



**DONATE LIFE:** Artist's rendition of the only physical float in this year's Rose Parade. The float is eight feet wide by twenty-five feet long with bees making a honeycomb that have floralgrams of people who have donated their organs after an untimely death.

## \$192.5 Million Awarded for Whittier Narrows Dam Safety

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

This week, Congresswomen Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte), Linda T. Sánchez (D-Whittier), and Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) announced they had secured \$192.5 million for the Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Project in the FY2021 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

"We are proud to have secured \$192.5 million in federal funding for this vital dam safety project, an enormous victory for San Gabriel Valley residents and millions more throughout our region," Napolitano said. "Since first learning about flood risk concerns over a decade ago, I have encouraged the Army Corps of Engineers and my colleagues in Congress to make Whittier Narrows Dam the top budgetary priority and I am grateful they have listened to our calls.

"Restoring the Whittier Narrows Dam is a matter of life and death for the communities I represent, including the City of Pico Rivera where the Dam is located. That is why I have worked closely with my colleagues over the past decade to ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the funding it needs to begin this critical proj-

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## Mobile COVID Testing Site at Cerritos High



**MOBILE COVID TESTING:** a test of a mobile van is being conducted at CHS. If successful, the testing will be scheduled every Monday after Jan. 4, 2021, you must have a reservation.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

A pilot run of a mobile van testing site for COVID-19 was held at Cerritos High School, part of the ABC Unified School District, Monday, December 14th. Curative Crew was ready to begin testing at 8:30 am, set up in the parking lot on Bloomfield Avenue across from Heritage Park.

Local students, families and individuals, over 230 people in total, were able to get a COVID-19 test at CHS. Pending the success of the pilot program, the mobile site will be in place every Monday, beginning January 4, 2021.

"We are glad to bring another way to get tested to the community," said ABCUSD Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, "we are hopeful that this testing site will play a vital role in keeping our

students and families healthy." ABCUSD has taken precautions above and beyond that of other districts of their size, the district has only seen 31 confirmed cases of COVID since March 2020.

Curative was founded in January 2020 with the initial aim of developing a new test for sepsis. The company pivoted to COVID-19 testing in early March of 2020 as supply chains became strained and the need for new testing process arose.

With a testing booth that oddly resembles the Tardis from Dr. Who TV series, each test is FDA approved and has a 24-48 hour process and result delivery time.

The site will begin to take reservations around December 28th. To sign up and make a reservation for a test visit <https://cur.tv/CerritosHigh>

## Lakewood Organ Donor to be Honored Jan. 1

BY BRIAN HEWS

An organ donor from Lakewood will be among those honored by OneLegacy and Donate Life as part of the Tournament of Roses 2021 TV special, "The Rose Parade's New Year Celebration presented by Honda."

The local donor, Adrian Jimenez, was 22 when he passed away from meningitis. His family donated his lungs, liver and kidneys to three people.

Adrian's mother, Maria Jimenez, said that he was thoughtful, outgoing, passionate, charismatic and had an enthusiasm for life that shined through everything he did.

"He had a genuine and contagious smile, and I have no doubt that he continues to smile knowing that he was able to help others," she said. "Organ donation is the greatest gift anyone could ever give."

Since 2004, OneLegacy has been the lead sponsor of the Donate Life Rose Parade float to

spread the lifesaving message of organ, eye and tissue donation to an international audience. Although the 2021 parade is canceled due to COVID-19, Donate Life and the OneLegacy Foundation will keep the tradition alive with a 25-foot floral sculpture, honoring 21 deceased donors from across the nation.

"Lifesaving transplants would not be possible without generous donors and their families, who, in the midst of tragedy as they lose a loved one, find the courage to say yes to donation," said Tom Mone, chairman of the Donate Life Rose Parade float committee and CEO of OneLegacy, the nonprofit organ, eye and tissue recovery organization serving the greater Los Angeles area. "We are proud and grateful to honor Adrian, and all these donors, whose acts of kindness have given others a second chance at life."

The Donate Life floral sculpture

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## Artesia Mayor Holds Drive-Up Xmas Event

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

With Chuck Berry's rendition of 'Run, Run Rudolph' blasting through the December chill, dancing snowmen, reindeer and St. Nicholas waved as hundreds of Artesia kids participated in a long standing Christmas tradi-

nesses and restaurants together. "We recruit volunteers from Artesia, sponsors donate food and gifts, and we gather. We have done this for six years, but with COVID things are different."

Trevino met with London's Pub owner Raj Patel a few weeks ago to try and come up with an



**ARTESIA MAYOR** Rene Trevino (middle-seated) along with volunteers from Artesia, sponsors, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department prepare for fun and festivities for Artesia families.

tion in Artesia.

Every year, newly appointed Artesia Mayor Rene Trevino, along with Linda Gonzales, put on a Christmas party for the kids of Artesia, bringing busi-

alternative idea. Patel made calls to neighboring restaurant owners, and even though they have been hard hit by closures, local restaurants were able to raise ap-

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# Long Beach Teen to Compete in Food Network’s “Kids Baking Championship”

BY LAURIE HANSON

Cooking up creativity this holiday season is one local teen who will be competing in the Food Network’s “Kids Baking Championship” premiering Monday, Dec. 28 at 9 p.m.

For 13-year-old Namiah Phillips pushing the limits of her passion for baking started at home while trying to satisfy her father’s sweet tooth with anything “made with pecans.” The 8th grader who attends Franklin Benjamin Middle School Wildcats, is a bit of a Renaissance kid who got her start as an athlete, turned chef making meals for her family, then became a baker with interests in modeling, acting and more.

“It is a huge collaboration of people and resources that got me started and where I am today,” said Namiah, who started baking at the age of 10.

Her interest developed by watching Food Network, Netflix shows, and YouTube cooking videos. Though her passion began with cooking, it was after viewing a baking video that her interests were sparked and shifted towards that. It led her to create sweet treats for her father and rest of her family, and even her community. At home, however, it is her father who decides what she is going to make because he is the one who craves sweets, according to Namiah.

“Within my family my biggest fan is my dad,” she said. “He loves to make the calls on what I am baking, and his

favorite baked goods are ANYTHING with pecans.” Namiah’s go-to for him are pecan cookies sometimes made with chocolate chips.

Though her mother, Ashley, loves her baking, too, she tends to focus more on eating healthy and working out, according to Namiah. But humorously, Namiah says her mother is “one way or another in for a rude awakening [because] there is nothing that can match the warm goodness of baking!”

Namiah loves getting feedback from anyone on her sweet treats including that of her 5-year-old brother, Daely. The eldest of three children, she also likes to make goodies for her middle brother, Kingston, as well.

“It all makes me happy to see that my family and friends love my baking!” she said.

Her parents raised her and her siblings with the sentiment, “When you’re not doing what you’re doing with passion, it’s a waste of time.” By allowing all their children to autonomously pursue their interests, Namiah has been able to use the family’s kitchen to her heart’s desire. Any one lucky enough to be present at their home, gets to reap rewards of her hard work.

It was at the tender age of 5, her father discovered Namiah’s perfectionism in athletics as she repeatedly practiced drills demonstrated to her until mastering them. Eventually this led her to track and



**LONG BEACH RESIDENT** 13-year-old Namiah Phillips on the set of Kids Baking Championship, Season 9. Phillips will be competing in the show which premieres Dec. 28 at 9 p.m. The 8th grader has been baking since the age of 10 and loves making pecan creations for her family.

field, where she thrived on the competition with her peers while striving to become the best athlete within herself. This serves the ‘A’ student well as does being organized, writing lists and planning out her pursuits.

It was through a family friend who knew of Namiah’s passion for baking and had tasted her goodies that she ap-

plied to the Food Network’s “Kid’s Baking Championship.”

“To become one of the show’s competitors, I went through a series of interviews and was given a series of challenges before the show to see if I had what it takes,” she said. Though she will not be able to choose exactly what she will bake on the show, she hopes to be challenged with making a cake.

“I love to decorate cakes and control the outcome of any baked good,” Namiah said. “I like to make French pastries. One of my favorites right now are macaroons. I’m still perfecting my recipe.”

Though she does not necessarily admire any specific baker or individual, Namiah gathers inspiration from things around her and in whatever she is busily doing. She explained how this works by saying that if she were to walk around Paris and come home the next day, she would want to try everything out, all of what she saw and experienced.

“I say Paris because I plan to go [there] one day,” she said. “I am inspired by French baking.”

When not baking or engaging in athletic pursuits, Namiah enjoys reading “Dystopian thrillers,” devouring one book series each week.

“Recently, my mom got me a cool CSI crime scene investigation brain game book that I cannot wait to do on winter break,” she said. Namiah also loves to roller skate, play tennis, run track, and pursue her studies. The precocious teen also has a good sense of humor, likes to make people laugh, and oddly loves viewing scary movies if even by herself.

“I like to watch ‘The Conjuring,’ ‘Annabelle,’ ‘Lights Out,’ you name it,” she explained. “The funniest thing is [when] it is time to go to bed, I am sound asleep.”

Looking towards the future, Namiah hopes to have a pop-up baking business but nothing too large until she decides exactly what she would like to be. “Right now, I want to be a baker, a lawyer, and a doctor,” she said. “Of course, baking will always be a happy place for me to resort to and [help me to be] stress free.”

Though she does not necessarily desire to bake for anyone famous, Namiah enjoys baking for her community. And, as far as people she admires and aspires to be like she explained, “I do look up to women who look like me that are in community service like legal studies. It is most inspiring.”

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

## DEAR READER,

I hope you and your loved ones are having a safe and happy holiday season. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, or another holiday, things are likely looking much different than they did this time last year.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. LA County will be receiving hundreds of thousands of doses of the coronavirus vaccine in the coming weeks and months. The first vaccinations will go to healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities. We hope that we will be able to begin vaccinating essential workers by the end of January or early February.

This is great news — but we aren’t out of the woods yet. Cases and hospitalizations keep breaking records. **Your risk of contracting COVID-19 has never been higher.** We each need to do everything we can to slow the spread of this virus - even and especially during the holiday season - so that we can celebrate together in-person next year.



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**ADRIAN’S MOTHER**, Maria Jimenez, with Adrian's floragraph which will be on the float with 20 others. Adrian Jimenez was 22 when he passed away from meningitis. His family donated his lungs, liver and kidneys to three people.

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ture, themed “Community of Life,” features a vibrant floral honeycomb built by bees, sharing the important message that we’re stronger when we work together as a community. Individually dedicated roses will adorn this floral installation to honor the gift of life given by donors, donor families, transplant recipients and health care heroes, carrying personal messages of love, remembrance, hope and gratitude.

The Tournament of Roses 2021 TV special will include live-to-tape musical and marching band performances, heartwarming segments related to the Rose Parade, celebrity guest appearances, special Rose Bowl game football highlights, equestrians, spectacular floats from years past, and a behind-the-scenes look into

the making of a float. The Rose Parade TV special will air on various broadcast networks Jan. 1, 2021.

The Donate Life Rose Parade Experience is produced by OneLegacy and is made possible thanks to dozens of sponsoring donation, transplant, health care and family care organizations along with individuals who help make donation and transplant possible across the country. Sponsors for 2021 include: American Association of Tissue Banks, Axogen, Community Tissue Services, CryoLife, Dignity Memorial Providers of Las Vegas, Donate Life California, Donor Alliance, Donor Network West, JJ’s Legacy, Legacy Donor Services Foundation, Legacy of Hope, LifeLink Foundation, LifeShare of Oklahoma, Lifesharing, LOPA, Nevada Donor Network, New England Donor Services, New Jersey Sharing Network, OneLegacy and Specialist Direct.

**Kaiser-Downey Frontliners & Doctors Get COVID Shot**



**HAPPY TO GET SHOT:** This week was historic for Kaiser-Permanente Downey with the arrival of COVID vaccine shots. The vaccine "provided a welcome sense of hope & inspiration" as the first group of physicians & staff received the shot. Shown here is Theresa Nguyen, RN happily receiving the shot.



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## Light Up Norwalk Holiday Decorating Contest



**DECORATED HOUSE in Norwalk on Fairford Avenue.** Residents can vote for their favorite home and favorite business.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Norwalk Recreation and Park Services are sponsoring a Christmas light competition where everyone can participate, Light Up Norwalk. Grab your family, hop in the car and travel around town to view the Light Up Norwalk Parade.

You can vote for your favorite home and your favorite business. Feel free to rate as many entries as you wish using the stars located under each photo on the dedicated website [tinyurl.com/LightupNorwalk](http://tinyurl.com/LightupNorwalk).

Only one submission per browser,

phone or computer will be allowed and with over 40 entries so far, it is going to be a hard decision, you will need to vote wisely.

The fan favorite winners will be announced on December 28th via social media. All other categories will be judged by the Community Promotion Commission and announced the week of January 4, 2020.

Visit City of Norwalk Facebook page to download photos and address of each participating home or business at [www.facebook.com/cityofnorwalkca](http://www.facebook.com/cityofnorwalkca).

## Dan Hurlock Named New Downey Fire Chief

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Dan Hurlock grew up in Downey and graduated from Downey High School in 1983. Hurlock will take over as the new Downey Fire Chief January 2021.

Hurlock attended California State University, Long Beach where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business, and received a degree in Electrical Technology for Long Beach City College.

In 2000 Hurlock was hired by the Downey Fire Department and soon became a licensed paramedic. 252, promoted to Captain 2011 and began quickly became a Training Captain.

Hurlock has been heavily involved in the department's Community Emergency Response Team [C.E.R.T.] which prepares capable citizens to work as emergency responders in the community during large scale disasters.

Hurlock was promoted to Battalion Chief in 2014, overseeing Department Facilities, record management, professional standards and communications which included the Joint Powers Communication Dispatch Center.

"The City definitely has taken care of



DAN HURLOCK

our department, with the remodeling of four fire stations. It is exciting to step into these new stations and a new year."

Hurlock will spend the first few months of his new position reorganizing and creating a leadership team and chain of command.

"I have an open door policy. I welcome anybody to come in and talk with me. The only way you solve a problem is to talk it out," remarked Hurlock, "my goal is to continue providing the level of emergency service for the citizens that they have come to expect and that they deserve."

## Drivers Beware of New Laws

Beginning Jan. 1, several new laws will go into effect, including safe space for emergency vehicles and rescuing children from hot cars, that residents will need to heed, the California Highway Patrol said Wednesday.

### AB 2285: Changing Lanes for Emergency Vehicles, Others

Assembly Bill 2285,, which the governor signed into law in September, establishes potential fines for motorists who do not slow down and, whenever possible, change lanes when encountering a Caltrans vehicle, tow truck, or any emergency vehicle with lights flashing on a highway.

Previously, penalties were only imposed when violators failed to take precautions and make a safe space for fire and law enforcement vehicles. The new law clarifies that Caltrans equipment and tow trucks conducting operations on a highway be given the same courtesy.

However, AB 2285 does not specify that motorists must move over if there might be conflicts with other drivers, or conditions don't allow for it. But they must slow down. Otherwise, CHP officers could write them a \$50 ticket.

### AB 2717: Children in Unattended Vehicles

Also starting with the New Year, AB 2717 amends existing law concerning leaving children under the age of 6 unattended in vehicles.

Currently, state law mandates criminal penalties, including potential felony charges, for leaving children unsupervised.

It also exempts good Samaritans from civil and criminal liability if they forcibly enter a vehicle to rescue a stranded animal suffering from extreme heat or cold. However, there haven't been exemptions for breaking into a vehicle to save a child.

AB 2717 changes that, specifically exempting a good Samaritan who rescues an endangered child from a locked vehicle from civil and criminal liability, "if the property damage or trespass occurs while the person is rescuing a child 6 years of age or younger," according to the legislation.

### AB 47: Phone Use Penalty

A third new law, AB 47, which was signed into law in 2019 and doesn't take effect until July 1, allows the California Department of Motor Vehicles to add a penalty point to a motorist's driving record if he or she receives two tickets in a 36-month span for talking on a mobile phone without a hands-free device.

Texting while driving also applies under the statute.

### SB 909: Hi-Lo Warning Sounds (In Effect)

This law allows emergency vehicles to use a hi-lo warning sound instead of a less distinctive siren to warn residents about evacuations. The CHP is creating regulations to standardize the hi-lo sound statewide. The law went into effect in Sept. 29.



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## Cookies, Hot Cocoa, Pick-Me-Up Notes: ‘Sparks’ of Kindness

STAFF REPORT

“Took flowers to the neighbor. She had been caring for a sick friend and thought she could use a little cheer.”

“I gave the guy in front of me \$20 since his debit didn’t go through. My emergency \$20 came in handy... he hugged me, so I may get Covid, but he was very appreciative!”

“Took hot soup and biscuits to a sick mama next door.”

This is the world of Sparks of Kindness, an online community of people going

**SPARKS OF KINDNESS:** a basket of gifts left in front of a house with needy children. Debbie McFarland, a 53-year-old photographer from Peachtree City, Georgia, founded the group on Facebook, it has grown to some 5,000 members in about 40 countries.

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out of their way to put a smile on the faces of others through small but touching good deeds, especially in tumultuous times of pandemic, protests and political division.

“There’s so much bad in the world, and that’s kind of what we hear about,” said Debbie McFarland, a 53-year-old photographer from Peachtree City, Georgia, who founded the group on Facebook. “But I found that there’s so many people that want to do good — they just don’t really know how to start.”

That’s where Sparks of Kindness comes in. It has lists of ideas for “sparks,” or small kindnesses people can do such as thanking a teacher with candy or leaving coloring books in a hospital waiting room.

Users share their ideas and stories in the forum. Among them:

A tin of cookies is left on the running board of an ambulance outside a nursing home with a note for the emergency workers who operate it: “You’re AMAZING! Yes, you!”

A baggie sits on the edge of a fountain with dozens of copper coins and another message, for anyone who passes by and fancies tossing one in: “Take a penny. Make a wish! Hope your dreams come true.”

McFarland said she encourages people to do “sparks” when they’re struggling in their own lives. It helps them cope with their own traumas.

She enjoys leaving notes in stores for others to find — say, “You’re beautiful just the way you are” in the cosmetics aisle, or “This too shall pass. Hang in there” amid the cold and flu remedies.

Once, McFarland watched in a grocery store as a weary woman in medical scrubs with three crying young children in tow came across one of those pick-me-ups. She

looked around, broke out in a smile and tucked the note into her pocket.

She’s also fond of the story of a woman who put her 4-year-old daughter’s comforter in the washing machine at a laundromat, only to realize she didn’t have money for the dryer. Almost by magic, a bag of quarters left by a member of the group materialized. After the woman went on the Facebook group and posted her thanks, another member bought her a new dryer.

McFarland encourages people to keep their eyes open for random acts of kindness, like helping an older adult struggling to load groceries into the trunk. But she also wants them to do good with planning and intent — “deliberate acts of kindness,” as she puts it.

“When you’re making your to-do list for the day or the week, you think about where you’re going that particular day,” she said. “If you’re going to the tire shop, maybe swing by and pick up a pack of cookies. ... Or if you know you’re going to the school, maybe pick up a hot chocolate for the crossing guard.”

Launched several years ago, Sparks of Kindness has grown to some 5,000 members in about 40 countries, according to McFarland. Interest has picked up during the pandemic, with about 500 new people joining since it began.

“During this pandemic, I think people are starting to realize that ... every person you come into contact with is fighting some kind of battle, whether it’s appointments or unmet expectations of others or health or bullying or whatever it is,” McFarland said. “Everyone’s facing a battle, and if you can get one tiny spark to ignite a hope within them, then it does something within them.”



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# Driver Arrested in Norwalk After Horrific Crash

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

On the evening of December 21st deputies responded to a vehicle versus house at the intersection of Studebaker Road and the 105 freeway off ramp in Norwalk.

The vehicle was apparently exiting the 105 freeway and failed to stop at Studebaker Road, ending up in the backyard of a residence on Borson Street.

Exiting the ramp, drivers can only go right or left, straight takes a car right into a house, which is what happened.

An eye witness told HMG-CN, “We were in the right hand, left turn lane coming off the freeway. Our light had just turned green and I started to go when I heard the squealing of tires out of control. I stopped because I could not see where it was coming from. About two seconds later, a vehicle sped past us on my left hand side, easily over 100 mph.”

The driver ‘took air’ as he hit the dip going into the intersection and came back down half way across Studebaker.

He then collided with the traffic signal control box and the traffic light standard on the other side of the guard rail protecting the sidewalk on the east side of Studebaker.

As the control box was struck the vehicle went vertical and ‘flew up about 25 feet and disappeared from the view of the witness.

“At that point all I saw was a debris field exploding from fixed objects everywhere, his engine with transmission attached came falling back down and rolled across Studebaker resting in the center divider.”

As the witness pulled over, trying to process what had just happened, another witness yelled, “It’s in the backyard!”

The speeding vehicle landed wheels down in the backyard of a house having cleared the trees but smashing the patio cover of the house.

The driver, after a few minutes of unconsciousness, began screaming as he woke up.

With the assistance of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, the driver was able to walk out of the backyard and was transported to the hospital.

No other parties were injured.

“I think now, of how I might have turned, had I not heard the tires. How he could have easily been behind us in our lane. It scares me, but instead I focus on how everything happened just right so no one was seriously hurt,” added the witness.

Those who actually saw the crash called it ‘truly miraculous’ that no one had been hurt or killed.

The crashed vehicle had briefly caught on fire, but was quickly extinguished.

By Tuesday morning, December 22nd, CalTrans had replaced the control box and will soon replace the light.

They had to crane lift the car out of the backyard.

It’s that time of year when too much celebration could lead to accidents or worse. Remember “I love you” can never be said too much.

The driver was eventually arrested for DUI.



**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** The driver made it out alive, actually walked away from the crash.... and into the paddy wagon. No one else was injured.

## La Mirada Crime

A suspect was detained and arrested near the intersection of Firestone and Valley View after a routine traffic stop found several illegal firearms in the car.

In other crime, a power tool was stolen by force on the 12300 La Mirada Blvd. No injuries were sustained during the incident. A backpack and laptop were reported stolen during an early morning burglary of an attached garage on the 12900 block of Ocaso Ave.

**Spree on Firestone:** A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 14300 block of Firestone; two rims and tires were stolen from a vehicle on the 14400 block; a truck was reported stolen on the 14600 block.

Copper wire was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Alondra Blvd. and another truck was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd.

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BY LAURIE HANSON

Unity and enlightenment in challenging times is brought to the nation and world through online education with the Smithsonian Institution.

“The Smithsonian has the power to bring people together,” said Ashely Naranjo, who serves as museum educator at the Smithsonian’s Office of the Under Secretary for Education in Washington, D.C., and has been with them since 2011.

“We provide the resources people need to have challenging conversations and to reflect on where we’ve been and where we’re going in order to better understand the world we live in,” she explained. “We do this in our museums, through our educational resources and public programs and online.”

The Smithsonian Institution was formally founded in 1864 after British scientist, James Smithson, left his estate to the

United States for “the increase and diffusion of knowledge,” according to their website. The Smithsonian celebrates its 175th anniversary next year in August.

Made up of 19 museums and the National Zoo, plus libraries, research centers, cultural centers and education centers, content in the Smithsonian Museums spans art and design, history and culture, and science and research. Though many of its museums and centers are in Washington, D.C., the Smithsonian also has two museums in the city of New York plus has research centers which spread across the country in Maryland, Massachusetts, Florida, and Alaska, with one located in Panama.

“Growing up as a local Washingtonian, I had the benefit of visiting many of the Smithsonian museums from a young age,” Naranjo said. “As a career educator having worked in a variety of school settings, I’ve always believed in the transformative

power of museum experiences.”

There is nothing quite like looking at a postcard handwritten a century ago and imagining the writer’s thoughts, feelings and worries, or seeing an 8 ft. mural for the first time in person and noticing all the details, symbolism and stories that it tells,” she explained.

Since March around the beginning of the pandemic, the Smithsonian made a shift to increase their digital offerings across the board. They offered virtual exhibitions and public programs, prioritized providing virtual and distance-learning resources, according to Naranjo.

“Within the Smithsonian’s museum collections are lessons from the past that can help inform learners’ understanding of the world and their role within it,” she explained. “Additionally, with ongoing research on contemporary topics of global relevance, the Smithsonian offers powerful tools to help educators inspire, engage, and empower audiences to make better decisions for the future.”

As one of more than 300 museum educators at the Smithsonian, Naranjo and her colleagues hope to instill transferrable skills in critical thinking, with approaches in interrogating everyday objects and what they might reveal about life today.

“[We] hope to bring opportunities for contemplation and reflection on history and its connection to contemporary issues, with deep dives into artworks and their universal messages, and a better understanding of scientific phenomena through hands-on learning,” she said. “Now, while our museums have been closed most of the year due to the pandemic, we are doing this virtually more than ever before.”

This spring, the Smithsonian coordinated with local schools to identify, align, and create teaching and learning resources across subject areas and grade levels, ranging from lesson plans, to online interactives and hands-on, at-home activities and experiments, according to Naranjo.

It was just this summer that museum educators from the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Museum of American History, the National Portrait Gallery, the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Ac-

## Smithsonian Brings People Together During COVID-19



**SMITHSONIAN CASTLE AND GARDENS** – The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. comprised of 19 museums and the National Zoo plus other research centers located throughout the U.S. and beyond, has gone virtual with online learning and exhibits for students and teachers during the pandemic. Courtesy Photo by the Smithsonian Institute

cess led an online course for teachers.

“[It] instructed them on teaching with museum objects and works of art, modeling how to use digital tools to engaged students in deeper thinking,” she said. “The sessions are also available for free in a self-paced course as well.”

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“Our distance learning calendar highlights the vast opportunities to connect with a Smithsonian educator ranging from story time and hands-on craft tutorials with household supplies, interviews with scientists, and conversations about contemporary issues,” she said. Information on this can be found online at [www.learninglab.si.edu/distancelearning](http://www.learninglab.si.edu/distancelearning).

“Examples range from developing an understanding of the pandemic and its effects on communities, to addressing and discussing topics of xenophobia and systemic racism, to supporting educators in using digital tools to support student engagement and deeper learning across subject areas,” Naranjo said. (Next page.)

even prior to the museum’s opening in 2016,” she explained.

It was just this fall that the National Museum of American History hosted a National Youth Summit highlighting a 1955 case study of “Teen Resistance to Systemic Racism,” inviting conversations among teens, educators and historians to make connections into today. Also, the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center hosted a series of teacher professional development sessions, alongside supplementary teaching resources called, “We are not a stereotype: Breaking down Asian Pacific American Bias” that explored and challenges the complexity surrounding the term, “Asian Pacific American,” Naranjo said.

“The Smithsonian is a special place because of the rich opportunities to look at a topic from many perspectives,” Naranjo said. “For example, in April, a group of educators and curators across the Smithsonian came together to explore masks as they quickly entered the global con-

sciousness.”

“The team wanted to help students think about their [masks] uses over time and from a variety of lenses, such as protective health equipment, cultural beliefs,

artistic styles, and design aesthetics,” she said. “The resulting [was] resource models [on] how to use an inquiry-based approach to examining objects and understand big ideas.” Information on this can be found online at [www.learninglab.si.edu/news/a-survey-of-masks-at-the-smithsonian](http://www.learninglab.si.edu/news/a-survey-of-masks-at-the-smithsonian).

In keeping with our current times, the Smithsonian Science Education Center developed a curriculum guide, “COVID-19! How Can I Protect Myself and Others?” to help students understand the science of the coronavirus, and to consider actions they can take to keep themselves and their communities safe. The National Museum of Natural History also expanded its exhibition, “Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World” and invited experts in the scientific community to contextualize the pandemic in an online conversation series, according to Naranjo.

Since the pandemic, the Smithsonian recognized the great need for printed, hands-on materials and activities, partnering with USA TODAY to provide them to more than 165,000 families and students at Boys and Girls Clubs of America nationwide. With their help, a guide full of puzzles, games, and activities, called “Summer Road Trip” was printed and delivered.

For learners of all ages, the Smithsonian this fall collaborated to create a newspaper insert called “Yesterday, Today,” which connected ideas and innovations of the past with current events. A winter-themed, at-home activity guide for families will be released in January 2021, said Naranjo.

Also offered to students and teachers alike is a free digital platform called the Smithsonian Learning Lab. It uniquely allows them to discover digitized resources from across the various museums and research centers including images of artifacts, artworks and specimens with video and audio recordings with Smithsonian experts, and texts to help contextualize

content.

“On this platform, museum educators, teachers and students alike can curate their own digital collections and share them on the platform for a wide range of teaching and learning use,” Naranjo said. The Smithsonian Learning Lab can be found online at [www.learninglab.si.edu](http://www.learninglab.si.edu).

Looking forward, the Smithsonian will reopen once safe for all as deemed by public health officials. Out of an abundance of caution, all their museums and the National Zoo remain temporarily closed though their outdoor gardens remain open with no passes required.

“We have not set a date for reopening our museums,” said Naranjo. “We are following the guidance of many parties including local, state, and federal governments, public health officials and the CDC, and will open our museums when it is safe for visitors, our staff and collections.”

Though the Smithsonian Institution is 62 percent federally funded, their remaining funds come from private contributions and revenue from their Smithsonian Enterprises operation which includes magazines, mail-order catalogs, product development, entertainment, shops, restaurants, and concessions, according to Naranjo.

“A lot of the work we do does depend on donations from the public,” she said.

Naranjo explained there are other ways to support the Smithsonian including creating collections on the Smithsonian Learning Lab to support teachers and caregivers in distance learning or to volunteer to transcribe documents for their transcription center. By helping to transcribe documents like old newspapers and letters that computers cannot read, volunteers help make information in Smithsonian collections searchable online and accessible to new audiences.

For more information about the Smithsonian Institution and their online learning, please visit [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu).

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COMMUNITY SPORTS FEATURE

Former Gahr High Standout Faria Comes Home to Pursue Childhood Dream of Pitching for Local Team

BY LOREN KOPFF  
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Christmas began a month early for ex-Gahr High pitcher Jake Faria as he received one of the best gifts he has ever received. Faria was signed by the Los Angeles Angels to a minor league contract on Nov. 23 and was assigned to the Salt Lake Bees, the AAA farm club of the Angels.

Faria, who was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 10th round of the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft, grew up an Angels fan and lived just a hop, skip and a jump from Angels Stadium. Faria, his father David, and his friend would split season tickets to the Angels for a few years. Originally there were three tickets, but that was reduced to two because ticket prices were getting too high, according to the newest Angel.

“It was something that maybe my dad and my brother could all do together,” Faria said. “Going to Angels’ games and stuff was the one big thing the three of us did together. Me and my brother, when we were kids, we walked probably every accessible inch of that stadium. We knew it like the back of our hands. That’s how much time we spent there. That was our place growing up.”

Faria, who made his MLB debut with the Rays in 2017 and was with them until 2019, recalled that the first phone call the Angels made was to Faria’s agent as he did not speak to his new team directly in the beginning. He said the Angels came out “guns blazing”; that it wasn’t the usual, ‘hey, we’re interested

and we’ll call you later’. Instead, the Angels said they were interested in him and gave Faria an offer. They also told Faria that they understood it was early in the offseason and told him to take the appropriate amount of time to get back to them.

“It was probably about two or three weeks, just because they were waiting for other offers to come in and weighing the options,” Faria said of getting back to the Angels. “The biggest thing that me and my wife and my agent had talked about was...every team needs pitching. But being a team that we knew had been looking for pitching, we knew that there was a possibility that they would call. The biggest thing for us was we wanted to be objective and we did not want to get too emotionally attached to any one team. Being that the Angels are my hometown team and the team that I grew up watching and rooting for, that was a little tougher to do than other teams. But when it really came down to it, it was the best move from a baseball standpoint.”

Faria said that as a high school baseball athlete in California, scouts come out to see prospecting pitchers throw. However, when Faria was at Gahr, he said the Angels were one of the few teams that he never talked to. He added that he now that he has that opportunity, playing for the Angels is huge and he is extremely excited about the immediate future.

As a kid before he got into pitching, Faria played in right field and remembers watching former Angels outfielder Vladimir Guerrero. He said that when the Angels acquired him from the Montreal



**JAKE FARIA AND HIS WIFE, JESSICA**, shown here in 2011. The two got married prior to the 2019 season, which would be the last season Jake played as a member of the Tampa Bay Rays. He would be dealt to the Milwaukee Brewers at the trade deadline and pitched in nine games for the Brewers. Faria spent the 2020 season at Milwaukee's alternate site before given his release.

Expos, just watching him play was “electric” and he wanted to follow everything Guerrero did, since he was a right fielder as well. Once Faria got older and started focusing on being a pitcher, he became a big fan of Jered Weaver as soon as he got called up by the Angels and would begin to model Weaver’s pitching moves.

“This phenom gets called up and he’s dominating the big leagues,” Faria remembered. “I was like, who else am I

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going to watch? He’s on my team and he’s the best pitcher in the big leagues right now. That’s kind of how I got attracted to those two guys. They were the best guys of what they did.”

When Faria started against the Angels on July 14, 2017, one of his 12 starts for the Rays that season, it was the first time in his career he had played west of the Mississippi River. For that game, in which he pitched into the seventh inning, he allowed five hits, one run and struck out four, approximately 200 friends and family came to the game, and because he was a rookie that season, playing in Angel Stadium was special. The Rays would edge the Angels 2-1 in 10 innings. However, this time around, it’s special in another way.

“It might be in a different category just because that was my rookie year and there were a lot of things that made that special,” Faria said. “Potentially pitching in the big leagues with the Angels now...I don’t know if you can put them on the same level just because, like I said, it was my rookie year and first time playing back at home. [This time], it’s just special in its own right; in its own category.”

Faria was traded from Tampa Bay to the Milwaukee Brewers on July 31, 2019 and recalls the middle of that week. His birthday is July 30, and the Rays had an off day in Boston. Jake and his wife,

Jessica, a former Gahr softball player, celebrated the night at a steakhouse in Boston. The next morning, they woke up earlier than normal and had breakfast in their hotel room instead of going out and about in the event he got a call from Tampa Bay personnel.

“Having been around for so long and seeing the events that lead up to a guy being traded or whatever it might be, I had a sense that there was a strong possibility that it was going to happen,” Faria said. “I think it was about 10:30 or 11:00 in the morning I got a call from the Rays GM saying that I had been traded to Milwaukee. They were sad to see me go, but it’s just part of the business, and I completely understood.”

Faria continued to say that he waited to hear from Milwaukee GM David Stearns, who called Faria and welcomed him to the team. Stearns also told Faria that the Brewers may not be done making moves and because of that, Faria didn’t immediately know what his role would be.

“To me, it was both a slow day and things just happening randomly that the day kind of flew by,” Faria said. “Because we’re sitting [in the hotel room] waiting for phone calls, it just kind of made the day drag on a little bit.”

Later that day, Faria went to Fenway Park to pick up his bags which were already packed by club personnel and he could have flown out that night, but the Brewers had not finished making all the

moves it needed to make. So, Faria left Boston the next morning and flew to San Antonio, home of Milwaukee’s AAA farm club as the Brewers had also traded for pitcher Drew Pomeranz and put him on the big league roster, thus sending Faria to the minors.

Jessica Faria has been Jake’s biggest supporter for many reasons. Because she played softball at Gahr, she said she can relate to him in many ways. She added that the worst part about every July 31 is the waiting game of not knowing where Jake would be playing later that night or the next day.

“It’s hectic, it’s crazy, it’s unpredictable,” Jessica Faria said. “I love being organized, I love being a planner and baseball just had me throw all that out the window. But the best part about it is you get to see the person you love live their dream and I think that there’s nothing better. It does come with its trials and tribulations, but at the end of the day, they’re all worth it.

“I actually wasn’t going to go to Boston,” she later added. “But I was like, well, it’s his birthday and if he does get traded...it’s tough because he was with the Rays for nine years. That’s a big move and a big chapter to close and I didn’t want him to be alone.”

“The great thing about her is she was an athlete herself and she played softball,” Jake Faria said. “So, I have somebody who understands the game. She was raised an Angels fan too, so she

loves baseball. When I got traded, she was right there next to me. And as soon as I flew out [to San Antonio], she flew to Durham [North Carolina] because my car was there.”

He went on to say that after Jessica and her mom packed up everything in Durham, which is where Tampa Bay’s AAA team plays, they drove to Tampa to pack up his stuff there. He added that there was so much that he wouldn’t be able to do if Jessica weren’t around.

Five days after he was traded, Faria was called up by the Brewers and the next day, made his Milwaukee debut on Aug. 6, 2019 against the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park. Faria pitched the seventh and eighth innings, allowing two hits and struck out one. The Brewers won 4-3 and was the second win for the Brewers in what would eventually be a five-game winning streak.

“I was just nervous because I’ve been around for a good amount of time and you’re afraid that you’re not going to know anybody or it might be awkward because you’re the new guy on the team,” Faria said. “Luckily, I did know [Milwaukee closer] Josh Hader; we had become friends a few years earlier. The whole team was so welcoming. I tried to walk around the clubhouse to make sure I introduced myself to everybody.”

Faria said he wasn’t expecting to pitch in the game just because it was a close contest, and the Brewers were hop-

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Street sweeping in residential areas will occur as normal from Dec. 21-24 and Dec. 28-31. There will be no street sweeping on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 and no make-up sweep for those days. No street sweeping parking citations will be issued through the two week Dec. 21 to Jan. 1 holiday period due to the regional Stay at Home order. The city is asking that residents still endeavor to park their vehicles off the street or on their lawn on street-sweeping day if they can so that streets may be swept as cleanly as possible.

DASH Transit service will not be available on Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.

When City Hall is closed, non-emergency issues can be reported by calling and leaving: a message for the customer service staff at 562-866-9771, extension 2140 or send an email to [service1@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:service1@lakewoodcity.org). They will answer messages on the next business day.

Submit a non-emergency service request online at [www.lakewoodcity.org/service](http://www.lakewoodcity.org/service).

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both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

## Lakewood Photo Contest

Lakewood families, share your jolly memories in the Holiday Photo Contest open from Dec. 23-27 for a chance to win a prize! You may enter photos in any of these categories: 1) Ugliest Sweater (individual or family photo); 2) House Decoration; 3) Tree Decoration; 4) Baked Treats; 5) “Show Your Holiday Spirit”

There are two ways to enter:

1. Post your photo on Instagram @lakewoodcity using #LakewoodFun. Be sure to specify the category for your holiday photo, OR
2. Email your photo to [lakewoodfun@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:lakewoodfun@lakewoodcity.org) and be sure to put one of the five categories listed above in the subject line or in the email message.

Rules:

Entries must identify the selected category of the five categories listed above.

Entries must be submitted between Dec. 23-27 only to qualify for a prize.

You may enter multiple photos in various categories, but only one winner is allowed per household, per category.

You must be a Lakewood resident to participate.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 562-866-9771, extension 2408.

City Hall will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25, as well as the following week, Monday, Dec. 28 through Friday, Jan. 1.

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ing to keep their momentum going in what would eventually be that five-game winning streak. Plus, Milwaukee was in a playoff race at the time.

“I don’t want to say it was a confidence boost, but it was really cool to know that they had that faith in me when being in the bullpen wasn’t really anything that I had done before,” Faria said. “Historically, I’m a starter and having been in the bullpen for a short time and then trusting me in that kind of role was really cool.”

Faria would pitch in eight other games, getting his only loss as a Brewer in a Sept. 29 game at the Colorado Rockies in which he pitched in the 13th inning, walking one and yielding a hit in a 4-3 loss. Milwaukee would go 4-5 in the nine games he pitched for the blue crew.

Even though Faria had started 26 games with the Rays but came out of the bullpen in the nine games with Milwaukee, he said it was tough that he did not pitch once in the abbreviated 60-game season from this past July to August. Faria spent the entire season on Milwaukee’s alternate site in Appleton, Wisconsin and admitted at first, it was tough to deal with and tough that he was not considered a part of Milwaukee’s bullpen. Before he was traded to the Brewers, Faria had sported a 2.70 earned run average in seven games with Tampa Bay last season.

While at the alternate site, Faria was starting games, getting stretched out and throwing four to five innings a game. He said that time there got him ready for the offseason and the 2021 season. He also said that he understood the transaction side of it as he wasn’t on the Milwaukee roster, so the Brewers had to clear a spot.

“It was interesting to say the least,” Jake Faria said of the 2020 season. “Summer camp, we had so many guys; you try to treat it like a normal spring training. I want to say they brought out 45-50 guys for summer camp, and they have to split up everything. You can’t have too many guys in the stadium, you can’t have too many guys in the clubhouse. It was an adjustment.”

When the Brewers reported to their spring training site in Maryvale, AZ in February, Faria said he was extremely confident and was throwing the ball well up until the camps were shut down in the middle of March. Out of the four or five spring training games he had pitched in, Faria said he only had one bad outing. Milwaukee would grant Faria his release four days left in the regular season.

“I think I put myself in a pretty good position to make the club, for one, and two, be an actual useful part of a big league bullpen,” he said. “But none of us knew what was going to happen and it kind of hit everybody like a sack of bricks. You have that momentum where...I was feeling great and everything was flowing well. Then it gets shut down and your momentum is kind of [like] you run into a brick wall and then you kind of have to rev back up again. It was tough to see a pretty good spring wasted pretty much.”

Since the end of the 2018, the Faria’s, who first began dating two months before they graduated from Gahr, have resided in Las Vegas, which is also home to the AAA farm club of the Oakland A’s. For the past several months, Faria has been working out at the facility of the Las Vegas Aviators on the west side of town five days a week. He said the Angels haven’t told him yet what’s going on as far as spring training, which is due to begin in the middle of February, because there are still uncertainties with the pandemic.

Faria, who wore #34 with Tampa Bay and #36 with Milwaukee, also doesn’t know what number he will wear with the Angels because he’s waiting to see what other moves the team will make.


“There’s probably going to be guys who are higher up on the totem pole that when they get to [spring training], they can pick their number and I’ll have to pick from the rest,” Faria said. “We’ll get there when we cross that bridge. But right now, I’m just excited of the opportunity to wear that uniform and honestly, whatever number I get in the beginning, I’ll be okay with.”

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## Holiday Drive-Thru Food Drive Dec. 26



**VOLUNTEERS** stand ready to take donated gifts, food and clothing. The December donations will go to the AIDS Food Store Long Beach, the Long Beach Children's Clinic, and St. Lukes Church.

The Belmont Heights United Methodist Church wants to end this year by giving and sharing a little love to help others.

Area residents can help without even getting out of your car. Please swing by with your non-perishable food items.

Have a coat or two you no longer need or has your kid grown out of that ski jacket? Donate it and help a person in need stay warm this winter. Old, old-ish, or new, they will take what you can give.

**Donate without leaving you home**

Over the past few months, we've seen an increase in neighbors donating through various grocery delivery services (e.g. Instacart, Amazon Fresh). If you can't make it on Saturday but still want to contribute to the drive, please schedule your grocery donations to arrive on Saturday (12/26) or Sunday (12/27). Please have your grocery donations delivered to 241 Loma, Long Beach, CA 90803, and

specify the front porch as the drop off location.

**Where's the donations going**

The December donations will go to the AIDS Food Store Long Beach. The AIDS Food Store Long Beach has been servicing the Long Beach area since 1985. Their mission is to make sure the men, women, and children in our community living with HIV/AIDS are never without food, love, and support.

The coats will be distributed to Long Beach Children's Clinic, and St. Lukes Church.

### Drive Thru Food/Clothing Drive

**When:** Sat. Dec. 26,  
9 a.m.-11 a.m..

**Where:** Belmont Heights United Methodist Church, 317 Termino Ave. Long Beach, CA.

## College Board Recognizes Native American Month

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

America is a vast land of many cultures dating back thousands of years to the original inhabitants of the land. History, heritage and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians are part of every national park and community across the United States. Cerritos College joins nationwide celebrations honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees passed a resolution to recognize Native American Heritage Month.

What began at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contribution the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People", reflecting the vibrancy and courage that Native American communities continue to exhibit as America's First People. Locally the College honored the history of the Gabrielino / Tongva people as the

original inhabitants of the land the College exists on today.

"Cerritos College is located on special land once occupied by the Tongva people. We pay our respect to the Tongva nation, their ancestors and future generations as the original people that occupied these grounds," said Marisa Perez, President of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

In order to foster a dialogue and support for disproportionately impacted Native students, the College will

strengthen its relationship with the Native American community across Los Angeles County, the LA City / County Native American Indian Commission, the Monterrey Tribal TANF office and the United American Indian Involvement, Inc.

"We recognize our community's diversity as one of our greatest assets to our success. We celebrate diversity through our respect for the cultural differences we all bring to campus to make it a better place," state Dr. Jose Fierro President / Superintendent of Cerritos College. "Through our Native American Heritage Month activities, we look forward to deepening our understanding of the people who first called this state and nation their home. This resolution advances our continued efforts to support inclusion and diversity on campus and within the community."



## Lakewood HS Navy Program Rated Outstanding

Lakewood High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps received the highest possible "outstanding" rating in all categories, according to a recently received inspection report from a U.S. Navy captain.

The inspection occurred just one day before schools in the Long Beach Unified School District closed for in-person instruction due to the ongoing global COVID pandemic.

Evaluated categories included school

system program support, administration of program, academic program, reports and records, cadet performance and student mentoring.

"NJROTC was clearly well-prepared and motivated. The pride and sense of service gave me faith in the next generation," one inspector wrote. "These are dedicated cadets."

Lakewood High's Capt. Don McMackin, U.S. Navy (Retired), is the senior Naval Science teacher at the school.



**DEDICATED CADETS:** Lakewood High's Capt. Don McMackin, U.S. Navy (Retired-far right), the senior Naval Science teacher, with some of his cadets after the rating.

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proximately \$10,000 toward the event.

The monies received, purchased all the decorations, the toys, the cookies, hot chocolate and goodie bags for 350 children. "This is something that was just started with friends," stated Trevino,"several years ago the Artesia Parent group was disbanded. The parent group originally organized the party, but without them there would be no Christmas cheer for many of the local children. I chose to continue it on my own."

Walmart of Cerritos, helped with the pricing and donation of all the gifts, just under 400 were purchased and they also donated \$500 toward the event.

Guurvinver Sing, from 'Zorba the

Greek' restaurant said, "This is our first year participating and we thought it would be a good way to give back to the city and help the kids have a better Christmas. Every child deserves to have a smile on their face this time year."

Patel added "We decided to do something good for the community and end this year in a positive way. We had some great people help us and Amazon donated fifty gift cards for the older kids."

Final numbers from toy give away: 167 cars and 371 kids participated. Special thanks go to Luxe, Elite Construction, Rosewood Cutters, London's Pub & Grill, Ashoka Indian Cuisine, Serati Farsan Mart, and International Global Charities for their all their assistance and donations.

## SoCalGas Device Could Enable Expansion of Hydrogen Fueling Stations

*New device separates hydrogen from natural gas when the two gases are blended in pipelines.*

With clean hydrogen gaining recognition worldwide as the carbon-free fuel capable of making a significant contribution to addressing climate change, Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) announced it will field test a new technology that can simultaneously separate and compress hydrogen from a blend of hydrogen and natural gas. At scale, the technology would allow hydrogen to be easily and affordably transported via the natural gas pipeline system, then extracted and compressed at fueling stations that provide hydrogen for fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs). Created by Netherlands-based HyET Hydrogen, the technology is designed to provide pure highly-compressed hydrogen wherever a natural gas distribution system exists.

SoCalGas also recently announced a program to study blending hydrogen into its natural gas pipelines. If approved by regulators, the program would be the first step toward establishing a statewide standard for injecting hydrogen into the natural gas grid.

"This innovative technology could be a game-changer, allowing hydrogen to be distributed to wherever it is needed using the natural gas grid," said Neil Navin, vice president of clean energy innovations at SoCalGas. "As demand increases for zero-emissions vehicles such as fuel cell electric cars, California will need thousands more hydrogen fueling stations—and this technology may help make that possible."

"Hydrogen will be an important part of our clean energy future, and exciting new technologies like this will pave the way for zero emissions transportation in California," said Sen. Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera). "I am fighting for investments in both hydrogen infrastructure and clean transportation programs in the state Legislature and will continue to do so. I am excited that the testing of this cutting-edge innovation will take place in the 32nd Senate District and I look forward to continuing to work with SoCalGas as we pursue our clean energy goals."The project is scheduled to begin in March at SoCalGas' Engineering Analysis Center in Pico Rivera, California and slated to be complete by the third quarter of 2021.



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 2020192365  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LGM Notaries 11138 E. Del Amo Blvd. #396, Lakewood, CA., 90715 LGMendoza Services, LLC, 11138 E. Del Amo Blvd. #396, Lakewood, CA., 90715. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LLC. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. 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/ Leilanie G. Mendoza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/19/20. 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 of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 11/28, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18/20

CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-22  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant projects are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. The City Council will consider approval of the projects on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Anyone having concerns or questions or wishing to review or comment on the proposed projects is welcome to contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 or visit the office located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard.

All persons wishing to comment, object, or otherwise be heard at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard at the time, date and place of the public hearing. In addition, interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall prior to the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk’s office at (562) 943-0131. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. CEG906017-KT  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: MARK ADAM AND LIVE WELL MMA, LLC, 17620 BELLFLOWER BLVD., UNIT # B-104 BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
Doing business as: I CARE PHARMACY  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: NONE  
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: PETER TAKLA, 1440 E. WILLOW ST, ANAHEIM, CA 92805  
The assets being sold are generally de-scribed as: ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT and is located at: 17620 BELLFLOWER BLVD., STE B104, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
The bulk sale is intended to be consum-mated at the office of: CENTRAL ES-CROW INC, 2134 MAIN ST, STE 185, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 9264 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 7, 2021  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uni-form Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CENTRAL ESCROW INC., 2134 MAIN ST, STE 185, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 6, 2021, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.  
Dated: 12/9/2020  
Buyer: PETER TAKLA  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 20-14945-TN  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: JASON THIEN PHAM, 14216 BELLFLOWER BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
Doing Business as: AMERICAN NAIL  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: TRINH NGOC HUYNH, 212 W ALONDRA BLVD COMPTON, CA 90220  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 14216 BELLFLOWER BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, INC., 13305 BROOKHURST STREET GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 12, 2021  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the last date for filing claims shall be JANUARY 11, 2021, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: 12/14/2020  
BUYER: TRINH NGOC HUYNH  
ORD-134409 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 12/18/20

Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca. 90703 on 1/11/2021 at 11:00 am

Britney Smithers, mattress, bed frame, a few boxes; Carlos Mora, TV; Richard Thomas, Household items; Monica Gutierrez, Household items; Tenaya Volden, Household items; Renika Nelson, Bins of clothes; Nakia Mason, Household items; Enoch Chamberlain, Household items; Kathryn Brady, Brady Kathryn , Household items; Ashley Brown, Fridge, Dresser, boxes, recliner, bags and a Tv stand; Robert Earl Hollis, boxes with items inside; Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder take possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
JESUS TRONO SALAZAR  
CASE NO. 20STPB10030  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JESUS TRONO SALAZAR.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOSEPH SALAZAR in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSEPH SALAZAR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)  
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/05/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
ELINA K. LARSEN - SBN 209846  
LAW OFFICES OF YVONNE HSU  
1170 ROOSEVELT  
IRVINE CA 92620  
12/11, 12/18, 12/25/20  
CNS-3421933#  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
JOSE PEREZ  
CASE NO. 20STPB10004  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of JOSE PEREZ.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by HEIDI PEREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that HEIDI PEREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)  
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/12/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
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LAKEWOOD CA 90712  
12/11, 12/18, 12/25/20  
CNS-3421825#  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
RUBEN RODRIGUEZ  
CASE NO. 20STPB09732  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RUBEN RODRIGUEZ.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NATALIE PEREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NATALIE PEREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)  
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/12/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 20-1282-GL  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: TRUC HOANG NGUYEN NGUYEN, 18300 GRIDLEY RD., #D2, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
Doing Business as: KUNF FU TEA - ARTESIA  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:  
The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is:  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: JEONGKWON SEO AND YEOSOOK CHOI, 8108 CAMBRIA CIRCLE, STANTON, CA 90680  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, LEASEHOLD INTERESTS, ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS AND LICENSES, AND ALL INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE and are located at: 18300 GRIDLEY RD., SUITE D2, ARTESIA, CA 90701-5440  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACE ESCROW, INC., 3030 W. 8TH ST., SUITE 408, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 30, 2020  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided]  
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACE ESCROW, INC., 3030 W. 8TH ST., SUITE 408, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 and the last day for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 29, 2020 which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
BUYER: JEONGKWON SEO AND YEOSOOK CHOI  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 13662D  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: POLLO MEAL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 305 E. BETTERAVIA ROAD, SANTA MARIA, CA 93454  
Whose chief executive office is: 5400 E. OLYMPIC BLVD. SUITE 227, COMMERCE, CA 90022  
Doing Business as: EL POLLO LOCO #3738 (Type – FRANCHISE MEXICAN RESTAURANT)  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: UNITED LENORE II, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 14765 MAIN STREET, HESPERIA, CA 92345  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 305 E. BETTERAVIA ROAD, SANTA MARIA, CA 93454  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 31, 2020  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be DECEMBER 30, 2020, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: DECEMBER 7, 2020  
UNITED LENORE II, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,, Buyer(s)  
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