



LANDMARKS OF THE WORLD SAND SCULPTURES

SAND SCULPTURES: Company artists work on one of the sand castles at the Citadel Outlet in Commerce. They are creating 'Landmarks of the World,' seven different sculptures. Tammye McDuff photo.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Citadel Outlet has hired Sand Sculpture Company out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to create Landmarks of the World for visitors and sightseers.

Buck Hoover, who has been with the company for 17 years consented to give HMG-CN an exclusive interview, "We are here doing this sculpture for the

Citadel Outlets as a representation of the wonders around the world. CoVID was very hard on everyone and no one had the opportunity to travel. This will be a reminder of some of the spectacular things the world has to offer and hopefully people can visit them soon."

The Sand Sculpture Company is a full-time professional display company that specializes in creating custom sand sculptures; sandcastles and sand

parks for all types of events worldwide. The art of sand sculpting is a unique promotion of 'artists in action,' one that is intriguing to all ages. Recognized for their ability to create original displays and to interface with the public and media, they work steadily to assure that goals surpass expectations.

"We submitted a sketch to the Citadel and they approved it," stated Hoover. "We have been working on this since June 4 and we should wrap it all up by July 1. The sculpture will be here for three months." The sculpture includes Christ the Redeemer from Brazil; the Great Wall of China; the Taj Mahal; Pyramids of Egypt; the Statue of Liberty; Mount Rushmore and the Coliseum of Rome.

"This endeavor, although really great, is one of our smaller ones using only 350 tons of sand." Hoover went on to explain that a recent sand sculpture park in Kuwait took over 33,000 tons of sand.

"We believe in using local talent and organizations, so the sand came from a local quarry. It has a lot of clay which makes the sculpture structurally strong so that we can keep the sculptures' vertical height."

Apparently sandcastles are not just something to build at the beach; it has become a prosperous industry. "I started

Exclusive: Conflicts of Interest are Rife in Hawaiian Gardens Harassment Investigation

The investigation of former disgraced union president Fred Licon was very questionable.

BY BRIAN HEWS

A Freedom of Information Act request by Hews Media Group-Cerritos News pertaining to the sexual harassment allegations and investigation of Hawaiian Gardens employee Fred Licon has revealed a web of conflicts that involved former City Manager Ernie Hernandez and City Council members.

In early May, Hews Media Group exclusively reported that Brianna Gonzalez, an employee of Hawaiian Gardens, was suing the city alleging the city did

not do enough to protect her and other women from being sexually harassed by Licon.

Just days later HMG-CN reported that two women who worked for the city for many years, Linda Suniga and Claudia Raya filed a similar lawsuit alleging harassment by Licon.

Licon is the former AFSC-ME union president with a very checkered past, accused and found guilty of misusing union funds in 2020.

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Pool Closed

Pico Rivera Will Be Without a Public Pool

BY BRIAN HEWS

The pool at Smith Park is 39 years old and is showing its age.

With the cracking of the cement around the pool and small cracks in the bottom of the pool, water and chemicals are leaking into the ground.

To make matters worse, only three of the eight burners in the boiler system are operational, leading to a temperature of under 65 degrees.

"That is not safe," said City Manager Steve Carmona, "and it is a big problem for us." So the city has closed the pool with the hot summer coming.

Carmona said the cost to repair the boilers is estimated between \$600,000 to \$800,000, with a total fix-up cost estimated at \$10 million.

Even if he finds the money, it would take several months to complete the repairs.

The city is now seeking grants, he said.

Councilman Andrew Lara was extremely disappointed the pool wouldn't open this summer saying, "it's a shame we don't have the ability to offer our residents swimming."

At the last City Council

Door of Hope Donates to Su Casa



DONATION: (l-r) Lilly Lopez, Su Casa Director of Programs, Mercedes Quintanilla, Door of Hope Executive Director.

The Door of Hope recently donated a palate of assorted cleaning products to benefit the residents at Su Casa's domestic violence shelters.

Door of Hope provided the products from the ECOS

company which focuses on Environmentally friendly and sustainable cleaning products. The Door of Hope provides services to Norwalk, Whittier, La Mirada, and surrounding communities.

Harvard & MIT

A Face Mask That Can Detect COVID

(Harvard News) The face mask that you wear in the future could alert you of a coronavirus diagnosis, thanks to researchers at Harvard University and MIT.

Researchers have created wearable biosensors that can detect the presence of the virus in



THE FACE MASK that can diagnose COVID.

a person's breath. These button-activated masks give COVID results within 90 minutes in a simple-to-read format similar to an at-home pregnancy test.

The mask can diagnose COVID at accuracy levels com-

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Pride Month Protest

A group gathered at La Mirada City Hall to get the LGBTQ flag over City Hall. **Page 3.**



Beating at CPE

A man was approached by two men with brass knuckles and a bat; they robbed him. **Page 3.**



Downey Alert System

Residents can download app. and receive emergency alerts, among many others. **Page 5.**



24-Mile Gun Range

USS IOWA transition will raise awareness in how the U.S. is a maritime nation. **Page 8.**



Passings

Cerritos' Rich Day served as CIF-SS basketball assigner for nearly three decades **Page 10.**



'Cheers' in La Mirada

The Vault has a sunken bar with 14,991 pennies, and a great dart area **Page 11.**

La Mirada

July 3rd Event Suspended

The City's annual Independence Celebration event on July 3 will be suspended this year in response to State and County COVID guidelines regarding large scale events.

La Mirada Regional Park is operated by Los Angeles County, which issues a permit to the City for this event. Due to COVID regulations, a permit was not issued for this year. While COVID restrictions have eased recently, the County remains concerned with large scale events where entrances/exits are not limited and safety protocols are difficult to enforce.

Enforcement of Illegal Fireworks

La Mirada's Public Safety Team asks residents to celebrate 4th of July responsibly. The City will continue its zero tolerance enforcement for the discharging of illegal fireworks before, during, and after Independence Day.

The use of "safe and sane fireworks" is allowed July 4 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A \$1,000 fine will be issued to individuals caught discharging or in possession of illegal fireworks.

The discharging of fireworks on City-owned property, including parks, streets, and sidewalks, is prohibited. The City also reminds residents that streets may not be blocked to accommodate parties and large gatherings. Those hosting parties that disturb the peace may be cited.

To report illegal fireworks or other criminal activity, call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960. To report a crime in progress, call 911.

Concerts Under the Stars

Concerts Under the Stars begins with a lineup of 80's hits on Thursday, July 8 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. The summer concerts will feature live family-friendly music each week. Night Market vendors will be selling tasty food beginning at 5 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. Please visit the City's website for a full schedule of the summer concert series at cityoflamirada.org. (See Pg. 4)

Stroll in the Park

One of the City's most popular summer events, Stroll in the Park, returns Thursday, July 29 at Creek Park from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The evening's musical entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. and will include Classic Piano Rock from "The Kings of 88," Latin Mariachi from "Mariachi Divas," and Island Soul from "Loa Greyson." Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Call (562) 943-7277 for more info.

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La Mirada Theater Opens Sept.

The La Mirada Theatre premieres *Clue*, a comedy based on the beloved board game and movie that will leave you laughing and guessing until the final twist, on Friday, September 24.

Tickets to *Clue* and other exciting Theatre productions, concerts, comedy and family shows go on sale Friday August 20 at 11 a.m. Become a subscriber today and enjoy the presale access to all your favorite Broadway-style shows. La Mirada residents get a subscription discount. Visit the Theatre's website to view the full 2021-22 schedule.

For additional information, call (562) 944-9801, visit the box office, or visit online at LaMiradaTheatre.com.

Police Bike Patrol Team Returns

Last week, the Police Department's Bike Patrol Team deployed for the first time since the pandemic began.

Sergeant Luke Carlson and Officer Gary Wilson spent their shift patrolling residential and retail areas, such as the Super-1 Mart center. They also spent time patrolling the Coyote Creek area conducting outreach to the homeless population.

The Bike Patrol Team has several shifts scheduled for the upcoming months and will continue to patrol neighborhoods, retail areas, and schools.

Lakewood

Help Project Shepherd Collect Backpacks and School Supplies

Lakewood Project Shepherd is collecting "Back to School" backpacks and school supplies through July 30 for low-income families with school-age children in Lakewood. New backpacks and school supplies appropriate for all ages will be accepted at the Burns Community Center at 5510 Clark Ave. from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Please call Burns at 562-925-7512 to schedule a drop off time for donations. For more information, see the flyer at www.lakewoodcity.org/PSbackpack.

Teen Centers Reopening

The two teen centers in Lakewood will reopen on a limited basis beginning Tuesday, July 6, as follows: Lakewood Youth Center, 4658 Woodruff Ave, open Tuesdays 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Teen Resource Center (TRC) at Bloomfield Park, 21420 Pioneer Blvd, open Monday-Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Fun activities and excursions are scheduled on weekends throughout July and August, including Trivia Night, kayaking, movies, archery and more. For more information about these activities, visit www.lakewoodcity.org/teenscene or call

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BELLFLOWER CHAMBER HOLDS FIRST POST-PANDEMIC MEETING



NORMS IN BELLFLOWER donated breakfast burritos for everyone at the meeting. "We have gone through some changes and some losses, but we have some new opportunities coming in our city," said Chamber President Larry Wehage.

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REOPENING OF CERRITOS CITY FACILITIES

STAFF REPORT

The reopening of the Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and the Liberty Park Fitness Center opened yesterday, July 1.

The Cerritos Library will have new hours for more refined operational

efficiency. The adjustment in hours is designed to serve the greatest number of local patrons during the most popular hours.

The Cerritos Library will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1

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Pride March at La Mirada City Hall Stirs Emotions



LGBTQ LA MIRADA residents and supporters at La Mirada City Hall in mid-June. The group was extremely angry the City Council did not agendize the discussion of flying the LGBTQ flag over City Hall during June, which is Pride Month.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

At an earlier City Council meeting this month, three residents of La Mirada spoke during public comment regarding the LBGQT community within the city.

One resident, Rosie approached the Council during public comments saying, "I was here a couple of weeks ago when residents spoke about Pride Month. I am aware that council members cannot comment on anything unless it is on the agenda. My question is, since there were residents that spoke about Pride Month at the last meeting, why wasn't the topic declaring June Pride Month, put on the agenda this week?" She stated that there are numerous residents in La Mirada that are part of the LGBTQ community and deserve to have their voices heard.

Michael Michener, resident and student, addressed the Council on June 8, wanting to know why, "City Council has refused to raise the LGBTQ flag over City Hall in support of Pride Month and honoring the late state legislator Harvey Milk. Pride month officially began June 1."

Michener went on to state that the Pride flag has always been a symbol of unity, acceptance, love and compassion for those who have been cast aside by societal norms and treated as second class citizens. "As a proud gay man and a resident of the La Mirada, it saddens me to learn that this Council has refused to honor its LGBTQ residents, as so many cities have already done."

A Pride walk was organized by Michener and Elizabeth Moreira, who is running for District 38, on Tuesday, June 23 from the city's gymnasium to city hall.

"I don't think that the Pride flag should be seen as anything that is liberal or conservative. At the end of the day, it is really about loving one another and choosing to accept every body's differences. Regardless of our politics we can find common ground by choosing to accept everyone," said Michener.

There has been no formal proclamation or acknowledgment of the LGBTQ community this year by City Council. Rosie added, "It is my hope that come 2022, our community will be forefront in the City's' consciousness."

City Crime Summaries

Cerritos

Victim Robbed at Cerritos Park East

6/14/21 13200 Blk. 166th St. in the park, suspects with brass knuckles and a bat approached victim and yelled, "empty your pockets." Victim refused and one suspect hit him in the face with the brass knuckles. The second suspect then hit victim with the bat and he fell to the ground. Suspects took his property and fled. Cash and a necklace were taken.

Weekly Crime Stats

Part 1 crimes were 25 for the week, down from 30 the week before; YTD 2020 average was 27.8, 2021 YTD average is 35.3, an increase of 30%.

Miscellaneous crimes were 15 for the

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BOB ARCHULETA
SENATOR, 32ND SENATE DISTRICT

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

State Senator Bob Archuleta has named Niños Latinos Unidos, Inc. [NLU] the California Nonprofit of the Year for their continued dedication to children throughout Southern California.

Niños Latinos Unidos, Inc. [NLU] is a private non-profit organization that recruits and trains English, Spanish, Bilingual speaking resource parents and places foster children and non-minor dependents in their homes while monitoring their general welfare and attending to psychosocial needs under the supervision of the agency.

The Bellflower City Council recognized Niños Latinos Unidos Foster Care & Adoption Agency with a Certificate of Recognition 2021 at their latest meeting.

"California Nonprofit Day is officially held each June 23. To celebrate, 109 California state legislators announced their selections of 'Nonprofit of the Year' for their districts," remarked Mayor Dan Koops, "The honorees range from non-profits in health and food banks to non-profits in music and sports. This annual effort, in its sixth year, creates a way

for legislators to recognize exceptional nonprofits in their districts. Congratulations NLU for your selection by Senator Archuleta."

NLU is licensed to provide adoption services and is currently assisting in the adoptions of children in placement in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange counties.

Their philosophy that 'it takes a village' to care for a foster child.

To achieve this, NLU trains certified family homes, resource family homes, and agency staff in trauma informed services, culturally relevant services, child abuse identification, prevention and treatment course, as well as personal rights pertaining to foster children.

With the vision to become an agency providing the best quality of care to every foster child and non-minor dependent within each of our resource family homes, NLU ensures that every foster child feels healthy, safe, and accomplished but most importantly gains permanency and stability.

"They do fantastic work," Archuleta told HMG-CN, "our children are our future."

La Mirada's Concerts Under the Stars

STAFF REPORT

La Mirada invites families and friends to enjoy an outdoor summer evening filled with music and fun! The City's summer concerts return Thursday, July 8 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. The concerts will feature live family-friendly tunes, and Night Market vendors selling a variety of food each week beginning at 5 p.m. Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

- The summer line-up includes:
- July 8 80's All Star (80's Hits)
 - July 15 Pulp Vixen (Top 40)
 - July 22 The Country Club (Country)
 - July 29 Stroll in the Park at Creek Park
 - Aug. 5 Anything for Salinas (Latin)
 - Aug. 12 90's Rockshow (90's Hits)
 - Aug. 19 Rayford Bros Band (Vintage Rock)
 - Aug. 26 Upstream (Caribbean/Calypso)
- For additional information, please call the Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

La Mirada's Summer of Play

The City of La Mirada's Summer of Play drop-in program has begun, free for ages 6 to 12; no registration is required. There will be a variety of free games and activities held at Gardenhill, Windermere, and Frontier Parks. Enjoy arts, games, and music activities Monday through Friday from 12 to 4 p.m., through Friday, August 6. For additional information, contact the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277 or visit cityoflamirada.org.

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Cases Increasing

Public Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated

June 30- Two New Deaths and 422 New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County.

While transmission in L.A. County remains low, L.A. County is seeing increases in cases and daily test positivity. On June 15, the day of the full reopening, the County saw 210 new cases and the test positivity rate was around 0.5%. Nearly two weeks after the June 15 reopening, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed a doubling of both new cases and the test positivity rate; today's case numbers are 422 and the test positivity rate is 1.2%.

While the increase in community transmission is concerning, Public Health notes the increases are still far below the surge levels over the winter of over 15,000 new cases and the test positivity rate of 20%.

Of the two new deaths reported today, one person that passed away was over the age of 80 and one person who died was between the ages of 65 and 79. To date, Public Health identified 1,250,240 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,483 deaths.

There are 255 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 25% of these people are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Testing results are available for nearly 7,026,000 individuals with 17% of people testing positive.



GETTING A SHOT in Los Angeles. "We have a pandemic among the unvaccinated," said Barbara Ferrer.

Public Health continues to caution there is increased risk of COVID-19 infection for people who aren't fully vaccinated because of increased intermingling and the circulation of more variants of concern like the highly transmissible Delta variant.

The best protection against COVID-19 is getting vaccinated. Public Health encourages those that are not vaccinated and are eligible to get vaccinated, to get vaccinated without delay.

If you are not vaccinated and around people outside your household, your mask offers the next best protection against the virus. With distancing requirements and capacity limits lifted in almost all settings, wearing a mask is critically important for those not yet vaccinated, including the 1.2 million children between the ages of 2 and 12.

Downey's Alert System

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The city of Downey has implemented a Downey Alerts Citizen Notification System that provides immediate emergency notifications to your cell, work or home phone, via text, email or voice message.

Receive notifications about emergencies that may affect your home, workplace, child's school, or other locations within the community.

Receive real time weather advisories, infrastructure issues including utility disruptions or power outages, transportation alerts, road closures, and emergency notifications during a crisis.

To get started text 'downeyalerts' to 888777 to register your cell phone number or visit www.downeyca.org to sign up the city's website.

Residents can set personal preferences by choosing to receive emergency alerts about specific neighborhoods around your home, office or school. You may also choose what type of alerts to be received from weather advisories to earthquake reports to road construction.

Creating a profile takes just a few minutes. Remember your username and password so you can log in and change your information at any time.

If you do not confirm receipt of the message on your primary device, the system will try to reach you through additional contact information in the preference order that is specifically specified until it receives a confirmation from you that the message was received.

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GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA

2021 Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses Powerful by Faith!

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Breaking a century-old tradition in the name of health and safety, the largest convention organization in the world has moved its annual in-person event to a virtual format for the second year in a row, canceling nearly 6,000 conventions in 240 lands.

This is an event will be taking place worldwide in a virtual format, where millions of SoCal residents will be in attendance. This is the latest initiative for the Jehovah's Witnesses, continuing to serve the community in a virtual format for the second year. This annual event usually gathers more than two million residents.

Planning for such a large undertaking takes months in advance. Due to the pandemic Jehovah's Witnesses didn't know if it would be safe to bring so many people together.

As early as 1909, cities and towns all over California welcomed Jehovah's Witness congregations as they filled hotels and restaurants during the summer conventions, many venues as large as the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena. In 2020, the pandemic unexpectedly interrupted that tradition, moving the international religious organization to cancel in-person conventions across the globe. The faith organization has held public conventions in stadiums, arenas, convention centers, and theaters around the world since 1897.

"Powerful by Faith!" is the theme of the 2021 convention, which will be delivered in more than 500 languages six weeks during July and August. The program usually begins on a Friday and continues through Sunday, with morning and after-

noon sessions, uniting as many as 20 million people. Sessions will be available for streaming or download beginning June 28, 2021.

The Han family from Anaheim Hills, California, enjoyed the "Love Never Fails" convention of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Long Beach Arena in 2019. This year, the "Powerful by Faith!" convention will be attended virtually due to the pandemic.

Mike and Angie Brewer have four young children, "I am looking forward to this convention increasing my overall faith," stated Mike Brewer, "It is what we need now more than ever." The Brewers believe that it will strengthen them as individuals and as a family.

The continued risk of bringing thousands of people together prompted the faith based organization to opt for a virtual platform for a second consecutive year. However, the move has not curbed the enthusiasm for the annual event.

"Faith has helped our global brotherhood to continue to thrive even during a pandemic," said Robert Hendriks, spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses, "Our faith will continue to unite us in worship, although virtually, as millions gather in private homes around the world to enjoy a powerful and inspiring spiritual program."

All are invited to attend the event by going to jw.org or JW Broadcasting on the free JW Library iOS or Android App, or on streaming platforms like ROKU TV, and Apple TV. The program is free.

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Cerritos Regional Chamber Holds Networking Event

Event is held the last Friday of every month.

BY BRIAN HEWS

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce has re-started their very popular Jeans N' Java breakfast event held last Friday of every month.

Meeting at Starbucks Coffee at 15925 Studebaker Road in Cerritos, approximately thirty members arrived, yes in jeans at 8:00 am, to shake hands

with old friends, meet new friends and encourage members to chat and share business opportunities.

Starbucks gladly supplies a free cup of coffee, although you are able to purchase other beverages and breakfast items if you wish.

Each one in attendance submits a \$1 gratuity in order to receive a one minute opportunity to introduce themselves and their business. The dollars are donated back to Starbucks for their hospitality.

Raffle prizes are welcome, but be sure to bring a business card for the drawing.

President of the Chamber Desmond Thompson does make sure to keep the gathering to just one hour, but attendees are free to stay longer and network.

For more information about the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce and how to attend events and sign up for their newsletter visit www.cerritos.org



ABCUSD Clerk of the Board Ernie Nishii, who is rumored to be running for Cerritos City Council next year, is the first winner of a basket of goodies supplied by Starbucks during Cerritos Chamber's Jeans N' Java monthly meeting.

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Taiwan Study Abroad Program Restarts for 2021

BY BRIAN HEWS

In 2017, Cerritos College Board trustee Dr Shin Liu started the Study Abroad in Taiwan program funded by the Taiwan Ministry of Education (MOE)'s TEEP, Taiwan Education Experience Program. (<https://teep.studyintaiwan.org/>)



The TEEP program allows US students to teach English in Taiwan's rural areas and pays for the students' food and board in Taiwan.

In 2017, the program's first year, Liu took twenty students to Taiwan. It was an interesting mix of students; none had ever travelled to Taiwan and two students had never been on a plane before.

They all came to love Taiwan, especially the food, culture, and night

markets.

The Study Abroad in Taiwan program has since expanded to four cities in Taiwan. Cerritos College signed a MOU with four different city's education departments and the Universities associated with the program.

These four cities included Taipei, New Taipei, Tainan and Hualian City. Since then, Liu has taken more than 100 American students to teach English in Taiwan.

The pandemic caused cancellation of the program in 2020 so Liu decided that the 2021 program would be conducted remotely as a six week English Summer Camp for New Taipei City students.

The classes will be taught by U.S. volunteers in evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Students are encouraged to use interesting topics to teach Taiwanese students to learn English including California's culture, art and history; tourist attractions; colleges and universities and career paths.

Volunteers from previous years have already signed on including Mirna Campbell, Emiliano Miranda, and Kenneth Su.

Campbell taught at the Tainan program in 2017, Miranda taught at the 2018 New Taipei City program, Su joined the 2019 Hualian City program.

The three were elated that they could reconnect with Taiwanese students.

According to Liu, Norman Chung, President of the Whitney High School Chinese Parents Association was instrumental in recruiting additional students for the 2021 program.

Chung believes that the program is a great opportunity for students to exchange their cultures and experiences with students in Taiwan. He selected twelve Whitney High students to join the volunteer team.

They all signed up: Andrew Qu, Vivian Gu, Jayden Lin, Jonathan Zhang, Adam Taylor, Owen Yang, Victoria Jung, Elizabeth King, Rebecca Liu, Tiffany Cheng, Zoey Ji and Mida Chung.

The Taiwan students were excited also, according to New Taipei City's International Education Department Director Yu-Ting Lin, the courses were booked within 1 hour of registration opening.

After the registration, more than fifty volunteers and New Taipei City's educational department staff met online for the orientation meeting, some of them 7,000 miles away in Taiwan.

"I want to thank all the volunteers and teachers involved in the program," said Liu, "without them this would not be possible."

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Ensure that all doors and windows are locked before leaving for vacation. Notify the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044 if you return before the indicated return date.

Maywood Resident Earns Letter of Commendation



TRINCOMALEE, SRI LANKA: Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Christopher Naranjo, right, from Maywood, receives a letter of commendation from Cmdr. Joseph Burgon aboard Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Charleston on June 24. Charleston, part of Destroyer Squadron Seven, is on a rotational deployment operating in the U.S. 7th fleet area of operations to enhance interoperability with partners and serve as a ready-response force in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific region. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Adam Butler.

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Celebrate the Summer in La Mirada

BY LA MIRADA MAYOR ED ENG

June 20 marked the first day of summer and we are ready!

Whether racing down Splash's new six-lane mat-rider slide or spending a summer evening at a Concert Under the Stars event, family activities are available for everyone.

I encourage you to get out, mingle with friends, and participate in one of the many programs that the City of La Mirada offers.

Bring your lawn chairs, dancing shoes, and a healthy appetite for the return of our signature Concerts Under the Stars series beginning on Thursday, July 8, at La Mirada Regional Park from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The concert series will feature seven genres of music, including the '80s, country, Latin, among others. Night Market vendors will be open beginning at 5 p.m., and music begins at 6:30 p.m.

A complete list of the scheduled entertainment is available on the City's website at cityoflamirada.org.

I invite all of you to join me for great music, dancing, and delicious food!

This year's Stroll in the Park event will be held Thursday, July 29, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Come enjoy live entertainment in beautiful Creek Park.



La Mirada Mayor Ed Eng

Revel in a trio of bands as you stroll through the park, or choose your favorite band, sit back, relax, and enjoy the music!

The days when we can finally don our swimsuits, sunblock, and flip-flops to unwind and relax with the whole family are back.

Buccaneer Bay is now open daily to provide fun and relief from hot summer days!

Come experience the adrenaline of body surfing down the waterpark's new six-lane mat-rider slide, the thrill of zig-zagging swiftly down the two new aqua-tube slides, or the tranquility of just flowing through a slow-moving lazy river.

I personally tested out the 300-foot long water slide during a grand opening and lived to tell about it (LOL). Wow, it was exhilarating!

The waterpark also features three 25-foot tall water slides, a children's play structure, and spray pad areas. Purchase a season pass and enjoy the park all summer long!

Our popular Summer Day Camp program has returned to Neff Park Monday through Friday through August 6.

Day Camp offers a variety of fun activities every week for children ages 6 to 12. Additionally, Gardenhill, Frontier, and Windermere Parks will have staff on-site from 12 to 4 p.m. to provide children with a variety of recreation activities!

Please visit our website at cityoflamirada.org for more information on these events.

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I look forward to seeing you during a summer filled with family-friendly activities!

Sincerely,
Ed Eng
La Mirada Mayor

Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Soroptimists' 100 B-Day/Anniversary

Norwalk, CA— In June 2021, Patricia "Pat" Walker celebrated her 100th birthday. Pat is a Life Member of Soroptimist International, which is also celebrating its centennial anniversary this year.

The founding Soroptimists had a wry sense of humor.

In the report of the Soroptimist International of Norwalk Charter Party in 1953, the historian said "DRESS WAS OPTIONAL."

Pat Walker's name is on the Charter as one of the first 29 members.

For their first service project, they purchased a U.S. flag for a Brownie troop which cost \$15.

Much has changed since the club Soroptimist International of Norwalk was organized in 1953.

Norwalk Soroptimist club merged with Santa Fe Springs Soroptimist club three years ago.

During the club's early history, members introduced themselves with a slogan. Pat's slogan was: "Get off your rocker and come to Walker's."

Pat's family business was Walker Furniture Store in Norwalk.

Her husband John was a member of Norwalk Rotary Club.

Pat Walker held many leadership positions during the Soroptimist club's history. According to the 1956 annual report, the "biggest thing that happened was on October 18, 1956, we unanimously pledged our support to the Soroptimist Village Foundation.

Sixty-five years later, Soroptimist Village still operates at 12700 Foster Road, in Norwalk, as a Section 8 project, providing housing to low-income seniors.



PAT WALKER was one of the founding members of the club that started in 1953. Her family owned Walker Furniture Store in Norwalk.

In 1965, Pat co-chaired the Ways & Means Committee, with her friend Hazel, headed up a Rummage Sale, the Salad Luncheon, and encouraged personal fundraising projects.

Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs treasures Pat Walker's continued Soroptimist membership and appreciates her 68 years of philanthropy and friendship.

For information about membership, email sinorwalksantafesprings@soroptimist.net

Cerritos Let Freedom Ring

The celebration will take place on Sunday, July 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. AT THE CERRITOS CIVIC CENTER.

The event will include entertainment, a formal ceremony with the City Council at 6:30 p.m. and a fireworks show at 9 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chair to view the fireworks.

Barbecues and picnicking are not allowed.

There will be no rides or game booths at this year's event.

Additional event details are pending based on requirements of the current Los Angeles County Health Officer Order. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

La Mirada Vacation Checks

La Mirada residents who plan to travel during the summer, can ensure the safety of their home by signing up for free Vacation Security Checks.

The La Mirada Public Safety Team performs daily security checks while they are away.

Residents who plan to go on vacation are encouraged to visit the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station or to sign up for a Vacation Security Check. Requests can also be submitted through the "My La Mirada" smart phone app.

Vacation Security Checks must be submitted at least five business days in advance of leaving on vacation.

For more information, call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.

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USS Iowa shows America's past & present importance in global maritime

BY LAURIE HANSON

With an international virtual outreach since COVID-19, the USS IOWA in San Pedro demonstrates the importance of our nation's global maritime presence in the world.

The retired battleship is transitioning into being the National Museum of the Surface Navy by 2025, to raise awareness in how United States is a maritime nation. First commissioned in the 1940s, she served in World War II, the Korean War, and during the Cold War era.

"Throughout her active years, the world's oceans were her home," said VP of Development Joleen Deatherage.

Decommissioned for a final time in October 1990, the battleship languished in "mothballs" on both coasts until she was rescued from the Suisun Bay "ghost fleet" by Pacific Battleship Center in late 2011.

"She opened as a museum in San Pedro in July 2012," Deatherage said. "Plans are currently underway to build the National Museum of the Surface Navy onboard this incomparable and beautiful example of American engineering prowess."

The battleship's educational program serves more than 20,000 youth annually and is funded through grants and paid programs. It primarily serves local students in San Pedro and Los Angeles Harbor areas in Southern California.

"We work extensively with Los Angeles Unified School District, the second largest school district in the nation, to bring underserved youth to the ship," Deatherage added. "Our added virtual component allows us to reach students all over the country & internationally. We are committed to the continued growth of both components."

Prior to the pandemic, their educational programs were mostly for in-person visits. However, they quickly pivoted to provide online opportunities for both teachers and students, according to Deatherage.

"It's only within the last month or two that we've once again been able to open our in-person offerings, including our award-winning Camp Battleship overnight program, which has been restructured to comply with COVID-19 protocols," she added. "[But] we intend to continue to provide virtual experiences as well."

With customizable interactive virtual tours and lessons, schools and youth organizations ranging from 2nd to 12th grade are offered educational opportunities that best fit their needs. Their virtual programs include a history and STEM tour, a general themed tour, and several virtual STEAM at Sea offerings on buoyancy, projectile motion, Naval Aviation, and conservation.

"These virtual tours and programs allow for a personalized session where students engage with our ship-based educators for synchronized learning and activities, providing the best alternative to an in-person visit to the IOWA," Deatherage said.

Patrons of all ages are reminded of the battleship's historical significance and contribution she made in the world throughout her years of service.

"Built in American shipyards by Rosie the Riveter during WWII to 'make the world safe for democracy', she was sailed into harm's way by American sailors," said Rear Admiral USN (Retired) Mike Shatynski, who serves as Chairman of the Board for the National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship IOWA.

"The USS IOWA reminds us of what is best about America," he added. "Together as a country, [she] helped defeat the three

HIGH ANGLE bow view of the USS IOWA during a test firing of its 16-inch/50-caliber guns off the starboard side.

worst dictatorships that the world had ever seen."

It was while visiting the USS TEXAS a small 5-year-old child that Shatynski was stirred to join the U.S. Navy. He said that while most children who visit the USS IOWA might not be similarly enthused, he hopes it inspires them to serve in their own unique way, having a greater appreciation for those who do ultimately serve.

"From the founding of our country, our constitution required us to 'maintain a Navy' always but to 'raise an Army' as needed," Shatynski added. "Freedom of the seas has been the basis of our success as a country and enabled the world to prosper as never before. The USS IOWA and the other ships of America's Surface Navy ensure that freedom."

"How important is freedom of the seas?" he said.

"Today, 80 percent of all commerce is on the sea and 99 percent of all communication is under the sea," Shatynski said. "The worldwide internet would not function without its undersea connections."

With 70 percent of the world's surface is covered by the seas, and 80 percent of the world's population living near them, plus 90 percent of all world trade traveling over the oceans, this and more is why our country maintains a Navy, according to the U.S. Navy website.

"Los Angeles is a maritime city, and the United States is a maritime nation," he added. "One in 12 jobs in Los Angeles is directly-related to maritime trade. Most of us in Southern California do not realize that, and I think that the USS IOWA as the National Museum of the Surface Navy will help us understand the importance of our maritime past and future."

From her commission in February 1943, the USS IOWA proved priceless in protection of the world's seas being awarded nine battle stars alone for her participation in WWII. Her first mission was to stand guard near Newfoundland to prevent a Nazi battleship from getting loose and prevent attacks on cargo convoys in the Atlantic. Following this, her next mission which was top secret, was transporting President Roosevelt and his War Cabinet across the South Atlantic to attend conferences in Cairo and Tehran. She was also involved in the presentation of plans for D-Day's Second Front given onboard the battleship to the Allies for their approval.

In the South Pacific during WWII, the USS IOWA mainly escorted aircraft carrier task forces, bombed shore positions, and provided artillery support during invasions of enemy-held islands. Two strikes hit industrial targets on Japanese homeland islands and was the ship of the Japanese' surrender in Tokyo Harbor.

The USS IOWA was then decommissioned for the first time in 1949, but brought back two years later to provide gunfire support to United Nation's troops during the Korean War. She was part of the 7th Fleet's Flagship and awarded two more battle stars. After the Korean War, she provided midshipmen and Naval Reserve crew trainings, participated in NATO exercises, and was "showing the flag" in ports worldwide. During both WWII and the Korean War, her homeport was in Long Beach.

It was after being deactivated from



1958 to 1984, that she and her three sister-ships were modernized to counter a buildup of the Russian Navy.

"The IOWA and her three sister ships are the fastest battleships ever commissioned, with a top speed of thirty-three knots (thirty-six mph)," Deatherage said. "The ships are floating tanks, with forty-two percent of their displacement weight being from their protective armor."

"Besides their great speed, armor, and firepower, they can refuel escorting ships from their massive fuel loads of 2,400,000 gallons, share food from their large storerooms, conduct mechanical repairs in their machine shops, provide dental services, and have surgery capabilities with a twenty-six-bed hospital," she added.

The USS IOWA carries the largest guns ever placed on an American warship – the 16-inch guns. The guns have a range of about twenty-four miles. Its armor-piercing projectiles can penetrate 30 feet of reinforced concrete and up to 18 inches of armor on an enemy vessel. Damage varies based on distance fired and angle of penetration. Its high capacity can create a crater 50 feet wide and 20 feet deep, with 200 yards bursting diameter. The ship has 19 decks with seven down in the hull (not all running the length of the ship) and 12 levels in the superstructure. The top superstructure compartments are quite small, according to Deatherage.

"During deployment she fired twice as many 16- and five-inch projectiles as she fired in all of WWII," she said. "On some days, her guns fired around the clock, with five-inch 'interdiction/harassment' firing one shell per hour during the night to keep the enemy from sleeping and off guard."

Today, if the USS IOWA and sister ships were still in service, they would be the largest U.S. Navy ships afloat excluding aircraft carriers and amphibious assault mini carriers, said Deatherage.

"We have strived to keep the USS IOWA as original as possible, and she hasn't changed much since her final decommissioning in 1990," she added. "She is a mixture of WWII and the Cold War. If you can call a warship handsome, she is very handsome and is considered to be one of the finest warship ever commissioned."

Since opening to the public in 2012, the battleship has hosted both public and private events. Some include high school prom dances as well as the swearing in of service men and women.

"Hollywood has used her in numerous

television shows, first responders have used her unique architecture to hone their skills and more," Deatherage said. "The USS IOWA team is committed to working with clients and partners to help them achieve their goals in the most bespoke, efficient, and cost-effective way possible."

As one can imagine, it takes a lot of work to maintain a battleship.

"We describe it like painting a bridge - start at one end, paint till you reach the other, then start over," she said. "We're constantly painting, chipping, cleaning, restoring spaces, and more. The work never ends, and neither does the fundraising."

The USS IOWA team raises money through ticket sales, event bookings, grants, corporate sponsorships, and donors at all financial levels – from \$10-\$20 to several thousand. They also run campaigns to fundraise for specific needs such as a 2 month-long campaign for hull preservation, according to Deatherage.

"We hope to inspire future generations of sailors interested in serving in the U.S. Navy by providing a window into life at sea – an in-situ view of a shipboard community, the teamwork and cooperation required in the day-to-day operations of a floating city, and the rewards of hard work and camaraderie," she said. "Stories of heroic sailors are told to motivate them to create their own tales of selfless service."

"The ship itself instills excitement at the possibilities of careers in the maritime world – not only in the Navy, but in marine science and naval architecture," Deatherage added. "All in all, we can encourage future generations to look beyond their surroundings and see broader opportunity for their lives they might never have imagined."

Public support for the USS IOWA can be done in several ways by spreading awareness or leaving reviews on Facebook, Google or Yelp, or becoming a "Plank Owner" (offered for free) in support of the National Museum of the Surface Navy. Volunteers and tax-deductible donations are also welcome, according to Deatherage.

"While she is one of the top five museums and attractions in Los Angeles, we still have a way to go before we're at the top – which is where we strive to be, in keeping to the ship's proud history," she said.

For more information about the USS Iowa, please visit online at www.pacificbattleship.com.

Cerritos Councilman Donates PPE to Local Schools



DURING CLOSING WEEKS, Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama delivered boxes of hand sanitizer bottles to Nixon Academy. With Yokoyama is Nixon Principal Tom Tracy.

Join Cerritos Neighborhood Watch

Residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's to fight crime and protect property. One of the oldest crime-prevention programs, it serves as the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department and has proven instrumental in community safety.

Contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 to see if a group has been formed in your neighborhood. You will be provided with the name and phone number of the Watch Captain.

If there is no active group yet in your area, the Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Ideal groups are typically small – usually

15 to 20 households – to simplify communication among participants. A designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison with the Sheriff's.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on citizen involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

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Passings

CERRITOS RESIDENT, LONGTIME HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ASSIGNER PASSES AWAY

BY LOREN KOPFF
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Rich Day, a resident of Cerritos who served as a CIF-Southern Section basketball assigner for nearly three decades, among other job titles, passed away in the afternoon of Sunday, Apr. 25.

According to his only son Jeff Day, the Whitney High athletic director, Rich Day was dealing ‘with a bunch of things’ but ultimately succumbed to respiratory failure.

Rich Day, who was born on June 12, 1943, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, began having problems back in late September of 2020 with a partial amputation of his left big toe because of diabetes and he never got out of the hospital, Jeff Day said.

Day began his treatment at Los Alamitos Hospital, then went to a couple of care facilities before ultimately going to a rehabilitation center in Brea. When his respiratory system was failing, he ended up at St. Jude’s in Fullerton for the last week.

“I got two sisters and I don’t know if it was easier or difficult,” Jeff Day said of his duties at Whitney during the eight months while his father was in the hospital. “But we were pretty much virtual the whole time. I still have my teaching duties, but for the first several months of that, we didn’t even have sports going on.

“The hardest part of that whole thing was he never got Covid, but all those Covid

rules... he was pretty much alone that whole time,” Day said. “He could rarely have visitors depending on the facility he was at and the situation and the condition he was in. There were months and months where he could only see any of his family through a window. He didn’t deserve that because of all that stupid Covid protocol. That’s the thing that I’m the saddest about.”

About 300 people attended the funeral, which was on May 22 at the Arbor Road Church in Long Beach, including former Artesia High head coach Wayne Merino, former Artesia assistant coach Roland Preciado and former Gahr High head coach Kurt Ruth, to name a few. Also in attendance were a lot of the top referees from the Long Beach Unit of the California Basketball Association.

Rich Day grew up in South Gate, where he attended high school before going to East Los Angeles College and then signing up for the Army where he was a platoon leader. Rich Day would also attend California State University, Los Angeles where he met his wife, Kathi, in 1969. They moved to Cerritos that year, shortly before Jeff Day was born.

In the mid-1960s, Rich Day worked for the South Gate Parks and Recreation Department before teaching middle school in Downey in the early years of the 1970s while still with the South Gate Parks and Recreation. In the mid-1980s, Rich Day was a member of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce and worked at the Azusa Parks and Recreation. To say that Rich Day was heavily involved with sports would be an understatement and it’s what led him to officiating. He was a referee and umpire during his collegiate days and in his 52 years with the CBA, was a referee, instructor, board member, mentor, special committee’s member and assigner.

“He was there; he started as a referee in the 1960s,” Jeff Day said. “He was one of the initial members, and the last member

still a part of the initial group that came in that started the Long Beach unit. He pretty much held every position imaginable from referee to board member. He was the assigner, observer, mentor; he would just do whatever. He was big in pushing female [referees] through and wanted to help with the younger officials, especially.”

When Rich Day was working at the South Gate Parks and Recreation, he would take Jeff Day, his cousins and friends as well as Ruth, who was a neighbor of the Days, to the 100-acre park on the weekends and would have access to anything they needed. They also had equipment for their neighborhood which meant they grew up playing every sport imaginable, according to Jeff Day.

And when Rich Day, who coached a lot of the teams his son and his friends were on, was a high school and college basketball referee, he would take Jeff Day to the gymnasium three to four times a week so he and his friends could play while his dad was refereeing. As an assigner, Rich Day would be on an annual contract and every spring, he would be up for renewal.

“When you’re dealing with schools and coaches, you have a lot of egos, especially with the bigger schools,” Jeff Day said. “But when you’re dealing with every year approximately 200 referees, how many people can know every single person? You can see a referee once, but does that truly tell you that you know them? [My dad] would get to know each person. He would make it a challenge that he wanted to know every single person.

“You’re at the mercy of a Board of Directors that turns over every two years,” he later added. “It’s not like your buddies are in charge of keeping you every year. He probably went through eight to 10 different board presidents and 20 different boards in his 30 years of assigning. So, I think he did it the right way.”

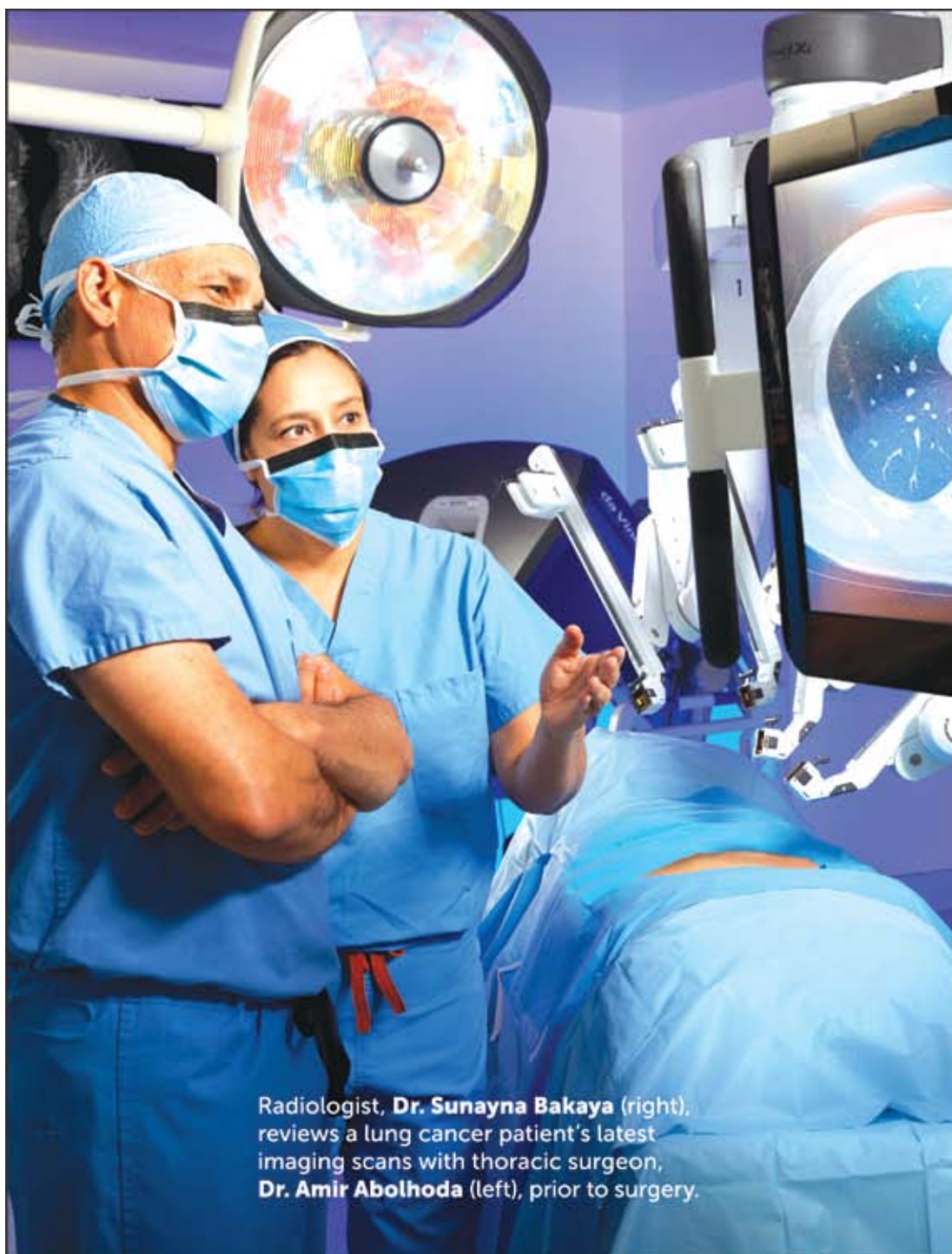


Cerritos resident Rich Day.

Rich Day was put in the CIF-SS Hall of Fame and was recognized in October of 2019 at their annual ceremony. He was also a middle school special education teacher and would do what the kids needed, even if it meant staying in the classroom after school or not going to lunch with his friends, according to Jeff Day. He also said that his dad would teach outside of the book and taught life skills to his students.

“He loved his family and he really liked fishing,” Jeff Day said. “Everyone saw him as always in the gym. But he liked to fish and he also, for a short stint, was a photographer in the 1960s with the UPI. He was an ambassador when President [John F.] Kennedy was assassinated. He was at the [Los Angeles] Sports Arena for Final Four’s. He many times met John Wooden and had sittings with John Wooden and talked with John Wooden. They got to know each other personally by name because my dad for a good 25 years was an observer in the Pac-10 [Conference]. A lot of people probably didn’t know that.”

Rich Day is survived by Jeff Day, daughters Jennifer and Allison and grandchildren Tyler, Ryan, Erin, Amaya and Mila.



Radiologist, **Dr. Sunayna Bakaya** (right), reviews a lung cancer patient’s latest imaging scans with thoracic surgeon, **Dr. Amir Abolhoda** (left), prior to surgery.



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The Vault is Open in La Mirada

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

There are many great new things in the Vault, but the one thing that gets the first comments are the 14,991 very shiny pennies that are encased in an epoxy laminated sunken bar.

The building itself has been a local hangout for over 50 years and is one of the last sunken bars in California. "When people ask why I opened the bar in La Mirada, I told them the sunken bar that really got my attention. The great thing about this type of bar is that a very tall person could be sitting at the bar and the bartender will

still be able to see and serve someone behind them."

The Vault officially opened their doors May 20. The place really has an old fashioned kind of feeling, "My other thought was that the area needed a bar like this, and we are a true local bar. It is truly turning into a 'Cheers' place.

The Vault boasts over 30 beer labels and a stocked bar. Because of the unusual name you can be sure to find some very specific drinks such as a Bankroll Bramble; a Penny Bar Paloma, Fort Know Lemonade; and Cuban Currency.

A digital jukebox uses a key card to turn on and choose your favorite tunes; two pool tables; dart leagues and nine televisions with their own cable box each, allows

The Vault Cocktails is located at 15853 Imperial Highway in La Mirada.



THE VAULT'S sunken bar, very few exist in the state. Over thirty beers, a stocked bar, nine tv's and professional dart areas makes it a real "Cheers" type of place.

CRIME from page 3

week, up from 10 the week before; YTD 2020 average was 7.8, 2021 YTD average is 9.2, an increase of nearly 18%.

Alarm calls were 40 for the week, up from 34 the week before; YTD 2020 average was 37.5, 2021 YTD average is 33.8, a decrease of nearly 7%.

Calls for service report was not done.

Residential Burglary

6/14/21 12600 Blk. South St.

Burglary-Other

6/15/21 7900 Blk. Crusader Ave., storage.

Grand Theft

6/16/21 18700 Blk. Gridley Rd. at the bank, suspects stole a bag of jewelry.

6/16/21 12700 Blk. Towne Center Dr.

6/19/21 239 Los Cerritos Ctr., catalytic converter from a 2006 Honda.

6/17/21 18000 Blk. Studebaker Rd., catalytic converter stolen from a 2004 Honda.

6/16/21 16200 Blk. Carmenita Rd., business catalytic converter stolen from a 2005 Honda

6/15/21 Del Amo and Winkler, catalytic converter stolen from a 2002 Chevy Silverado.

6/14/21 239 Los Cerritos Ctr., catalytic converter stolen from a 2003 Honda.

6/14/21 13400 Blk. Village Dr. attempted

Vehicle Burglary

6/20/21 11800 Blk. Del Amo, business

2011 Toyota, rear driver side window shattered, purses stolen

6/16/21 12600 Blk. Artesia, apartments, driver side door/punched lock out.

6/16/21 12600 Blk. Artesia, apartments, Chevy window shattered.

La Mirada

Notable Arrests

- Five suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- Robbery**
- A known suspect robbed a shotgun

and a vehicle from victim using force on the 15600 block of Yellowbrook Dr. The suspect was arrested a short time later.

Aggravated Assault

- During an argument, a victim was struck in the arm by an unknown object on the 15700 block of Hillgate Dr. The suspect was arrested.

Residential Burglary

- An early morning window smash burglary was reported on the 15600 block of Yellowbrook Dr.

Other Structure Burglary

- Tools and air conditioning units were reported stolen from a storage unit on the 13900 block of Ramhurst Dr.

Vehicle Burglary

- An overnight theft was reported on the 15200 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave.

- A backpack was stolen during a daytime window smash burglary on the 11900 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Grand Theft

- Several display items were stolen during an evening theft on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd.

- Various tools were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 13700 block of La Mirada Blvd.

- A iPad was reported stolen during an overnight theft from an unlocked vehicle on the 13100 block of De Alcalá Dr.

- A tailgate was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.

- An attempt theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14700 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

- A truck was reported stolen on the 15000 block of Barwood Dr.

- A SUV was reported stolen on the 15200 block of Valley View Ave.

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LICON from page 1

Gonzalez was hired in August 2017 and met then-president Licon, "Licon initially was cordial to Gonzalez, the suit states, "however, he quickly began to focus on her, singling her out and frequently stopping at her desk."

Later, Licon began asking Gonzalez increasingly more personal questions. After rebuffing his advances, Licon then turned up the pressure with an alleged outright intimidation tactic; tired of the tactics, Gonzalez complained to management, but nothing happened.

At that time Gonzales learned that Suniga and Rava had filed their lawsuit against Licon, and that the case was under investigation.

Gonzales was going to be a witness in the Rava/Suniga case but Licon found out, and allegedly tried to intimidate her into a false witness.

That was the last straw for Gonzalez who filed a formal complaint with human resources in October 2019; an investigation started and Gonzales inquired about witnesses but she was rebuffed by Patrick Matson in HR who said there was "enough evidence in the witnesses the 'attorney' interviewed that supported her claims and the investigation is closed."

The City issued a ruling June 2020 by sustaining charges that Licon had made comments about Gonzalez's appearance, inquired about her personal life and repeatedly pressured her for lunch dates.

But Licon remained an employee at the city with sources telling HMG-CN there are more women coming forward.

Conflicts

The FOIA request showed that the investigator who was looking into the harassment allegations was Kenneth Walker.

Walker is the Manager of Personnel Operations at the city of Long Beach. HG City Councilwoman Myra Maravilla works

for the city of Long Beach as an Assistant City Clerk.

When asked if Walker knew Maravilla, he did not respond.

Walker was hired by HG under a professional services contract, a process that does not require the formal request for proposal, and a contract that can be handed out by the City Council and the City Manager, who was Ernie Hernandez.

Walker was hired as a Recreation Program Evaluation and Administration Consultant and paid a maximum of \$34,999.

The contract was signed by Hernandez and the city attorney with Walker reporting directly to Hernandez.

Checks showed that Walker was paid over \$6,500 right around the time of the sexual harassment investigations; the same investigation that was closed very quickly by HR Director Matson after he said they "found enough evidence."

Yet Gonzalez was never interviewed nor were any of her witnesses.

Did City Manager Hernandez, who knew Licon, influence the investigation?

The Southern California Public Labor Relations Council main purpose, "is to enhance the management of labor relations in the public sector."

According to their website, the SCPLRC has an executive board consisting of President Steve Lem with the Metropolitan Water District; VP Matt Doyle with the City of Glendale and Secretary Michelle Green with West Basin Water/

The Treasurer & Membership Chair? Former HG City Manager Ernie Hernandez.

The SCPLRC Conference Chair? None other than Mr. Kenneth Walker.

When asked about the conflicts Mr. Walker did not respond, when he did respond after another request he stated, "this deals with a personnel issue, I will have no comment."

CERRITOS from page 2

to 5 p.m. The Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park will also have new hours and will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting on July 1. From opening through September 6, the Cerritos Park East, Heritage Park and Liberty Park Community Centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) will start taking event reservations from the community. The CCPA's Grand Lobby, Sierra Room, Associates Room and Garden Court will be available for event rentals. Staff will be available to provide assistance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. To receive a tour of the CCPA meeting spaces, reserve a time and date for an event or to discuss your event needs with Special Events Services staff, please call (562) 916-8510 or send an email to rentals@cerritoscenter.com.

Reservations for community events and meetings at other City facilities, including the Cerritos Library, Cerritos Park East, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and Liberty Park, will be taken when the facilities reopen.

EVENTS from page 2

the Lakewood Youth Center at 562-429-7472 or Bloomfield Park at 562-865-1717.

Lakewood fireworks show

Lakewood will launch three 15-minute fireworks displays from Artesia High School, Lakewood High School and Holmes Elementary School beginning at 8:45 p.m. on Friday, July 2. Please take measures to care for individuals and pets who are adverse to the booming sounds from fireworks.

MASK from page 1

parable to standard diagnostic tests, according to the researchers from the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard and MIT.

The sky's the limit for this technology. It can be customized to detect a wide variety of other viruses, bacteria and toxins.

"We have essentially shrunk an entire diagnostic laboratory down into a small, synthetic biology-based sensor that works with any face mask, and combines the high accuracy of PCR tests with the speed and low cost of antigen tests," said co-first author Peter Nguyen, a research scientist at the Wyss Institute.

"In addition to face masks, our programmable biosensors can be integrated into other garments to provide on-the-go detection of dangerous substances including viruses, bacteria, toxins and chemical agents," he added.

This tech is the culmination of years of work on what the team calls its wearable freeze-dried cell-free technology.

The researchers first applied this tech to diagnostics by integrating it into a tool to address the Zika virus outbreak. Then, the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

"We wanted to contribute to the global effort to fight the virus, and we came up with the idea of integrating wFDCF into face masks to detect SARS-CoV-2," said co-first author Luis Soenksen, a postdoctoral fellow at the Wyss Institute.

While wearing the mask, the user pushes a button that releases a small amount of water into the system, which provides results within 90 minutes.

When the virus particles are present, the wFDCF system changes the pattern of lines in the readout strip, similar to an at-home pregnancy test.

The team is now searching for manufacturing partners to help mass produce the face mask diagnostic.

This tech can also be integrated into fabric to create clothing for detecting pathogens and environmental toxins.

Co-author Nina Donghia, a staff scientist at the Wyss Institute, said, "This technology could be incorporated into lab coats for scientists working with hazardous materials or pathogens, scrubs for doctors and nurses, or the uniforms of first responders and military personnel who could be exposed to dangerous pathogens or toxins, such as nerve gas."



SAND from page 1

working for the owner of the company when I was a freshman in high school. I got paid \$100 a day to shovel sand and I thought that was great. Now 17 years later, the pay is a little better than that and I get to travel and do what I really enjoy."

After the completion of this sculpture Hoover is off to the Bahamas, not for a vacation but yet another sculpture creation.

Visit their website and gallery, showcasing a few sandcastles and sculptures that have been created around the globe at www.sandsculpting.com



POOL from page 1

meeting, Mayor Raul Elias discussed various ideas and asked if the pool might heat up to an acceptable temperature on its own.

And the pool problem is a problem for the entire city, El Rancho High's pool is also closed because of leaks so the city does not have a public pool.

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.

Up The Lazy River

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Atmosphere, Banks, Beach, Canoes, Captains, Cask, Chart, Crews, Current, Docks, Ferryboats, Fishing, Fogs, Harbors, Horn, Kids, Knots, Locks, Mast, Navy, Paddle, Ripples, Sailboats, Sailing, Sailor, Shorelines, Skippers, Sloop, Smelts, Span, Steamboats, Suit, Swell, Swimming, Tide, Tower, Traffic, Trout, Tugs, Vats, Vessels, Water, Whistles, Winds, Yachts.

Solution: 11 letters

Norwalk Council Issues Vote of No Confidence in D.A. Gascon

STAFF REPORT

The City of Norwalk joined more than 16 neighboring cities in adopting a resolution declaring a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón's Special Directives Reforms.

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, the Norwalk City Council voted to adopt a resolution that declared and affirmed a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón's Special Directives. The Norwalk City Council maintains public safety as their top priority. Effective policing is necessary in order to maintain the rule of law in the community. The City Council noted that effective prosecution is necessary in order to ensure that law enforcement actions are necessary and appropriate, while also providing accountability for victims as well as serving as a deterrent for future criminal activity.

The City of Norwalk issued votes of 'no confidence' in the elected District Attorney's (DA) leadership of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. DA Gascón was elected as part of the November 3, 2020 General Election, defeating incumbent DA Jackie Lacey by receiving 54% of the votes. His reforms are increasingly seen by many as undermining law



L.A. District Attorney George Gascon.

enforcement's ability to effectively police communities.

On December 7, 2020, DA Gascón announced a series of Special Directives altering the nature and scope of criminal prosecutions in Los Angeles County. His directives eliminate most sentencing enhancements, special circumstances, life-without-parole eligible sentences, and the death penalty.

DA Gascón eventually amended his original language after pushback from deputy district attorneys, victims, and victims' groups. However, the majority of eligible criminals will not be held accountable under the full force of the law.

The City Council's vote to adopt a Resolution of No Confidence furthers the City's goal of promoting policy that protects the residents of the City and the general public. DA Gascón's Special Directives undermine the legislative and ballot process. The City of Norwalk has taken a stance and affirmed a vote of no confidence for Los Angeles County DA George Gascón.

Residents interested in obtaining more information can email publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5319.

Covid Rises in South, With Many Shunning Vaccines

BLOOMBERG

Covid-19 transmission is accelerating in several poorly vaccinated states, primarily in New cases of the virus have risen precipitously in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Utah, and more young people are turning up at hospitals.

The data present the clearest sign of a rebound in the U.S. in months.

In Missouri, Arkansas and Utah, the seven-day average of hospital admissions with confirmed Covid-19 has increased more than 30% in the past two weeks, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

In Mississippi, the hospitalization rate is up 5% in the period.

The jump in hospitalization is particularly jarring among 18- to 29-year-olds in the outlier states.

An analysis by the genomics firm Helix suggests that the highly contagious delta variant in particular, which has prompted concern worldwide as it leads to new surges of Covid-19 across the globe, is spreading in undervaccinated pockets of the U.S.

The U.S. has made extraordinary progress in its vaccine push, giving at least one jab to more than 53% of the population.

But all the states with mounting transmission trail the national average, and Mississippi has given a single jab to just 35%. Young people are less likely to be vaccinated than older groups.

In Arkansas, Missouri and Utah,

reported Covid-19 cases mirror the concerning trends in hospitalizations. In other places -- namely, Mississippi -- they don't. Testing has dropped off significantly, with the seven-day average nationwide plummeting 55% in the past three months, which makes case counts a less reliable indicator.

Arkansas reported its highest single-day count of new coronavirus cases this past week, more than 730. Arkansas has also seen a 74% increase in average coronavirus hospitalizations since Memorial Day weekend.

This past week, Arizona's infection rate reached 60.5 cases per 100,000 people -- nearly five times higher than the infection rate in New York (12.5 cases per 100,000 people). Average coronavirus hospitalizations in Arizona also rose 49% from May 26 to June 9. But Gov. Doug Ducey, a Republican, doesn't intend to reinstate a lockdown.

Most Covid-19 projections expect subdued transmission during the summer, thanks in part to the seasonal nature of the virus. But the so-called Sun Belt surge last year showed that many Southern states can remain vulnerable as hot summer days drive people indoors in search of air-conditioning.

Even for the worst-afflicted states, the situation is nowhere near as alarming as what residents survived as recently as February; absolute numbers of hospitalizations remain far lower. But the signs of an uptick come amid a jump in cases in the U.K. attributed to the spread of the highly transmissible delta variant.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES W. LOCKWOOD

CASE NO. 21STPB06283
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of JAMES W. LOCKWOOD.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL J. LOCKWOOD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL J. LOCKWOOD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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.
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BID NO. 1429-21
Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, California, 90703, until **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021**, for the printing of the 2022 Cerritos Community Calendar.
Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **"Bid for Printing of the 2022 Cerritos Community Calendar, Bid No. 1429-21"**. Please contact the City of Cerritos Communications Division at (562) 916-1320 to obtain specifications and contract documents. **Bids from print brokers will not be accepted.** No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label.
The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law. Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php
Dated/Posted/Published: July 2, 2021

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS CITY OF COMMERCE, EASTERN BUS HUB PROJECT

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The work to be done consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment as shown in the **PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**.

Estimated cost is in the range of \$500,000.

Contractor shall have a valid California General Contractor License, Class A, General Engineering Contractor.

This is a Federally Funded Project (FTA, Federal Transit Administration funded).

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids

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Staff Accountant, La Mirada

Req. M.S. in accounting or rel. fields wanted by a business consulting firm. 6 mo. exp. needed. Devel., implement & upgrade financial sys. & controls; organize & update financial records; prep., review monthly, quarterly & year-end financial reports; formulate & monitor budget; perform daily bookkeeping routines; make sure all financial data adheres to current tax laws; & give advice to mgmt. **Jobsite: La Mirada, CA. Send resume to Coastal Investment Strategies LLC, 14101 Rosecrans Ave., Unit C, La Mirada, CA 90638.**

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on July 13, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Poyatos Jr. Edgar, Edgar Jr. Poyatos- Household Items, Monica Gutierrez- Household Items, Valerie Veak- Household Items, Miriam Varela Bustamante- Household Items.

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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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**SUMMONS
[PROPOSED] (CITACION JUDICIAL)**

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OWED BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT LAW AND ALL PROCEEDINGS LEADING THERETO, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

CITY OF PICO RIVERA
Case No. 21STCV02639
Assigned for all purposes to
Complaint Filed: June 15, 2021

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond by August 10, 2021. Read the information below.

¿AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde antes de Agosto 10, 2021, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE VALIDATION OF: all proceedings of the City of Pico Rivera and the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera relating to: (i) the adoption of the Resolution; (ii) the issuance by the City of Pico Rivera Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds"); (iii) the approval of a Trust Agreement in connection with the Bonds; (iv) the approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement; (v) the authorization to issue, from time to time, additional bonds of the City for the purpose of refunding the City's obligations related to PERS (the "Additional Bonds"); and (vi) any other related contracts or agreements approved by the Resolution or contemplated by the City Council of the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and Additional Bonds have until **August 10, 2021** to appear and file a written answer to the complaint at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose your rights, default will be entered against you upon application by the plaintiff, and the plaintiff may apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Contesting the legality or validity of this matter will not subject you to punitive action, such as wage garnishment or seizure of your real or personal property.

You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with the complaint or this summons. Such an attorney should be consulted promptly so that your pleading may be filed or entered within the time required by this summons. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The City of Pico Rivera has brought this action for the purpose of obtaining a judgment validating, among other things, the issuance of bonds of the City for the purpose of (A) refinancing the obligations of the City, evidenced by the City's written agreement (the "PERS Contract") with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (the "Retirement System"), to pay certain outstanding obligations owed to the Retirement System, and to fund the City's normal annual contributions to the Retirement System as evidenced by the PERS Contract for the current fiscal year, under certain conditions, and (B) the authorization to issue, from time to time, the Additional Bonds of the City for the purpose of refunding the obligations of the City related to PERS and/or to refund outstanding Bonds.

(EN ESPAÑOL)

PARA TODAS LAS PERSONAS INTERESADAS EN LA VALIDACIÓN DE: todos los procedimientos de la Ciudad de Ontario y el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera relacionados con: (i) la adopción de la Resolución; (ii) la emisión de la Ciudad de su Ciudad de Pico Rivera de las Obligaciones por Pensiones de Reembolso de Bonos, Serie BJ (los "Bonos"); (iii) la aprobación de un Contrato de Fideicomiso en relación con los Bonos; (iv) la aprobación de un Contrato de Compra; (v) la autorización para emitir, de vez en cuando, bonos adicionales de la Ciudad con el propósito de reembolsar las obligaciones de la Ciudad relacionadas con PERS (los "Bonos Adicionales"); y (vi) cualquier otro contrato o acuerdo relacionado aprobado por la Resolución o contemplado por el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad en relación con la emisión de los Bonos y Bonos Adicionales tienen hasta **Agosto 10, 2021** para comparecer y presentar una respuesta escrita con esta Corte y entregar/servir una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica no te protegerá. Su respuesta por escrito debe estar en la forma legal adecuada si desea que la Corte escuche su caso. Puede haber una forma de la Corte que puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estas formas judiciales y más información en el Centro de ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), también en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o la Corte más cercano. Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídale la Corte una forma de exención de tarifa. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder sus derechos, el demandante entrará en incumplimiento contra usted cuando lo solicite el demandante, y el demandante puede solicitar la Corte el alivio que se solicita en la demanda. Impugnado de la legalidad o la validez de este asunto no lo someterá a acciones punitivas, como el embargo de salario o la confiscación de su propiedad real o personal.

Puede solicitar el consejo de un abogado en cualquier asunto relacionado con la demanda o la citación. Dicho abogado debe ser consultado con prontitud para que su declaración pueda ser presentada o presentada dentro del tiempo requerido por esta citación. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados. Si no puede pagar un abogado, puede ser elegible para recibir servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede localizar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), o contactando a la Asociación de Abogados del Condado. NOTA: La Corte tiene un derecho de retención legal para los honorarios exentos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de resolución o arbitraje de \$10,000 o más en un caso civil. El gravamen de la corte debe ser pagado antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

La Ciudad de Pico Rivera ha presentado esta acción con el propósito de obtener una validación de juicio, entre otras cosas, la emisión de bonos de la Ciudad con el propósito de (A) refinanciar las obligaciones de la Ciudad, evidenciadas por el acuerdo escrito de la Ciudad (el "Contrato de PERS") con el Sistema de Retiro de los Empleados Públicos de California (el "Sistema de Retiro"), para pagar ciertas obligaciones pendientes con el Sistema de Retiro y para financiar las contribuciones anuales normales de la Ciudad al Sistema de Retiro según por la evidencia el Contrato de PERS para el año fiscal en curso, bajo ciertas condiciones, y (B) la autorización para emitir, ocasionalmente, los Bonos Adicionales de la Ciudad con el fin de reembolsar las obligaciones de la Ciudad relacionadas con el PERS y/o para reembolsar los Bonos pendientes.

**CASE INFORMATION
(INFORMACIÓN DE CASO)**

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Superior Court of the State of California
County of Los Angeles – Norwalk Courthouse
12720 Norwalk Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650-3188

The Court Department is (La corte y el departamento es): Dept. C, the Honorable Judge Olivia Rosales presiding

The case number is (el número de caso): 21NWC00205

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de telephone del abogado del demandante, es):
Brian P. Forbath
Allison E. Burns
Jennifer R. Toghian
STRADLING YOCCA CARLSON & RAUTH
A Professional Corporation
660 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1600
Newport Beach, California 92660
Telephone: (949) 725-4000

DATE (Fecha) 6/22/21
Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court S. Alvarez
Clerk of the Court (Secretaria), Deputy (Delegado)



NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served
1. by publication pursuant to court order
2. by mail pursuant to court order

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TSG No.: 191041104-CA-MSI TS No.: CA1900285655 APN: 8064-040-026 Property Address: 14719 RAYFIELD DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/28/2012. 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. On 07/29/2021 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/05/2012, as Instrument No. 20120514065, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: LARRY W. VIA, TRUSTEE OF THE VIA FAMILY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 5, 2007, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 8064-040-026 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14719 RAYFIELD DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said 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 \$ 139,062.05. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. 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 the 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 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA1900285655 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled 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 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case CA1900285655 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-280-2832NPP0374323 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 07/02/2021, 07/09/2021, 07/16/2021

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.storagetreasures.com on 7/15/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. David Emanuel Burnham; Robert Allen Marks. 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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