

LANDED A CAR ON MARS: NASA engineering jumped for joy when Sky Crane signaled that the Mars Rover Perseverance had landed. The mission now moves to the rover exploring the red planet.

CRIME: Data Shows La Mirada Among Region's Safest Cities

BY BRIAN HEWS

Public Safety continues to be the highest priority for the city of La Mirada. A strong partnership between the Public Safety Team and the community helps achieve this goal. A recent crime analysis of surrounding communities in southeast Los Angeles County and northern Orange County revealed that La Mirada once again experienced the lowest number of Part 1 crimes in 2020.

Mayor John Lewis told HMG-CN, "The City of La Mirada's first duty and highest obligation is to public safety. Without this vital foundation for the residents,

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DEPUTIES from the La Mirada Sheriff's Department, located at La Mirada City Hall, seen here helping the Rotary Club. Residential burglaries decreased by 53 percent last year. There were 34 reported residential burglaries compared to 73 in 2019.

Lakewood Holds Virtual State of the City

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Lakewood held their virtual State of the City February 12 hosted by Mayor Todd Rogers who described the City as strong, safe, supportive and eager for the end of CoVID.

The City is slowly returning to the strong fiscal condition that it has historically kept, bolstered even more thanks to residents

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Anaheim Convention Center to Be Mass Vaccination Site

BY BRIAN HEWS

Orange county will open its third mass vaccination site at the Anaheim Convention Center starting Wednesday February 24th.

The site will serve as both a testing and immunization site bolstering the campaign to vaccinate as many people as possible starting with the most

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ABCUSD Setting Plans to Re-Open Schools

BY BRIAN HEWS

As COVID cases decline, L.A. County has hit a state milestone for allowing schools to reopen, county Supervisor Janice Hahn said Monday.

However, that doesn't necessarily mean all schools will immediately open their, after transitioning to remote learning for nearly a year.

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Hawaiian Gardens City Manager Ernie Hernandez Takes Job in Lynwood

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hawaiian Gardens City Manager Ernie Hernandez' tenure at the city is over.

The Lynwood City Council voted last night to unanimously approve Hernandez as the new city manager. Hernandez will begin his duties on March 22.

"I am honored to have been selected," said Hernandez. "I am eager to begin a productive partnership with City leaders, City staff and the community."

He has served as city manager of Hawaiian Gardens for the past four years. Prior to

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Cerritos Councilman Barrows Targets Closure of Cerritos Sheriff's Station Again

BY BRIAN HEWS

There's an old saying in local politics, to get things done all you have to do is count to three.

With the appointment of Bruce Barrows, which, in this paper's opinion was a Brown Act violation, Solanki has three votes and is closer to his dream (and Solanki's) of shuttering the Cerritos Sheriff's Station to balance an already balanced budget.

Just listen to the Feb. 11 City Council meeting during the 2019-'20 financial performance review of the city, which, on an accrual basis showed a \$2 million gain in the General Fund, but a "government-wide" loss of \$4.7 million, which includes depreciation.

Not bad during a pandemic where the city took a huge hit on revenues and program fees.

At 59:12 of the meeting, waiting until after public comment was closed to avoid scrutiny, Barrows commented on the \$4.7 million dollar loss and fired a shot across the bow of the Sheriff's Department.

"One of the largest increases

we have was the sheriff's department," Barrows stated

"We were talking to other cities and discussing other options for us. The problem I have is we've had numerous discussions about the sheriff's over the years and how we should give the city options if the county has been doing exactly what they are doing now, raising rates."

"They are using Cerritos as a cash cow to cover their mistakes and largess they spend, I would hope we look at the sheriff's during the budget process."

Barrows then repeated the financial dream that was his, and Carol Chen, and now Mayor Solanki's, to close the Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

"We can't afford to have
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Pico Rivera

Durfee Grade Separation Enters Second Year

BY BRIAN HEWS

Construction of an underpass and train bridge to replace a dangerous railroad crossing on Durfee Avenue in Pico Rivera is progressing nicely according to the project management company Alameda Corridor East.



The project, located between Whittier and Beverly boulevards, started on Feb. 3, 2020 and will take 30 months to complete.

The project is part of a nearly \$2 billion Alameda Corridor-East program funded with a mix of local, state and federal money.

A study done by the city showed that over 13,000 vehicles

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A coach at East West Ice abused two girls.
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Community Sports

Seniors might not get to play their final season.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Conservation going strong at Sea and Sage despite pandemic

Their mission is to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy,
BY LAURIE HANSON



A HOUSE WREN spotted on the patio furniture of Sea and Sage Audubon Society Project Director of Education Trude Hurd.

With an abiding love for birds and birdie people, two individuals with the Sea and Sage Audubon Society in Irvine are passionately driven to create a better natural world.

One humble woman who wants to make sure the many members and volunteers at Sea and Sage get credit for all their hard work is Gail Richards. She is in her first year of a three-year term as president of “a dynamic organization.” She has been an active member for 17 years, having spent 6 years on their board of directors.

“Sea and Sage is not any one of us, it is all of us,” said Richards.

Another person very much involved is Sea and Sage Project Director of Education Trude Hurd who has had a love for birds since childhood. She joined National Audubon as a teenager and then began working for Sea and Sage Audubon in 1992.

In 1958, Sea and Sage was one of the largest of three chapters of the National Audubon Society. “While most chapters are only in one city (Whittier Audubon, Los Angeles Audubon), Sea and Sage covers cities along the coast to the inland mountains, hence the name,” said Hurd.

In 1991, they began a partnership with the Irvine Ranch Water District to create environmental programs about wetlands at the newly opened San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. The location had ironically been a former duck hunting

SEA AND SAGE has been instrumental in protecting endangered birds like Western Snowy Plovers (left) and CA. Least Terns plus bringing back Western Bluebirds and Tree Swallows back to Orange County.

club, according to Hurd. A year later, Hurd became “the on-going educational presence” walking into the then empty, newly restored Audubon House.

Their mission is to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy, according to Richards.

“We are the trusted experts on bird populations in Orange County,” said Hurd.

One of their current efforts is to eliminate single use plastics, tackling trash, and recycling starting at their own meetings and events. To keep communication open about such ideas after the beginning of the pandemic, the organization quickly moved to online Zoom meetings for their more than 3,000 members and 1,000 volunteers, according to Richards.

“We pivoted to think creatively about what we could do to sustain our programs, embracing Zoom to continue our committee meetings, general meetings, and 4th Tuesday conservation lectures,” Richards explained. “We had to conduct elections via email and suspend all in-person activities.”

“Using CDC protocols, conservation continues our many important bird surveys, and the work to protect nesting Western Snowy Plovers and California Least Terns,” she said. “We are utilizing technology to increase our emphasis on advocacy, by partnering with like-minded organizations to meet virtually with lawmakers who influence environmental policy. We participated in a virtual Advocacy Day with appointments to talk with our local legislative representatives.”

“We are involved in various ways with a variety of community projects such as the UCI Marsh Restoration, Orange County Parks, Safe Trails, Mile Square Park Expansion, O.C. Bird of Prey Center, Dogs at the Mouth of the Santa Ana River, and Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration,” she said. “We will be presenting our Annual Conservation Awards during our [upcoming] March General Meeting.”

It is because Sea and Sage Audubon is so dedicated to their overall mission that they did not stop outreach efforts despite the pandemic, according to Hurd.

“Our Education Committee had to find new ways to teach about the joy of birds,” explained Richards. “We created educational videos about bird adaptations for the 4-5th grade Outdoor Adventures program and are continuing to produce virtual lessons for the teachers.

Last summer, students were invited to participate in a virtual Coastal Birds Camp, which included many online activities. The ever-popular Birding Skills classes were transformed into a virtual format and are being offered to hundreds of enthusiastic participants.”

Their Virtual Coastal Bird Camp offers 28 lessons about coastal shorebirds, endangered coastal birds, and ocean plastics. This camp is self-paced. Children and adults can still enroll and only need to contact Hurd for the password to Google Classroom. There are also virtual science presentations for educators about food webs, language of birds, adaptations, and more which are currently in development, according to Hurd.

Up and coming is Sea and Sage’s improved chapter website which debuts this summer/fall. It features educational videos, PowerPoint presentations, photo galleries and information about common backyard birds. Nature at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary will also be featured, plus tips on how to create a bird-friendly garden, and more ... all viewable on their education page, said Hurd.

Other activities going on include a 7-week long beginning birding workshop, “Birds of Southern California” coming this fall, and an intermediate/advanced birding workshop, “Sparrow Identification” happening now and going on for another 4 months. Previous year’s workshop topics have been “Birding by Sound,” “Sparrow Identification,” and “Mountain Birds.” Sylvia Gallagher, a dedicated Sea and Sage member, has taught several workshop sessions for more than four decades and has a loyal following, according to Hurd. Additionally, nature conservation lectures are open to the public on the 4th Tuesday of each month and at General Meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month, both currently held on Zoom.

The Sea and Sage Audubon conducts many of their educational, research and conservation projects throughout Orange County but mainly at their Irvine location. Facebook and Instagram have extended their reach across California and the United States. Their Audubon House greets visitors from all over the world and is open 358 days a year.

“Birds are an important part of the ecosystem and provide enjoyment, pest control, plant pollination, economic products, ecotourism, cultural significance and more, and therefore, worthy of our attention and protection,” said Hurd. “They have had huge population declines during our lifetime. The Sea and Sage Audubon Society is supported through donations and grants. Two new programs to engage membership are their Backyard Birding and their Social Get-Togethers which is offered on Zoom. For more information on now to participate or to become a member, a volunteer or to donate, please visit online at www.seaandsageaudubon.org



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US Olympic skating coach who taught at Artesia ice rink investigated over allegations of abuse



THE EAST WEST Ice Rink in Artesia is where two young skaters claim abuse by Peter Opepgard including one incident of Opepgard biting the arm of a student.

(USA TODAY) The U.S. Center for SafeSport is investigating 1988 U.S. Olympic pairs bronze medalist and renowned figure skating coach Peter Opepgard over allegations of physical abuse, according to emails obtained by USA TODAY

Opepgard, a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame, allegedly bit a teenage female skater on the arm during a 2013 training session, according to the skater, her mother and a person who was present in the rink and said they saw the bite mark immediately afterward.

The SafeSport investigation, which has been ongoing since July, is also looking into allegations that Opepgard threw hot water and coffee at skaters he coached on multiple occasions at East West Ice Palace in Artesia, California, where he worked from 2005 until he left in 2018.

Opepgard, 61, is the estranged hus-

band of skating coach and choreographer Karen Kwan, the older sister of Michelle Kwan. The Kwan family owns and operates the Artesia rink.

Pairs skater Jessica Pfund told USA TODAY, "He was helping to position me on the ice to show me a landing position on a jump. Both of his hands were holding me, and he leaned over and bit me on the skin on my upper right arm, near the bicep."

Pfund left Opepgard in May 2014 after nearly three years at the Artesia rink.

On Wednesday evening, USFS issued this statement to USA TODAY Sports: "U.S. Figure Skating supports all victims of abuse and misconduct and encourages anyone who has been abused or suspects abuse or misconduct to immediately report it to local law enforcement, the U.S. Center for SafeSport or U.S. Figure Skating."

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BY BRIAN HEWS

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INVESTIGATORS around the Lincoln Navigator where a man was reportedly shot and killed through the front window on Feb. 16, the shooting was on Carmenita North of Rosecrans.

Crime Summary

The cities of Artesia, Bellflower and Hawaiian Gardens saw a host of theft in the last seven days, 40 reports were filed ranging from fare evasion to petty auto parts and accessories. Two burglaries were reported in Hawaiian Gardens and one in Cerritos with one strong arm robbery reported in Cerritos.

Bellflower
According to SpotCrimes Bellflower, California crime map shows 72 assaults, one shooting, 81 burglaries, 624 thefts, 32 robberies, seven vandalism and seven arrests within a one month period. The previous crime map showed 76 assaults, no shooting, 105 burglaries, 776 thefts, 35 robberies, one vandalism and seven arrests. Crime overall in the City is currently down by 17 percent compared to the previous month.

Cerritos Assault
One aggravated assault with an unknown dangerous weapon was reported on February 11. A Deputy involved shooting with a deceased suspect was reported on Friday, February 12 in Norwalk and a report of domestic violence and aggravated assault was reported in Cerritos the day before Valentine's Day.

Burglary
A burglary was reported at the 17300 block of Studebaker on Valentines weekend at a restaurant where the front door was kicked in and laptops, monitors and miscellaneous paperwork was taken.

Grand Theft Auto
Two catalytic converters were reported stolen and one attempted theft over the weekend of February 13, all three automobiles were Hondas and were allegedly taken from commercial / business parking lots. Two more thefts were reported over the same weekend one of a Honda Accord and the other a GMC Yukon XL, both vehicles were recovered.

Downey
SpotCrime's Downey crime map shows 62 assaults, no shootings, 47 burglaries, 490 thefts, 34 robberies, two vandalism, and one arrests over a one month period. The previous month crime map in Downey showed 60 assaults, no shootings, 79 burglaries, 624 thefts, 45 robberies, two vandalism, and one arrests.

According to the reports SpotCrime receives from local police agencies, crime overall in Downey is currently down by 21 percent when compared to the previous month.

Property crime such as theft, vandalism, and burglary is down in Downey, property crime and overall crime have both decreased this month, with property crime decreasing by 23%when compared to the previous month.

Whittier
A reported fatal shooting in Whittier on February 16, the individual was shot

and killed in their SUV near Carmenita North of Rosecrans. Allegedly the victim was shot through the front passenger window of a Lincoln Navigator. Whittier PD is investigating and there is not suspect at the time.

La Palma Petty Theft-5000 block of La Luna Dr. – Two vehicles left unlocked in the driveway were reportedly ransacked overnight. Report taken.

Bike Stop-900 block of Walker St. – Police contacted a male subject riding a bike and holding a weed whacker. A 26-year-old male subject was arrested on a parole violation.

Suspicious Vehicle – Brian/Conifer – A vehicle unknown to the area had been parked at the end of the cul-de-sac for approximately one hour. Police found the vehicle to be legally parked and no one was in the area.

Assault/Battery – Centerpointe Dr. A transient was reportedly hitting a security guard. Police arrested a 42-year-old female subject for assault/battery and obstruction. The subject was later released on citation and warned regarding trespassing at the location.

Fire – La Palma/Denni (Cerritos) – A smell of fire was reported in the area, possibly from Coyote Creek. Police determined that the smoke was coming from an address in the 4500 block of Amberwood. It was found that a homeowner was smoking a fish.

Vandalism – 5100 block of Del Norte Cir. – The reporting party flagged down an officer regarding a vandalism suspect northbound on Moody. Police contacted the subject and confirmed the vandalism. The homeowner of the vandalized wall desired prosecution. Police arrested a 56-year-old subject for vandalism.

La Palma City Hall Relocated

The city of La Palma is conducting major renovations so City Hall was temporarily relocated to the Community Center 7821 Walker Street through the end of May 2021.

All City services will still be available in-person and all contact information will remain the same.

The first interior improvement project includes replacing the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system, which will also include the removal and replacement of the existing ceiling tiles; the second project includes electrical upgrades; the third project includes the refurbishment of the public and employee restrooms for ADA compliance.

The water bill drop box at City Hall will be relocated to the Police Department lobby for customers dropping off their payments.

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Hawaiian Gardens Partners with Curative to Opens COVID-19 Testing Kiosk

Starting today Feb. 19, 2021, Curative will be hosting a COVID-19 testing site at the Fedde Sports Complex at 21301 Elaine Ave, Hawaiian Gardens, CA.

The kiosk will operate Wednesdays through Sundays from 9AM to 3PM and is open to the general public by appointment or walk-up.

The kiosk replaces the Curative mobile testing site that has been operating outside Hawaiian Gardens City Hall since late-November. The new site was established in part to accommodate the increased demand for COVID-19 testing, and will operate on an expanded schedule to serve more individuals more efficiently.

“Our community has eagerly taken advantage of the Curative testing since it first set up its mobile site in November,” said Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Luis Roa. “We saw a need for more testing capacity and are grateful to Curative for partnering with the City to make that happen. The new testing site at Fedde not only offers more space, but it allows for extended hours and more operating days, which will ultimately make it possible for more people to get tested.”

Since they began testing in Hawaiian Gardens in November, Curative has seen a range from 200 to 600 people for testing each day. Individuals looking to get tested at Curative’s kiosk in Hawaiian Gardens may book an appointment on their website, or show up for a walk-in appointment.

La Mirada Community Foundation Scholarships

The La Mirada Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its Scholarship Program for high school seniors residing in La Mirada.

The Bob Jenkins Scholarship is available to students who have provided significant community service and have applied to an accredited college. Applicants must complete an essay on the value of community service and their involvement in the community.

The Ray Haugh Vocational Scholarship is available to students who have provided community service and/or volunteered in La Mirada and are enrolled in a vocational training program or trade school.

The SCESTEM Scholarship is available to students who plan to major in Business, Computer and Information Systems, Engineering, Mathematics, Engineering Technology, Natural Resources and Conservation, and Physical Science. The STEM scholarship is available to students who have applied to an accredited college.

Recipients are selected based on meeting academic requirements, involvement in the community and the scope and duration of their community service. Applications and a full list of descriptions for each scholarship, requirements, and qualifications is available by visiting the la Mirada Community Foundation page at cityoflamirada.org

All applications must be submitted to La Mirada City hall by 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Scholarship applications are available at La Mirada High School, City Hall and through the city’s website.

For additional information please call La Mirada City Hall at 562.943.0131

Long Beach Museum of Art Opens March 3

STAFF REPORT

The Long Beach Museum of Art is opening by reservation only, beginning Wednesday, February 24 for LBMA Members. Reservations for the general public will commence on the following Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Please follow all protocols.

Opening Hours
Member Exhibition Preview
February 24-27, 10am - 3pm

Open to All (starting March 3)
We-Sa: 10am - 3pm

Member Priority Viewing
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Guests may reserve a 15-minute visit for up to 6 people.

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that, he was deputy City Manager for the city of Norwalk for nine years.

Hernandez, who also has experience working for the cities of Santa Ana, Long Beach and South El Monte, holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Long Beach State University, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the California State University Dominguez Hills.

“His experience and demonstrated ability as a leader are the qualities that really stood out during the interview process,” said Mayor Pro Tem Jorge Casanova. “We are anxious for Ernie to roll up his sleeves and get work for the betterment of our community.”

At Tuesday’s Council meeting, acting City Manager Michelle Ramirez was praised for her stewardship of the city in the past several months.

Lynwood is celebrating its 100th birthday this year.

Councilwoman Myra Maravilla told HMG-CN, " I am looking to recommend a formal recruitment process to attract the best qualified City Manager to serve the Hawaiian Gardens community. We are open to meeting qualified applicants during the interview process and working collaboratively to find the best fit for Hawaiian Gardens. With the input of all members, I think we will have a successful recruitment.



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500 Vaccines Available in Lakewood

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Vons-Albertsons supermarket will be holding a CoVID vaccination clinic in the Vons parking lot at their South and Woodruff store on Friday, February 26, 2021.

The will have 500 vaccines and as of noon time Wednesday, February 17, only 20 time slots had been reserved, leaving 480 appointments open. Time slots fill up quickly, so please sign up soon if you are eligible. Vaccines can only be provided to those eligible under Los Angeles County rules, which at this time are those ages 65 and older or health care workers.

“This is great news,” said Mayor Todd Rogers, “We thank Vons and its sister company Albertsons for helping to get this site up in Lakewood.” He went on to state that he encourages everyone in Lakewood who is eligible to sign up and if you know someone who is eligible to please let them know, “If you think that someone needs computer help to make an appointment, please help them out, it is the neighborly thing to offer.”

“Lakewood, like most cities our size, does not control the distribution of vaccines or the rules for who is eligible,” added Rogers, “But my Lakewood City Council colleagues and I are doing everything we can at the city level to bring vaccines to our residents just as quickly and conveniently as possible ... and to publicize opportunities like this when they arise.”

Stay tuned for more opportunities like this in the weeks ahead. You must reserve in advance online at <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/1610405744296>



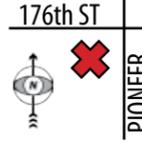
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Lakewood Virtual Fun Run Promotes Businesses

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The 2021 Lakewood Fun Run will celebrate their 30th anniversary as it kicks off a virtual run on Saturday, March 6 2021.

Although CoVID considerations prevent the Lakewood Run from offering its traditional activities, this year’s participants can download a virtual race map and have 30 days to complete the '30 for 30 Challenge' by visiting local businesses for fun giveaways and discounts.

Your support of the Lakewood Run funds the Soroptimist International of Lakewood / Long Beach programs for women and girls, providing resources to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

In addition, proceeds help local organizations such as Lakewood Meals on Wheels, Su Casa- Ending Domestic

Violence, Friends of the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station Fund and 9-9-9 for Kids, a program benefitting foster children in L.A. County.

Here is how the 2021 Virtual Lakewood Run will work. You must register in advance through RaceWire. There will be no on-site registration. Participants will download the virtual race map available on the website early March. The race begins on March 6 and participants have 30 days to visit 30 local businesses for fun giveaways and discounts.

Although the usual format must be changed to keep everyone safe in 2021, the City and organizers expect to be back to the traditional 5k/10k Fun Run in 2022.

Registration fees include a specially designed tee shirt [\$45] or half zip[\$55]. To register visit www.lakewoodrun.com/ registration.



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Shoemaker-Artesia Lot For Sale

STAFF REPORT

The 1/2 acre lot that has been open eyesore at the corner of Artesia and Shoemaker across from the former Cerritos news offices is for sale.

The agent is none other than James Kang former ABCUSD trustee.

The lot has been open for at least 20 years with the owner keeping the lot fairly aesthetic, a lot that would see several political signs when elections rolled around.

The lot is zoned commercial/office/professional (COP), sale price is \$1.6 million.

Cerritos Resident Celebrates 101st birthday

The Cerritos City Council recognized Cerritos resident Hatsume Sylvia Taira, who turned 101 years old on February 11.

A resident of Cerritos since 2015, Taira married Shigeru Taira in 1943 and they have three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Born in Maui, Hawaii, Taira worked at the Lahaina Pineapple Cannery, Sheraton Hotel, Hilton Hotel and The Lahaina Broiler in Maui.

Apply for Lakewood Pan American Association's Scholarships

STAFF REPORT

The Lakewood Pan American Association's annual scholarship program is now accepting applications. Current high school seniors who live in Lakewood are eligible, regardless of where they go to school. Scholarships to help pay future college or trade school costs will be awarded in the range of \$500 to \$1,500.

Students who have overcome adversity, made significant contributions to their schools and/or community and excelled academically are encouraged to apply.

The Lakewood Pan American Association is a civic organization that provides diverse cultural and educational opportunities for citizens in the Lakewood community.

Over the years, the Lakewood Pan American Ambassador Scholarship Program has awarded \$221,400 to recipients to help with their higher education costs.

Go to www.lakewoodcity.org/PanAmScholarship to read the instructions and fill out the online application form. The completed application, along with three letters of recommendation, must be submitted by email to info@lakewoodpanam.org by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021.

Applications are also available at www.lakewoodpanam.org

Comprehensive Public Review of the City of Cerritos City Charter on March 1 and 22



The community is invited to participate in a comprehensive public review of the City of Cerritos City Charter during study sessions set for 2 p.m. on **Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 22.**

The meetings can be observed via livestream at cerritos.us, on Cerritos TV3 or by connecting to the Zoom meeting. The public can provide public comment for the meetings using written correspondence submitted via email or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Information about connecting to the meetings will be posted on the City's website at cerritos.us.

For more information, call the Cerritos City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248.

Apply for the open Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education Seat Deadline for submission is Feb. 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of board member Jude Cazares, who resigned on February 1, 2021.

His term on the Board of Education expires in November 2022.

Those interested can find the application on the front page of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District website at www.nlmusd.org



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subsequently damaged by a tornado in 1979, but they rebuilt on a different location near the airport in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Since June, the NEAM has been open but social distancing with its wide, open spaces allowing visitors to spread out over the 90,000 square feet of its extra-large hangars and five acres of open land. Their collection includes 115 aircraft, dozens of engines and artifacts with thousands of other items including news articles, photographs and more, all of which is viewable online.

"We have three one-of-a-kind aircraft that cannot be seen anywhere else in the world," Katz said. "These include a Sikorsky



THE JAXS HACK restored B-29 Superfortress at the NEAM.

from the oldest remaining aircraft built in Connecticut, a 1912 Curtiss Pusher Replica, up to Air Force jets such as the F14 and modern helicopters like the Kaman SeaSprite, and the even more modern Sabreliner private business jet.

"We also have an engine built by the Wright Brothers that still runs!" Katz said.

Up until the pandemic, the museum's educational programs were all onsite and included tours of their gigantic exhibit hangars. Now the museum offers online educational programs that give virtual tours, has a professionally produced video, and with one of their museum educators they can field questions from students live in real time.

"Teachers receive information and activities that they can use in their classrooms, and we connect directly with the students to provide an educational program on the science and history of flight as well as [give] a virtual tour," Katz explained. "We also offer our flagship educational program SOAR for STEM as a virtual program [online] now as well."

More recently, the museum created a page on their website called NEAMathome which offers informative content and activities that

THE MUSEUM'S control car is from airship K-28, one of 134 K-category airships built by Goodyear in Akron, OH between 1938 and 1944 for the purposes of anti-submarine patrol and convoy protection, mine sweeping, search and rescue and photography.

allow the public to safely connect with them during COVID-19. They can visit the entire aircraft collection online, access online photos and information. This has been extremely popular among aviation buffs of all ages.

"There are many [popular planes here], depending on whether someone is more interested in civil aviation or military," Katz said. "The Sikorsky VS-44 Excambian is very popular, as is the F-14 Tomcat which was made famous by Tom Cruise in Top Gun."

All the planes in their collection were donated to them through several private and military sources. Restoration of the planes are painstakingly undertaken by a crew of more than 100 volunteers who work onsite at the museum.

"We have aircraft that were nearly destroyed and needed complete restoration that lasted 10 to 20 years, and others that simply require limited work to make them exhibit-ready," he explained.

With plans for greater future expansions and new additions, the museum is now showing two new exhibits, the New England Women in Aviation, and the Kosciuszko Squadron. An exhibit underway will



tell the story of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II. They also installed a full motion Redbird Flight Simulator, a new augmented reality in their Kaman exhibit, and have a new app available on the Apple Store or in Google Play that offers remote activities people can do from home. More remote activities are in planning for the future.

For more information about the New England Air Museum, please visit www.neam.org. To donate, please visit online or call Director of Advancement and External Affairs Ron Katz at 860-623-3305, ext. 317.

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The romantic fascination of flight is preserved for future generations in person and online at the New England Air Museum (NEAM).

"I am not a pilot, but I am fascinated with all things that fly," said Director of Advancement and External Affairs Ron Katz, who works at the NAEM and has a background in supporting nonprofit organizations that provide STEM related education.

First opening in 1960, the museum and a large part of its collection were



VS-44 Excambian Flying Boat, a Burnelli CBY-3 Loadmaster, and a Goodyear ZNPk-28 Blimp Control Car."

The NEAM collection ranges

THE NEAM collection boasts the oldest remaining aircraft built in Connecticut, a 1912 Curtiss Pusher Replica.



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Fall athletic end dates fast approaching as seniors likely to miss out on final season

BY LOREN KOPFF
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Editor's note: This is the first in a series of recognizing the seniors of the fall season sports who have had their seasons cancelled or limited because of COVID-19.

When the global pandemic began nearly a year ago and dates were later being scheduled, then altered for high school athletics for the 2020-2021 year, there was hope that the fall season would be salvaged. But now we are well into February and little has changed for the resumption of conditioning, practicing, or even playing games, at least for the public schools.

Six of the seven area schools are still in limbo as it relates to their fall season sports, which for the 2020-2021 season would be boys and girls cross country, football, gymnastics (for Valley Christian High only), traditional cheerleading, girls volleyball and boys and girls water polo. As events have continued to change weekly and even daily pertaining to the COVID-19 issue, no change has been made for the return of the fall season sports except for cross country, which recently has been able to return, depending on what each school district wants to do with its schools.

At Artesia High, nothing has been cleared to begin as of Feb. 15 and the window for football, girls volleyball and water polo to get some events in before their respective end dates is quickly closing. During a recent interview with Artesia head football coach Don Olmstead, he was looking at a deadline of the end of this month before the season would be lost.

"I actually heard that the district was trying to get us started just for conditioning," Olmstead said. "But kind of the word on the street was that people didn't want to come back for conditioning if we weren't going to have a season. So, everybody is trying to get the okay from the district that we will have a season."

On Feb. 3, the ABC Unified School District had initially indicated that it was going to delay and athletic activity until the end of February. However, a week later, the district reversed its course to allow cross country to begin as early as this past Tuesday (Feb. 16) with the other sports becoming eligible to begin

on Mar. 1 provided they can reach their "tier" status.

According to the California Department of Public Health's guidelines for youth sports, which has been having weekly updates since December, cross country remains the only sport in the purple tier in Southern California, among other counties, cleared to have events. For the other fall sports, minus cheerleading, to happen, a county would need to be in the orange tier. The county would also have to be in the yellow tier for cheerleading to happen. As of the Feb. 16 county tier status, three counties were in the red tier and three other counties were in the orange tier, meaning football, girls volleyball and water polo could resume.

"The unfortunate part is people making the decisions that don't understand that football is different than volleyball," Olmstead said. "[In] volleyball, I can get my kids together for a week, we can throw [something] together and we can at least make our way through four or five games. In football, you can't do that, because I'm not throwing a kid in a helmet or shoulder pads until we condition for a couple of weeks. And then we have multiple weeks of going in shoulder pads before we can even play."

The Artesia football team was looking to rebound from a 4-7 campaign last season, finishing in second place in the 605 League, but advancing to the Division 12 playoffs. The Pioneers have 11 seniors on this season's team who may or may not play another high school game. Since the CIF-Southern Section has cancelled all fall sports championships, schools are still able to get games in, if they can, before the end date of Apr. 17.

During a recent 605 League meeting, according to Olmstead, the athletic directors had discussed the possibility of a five-week season starting in the middle of March where three games would be played with a week off in between in case someone tested positive. But nothing has been set in stone. The first game would be slated for Mar. 20. However, Olmstead said that putting together an abbreviated season would be challenging because Pioneer High's Spring Break is Mar. 22-26. In addition, no games would

be played on Apr. 2, which is Good Friday, and the subsequent week is the Spring Break for Artesia, Cerritos High and John Glenn High.

He added that the players need to be on the field before the end of February because Apr. 2 is not an option for anyone since it's Good Friday.

If passed by the league, then Feb. 15 or 22 would be start date of conditioning. At best, the four teams that field football programs would play three games and anything beyond that would be icing on the cake.

With or without a 2020 football season, Olmstead said this senior class will always be important to him as it was his first class when he became Artesia's head coach.

"They're just a great group of kids," Olmstead said. "Even though we're virtual right now, it's still been enjoyable with them. Now, I get to talk to them every day because we have an hour [together] and I have to fill up that time. It's been a little bit of a blessing in disguise that I get to know them a little bit more on a more personal level. But I just feel bad for them. It's kind of an awful thing...that we keep trying to express to them that there are bigger things in the world; there are bigger things in life and hopefully they can go attack those and be victorious in that."

He added that this is a group he wants to stay in contact with and that he will really miss this senior class and wants to get something for them, whether it's three games, four games or even just a game. Of the 11 seniors, the offensive line would have been the strength of that side of the ball with Raul Bello, who played in 14 games as a sophomore and another 11 as a junior, Andrew Cecil, who played quite a bit as a sophomore, center Johnny Jara and Connor Whaley. Another key piece to the offense would have been Devin Yoakum, whom Olmstead said isn't sure if he would have been the QB this season as there were others in the mix.

The remaining seniors are Jelani Hopkins, a transfer from St. Anthony High, linebacker Douglas Ixco, Kylin Malone-Vazquez, who transferred from Westminster High in Westminster, Colorado but went to Tetzlaff Middle School before moving to Colorado, Israel Martin, who has always been in the

program doing camera work and helping at practice, linebacker Andrew Sanders and Kimo Soto.

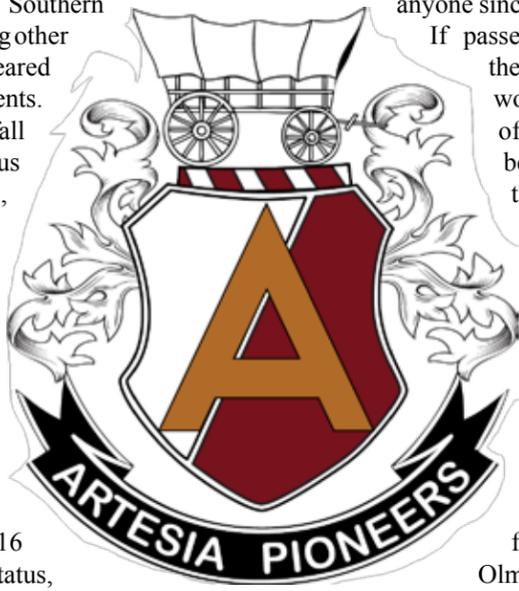
Olmstead thought the 2020 schedule was 'pretty good' and that it matched up well with the team the Pioneers were going to have. Artesia would have begun the season at Garden Grove High, which would be a good test for Artesia, before hosting Chino High, which slammed Artesia last season. Following Maywood CES in the third game, the Pioneers would have hosted Western High before travelling to Estancia High in a pair of games that also would have been huge non-league contests heading into league play.

He added that the Pioneers would have faced big challenges in league because the other three teams (Oxford Academy and Whitney High don't field football programs) all have new head coaches. If there is a season, Olmstead doesn't care who he would play. He just wants to get games in.

"Everybody is ready to go," Olmstead said. "If you listened to [CIF-Southern Section commissioner Rob] Wigod's press conference a few weeks ago...there were a couple of hurdles with the health department, the county, the state, the city, the district; there's all these hurdles we have to go over. But those hurdles are there because we're in a pandemic."

In the other fall season sports at Artesia, the only two seniors on the girls cross country team are Alexa Fernandez and Marissa Fernandez. The last date for that sport to participate would be Mar. 27 while boys water polo, which has Iassac Bermudez Jimenez, Christian Bernardo and Zachery Jaimes as its seniors, would have until Mar. 20 to get in any games.

That is also the end date for girls volleyball and its seniors-Kristine Alvarez, Danae Green, Samantha Madrid, Ashley Monge, Kassandra Ortiz, Leah Rahman, Tiffany Gwen Ramos, Yunehe Rodriguez and Sulema Rodriguez. Second-year head coach Tommy Dube had previously stated that he was anxious to get this season going, hoping to rebound from last season's 7-19 mark, which was the program's best since 2015. With the high number of seniors, the Lady Pioneers were also hoping to get to the postseason, something the program hasn't done since 2010. On top of that, Artesia has not had an overall winning season in over two decades.



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OC Fair's Imaginology Art Competitions Now Open



STAFF REPORT

This year, Imaginology will be virtual – all the S.T.E.A.M. fun will be at the fingertips of students, parents and teachers from April 19-25.

Still free and open to all, Imaginology is bringing science, engineering, arts and math to students of all ages with lots of activities and hands-on learning.

Imaginology student competitions are now open for entries. Categories include collage, cosplay, digital art, drawing, painting, photography, poetry and 3D creations. The deadline to enter is March 19. Divisions range from pre-K to grades 9-12 and include an any-age special needs category.

Each year thousands of students submit their projects to be judged by professionals as they vie for Blue (Excellent), Red (Wonderful) and White (Great) awards. There is no limit to the number of awards given in a division and every project will receive an e-ribbon. Out of these awards, Division Winners will be selected as well.

This year all competitions are virtual and students will submit photos of their

projects.

More information on Imaginology, competitions and an entry link are at ocfair.com/imaginology.

Imaginology involves OC Fair & Event Center's educational venues, Centennial Farm and Heroes Hall, and staff members are working hard to create virtual fun to help students learn about animals, plants and the physical world.

Activities for students include a scavenger hunt, educational games, videos and more. There will be an e-sports component featuring Esports College & Career Pathways hosting tournaments, expert panels and giveaways. OC Fair & Event Center is also partnering with OC Marathon to create a unique fun run experience special to Imaginology. A full schedule of activities, events and exhibits will be announced in March.

IMAGINOLOGY COMPETITION

Entries Due: March 19

Event: April 19-25

Info: ocfair.com/imaginology.

More info to come in March.

Passings: Mary Barbara Nieto Dupuy

Mary Barbara Nieto Dupuy was born on Sunday, February 4, 1951 at St. Mary's Hospital of Long Beach. She was the second child born to Joe and Jessie Nieto. She was raised in the City of Artesia along with her 5 siblings. Joe was a local barber and Jessie was a homemaker. Mary attended Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School for her elementary and middle school years. This is where she received her Catholic instruction and holy sacraments. Mary and her family were very involved in the church and community organizations. Through Our Lady of Fatima, Mary participated in the yearly May Procession for the Virgin Mary and other church activities.



In 1969, Mary graduated from Richard Gahr High School in Dairy Valley. After graduation, she went on to work for the Welfare and Children Social Services. One day, while attending a baseball game at Artesia Park, Mary met the man who would become her husband. Her father, Joe, coached a men's baseball team and one his players, Louie, caught her eye. They fell in love and were married on January 30, 1971 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Artesia. They made their home in Lakewood and started a family. They are parents to Michelle, Louis, James and Daniel. After starting a family, Mary left her job and was a full time homemaker. She was very involved in her children's schooling and sports activities and was well known and cherished by her children's teachers, coaches and friends. Louie and Mary were married for 50 years.

Once her children were adults, she dedicated her life to volunteering her time at Holy Family Catholic Church. She wore many hats from Bereavement Ministry, Alter Server Core, Eucharist Minister,

to Friday's Lenten Fish Fry coordinator. Mary made many lifetime friends while volunteering at Holy Family

Mary Dupuy was deeply involved with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's life and activities. Mary was very supportive of all the dreams and ideas; She would attend all the plays or sports games the children had. If any of the great and/or grandkids came up to her to attend, donate, etc. for school or projects, it didn't matter the destination or money, she would have done it. She was the first person to volunteer to watch any of the kids. Like the true grandma she is, desserts and meals were always made to make everyone satisfied. She would even step out of her way to make specific meals that each kid loved. No one could top her infamous spaghetti or even the instant noodles. Something about how she prepares the noodles was special and just tasted different. You could say it was love.

She will always be remembered for her infectious smile and her friendly greeting of "God Bless".

Experts warn against buying loose lithium ion batteries that cause fire hazard

An NBC News investigation found that "18650" lithium ion batteries that can cause a fire hazard are being sold on multiple major websites.

A powerful lithium ion battery that experts say should not be sold individually because of the dangers of explosion and injuries is being sold directly to unsuspecting customers, an NBC News investigation has found.

NBC News shared last Monday that she found thousands of results for 18650 batteries on Amazon and Walmart.com despite a new warning from the Consumer Product Safety Commission to "not use loose 18650 lithium ion cells" because they can cause "serious injury or death ... and are not intended for individual sale to consumers."

The 18650 battery is named for its size (3/4" x 2.55", 18 x 65 millimeters) and is one of the most common lithium ion batteries in the world, found in everything from laptops to tools and toys. Cheap knockoffs of the battery are also common and can be highly combustible, having sparked fires in buyers' purses and even their pants.

Experts say they should never be sold loosely like AAA or AA batteries because they don't have circuitry that protects them, so if they come into contact with metal items like coins or keys, they can combust and start a fire.

Columbia University professor Dan Steingart, who has 20 years of experience studying and developing batteries, outlined the dangers.

You will, at the very least, burn your hand if it short circuits," he told Nguyen. "And at the very worst, you will start a fire."

Nguyen found reviews of the batteries on Amazon in which customers wrote that they were "dangerous" and "got extremely hot and started smoking," with one person writing that they were a "fire hazard" and "almost burnt my home down."

Amazon lists the 18650 batteries as a prohibited item, but the investigation found ones sold by third parties as well as directly by Amazon. The ones sold directly were part of Amazon's "warehouse deals," which are products that have been returned and are resold at a discount after going through a quality check. (That check includes a sticker on

the box that says "inspected.")

NBC bought 11 items from Amazon's warehouse deals that came packaged with loose 18650 batteries and were labeled as "inspected." They were all tested last year at Columbia University's engineering lab, which found that nine of them were knockoffs.

The knockoffs contained far less charging components inside under X-rays, compared to normal batteries.

"If the battery is not made the way you're expecting it to be made, it's inherently unsafe," Steingart said.

Steingart's team also cut open one of the batteries in a safety chamber to inspect the materials.

"You shouldn't use this battery," Steingart said while examining the opened battery. "It's not designed well, it shouldn't be sold, people shouldn't be using it."

Amazon told NBC News that it's OK to sell the batteries as long as their packaged with other items like a flashlight. The company said listings for loose 18650 batteries are banned, but NBC News found numerous listings of exactly that in a search.

Amazon then removed the listings for loose 18650 batteries after being informed about them by NBC News and said it will be sweeping the marketplace for listings that violate its terms.

"Safety is a top priority," Amazon said in a statement to NBC News. "We have proactive measures in place to prevent suspicious or non-compliant products from being listed, and we monitor the products sold in our stores for product safety concerns."

Walmart did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Intellectual property attorney Chris Johnson is suing Amazon to get the batteries off its marketplace.

"I am absolutely certain it's a real danger," he told Nguyen. "It is inconceivable to me that Amazon is unaware that these 18650 batteries are not hazardous. They know they're hazardous."

For customers trying to discern if the 18650 battery they are purchasing is safe, Steingart told Nguyen that if it has a fancy wrapping and looks like it's ready to be plugged into your device, that's a big red flag. The normally have a plain blue wrapper on them that should be already built into your device where you never see it.

SCE's New Hybrid Plant Can Generate 59 MW

STAFF REPORT

Southern California Edison has a new resource to alleviate the dual challenges of renewable energy, using a hybrid gas power plant with a battery energy storage system.

The new state of the art center was completed in August 2020 in the city of Stanton, and boasts hybrid units that include two 49 megawatt natural gas fired turbines and two 10 megawatt battery energy storage systems.

One megawatt can power 800 average use homes for a year,

By combining the two technologies, the plant can offer uninterrupted service during peak hours of energy consumption, when the state's solar resources might not be enough to cover demand. When more power is needed, energy from the batteries is dispatched to the grid instantaneously to avoid a delay in service while the gas turbines prepare

to go online. The gas and battery systems are linked using an advanced control algorithm patented by Wellhead Power Solutions.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with Stanton Energy Reliability Center in this project as they continue to support California's renewable energy mandates," said Joe Bondank, Wellhead project manager. "A generating unit made up of a combustion turbine and a battery system, considered as one resource, provides unique capabilities over other types of plants to satisfy the various needs of the grid."

While other options exist to support the needs of the grid, Stanton's hybrid plant has a higher capacity than would be possible if using reciprocating engines. The plant passed the California Energy Commission's stringent guidelines for permitting, licensing, design and installation.

Cerritos from page 1

increases every year with nothing to show for it.”

Don't know what the "nothing to show for a comment" entails, Cerritos is one of the safest cities in the area, and response times are lower with a station in the city; the city has a very active neighborhood watch group and posts crime reports every week online.

In addition, the Cerritos Sheriff's cut \$450,000 for the year '19-'20 when a deputy was assigned to another station.

But this is Bruce being Bruce as his detractors say, in 2012 he attempted to hold back his vote to fund the SkyKnight helicopter used by the city because he was mad at yours truly for an article about his fight with gadfly Jay Gray.

The city cut all advertising with Cerritos News and Barrows voted for SkyKnight.

Barrows does not need to look far to find a study outlining the ramifications of modifying the Sheriff's station

In 2017, with Chen and Solanki on the council pushing to close the station, then Sheriff's Captain Joseph Nunez and Public Safety Manager Daryl Evans presented their findings that looked at cutting the station and helicopter program.

At the end, the cuts outweighed the

benefits.

The study showed the cancellation of the SkyKnight contract would force the City to use the LASD for helicopter service, and substantially increase costs or severely cut the use of helicopter services.

Nunez and Evans then looked at the Cerritos Sheriff's station structure for additional cost cutting measures.

One proposal eliminated two supplemental "deputy-service-units" (DSU's) without "significantly impacting the station's policing model." The cumulative savings for both motorcycle positions is \$573,926.

But the eliminations came with consequences.

There were 851 traffic collisions reported in the City in 2016. Eliminating the DSU's would increase response times to traffic collisions and reduce mitigation efforts.

Further, in 2016 the DSU's wrote 2,678 citations generating \$180,784 in revenue from court fines.

And the City is currently grappling with truck traffic on Bloomfield/Shoemaker/166 St.

Another option offered in the report converted the Cerritos Station into a "community station" saving \$2,827,000 annually.

Currently, Cerritos pays over \$15 million annually for a "full service" sheriff's station.

The station is staffed with 72 positions, converting to a community station would eliminate 27 positions including the Captain, two Lieutenants, seven Sergeants, and five field deputies.

Once again, as with the elimination of the DSU's, there were serious consequences in converting to a community station.

The command and control would

switch to the Lakewood station and all 9-1-1 calls would be routed there for response.

The Lakewood station is 5.1 miles from the center of Cerritos, a drive that takes twenty-one minutes on surface streets during periods of normal commuter traffic.

The community station would only receive routine service calls 10-hours-per-day. Calls received after the normally scheduled time would be forwarded to Lakewood Station.

The Lakewood Station dispatches calls based on priority and routine calls are processed in the order received.

The Cerritos jail would close, deputies making arrests in Cerritos would have to transport all suspects to the Lakewood Station, a process that takes on average up to 90 minutes depending on the type of charge.

The 2016 average response times for Cerritos and Lakewood deputies in 2016 was 3.6 (Lakewood 3.4) minutes for "Emergency response," 6.8 (8.0) minutes for "Priority response," and 16.2 (38.2) minutes for "Routine response."

Additionally, even though it is called a community station, the location would lack a "community feel." Residents wishing to speak with detectives or conduct other public safety related business would now have to drive to the Lakewood station.

Finally converting the Cerritos station would be irreversible under the current LASD contract cities policing model.

The conversion to a community station will no doubt leave Cerritos with less patrol coverage and increased response times.

No matter to Barrows, his view is "the sheriffs are using Cerritos as a cash cow to cover their mistakes and largess they spend."

"I would hope we look at the sheriff's during the budget process."

So Cerritos residents, you can look forward to a likely vote by Solanki, Vo, and Barrows to finally realize their dream of closing the sheriff's station.

You only have to count to three in local city politics.

ABCUSD from page 12

An email received by HMG-CN authored by ABCUSD Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu indicates that the district will be communicating plans within the next two weeks.

The email read:

Dear ABCUSD Families and Staff,

The L.A. County Department of Public Health reports that the county's COVID-19 adjusted case rate has been at or below 25 per 100,000 for five consecutive days, meeting its requirement to reopen schools safely. Earlier this month, per Governor Newsom's Safe Schools for All plan, we completed applications to move forward with reopening. The first groups of students scheduled to return are grades TK-2 and small cohorts of students with special needs. Students in grades 3-6 will return next. At this time, students in middle and high school are not included in reopening plans.

We are still working with our schools and staff to reopen per the guidelines laid out by Governor Newsom and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. We plan to bring students back into classrooms, using a hybrid schedule for those families who choose to do so. The ABC Virtual Academy will still be available for those families who wish to continue online-only learning.

We will share more information about timelines and schedules within the next two weeks.

Please stay healthy and safe.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

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Solution: 9 letters

Durfee from page 1

crossed the tracks at Durfee each day with a daily average of 49 trains. When the gates come down, cars must wait between 2 to 8 minutes, according to the regional agency.

Four people have died in nine collisions that have occurred at the crossing since 1981, according to the Federal Railroad Administration.

Trains will no longer need to blow their horns in the city after the project is complete, according to the San Gabriel Valley agency.

Sixteen percent of the nation's waterborne shipping containers travel through the Alameda Corridor-East on their way to or from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The twin ports handle 40 percent of the country's shipping container imports, according to the agency.

Expected completion is May 2022.



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La Mirada from page 1

La Mirada could not continue to build upon its dedication to providing a high quality of life for the community such as business attraction and retention, community services, and continually rising home values.”

In 2020 there were 791 Part 1 crimes reported in La Mirada compared to 790 in 2019. Part 1 crimes include homicide, rape, larceny, burglary, auto theft, robbery, assault and arson. Overall, the number of thefts, burglaries, robberies and arsons decreased and no homicides were reported in 2019 or 2020.

Residential burglaries decreased by 53 percent last year. There were 34 reported residential burglaries compared to 73 in 2019. Since most residential burglaries occur during the day when nobody is home, it is speculated that the CoVID pandemic may have contributed to the decrease in burglaries because more residents were home in 2020.

There were 26 robberies reported compared to 28 robberies in 2019. Most of the reported robberies occurred at business establishments where the suspect was confronted by store personnel and used force or fear to steal merchandise.

“In November 2020, one suspect committed five robberies at businesses located in the same geographic area,” reports Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez. “In response to these robberies, La Mirada Deputies conducted surveillance in the area. Investigated all leads and eventually

arrested the suspect before he committed more crimes.”

Like most Southern California cities, automobile thefts increased in La Mirada from 93 in 2019 to 147 in 2020. To help address the increase in automobile thefts, the Public Safety Team reviewed crime trends regarding grand theft automobiles and developed missions to decrease the activity. La Mirada Deputies made several key arrests of auto theft suspects in 2020 and this will continue to be an area of focus in 2021.

“La Mirada’s Public Safety Team is dedicated to proactive policing and working to stop crime before it occurs,” says Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin. “Keeping the community safe will remain La Mirada’s top priority in 2021.”

Last year, La Mirada’s Special Assignment Officers Team served a key role in keeping La Mirada among the safest cities. The Team prevented and suppressed criminal activity and nuisance issues in the community, conducted directed patrol and enforcement, served search warrants, conducted probation related searches and gathered intelligence. The team had 141 felony arrests, 279 misdemeanor arrests and 116 warrant arrests.

The Public Safety Team addressed a variety of quality of life and nuisance issues involving graffiti, solicitors, scavengers and motor vehicle speed contests. Last year, there was an uptake in motor vehicle speed contest and exhibition of speed in La Mirada as well as other nearby communities. In response to these concerns, the Team worked in cooperation

with Deputies assigned to other Sheriff’s Stations, the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles Police Department and issued numerous citations for California Vehicle Code violations.

The CoVID pandemic presented some unique challenges in 2020 that resulted in the development of innovative ways to provide Public Safety programs, services and education. There was a focus on providing services and information over telephone, email, City Website and social media applications. In order to educated resident son crime prevention techniques, Neighborhood Watch meetings were conducted through the use of a virtual conferencing platform.

There was a renewed focus on reaching out to businesses and increasing participation in the La Mirada Business Watch program. City staff met with over 100 business owners, established relationships, strengthened communication and encouraged the use of crime prevention techniques and security measures. La Mirada Deputies and Public Safety Officers were also more visible in the community and proactively patrolled commercial centers when businesses were closed to prevent crime from occurring.

Mayor Lewis also noted “The partnerships the City has built and maintained between the Public Safety Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Neighborhood Watch, and proactive residents has continued to pay dividends that all residents can enjoy. The City of La Mirada was named one of the top 50 safest cities in California by Safewise based on

all the hard work from these partnerships. <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-california/> We continue to innovate and devise new ways to fight crime to continue to reduce these numbers.”

For additional information on the annual crime report and the City’s crime prevention efforts, contact the La Mirada community Sheriff’s Station at 562.902.2334.

Vaccine from page 1

vulnerable

The site is the second joining the outdoor site at Disneyland which opened January 13.

Once fully operational the site at the convention center site, which is indoors so it will not be affected by weather, is expected to serve the same people per day as Disneyland 5,000.

Orange County officials say they have envisioned five mass vaccination sites run by the county, but they will only bring them online only when there's enough vaccines.

Appointments for the convention center site will be made through the county's website Othena, none of the centers are open to walk ups. If you are having trouble with the online site call 714-834-2000.

Over 650,000 people have registered on Othena and that counts people who are not yet eligible.

Another smaller site will be open at Santa Ana College targeting seniors that side is expected to inoculate 1,000 people a day.

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Lakewood from page 1

passing sales tax Measure L in 2020.

In 2021, residents will start to see the city fulfill the promises and commitments of Measure L.

Measure L came at a very fortunate time for Lakewood, helping the city weather the ongoing financial storm of CoVID. Lakewood's finances have remained somewhat stable and they have been able to maintain full services to residents, including seniors who have needed assistance from local government during the pandemic.

"Your city council will continue to safeguard Lakewood's finances," stated Rogers, "our city has been recognized with the 'Excellence in Financial Reporting' award by the Government Finance Officers Association for 38 consecutive years and will remain disciplined and careful with tax dollars that you entrust to us."

Construction projects to upgrade parks and community infrastructure will begin this year. To help with a few projects, the city will be hiring local youth from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach; they will learn valuable skills working

alongside experienced staff.

Additional funds from Measure L will maintain and enhance public safety. This will include the added level of protection provided by the Sky Knight helicopter and the license plate reading system which has led to the recovery of stolen vehicles and the arrest of over 300 wanted suspects. The city has hired new civilian public safety staff to provide extra support services, they have been instrumental as the city expanded community engagement efforts during the pandemic.

The event saluted those who have helped during CoVID. Linda Manis made masks in the early days of CoVID; Allen Cooper, 102 years young, wrote holiday cards to service members stationed overseas; hundreds of volunteers from service groups provided food and care packages and Lakewood distributed over \$600,000 in assistance to businesses impacted by CoVID.

"We will continue to use our voice to lobby the county and state officials to make sure ongoing CoVID restrictions on businesses are based on science and not more restrictive than necessary," added Rogers. "We want everyone to be safe, but our residents also need to have jobs and businesses open to maintain their livelihood. It's a tough balancing act, but we will continue to fight on behalf of our residents and businesses on both the health and economic fronts."

If you have any questions or comments regarding the video, please feel free to contact service1@lakewoodcity.org or call City Hall at 562.866.9771, extension 2140.

**CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 082864**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission during a regular scheduled meeting to consider a request from the applicant, Vestar Property Management, to subdivide Village Walk Shopping Center from four (4) to a proposed seven (7) parcels. The Village Walk Shopping Center is located at 8540 Whittier Boulevard in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) zoned district. If approved by the Planning Commission, the applicant's proposed Tentative Tract Map will be brought before the City Council at a public hearing on a forthcoming date that is yet to be determined.

WHEN: Monday, March 1, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers (Closed to the public)
6615 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
MAIL: P.O. Box 1016 **TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4332

Pursuant with the provisions contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Planning staff has analyzed the applicant's proposal for potential environmental impacts. The analysis confirmed that the project is eligible for a Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) Categorical Exemption per Section 15315 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Certain provisions of the Brown Act are temporarily waived pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-2920. In the interest of public health and safety, City Hall facilities are temporarily closed to the public until further notice. Planning Commission Meetings can be viewed live on CTV-3 and by visiting the City's website at www.pico-rivera.org. From the City's main webpage, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on CTV-3 live stream. To submit a public comment pertaining to this hearing, an email may be sent to the City Clerk's Office at publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please provide your full name and reference the following subject matter: "Public hearing and adoption of Tentative Tract Map 082864."

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER may correspond with the City Clerk's Office by using the email address provided above. If you challenge the consideration of adoption of the proposed application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or correspondence email that was sent to the City Clerk's Office prior to the public hearing.

Michael L. Garcia
Community and Economic Development Director
Published: Friday, February 19, 2021
Tentative Tract Map No. 082864

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact Anna Jerome at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 E. Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on March 8, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Ana Rodriguez, clothes and paperwork, Eliu Perez, Household items ,Eric Myres, Christmas decorations, 20 medium boxes ,Donald Brown, Donald Brown, Household items- Jeane Simpson, Household items, Keronda McGrue, Household items,Audrey Gomez, a lot of clothes ,Kailahi Leula Jr , Household items, Anthony Paxton, Household items, furniture, Amanda Walker, Keepsakes, Universal Copy, Household items ,Beatrice Bell, Household items
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
A PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE
FY 2019-20 AND FY 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS**

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Members of the public wishing to observe the meeting may do so in one of the following ways:

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City's website at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/admin/pio/programming.asp>;
- (3) Email public comments to publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Description: Consider a substantial amendment to the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plans. The FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plans, which set forth specific activities and expenditures using funds received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), were adopted by the City Council on **June 11, 2019** and **August 11, 2020, respectively**.

When a substantial change (i.e. adding an activity, canceling an activity or redirecting funds) is proposed to the City's Annual Action Plan, the City requires that the public be notified and a Public Hearing be held to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed substantial changes.

Proposed Amendment to the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plans:

The City is proposing to re-program unspent and/or uncommitted funding from this fiscal year to other projects. In addition, the City is proposing to program funds under the CDBG-CARES (CV) program. The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the modification in activity funding levels for programs. The following programs may be added, increased, reduced, or eliminated:

ACTION PLAN FY 2019-20 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY CARES ACT CDBG-CV	FY 2019-20 CDBG-CV BUDGET	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
\$455, 732 (2 nd Round)		
Business Relief Grant Program	\$0	\$200,000
Administration (20%)	\$0	\$91,146
Unencumbered	\$455,732	\$164,586
Total Budget Amendments	\$455,732	\$455,732

ACTION PLAN FY 2020-21 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY CDBG	FY 2020-21 CDBG BUDGET	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
Senior Resource Program (Eliminate)	\$49,474	\$0
Senior Center ADA Upgrades- Parking Lot	\$157,319	\$206,793
Total Budget Amendments	\$206,793	\$206,793

Availability of Document for Public Comment: The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the planning process. A Public Hearing regarding this proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plans will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m. via Channel 3 and City's website as noted above.

The plans are on file and available for public review at the City's webpage listed below:

<http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/housing/default.asp>

Members of the public wishing to make public comments may do so via email prior to 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting to the City Clerk at the email listed below.

publiccomments@pico-rivera.org

For more information, call Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Community & Economic Development Department at (562) 801-4447 or via e-mail at juliagonzalez@pico-rivera.org.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER are invited to provide comments prior to the hearing via the email provided above. If you challenge the above referenced materials in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **11th day of March, 2021** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1566 Roofing at Various Schools

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders participating at the mandatory jobwalk on March 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Artesia HS front of Flag Pole, 12108 E Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood will be emailed the bid documents. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class C-39 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by IBEABUCHI DICKSON EZEANIOMA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that IBEABUCHI DICKSON EZEANIOMA 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: 03/08/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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 DE154) 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 OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 PEGGY HO
 CASE NO. 21STPB01034
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PEGGY HO.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDERSON HO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDERSON HO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: 03/18/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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.
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 542
 2444 SOUTH ATLANTIC BOULEVARD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a request from Rolando Cabbio, on behalf of Tacos El Buchon for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 41, On-Sale Beer and Wine) at an existing sit-down restaurant, located at 2444 South Atlantic Boulevard E Washington, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.31, Division 3 of the Commerce Municipal Code, a Conditional Use Permit is required for on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food sales.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of CUP will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

**Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128
 Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928
 Password: 838914**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings virtually and telephonically. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at www.ci.commerce.ca.us Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public scoping meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
 Jose D. Jimenez

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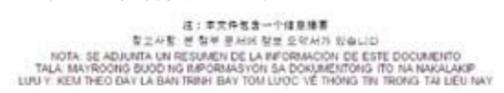
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 CHARLOTTE WALKER
 CASE NO. 21STPB00813
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLOTTE WALKER.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHELDON C. WALKER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHELDON C. WALKER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
 The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/15/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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.
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 LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

T.S. No.: 2014-06033-CA A.P.N.:7044-025-036 Property Address: 19008 Jeffrey Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/10/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: Eun Ae Kim, A Married Woman As Her Sole And Separate Property
 Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
 Deed of Trust Recorded 07/18/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1573606 in book --- , page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,
 Date of Sale: 04/13/2021 at 11:00 AM
 Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766.
 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 1,193,709.00

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.
 All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 19008 Jeffrey Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. A.P.N.: 7044-025-036
 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.
 The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is:
 \$ 1,193,709.00.
 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.
 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
 The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.
 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2014-06033-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case 2014-06033-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.
 Date: January 28, 2021, Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/O 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237
 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>
 WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 LCCN 2/12, 2/19, 2/26/21

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 3/18/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Cesar Lopez; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Luis Ham; Andy Gonzalez; Maria Isabel Portillo; Dani Cano Flores; Juan Manuel Morales; Adeline Christlieb; Christopher Gonzalez; Clemente Maldonado; Jose Alvaro Razo; Sophia Rodriguez; Edith Acevedo; Luis Santana; Eduardo Garcia. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 3/18/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Maurice Parker Jr Jones; Aaron Jacob Schwartz; Toby Arthur Jr. Reyes. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Recycling keeps hazardous waste out of our water and soil, so we can enjoy a better tomorrow.



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Certified Collection Centers Near You

Commerce Lube

2432 S. Indiana St., Commerce, CA 90023

International Repair

4246 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90023

AutoZone

11560 Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670



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