
  - 55 Peach \_\_ (dessert serving)
  - 57 Cool
  - 58 Puppy's cry
  - 59 Slow tempo
  - 60 Five-petaled flowers
  - 62 Meager
  - 64 Display of days
  - 66 Off the mark
  - 68 Geologic time period
  - 71 Part of USNA
  - 72 Stony fragments
  - 75 "Just one sec!"
  - 77 Make the call
  - 80 Instruments for minstrels
  - 81 B'way buys
  - 83 Very small bit
  - 85 Of the kidneys
  - 86 Cab alternative
  - 87 Numbers on business cards
  - 91 Double-curve
  - 92 Suffix for sonnet
  - 93 Sign swiftly
  - 94 Visa alternative
  - 95 "Steady as \_\_ goes"
  - 96 Trail mix morsels
  - 97 Industrial vessel
  - 99 Mops, as the deck
  - 102 Most October babies
  - 106 Hiding, with "up"
  - 108 Change genetically
  - 112 Put up with
  - 113 Fan's sound
  - 115 Penpoint
  - 117 Affix with heat
  - 118 Jigsaw puzzle spec
  - 120 Gale, for example
  - 122 Lost altitude
  - 123 Deep valley
  - 124 Chopin selection
  - 125 Biblical twin
  - 126 Sea swirl
  - 127 Ran in neutral
  - 128 Showered love (on)
  - 129 Proofreader's direction
  - 5 Mideast capital
  - 6 Prohibit by law
  - 7 Many a DOJ employe
  - 8 Rule breaker
  - 9 Muppet amphibian
  - 10 Laos neighbor
  - 11 Broadcast once more
  - 12 What "ish" can mean
  - 13 Takes a chair
  - 14 Take a look at
  - 15 Oil sources
  - 16 "Humble" home
  - 17 Implied but unsaid
  - 18 Little folks
  - 24 Unruly pile
  - 26 Rodeo participant
  - 33 List of options
  - 34 PC purchaser
  - 36 Mend with needle and thread
  - 37 Moves carefully
  - 39 Storage area
  - 40 Ersatz Frisbee
  - 41 May honorees
  - 42 Busy as \_\_
  - 43 Runner's refresher
  - 45 No longer fresh
  - 47 Cook in oil
  - 48 Cell ancestors
  - 49 James of jazz
  - 50 Marvel Universe superhero
  - 52 Known far and wide
  - 53 Cottony cleaner brand
  - 54 Clear and present danger
  - 56 Range device
  - 59 Crowbars, essentially
  - 61 Long-running NBC show
- DOWN
- 1 Boring tool
  - 2 Tibetan city
  - 3 Gusto
  - 4 Tax agcy.

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- 63 Cut the grass
- 65 Little guy
- 67 Succeed in working out
- 69 Flowerpot flaw
- 70 Ado
- 72 Stick with it
- 73 Gullible person
- 74 Processes, as flour
- 76 Proton holders
- 78 Short run
- 79 Besides this
- 82 Sundial's noon
- 84 From the top
- 87 Major burden
- 88 Played gleefully
- 89 Mideast flier
- 90 Looked at closely
- 93 Thunderstruck
- 98 Became anxious
- 100 Small town
- 101 Stashed away
- 102 Minor error
- 103 Homeric epic
- 104 Mix well
- 105 Unsteady
- 106 Rely (on)
- 107 "Same here"
- 109 Ouzo flavoring
- 110 Melodic
- 111 Provide with some trait
- 113 What lathes work on
- 114 Throw hard
- 116 Champagne spec
- 119 Film FX
- 121 Lyrical homage

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be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: RAQUEL CHRISTINE RAVAGLIOLI, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/24/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1166619.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023186483**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ONKAR TRANSFORMATIONS, 12328 SUMMER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ONKAR SINGH DHINDSA, 12328 SUMMER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. 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: SONJA MORSE, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/25/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1166728.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023186509**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PEACH PUG, 15951 SHERMAN WAY 102, VAN NUYS, CA 91406 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JACQUELINE VICHEZ, 15951 SHERMAN WAY 102, 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: JACQUELINE VICHEZ, 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) 08/25/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1166733.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023188444**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. BLOKPRINT, 14141 CATHRYN DRIVE, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CHUN FUN LEE, 22176 CATHRYN DRIVE, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. 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: CHUN FUN LEE, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/28/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1167033.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023188904**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JLF MANAGEMENT, 22812 INGOMAR ST, WEST HILLS, CA 91304 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 574547 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) J.L.F. STONE TILE WORKS INC, 22812 INGOMAR ST, WEST HILLS, CA 91304 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: FERNANDO AGUILAR, 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) 08/29/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1167040.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023189249**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: FOOD SHOPPING DELIVERY SERVICES, 340 W. 31ST STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90806 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: PAULINA O. CHHEANG, 340 W. 31ST STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. 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: PAULINA O. CHHEANG, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/29/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1167122.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023189247**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CHARLIES TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, 340 W. 31ST ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90806 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SARIN UY CHHEANG, 340 W. 31ST ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. 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: SARIN UY CHHEANG, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/29/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1167123.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023189864**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SMOKESHOP ON WESTERN, 4809 S WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202354018580. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DR.TCLOUD9 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 2052 BUNDY DR #1140, WEST LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 (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: SONJA MORSE, MANAGING MEMBER. 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) 08/29/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1167203.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023190025**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SMART DIGITAL SERVICES, 3525 CARSON STREET, TORRANCE, CA 90503 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 1915653. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, INC., 3312 BARNES CIRCLE, GLENDALE, CA 91208 (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: ZAINUL ABEDIN, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 08/29/2023. 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: 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1168209.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023188477**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TACOS EL REY, 14215 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 574547 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LOPGAL INC., 14215 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA CA 90638  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2023  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/LOPGAL INC., CEO, GUSTAVO GALINDO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 28, 2023 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023188399**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMERICAN CRAFT DESIGNS, 5665 W. WILSHIRE BLVD #1472, LOS ANGELES CA 90036, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BEN LEVIN, 5665 W. WILSHIRE BLVD #1472, LOS ANGELES CA 90036

State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
10/10/2023 11:00am  
Shanika Hood Household items  
Ricardo Villalta Household items  
Esther Mora Household items  
Martin Gonzalo Household items  
Elijah Hollins Household items  
Tanisha Smith 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 9/1/23, 9/8/23, 9/15/23, 9/22/23**

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2023185856**  
FILE NO: 2019220294 DATE FILED: AUGUST 13, 2019  
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): LAS AGULAS BAKERY  
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 12834 1/2 ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA R. DE VICENTE, 12834 1/2 ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK CA 90650  
If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A  
Business was conducted by: an 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.)  
S/MARIA R. DE VICENTE, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on AUGUST 24, 2023

**The Norwalk Patriot 9/8/23, 9/15/23, 9/22/23, 9/29/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023204961**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLINICA MEDICA LA SALUD, 10941 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PUEBLO MANAGEMENT COMPANY, 13181 CROSSROADS, PAKWY NORTH SUITE 306, CITY OF INDUSTRY CA 91746  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2023  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/PUEBLO MANAGEMENT COMPANY, CEO, ROBERTO ESQUIVEL  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 18, 2023  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
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**LIEN SALES**

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:  
10950 Firestone Blvd

Norwalk, CA 90650  
10/10/2023 11:00am  
Shanika Hood Household items  
Ricardo Villalta Household items  
Esther Mora Household items  
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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 9/22/23, 9/29/23**

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CORNELIUS R. ROBERTS Case No. 23STPB09995**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CORNELIUS R. ROBERTS  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Craig Roberts in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Craig Roberts 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 Oct. 16, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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: KEN MIFFLIN ESQ SBN 170599**

**LAW OFFICES OF MIFFLIN & ASSOCIATES 4309 S WESTERN AVENUE LOS ANGELES CA 90062**

CN100148 ROBERTS Sep 15,22,29, 2023

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No.: 2023-00303-CA  
A.P.N.:4012-028-047  
Property Address: 3501 WEST 74TH PLACE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90305

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.  
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NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO  
TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP  
LUU Y: KEM THEO DAY LA BAN TRINH BAY TOM LUOC VE THONG TIN TRONG TAI LIU NAY

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:**  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/05/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: PAULETTA OLIVER JAMES, A MARRIED WOMAN  
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC  
Deed of Trust Recorded 01/19/2007 as Instrument No. 20070108843 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California.  
Date of Sale: 10/19/2023 at 09:00 AM  
Place of Sale: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 536,644.49

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# We ate at Ojos Locos (for journalism)

## Downey's controversial restaurant is open for business

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Well, I did it. I ate at Ojos Locos.

What has proved to be one of the more controversial businesses to set up shop in Downey officially opened its doors last week on Sept. 15, despite the kicking and screaming of some residents, and even some city council pushback.

While I wouldn't consider myself a prude by any means, Ojos Locos is definitely not my usual type of restaurant. For reference, I've only ever been to a Hooters once (and even that was only because I was attending a comic book convention and my food options were extremely limited).

As such, I had never intended to ever eat at Ojos Locos. But my editor Eric Pierce asked me to go and write about my experience, so I did.

(You best believe I asked him to tag along; if I was going down, he most assuredly was coming with me).

Ojos Locos is already kind of an enigma: from what I've seen, most people either hate it or don't care. At the very least, the restaurant has become a regular punchline on the Downey Memes Instagram page and in other Downey-based social media comment sections.

Upon entering, I immediately turned to Eric and laughed.

"So much for the dress code."

The city council passed a city-wide dress code in March last year in direct response to Ojos Locos' impending arrival, worried that the restaurant would bring servers clad in nothing but bras and panties, if not even less. The ordinance barred food handlers from exposing any portion of the midriff, any portion of the chest three inches below the clavicle,

and/or any portion of the leg less than three inches below the buttocks.

That didn't happen.

The female staff weren't dressed in the lingerie that critics have been so up in arms about, but they weren't wearing much more than that, either; their mini-skirts were about as "cheeky" as the jokes Eric and I were making to one another to try and break the awkwardness we were both feeling.

I made a joke that we should see if we recognized any of the patrons already seated inside. I jinxed us. We were escorted to a barstool table right in front of the main entrance. Nowhere to hide.

Most of the customers were – unsurprisingly – men. To our right was a large party of over 10. Just to our left, the bar, with a couple of stragglers seated. Walking in not long after us, two separate parties including children,

drawing a couple of chuckles and comments of disbelief from my counterpart and I.

We had just been looking over our menu for a few minutes when our waitress approached and introduced herself. Eric ordered a chicken plate and a pineapple aguas frescas. I ordered a burger and fries and a coke.

Service was slow and not great, but to be fair I don't think many are coming for the service. It took about 10 minutes for Eric to get his drink, and it was several minutes after that before it was even acknowledged that I hadn't gotten mine. In the meantime, Eric was told his chicken would take about 15 minutes to prepare. Around 10 minutes later, our waitress came by to tell him the same thing, again. He changed his order to the tacos.

Eric and I had different experiences when it came down to our food. While nothing world-changing or spectacular, my burger and fries were tasty; I might even eat them again, if it weren't for where I got them from.

Eric on the other hand seemed to labor through his



plate. His meal concluded with him remarking that he wouldn't order the tacos again. While we ate, a chicken plate was carried past us and looked alright; maybe he should have just held out.

As far as ambiance, Ojos Locos is a typical sports bar, with music playing and televisions everywhere. One cool feature was that the booths had their own personal tv screens built into them.

Overall, the experience was okay; I got exactly what was expected from my visit and neither Eric nor I burst into

flames walking in or out of the restaurant.

Am I thrilled that it's in Downey? No. I don't love its location and I share the same concerns that many have had about safety.

But the fact remains that it's here despite the best efforts of its critics. At the end of the day, it's a business that saw an opportunity in Downey; all we can do now is choose whether or not to personally patronize it.

## Ojos Locos sees an opportunity to be successful in Downey

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – The tacos were terrible.

Yes, I know, nobody goes to Ojos Locos for the food. But please let me vent.

The carne asada was unseasoned and the tortillas raw. The sole purpose of the accompanying refried beans is apparently to keep you from choking on the steak.

Strangely, the Spanish rice tasted like literal nothing. I took a covid test to make sure it wasn't me. Nope, negative. It was the rice. Is this what baby food tastes like?

To be fair, my colleague Alex Dominguez ordered a cheeseburger and fries and it looked tasty. It resembled an entrée you'd be served at Red Robin or Chili's. Maybe on a Thursday night hanging out with the fellas, a baseball game on the TV.

In fact, that's how I would describe Ojos Locos: a Chili's but with women. Flirtatious, attractive, scantily-clad women who leave little to the imagination.

You'd be mistaken if you think they are just eye candy. They were hustling – taking orders, balancing plates, serving food, refilling drinks and checking on customers. My food may have been terrible but that was no fault of the women.

Still, as I sat inside Ojos Locos and tried to keep my gaze at eye level, I was bothered by a nagging question that I struggled to answer: why did Ojos Locos choose to open in Downey?

For years and years Downey residents have openly longed for a Trader Joe's, Whole Foods or Sprouts. And for years and years we have been rejected. It's not



for lack of opportunity. I'm not a commercial realtor but the former Vons in north Downey looks like an ideal location for an upscale grocery store. What used to be Big Lots across from the mall has Trader Joe's written all over it.

Ojos Locos, to their credit, had no problem investing a huge amount of money to open a restaurant here.

What makes Downey desirable to Ojos Locos but not Trader Joe's?

Is it our demographics? Downey likes to think of itself as upper middle class but the truth is that the vast majority of us live paycheck to paycheck. Many residents are renters or

millennials still living with their parents, priced out of the housing market. Disposable income isn't as disposable as it once was.

The L.A. Times referred to Downey as the "Mexican Beverly Hills," illustrating Downey's identity crisis. The public mocks Downey as a city that aspires to be like Beverly Hills. We like to pretend that we're affluent when we're actually blue collar. We may be the nicest city in Southeast Los Angeles County but what is that worth? Not much for the Whole Foods of the world.

Ojos Locos is going to enjoy phenomenal success in Downey. What does that say about the city?

## Suspects escape after brief pursuit in Compton

■ Officers fired at the suspects after they allegedly accelerated towards them.

**COMPTON** – Two California Highway Patrol officers were involved in a shooting with multiple suspects during a traffic stop in the Compton area, and authorities were searching for the suspects Tuesday.

The incident began about 11:20 p.m. Monday, when officers saw a white Kia Optima that was speeding east on Alondra Boulevard near Main Street,

according to the CHP.

The officers stopped the Kia near Alondra Boulevard and Maple Avenue, and during the traffic stop, the Kia allegedly accelerated toward the officers, the CHP reported.

"While the suspect was accelerating the Kia towards the officers, one of the officers fell on his back, causing (an) officer-involved shooting," a CHP officer told reporters. "Both officers fired their weapons multiple times at the Kia, and then the Kia fled eastbound on Alondra Boulevard from Maple Avenue.

"The officers were able to

return to the patrol vehicle, and a short pursuit ensued," the officer said. "However, they lost the suspect vehicle at or around Alondra and Wilmington Avenue."

About 11:45 p.m., Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies found the abandoned Kia on Cypress Avenue west of Aprilla Avenue with several bullet holes in its windshield, according to the CHP and KABC.

Avalon Boulevard was closed in both directions during the investigation and search, Fox 11 reported. No officers were injured.

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# Whittier teen honored for leadership

■ The son of Peruvian immigrants, Christian Figueroa carries a 4.41 GPA with plans to study physics in college.

**WHITTIER** – Pioneer High School senior Christian Figueroa has always valued the importance of in-person connections, which motivated him to become a highly involved student and participate in multiple extracurricular activities and sports – all while maintaining a 4.41 GPA.

During his time at Pioneer High, Figueroa has excelled academically, taking seven honors courses, 10 Advanced Placement classes and a dual-enrollment course at Río Hondo College.

For his academic accomplishments and his commitment to learning, Figueroa was honored with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees during a meeting on Sept. 12.

“Thank you to the Board and Pioneer High for selecting me to receive this honor, it is truly humbling,” Figueroa said. “I owe so much to my family, friends, teachers, coaches, and mentors who have supported and encouraged me, and have been there for me every step of the way.”

“Attending Pioneer High has been an incredible journey. I’ve been pushed to challenge myself, while also being given the support I needed to do well. I am very grateful for my time as a Titan, and I know that Pioneer has prepared me for college and beyond.”

Figueroa’s parents, who immigrated to the United States from a small town in Peru and pursued advanced degrees, continually instilled in him the value of a quality education. Early on in his life, they also enrolled him in piano classes, hoping to expand his skills in academics and the arts.

Figueroa’s involvement at Pioneer High has extended

beyond the classroom and into the athletic arena, as he joined the swim and water polo teams in his sophomore year. In his junior year, Figueroa played a pivotal role in leading the relay team to the CIF finals. His passion for music also continued as he joined the Titan Band and Jazz Band, where he excelled and eventually secured the spot as drum captain.

Using his swimming skills, Figueroa worked as a Los Angeles County lifeguard during the summer, teaching swim lessons to children and adults and conducting water exercise classes. Additionally, Figueroa participated in the highly selective Hispanic Scholarship Fund Young Leaders Summit program, a weeklong summer program where he learned from college mentors and interacted with other high-achieving students from across the nation.

“Christian is a scholar, role model and a true leader,” Principal Mary Chapman said. “His journey embodies the

heights that students can achieve when they commit themselves to growth and service.”

As Figueroa prepares for college, he is setting his sights on a future that focuses on his passions, including physics, music and education. He plans to major in physics, with aspirations of conducting research and becoming a university educator and will continue focusing on music – with the goal of playing in a band after graduation.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we want to congratulate Christian on his tremendous story of perseverance and achievement,” Board President Jaime López said. “Each school year, we present a monthly Award of Merit to a student from each of our schools who demonstrates that they are truly doing Whatever It Takes to ‘Achieve and Maintain Excellence.’ We wish Christian all the best as he pursues his academic and personal goals after graduation.”



The Whittier Union Board of Trustees presented an Award of Merit to Pioneer High School senior Christian Figueroa on Sept. 12, celebrating him for his academic accomplishments and commitment to learning.

# Mexico seeks extradition of Downey man

■ Downey resident Bryant Rivera is accused of killing a Tijuana strip club dancer.

By City News Service

**DOWNEY** – A formal extradition hearing in February was scheduled Wednesday for a Downey man who is being held in federal custody in downtown Los Angeles in connection with serial murders targeting Tijuana strip club workers.

During a brief hearing, U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen

Stevenson set the Feb. 11 hearing for Bryant Rivera at the request of attorneys in Los Angeles. The judge previously ordered Rivera jailed without bond while extradition proceedings take place in federal court.

Rivera, 30, was arrested in July at the request of Mexico on a femicide charge, authorities said. Femicide has been used to describe the current spate of violence against women in Mexico.

Rivera is accused of murdering at least one sex worker in Tijuana. Mexico may add additional charges when prosecutors submit further

documents, according to a criminal complaint.

Rivera allegedly beat and strangled Ángela Acosta Flores to death on Jan. 24, 2022, in a room at Hotel Cascadas, next to the Hong Kong Gentlemen’s Club in Zona Norte, a red light district in Tijuana, the complaint says.

Late last year, Baja California Attorney General Iván Carpio Sánchez described the then-unnamed killer of Flores and at least two other Tijuana sex workers as displaying “violent and psychopathic behavior” comparable to serial murderer Ted Bundy.

Flores, 20, had been working as a stripper and occasional prostitute at the Hong Kong bar for about five months, her mother told investigators.

On the night of the murder, the victim texted her mother that she was going with a client to a room at the hotel for 30 minutes. Security cameras caught a man and Flores together before entering the room, according to the complaint.

When the mother began to worry, Flores’ boyfriend went to the bar to look for her. He could not find her, but one of the workers said Flores had been

with “a male client with a light brown complexion, an acne-scarred face,” who stood about 5-foot-5 and had brown hair, according to the document.

“The woman added that she knew the victim’s client as ‘Bryant Rivera,’ and that he was a ‘gringo,’” the complaint states.

Flores’ mother and boyfriend went to the hotel seeking information, and remained there until learning that a woman had been found dead in room 404, the complaint says.

A dancer at the bar told

investigators that she had met with a man matching the suspect’s name and description hours before the murder and went to a hotel room with him. She said that at about 10 p.m. that night, she saw the man she knew as Rivera leave the bar with Flores, according to the complaint.

Just after midnight on Jan. 25, 2022, Rivera returned to the United States on foot at the San Ysidro port of entry, the document states, citing border control records.

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# Disney announces \$60 billion investment into theme parks, cruises

■ Disney will make significant expansions to its attractions over the next 10 years.

**BURBANK** – The Burbank-based Walt Disney Co. plans to double its investment in its theme park and cruise ship businesses over the next 10 years, with plans to spend about \$60 billion to expand and enhance its destination attractions.

“We’re incredibly mindful of the financial underpinning of the company, the need to continue to grow in terms of bottom line, the need to invest wisely so that we’re increasing the returns on invested capital, and the need to maintain a balance sheet, for a variety of reasons,” Disney CEO Bob Iger said during a conference with investors and analysts at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

“The company is able to absorb those costs and continue to grow the bottom line and look expansively at how we

return value and capital to our shareholders.”

The expanded investment in parks and cruises is seen as an effort to capitalize on their continued popularity among the vacationing public, compared with the relatively waning success of the company’s television networks.

Iger and Josh D’Amaro, chairman of the company’s Parks, Experiences and Products division, pointed to the company’s vast land holdings that could be used for expansion of its existing theme parks. They noted the company’s parks division has more than 1,000 acres of available expansion space, roughly the equivalent of seven Disneyland parks.

“We stand alone when it comes to scale,” D’Amaro said. “And while our scale is impressive, we have no shortage of space or regions of the world in which to tell new stories.”

The company also pointed to the strong financial strength of its parks business, noting strong

performance in recent earnings reports, particularly at Shanghai Disney Resort and Hong Kong Disneyland.

Disney previously announced plans for its worldwide cruise line, by adding three more ships over the next three years and introducing a home port in Singapore in 2025 “to expand its reach further into the Asia-Pacific region.”

Despite the existing popularity of Disney parks and attractions, company officials said in a statement that its research shows there is an “addressable market of more than 700 million people with high Disney affinity it has yet to reach with its parks.”

“Throughout our history, we’ve created enormous growth by investing the right amount of capital into the right projects at the right moment,” Iger said. “We are planning to turbocharge our growth yet again with a robust amount of strategic investment in this business.”

Iger and D’Amaro said the company’s parks have a lush pool



of “stories” from which to choose to fuel expansion, by adding themed lands based on popular films -- in the model of Cars Land at Disney California Adventure and Star Wars Galaxy’s Edge at Disneyland.

“We have a wealth of untapped stories to bring to life across our business,” D’Amaro said. “‘Frozen,’ one of the most successful and popular animated franchises of all time, could have a presence at the

Disneyland Resort. Wakanda has yet to be brought to life. The world of ‘Coco’ is just waiting to be explored. There’s a lot of storytelling opportunity.”

# Family sues Google over father’s death

Google has been sued by the family of a North Carolina man claiming the company’s Maps application last year led him to drive off a collapsed bridge and fall about 20 feet to his death, according to the lawsuit.

Philip Paxson was following Google Maps directions while driving home late at night in September 2022 from his daughter’s 9th birthday party when the navigation system directed him to go over an unmarked and unbarricaded bridge that had collapsed years prior, the suit filed Tuesday states.

Paxson drove off the unbarricaded edge of the bridge in Hickory, North Carolina, and drowned, the suit says.

The lawsuit claims neighbors had expressed concern Google Maps had led drivers over the bridge, which allegedly has not been repaired since its partial collapse in 2013.

“For years before this tragedy, Hickory residents asked for the road

to be fixed or properly barricaded before someone was hurt or killed. Their demands went unanswered,” Paxson family attorney Robert Zimmerman said in a statement. “We’ve discovered that Google Maps misdirected motorists like Mr. Paxson onto this collapsed road for years, despite receiving complaints from the public demanding that Google fix its map and directions to mark the road as CLOSED.”

Though residents notified Google Maps of the hazardous bridge, the application continued to navigate drivers over it, claims the suit, which includes a report made to Google Maps by a woman asking it to update its navigation system; CNN is unable to verify the veracity of the exhibit.

“You are not able to cross this road. GPS sends people down here, which is especially dangerous for emergency vehicles,” reads the report sent to Google Maps. “Please update this map so GPS is accurate.”

The woman appears to have gotten an email autoreply from

Google Maps thanking her for the report, the court filing shows: “Your suggestion is being reviewed. Thanks for sharing your knowledge. We’ll let you know once the changes are published,” it states.

Besides Google, the family is suing its parent company, Alphabet, and two local companies it claims were responsible for maintaining the land and bridge, along with proper barricades and warning signs, and failed to repair the bridge or put up barricades and hazard warnings. The suit claims negligence and willful and wanton conduct by the companies and seeks an unspecified amount in punitive damages.

Paxson is survived by his wife, Alicia, and the couple’s two daughters, ages 9 and 7, the suit says. The family wants to “make sure our voices are heard,” Alicia Paxson said in a statement shared by her attorneys.

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