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## NORWALK PROCLAIMS FEB. 22, 2022 PENNY BROTHERS' DAY

**THE PENNY BROTHERS** with friends, family and officials from the city of Norwalk are all smiles after the recognition of Penny Brother Day. With them is Mayor Rick Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Ana Valencia, Councilwomen Jennifer Perez and Margarita Rios. Courtesy city of Norwalk.

## East Los Angeles Politics Hits Cerritos

Solanki takes the Cerritos Council institution to a new low, accusing Yokoyama of City credit card abuse during Council comments, Yokoyama denies.



Councilman Naresh Solanki

By Brian Hews

Just days before vote by mail ballots hit Cerritos mailboxes, Councilman Naresh Solanki, in a move unprecedented in Cerritos City Council history, slammed incumbent Frank Yokoyama during Thursday's City Council meeting for alleged abuses related to the City credit card and City resources.

Equally as disturbing, Solanki indicated long-time City Manager Art Gallucci informed him of some of the allegations, although no one involved will confirm that. That would be a highly

unusual move by Gallucci, who has always steered clear of Cerritos political infighting.

Solanki's move came immediately before the publishing of an HMG-CN investigative article involving Cerritos Council candidate Lynda Johnson receiving \$7,000 in special interest/dark money donations.

Solanki is endorsing Johnson and HMG-CN had texted Johnson at noon the day before the meeting for comment.

Johnson, a registered Democrat who used Supervisor Janice

See **SOLANKI** page 14

## Watch Out Norwalk Residents, Speed Humps Ahead

By Brian Hews

The Norwalk City Council unanimously approved a speed hump policy for the City of Norwalk, part of a larger Neighborhood Traffic Management Program which involves analyzing traffic patterns and taking appropriate actions.

NTMPs provide a process to receive speeding driver requests, evaluate and then implement solutions. It is community-based and uses petitions for neighborhood agreement to build appropriate humps and can only be used on streets with a posted limit of 25 mph or less.

In addition, the traffic management program is recognized by insurance agencies and the State of California as an official traffic control program that is defensible in a court of law.

The development of a speed hump program is the initial step in developing a NTMP. Speed humps are the most requested

traffic device by residential communities to slow vehicles down on their streets.

Speed hump design has evolved over the years as new data emerges from studies performed after installation. A speed hump is a raised area in the roadway pavement surface constructed perpendicular to the travel direction. Not all streets in the city can qualify for the installation of speed humps. Speed humps are primarily used to reduce vehicle speed on residential streets with a single travel lane in each direction. The street should also have a speed limit of 25 mph or less.

"The approval of the Speed Hump policy will ensure that resident's neighborhood traffic safety concerns are addressed in a standardized way that fits their unique situations," said Mayor Rick Ramirez, "the City is seeking to be proactive and engaged with City staff in increasing public safety and mak-

See **HUMPS** page 14

## Woman's History Month: Celebrating Women's Military History Week Helping Woman

By Laurie Hanson

Marking the historical milestones of women in the military is the Foundation for Women Warriors during recognition of Women's Military History Week in March.

The 101-year-old organization's history reflects the service of all military women, most notably of three dating back from World War II into more present times, as they pave the way for them in all service branches today.

No one better than Marine Veteran and CEO Jodie Grenier, who advocates nationally for women in the service, knows the importance of this. Founded in 1920 and based now in Vista, California, the foundation has been led by her for the last 5 1/2 years.

According to Grenier, their mission is simple – to serve women veterans and their children, so their next mission is clear and continues to impact

the world.

"Our programs enhance the personal and economic wellbeing of women veterans and create stable foundations for them and their children by addressing their four primary needs: housing, childcare, employment, and education," she said.

"We prevent homelessness through emergency and housing stipends alongside financial education, childcare stipends to ease maintaining employment and accessing advanced education."

The FFWW also helps with critical items, fiscal management, and professional development workshops.

"We help women veterans adopt healthy money management skills and provide the assistance they need to stay in their homes, advance their degrees, gain employment and care for their children," she explained.

While recognizing Women's See **WARRIORS** page 14



**SERVED:** (top) U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Grace Hooper; (mid) U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams Earley and (bottom) U.S. Navy Captain Kathleen Mae Bruyere.



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## Norwalk to Receive \$1.72 million for the Smart Cities Digital Divide Project Thanks to Biden Infrastructure Bill

The funding would be used to create free opt-in “Smart & Safe Wi-Fi Zones” within public parks and facilities in Norwalk

### Staff Report

President Joe Biden signed the historic bipartisan omnibus appropriations agreement for fiscal year 2022.

This omnibus appropriations package includes earmarked community projects, two of which are specifically for the City of Norwalk.

Biden did the same for other cities across the nation in both red and blue states that will create millions of high-paying jobs.

The following funding was earmarked for the City of Norwalk:

- \$1.72 million for the City’s Smart Cities Digital Divide project, funded at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- \$250,000 for the City’s Section 291 Environmental Infrastructure project with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding for the Smart Cities Digital Divide project would help ensure that Norwalk students and residents have equitable access to necessary digital infrastructure.

The Wi-Fi project is designed and developed for the City of Norwalk’s underserved neighborhood students, employees, workers, and small businesses.

To help and ensure that students and

residents have equitable access to necessary digital infrastructure, the City is looking to create areas within public parks and facilities near these locations.

“This funding is much needed to help bridge that gap in access to free Wi-Fi, especially for our students in the City,” stated Mayor Rick Ramirez.

“My City Council colleagues, and I have been working with our legislators at all levels of government to secure funding to improve our City.

On behalf of my City Council colleagues and residents, I want to thank Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez for being our advocate and helping to further improve our City and the Gateway Cities region.”

The \$250,000 will be used for an Environmental Infrastructure project with the Army Corps of Engineers.

This water reliability project will ensure that the City’s groundwater will remain safe.

“I was honored to successfully include funding for this critical project in the City of Norwalk,” said Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez.

“Taxpayers deserve to have a say in where their money is spent, and I am glad to have secured this funding at the City’s request. This project will make life better for students and residents all across Norwalk.”

The City of Norwalk would like to thank Congresswoman Sánchez for selecting and supporting the City’s request for this funding that will assist in the digital divide that exists within the City.

## New Outdoor Basketball Courts in Pico Park

### Staff Report

The City of Pico Rivera, in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), has received a grant to provide increased access to youth sports and play spaces in local parks for all. The grant funding allowed the City to install outdoor basketball court areas at Pico Park, located at 9528 Beverly Boulevard.

Prior to the project, Pico Park did not have outdoor basketball courts accessible to the local children, youth, adults, and families in the nearby neighborhoods. The nearest outdoor courts were located 1.5 miles away at Rio Hondo Park, making it inaccessible to neighborhood children and local community members.

Thanks to this grant through the NRPA and the Walt Disney Company, the city is now able to provide greater equitable access to basketball amenities while providing youth and families with more opportunities for physical activity and healthy outdoor recreation.

The new basketball area includes two half courts, a new basketball pole,

backstops, rings, netting, and lighting for evening play. The new courts will be used to encourage youth participation in basketball sports programming, as well as be available for free play by community members.

City Officials have revised the ribbon-cutting ceremony and will now dedicate the new basketball court area on Tuesday, April 5, at Pico Park, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

“We are so pleased to have been given this opportunity to expand our outdoor amenities to this area of the City,” said Parks and Recreation Director Pamela Yugar. “As promoters of outdoor recreation, it is our job to provide the best recreational opportunities for the benefit of all of our residents and visitors alike.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Parks and Recreation programs have become even more vital to communities as the places where everyone can experience benefits. Continued investments in a city’s park infrastructure and recreation programs means continued investments in a community’s overall health and well-being.

This project is made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Walt Disney Company in collaboration with the National Recreation and Park Association.

## Newsom Trying to Reign in State's Health Cost

### By Brian Hews

Everybody knows that hospital visits can be expensive, sometimes forcing people into bankruptcy. Studies show that health care costs have risen at twice the inflation rate for the last seven years.

In addition, patients and their employers have little negotiating power regarding health costs. Patients often don't know how much a procedure or treatment will cost until after it's done.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom is trying to change that.

Newsom's proposal is called the Office of Health Care Affordability, part of his \$286.4 billion budget proposal. At least four other states — Oregon, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Maryland — have similar offices.

The goal of the proposed office is to "order" the state's hospitals, doctors' offices and insurance companies to keep

their costs below a certain level. If they don't, the state could impose a hefty fine.

The other states impose fines, but California would be more aggressive in punishing companies that charge too much.

Setting up the office will take navigating a political and regulatory minefield. Due to HIPAA laws, some of the office's data would be public, but much would be private.

And then there is the eight-member board, appointed by the governor and lawmakers, made up of experts would set cost targets for each geographic region of the state; that is sure to cause angst on the other side of the aisle.

But have no fear, Newsom's office is a long way from becoming law, and the health care lobbyists are spending big dollars to steer the law in favor of their clients.

## Credit Union Looking to Fund Innovative Teacher Projects

California Credit Union is inviting all L.A. County teachers who have an innovative class project idea to apply for a credit union grant through its bi-annual Teacher Grant program.

The California Credit Union spring grant program is available to full-time teachers in Los Angeles and Orange County, or credit union members teaching in California, looking to fund special learning opportunities for their students. The project should have clearly defined learning objectives tied to students’ academic needs, display creativity, and benefit a significant number of students. Ten California Credit Union grants of \$500 each will be awarded to area teachers in May in the spring program.

Since 2012, CCU has awarded \$145,000 in teacher grants. Last year’s grant program funded a wide range of projects, including creating community gardens, art expression programs focused on social change, anti-racism, diversity & inclusion, a mobile library, a cooking channel for special needs students, and coding & robotics programs, among others.

*Interested teachers can find more information and apply online at [ccu.com/teachergrant](http://ccu.com/teachergrant). The application deadline is April 15, 2022.*

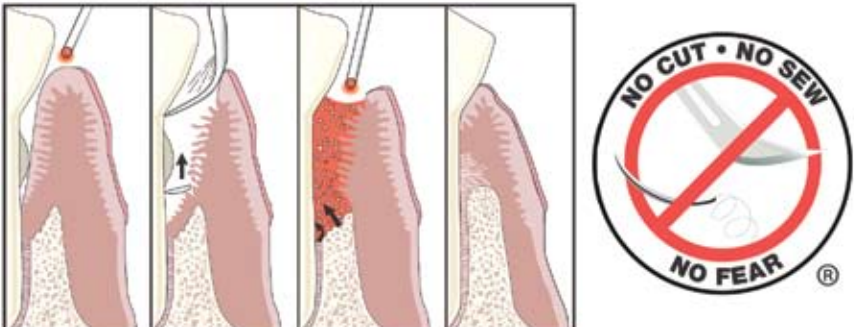
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# Artesia Holds Its Annual Mariachi Festival



**ATTENDEES WATCH** the dancing: there are two main styles of mariachi dancing the huapango, which resembles a line dance mixed with Riverdance and the jarabe style of dance and music is a combination of different music and performance.

By **Tammye McDuff**

Mariachi USA was created in 1990 and has become a premier music festival in the United States. Founded and created by Rodri J. Rodriguez, the Festival was created to give mariachi music a forum for artistic expression and a way to celebrate the rich musical traditions that so many have come to enjoy. Now many cities have joined in adding an annual Mariachi Festival to their line of family events.

This year, the City of Artesia held its annual Mariachi Festival at the Artesia

Town Center on Pioneer Boulevard Friday evening, March 11. The Festival brought in live Mariachi music and dancers, a kids zone, food vendors and a beer garden.

The City held its first Mariachi Festival in 2017, "This is our first Mariachi event in three years, so technically, it is our third event," said Edith Guerra, Acting Parks and Recreation manager. "We are here to offer the community a family-friendly time. We have some amazing performing stage acts this evening. The point of this evening is to bring the community back into the City and offer them

a Festival where all enjoy their culture."

"Residents have been stuck at home, and most all of our events were shut down," added Guerra, "We did have the Diversity Festival in October, and now we are bringing our events back. We will be offering something at least once a month."

The next City event will be held April 16, Spring Extravaganza and Safety Expo, with an egg hunt for the kids, craft and food vendors and will be held at Artesia Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm., "We invite everyone to come down and enjoy activities in our beautiful city," added Guerra.

Mariachi is regional Mexican music that dates back to at least the 18th century, evolving in the countryside of various regions of western Mexico. The usual mariachi group today consists of as many as eight violins, two trumpets and at least one guitar, including a high-pitched vihuela and an acoustic bass guitar, called a guitarrón. Most players take turns singing lead and doing backup vocals. Modifications of the music include influences from other music such as polkas and waltzes, the addition of trumpets and the use of charro outfits by mariachi musicians. The musical style began to take on national prominence in the first half of the 20th century, with its promotion at presidential inaugurations and on the radio in the 1920s. In 2011, UNESCO recognized mariachi as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.

# Cerritos Studying City Wide Fiber Optic System

The City of Cerritos is seeking proposals for a consultant firm to conduct a Citywide fiber optic master plan feasibility study to explore a competitive, reliable, and cost effective Citywide fiber optic plan for the purposes of attracting and retaining commercial, industrial, and retail businesses and potentially providing municipal broadband services.

The selected firm will work with the MIS Division, who will administer the project.

The proposal from firms is due Friday, April 8, 2022. The City's final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis: completeness of proposal, consultant's qualifications and comprehension of the scope of work; proposed services, survey and completeness of research analysis; feedback received from references listed on Reference Sheet and the total fee for proposed Citywide Strategic Fiber Optic Feasibility Study.

The City can reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, and start the process over if it does not get qualified bids.

## VOTE to Re-Elect Councilmember FRANK AURELIO YOKOYAMA Voting Begins March 14 - Mail or Drop Off Your Ballot ASAP!

### Councilmember Frank Yokoyama's Track Record on Keeping Cerritos Safe

- ✓ 81% reduction in Cerritos residential burglaries
- ✓ Fully funded Cerritos Sheriff's Station and Sky Knight Helicopter Patrol
- ✓ Supported full funding of school crossing guards
- ✓ Consistently denounced racism and hate in Cerritos
- ✓ Organized a Stop Asian Hate rally in response to a violent attack on a senior husband and wife at Cerritos Regional Park
- ✓ Brought 4,591 new LED streetlights to Cerritos
- ✓ Endorsed by L.A. County Deputy Probation Officers



### Frank's COVID-19 Response

- ✓ Brought free weekly COVID-19 testing to Cerritos High School since 2020 to the present
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## La Mirada Crime Summary

March 7-13, 2022

### Notable Arrests

• Four suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

### Aggravated Assault

• During an afternoon argument a victim was assaulted on the 15700 block of Valley View Ave. No injuries were reported during the incident.

### Residential Burglary

• A late-night burglary was reported on the 14700 block of Firestone Blvd. The exact loss is yet to be determined.

### Other Structure Burglary

• A radio and speaker were reported stolen during a weekend burglary on the 15700 block of Pescados Dr.

### Vehicle Burglary

• A purse was reported stolen during a morning theft on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• Various tools were stolen from a utility vehicle on the 14100 block of Imperial Hwy.

### Grand Theft

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 13900 block of Ramhurst Dr.

### Grand Theft Auto

• A truck was reported stolen on the 14900 block of Tacuba Dr.

## Illegal Street Vendors in La Mirada

If you notice any food or craft sales along a sidewalk or in a commercial shopping center, know that proper authorization is required for vendors to operate within the City.

Vendors are required to have the proper licensing and Public Health Permits to sell food and other products.

We can have our team go out to ensure any vendors are following proper procedure for their operation.

Please contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960 to inquire further.

## La Mirada Farmer's Market

A new farmers market is coming to La Mirada with regional produce, packaged artisan and ready-to-eat specialty foods, and locally made crafts and gifts.

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking area north of the Activity Center within the Civic Center. The traditional Farmers Market will run from April 2 through May 28 and from September 3 through December 31.

In June the market will be at night with more prepared hot foods to enjoy alongside the summer Concerts Under the Stars series at La Mirada Regional Park.

## Dropping Masks? China on Lockdown 1,331 New Cases and 36 New COVID Deaths in L.A.

By Brian Hews

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) yesterday released the latest data on COVID-19, and you can continue to count me as one who wears masks indoors.

1,331 New COVID-19 cases and 36

new deaths-31,408 deaths to date-with 495 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19.

Imagine that, an average of 45 people are dying per day in Los Angeles and we are dropping masks indoors.

I just don't get it, average numbers below.

### Daily New Cases, Positivity Rate, Hospitalization of Confirmed Cases and Deaths Last 7 Days

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Daily new cases	1,331	864	698	291*	1,136*	1,029	1,297
Daily deaths	36	34	28	40**	N/A**	52	48
Daily hospitalizations of confirmed cases	495	499	503	491	537	565	588
Daily positivity rate (7-day avg)	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%

## Catalytic Converter Thefts Continue to Rise

Local media has reported on a series of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles during late night hours in Lakewood where the perpetrators then took baseball bats and vandalized the rear lights and mirrors of the vehicles.

"The city and our law enforcement agency, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, take these recent incidents very seriously," said Lakewood Mayor Jeff Wood. "We want Lakewood residents to be safe, to know their property is protected, and to preserve the quality of life in our community. We won't let up on protecting our city."

Some of the tools and assets that the Lakewood Sheriff's Station are using to search for the perpetrators of these crimes include:

License Plate Reading Cameras are located in high-traffic areas of Lakewood. This extra investment by the City of Lakewood is being used by the Sheriff's Department to search for the perpetrators of these theft and vandalism crimes. The cameras are used successfully on a regular basis to search for suspects in crimes, as well as to search for stolen vehicles. The cameras have led to the arrest of hundreds of suspects since Lakewood installed them.

Special Assignment Detective is focusing on this crime. Lakewood is in-

vesting in an extra team of experienced Sheriff's personnel above and beyond the team of deputies that perform daily patrol duties.

These "Special Assignment Officers" include a Sheriff's Detective assigned just to Lakewood who is focusing intently on this series of crimes.

The Lakewood Sheriff's Station has identified three vehicles used by the recent perpetrators. The vehicles are described as: a white Infinity sedan; a dark gray Infinity sedan and a black Lexus.

Anyone with information on the possible suspects or their vehicles is urged to call the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at (562) 623-3500. That phone is staffed 24 hours a day.

Catalytic converter theft has become a nationwide problem and the City of Lakewood is doing everything it can at the local level to combat it.

The city has sponsored free events in Lakewood where residents can get IDs etched on their catalytic converters, which make them less attractive to thieves and harder to recycle.

Lakewood City Council Members recently lobbied in Sacramento to pass new laws.

The city has stepped-up late night patrols and visibility and increasing its public education.

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# Artesia Crowns 2022 Kitchen Queen



By Tammy McDuff

A new Artesia Kitchen Queen was crowned this week at the annual culinary event; taking the crown this year was Anju Garg with her Dilli Chaat bowl.

“Food is such an important part of our life. It is not just about nutrition. It is our culture, our memories, our love and a piece of art. I love creating this beautiful piece of art and love sharing it with everyone,” said Garg.

Her message to everyone is to enjoy the art of cooking and sharing with your loved ones because you never know when this privilege will be gone.

The Kitchen Queen group was Garg’s go-to group during the pandemic for inspiration and ideas. “I learned so many new dishes from this group. It is an honor to win this crown and share my love of food with everyone. Even though I may have won the crown, each group member is a queen of the kitchen. So create, share and inspire. Happy

**KITCHEN QUEEN WINNER** Anju Garg with her food that includes the winning Dilli Chaat bowl. Dilli Chaat has potatoes, tomatoes, onions, tomato sauce, green chutney, curd, tamarind chutney, and sev bhujia which is a crispy namkeen snack made with gram flour, potatoes, and spices.

you can share recipes and kitchen tips and anything related to cooking, whether good bargains or nifty gadgets. It is a place to share your everyday food items and cooking ideas, cooking presentations, creativity and inspiration.

Prizes range from cash to jewelry and clothing, winery and personal nutrition and wellness consultation, specialty luncheons, and gift cards from surrounding businesses. Vasant wanted to thank all the sponsors who graciously donated gifts and made the event a unique competition for the winners.

Funds generated by past Kitchen Queens competitions have been donated to the Cerritos College Culinary Department.

*For more information and to join the group, visit their Facebook group Kitchen Queens.*

cooking!”

“Thank you to all of the Kitchen Queens who participated in the first very exciting virtual Kitchen Queens Competition 2022,” stated Smita Vasant, local businesswoman and Kitchen Queens founder, “Kudos to everyone who participated with your amazing and creative dishes! They were all spectacular and inspiring!”

Kitchen Queens is a group where

# Lakewood Beautiful Returns, Nominate Now

The Lakewood Beautiful program is ready to recognize Lakewood residents who take extra care to keep their homes and yards (and local neighborhoods) looking great

Studies show that home upkeep and beautification by caring, committed residents keeps crime rates low and property values healthy, thereby benefiting the whole community.

You can help honor those Lakewood residents who go “above and beyond” to keep their home and yards looking beautiful by submitting a nomination form by May 6, 2022.

There are four ways to honor your home or a neighbor’s home:

•Beautiful Home Award. This is the city’s most traditional award, which has honored hundreds of Lakewood homes

over three decades. This award recognizes the front-facing exterior and landscaping of a home, displaying exceptional care and pride of ownership.

•Jackie Rynerson “Transformation Award.” This will honor homeowners who have remodeled the front-facing exterior and landscaping of their property within the past three years.

•Neat and Tidy Award. This newest category was added to recognize homeowners who are consistent with maintaining their landscaping and a clean home exterior.

•Water-Wise Award. This honors beautiful homes nominated in one of the first two categories that deserve extra recognition for landscaping that utilizes water-conserving irrigation devices and plantings.

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## City of Artesia Seeking Spring Beautification Entries

The City of Artesia announced that nominations can now be made for the Spring Beautification Awards. The Beautification and Maintenance Commission, will help select the awards for residents and business owners.

Residents and business owners can self-nominate or nominate a neighbor. Entry forms must be completed online at [www.cityofartesia.us](http://www.cityofartesia.us) and will require digital photos of the property.

Nominations will be accepted through Thursday, May 12th.

### Residential Entry

**Landscape Beautification Award:** This award will recognize homes that exhibit exceptional pride of ownership through well-maintained and exceptional landscaping of their property. This includes an attractive landscaping design of the front yard and parkway, a clean and well-maintained exterior, and overall good curb appeal.

**Sustainable Landscape Beautification Award:** This award will recognize homes that exhibit exceptional pride of ownership through the use of water conservation practices as part of their landscaping design. This includes the use of drought-tolerant or native plants, water-friendly irrigation systems, and energy-efficient or solar lighting.

### Business Entries

**Storefront Beautification Award:** This award will recognize businesses that contribute to the overall beautification of the community by demonstrating exceptional pride of ownership through the outstanding maintenance of their property. This includes an attractive façade, storefront, a clean and well-maintained exterior, and an attractive landscaping design.

**Sustainable Landscape Beautification Award:** This award will recognize businesses that contribute to the overall beautification of the community by demonstrating exceptional pride of ownership through the use of water conservation practices as part of their landscaping design. This includes the use of drought-tolerant or native plants, water-friendly irrigation systems, and energy-efficient or solar lighting.

Up to five award recipients will be selected for recognition in each category. All award recipients will be invited to attend a City Council meeting to be recognized. Residents will receive a lawn sign to display on their property, and businesses will receive a lawn sign or window decal (if the property can't accommodate a lawn sign).

Visit the City's website at [www.cityofartesia.us](http://www.cityofartesia.us) for entry forms or call (562)865-6262, Ext. 261 for more information.

## Sites Needed for Lakewood's Volunteer Day



LAKESWOOD'S VOLUNTEER DAY program is looking for project homes, recipients of Volunteer Day aid can be seniors or persons of any age who, because of a disability or limited means, need some neighborly help to make their Lakewood yard or home exterior a little nicer.

### Staff Report

Lakewood's Volunteer Day program is looking for project homes for the Saturday, April 9 community-wide cleanup and fix-up event.

You can help over 500 volunteers throughout the city by suggesting Lakewood locations that can use their assistance.

Recipients of Volunteer Day aid can be seniors or persons of any age who, because of a disability or limited means, need some neighborly help to make their Lakewood yard or home exterior a little nicer. Work can include

gardening, yard cleanup or minor painting.

The proposed project sites are reviewed by city staff for eligibility and suitability.

Also, teams of volunteers from scout troops, schools, clubs, businesses and religious congregations are needed to help. Contact the Burns Community Center for details.

If you or someone you know can benefit from a Volunteer Day cleanup project and meet the selection criteria, please submit an application online or call the Burns Community Center at 562-925-7512.

## Trees Need People. People Need Trees.

### By Tammye McDuff

We are all TreePeople, regardless of age, race, ability, gender, sexual orientation, income, or religious beliefs.

We know that trees have the power to connect communities and heal and create more resilient communities.

The city of Commerce has several events planned.

The Tree of Remembrance celebration is the second annual ceremony held on April 6, 2022.

The city of Commerce began this remembrance last year to honor beloved residents who lost their lives in the pandemic.

Join city officials and residents as they commemorate this virtual event on Facebook.

Please email the name with a photo, date of birth and date of passing of your loved one to [beloved@ci.commerce.ca.us](mailto:beloved@ci.commerce.ca.us)

As part of the STEP Grant, TreePeople will be planting 400 more trees in the City of Commerce. Each event will begin precisely at 8:30 and go until noon. The City and TreePeople have marked five dates for planting and caring for trees throughout the city:

- Thursday: March 17 at 5556 Grace Place**
- Sunday: March 20 at 6666 Washington Boulevard**
- Thursday: March 24 at 2211 S. Tubeway Avenue**
- Saturday: March 26 at 6503 Gayhart Street**
- Sunday: March 27 at 2711 Garfield Avenue**

Born in 1973 from the hopes and dreams of a teenager, TreePeople is now the largest environmental movement headquartered in Southern California.

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Through research and educational programs, TreePeople shares knowledge with policymakers, students and educators, and communities worldwide.

TreePeople connects people to their urban forest by directly organizing communities to come together to experience natural spaces, learn about essential life cycles that maintain them, plant and care for trees, harvest rain, and renew depleted landscapes.

The organization is committed to including communities in every aspect of work, from planning and understanding water infrastructure to tree planting and program implementation.

Their approach to working alongside communities is guided by the understanding that building resilient climate communities requires long-overdue investments that are directly informed, guided, and led by community members.

As a community-based movement, residents are front and center when it comes to combating climate change and social justice issues.

We know that no feat is too big if we involve the community.

As they work alongside communities facing ongoing economic and environmental stresses, they thoughtfully engage in understanding the unique needs of each community.

If you would like to volunteer and help bring cleaner air and more shade to the community, please contact the Commerce parks and Recreation Department at [treepeople.org/volunteer](http://treepeople.org/volunteer).

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## Artesia Council Recognizes Disability Awareness Month

By Tammie McDuff

Artesia City Council proclaimed the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month at their recent council meeting.

Each March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), works with cities and partners together to create a social media campaign that highlights the many ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities.

The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

Disabilities can refer to impairments in learning and behavior, such as autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and impairments in physical and/or intellectual functioning such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Down syndrome. The campaign seeks to raise awareness about including people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. It also creates awareness of the difficulties that people with disabilities still face in fitting into their communities.

NACDD believes that people with disabilities have a valuable role to play as active citizens of the communities in which they live. Their involvement builds personal connections in the com-



**RECOGNITION:** The Artesia City Council wants to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. From left, Councilmen Rene Trevino Tony Lima, Mayor pro tem Monica Manalo, and Mayor Melissa Ramoso. With them is Albert Feliciano, from the Los Angeles Regional Office of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities accepted the proclamation.

munity, helps to break down misconceptions about people living with developmental disabilities and enables them to contribute back to their community as civic volunteers and partners. Using person-centered, community-centered and purposeful learning approaches that are not currently part of the field of developmental disabilities will lead to change in the civic engagement at the local level.

“This is very important for many

reasons,” stated Albert Feliciano, from the Los Angeles Regional Office of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities, “We are trying to include residents with developmental disabilities to become and stay active in community living. It is the vision of the State Council that all individuals with disabilities have equal access to opportunities in life. We are proud to walk side by side with the City of Artesia to move forward with this initiative.”

## Violence Against Woman Act Reauthorized

Three years ago, Donald Trump and Senate Republicans allowed VAWA to expire.

President Joe Biden signed into law a reauthorization and expansion of the bipartisan Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Biden, who as a senator played a leading role in passing the original legislation, said in a statement Wednesday that he was "grateful that this critical bipartisan bill is moving forward, and I look forward to Congress delivering it to my desk without delay."

On 30 September 2018, the administration of President Donald Trump and Senate Republicans allowed VAWA to expire, putting at risk the programs designed to prevent domestic violence, support survivors of abuse, and conduct education and outreach efforts.

It was outrageous, especially when more than one in three women in this country and more than one in four men will experience rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

But on Feb. 9, a bipartisan group of senators announced that they had reached an agreement on a reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, after months of negotiations in the chamber. The legislation offers resources for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Democrats Dick Durbin and Dianne Feinstein and Republicans Joni Ernst and Lisa Murkowski led the Senate talks.

## 94th Academy Awards Fun Facts

The Oscars released its 2022 Oscars Facts report, which includes fun facts about the event.

Here are some highlights from the report:

**\$42.9M:** Total cost of the Oscars ceremony.

**Big Carpet:** The red carpet is 500 feet long.

**\$24.7K:** Cost of the 50,000 square foot Oscars red carpet.

**10:** The age of the youngest ever Oscar winner, actress Tatum O'Neal, when she won Best Supporting Actress for the film 'Paper Moon'.

**\$10M:** Cost of the look for an A-list actress attending the Oscars.

**28%:** Share of this year's Oscar nominees who are women, it is the lowest percentage in three years.

**\$500:** Each gold-plated Oscar award cost, weighs around 8 and a half pounds.

**Name:** the trophy is actually the Academy Award of Merit. There's a theory that a librarian and later executive director for the academy noted that the statuette resembled her uncle named Oscar. The nickname wasn't officially associated with the trophy until 1939.

**1st time:** The Oscars telecast will have a host for first time in four years. Wanda Sykes, Regina Hall, and Amy Schumer will split the hosting duties.

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By Melinda Myers

Many gardeners are busy pruning shrubs to remove winter damage, control the size, or provide a bit of shaping before the season is under way. Save some of the branches or cut a few from spring flowering shrubs to brighten your indoors. You'll enjoy the added spring color provided by branches of forsythia, quince, pussy willows, and other spring flowering shrubs for bouquets and arrangements.

Use a pair of sharp bypass pruners with two sharp blades that cut like scissors. These make clean cuts allowing the wound to close quickly and reducing the risk of diseases moving in. Start by removing crossing or winter damaged branches. This helps manage plant growth while harvesting some stems for your enjoyment. Look for stems at least 12" long with lots of flowers or buds to maximize flowering. Make cuts above a healthy outward bud, where a branch joins another branch or just above ground level.

Combine planned renewal pruning with a bit of indoor enjoyment. Remove a few of the older stems of forsythia, lilac, and other multi-stemmed spring flowering shrubs back to ground level. This encourages new growth at the base of the plant. Cut the larger branches down to a useable



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size for your indoor enjoyment.

Then finish any needed pruning after the plants put on their spring display so they can form new flower buds next spring. Avoid severe pruning that can result in excess growth. Removing no more than one fourth of the total growth will result in more even growth. Repeat as

needed for the next year or two to reduce the size and improve the beauty of overgrown plants.

Harvest stems for forcing on a sunny day or when temperatures are above freezing for better results. Don't smash the stems as often recommended. Instead make one or more slits in a crosshatch or

star pattern on the bottom of the stems before placing them in water immediately after cutting.

If possible, submerge the whole stems in a tub of water overnight. This encourages the stems and buds to absorb water and break dormancy. Set the stems in a bucket of cool water, about 60° to 65°F, in a bright but indirectly lit location after soaking overnight or immediately after pruning. Mist the stems as often as possible the first few days or place a plastic bag over the stems to boost humidity and prevent the buds from dropping. Change the water every two or three days; cut ends of the stems are always in the water.

The buds should start swelling and flowers start to appear in several weeks. Cut the stems to the needed length and use them in flower arrangements. They look great mixed with spring flowering bulbs, greens and other spring flowers from your garden or florist. Or display them in a vase all on their own.

Continue cutting and forcing a variety of branches over time for continuous indoor bloom. Make notes on what worked well in spring arrangements to help you plan for next year. Whether you force them into bloom or harvest when in bloom, you will enjoy the added color.

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It's been nearly five months since Bob Joy has last seen MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center registered nurse Renee Calip.

In October 2021, Bob was experiencing severe abdominal pain due to complications in his gastrointestinal tract. He went to the emergency department at Long Beach Medical Center and underwent emergency surgery. During post-surgery, Bob was taken care of by Renee, who went above and beyond to provide exceptional care for him. Bob's post-surgery care required multiple intravenous lines which can be painful and require vigilant attention. Renee and her clinical colleagues did their absolute best to make sure that his 10-day hospital stay was more comfortable.

"Every time Renee walked in the room, I felt a sense of relief because I knew she was going to help take some of the pain away. She would adjust the IVs or my position or the bed, and eventually it became manageable," said Bob. "Renee's attitude and spirit were constantly positive. I couldn't have gotten through that time without her."

After Bob was discharged from the hospital, he knew he wanted to thank Renee somehow. Extremely appreciative of the care that he received, Bob decided to



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## Patient Makes Creative Gift to MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center to Thank Nurse

make a gift to the hospital in her honor.

Bob worked with the MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Foundation and the hospital to do something special. At Renee's suggestion, and with the help of other donors, the hospital was able to purchase massage chairs and set them up in break areas throughout the hospital

**BOB JOY'S LETTER** that he wrote in gratitude to Renee Calip, R.N.

for all medical staff to enjoy.

"It's so nice to take a moment from the stress of a day and sit in one of the massage chairs," said Renee. "Thanks to Bob, we have these chairs and it's the perfect way to recharge."

On Feb. 23, Bob Joy and Renee Calip reunited for the first time since Bob's hospitalization. The two were able to test out the new massage chairs and Bob was able to thank Renee for all she had done. The day the two were reunited, Bob was also able to watch Renee get surprised



**JOY ENJOYING** his time with Renee Calip, R.N., testing out the massage chairs that MemorialCare received through his generous donation, he purchased six.

with The DAISY Award, a top recognition given to extraordinary and compassionate nurses.

"I was extremely impressed and super thankful for the passion Renee had in taking care of me," says Bob. "I know that I wasn't the only one who was given such outstanding care and attention, so I wanted to show not only my thanks but the thanks of the countless patients that she's taken care of."

Renee,  
My name is Bob Joy, I was in your care on October 20 and 21 this year in room 346A recovering from a small bowel resection. As I looked at my 3 IV's plus an NG tube running to 4 pumps pulling on 10 bags and bottles I realized maybe I'm a little more vulnerable and dependent than I thought and that a lot of skilled people were working hard to get me out of this. All of the nurses who looked after me following my abdominal surgery showed the skill and competence under pressure that your profession demands, but you stood out.

When all my IV's were burning at once you found an answer and replaced all my tubing. When my 16th IV site was failing and you had to find a vein for a 17th when none were left you had the presence of mind to contact the cardiologist to expedite conversion to Amiodarone in pill form prior to extraction of my NG tube so you could start pulling IV's instead of putting in new ones including a prescribed PICC for a TBN. I'll never forget how your quick thinking and exceptional competency finally ended my nightmare struggle with daily IV

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**BASEBALL**

**Norwalk's New Image Paying Off as Lancers Continue Hot Start**

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

When you graduate only two impact players from last season and are building your program around several juniors who are in their third season on varsity, there isn't much difference from 2021 to 2022.

Norwalk High head coach William Wenrick believes that, and it has worked so far as the Lancers are off to the program's best start in over two decades.

Norwalk doubled up Garden Grove High 4-2 last Thursday to improve to 9-2.

It's the program's best 11-game start since going 8-3 in 2009. Norwalk has also started 7-4 in 2005 and in 2018 and is on the verge of the program's first double digit win season since going 10-13 in 2018.

In addition, from 2019-2021, the Lancers went 13-29 and are looking good to get back to the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

Wenrick added that the team isn't working harder or doing anything special from last season other than working off the tee in the batting cage.

Plus, the program is finally feeling at home with its new digs for the first time since pre-pandemic.

"I was feeling pretty good going in just because I had so many sophomores

last year," said Wenrick. "We're still not hitting the ball where, or how, I would like us to hit the ball. But we're not beating ourselves, and my teams notoriously would always have that one inning where we just couldn't hold it together. I knew with this team we were going to be able to."

If that wasn't good enough, the Lancers are sporting new pinstripe uniforms with "Lancers" in script lettering. Junior center fielder Randy Martinez was instrumental in making that happen when he designed the new threads last summer.

"Dr. [Norwalk principal David] Olea wants a new start; he wants Norwalk to be a community where everybody in Norwalk has this 'in', which is fine," said Wenrick. "It's a different vibe."

Norwalk immediately went to work against the Argonauts in the bottom of the first inning when Martinez reached on an infield single, stole second and scored on a base hit from junior shortstop Caden Barnhill. After a wild pitch and a stolen base landed Barnhill at third, he made it 2-0 when senior catcher Angel Rosales doubled.

Garden Grove got one run back in the next inning when junior pitcher Gabriel Cancino walked his counterpart, Sergio Beccera, who later came home on a base hit from Ruben Torres. Two innings later, Garden Grove tied the game but in Norwalk's half of the frame, it took the lead for good. Barnhill reached on an error, stole second,

went to third on a balk and came home on a fielder's choice from Rosales.

For added measure, Martinez led off the fifth inning an infield hit, stole second and came home on a base hit from Barnhill. Those two combined to go four for six, score all four runs and drive in half the runs.

They also accounted for five of the team's six stolen bases.

"We knew last year he was going to be a spark plug," said Wenrick of Martinez. "Him and Caden Barnhill were the only two freshmen I ever had who are going to be four-year lettermen. I have them both at the top of the order; they can flip-flop. Randy is unbelievable on the bases with his speed and can handle the bat really well."

Cancino worked the first four innings, giving up three hits and striking out half a dozen while junior Angel Gonzales pitched the final three innings, yielding three hits while striking out three. The Lancers would then lose to Mary Star of the Sea High 5-1 last Saturday, and to La Mirada High 7-0 this past Tuesday in the Suburban League opener. They will visit the Matadores today to complete the home and home series, then travel to Mayfair High on Tuesday for the front end of that home and home series.

"We have a good stretch of good teams," said Wenrick. "I think it's good we catch La Mirada early. I would have liked to have played a couple of more quality teams. But that's going to be a challenge to say the least."



**Norwalk Proclaims Feb. 22, 2022 Penny Brothers' Day**

Norwalk, CA – The City of Norwalk proclaimed February 22, 2022 as Penny Brothers' Day in honor of NFL stars Elijahhaa and Rashaad Penny.

Both gentlemen are alumnus of Norwalk High School. Elijahhaa graduated in 2011 and Rashaad graduated in 2014. Both wore jersey number twenty-two, which was retired last month by Norwalk High School on February 22, 2022.

"My City Council colleagues, and I are very proud to be able to proclaim February 22, 2022 as the Penny Brothers' Day," stated Mayor Rick Ramirez, "It's not often that you get a local resident playing in a sport in a major league, let alone two local residents that happen to be brothers. Having them give back to the community that they grew up in is inspiring for younger residents to strive to make their own dreams a reality."

Beyond their accolades on the football field, they have done a lot to give back to the Norwalk community. They started a foundation called the Two Cents Family Foundation that provides recreational experiences and educational resources to children in Norwalk.

Through their foundation, the brothers have offered free football camps to teach young players about sportsmanship, teamwork, and hard work, while incorporating mentorship. The foundation has also hosted a backpack giveaway in the past that was well attended by residents.

The City hopes to continue to collaborate with Elijahhaa and Rashaad Penny on future community events.

**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.

**Irish Folk Songs**

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**Solution: 9 letters**

**Cerritos Organic Waste Recycling Program**

The City of Cerritos is launching an organic waste recycling pilot program in April within one residential section of the City.

Residents who live within the pilot program area will be notified and instructed to dispose of food scraps along with green waste in the green trash container.

The City will evaluate the pilot program and then implement a citywide organic waste recycling program later in 2022.

California state law (Senate Bill 1383) requires all jurisdictions in the state to mandate participation in organic waste recycling programs to recover and divert non-edible organic waste from reaching landfills.

Organic waste, which includes food waste, green waste and un-waxed food-soiled paper, emit greenhouse gas emissions when they decompose in landfills.

In 2021, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing organic waste recycling requirements in compliance with the state law.

The ordinance includes requirements for residential and commercial waste generators.

Certain businesses, such as grocery stores and large restaurants, will be required to arrange for the collection and distribution of unused edible food for human consumption.

The City will provide updates about the organic waste recycling program in future editions of "The Cerritos News" and on the City's website. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

## PERFECT GAME WEST COAST HIGH SCHOOL SHOWDOWN

# One Good Inning by La Mirada Offset by One Bad Inning Against Mater Dei

By Loren Kopff

IRVINE-When you have a chance to make a statement against one of the top teams in the CIF-Southern Section's Division 2, you hope to keep your foot on the pedal. La Mirada High's baseball team, situated in Division 1, led Mater Dei High, the second ranked team in Division 2 by three runs six batters into last Saturday afternoon's game in the Perfect Game West Coast High School Showdown in Irvine.

But the Monarchs countered with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and held on for a 5-4 victory despite a furious rally late in the game. La Mirada split four games in the four-day event, losing the opener to Santa Margarita High 3-0 and finished the six-team tournament in second place. La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn said his players got a lot of pressure situations, especially freshman pitcher Donald Murray coming in the fifth inning to pitch a pair of perfect innings against Mater Dei in a 5-4 game. Also facing the Monarchs were starting first baseman Maverek Russell and starting second baseman Aiden Aguayo, both of whom are freshmen. He said you can't replicate high level situations in practice.

With one out in the first, senior center fielder Rudy Gonzales doubled down the right field line. That was followed by a run-scoring single from senior catcher Andrew Pyle. Two pitches later, junior designated hitter Pablo Hidalgo singled to the left field gap, followed by a sacrifice fly from Aguayo, plating Pyle, and a base hit from Russell. The next batter, junior right fielder Aidan Haller, singled to put runners at the corner. But on the next pitch, senior left fielder Nick Barron popped up.

"That's our style; we want to put pressure on the defense and as good as we were that inning, it's also what was our failure today," said Zurn. "We had an opportunity at 3-0; we get a leadoff runner on in the next inning [and] we don't get the bunt down. We get the leadoff runner the inning after that [and]



PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF

**THE LA MIRADA HIGH** baseball team finished in second place of the Perfect Game West Coast High School Showdown after going 2-2. The Matadores, who fell to Mater Dei High 5-4 last Saturday, also lost to Santa Margarita High on Mar. 9, then defeated Poudre High of Colorado 14-0 and Temecula Valley High 8-5 the next two days.

we don't get the bunt down. That comes back to bite you when you're trying to tack on runs against a good team."

The Mats kept the pressure on in the next three innings but were thwarted by a pair of double plays and consecutive fielder choice plays which ended the third inning. Meanwhile, junior pitcher Cameron Trevino was cruising through the first three innings, allowing two hits, two more getting on by way of a fielder's choice and a walk. He entered the fourth having thrown 45 pitches but began that inning yielding a single to Gavin Williams and walking Cade O'Hara. After throwing two straight balls to Derek Gonzales, Zurn replaced him with sophomore Eddie Garcia, who allowed a single to Gonzales, and a two-run double to Brody Connors to left field making it 3-3.

"At this point, the fourth game in four days, fresh arms are what you're going with," said Zurn. "Cam's been really good for us out of the bullpen. He was struggling getting his secondary pitches over and when you become a one-pitch guy, they can sit on a fastball. [Sophomore] Eddie [Garcia]

came in; I asked a lot out of Eddie. He only threw 40 pitches the other day."

On that hit by Connors, Barron made a valiant effort for a diving catch, only to come up with a dislocated left shoulder. He would be replaced by senior Derek Cruz. The Monarchs would then get a groundout from John Elliot, a triple from Jimmy Deanda and single from Matt Hernandez to complete Mater Dei's scoring.

In the next inning, a line drive from Hidalgo was snared by Hernandez as he was running towards right field. With one out in the sixth, Russell was walked and scored on a double from junior pinch hitter Eric Jeon. Jordan Manzur then walked junior third baseman Alejandro Diaz and after Jeon stole third, the stage was set for senior shortstop and leadoff hitter Noah Rodriguez to at least tie the game. But he sharply grounded out to second. In the last inning, La Mirada once again put the tying run on base. But a pair of strikeouts and a fielder's choice ended that rally, and the game. One of those strikeouts came from Pyle, who came within feet of tying the

game with a home run.

"Off the bat, where their second baseman was playing, I thought that ball was in the 3-4 hole," said Zurn the attempt from Rodriguez. "He had a great at-bat, hit a ball well and the second baseman sat on it and made a good play. Then we come up and Rudy wore a pitch.

"Think about it," he continued. "Pyle is about three feet to the right of giving us the lead if that ball clears the fence."

Eight players had one hit as the Mats fell to 7-3-1 after the game. Their other two losses were shutouts by Division 1 teams while in their seven wins, they have outscored their foes 51-9.

"Oh, it's awesome," said Zurn of the tournament. "Four games in four days is very, very difficult, especially on a pitching staff, keeping guys fresh [and] turning around. We had a really good win last night and then you turnaround and come back today. And obviously getting to play the caliber of teams...your Mater Dei's, Santa Margarita's, Temecula Valley's, all D1 programs. It's a gauntlet, but it's good for the kids [and] 2-2, we'll take that. It's only going to prepare us for not only league, but what we're going to see in the playoffs."

La Mirada opened Suburban League play this past Tuesday at improving Norwalk and came away with a 7-0 win. After hosting the Lancers today, the Mats will face Moorpark on Saturday, Reno High on Monday, Lakeridge High out of Oregon on Tuesday and Damien High on Wednesday in the Anaheim Lions Tournament.

"I went and saw them today [against Mary Star of the Sea] before I came here," said Zurn of Norwalk. "Like I've said from day one, [Norwalk head coach] Bill [Wenrick] always does a great job. You don't sleep in anyone. The minute you do that, the game will bite you. I've been in this league for a very, very long time and if there's one thing that we will never do is underestimate an opponent. That's why we've had success."

## SUBURBAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL

### LA MIRADA'S URBINA PITCHES GEM, GETS OFFENSIVE SUPPORT IN SUBURBAN LEAGUE OPENER

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Norwalk High's softball team, enjoying it's best season since 2018, hosted La Mirada High this past Tuesday hoping to prove that it can be a worthy contender for a Suburban League title. But the queens of the circuit had other plans, and it began with Aleya Urbina.

The senior pitcher faced the minimum through four innings and ended the tilt tossing a two-hitter while striking out six in a 7-0 victory. It was business as usual for the Matadores, who are seeking one final championship in the last year of the league. Next season, the Suburban League and San Gabriel Valley League will join forces and it may be a while before La Mirada and Norwalk face each other as league opponents.

"The league opener is what we look forward to all season," said La Mirada head coach Brent Tuttle. "I just told my girls that's why you practice as hard as we did all year [and] that's why we put the schedule in front of you that we did."

La Mirada jumped all over Norwalk sophomore pitcher Jailyann Banda in the top of the first inning as senior

third baseman Janis Espinoza reached on an error and senior center fielder Grace Archuleta was walked before sophomore catcher Rebecca Eckart singled in Espinoza. After junior first baseman Natalie Craig reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases, freshman designated player Angelina Conde brought in Archuleta. Two batters later, freshman shortstop Amanda Urbina hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0.

The Mats tacked on solo tallies in the second and fourth innings before senior pinch hitter Layla Monteon and senior left fielder Peyton Powers each hit solo home runs in the fifth inning to complete the scoring.

"It's been our league for a few years now; the league runs through us and that's what we told the girls," said Tuttle. "Norwalk's capable, so we said we had to come out here, set the tone early, and we did. We put three on them in the first inning and just kept adding one, adding one. And if you get a game like that from Aleya, we're tough to beat."

Despite the shutout, Banda's numbers were a bit deceiving. She threw a first pitch strike to 22 batters, was ahead in the count 0-2 six times

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## St. Irenaeus' Holy Week Labyrinth Walk



By Rosemary Lewallen

All are invited to experience the Labyrinth Walk sponsored by St. Irenaeus Health Ministry's Labyrinth Ministry on Tuesday, April 12th, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The event will take place in the Parish Hall located on the campus of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church at 5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress. This is a free event.

The Labyrinth is a full-body prayer that involves literally walking in prayer following a circular floor pattern. This experience can enhance your inward Lenten journey and help prepare you spiritually for Easter.

The Holy Week Labyrinth Walk is an opportunity to quiet your mind, center yourself, and find a quiet respite from the problems that bombard us daily.

As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "If we really want to pray, we must first learn to listen; for in the silence of the heart, God speaks."

It only takes about 20 – 30 minutes to pray and walk the Labyrinth. Give yourself the gift of resting in the quiet serenity, meditating, praying, and listening to hear God's voice. There is no one "right" way to do the Labyrinth Walk. We each have our unique prayers and concerns.

If you have questions, please contact Monica Kovach at 310-490-6113.

## 1st CEB Meritorious Marine to be Honored Mar. 26

### Staff Report

The city of Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed at Camp Pendleton, on November 11, 2007. Corporal Hunter Linam, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), will be hosted and honored by the City of Cerritos on Saturday, March 26, at 11:30 at the Cerritos Sheraton Hotel. The public is cordially invited to attend the event and the presentation.

The mayor and City Council will present Corporal Hunter Linam with a proclamation to honor him for his exemplary service. You will have an opportunity to personally meet and express your appreciation for Corporal Linam's military service.

Hunter A. Linam was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2018. He attended recruit training at 1st Recruit Training Battalion at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, graduating with the meritorious rank of Private First Class (PFC). His subsequent training included Marine Combat Training and Combat Engineer. After completing his final training, PFC Linam reported for duty with the 1st

Combat Engineer Battalion in April of 2019 and was promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) in June 2019.

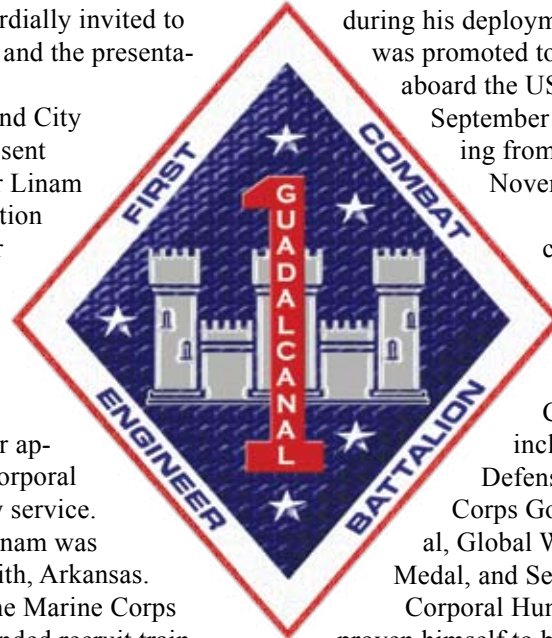
L/Cpl Linam attended Sapper Leaders Course 2-20 in March of 2020, and in May of 2020, he deployed with Battalion Landing Team 2/4 in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit as a fireteam leader in his engineer platoon.

Due to his outstanding performance during his deployment, L/Cpl Linam was promoted to Corporal while aboard the USS America on September 1, 2020, returning from deployment in November of 2020.

Corporal Linam is currently a Squad leader in the Mobility Assault Company, 1st Platoon, 1st CEB. His awards

include National Defense Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Sea Service Ribbon.

Corporal Hunter Linam has proven himself to be proficient in his duty assignments and an excellent small-unit leader, accomplishing his assigned tasks. He has distinguished himself through his high standards, work ethic, and performance, in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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Groundwater Awareness Week was established in 1999 to highlight the importance of groundwater management. This year's Groundwater Awareness Week is celebrated from Mar. 6-12.

Groundwater is a critical component of California's water supply and serves as a resource for many different industries and uses, including farms, urban and rural communities, and ecosystems across the state. In southern Los Angeles County, groundwater accounts for nearly half of all the water used in the region. The WRD is the largest groundwater agency in California, protecting and providing groundwater for four million people in 43 cities across southern Los Angeles County.

Historically, the region imported water from hundreds of miles away using a series of aqueducts, reservoirs, and canals to fill our groundwater basins. Thanks to WRD's Water Independence Now (WIN) program, recycled water makes up 100% of the water supply used to replenish those basins at the spreading grounds. WRD reached this milestone in 2019 with the completion of the Albert Robles Center (ARC) for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning.

"WRD is proud to protect our watershed and provide high quality groundwater at affordable rates," said WRD President John D. S. Allen. "Our WIN program has provided a local and environmentally sustainable supply of water in the region."

Groundwater basins serve as the state's water savings account. Basins have the capability of storing 850M TO 1.3B acre-feet of water, or 8 to 12 times the combined storage capacity of all major above ground reservoirs in California.

"Our next goal is to complete our Water Independence for All (WIN 4 All) program by 2040," continued Director Allen. "Through WIN 4 All, WRD and other water agencies will work together to store billions of gallons of water in empty and unused aquifers."

## LAC Vector Control Confirms New GM

Santa Fe Springs, CA – The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD/District) Board of Trustees approved a contract with Susanne Klueh as the next General Manager of the District. Klueh was most recently appointed as the Interim General Manager selected to lead the District while the Board conducted an extensive search to fill the position.



Susanne Klueh.

"We are very excited to have Susanne as the next General Manager," said Board President Emily Holman. "Susanne has established a stellar reputation as a leader in the vector control world, both in the state of California and across the country."

Klueh has served as the Director of Scientific-Technical Services for GLACVCD, since 2009. During her tenure as Director, Klueh led the agency during West Nile virus outbreaks by promoting safe, effective mosquito control methods rooted in surveillance data. Additionally, Klueh guided District staff during the introduction of invasive Aedes mosquito and has been a leading figure for the state in its efforts to develop effective strategies towards Aedes control.

"I've dedicated 23 years of public service to the residents, Board of Trustees, and staff of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, and I look forward to leading the organization," said General Manager Susanne Klueh.

## Supervisor Hahn Names Leader of Workers' Strike Woman of the Year



Cristina Lujan on picket line. Credit: LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Norwalk, CA – During Tuesday's meeting of the LA County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Janice Hahn named Cristina Lujan Woman of the Year for the Fourth District. Lujan emerged as a leader of a recent workers' strike for fairer compensation at the Jon Donaire Desserts in Santa Fe Springs.

"I was honored to have had the chance to walk the picket line with the workers of Jon Donaire Desserts, side by side with Cristina. Now it's our turn to honor her," said Supervisor Hahn after announcing the designation.

Lujan and her fellow members of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America at the Jon Donaire Desserts plant in Santa Fe Springs were on the picket line for 113 days, including through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. An agreement was reached with management late last month that gives workers better wages and benefits, more reliable schedules, and safer working conditions.

A daughter of Mexican immigrants who grew up in Whittier, Lujan now calls Norwalk home. She has worked at Jon Donaire for 19 years. Outside of work, Lujan enjoys reading and spending time with her children, Angela, Efrén, and José Luis.

"She embodies the sacrifice and commitment to justice that should be an inspiration to us all," added Supervisor Hahn. Lujan's commitment to her work, to making her workplace fairer for all, and to her family serves as a reminder of the immense role that women play in making our communities thrive.

Lujan, as well as the honorees from the other Supervisorial Districts, will be honored in a ceremony on Monday, May 9, organized by the Los Angeles County Women's Commission.

## Hahn Appoints Bellflower Resident to Commission

This past Tuesday, Supervisor Hahn appointed Bellflower resident Juan Vasquez to serve on the Little Lake Cemetery District Board of Trustees.

The Little Lake Cemetery serves the residents of Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk and portions of La Mirada, Bellflower and the City of Downey.

Like many public cemeteries, it is operated and maintained by a cemetery district, a special tax district which aims to provide an affordable, well maintained final place of rest to local residents.

"I appreciate Juan's decision to serve and help ensure the Little Lake Cemetery continue to be a peaceful final resting place and a beautiful space for residents to come to remember their loved ones," said Supervisor Hahn.

## Cellist Yingying Zhang at Cerritos Library

The community is invited to a classical free music concert by cellist Yingying Zhang on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room.

Zhang will be accompanied by pianist Dr. Fang Fang Shi and the program will include works by Gustav Lange, Charles Gounod & Johann Sebastian Bach, Astor Piazzolla, Felix Mendelssohn, Fritz Kreisler, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Robert Schumann, Gabriel Fauré, Frédéric Chopin and David Popper.

**Seating is limited, first-come, first-served All attending must complete a COVID-19 waiver. The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.**

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## Solanki Takes Cerritos City Council to New Low from page 1

Hahn's employment as a Field Representative to bolster her run in Cerritos, is endorsed by the Cerritos "Old Guard" Republicans including Solanki, Bruce Barrows, Sherman Kappe, George LaFiel, and others who have held a grip on Cerritos for over twenty years.

Solanki who never looked at Yokoyama, who was immediately to his left, started, "I have some concerns about one of our Councilmembers who is running for reelection, Mr. Yokoyama used our City credit card to pay for expenses in Spain while on vacation, eight charges on the card; but Solanki only mentioned five, two of which were city related.

"A Zoom call to the City Council meeting, call to his family, Nike Store, and a McDonalds," Solanki said.

Solanki then shifted to other charges, "Yokoyama also bought alcohol with the card, which is a violation of City policy." Documents obtained by HMG-CN show Yokoyama bought a beer in San Diego during a conference along with food.

Solanki continued, "Yokoyama allows access to City Hall by family members who enter and eat our food and drinks and use our conference room."

Solanki then alleged that CM Art Gal-

lucci approached him, not Mayor Grace Hu, informing Solanki that "Yokoyama made 500 color copies of an election flyer on the city's copy machine."

Solanki held up the flyer, "he made 500 color copies of an election flyer, he is using City Hall as his campaign office."

A request to Solanki to view the document has not been answered.

Solanki demanded that the Sheriff's, District Attorney and Fair Political Practices Commission investigate Yokoyama's use of the City's copy machine.

Unlikely the D.A. or the Sheriff's would be interested, the value of the copies is \$250; if Yokoyama paid the City for the fliers using campaign funds, then there is no FPPC violation.

In response, Yokoyama told HMG-CN, "I paid for all personal expenses on my city credit card statements and city expense reports. I paid for all non-city business expenses on my city credit card statements and city expense reports. City staff, the city manager, and the city auditor reviewed and approved and signed off my city credit card statements and city expense reports. All my flyers and mailers have paid by Yokoyama on them."

The speed hump request application process is still being refined and should be available to residents soon.

There are some disadvantages to speed humps which include; slowing responding emergency vehicles, increasing response time; increased traffic volumes on adjacent streets; increased street maintenance costs due to additional labor and materials; installation costs of \$4,000 - \$7,000 per speed hump; increased claims and potential public liability for damaged vehicles; loss of on-street parking spaces; increased exhaust levels as vehicles slow to drive over humps and increased vehicle speeds between humps.

it's one game; it's from the first game of league. I know we're going to come back and bounce back because I know the sticks we have in this lineup."

La Mirada, which came back from Bullhead City, AZ where it went 1-4 in the Tournament of Champions, improved to 7-6 and visited Etiwanda High on Mar. 17 before entertaining Bellflower High on Tuesday. Norwalk dropped to 11-5 and is two wins shy of reaching the program's total from the previous three seasons combined. The Lancers went 15-10 in 2016, a win total easily attainable this season.

"I've always said we're going to play the best of the best," said Tuttle. "If I think my kids are tough, we're going to play the best teams around, because we are a Division 1 team and that's what we're going to see in the playoffs. So, we might as well go out there and take our licks now, learn our lessons and hopefully we're getting better every game. If we're playing our best softball in May, we're going to be tough."

"The season has gone great; the girls have been performing well," said Perez. "Today, we faced a really good pitcher, and they just needed to adjust a little bit more to what she was throwing. But overall, I see the season going pretty good for us.

"I know the girls are excited to go play them because every time we play La Mirada or Mayfair, it's a big competition game to where it's pretty much bragging rights," he later said. "I feel really good going against them. Even though the score doesn't show it today, it wasn't our day today."

## WARRIORS from page 1

Military History Week, the FFWW honors the past and shows its effect upon the present. Three outstanding women who shaped that history include U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams Earley (1918 - 2002); U.S. Navy Captain Kathleen Mae Bruyere (1944-2020) and U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Grace Hooper (1906-1992).

Breaking barriers for women in general and women of color, Lt. Col. Earley became the first African-American to be an officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later called the WACS).

She was the first Black commanding officer of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, and the highest-ranking Black woman in the army by the end of WWII. The 6888th Battalion served a key role in the morale of the troops with mail service.

It was in February 1945 that the 6888th served in England and France, after surviving a difficult trip across the Atlantic under threat of attack by German submarines.

According to Grenier, upon arrival in England, they were given the challenge of sorting and delivering millions of pieces of mail backlogged for six months.

"Through their ingenuity and hard work, the 6888th eliminated the backlog of mail in three months, far ahead of schedule," she added. "They then were sent to France to successfully address a similar mail backlog. These deliveries helped support the morale of countless soldiers on the frontlines in Europe."

President Biden recently signed two bills into law recognizing the service and sacrifice of women veterans, including the 'Six Triple Eight' Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021 to show the nation's appreciation and awarded battalion members the Congressional Gold Medal.

The second bill signed was H.R. 3665 and renamed the VA Medical Center after U.S. Army Captain Jennifer Moreno, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

"Women have been at the forefront of national security dating as far back as the Revolutionary War," Grenier explained. "They have served in critical roles during peace and combat with little recognition."

But times are changing the course of women's history because of their history in the service.

U.S. Navy Captain Kathleen Mae Bruyere was one of 12 women named by Time magazine as "Time Person of the Year," who represented American women at the height of the feminist movement.

In 1975 she became the first female officer to serve as flag secretary to an admiral commanding an operational staff.

By 1977, she was one of six officers who sued the U.S. Secretary of the Navy and the U.S. Secretary of Defense for being restricted from serving on combat aircraft and ships.

Under this ruling, service secretaries could discharge women without cause. Women were also restricted from flying combat aircraft or serving on ships that might engage in combat.

"One of her fellow plaintiffs, a pilot, was told that she could deliver supplies to a ship, but not land on it," she said.

By 1978, U.S. District Judge John Sirica ruled the law unconstitutional, which cleared the way for women to serve and opened 9,000 jobs at sea to women, according to Grenier.

"Perhaps as importantly, it gave

women the opportunity to command ships," she added. "She was instrumental in the Navy allowing women to serve onboard, though she herself never did."

Sort of an outgrowth of this in the present but this time in the U.S. Army is how 100 women recently and successfully completed the Army Ranger Course. Before 2013 women were not allowed to attend it, according to Grenier.

Another pioneering woman warrior is American computer scientist and U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Grace Hooper.

While one of the first programmers of the Harvard Mark I computer, she trailblazed as a computer programmer inventing one of the first linkers, as one of the first to theorize machine-independent programming languages.

She was instrumental in theoretically creating a programming language which later led COBOL, an early high-level programming language still in use today.

Before joining the U.S. Navy, she earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Yale University and was a professor of mathematics at Vassar College. During World War II, Hooper tried to join the Navy but was rejected because she was 34 years old, so she went on to join the Navy Reserves. Later the U.S. Navy would name a guided-missile destroyer and supercomputer after her.

During Hopper's lifetime, she was awarded 40 honorary degrees from all over the world, and a college at Yale University is named after her. In 1991 she was awarded the National Medal of Technology, and in 2016 she was post-humorously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.

Today in honor of past and present women warriors during Women's Military History Week, the Foundation for Women Warriors (FFWW) is having a Virtual 5K until the end of March. Runners can register for free and can run, walk, hike or bike while logging miles in honor of all trailblazing military women who defied societal norms. They are encouraged to run in honor of a woman in history who inspires them and to share her story.

FFWW is also collecting supplies for their Bright Beginnings Baby Shower Drive. Items needed include diapers, baby wipes, diaper bags, formula, car seats, cribs and mattresses, baby detergent, baby lotion and shampoo, and monetary donations and gift cards.

"This past year, 77 percent of the veterans we served through our financial assistance programs were single parents," she added. "And for those first-time parents, purchasing new baby essentials became an added financial struggle that no one should have to face."

"Our Bright Beginnings Baby Shower waitlist has grown to over 100 veterans and is increasing each day, she said. "We are providing monthly baby showers March through June and could really use your help ensuring our veteran moms and their babies have everything they need for a bright beginning."

For more information about the Foundation for Women Warriors, please visit online at [www.foundationforwomewarriors.org](http://www.foundationforwomewarriors.org).

## HUMPS from page 1

ing this policy suitable to address the needs and concerns of residents."

With the approval, a "demonstration project" for speed hump installation will move forward and will be located along Dollison Drive between Beaty Avenue and Hercules Street, which is primarily a residential neighborhood near Sara Mendez Park.

The city has received speeding concerns from neighborhood residents in this area and determined that this location meets the criteria for speed hump installation.

## LA MIRADA from page 11

and had a 1-2 count on seven batters. And of the batters she was ahead of in the count, 16 resulted in outs. Eight of the nine starters reached base and La Mirada recorded 10 hits off Banda.

"She performed well [in the circle]," said Norwalk first-year head coach Fred Perez. "I know we just have to make sure with two strikes, we have to get that closeout pitch just to make sure we shut it down and not extend that batter's at-bat."

The same cannot be said for the Norwalk offense. After a perfect bottom of the first inning, Aleya Urbina gave up a leadoff single to Banda on an 0-2 count. But on the next pitch, senior first baseman Brianna Perez popped up to Craig who dove back to tag first base, doubling up senior courtesy runner Kamryn Velazquez. The La Mirada ace would then retire the next seven batters before walking Banda to begin the fifth inning. After that, she sat down four straight and nine of the next 10. She threw 73 pitches, including less than eight pitches in three innings.

"Aleya is a very, very good pitcher," said Tuttle. "She's not going to give you 100 strikeouts a year, but you're going to get ground balls, you're going to get little pop-ups. She works the batters good. She's efficient where doesn't throw a lot of pitches. And she has a really good defense behind her."

"I think most of our hitters were in their own head, looking for certain pitches and they weren't the pitches they were getting," said Perez. "But



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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION NO. 750, ZONE  
RECLASSIFICATION NO. 327, ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 189, MAJOR VARIANCE  
NO. 191 AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 60**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider the recommendation to the City Council of the following: Conditional Use Permit Modification No. 750, Zone Reclassification No. 327, Zone Code Amendment No. 189 and General Plan Amendment No. 60, a request by Madison Capital Group, LLC to develop a self-storage facility located at 6605 Rosemead Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (Assessor Parcel Number 6370-013-014). The project consists of new construction of 63,066 square feet, four story (52 feet), self-storage facility on a 28,208 square foot site. The development includes seven vehicular parking spaces and three loading bays. Madison Capital Group, LLC submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit, Zoning Reclassification, Zone Text Amendment and General Plan Amendment. A Zone Text Amendment and General Plan Amendment are required since self-storage facilities are not currently permitted in any zone. The proposed project will require Planning Commission and City Council approval.

**WHEN:** Monday, April 4, 2022

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

**MAIL:** PO Box 1016 **TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4332

Pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15063, and following an Initial Study and environmental assessment of possible adverse impacts, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of certain mitigation measures for which lessened potential adverse impacts to a level of less than significant. Therefore, the project applicant has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration with mitigation measures and monitoring program in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** are invited to attend this hearing to express their opinion on the above matter. Written comments may also be submitted to the City of Pico Rivera Community & Economic Development Department from the date of this notice until Monday, April 4, 2022 before 5:00 p.m. Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department – Planning Division at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. In accordance with COVID-19 protocols, visitors will be required to wear masks.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 22016-HY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage licenses is about to be made. The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and business address of the Seller(s)/licensee(s) are: LAKEWOOD CARSON LLC, 3221 CARSON ST. LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
Doing business as: STINKIN CRAWFISH  
All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are:  
The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: LW LAKEWOOD INC, 2019 SANTA ANITA AVE. S. EL MONTE, CA 91733  
The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, MACHINERY, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ABC LICENSE #41-604126 and is/are located at: 3221 CARSON ST. LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
The type of license to be transferred is/are: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE #41-604126 now issued for the premises located at: SAME  
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 18, 2022  
The Bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Code Section 6106.2  
The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$50,000.00, including inventory, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: DEPOSIT CHECK \$3,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$47,000.00; TOTAL \$50,000.00  
It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.  
Dated: 3-7-2022  
LAKEWOOD CARSON LLC, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)  
LW LAKEWOOD INC, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)  
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**NOTICE THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES  
THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to § 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California relating to the General Municipal Election in the City of La Mirada to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022:

As of the close of the nomination period on March 11, 2022, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected in District 1.

The person so nominated for District 1 is:

John Lewis – District 1

That § 10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

- 1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
- 2. Appoint to the office any eligible elector (voter) if no one has been nominated.
- 3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

The City Council will meet on March 22, 2022, to either make the appointment or direct an election to be held. The person appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

If, by the 75th day before the municipal election, no person has been appointed to the office pursuant to (1) or (2) above, the election shall be held.

If the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to § 10229, Elections Code, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write in candidacy which is submitted after the appointment is made.

Anne Haraksin  
City Clerk

Dated: March 14, 2022

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
THOMAS A. DAWSON AKA THOMAS DAWSON AKA THOMAS ALEXANDAR DAWSON  
CASE NO. 22STPB02242  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of THOMAS A. DAWSON AKA THOMAS DAWSON AKA THOMAS ALEXANDAR DAWSON.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CAROLE M. FOURIE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CAROLE M. FOURIE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/13/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
RONALD E. WISKELL - SBN 47254  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1820 EAST 17TH STREET  
SANTA ANA CA 92705  
BSC 221348  
3/18, 3/25, 4/1/22  
CNS-3565207#  
LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS  
PURCHASE OF THEATRE REHEARSAL DANCE FLOOR**

Notice is given that the City of La Mirada hereby invites sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) Harlequin Liberty LatchLoc Panel Floor System and support equipment. Equipment specifications are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Bids must be submitted on the blank form, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Notice Inviting Bids on file in the City Clerk's Office. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin  
City Clerk, City of La Mirada

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# Give your input on Norwalk Transit Village!

The City has a unique opportunity to rehabilitate a state property that is no longer in use, by transforming it to include a mix of new homes, as well as new commercial and open spaces for the entire City to enjoy. The draft plan for Norwalk Transit Village is now available for your input and feedback. For more information and to give your feedback or to join an upcoming community meeting, please use the QR code.



**RSVP for our community workshop:  
Wednesday, March 30th  
from 4:30 - 6:30 PM  
at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex**

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