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Hahn helps kick off CARE Court in Norwalk

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NORWALK – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, in collaboration with the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), and Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office/Independent Defense Counsel Office (IDCO) announced the launch of the state-funded Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment program, better known as CARE Court.

Qualified individuals – such as a family member, spouse, roommate, emergency responder, or licensed medical or mental health professional – will be able to petition the Court for an eligible individual with untreated schizophrenia or other associated psychotic disorders to receive treatment and services to stabilize their symptoms and continue on a path of recovery and well-being.

"I talk to too many families who have struggled to get help for their loved ones with severe mental illness and we see too many people with schizophrenia on the streets. CARE Court is a tool we have been missing in LA County," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. She continued, "Through CARE Court, we will now be better able to support people suffering from untreated schizophrenia and their families who have historically had nowhere else to go."

LA County CARE Court was initially set to launch in December 2024, but the Court and the County agreed to move the start date up one year to provide early access to this new valuable tool to County residents.

"Implementing CARE Court in Los Angeles will help create change systemically in the lives of individuals who are struggling with mental illness," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District.

"Our courts are an important asset and can be a change agent in the lives of many. By creating this special partnership between the courts and our mental health systems, we are creating

a pathway towards healing and rehabilitation."

The intent of the CARE program is to provide an additional tool to help families and individuals find support for their loved ones. For individuals who qualify and agree to participate in CARE Court, housing options, along with connections to social services, are provided via a CARE Plan.

"CARE Court will help us connect individuals with the highest needs to the care they require. As we continue to grapple with a mental health crisis on our streets, especially on Skid Row and MacArthur Park in my district, CARE Court will be an important tool to address an individual's need with dignity and respect. I look forward to working with the Department of Mental Health, the Courts, and the Public Defender's Office on implementing this important initiative," said Supervisor Solis, First District.

To seek these services, a family member, clinician or other person files what is known as a CARE Act petition for someone who is in need of help. Filing a petition is free. A judge reviews the petition and determines if the person is eligible for the CARE program. Specific eligibility requirements can be found at www.lacourt.org/care.

"CARE Court provides the largest trial court in the nation with an opportunity to maximize the expertise of judicial officers who are dedicated to providing support to individuals suffering from mental health disorders with a forum in which they will feel empowered to succeed and pave the way to leading healthy and stable lives," Presiding Judge Samantha P. Jessner said.

"I would like to thank our partners at the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, the Los Angeles County Chief Executive's Office, the Los Angeles County Public Defender, the Independent Defense Counsel's Office, and the Board of Supervisors, particularly Supervisor Hahn, for engaging so deeply and collaboratively, enabling the County and the Court to launch CARE Court one year earlier than required so that qualifying



individuals can begin receiving the care they need and deserve to stabilize and succeed."

Rather than cycling through jails and emergency rooms, CARE Court gives vulnerable individuals (and those who care for them) another path to access key services. Participants can receive many kinds of support to promote recovery and well-being, including counseling, medication, and social services. If an individual is accepted into the program, their CARE team of clinicians, case managers and others work with them to develop a plan that will provide services tailored to their needs.

"CARE Court offers people with schizophrenia and other related serious untreated mental health disorders the help they need," said LACDMH Director Dr. Lisa H. Wong.

"It is the latest resource we are offering to put at-risk community members on the path to recovery. Ultimately, our priority is to enable people to heal, live safely in community, and thrive; and our goal is to ensure that there is no wrong door when someone reaches out for help."

The CARE program is strictly voluntary. Participants cannot be forced to participate in services – including taking medication – against their will and can leave the program at any time.

There are no civil or criminal penalties for choosing not to participate in the CARE process



or programs. Respondents who qualify for CARE Court services will be provided free legal representation through the Public Defender's newly formed and separately operated IDCO.

The attorneys assigned to CARE Court respondents will provide encouragement to their clients and advocate on their behalf to receive all available services.

"The goal of the CARE program is to provide consistent help and resources to people in the least restrictive way possible," said Ricardo D. Garcia, LA County Public Defender. "Unlike traditional judicial proceedings that focus on compelling compliance through punishment, CARE Court takes the opposite approach.

"It creates a specific judicial process to pull together holistic

services for respondents while surrounding them with a team of family members and professionals to help them stay on track. We're delighted that IDCO will play such a key role in this innovative and humane approach."

CARE Court began accepting petitions on Dec. 1. Petitions can be submitted electronically through any electronic filing service provider listed at www.lacourt.org/division/efiling/civil_providers.aspx, or in person at any location listed at www.lacourt.org/CARE.

Individuals who are represented by an attorney must file petitions electronically, while individuals without an attorney may file petitions electronically or in person.

For more information about the services provided by LACDMH, please visit: dmh.lacounty.gov/get-help-now/ or call the toll-free number at 1-800-854-7771, where you can request service referrals, crisis assessments, field-based services and an emotional support hotline.

The number is staffed 24/7 and has designated personnel to meet the needs of those who served in the military.

Interested parties can also call or text 988 to connect with someone through the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which provides supports to those who are in crisis or experiencing emotional distress.

This service is available 24/7 throughout the U.S. via phone calls, text messaging, or online chat.

Finally, you can text 'LA' to 741741 to connect with a trained crisis counselor via text message.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 71°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 77°

ON THIS DAY

1854:

Pope Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, asserting that Mary, Jesus' mother, was preserved free from the effects of "original sin" from the first instant of her conception.

1886:

Mexican painter Diego Rivera, whose bold large-scale murals stimulated a revival of fresco painting in Latin America, was born.

1963:

Frank Sinatra Jr. was kidnapped in Lake Tahoe and freed three days later after his father paid a \$240,000 ransom.

1978:

The classic film "The Deer Hunter"—starring Robert De Niro and Christopher Walken—had its world premiere; a shattering look at the effects of the Vietnam War on the young American men sent to fight in it, the movie later won an Oscar for best picture.

1987:

U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev signed a nuclear weapons reduction treaty.

2004:

Mia Hamm, a leading figure in U.S. women's football (soccer), retired from the sport.

2010:

SpaceX became the first commercial company to release a spacecraft—the Dragon capsule—into orbit and successfully return it to Earth.

2016:

Astronaut and politician John Glenn—who was the first U.S. astronaut to orbit Earth, for which he was regarded as a national hero—died at age 95.

2019:

Caroll Spinney—who created the characteristics and mannerisms of Big Bird, a larger-than-life puppet he played for nearly 50 years—died at age 85.

2022:

Celine Dion revealed that she suffers from a rare neurological disease called Stiff Person Syndrome that can cause debilitating spasms and canceled her remaining tour dates.

BIRTHDAYS

Film star **KIM BASINGER** (70), "Desperate Housewives" star **TERI HATCHER** (59), sportscaster **MICHAEL COLE** (55), indie pop singer **INGRID MICHAELSON** (45), rapper **NICKI MINAJ** (41) and former Lakers center **DWIGHT HOWARD** (38).

Two killed in suspected DUI crash on 5 Freeway

NORWALK – A 19-year-old man driving a Honda Accord was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of driving under the influence after the car crashed into the back of a stopped big rig on the Santa Ana (5) Freeway, killing his two passengers.

California Highway Patrol officers responded at 1:35 a.m. to the southbound freeway and the Carmenita Road exit, where they found Landon Hazelwood and the victims, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The two victims were pronounced dead at the scene, CHP officials said.

One of them was identified by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner as Lance Paul Erskine, 20, of Fountain Valley. Information was not immediately available on the identity of the other fatally injured person.

Hazelwood was taken to a hospital and arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, according to the CHP and reports from the scene.

Fox 11 reported the driver was arrested after he slammed into the back of a semi parked on the freeway shoulder.

Juvenile suspect arrested in South Gate fatal shooting

SOUTH GATE – A suspect described only as a male juvenile was in custody Wednesday for allegedly gunning down another juvenile in South Gate.

The shooting occurred around 9:10 p.m. Thursday in the 3100 block of Wisconsin Avenue, according to the sheriff's department. The victim, a male juvenile, was found suffering from several gunshot wounds to his upper body.

Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics took the victim to a hospital, where he later died, sheriff's officials said.

On Tuesday, a juvenile suspect was arrested by South Gate police. Sheriff's officials said the boy was charged with murder on Wednesday.

Neither the suspect nor victim have been identified. Their ages also were not released. It was unclear what prompted the shooting.

Anyone with information about the shooting was asked to call homicide detectives at 323-890-5500 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8255.

Cal High students share academic success stories with eighth graders

■ High schoolers shared the benefits of Cal High's Academic Commitment to Excellence program.

WHITTIER – California High School's Academic Commitment to Excellence (ACE) students took a journey through their unique high school experiences and stories while connecting with Hillview Middle School eighth-graders during an event that aimed to encourage students to apply for ACE, a program that provides support, encouragement and resources to at-promise students.

The ACE program provides students with additional help in making the transition from middle to high school, particularly in the subjects of math and English. In addition to the extra support students

receive in these areas, the program coordinates guest speakers, college visits and enrichment activities to complement the curricula.

"We continue tracking the progress of our ACE students all the way through senior year and make sure they know we're still here to support them on their path to success," ACE Program teacher Ann Gonzalez said. "All of our ACE students get to sit together at graduation and wear a special stole in recognition of their achievement – it's really a great moment!"

California High ACE juniors Elyssa Velazquez, Quentin Laporte and Savannah Apodaca accompanied Gonzalez to Hillview on Nov. 7, where they spoke with middle school students about the benefits of being part of ACE and answered questions about the program.

"I loved being able to talk to the middle schoolers about the ACE program and share how beneficial it was for me going into high school," Velazquez said. "The ACE program is so special to me – it made me realize that there is always someone there if I need help in school or in life."

The ACE program is partnered with local nonprofit Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC), which offers family services, homeless services, behavioral health services and more to the community. HYC representatives speak with ACE students once a week, covering life skill topics in stress management, family communication, substance abuse, how media affects mental health and more. At the end of HYC's speaking series, ACE students receive a special certificate showing they

completed the courses.

"My biggest takeaway from our time with HYC is the concept of self-love and how important it is to communicate with others to solve problems," freshman Abbie Sykes said. "The ACE program is so great because I get extra support to help me succeed and the teachers are amazing!"

Several middle school students applied to be part of the ACE program after hearing about all the benefits and life skills the program offers.

"Our ACE program's visit to Hillview gave middle schoolers an early glimpse into the support and caring culture that is waiting for them in high school," California High School principal Bill Schloss said. "ACE helps students get on the right track and ensures all students are equipped with the resources and tools they need to succeed."



California High School Academic Commitment to Excellence (ACE) program juniors Savannah Apodaca, Elyssa Velazquez, and Quentin Laporte visit Hillview Middle School to share with eighth graders about the benefits of being part of ACE and to answer questions about the program.

Norwalk unveils no-cost wifi zones

NORWALK - On Nov. 20, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) joined City of Norwalk Mayor Ana Valencia and other community leaders for a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch #ParkConnect, a project that will create opt-in, no-cost Wi-Fi Zones across the city.

In partnership with city officials, Congresswoman Sánchez secured \$1,720,000 for the project in the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. The ribbon cutting at Hermosillo Park marks the first of many no-cost Wi-Fi Zones to be installed in parks across Norwalk.

"I am honored to be here in Norwalk today to celebrate the #ParkConnect project coming

to fruition," said Sánchez. "Today, internet access is needed for almost everything, from connecting with family to e-learning and applying for jobs. It needs to be accessible for everyone, and this project is a big step in bridging the digital divide."

"The investment of no-cost Wi-Fi in our Norwalk city parks will create an inclusive, safe, and accessible environment for our community," said Mayor Ana Valencia. "Norwalk Councilmembers and I are grateful to Congresswoman Linda Sánchez's contribution to the progress and well-being of Norwalk students, families, neighbors, and park visitors."

#ParkConnect is part of the Smart Cities Digital Divide

Wi-Fi Solution designed and developed for Norwalk's underserved students and families. The project bridges the local digital divide by providing infrastructure to deliver Wi-Fi to the community which enhances an ecosystem and digital empowerment, equity, and stability to our community. #ParkConnect provides students, families, and park visitors to opt-in for no-cost "Smart & Safe" Wi-Fi Zones.

Funding for this project, as well as eight others, was secured by Congresswoman Sánchez through the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In May of 2022, Congresswoman Sánchez presented the City of Norwalk with an award of \$1,720,000 for #ParkConnect.

Man shot dead, another wounded at Norwalk Target

By City News Service

NORWALK - A man was found shot to death in the parking lot of a business in Norwalk and a second man was located lying on the floor of the establishment suffering from apparent gunshot wounds, authorities said Sunday.

Paramedics rushed the second shooting victim to a hospital, where he was listed

in stable condition, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

The shooting was reported at 6:46 p.m. Saturday in the 10600 block of Firestone Boulevard, according to the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

Authorities did not identify the business but the address matches the Target store.

The first man was

pronounced dead at the scene, officials said. The fatally wounded man was identified on Monday by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner as Frank Perez Jr., 21, of Los Angeles.

Anyone with information was asked to call homicide detectives at 323-890-5500 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8255.

DA files charges against driver in deadly Downey crash

DOWNEY - The other driver involved in a traffic collision that took the lives of

a L.A. County District Attorney investigator and his wife is being held on \$4 million bail,

Downey Police said in a press release.

At approximately 2:05 pm on Oct. 8, Downey residents Emilio Guerrero, 52, and Annabel Guerrero, a 47-year-old teacher who had previously worked in the Downey Unified School District, were killed in a traffic collision that occurred at the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and Gardendale Street. Both died at the scene.

The other driver involved, 60-year-old South Gate resident Aurelio Banuelos, was transported to a hospital in critical condition.

On Oct. 20, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed two counts of murder and two counts of vehicular manslaughter against Banuelos and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Downey Police immediately placed Banuelos under arrest and brought into custody.

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Sports Illustrated used AI writers and people didn't notice

What does it say about journalism when readers can't distinguish between authentic reporting and AI-generated content?

By Will Leitch

Will Leitch is a contributing editor at New York Magazine, the founder of the late sports website Deadspin and the author of six books, including the novels "How Lucky" and "The Time Has Come."

During my downtime, I like to take a break and play a baseball simulation game called Out of the Park Baseball, or OOTP. I would happily bore you for hours explaining this game, but in lieu of that, I will simply say that you construct a roster of MLB players and then play it against other teams in simulations. At the end of each game, OOTP produces a box score and statistics, but it also adds a feature that always tickles me: It writes up a game story.

Technically, the details of that writeup are true. But of course none of it actually happened, no actual baseball was played and no human was hired to write a story about it. The "game story" is entirely AI-generated. And you know what? It's fine. If you asked me, a professional sports writer for nearly two decades, to write a three-paragraph story on these simulated games, it might look similar. Though I'd like to think I'd get better quotes.

The point is: The conventions of sports writing—the who, what, when, where and how—are so established at this point that they are unusually easy to emulate by a robot, to the point that a silly baseball simulation game can, in certain contexts, do it as well as I can. Which is why it wasn't particularly surprising to learn this week, in a fantastic scoop from Futurism, that Sports Illustrated has been running fake, AI-generated articles—"written" by non-existent humans with AI-generated images and bios—for months now.

The magazine—it's probably not accurate to call Sports Illustrated a "magazine" at this point after the draconian cuts that have been made to its staff, but I'm honestly not sure what else to call it—immediately deleted the articles when Futurism called attention to them, which, as a human writer, I can confirm upsets the author a lot less when the author is a robot. The blowback has been overwhelming, from a full-on (human) staff revolt to an industry-wide lament of just what the once-revered institution, one that once published William Faulkner, Robert Frost and John Steinbeck, had become. How could Sports Illustrated have come to this?

After Futurism published its report, a spokesperson for The Arena Group, which has owned and operated Sports Illustrated since 2019, told CNN that the now-deleted articles were created by a third-party company. "We have

learned that AdVon had writers use a pen or pseudo name in certain articles to protect author privacy — actions we don't condone — and we are removing the content while our internal investigation continues and have since ended the partnership," the spokesperson said.

It shouldn't be that surprising that Sports Illustrated has found itself under fire; the publication's struggles under owner The Arena Group (formerly Maven) have been well-documented. There are still many terrific journalists there, from young stars like Richard Johnson to Emma Baccellieri to established vets like Pat Forde and Tom Verducci, but all you've had to do is visit SI.com at any time in the last three years to see how much the journalistic experience has degraded, taken over by fansites, branding exercises (Sports Illustrated the resort!) and the regular detritus you expect to find on almost any corporate website these days. If you are just now gnashing your teeth about what has happened to Sports Illustrated since you read the magazine as a kid, you are getting on this bus very, very late. (Full disclosure: I briefly hosted a television show for Sports Illustrated a few years back that no one watched).

It's hardly the first once-respected sports website to fall prey to the desperation of AI-generated content: The site I founded, Deadspin, has restarted its AI program, and while it's thoroughly depressing to see my pride and joy turned into a robot content farm, I have to confess I'm not sure the human writers over there are faring much better. But the only difference between those sports sites using AI writers and other sports sites using AI writers is that people actually used to enjoy Sports Illustrated and Deadspin; Yahoo, for example, has been contracted with a company called "Automated Insights" to write AI sport stories for years. It doesn't seem like that many people have noticed, or really cared if they did.

And I think there's even something existential about the profession here. The other big sports media controversy of recent weeks involved Fox and Amazon sideline reporter Charissa Thompson (whom I've also worked with, it's a small industry, people) confessing on a podcast that she, when she couldn't track down a coach at halftime for an in-game quote, would "make up the report sometimes."

Many smart sideline reporters, including Hall of Famer Andrea Kremer, blasted Thompson for the obviously unethical behavior (for which she apologized, saying she "chose the wrong words to describe the situation"). But it is worth noting that despite Thompson working as a sideline reporter for eight years, not once did anyone notice that she

might have been making up stories even though she had one of the most high-profile jobs in the profession.

Thompson herself said she could get away with it because, as The New York Times put it, "no coach would object to her citing boilerplate comments about the team's performance." That's pretty damning right there, isn't it? Making up reporting is bad, obviously. But what does it say about the reporting in the first place that Thompson's (self-alleged) made-up stories were indistinguishable from the empty prattle she usually got out of coaches?

Usually when journalists make up stories, they do so to make them more interesting (and of course, the vast majority of journalists do nothing of the sort). But Thompson knew not to do that, because if she would have made them interesting, they would have sounded fake. Because she—and so many other sideline reporters—so rarely gave us anything worthwhile. Her deception was a sad, empty cracked-mirror image of what she was giving us anyway. If sports journalists can't give us anything that isn't obviously different than something made up specifically to be boring and anodyne, well, how much better are we than the robots anyway?

Another game I like to play in my downtime is NBA2K, the wildly popular NBA video game. At halftime of every game I play, the (virtual) announcer throws it down courtside to an XBOX avatar of Curt Gowdy Award-winning reporter David Aldridge, who, in real life, is a fantastic journalist whom NBA fans have known and respected for years. But in the game, Aldridge is not real; he's just some pixels synced to audio the real Aldridge recorded years ago.

The last time I played, Video Aldridge asked Video Julius Randle, who had 16 first-half points for my Video Knicks, what the key to his performance in the first half was. Video Julius Randle (also synced to audio the real Randle recorded years ago) answered in empty platitudes, because how could he not? He's not real. He's describing a game that didn't happen. The whole interview is made-up, because the game is made-up.

And you know what? I get just as much insight from a NBA2K courtside interview as I do from a real one. They sound exactly the same. Is it any wonder Thompson wouldn't bother with an actual interview? A robot literally does it just as well.

So as much as I was saddened by Sports Illustrated's AI debacle, not to mention what's happening at my old site, I still find myself less offended by the robots than I am despairing at the quality of the work they're ostensibly replacing. Sports writers insist, as we fight back against a creeping AI world, that we can always do our jobs better than a robot can. If we'd like to continue working in this industry and having the trust and eyeballs of our readers and viewers ... I'd humbly suggest we work a little harder to make sure we can prove it.

I got Covid this Thanksgiving, and I'm grateful

Those who catch COVID-19 now are better off than those during the onset of the pandemic, thanks to vaccines.

By Keith Raffel

Keith Raffel's has served as the senior counsel to the Senate Intelligence Committee, started an award-winning internet software company and written five novels, which you can check out at keithraffel.com. He currently spends the academic year as a resident scholar at Harvard.

For almost four years, I eluded the COVID-19 virus that was stalking me, family and friends, fellow Americans and all humankind. I figured I was safe when I sat down for a family Thanksgiving dinner, but it turned out I was a sitting duck (turkey?) for my pathological pursuer. And how do I feel about all this? Thankful.

By avoiding the virus for so long, I missed the most dangerous variants and could get the latest version of the vaccination. So, I ended up not with a life-threatening disease, but what feels like a mild cold. I'm going to miss a holiday party I sorely wanted to attend. As my mom used to say to my toddler self after I scraped a knee, "You'll live."

And I will indeed live on, grateful to Nobel Prize winners Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman for their discoveries that enabled speedy development of COVID-19 vaccines. It hurts me to say it, but I am even thankful to former President Donald Trump for backing Operation Warp Speed, which used the discoveries of the Nobel laureates to develop an effective COVID-19 vaccine in less than a year.

I'm used to resenting Big Pharma, but not this time. I am grateful for the role Moderna and Pfizer played in getting that vaccine out. Millions more would have died around the world if the COVID-19 vaccine had taken as long from discovery to deployment as the previous recordholder, the mumps vaccine, which took four years.

So, it's all worked out pretty well for me. But despite the miraculously speedy development of vaccines, it could've

worked out better for others over the past four years. And it could work out better for others going forward.

Around 1.2 million Americans have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic began. The mortality rate for those who were unvaccinated was 250% higher than those who were. That means hundreds of thousands of Americans died unnecessarily.

And even with this lesson in front of them, over 80% of U.S. adults have failed to get the updated COVID-19 vaccine since it became available in late September. The life expectancy of Americans has doubled since 1900, and vaccinations are a major reason. Do tens of millions of Americans want to go back to the days of smallpox and polio epidemics?

Among a certain part of the population, the answer at least appears to be yes. The death rate from COVID-19 has been greater in Republican-leaning counties. Florida's Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has accused the federal government of mishandling vaccine rollout even while it appears his administration is doing the mishandling. A New York Times analysis found that "unlike the nation as a whole, Florida lost more lives to Covid after vaccines became available to all adults, not before."

Despite a lack of any evidence whatsoever, presidential candidates DeSantis and Nikki Haley have implied getting vaccinated can interfere with a woman's fertility.

Robert Kennedy Jr. became prominent on the national scene as an anti-vaxxer. He hasn't noticeably changed his views as he runs for the presidency as an independent. He said in a July interview, "There's no vaccine that is safe and effective."

That's just not true. Do not listen to what DeSantis, Haley or Kennedy Jr. are saying about COVID-19 vaccinations.

According to the Department of Health for the state of Washington, "From Oct. 6 to Nov. 2, 2023, unvaccinated individuals were between two and 4.5 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 compared to those who received at least one booster dose."

Most of the deaths from COVID-19 befell those Americans over age 65. That cohort constitutes 16% of the U.S. population but has accounted for an estimated 75% of the COVID-19 deaths. But only a third of those senior citizens have received the latest COVID-19 vaccine. Over half of Americans have no intention of getting it.

For Americans over 65, just go get the latest shot. It's protection against hospitalization and death. For those under 65, even if your chances of hospitalization and death are low, you probably will, like me, get a milder case should you catch it and at the same time decrease the chances of infecting someone over 65.

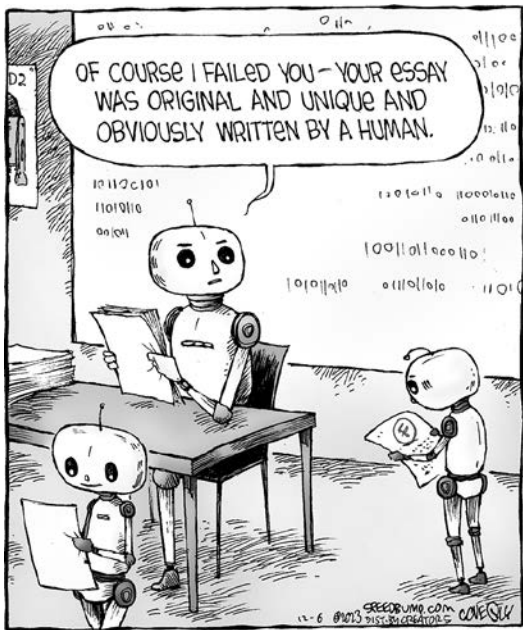
I live on a college campus amid hundreds of students. They should be getting vaccines before they go home — if not for themselves, then for the older generation. No one wants to give a COVID-19 infection to a grandparent as a holiday gift.

President Joe Biden has declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be over. Maybe so, but as a friend wrote to me upon hearing I was infected, "We might be done with Covid, but Covid is not done with us."

The newest variant appears more contagious than previous ones. COVID-19 rates are rising. Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 were up 10% Thanksgiving week (when I was infected!), the most recent week where data are available.

Come on, fellow Americans. Get vaccinated. It's easy and safe. You don't want to die. I believe in your good hearts. You don't want a loved one to die whether infected by you or a stranger. Neither does anyone else.

SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY



Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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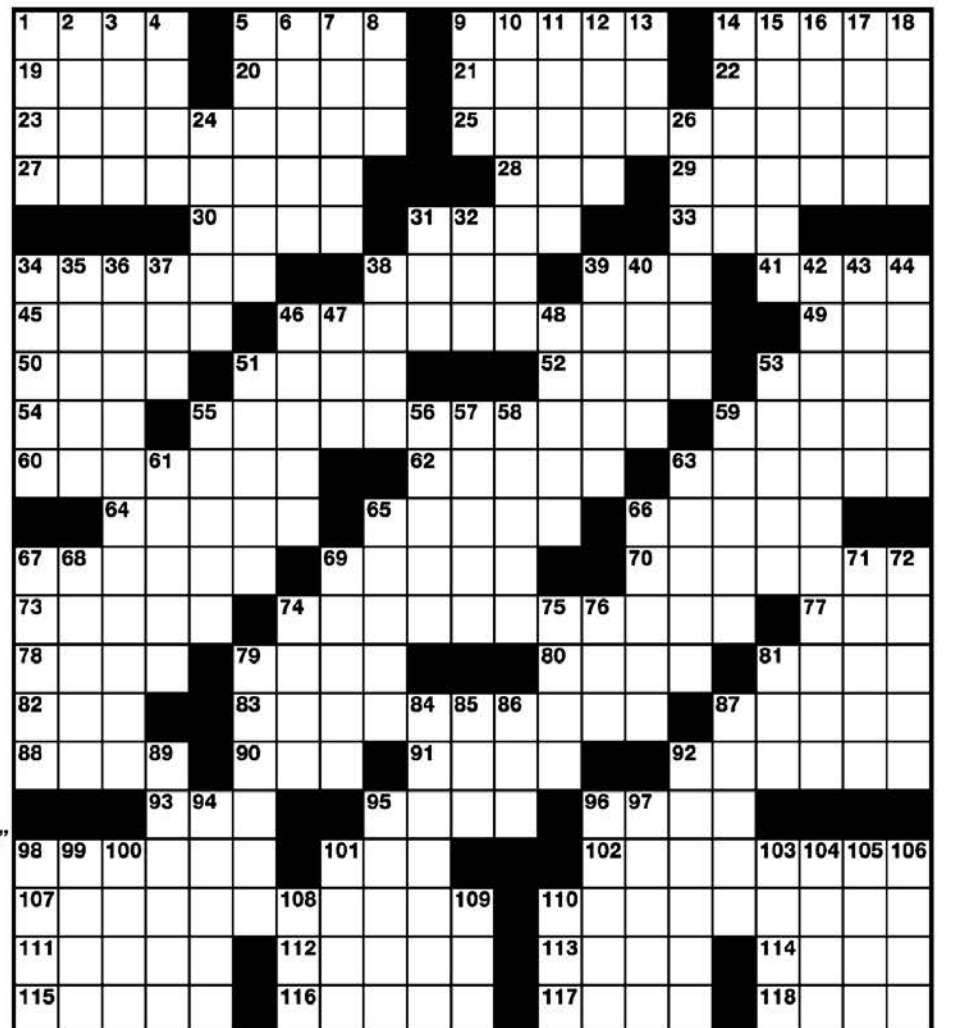
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023258002

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MR. CYPRESS REAL ESTATE (2) MR. CYPRESS (3) MR. CYPRESS REAL ESTATE GROUP 4542 CATHY AVENUE, CYPRESS CA 90630, COUNTY OF ORANGE, 5839 LOS SANTOS WAY, BUENA PARK CA 90620

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TYLER WIRTH, 5839 LOS SANTOS WAY, BUENA PARK CA 90620

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2023

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/TYLER WIRTH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 1, 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, when 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 2023218038

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: S.W. ENTERPRISE, 16805 E. RENWICK ROAD, AZUSA, CA 91702 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SARA WILLIAMS, 16805 E. RENWICK ROAD, AZUSA, CA 91702. 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: SARA WILLIAMS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/05/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1180323.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023246731

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. KIND SOUL, 2. ALIGNED AND ALIVE, 3. SHOWER QUOTES, 1235 BROCKTON AVE 201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202009310056. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: HIGH VIBE, 2015 WILSON BLVD, 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: AMBER CRUSE, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 08/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/15/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1182569.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2023224477

The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s): CORITA ART CENTER, 5515 FRANKLIN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028-5901 . The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed on (date) NOVEMBER 30, 2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles. Original File No. 2020191764. Full name of Registrant(s): IMMACULATE HEART COMMUNITY, 5515 FRANKLIN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028-5901 (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: ELIZABETH LOMELI, CEO. This statement was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on 10/16/2023. Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1183816.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023224617

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LE PETIT TRESOR SALON, 555 W BONITA AVE UNIT 1, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 430 SELLERS ST APT. 30, GLENORA, CA 91741. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: COREY DENISE WALKER, 430 SELLER ST APT 30, GLENORA, CA 91741. 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: COREY DENISE WALKER, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/17/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1183866.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023225541

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GLORY'S LITTLE BITES, 330 W 223RD ST APT 37, CARSON, CA 90745 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: STAR GROUP LLC, 330 W 223RD ST APT 37, CARSON, CA 90745. 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: GLORIMAR ROSARIO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/18/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1184139.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023226142

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RAMOS MAINTENANCE PAINTING, 4311 WEST 5TH STREET APT 10, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ERICK RAMOS, 4311 WEST 5TH STREET APT 10, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020. 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: ERICK RAMOS, 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) 10/18/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1184288.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023228693

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. THE SCHEDULE GEEK, 2. RENNIESON CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULELING, 3. THE SCHEDULE GEEKS, 1964 TRUDIE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: D. RENNIESON, LLC, 1964 TRUDIE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275 (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: DAVID RENNIE, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 06/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/23/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1184938.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023229774

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MICHAEL ARTISTRY, 21963 MIKHAIL ST, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DANNY BACA, 21963 MIKHAIL ST, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390. 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: DANNY BACA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/24/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1186037.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023231107

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: J&A CATERING, 3360 JAMES M WOOD BLVD., APT. A, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOHN PAUL BRENNING, 3360 JAMES M WOOD BLVD., APT. A, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOHN PAUL BRENNING, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 07/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/25/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1186400.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023231687

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: POLLYWOG CREW BEASTIE EXPERIENCE, 8204 CLEMENS AVE, WEST HILLS, CA 91304 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOHN ANTHONY LEPTO, 8204 CLEMENS AVE, WEST HILLS, CA 91304, DINO CARRILLO, 5828 WOODMAN AVE #5, VAN NUYS, CA 91401, JEFFERY DAVIS, 14413 WEDDINGTON ST #5, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91401. This business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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: COREY DENISE WALKER, 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) 10/25/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1186546.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023232993

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LOMELI ANDSCA, 557 W CLAREMONT ST., PASADENA, CA 91103 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DANIEL LOMELI, 557 W CLAREMONT ST., PASADENA, CA 91103. 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: DANIEL LOMELI, 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) 10/26/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1186686.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LBAJA LOCKSMITH, 2892 BELLFLOWER BLVD #277, LONG BEACH, CA 90815 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: RAUL DE LA CERDA, 2892 BELLFLOWER BLVD UNIT #277, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. 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: RAUL DE LA CERDA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 08/2008. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/26/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1186699.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023246736

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RAPHAELLA, 824A S BROADWAY, 23 MASAGE 22, 104 IN, FAIRFAX AVE, W. HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 3878714. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: RAPHAELLA SAMPLES LLC, 2922 S MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007 (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: SAHRA SANTILLAN, MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/15/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1187098.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023234414

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MARIAM, 22, 104 IN, FAIRFAX AVE, W. HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MICHAEL JERZY IWINSKI, 1419 N FAIRFAX AVE 4, W. HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046. 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: MICHAEL JERZY IWINSKI, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/30/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188579.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023234599

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RENOVA STONE MASTER NORTH HOLLYWOOD, 6879 BECK AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91305 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 2640 LAVERLY CT, UNIT B, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ICAL CONSTRUCTION INC, 2640 LAVERLY CT, UNIT B, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320 (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: YORKIN BLVD STREET, 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/30/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188218.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023234610

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RENOVA STONE MASTER SANFERNANDO, 6879 BECK AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91305 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: 2640 LAVERLY CT, UNIT B, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ICAL CONSTRUCTION INC., 2640 LAVERLY CT, UNIT B, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320 (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: YORKIN BLVD STREET, 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/30/2023. 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: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188226.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023235101

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CALSTAR ENERGY, 13935 VAN NUYS BLVD STE 4, ARLETA, CA 91304 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202253918531. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: STAR GROUP LLC, 13934 VAN NUYS BLVD UNIT E, ARLETA, CA 91331 (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: CALSTAR ENERGY, 13935 VAN NUYS BLVD STE 4, ARLETA, CA 91304. 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) 10/31/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188226.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2023235498

The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s): CLASBY & ELEGANT GROUP, 315 N ADAMS ST APT 6, GLENDALE, CA 91206. The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed on: JULY 06, 2021 in the County of Los Angeles. Original File No. 2021154169. Full name of Registrant(s): KAREN MATEVOSYAN, 315 N

ADAMS STR APT 6, GLENDALE, CA 91206 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: KAREN MATEVOSYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on 10/31/2023. Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188474.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023235649

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. SOBADORA MASAJISTA IRENE, 2. SOBADORA MASAJISTA IRENE EN LOS ANGELES, 3. IRENE HEALING HANDS, 10607 GORMAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: IRENE AYALA CASTRO, 10607 GORMAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: IRENE AYALA CASTRO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): 11/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/31/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188528.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023235789

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: APOTRON CONSTRUCTION, 14021 MARQUESAS WAY 214C, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202354811751. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: APOTRON LLC, 14021 MARQUESAS WAY, 214C, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 (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: POOYAN REZAEIAN, 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) 10/31/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188579.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023236853

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KAL'S AUTO SALES, 6829 LANKERSHIM BLVD UNIT 110, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605-6109LA. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KHALED ALI, 6829 LANKERSHIM BLVD UNIT 110, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: KHALED I ALLAF, 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) 11/01/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188894.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023237052

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NOT YO MOMMA'S MAC & CHEESE, 4713 HAYTER AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202207810444. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MECHELLE CHERI FIT LLC, 4713 HAYTER AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712 (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: MECHELLE EDWARDS, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/01/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1188900.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023237681

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MIMI'S BAGGAGE DELIVERY, 1273 EAST 24TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MIRIAM E. MORENO, 908 EAST NORDBY STREET, CARSON, CA 90746. 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: MIRIAM E. MORENO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/02/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 11/17/2023, 11/24/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1189088.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023237983

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AMOS GIFTS SHOP, 15701 SHERMAN WAY UNIT 14175, VAN NUYS, CA 91409 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202358318880. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: AMOS HOLDINGS LLC, 15701 SHERMAN WAY UNIT 14175, VAN NUYS, CA 91409 (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: LEE ANN AMOS-HAUSELMAN, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/02/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use

of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197394.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260154
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LAUNDERLAND, 2380 EARLS COURT, LOS ANGELES, CA 90077 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ROBERT CHARLES MASLOW, 2380 EARLS COURT, LOS ANGELES, CA 90077. 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: ROBERT CHARLES MASLOW, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/1980. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197416.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023259237
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MENDEZ PLUMBING, 14824 VAN NUYS ST, VAN NUYS, CA 91411 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: OSBERTO M. MENDEZ, 14824 1/2 SYLVAN ST, VAN NUYS, CA 91411. 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: OSBERTO M. MENDEZ, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/04/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197438.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023259411
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 2WAY TRANSPORTATION, 4307 E. 58TH ST., MAYWOOD, CA 90270 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JORGE A. VALDEZ SR., 4307 E. 58TH ST., MAYWOOD, CA 90270. 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: JORGE A. VALDEZ SR., OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/04/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197470.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023259676
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KING CHINESE FOOD, 4310 S CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 5970225. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KING CHINESE FOOD INC, 4310 S CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 (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: HUAWEI WANG, 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) 12/04/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197785.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023259627
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AJ HAULING, 16725 CRENSHAW BLVD UNIT 25, TORRANCE, CA 90504 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LUIS ALBERTO ALDANA BARRIENTOS, 16725 CRENSHAW BLVD UNIT 25, TORRANCE, CA 90504. 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: LUIS ALBERTO ALDANA BARRIENTOS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/04/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197788.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023259782
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RD MKETING AND SERVICES, 44245 17TH STREET EAST, LANCASTER, CA 93535 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ROXANA DEMOICA, 44245 17TH STREET EAST, LANCASTER, CA 93535. 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: ROXANA DEMOICA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197793.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023259807
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. EDLIT, 2. EDLIT: EMPOWERING DISTRICTS THROUGH LEARNING, INNOVAT, AND CHANGING THE WORLD. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JK K12 CORP, 19501 RINALDI ST., PORTER RANCH, CA 91326 (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: JACOB KANTOR, 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) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197791.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260105
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GUACAMAYA SERVI CUISINE, 4050 S FIGUEROA ST #202, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: XIMENA SABILLON, 4050 S FIGUEROA ST #202, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: XIMENA SABILLON, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197792.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260095
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LUXURY BLACKLANE, 47477 STETSON COURT, INDIO, CA 92201 RIVERSIDE. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 20210991160. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, LLC, 47477 STETSON COURT, INDIO, CA 92201 (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: CARLOS R LOBO-GONZALEZ, 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) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197793.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260378
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WHITS ROOFING, 13739 CULLEN STREET, WHITTIER, CA 90605 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SANTIAGO JIMMY REYES, 13739 CULLEN STREET, WHITTIER, CA 90605, ROBERT EARL SIMPHER, 11555 SANTA GERTUDES, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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: SANTIAGO JIMMY REYES, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/2005. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197795.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260480
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ALLINX INVESTMENTS, 8518 MANATEE ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4840839. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CUPOLA EXPORT INC, 8518 MANATEE ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241 (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: ALI AWADA, PRESIDENT. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197812.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260505
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: UNIVERSAL COMPRESSOR, 127 E. 163RD STREET, GARDENA, CA 90248 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SPILLMAN CORP, 127 E. 163RD STREET, GARDENA, CA 90248 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: GARY GUERRERO, SECRETARY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/2012. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197813.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260558
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SOUTHWAY AUTO CENTER, 1030 E ARTESIA BLVD, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSE LUIS ALBERTO GARCIA, 1030 E ARTESIA BLVD, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOSE LUIS ALBERTO GARCIA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197814.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023260904
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GRACE & LIGHT LIMOUSINE, 11887 VILLA HERMOSA, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202359511421. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: GRACE & LIGHT ENTERPRISES LLC, 11887 VILLA HERMOSA, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557 (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: CARLOS DANIEL ZALAZAR, 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) 12/05/2023. 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: 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, 12/22/2023, 12/29/2023. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1197857.

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR FIRESTONE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 1) CITY PROJECT NO. 7196.1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites prospective Bidders to submit sealed bids for the proposed IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF NORWALK PLANETBIDS (PB) online bid portal site for FIRESTONE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 1), and will only receive such bids until 11:00 AM on January 22, 2024, in accordance with the conditions outlined in the Invitation for Bid (IFB).

SCOPE OF WORK. The project will widen and reconstruct the asphalt pavement on Firestone Boulevard from Studebaker Road to Imperial Highway. Structural elements include various retaining walls and the widening of the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right of way. Concrete improvements include new sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveways, barriers, and access ramps.

Ancillary work includes a new raised landscaped median, slope planting, and hardscape improvements. Drainage modifications and storm water features will be installed. New street lighting and traffic signal modifications are also required. Staging of construction will maintain traffic during construction, including access to adjacent properties at all times. Coordination with the UPRR will be required for work over and adjacent to their right of way.

The Project is estimated to cost approximately \$13,500,000 and includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed, may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Respondents to this IFB must be registered as a Vendor with the City of Norwalk on the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal to access all solicitation documents related to this project. The Vendor Portal provides entry to the NEW VENDOR REGISTRATION and Bid Opportunities modules. Registration is free and immediate. Instructions to register are provided on the City's website at: <https://www.norwalk.org/planetbids>.

A copy of the solicitation can be downloaded from the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal site at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/54783/portal-home>

All questions or requests for interpretation regarding this solicitation must be submitted through the Q&A section of the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal. Bidders are not to contact City personnel with questions or clarifications concerning this solicitation provided through any means other than the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal is unauthorized and will be considered invalid.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

BONDS. Bidders must submit to the City Clerk a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check, or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City of Norwalk and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted by no later than 11:00 AM on January 22, 2024. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Bidder must indicate on the outside of the envelope the solicitation name and solicitation number. Failure to provide cashier's check, certified check, or Bidder's Bond will deem the bid as Non-Responsive.

City of Norwalk
Attn: City Clerk
12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 10
Norwalk, CA 90650
Phone: (562) 929-5720

A scanned copy of the cashier's check, certified check, or Bid Bond shall be submitted along with the electronic bid through the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall

subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. For the purposes of the calculation of the start of the liquidated damages, the Work shall be deemed to be completed when the same has been completed in accordance with the Plans and Specifications therefor and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and the City Engineer has certified such completion in accordance with Section 3-13.1 of Part 1 of the Standard Specifications. Liquidated/damaged daily cost shall be \$5,700 (Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) per Calendar Day.

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

BIDDING PROCESS. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

By: /s/ Glen W.C. Kau, P.E., City Engineer
Date: 12/07/2023

The Norwalk Patriot
12/8/23

CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-1746

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held December 5, 2023, adopted proposed ORDINANCE NO. 23-1746, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO INITIATE AND MAKE DECISIONS ON PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATIONS, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Ramirez, Vice Mayor Rios, and Mayor Valencia
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The full text of Ordinance No. 23-1746 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours and on the City's website with the December 5, 2023 Council agenda, Item No. 7.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk
December 6, 2023

The Norwalk Patriot
12/8/23

CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-1744

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held December 5, 2023, adopted proposed ORDINANCE NO. 23-1744, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE REMOVAL OF THE AUTOMOBILE PARKING ZONE THROUGHOUT THE CITY, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Ramirez, Vice Mayor Rios, and Mayor Valencia
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The full text of Ordinance No. 23-1744 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours and on the City's website with the December 5, 2023 Council agenda, Item No. 6.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk
December 6, 2023

The Norwalk Patriot
12/8/23

CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-1745

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held December 5, 2023, adopted proposed ORDINANCE NO. 23-1745, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACTS AND DECISION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 2023-01, to amend the City Zoning Map removing the Automobile Parking Zone (P-Zone) designation throughout the City, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Ramirez, Vice Mayor Rios, and Mayor Valencia
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The full text of Ordinance No. 23-1745 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours and on the City's website with the December 5, 2023 Council agenda, Item No. 6.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk
December 6, 2023

The Norwalk Patriot
12/8/23

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CURB RAMP REPLACEMENTS – CDBG

PROJECT NO. 7936
IFB NO. 24-757

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites prospective Bidders to submit sealed bids via electronic submission on the City of Norwalk PlanetBids (PB) online bid portal site for CURB RAMP REPLACEMENTS – CDBG FY23-24 and will only receive such bids until 11:00 AM on January 4, 2024, in accordance with the conditions outlined in the Invitation for Bid (IFB).

EXECUTION OF CONTRACT. The selected Bidder shall execute the Contract in the form included in these Contract Documents within ten (10) Calendar Days from the date of delivery of the Contract Documents to the Bidder.

NOTICE TO PROCEED. The Contractor shall not begin any construction activity at the site before the issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). The anticipated NTP date is February 26, 2024.

SCOPE OF WORK. The project involves removal and replacement of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, installation of cast-in-place truncated domes, incidental asphalt work, and related traffic control. Locations of Work are specified at predetermined locations within distinct neighborhoods as illustrated in the table of contents (CRL-1) of the specifications.

The Contractor shall complete the Work in two (2) milestones and shall submit an invoice to the City by no later than the following dates:

Milestone 1: Completion of at least 60% of Contract Value from date of Notice to Proceed.
Invoice No. 1 Date: Monday, April 8, 2024.

Milestone 2: Completion of Contract Value.
Invoice No. 2 Date: Monday, June 17, 2024.

The Project is estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Respondents to this IFB must be registered as a Vendor with the City of Norwalk on the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal to access all solicitation documents related to this project. The Vendor Portal provides entry to the NEW VENDOR REGISTRATION and Bid Opportunities modules. Registration is free and immediate. Instructions to register are provided on the City's website at: <https://www.norwalk.org/planetbids>.

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All questions or requests for interpretation regarding this solicitation must be submitted through the Q&A section of the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal. Bidders are not to contact City personnel with questions or clarifications concerning this solicitation. Any City response relevant to this solicitation provided through any means other than the City of Norwalk PlanetBids online bid portal is unauthorized and will be considered invalid.

SECTION 3 STATEMENT. This is a HUD Section 3 covered construction contract and requires compliance with the hiring goals outlined in Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act. **Bidders must complete and sign the Declaration of Intent to Comply with Section 3 Requirements form and submit with bid. Failure to do so may disqualify the bid.** The awarded prime contractor must work with the Labor Compliance Officer to create Section 3 Commitment and Outreach Plans. The Contractor must, to the greatest extent possible, provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons and local businesses. The benchmark for Section 3 workers is set at 25% or more of the total number of labor hours to be worked on the Project. The benchmark for Targeted Section 3 workers is set at 5% or more of the total number of labor hours worked on the Project. Contractor is allowed to count the Targeted Section 3 worker hours from the Section 3 worker hours.

The benchmark for Section 3 Business Concern is set at 10% or more of the total construction dollars to be awarded to local and qualified Section 3 businesses. The benchmark for Section 3 Business Concern is set at 3% or more of the total non-construction dollars to be awarded to local and qualified Section 3 businesses.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGE STATE

Disneyland releases 2024 event schedule



Disney's popular Star Wars themed "Season of the Force" will make its return next year. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

By City News Service

ANAHEIM – Disneyland Resort Monday released its calendar of special events planned in 2024 to help prospective visitors as they schedule and plan their trip to the park.

The calendar is highlighted by Pixar Fest, which will run from April 26 to Aug. 4 in Disneyland and Disney California Adventure. The fest is billed as "a celebration of friendship and beyond."

It will feature a new daytime parade at California Adventure titled "Better Together: A Pixar Pals Celebration," while Disneyland will present "Together Forever -- A Pixar Nighttime Spectacular." New characters will also be roaming the parks, including Ember and Wade from "Elemental" and Red Panda Mei from "Turning Red."

Lunar New Year at Disney California Adventure will be celebrated from Jan. 23 through Feb. 18, featuring Asian-inspired food and drinks, decorations and "Mulan's Lunar New Year Procession."

"Celebrate Gospel," an annual tribute to Gospel music, will be held at Disneyland on two days in February, with Marvin Sapp performing on Feb. 17 and Tasha Cobbs Leonard on Feb.

24. The event also features community choirs from across Southern California.

Anaheim Ducks Days, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the hockey team, will be held Feb. 22-23, featuring a fan zone, themed activities and appearances by current and former players.

The popular Disney California Adventure Food & Wine Festival will be held March 1 through April 22, featuring food and drinks from across the state and a limited return of the "Soarin' Over California" attraction.

From April 5 through June 2, Disneyland will host "Season of the Force," featuring new adventures on the Star Tours attraction, themed food and drinks and limited-edition merchandise. Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge will present nightly galactic music accompanying the Disneyland fireworks.

Halloween Time at Disneyland will be held Aug. 23 through Oct. 31, while the holiday season will be celebrated beginning Nov. 15.

Visitors can make park reservations up to 180 days in advance. Details of the events and a complete schedule are available online at <https://disneyparks.disney.go.com/blog/>.

Downey police holiday shop with kids

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey Police Department participated in the fifth annual Shop with a Cop event over the weekend, continuing what is becoming one of the city's holiday staples.

Shop with a Cop pairs Downey officers with children from in-need families, identified and selected by Downey Unified School District. Children selected were treated to breakfast before being transported via police motorcade to Walmart for a shopping spree.

Around 28 kids from 20 families were picked this year.

"It's grown every year; the amount of money that children have to shop with has also increased," said Ralph

Diaz, president of the Downey Police Officers Association. "This year they got \$400 to shop for themselves, and then they got another \$100 in Walmart, and another \$100 in grocery store gift cards, and then the mall gave them a \$50 gift card to JCPenney."

Several of Downey's organizations and businesses pitched in this year, including Nissan, Walmart, Velasco Law Group, Financial Partners, State Farm Efferem Sanchez, Chick-fil-a, Downey Adult School, Rotary Club, Premiere Fitness, both Kiwanis Clubs, Make it Pop, The Pride Barbershop, Haus of Beauty, DUSD, and Walmart.

Sgt. Tim McCarthy, who organized the event, said that every family had a "different need and situation in life that is bringing them here." He

described Shop with a Cop as "the officers' opportunity to show the community that there's more to what we do than catching bad guys."

"We have an opportunity to give back to the community," said McCarthy. "Not only is it important for the kids, but it's important for our officers to have this relationship building that we can with these younger kids, so that we can continue the positive relationship with the community that we currently have now."

Once they arrived at the store, kids could be seen everywhere from the toy aisle, to the clothing section and electronics department. Many chose to buy presents for parents and siblings, as well as for themselves.

"They're not just getting

things for themselves, they're not just being selfish," said Diaz. "They're spreading the cheer, just like we're spreading the cheer."

Diaz said the hope for the event was to always "get better" and "make people happy." McCarthy added that the biggest thing was "to keep it Downey ran."

"This program, everybody who participates is rooted here in the community," said McCarthy. "The school district, all the businesses that helped participate...it all stays in the city, so everything they're putting into this program, we're putting right back into the community and into these kids, and that's – for us- what's important, and that's not just for the kids, it's for the families as well."

Dictionaries name 'Rizz and 'Authentic' as words of the year

Language experts choosing the Oxford word of the year 2023 were dazzled by a bright young thing, selecting a relative newcomer, "rizz," for the top spot.

Derived from the word "charisma," "rizz" refers to a person's ability to attract a romantic partner through "style, charm or attractiveness," dictionary publisher Oxford University Press (OUP) said in its announcement Monday. The word received more than 32,000 votes from the public, OUP added.

"Rizz" soared in popularity earlier this year, after Spider-Man actor Tom Holland was asked by Buzzfeed what the secret to his rizz was. His answer? "I have no rizz whatsoever. I have limited rizz."

The publisher of the Oxford English Dictionary added that the word can also be used as a verb, in the phrase "rizz up," meaning to attract or chat up a person.

While word of the year contenders do not need to be new words, they must have

a significance to the year in question. OUP said its 2023 shortlist was chosen to "reflect the mood, ethos, or preoccupations of the year."

So, how did "rizz" fight off its rivals?

OUP's experts shortlisted eight words, which were put into competing pairs for the public to vote on. From the resulting four finalists, the experts did one last analysis, before picking "rizz" as the winner.

The other finalists were "prompt," the instruction given to an artificial intelligence program that influences the content it creates; "situationship," which means a romantic partnership that is not considered to be formal or established; and lastly, "Swiftie" - the name given to an avid fan of singer Taylor Swift.

In 2022, Oxford's word of the year was "goblin mode," a colloquial term for behavior that is unapologetically lazy in a way that rejects social norms.

Merriam-Webster

"Authentic" is the top word of 2023, according to America's oldest dictionary.

Merriam-Webster said it saw a "substantial increase" in online searches for it this year.

The interest was "driven by stories and conversations about AI [artificial intelligence], celebrity culture, identity, and social media", the dictionary publisher said.

One reason many people search for the word is because it has a number of meanings, including "not false or imitation" and also "true to one's own personality, spirit, or character."

"Although clearly a desirable quality, 'authentic' is hard to define and subject to debate," Merriam-Webster said.

The publisher added that the popularity of the word, which had been highly searched in the US in the past, grew this year as "the line between 'real' and 'fake'" became increasingly blurred.

The AI boom helped with the blurring, spurring interest in the authenticity of

text, images and videos, the company said.

One of the runners-up for the top was "deepfake", used to describe videos and photos that are digitally altered with AI.

Meanwhile, brands, social media influencers and celebrities also popularised the word, including Elon Musk, the owner of X, formerly Twitter, who has said people should be more "authentic" on social media.

Another top word from 2023 included "indict", which saw a surge in interest after former President Donald Trump was indicted, or charged, in four separate legal cases.

The top words in the US were not immune to British influence. Coronation was also highly searched after Charles III was crowned the new king in May.

In 2022, the word of the year was "gaslighting", a colloquial term for manipulating somebody to cause them to question their own realities or beliefs.

LEGALS

this court as follows: 12/29/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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 petition is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 23STLC05083
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): HENDEL ARIEL GONZALEZ, SR.; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 10, INCLUSIVE.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): CLEARPATH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court

may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
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As Stay Gallery seeks funding, Downey finds itself at a crossroads with cultural arts



■ Downey has a long, rich history of supporting cultural arts, but what does the future hold?

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – Within the past month scores of people have written letters and spoken publicly to the Downey City Council, urging city leaders to continue a service contract that would allow Stay Gallery to remain open.

The small arts venue on Downey Avenue, just a half block from Porto's, was opened eleven years ago as an artistic experiment with financial encouragement from the city and a lot of sweat equity from its founders and supporters.

Gabriel Enamorado, one of the gallery founders, remembers local businessman Mike Chirco donating all of the labor for the air conditioning, Elite Concrete donating labor to refinish the concrete floors, and Lowe's in Pico Rivera donating the wood for the stylish façade.

Regarding the façade, Enamorado recalls, "Warren High School students installed the wood on a Saturday morning as extra credit." A teacher organized the novice work crew and Porto's donated pastries.

"They were so proud," says Enamorado, who was only about 22 years old himself at the time.

Enamorado says that the name Stay was selected for the gallery because it represents the importance of having young people stay in their community and build on its potential.

Downey Art Vibe, a non-profit, was incorporated to operate the space for the benefit of the community. In exchange for operation services, the city committed funds from its Art in Public Places ordinance that DAV could use to pay the \$2,000 monthly rent.

An art gallery on Downey Avenue also served the city's interests at the time.

"A big part of why the space was created," says Juliana Canty, Programs Director for Stay Arts which manages the gallery, "was because of the goal of downtown revitalization."

First-time visitors frequently gush over how "lovely" the art space is and

how lucky residents are to have it.

As was to be expected, the new art gallery stumbled for a while, but supporters had no doubt about its relevance for the community.

Not only did the venue host art exhibits, it also presented musical events, dramatic readings, book launches, poetry readings, and art experiences for local children. All ideas and suggestions were welcomed, and DAV collaborated with other arts groups such as the Downey Arts Coalition.

In 2019 DAV was reorganized and renamed as Stay Arts. Enamorado became Executive Director of this managing organization.

As with many other businesses, the physical gallery had to close during the COVID pandemic but Enamorado sought creative ways to keep people engaged online. When pandemic restrictions were lifted, Stay Arts reopened Stay Gallery and sought additional grants and funding to resume its mission of championing creative exploration and cultural expression.

Besides operating Stay Gallery, Stay Arts pursues projects that give work to local artists, including contracted workshops at community events, pop-up art exhibitions, and temporary art installations. Stay Arts is currently preparing a historic photo exhibition for Farmers and Merchants Bank at its branch on Lakewood, and is an art vendor for a mural project at Kaiser's Garden Building in Downey.

Enamorado says that Stay Arts's budget this year has grown to over \$250,000—an amazing accomplishment given the organization's humble beginnings.

A large part of the budget now includes contracts with a state program designed to help students recover from the isolation of pandemic conditions. Stay Arts hires and supervises teachers for free afterschool art classes for elementary and middle school students in Downey.

Participation in this state program reflects well on Stay Arts's professionalism and reputation, but most of the funding is designated for the eight additional staff members and their supplies. None of this can be used to cover rent for the gallery space.

It is ironic that as the

importance and reputation of Stay Arts grows, this is the year that the City of Downey pondered its relationship with organization and decided not to pursue renewal of the service contract when it ended in May.

Enamorado reports that if the financial predicament cannot be resolved, the physical gallery will have to close.

"Stay Arts will continue to operate," he asserts, and "will continue to oversee the afterschool art classes. But the city will no longer have this community space."

As more bars and restaurants open on Downey Avenue, the gallery's closure will be a noticeable loss to the community.

"You lose a space that is family-oriented," says Canty. "You cut off all access for activities for families and youth downtown."

A Presence Beyond Downey

Although the contract between the city and Stay Arts ended in May, the issue of contract renewal appeared on the November 28 city council agenda because so many people wrote letters of support and showed up to speak during public comments at the prior council meeting.

Letters of support shared with the public on November 14 include one from an assistant director at the J. Paul Getty Museum, a senior manager at LA Metro, a director at Californians for the Arts, a director at Arts for LA, and the Chair of the Eastside Arts Initiative.

After eleven years of hard work by so many people (including my husband who regularly set up chairs for Poetry Matters), it is clear that Stay Gallery and Stay Arts have brought acclaim to the city and created a presence beyond Downey.

It is to the city council's credit that its members were flexible and agreed to reconsider a public discussion after this expansive show of support.

At the November 28 council meeting, city staff reported that for the 11 years since Stay Gallery's inception, from May 2012 through May 2023, Downey has contributed \$375,838 in support of the gallery.

Mayor Claudia Frometa

was right when she said, "This city does support the arts." No question about it. The issue is how to move forward.

The importance and role of Stay Gallery within Downey is not a question of dollars and cents. It is a question of city priorities. Do city officials feel it is a priority for Downey to have an art gallery—somewhere, somehow?

George Manzanilla, Stay Arts board member and local businessman, explains that one important role of arts organizations is to serve as conduits for individual artists to work with government entities and other institutions.

When various organizations want to employ artists, Manzanilla says they often "look to organizations like Stay to facilitate that. And that, I think, is a function that has a worth that's beyond just a dollar amount."

The professionalism and growth of Stay Arts reflects well on the city, and there is a strong argument that continuation of the service agreement in the coming years is a good investment.

The Arts in Other Cities

By the 1970s, flush with income from the space program, Downey residents built a theater and supported a symphony, a civic light opera, and a museum of contemporary art. The former Downey Art League reportedly had over 250 members at one point and held yearly competitions. For years Writers Workshop West had over 30 members in monthly attendance.

Today the museum and civic light opera are both gone, the symphony is barely hanging on, and the theater is not doing as well as the city would hope. Artists and writers looking for organizational support usually look to other communities

This level of decline in formerly vibrant artistic activities is cause for concern. A robust arts scene contributes to a community's economic well-being as well as its social well-being.

Neighboring communities with much smaller populations sometimes seem to have more going on for their residents culturally.

Nearby Santa Fe Springs, with a population that is less than 20 per cent of Downey's, has the well-developed

Heritage Art in Public Places city commission that meets monthly.

Its agendas and minutes are posted online and readily accessible to even those outside the community. The minutes reflect clear language and include details about income and expenses for the yearly Santa Fe Springs Art Fest. Minutes for one month report a motion to approve an art consultant service agreement for 2024, not to exceed \$55,000!

Neighboring Norwalk and South Gate, with populations closer to that of Downey's, have art galleries on city property. The Mary Paxon Art Gallery in Norwalk is open Tuesday through Friday and has monthly exhibits that stay up for several weeks with a reception on the closing day. Norwalk median household income is approximately the same as Downey's.

The South Gate Art Gallery, next to City Hall has only two yearly exhibits, but the gallery does put out a call to artists based on a theme.

The city of Whittier has the non-profit Whittier Art Gallery which was built in 1939. While the Whittier gallery is an independent non-profit, it would be worthwhile to look at its methods of operation and how its gift shop is run.

On a regional level, profound changes are scheduled for this southeast LA area with plans for Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center designed by architect Frank Gehry to be built near Imperial Blvd. and the confluence of the Los Angeles and Rio Hondo Rivers. This is right in Downey's back yard.

Multiple state agencies are involved in planning this project, with the site envisioned as multi-arts facility with space for performing arts, visual arts, and community events. It will cover approximately ten acres and be near the stations planned for the new LA Metro line that will serve the southeast LA communities. Communities will be asked to contribute their own experiences and visions to the project.

Considerations Moving Forward

There are several things worth considering if city officials want to build back the opportunities for residents to experience and participate in

the arts.

One is to revisit past discussions about forming a city arts commission.

Commissions don't cost very much (members aren't paid) and they are advisory, not decision-making. And it's a certainty that appointees would be responsible with "the people's money" because Downey is known for its volunteerism and collaborative practices.

The establishment of a commission would show everyone that Downey knows how to inspire and harness vision.

Another issue worth revisiting is the building at Furman Park that formerly housed the Downey Museum of Art. The building was donated for a museum in 1957, but political squabbling led to its closure in 2013, and it was later leased to the Downey Family YMCA for \$1 per year for children's activities.

Not much has been happening with the building as YMCA officials and supporters are deep in fundraising for a new sports/health complex. Perhaps this would be an optimum site for Stay Arts Gallery. The building is on city property and a gallery there would have hundreds of visitors among the people who use the park every week.

Board member Manzanilla says one benefit of moving Stay Gallery to Furman Park is that "it allows us to be in a location that isn't under market pressure all the time, as far as rising rents and such. If the city does do further investment in that location, it belongs to the city."

"It belongs to the public. Whereas, any investment we make in the downtown building, ultimately, some day it will be returned to the market and we'll lose that."

An arts commission and the building at Furman Park are topics that should be included in long-range city planning.

For now, it would make sense for the good of the community if the city council votes to renew the service contract with Stay Arts that would allow Stay Gallery to remain open. Mayor Frometa is to be applauded for making this suggestion.