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Pico Rivera Awarded \$8.2 Million for Beautifying Streets and Parkways

Anaheim got \$2.6M;
Commerce \$4.9M;
Cudahy \$4.8M;
Maywood \$1.4M
Downey \$800K

By Brian Hews

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the Clean California Local Grant Program through which approximately \$296 million in funds will go to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces.

The move followed Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement of the funding grants going to underserved communities throughout the state.

The grants are part of Governor Newsom's Clean California initiative, a sweeping \$1.1 billion multiyear cleanup effort led by Caltrans to remove trash,

create thousands of jobs, and engage communities to transform public spaces.

By adding beautification measures and art in public spaces and removing litter and debris, this effort will enhance communities and improve areas for walking and recreation.

Some of the program's other stated goals are to mitigate the urban heat island effect; enhance public health, cultural connection, and community placemaking by improving public spaces for walking and recreation; and advance equity for underserved communities.

The first call for cities to apply was Dec. 1, 2021, with a deadline of Feb. 1, 2022; cities were notified of awards on Mar. 1, 2022, and are mandated to complete the projects by Jun. 30, 2024.

Many cities in the southland were awarded grants, including Pico Rivera, who received nearly \$4 million for its Rosemead Blvd. Median and Parkway

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SOCALGAS IS ASSEMBLING H2 HYDROGEN HOME IN DOWNEY

THE MODULAR, prefabricated H2 Hydrogen Home, which is the first of its kind in the U.S., will show how carbon-free gas made from renewable electricity can be used to fuel clean energy.

By Brian Hews

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) has kicked off the assembly of its H2 Hydrogen Home in Downey, a state-of-the-art demonstration project designed to show the resiliency

and reliability of a hydrogen microgrid.

The company took delivery of the modular, prefabricated H2 Hydrogen Home, which is the first of its kind in the United States and will show how carbon-free gas made from re-

newable electricity can be used to fuel clean energy systems of the future. The home will act as a miniature microgrid – storing and providing resilient, low-carbon power when energy is needed – and demonstrate how

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Downey Residents Irate About New Adult Cantina

By Brian Hews

Ojos Locos Sports Cantina has caused some Downey residents to question the leadership of the city, with the cantina's scantily, with emphasis



DOWNEY APPROVED a bar where women basically wear underwear, and where murders have occurred at other locations.

on scantily, dressed waitresses.

The controversial restaurant received approval from the Planning Commission, despite concerns over safety issues and the lack of clothing on the waitresses.

Those voting to approve were Chair Patrick Owens, appointed by Sean Ashton; Vice Chair Arturo Montoya (Catherin Alvarez); and Miguel Duarte (Mayor Blanca Pacheco).

Some on the Planning Commission said that since it was classified as a restaurant, they couldn't regulate the clothing, but many residents doubt that.

In response, the Downey City Council will likely amend the Municipal Code at its upcoming March 8 meeting to establish employee dress standards for all

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Norwalk Alum Rashaad Penny and Brother Elijah's Jerseys Retired

By Loren Kopff

Neither rain nor blustery winds could stop a festive evening honoring two of Norwalk High's finest as the school retired the jerseys worn by former stars Elijah and Rashaad Penny.

And it was only fitting that the event took place on Feb. 22, 2022 and the number that was retired was #22, which was worn by Elijah Penny from 2008-2010 and Rashaad Penny from 2011-2013.

The event, held inside Norwalk's new football stadium, was attended by members of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, former head coaches Jesse Cenicerros and Dean Gray, former assistant coach Eddie Moreno, current head coach Ruben Guerrero, family and friends, among others.

"When I found out that today's date of Feb. 22, 2022 was going to be used to honor the Penny legacy at Norwalk High

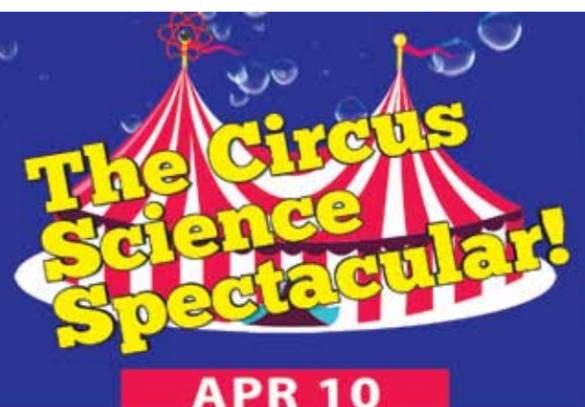
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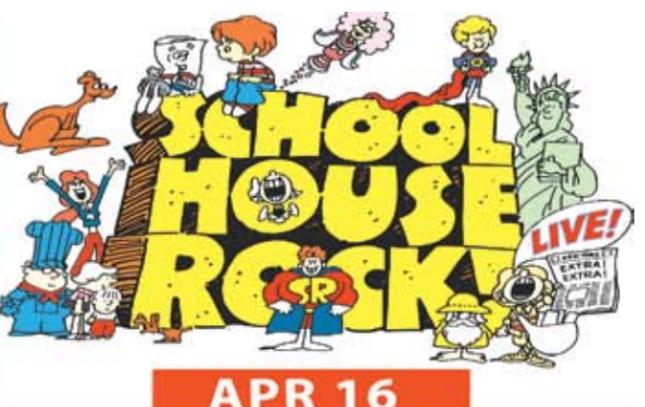
HONORED Elijah (left) and Rashaad Penny who plays for the Seattle Seahawks, proudly display their retired Norwalk High jerseys. Photo by Armando Vargas, Contributing Photographer.



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County Program Provides Free Preventive Dentist Service



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Camilo Cedeno, OHCC liaison for mega service planning area, spot four.

If there are children who need dental work, the OHCC has pre-established relationships with local dentists to provide dental care.

Sealants were provided for the children that qualified, which is a plastic form that covers molars to help protect them from cavities.

According to the OHCC, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease affecting children, five times more common than asthma, and can lead to other health problems if not treated. In California, 54% of children experience tooth decay by kindergarten. The result: pain, infections, missed school days and costly treatment that often requires sedation.

Parent presentations were given ahead of the screenings targeted specifically toward the kindergarten frame of understanding. "Part of the efforts is to prevent the dentist trauma that so many children experience. We encourage parents to bring the baby in, as soon as that first tooth pushes through or at least by the first birthday. This way dentists can watch for any areas of concern early on. Education and communication is key."

OHCC aims to plan, implement, and coordinate evidence-based dental health programs to prevent oral diseases and meet the funding requirements of Proposition 56, together with the mission to help achieve the objectives of the Community Oral Health Improvement Plan

The care and attention you put into your child's dental health today will be the foundation for their health later on in life.

By Tammy McDuff

The Oral Health Collaborative Consortium (OHCC) visited Hawaiian Elementary School on February 25 as part of the Oral Health Program to implement the Community Oral Health Improvement Plan. This was the first of 24 schools where the new program will be implemented in the 'dental desert' of Los Angeles.

Contracted under the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the objective throughout Los Angeles County communities is to provide outreach services, leadership, to address the oral health needs of that community.

"We are performing free dental screenings for all the kindergarten classes of Hawaiian Elementary School as part of the Los Angeles county department of health project, funded by prop 56. We are checking the children's oral health, teeth growth and making an oral assessment and profile as mandated by the state," said

Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project Continues



CREWS are continuing the work along Durfee Avenue in Pico Rivera and will finish the south half of the rail bridge next month. Stephens Street has been lowered to meet Durfee Avenue at the intersection, and asphalt will be poured by the end of the month. Durfee Avenue will remain closed until June 2022, when the new roadway will reopen to all traffic. Businesses along Durfee Avenue remain open, and access to the businesses is not impacted by the road closure. Once completed, the project will minimize emergency services response times, eliminate harmful emissions, and noise pollution from the train's horn. For more information, residents may call the Project Helpline at 888.ACE.1426 or by visiting the project website at theaceproject.org.

Area Relays for Life Start Fundraising and Planning

By Tammy McDuff

Relay for Life of Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk and Paramount will host their kick-off relay fundraiser Tuesday, March 14, 2022, at Mr. Rosewoods Restaurant at 10640 Rosecrans Avenue.

After two years of holding events virtually, the organization is reaching out to residents and volunteers to help make this year the best fundraising year ever.

"Our volunteers have worked hard, and have a small radius when it comes to contacts and time to devote to pounding the pavement," stated Nancy Gutzmer, Senior Development Manager, "as you know I put on the Relay For Life events in communities that is driven by volunteers and staff supported."

The Greater Long Beach Area event combines Long Beach, Lakewood, Cerritos and Cal State Long Beach, mostly made up of family groups passionate about fighting cancer that has affected their families. We are seeking more businesses and organizations to help support this great cause."

The second event of the year, 'A Beacon of Light to Illuminate HOPE,' will be held Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Long Beach Police Officers Association Park located at 7390 E. Carson Boulevard.

This event celebrates cancer survivors and remembers those lost to this devastating disease. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 am with teams holding fundraisers

by selling snacks, raffle items and crafts to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Luminaria Ceremony will be that evening at 8:00 pm and Luminaria bags will be sold that day until 7:00 pm with the final ceremony and ending lap at 9:00 pm.

'Hope Come in All COLORS', the Relay for Life Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk and Paramount will be held at Paramount Park on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

There will be unique entertainment held throughout the day and various booths raising money for the American Cancer Society. The Luminaria Ceremony will be that evening at 8:00 pm and Luminaria bags will be sold that day until 7:00 pm with the final ceremony and ending lap at 9:00 pm.

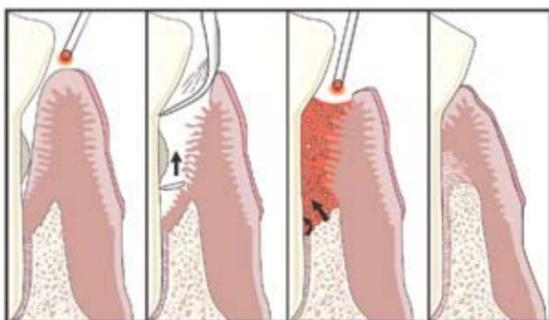
The American Cancer Society is a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer. Established in 1913, the society is organized into six geographical regions of medical and lay volunteers operating in more than 250 Regional offices throughout the United States.

For more information on how to become involved or become a sponsor, contact Nancy Gutzmer Senior Development Manager at 562-281-8990.

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Cerritos Park Dedicated to Jim Edwards



DEDICATION STONE at Jim Edwards Park, formerly Jacob Park.

By Tammye McDuff

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon for the rededication honoring the late Jim Edwards, a veteran and a teacher who served his community for 30 years, four-time elected City Councilmember and two-time Mayor.

Formerly known as Jacob Park, located at 19824 Jacob Avenue, the event was well attended by over 300 dignitaries to celebrate the life and legacy of Edwards. A plaque was unveiled by Connie Edwards and the Cerritos City Council. Special speakers were Joe Mendoza, former Cerritos Recreation Services Superintendant and Nadine Barreto, former principal of Gahr High School; brief comments were also made by Connie Edwards thanking all who attended.

Councilmember Edwards was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2005 re-elected in 2009. He was re-elected to the City Council again in 2015 and 2020.

He retired from a career as a teacher and administrator in the ABC Unified School District. He served four years at Whitney Community Learning Center and 30 years at Richard Gahr High School. He was also a part-time instructor at Cerritos College and served for ten years as the Director of Cerritos College Summer Sports Camp.

ABCUSD Named a Forbes America's Best Employers

Staff Report

Forbes Media has named the ABC Unified School District on this year's list of America's Best Employers.

The district received the award in the mid-sized employers (1,000 to 5,000 employees) in the Education industry sector.

"We are so proud to be named as one of America's Best Employers by Forbes," said Superintendent Mary Sieu. "I believe that our employees not only value the district as an employer but also as educators dedicated to a noble cause."

Forbes partnered with market research company Statista to evaluate America's Best Employers.

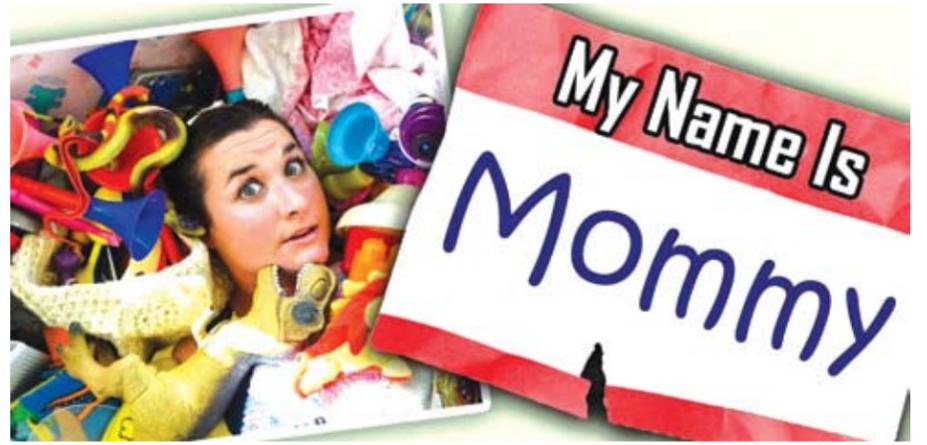
The firm surveyed 60,000 Americans working for organizations with at least 1,000 employees. Surveys were anonymous, allowing employees to give feedback openly.

Statista asked employees to rate their employer on several factors like working conditions, development opportunities, and compensation.

"Being named to this list is quite an honor," said Board President Soo Yoo. "Our district is made up of many talented professionals with a shared goal to educate children. I applaud each and every one of them for their commitment to our mission."

The publication released its final list of 500 large and 500 mid-sized employers that received the most recommendations on February 9th.

Phantom Projects Theatre Offering Free Tickets



MY NAME IS MOMMY celebrates the exhilaration of motherhood, balancing rites of passages with amusing detours. April Wish (above) has a way of telling her own particular story in such a way that feels bold, fresh and new.

By Tammye McDuff

'My Name is Mommy' celebrates the exhilaration of motherhood, balancing rites of passages with amusing detours into the modern realities of raising children. April Wish moves forward and backward through time, exploring the pressures and the promises of parenthood. And for this weekend, Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6, which happens to be Mimosa Matinee for Moms, all teachers, educators and school employees, will receive free theater tickets.

The Toluca Times calls this play "A moving, dynamic examination of motherhood past and present... Raw, honest and often hilarious... Full of emotion and power..."

April Wish has a way of telling her own particular story in such a way that feels bold, fresh and new. She is brutally honest but also sweetly and intensely lovable. Wish writes so beautifully that you will be laughing and crying and empathizing and shocked all in the same breath. Her candor and her joyous abandon are intoxicating, one of the funniest, touching, unique, and riveting new performances of the season.

Written and performed by April Wish, and directed and developed by Jessica

Lynn Johnson, 'My Name is Mommy' studies a matriarchal family's traditions, exploring the connection between generations through Wish's lens as both a mother and a daughter. The show follows her journey as she looks for the bits and pieces of herself she left behind when she stepped into her role as Mother buried under mountains of toys and traditions.

In this dynamic and often hilarious piece, Wish has crafted a love letter to her daughter, as well as to the little girl she used to be herself.

"The overall impression was Wow! I thought it was phenomenal and fearless," stated a member of the first audience. It is one thing to tell a one-woman story, but it is another to live through the stages of love, grief, and issues that face every woman.

All mothers should see this show. We all know what it is like to lose ourselves, feeling like you don't know what you're doing or if you are doing right or what scars and issues you may leave on your children. All the while knowing you are doing the absolute best that you can.

The La Habra Depot Theater is located at 311 South Euclid St, La Habra, for more information and tickets visit thephantom-projects theatre.com

La Palma's Festival of Nations

On April 30, 2022, the City of La Palma will be holding the newest community event – The Festival of Nations

La Palma FON will celebrate La Palma's cultural heritage through dancing, performances, food, and exhibits. Kicking off the event will be a hometown parade marching down Walker Street featuring four local schools, organizations, neighborhoods, and businesses. Following the Parade, the Festival will feature fun attractions for all ages, kids-zone, carnival games, cultural food

trucks, and diverse cultural entertainment in La Palma's Central Park.

As a significant part of our community, we are encouraging La Palma Non-Profits to participate in the Parade and/or in the Festival staffing a booth --representing/marketing your organization.

If you are interest in participating, please complete the application(s) available online at www.cityoflapalma.org/festival.

If you have any questions, please contact Festival@cityoflapalma.org or call (714) 690-335

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NLMUSD Board Members Celebrate Read Across America



READ ACROSS NLMUSD Cathy Alvarez and NLM USD school board member Dr. Robert Cancio (center) don their Seussian hats to read at Johnston Elementary.

By **Tammye McDuff**

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss

Every year, the month of March is National Reading Month. The day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss, so a perfect way to celebrate is to don a Seussian hat and read one of his famous tales.

The start of the month is initiated with 'Read Across America Day' on March 2, Seuss' birthday. Reading stories and antics about his wonderful characters is a rite of passage and the perfect way to get children interested in reading books.

Read Across America Day is more of a reading program, which calls upon everyone to read and engage with children and make reading a fun and interactive experience.

From the time when the building

blocks of character are laid to adulthood, when we seek to escape from the humdrum of daily life in the pages of a book, reading plays an integral role in shaping us into who we are. With the advent of smartphones and tablets, it is now essential to motivate children to read.

The primary purpose of the National Education Association is to work for the betterment of public education. Reading has been promoted nationwide with events organized in libraries, schools, book clubs, and communities. Teachers and group organizers can also take a pledge and post their idea on the NEA's website. That way, more attention is drawn to the event.

But it is not only teachers and librarians who are doing their part in creating another generation of readers, but celebrities as well.

Ever since the day has been official, actors, sports stars, and other famous figures have used their platforms to spread the joys of reading. Some have also participated in children reading circles to spotlight this cause.

La Mirada Resident Recognized for Service

Editor's Note: The LML inadvertently left out Ms. Miller's service at the Meals on Wheels Program in the city.

By **Tammye McDuff**

The La Mirada City Council recognized Robin Miller on February 22 with a ceremony and plaque for her many years of service to the City.

Miller began her career with straight Talk, Inc. as the Office Manager in January 1988. After 33 years of service she celebrated her official retirement December 2021, after 33 years of service.

In 1967, Miller and her family moved to La Mirada. She graduated from La Mirada high school in 1973 and received her AA in Business from Cerritos Community College in 1976.

Straight Talk, La Mirada has been providing quality mental health services since 1982. The program was established with a city contract to provide a variety of counseling services to residents and non-residents. Founded in 1971 by a group of active parents, Straight Talk Clinic was initially a local community response to growing evidence of illicit drug use among children and teenagers.

Miller began her career in 1988 providing counseling services to the community at the La Mirada Resource Center. As the organizations Office Manager, she managed to client database, assisted the site program manager and served as administrative assistant.

Additionally Miller served as a community volunteer for many years. She volunteered with the City's Human Services Department at the former King Center, La Mirada Volunteer Center, Kiwanis club, Meals on Wheels and several animal rescue organizations.

Debbie Garza, Meals on Wheels President added that Miller was the Meals on Wheels Office Manager from 1983-2020. "She helped to set up many of the systems that are still in place in our office today. She was a calming influence to clients and a voice of appreciation to our volunteers. Her involvement and investment in Meals on Wheels is a critical part of her community service."

Mayor Ed Eng commented, "The city of La Mirada is fortunate to have had you here, helping to change lives over so many years. I hope you continue to hang out and make a difference!"

Miller said she will still volunteer in the city by helping the elderly and continuing to help with local animal shelters, "I will always carry my years of La Mirada in my heart."

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Cerritos Optimist's Essay Contest Winners

Held in partnership with the ABC Unified School District, the Cerritos Optimist Club announced the winners of this year's Essay Contest.

This year, the topic was "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?"

Nearly 40 essays were submitted and judged by the Club's Essay Contest Committee. After careful consideration, the Club recognized the following students for their submissions:

1st Place: Nairrit Sengupta

Gretchen Whitney High School
2nd Place: Makayla Cheng
Gretchen Whitney High School
3rd Place: Shivani Kedila
Cerritos High School

"I'm always so impressed by the quality of the essays the students submit," said Marty Flax, the Essay Contest Committee Chair. "It's always a challenge to select the best essay because they're all so great!"

The contest receive a monetary award, and the first place winner will compete in a regional competition with the chance to move onto statewide and national events.

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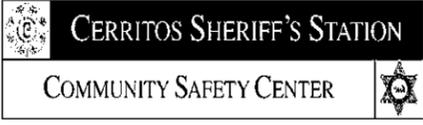
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GRANT WILL FUND NEW OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS IN PICO RIVERA



BASKETBALL COURT at Rio Hondo Park in Pico Rivera.

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 of Pico Rivera is now able to provide greater equitable access to basketball amenities while providing youth and families with more opportu-

nities 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. This new amenity will be used to encourage youth participation in basketball sports programming, as well as be available for free play by community members.

City Officials will dedicate the new basketball court area with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held on Thursday, March 17, 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.”

Parks and recreation programs are essential to healthy lifestyles, vibrant communities and a healthy environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Parks and Recreation programs have become even more vital to our communities and our lives as the places where everyone can experience benefits. Continued investments in our park infrastructure and recreation programs means continued investments in our 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.

Bellflower Church Helps in Homeless Count



READY TO GO - Volunteers from Kingdom Causes Church in Bellflower are ready to assist in the 2022 homeless count. KC Bellflower mobilizes the community and provide services so that all neighbors have a place to live, work, and belong. Visit kcbellflower.org to learn more.

Cerritos Library Celebrates Chinese Culture Day

The community is invited to a Chinese Culture Day on Saturday, March 19 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room.

The Global Culture Education Foundation and Sino-US Performing Arts Organization will present performances and crafts at this free program.

Performances will feature Peking Opera, Chinese instruments, Shaolin Kung Fu and Lion Dance. Workshops will include Chinese calligraphy, Chinese drawing, lantern making and Chinese painting.

The organizations will present special gifts to the audience, including an eco-friendly Good Luck Bag, Fortune Couplets and a Wishing Lantern, on a first-come first-served basis.

Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Everyone in attendance will be required to complete a COVID-19 waiver.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Assessor's Corner-Death of a Property Owner

By Jeff Prang

Los Angeles County Assessor

This month I’m going to share information about a delicate subject, but also a very important one---dealing with property taxes and what should be done upon the death of a property owner.

The following information generally covers what needs to be done if they owned property in Los Angeles County.

Anytime a property owner dies, the County Assessor must be notified. This is done by filing the Change in Ownership – Death of Real Property Owner Form. The form must be filed in addition to any notification made to law enforcement, the Coroner, or even the Registrar-Recorder.

The Change in Ownership – Death of Real Property Owner Form must be filed with the Assessor within 150 days of the date of death. If the estate is in probate, the Assessor must be notified at the same time that the "inventory and appraisal" is filed. Failure to notify the Assessor may result in penalties and can complicate other parts of the transfer process.

The executor (whether a family member or legal representative) should file the Change in Ownership Statement-- Death of Real Property Owner Form and mail it to the Los Angeles County Assessor, Ownership Services Section, 500 W. Temple St., Room 205, Los Angeles, CA 90012, along with a copy of the death certificate. Also, you will find the required forms and a checklist that will take you through each step at my website: assessor.lacounty.gov/Real-Estate-Toolkit/death-of-a-property-owner. I encourage you to avail yourself of this useful information.

Furthermore, if the property is passed from a parent to their child(ren), there may be property tax savings available, called the Parent-Child Exclusion. However, that process has changed since the voter-

approved Proposition 19 went into effect last year. Generally speaking, the parent-child exclusion allows a child to inherit property from their parent(s) without the property being reassessed: meaning they keep the parent’s tax base.

Prop. 19 now mandates, however, that any property not being used as the primary residence will not be eligible to transfer the existing lower tax rate. The child receiving the home has one year from the date of transfer to acquire the Homeowners’ Exemption, if the home does not have it already. If the home does not have the Homeowners’ Exemption, the children will not receive the tax benefit. The Parent-Child Exclusion is not automatic and must be applied to receive the benefit.

A common point of confusion is when the property is in a trust. While trusts can have many benefits, they don’t protect from reassessment. Whether or not the property is in a trust, the Parent-Child Exclusion must be filed to receive the savings. Similarly, property can be transferred from a grandparent to a grandchild, if the parent is deceased. The Grandparent to Grandchild Exclusion must also be filed. Applications for both Parent-Child Exclusions and Grandparent to Grandchild Exclusions must be made within three years following the date of death, (or other transfer) but prior to the date of sale or transfer to a third party.

Whenever you are considering filing documents that affect the ownership of your property, I encourage you to seek legal advice before filing those documents. The information provided here should not be construed as legal advice.

I hope you find the information provided here useful. Again, I encourage you to visit our website,

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CRIME SUMMARIES

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Part 1 crimes were 48 for the week, up from 31 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 34.7, 2021 YTD average is 36.1, **a decrease of 8%.**

Miscellaneous crimes were 11 for the week, up from 8 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 10.4, 2021 YTD average is 9.7, **an increase of 9%.**

Alarm calls were 45 for the week, up from 37 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 45.3, 2021 YTD average is 37.4, **an increase of nearly 25%.**

Calls for service were 305 for the week, up from 280 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 300.6, 2021 YTD average is 289.3, **an increase of nearly 5%.**

La Mirada

City Remains Among Region's Safest

La Mirada experienced one of the region's lowest crime rates and remained among the safest cities in Los Angeles County in 2021. The City's low crime rate is attributed to a strong partnership between residents, businesses, and the Public Safety Team.

In 2021, there were 813 Part 1 crimes reported in La Mirada compared to 793 in 2020. Part 1 crimes include homicide, rape, larceny, burglary, auto theft, robbery, assault, and arson. Violent crimes remained low and crimes against persons decreased compared to 2020.

Of the 813 Part 1 crimes reported in La Mirada, 757 were property crimes. This accounts for 93 percent of Part 1 crimes reported in 2021. Many thefts were crimes of opportunity, where valuables were left in view and/or were unsecured.

Last year, La Mirada's Special Assignment Officers (SAO) Team served a key role in keeping La Mirada safe. The SAO Team prevented and suppressed criminal activity and nuisance issues in the community, provided directed patrol and enforcement, served search warrants, conducted probation-related searches, and gathered intelligence. The SAO Team

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such an energy system could be constructed on a larger scale to power residential neighborhoods and businesses.

The H2 Hydrogen Home features a nearly 2,000 square-foot home, solar panels, a battery, an electrolyzer to convert solar energy to hydrogen and a fuel cell to supply electricity for the home. Hydrogen will also be blended up to 20% with natural gas and used in the home's tank-less water heater, clothes dryer, and gas stove, fireplace and BBQ grill.

The home will function and feel exactly like a regular home but use reliable and clean energy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, by drawing power from solar panels on sunny days and converting excess energy into clean hydrogen, which can be stored and then converted back into electricity with an on-site hydrogen fuel cell when solar or batteries cannot provide enough energy. The home is also being constructed to LEED Platinum standards.

The materials for the home were delivered this week by clean Class 8 trucks powered by hydrogen and electric power supply systems that only emit water.

made 163 felony arrests and 428 misdemeanor arrests.

Public outreach and community education are also key in keeping crime low. Twenty-one Neighborhood Watch meetings were held virtually and in person. Public Safety staff met with residents and business owners, strengthened communication, and encouraged the use of crime prevention techniques and security measures.

The Public Safety Team will aim to reduce the number of property crimes by educating residents on crime prevention measures. The Public Safety team will also enhance visibility to help prevent property crimes and watch for criminal activity.

For additional information on the annual crime report and the City's crime prevention efforts, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2334.

Crime Summary-Feb. 21-27, 2022

Notable Arrests

- A suspect was arrested for felony weapons violations.
- Two suspects were arrested one for felony weapons violations, grand theft auto and evading arrest and the second for assault on a peace officer, grand theft auto and evading arrest.
- Eight suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Robbery

• An afternoon robbery was reported on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd. Various items were reported stolen by force.

Other Structure Burglary

• An early morning door pry burglary was reported on the 14500 block of San Cristobal Dr. Two cell phones, two speakers and a van were reported stolen. The suspect was later arrested in the stolen vehicle.

Grand Theft

- Various tools were reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle on the 15500 block of Talbot Dr.
- A purse and a backpack were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 14200 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- Copper pipes were reported stolen from a construction site on the 13800 block of Valley View Ave.
- A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 13800 block of Adoree St.

Grand Theft Auto

• An attempted theft of a sedan was reported on the 15600 block of Hesse Dr.

Door to Door Solicitors

If you have noticed persons soliciting in your area know that they need to be authorized by the City in order to do so. All solicitors are required to obtain a permit and wear a Solicitation ID Card while going door to door. The Solicitation ID Card must be clearly displayed while solicitors are going door to door. If you happen notice solicitors without an ID or if you are not sure please call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960 to report the offenders.

La Palma

Assault/Battery – 6:00 p.m. – Centerpointe Dr. – A female was attacked and was bleeding from the face. The suspect was still in the building. The female victim was pregnant and experiencing contractions. The victim advised that the subject was attempting to rape her. Police were unable to locate the suspect.

Petty Theft – 8200 block of Walker St. – Several thefts were reported in the locker room, with the losses including a passport, insurance card, and approximately \$100 in cash and gift cards. Report taken.

Bike Stop – Denni/Maroon – During a bike stop, police searched the subject and requested that an agency be contacted to ascertain if they had any thefts of personal products. A 25-year-old male subject was arrested for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Coyote - Santa Margarita/La Luna – The caller was concerned due to a coyote in the area and advised that residents were out walking with pets. Police were unable to locate the coyote.

Vehicle Burglary 5000 block of Scott Cir. – The back window of the vehicle was reportedly smashed. The loss was a tool box with tools, valued at approximately \$800. The incident occurred between 1 p.m. and the time of call.

Possible Converter Theft – 8200 block of Moody St. – Suspicious vehicle seen at the location. The caller believed that the subject was attempting to steal catalytic converters. When staff approached he sped off.

Hydrogen is set to play a critical part in SoCalGas' – and California's – energy future, particularly in transitioning hard-to-decarbonize sectors such as dispatchable electric generation, heavy industries, and heavy-duty transportation. In all, SoCalGas has more than 10 major pilot projects related to hydrogen innovation.

Just last week, SoCalGas proposed to develop what would be the nation's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure system to work toward decarbonizing those sectors in the L.A. Basin. The proposal, called Angeles Link, could displace up to 3 million gallons of diesel per day, helping to eliminate hazardous air pollutants, and could allow natural gas power plants in the region to convert to green hydrogen.

"For the past decade, SoCalGas has invested in hydrogen research and development, recognizing it as a critical component of our transition to net-zero emissions," said Maryam Brown, SoCalGas President. "The H2 Hydrogen home brings many of the technologies that we helped pioneer together under one roof in a unique showcase of how California might power resilient communities and

businesses in the future."

"From our days as the home of the Apollo Space Systems, we in the City of Downey have been proud to be at the forefront of new and developing technologies," said Downey Councilmember and former Mayor ClaudiaFrometa. "Now we are excited to be a part of this historic moment in furthering the development of green hydrogen."



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CARES Act Funds May Help Pay Resident Utility Debts

By Tamyne McDuff

A press conference was held at LA City Hall March 2 to announce that financial help is on the way in the form of a \$300 million LADWP initiative to help Angelenos pay for utility debt incurred during the pandemic.

"For the past two years, debt has dragged down countless lives and livelihoods and today, we're proud to lift that burden for hundreds of thousands of families and business owners," said Garcetti.

The debt relief was provided first to California from the American Rescue Plan Act passed by the Biden Administration last year. When Mayor Garcetti issued his Safer at Home Order in March 2020, he directed LADWP to enact a moratorium on utility shut-offs due to late payments.

In February 2021, LADWP provided \$33.7 million to 67,000 low-income customers in a one-time utility debt relief action funded through the CARES Act,

distributed through \$500 direct checks to customers.

In May of 2021, Newsom proposed \$2 billion to relieve utilities debt.

Legislators agreed to the price tag in June, but continued negotiating the distribution plan in private.

The result is two budget bills that would create new programs that pay utilities directly to forgive customer debt accrued during the pandemic, prioritizing those at greatest risk of shutoffs.

The California Arrearage Payment Program would forgive \$994 million in energy debt, while the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program would forgive \$985 million.

Utility companies across the country say they are offering payment plans, and the federal program that helps low-income families pay their energy bills got an extra \$900 million from the CARES Act.



MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI announcing funds from the America Rescue plan to help pay utility bills incurred during the pandemic.

Lakewood Installs Pedestrian Safety Enhancements

Staff Report

The Lakewood City Council recently became aware of an opportunity to take part in a pilot program for the installation of enhanced pedestrian safety devices.

In late February, three crosswalks in Lakewood received the enhanced safety devices.

Crosswalks at Bloomfield Ave./Lemming St. received what's called an "Edgelight Sign", and crosswalks at Bellflower Blvd./Hardwick St. and Del Amo Blvd./Coldbrook Ave. received a "Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon."

Both devices include push buttons and a system to automatically activate the signs as a pedestrian approaches.

The city will analyze the effectiveness of the new signs to see how they might

be applied to other crosswalks in Lakewood.

The City Council also budgeted funds this year to hire an additional Deputy Sheriff dedicated to traffic safety.

Lakewood now has two full-time Deputy Sheriffs focused on the important role of enforcing laws against unsafe driving, such as speeding, running stop signs and lights, distracted driving, and driving under the influence.

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack said, "I am very pleased that the Council has allocated the funds to enable us to implement some important and innovative safety enhancements in our community."

Spring Basket Items Needed

By Tamyne McDuff

The Bellflower Volunteer Center is requesting items for their annual Spring Basket donations. The Center works closely with community groups, churches, service clubs, schools and local organizations to provide spring baskets for the most needy students.

Partnering with Caring Connections and the Bellflower Unified School District, the Center takes referrals from case managers who work directly with families in need.

There are several ways that you can participate. Residents or organizations can 'adopt-a-child'.

The Center provides details of a child, such as their name, age, and needs. You

can create a basket based on the information provided and arrange to have the basket dropped off at the volunteer center. The second alternative would be to donate items for a basket, such as books, balls, puzzles, games, toys, candy, socks, school supplies, gift cards and toiletries.

Last year the Center requested monetary donations or gift cards to purchase books, toys and school supplies. You may still donate to this essential program. All donations must be received by March 16, 2022. If you would like to be a part of this essential program, please contact the Volunteer Center located at Simms Park, (562) 804-1424, ext 2331 or by email at mnavarro@bellflower.org.

La Mirada Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Join the community for a morning of fellowship and prayer on Friday, April 29 at the La Mirada Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held at 7 a.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, located at 13806 La Mirada Boulevard.

This year's keynote speaker is

Dr. Dave Holmquist, the men's Head Basketball Coach at Biola University. Purchase tickets today for early bird pricing of \$20 per person. Tickets purchased after April 11 will be \$25 per person. Tickets include a breakfast buffet. For additional information, visit lmmprb.org or call (714) 521-6765.

La Mirada Farmers Market Coming Soon

A weekly farmers market is coming soon to La Mirada. The market will feature 20 to 25 vendors offering a variety of items including fresh produce, packaged artisan and ready-to-eat specialty foods, and locally made crafts and gifts. Beginning April 2, the market will meet

weekly on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking area north of the Activity Center within the Civic Center.

For more information or if any local La Mirada businesses are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Community Services at (562) 943-7277.

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Pet therapy and more offered through O.C. Animal Allies

As part of their mission, Allies offers PAWS, PAWS PANDA (PAWS Assists the Needs of the District Attorney) and other programs including a dog therapy program out of John Wayne Airport, a child literacy program, and a child educational program

BY LAURIE HANSON

During challenging times, many people turn to pets for their unconditional love and support, a phenomenon well understood by the Orange County Animal Allies.

Founded in 1985 as the Orange County SPCA, the animal welfare organization incorporated two years later and rebranded in 2020 as Orange County Animal Allies. This helped end the general assumption



tion that they were government-funded and connected to ASPCA and other SPCAs, according to Executive Director Kevin Marlin.

Marlin has been with the nonprofit since 2007, and instrumental in founding the Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) PANDA Program, a therapeutic dog program designed to support children who are victims of sexual abuse in coordination with the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

He started the program with his Siberian Husky "Patriot" in 2017. O.C. Animal Allies first program, PAWS Pet Therapy, began in 1992.

"There are quite a few therapy dog organizations operating in Southern California, some of which also have members on a national level," he said. "What makes O.C. Animal Allies unique is that we are a locally funded and program-based organization specifically for Orange County. We do not bring our program services outside of Orange County."

Not exclusively a pet therapy program, the O.C. Animal Allies overall mission is to save

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the lives of animals in Orange County by providing community education, emergency resources and referrals.

"We are committed to strengthening the human-animal bond and improving the lives of animals throughout Orange County," explained Marlin. "The organization envisions a community where all animals are cared for with the love and respect they deserve, and where people can experience the unconditional love that only animals can give."

As part of their mission, they offer the PAWS and PAWS PANDA (PAWS Assists the Needs of the District Attorney) and other programs including a dog therapy program out of John Wayne Airport, a child literacy program, and child educational program for responsible future pet owners.

"We do have exclusive contracts with the county for both the District Attorney's office and John Wayne Airport," he said. "There are other airport therapy dog programs in the United States (72 at last count) including one at LAX. [But] as far as District Attorney or Court dogs, there are fewer programs, [though] it is growing in popularity."

With the PAWS program itself, therapy dogs come to various healthcare facilities, children's homes, schools, and even corporate offices to bring animal-based therapy that re-



duces stress and improves mental wellbeing, according to Marlin.

"The program's mission is to enrich lives, lift spirits, bring happiness and smiles to those in need in a variety of facility settings in Orange County," he said.

With a pool of about 150 volunteers and their dogs, the lonely and forgotten can regain physical and emotional strength following injury, illness, and trauma. Therapy

THERAPY DOG BEAU always brings a smile to his client's faces with his friendly demeanor. There are over 65 dogs available for visits.

mane Education Program, the next generation of animal lovers learn the proper way to interact and care for them. An overall appreciation for animals imparted along with the importance of spaying, neutering, and need for regular and routine veterinary care.

The O.C. Animal Allies' most recent program, Air-PAWS, began in 2020. It was created to help ease the stress and anxiety of passengers traveling through John Wayne Airport and has been a popular successful program especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. However as with all their other programs, the pandemic has taken a toll through restrictions, dogs aging out and life changes, according to Marlin.

"Prior to the pandemic approximately 150 volunteers and 170 dogs worked in our programs," he said. "We currently have approximately 60 volunteers and dogs working in facilities. We were able to resume activities with our teams at John Wayne Airport in August 2020, but it was not until February 2021 that we began to see some of our healthcare facilities reach out for outdoor in-person visits."

The pandemic had ended up suspending all the O.C. Animal Allies' pet therapy programs.

"Our primary concern is and has always been the safety and well-being of our patients, residents, clients and volunteers," Marlin explained. "We began shutting down our programs in the middle of February 2020 out of an abundance of caution, and by March 2020 had completely suspended all program and prohibited volunteers from doing any in person volunteer activities."

"It was very difficult to not be able to provide the desperately needed interactions in person, especially in a time when anxiety, fear and depression were at their highest," he said. "Given the vulnerability of our older residents and patients, it was imperative that we help keep everyone safe."

The O.C. Animal Allies pivoted and moved to providing Zoom (virtual) based pet therapy visits to help connect patients and residents in nursing homes and hospitals to therapy dogs.

"While we were only able to primarily work with virtual sessions, the handlers were able to show their dogs to some of the facility residents that were locked out from visitors," Marlin explained. "We collaborated with staff to help reassure residents that we were all in this together, that we missed them, and would see them as soon as we could." Some volunteers even sent printed photos of

their dogs so residents could keep them in their rooms as a reminder. During Zoom calls, a few even dressed their dogs up in costumes to help bring smiles.

"There are still a good number of healthcare-based facilities where we have not been able to return to," Marlin said. "The residents have been delighted to have us return where we have been able to, and the reunion has also brought great happiness to our dogs. They too became depressed being kept from the jobs they love to do."

The O.C. Animal Allies relies on volunteers to conduct their programs but has found themselves backlogged with onboarding new ones over the last two years. They will resume onboarding new volunteers next month but are telling them to expect up to a one year wait before entering the dog training program.

"Our program begins with orientation, and then moves on to hands-on training and preparation for qualified dogs and handlers," Marlin explained. "Approximately 45 percent of the dogs will pass and continue on in the program. We are hoping to hold additional onboarding programs this year to help get through our waiting list."

"We have had dogs from 2 pounds to 170 pounds, from toy terrier breeds to Pit Bull terriers and Newfoundlands," he said. "Golden Retrievers



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tend to be very popular in pet therapy and of course we have our fair share."

Many volunteers have participated in their programs for more than 25 years with multiple generations of dogs.

The average age of dogs entering their program is about 3 to 5 years, and some have continuously served on up to 15 years.

One volunteer is now on her 11th therapy dog in their program, according to Marlin.

The O.C. Animal Allies also provides services to pet owners such as help for pet medical emergency costs, food and supplies for low-income pet

owners, help with feral cats, and pet food donations to local food banks.

"Our vision moving forward at this point is to rebuild our program back to its former glory, which will take some time to do," Marlin said. "It will take years to bring in and train additional teams to meet our high standards. Our goal is to meet the needs of the community we serve."

To learn more about the O.C. Animal Allies and their programs, to make a donation or sign up on their volunteer waitlist, please visit online at www.ocanimalallies.org.

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CIF-SS DIV. 4AA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

La Mirada's strong opening fades in middle quarters as San Juan Hills claims first championship

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

One thing was for certain when La Mirada High hosted San Juan Hills High last Friday night in the CIF-Southern Section Division 2A boys basketball championship game. Someone would go home with its first title in school history.

On one side of the court, you had a La Mirada team that was ranked 14th in the division, but had upset No. 3 Tesoro High on the road, No. 6 Calabasas High by three points at home and No. 2 Edison High on the road to get to the finals. On the other side was a program whose school was founded in 2007 and has had four winning seasons.

A strong start by the Matadores went south in the third quarter and they couldn't recover in a 59-49 loss in front of a packed La Mirada gymnasium.

"There was a little turning point," said La Mirada head coach Randy Oronoz. "We were up six or eight, they got a big block and scored. We missed a layup and [they scored] and it seemed like momentum changed a little bit. We missed a couple of gimmes which never helps, and they capitalized like they've been doing all year."

La Mirada, which trailed for 1:54

in the first half and led by as many as 10 points late in the first quarter, would lead by nine points four times in the second quarter, the last coming with 4:44 remaining in the half. That's when the game turned around for all the wrong reasons for the Suburban League champions. For the next 12:44, La Mirada went in a major shooting slump, connecting on three of 17 shots from the field. Meanwhile, the Stallions went on a pair of 12-0 runs during that time and when the third quarter had ended, San Juan Hills was in control with a 43-31 lead.

"You're not going to win many games going three of 17," said Oronoz. "A lot of easy ones were gimmes; in and out [and] missed shots [and] opportunities. It got away from us. [Going] three of 17 is kind of a tough stretch. It was so loud, and we were hoping to get into a couple of other things. But unfortunately, we weren't able to."

La Mirada led 21-12 with 4:44 left in the half and during the slump, the only scoring until the fourth quarter came on three free throws from freshman Julien Gomez, an offensive putback from sophomore Kaedon Maloney, a three-pointer from junior Athan Sierra and a basket from senior Isiah Kalaj in the

final seconds of the third quarter. To add insult to injury, the Matadores had one rebound in the stanza, and it was on the offensive end.

"We've done a great job rebounding through our league run and our playoff run," said Oronoz. "We're not the biggest team, but we're normally the tougher team. And today, San Juan Hills definitely put it on us on the glass, and it showed in their run. One rebound in the third isn't going to win many games."

From the 1:51 mark of the third quarter to the end of the contest, La Mirada's deficit was under 10 points only once, and that came after a Kalaj basket with 3:12 left to play, which ended a brief 6-0 run. John McFadden led everyone with 22 points, 12 of which came in the second quarter while Sierra led the Matadores with 13 points and a pair of rebounds. Kalaj had nine points and four rebounds, Gomez added nine points and three boards and freshman Jarrett Cole came off the bench to score eight points, grab three rebounds and have a pair of steals.

For La Mirada to be in this position is another story. The team was one game above .500 through the first 20 games and after a 46-45 loss to Roosevelt High on Jan. 17, the Matadores were sitting at 7-13.

But they began league play the next day and won six straight games to end the regular season.

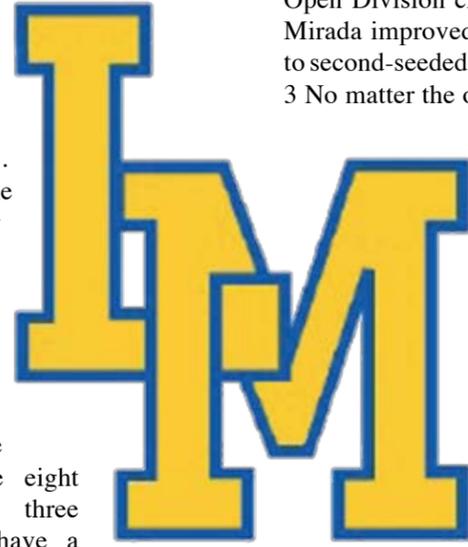
"Our first game with our whole team was our first league game," said Oronoz. "We had two people injured all of December. We had two people out because of grades, and we knew we weren't what our record was. We held an Open Division team in Sherman Oaks [Notre Dame], to [57] points, and they have multiple Division 1 athletes on their team. We knew our offense would catch up. But the run we made is purely on the boys, putting it together at the right time."

La Mirada (17-14 overall) begin the Southern California Regionals this past Tuesday ranked 10th in Division II and upset seventh-seeded King/Drew High 65-60. The Golden Eagles (20-11) had lost to Fairfax High 76-64 in the CIF-Los Angeles City Section Open Division championship game. La Mirada improved to 18-14 and traveled to second-seeded Los Altos High on Mar. 3. No matter the outcome, this team will

be a special one for Oronoz, the school and the community.

"A couple of mentors told me to just take a step back and live in the moment for a second," said Oronoz. "I sat up in the visitor's stands around 2:00 p.m. and I just sat and watched. My brother played at La Mirada, my uncle played at La

Mirada, my aunt did. I finished at La Mirada; I live in La Mirada; I'm a La Mirada guy. Seeing the support that comes out, seeing everyone just root for our boys; building back the fan base that we had back in 2015 was important for us. I think we're on the right track right now."



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2022 BASEBALL PREVIEW - Usual schools vie for a league title while Artesia, Valley Christian could make surprising moves

By Loren Kopff

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It's no secret that Cerritos High, Gahr High and La Mirada High are favorites to win their respective leagues. But don't sleep on Artesia High to break a long playoff drought or Valley Christian High, which has plans to supplant Maranatha High for the top spot in the Olympic League. John Glenn High hopes to get back to its winning ways while Norwalk High could make some noise in the final year of the Suburban League.

RETURNING PLAYERS IN ITALICS

ARTESIA PIONEERS

3-10 overall last season, 2-6 in the 605 League, fourth place
Head coach: Jose Serrano (second season, 3-10)

Team's record previous five seasons: 10-81

Last time made the playoffs: 2007

Division 7

Key losses: David Zavala

Projected lineup:

P-Frankie Medina (SR)/Jaimie Saucedo (SR)/Richard Saad (JR)/Reggie Steele (JR)/John Ceballos (SO)/Daniel Carbajal (FR)

C-Medina/Juan Munoz (SR)

1B-Victor Sanchez (FR)/Francisco

Sandoval (JR)/Saucedo

2B-Michael Loera (SR)

3B-Saucedo/Steele

SS-Medina/Carbajal

LF-Phineas Shahon (JR)/Brandon Garcia (JR)

CF-Joshua Peck (JR)

RF-Jose Garcia (FR)

It was a rocky beginning to head coach Jose Serrano's first varsity gig, taking over for former Michael Gaoghagen who had been at Artesia for the past 18 seasons. The Pioneers had 12 players on the team with one senior who joined the team late. Artesia did win a league game for the first time since 2017 and in fact, swept John Glenn to win two league games for the first time since 2014.

"I was okay with it because it was my first year taking over the program," said Serrano. "I didn't know the kids that well. So, getting to know them and understanding that their baseball knowledge was a little bit behind kind of made me focus on teaching them the baseball basics first and then we'll play baseball. So last year, 3-10, I was okay with it. It didn't hurt me; it didn't bug me because I knew turning a program around takes time."

If there is one area Serrano is pleased with, it's the pitching staff under the tutelage of Chris Mink. Through the early part of the season, Serrano says the staff has gone from walking 10 batters a game to walking one. Through the first six games, the Pioneers went 3-3 and Serrano says the reason behind that has been the pitching with the three losses all coming by one run. Whine senior Frankie Medina is the ace of the staff, the number two guy will be freshman Daniel Carbajal. Senior Juan Munoz will anchor down the catching duties while the starting outfielders are all new to the varsity level.

"The chemistry is amazing; they play together and they act like a family now," said Serrano. "Position-wise, we finally have a set lineup."

Although it's getting better, Serrano says he's still worried about the experience and the baseball knowledge from some of his players and thinks they're still behind. But the energy level and the drive to win is there. Serrano also believes this is the year the program stops that 13-year playoff drought, Winning the 605 League may be a reach, but he is gunning for one of the other two automatic berths.

"If we don't, it will be a disappointment to the team and to

myself," he said. "Our goal is to make the playoffs this year, and we should be there. I have that confidence in my team this year."

CERRITOS DONS

18-5 overall last season, 8-0 in the 605 League, first place, lost to Hart High 5-2 in the Division 3 second round playoffs
Head coach: Martin Rodriguez (first season)

Team's record previous 5 seasons: 80-40
Last time missed the playoffs: 2017

Division 3

Key losses: Jude Alfaro, Aaron DeLeon, Edgar Lorenzo, Jared Pugar, Matthew Rezendes, Maxwell Shea, Nick Toney

Projected lineup:

P-Carter Chi (SR)/Evan Geppert (SR)/Max Meza (SR)/Anthony Rincon (SR)/Dylan Burton (JR)/Brandon Casas (JR)
C-Owen Gott (SR)/Meza/Ryan Martinez (JR)

1B-Casas/Rincon

2B-Dalton Chi (FR)

3B-Ethan Vo (SR)

SS-Carter Chi (SO)

LF-Raymond Sierra (JR)/Noah Gapuz (SO)

CF-Paul Kim (JR)/Gapuz

RF-Johann Gibbs (SO)/Gapuz

When Scott Parsonage and Brooks Walling took over the program in 2014, they changed the culture of Cerritos baseball. Now, Walling has moved on to family obligations and has turned the program over to former assistant Martin Rodriguez, who has always held that position wherever he has been but has always wanted to be a head coach. Rodriguez was the first hire Parsonage and Walling made in 2014 and the transition from assistant to head coach is one of the easiest anyone can have.

"I started coaching high school baseball over 20 years ago," said Rodriguez. "I enjoyed the role of being an assistant. But as the past couple of years has transpired with coach Walling, I knew that there was going to be an opportunity for me to either take over, or step aside with him."

Rodriguez says what he brings to the table is a different perspective on the high school baseball player and understands what the players are going through, dealing with school and their parents and what they're going to do when they graduate, or in two or three years. As it relates to the current team and the program, he said he doesn't plan to change what Parsonage and Walling began.

"Coach Walling left me with a pot of gold," Rodriguez said. "Not just the rainbow to find it. Literally, he left me with a pot of gold and if I can pick up that pot of gold and carry it for as long as I can, I'm going to do it."

While the Dons have some talented returning players, Rodriguez says the team is young in age and in varsity experience. The pitching staff is solid with senior Evan Geppert and junior Dylan Burton leading the charge. After that will be a lot of guys who have already found starting spots in other positions. Senior catcher Owen Gott has the makings to be one of the best, if not, the best catcher in the area. Last season, Carter Chi started as a freshman and this season, his younger brother, Dalton Chi, will get the nod while Carter moves to shortstop.

In the brief existence of the 605 League, no other school has been able to touch the Dons, who have won all 18 league games and have allowed 10 runs. Cerritos figures to be the favorites to win league again. The rookie coach admitted the kids want to have that target on their backs because it fires them up.

"The expectations are high," said Rodriguez. "The athletic directors and the principal and the faculty, the alumni have all been gracious enough to stop by over



the fall and winter to wish us luck and to tell us that they expect the ball to keep rolling. We're ready for it."

GAHR GLADIATORS

16-14 overall last season, 7-5 in the San Gabriel Valley League, tied for second place, lost to Sierra Canyon 10-1 in the Division 2 second round playoffs
Head coach: Gerardo Perez (18th season, 311-176-2)

Team's record previous 5 seasons: 69-60
Last time missed the playoffs: 1998

Division 2

Key losses: Josh Delgado, Matt Kurata, Demetrius Massey, Brian Munoz, Jonathan Nava, Jorge Renteria, J'amore Ward, Michael Williams

Projected lineup:

P-Cristien Banda (SR)/Andrew Garcia (SR)/Ethan Kang (SR)/Steven Thompson (SR)/Noah Andrunas (JR)/Victor Morales (JR)/Noah Magallanes (SO)/Jaden Alba (JR)

C-Angel Cortez (JR)/Jose Perez (SO)

1B-Alahni Salcedo (JR)/Andrew Kirchner (SR)

2B-Kyle Panganiban (JR)

3B-Joe Tomassi-Ortiz (SR)/Mike Lee (SO)

SS-Cortez/Panganiban

LF-Banda/Kirchner/Perez/Thompson

CF-Kang

RF-Banda/Alba

Gahr had its most losses in San Gabriel Valley League since 2008 and the 16 victories matched the total from the previous two seasons. Still, the Gladiators had enough talent to get to the second round of the Division 2 playoffs.

"I think a big part of our program is going through all the trials and the tribulations that we go through all year long," said head coach Gerardo Perez. "Just the culture that we've created goes a long way for us."

The later start to the season because of Covid was a challenge for Gahr because it has a set of structure and routines and obviously, that was disrupted last season and as Perez put it, 'everyone had to fly by the seat of their pants'.

Senior pitcher Cristien Banda, who will be going to Long Beach State University and can throw in the 90s, is the ace of the staff who faced all the top clubs last season and went 4-1. Senior Steven Thompson is the number two guy in a very deep staff with juniors Noah Andrunas (5-4 last season) and Victor Morales anchoring down the front end. Perez says the staff is about nine or 10 deep. Behind the plate will be a tag-team effort between University of San Diego-bound junior Angel Cortez and sophomore Jose Perez. They will be asked to replace the graduated Matt Kurata.

Senior Ethan Kang patrols center field with a platoon of players taking over left and right depending on who is pitching while senior Andrew Kirchner is slated to be the primary designated hitter.

From time to time, Perez will compare this season's team to the one he had in 2005 that went 23-6 and advanced to the quarterfinals, or the 2018 squad that went 22-9 and advanced to the quarterfinals. Once again, the Gladiators have one of the toughest schedules around, playing a slew of Division 1 and Division 2 opponents. Through the first five games of this season, the outcome has been decided

by one run. Dominguez is not competing this season, thus giving Gahr extra games against quality opponents that will prepare the team for the playoffs.

This will also be the final season of the league as the Gladiators will be part of a conference that will have the best of the SGVL and Suburban League face each other. A preview to that will be the final game of the season when Gahr hosts La Mirada.

"It's exciting for us because [La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn and I] share a common belief for foundation," said Perez. "If you want your kids to move on and be successful in college, which is kind of what we've established... you need to play the better teams."

JOHN GLENN EAGLES

0-10 overall last season, 0-8 in the 605 League, fifth place

Head coach: Gabriel Guzman (second season, 1-14)

Team's record previous 5 seasons: 50-46
Last time made the playoffs: 2019

Division 7

Key losses: Jacob Hernandez, Anthony Lira, Carlos Valdez, Zoey Williams, Adrian Zamora

Projected lineup:

P-Joseph Chavez (JR)/Marcos Orizaba (SO)/Francisco Rodriguez (SO)/Ivan Vera (SO)/Angel Aguilar (FR)/Brandon Rivera (FR)

C-Orizaba/Andrew Guerra (JR)

1B-Isaac Hernandez (SR)/Vera/Roy Cancio (FR)

2B-Guerra/Rodriguez

3B-Anthony Carmona (SO)/Aguilar/Rivera

SS-Chavez/Orizaba

LF-Andres Cortez (SR)/Carmona/Aguilar

CF-Esteban Ramirez (SR)

RF-Gabriel Salcido (JR)/Santos Hernandez (FR)

It was rough going for head coach Gabriel Guzman, which played two games beyond its league schedule because of the scaled down Covid season. Glenn failed to win a game for the first time in over two decades and scored less than 20 runs. Guzman said he wished his team had played more games in the rushed year with limited time to practice and also said he had a lot of players that had individual mentalities and wanted to perform more for their families and loved ones than themselves and as the season went on, the team began to play together

"We weren't sure if we were going to have a season," said Guzman. "So, everything was at a standstill. And when we finally got the green light, we had maybe four or five weeks to prepare, which in my opinion, is not enough for at least somewhat competitive play, going up against teams that have been established for some time."

The pitching staff is very young with junior Joseph Chavez and sophomore Marcos Orizaba in the hunt to be the team's number one guy. Still, Guzman isn't too concerned because he's had some of them even before high school and he knows what they can do at the competitive level.

Since 2008, the program has been up and down, getting to the postseason seven times. But when the Eagles haven't landed a playoff spot, they have either struggled

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to win, or flirted with a .500 record. Strange as it may seem, but Glenn went through eight straight seasons of at least 11 wins.

“More hard work; more dedication, not that my guys haven’t done it,” said Guzman as far as being successful this season. “You can never have too much of it. My philosophy has always been practice makes perfect. I feel that we’re on a very good path this season. Our chemistry is a lot more into one another opposed to last season. I feel we’re ready for competition.”

LA MIRADA MATADORES

19-12 overall last season, 8-0 in the Suburban League, first place, lost to Bishop Amat High 8-2 in the Division 1 second round playoffs

Head coach: Jimmy Zurn (eighth season, 141-54-1)

Team’s record previous 5 seasons: 101-31-1

Division 1

Key losses: Joe Garcia, Christian Gutierrez, A.J. Nimeh, Josh Perez, William Ruiz, Vincent Segovia

Projected lineup:

P-Ryan Coppock (SR)/Eric Jeon (JR)/ Benjamin Kim (JR)/Jeremiah Sotelo (JR)/ Paul Dominguez (FR)

C-Andrew Pyle (SR)/Jacob Celiz (FR)/ Donald Murray (FR)

1B-Maverek Russell (FR)/Pablo Hidalgo (JR)/Cameron Portillo (SR)

2B-Aiden Haller (JR)/Aiden Aguayo (FR)/Fabian Ochoa (SO)

3B-Jeon

SS-Noah Rodriguez (SR)

LF-Nick Barron (SR)/Jakob Ortega (SO)

CF-Rudy Gonzales (SR)

RF-Kim/Derek Cruz (SR)

For La Mirada to go 19-12 last season, playing the schedule that it did, was an accomplishment for head coach Jimmy Zurn and his team. The Matadores were stilling at .500 when Suburban League p-lay began, allowed three runs in the eight league games, blanked West Ranch in the first round of the playoffs before falling to Bishop Amat for the second time in nearly three and a half weeks.

“Last season was interesting,” said head coach Jimmy Zurn. “We actually started our season last year still on Zoom. The kids were doing distant learning, then coming for practice. Then obviously with all the regulations, particularly with us being in Los Angeles County was challenging. We’re coming off a really, really good 2020 graduating class with guys that are going off to [NCAA Division] 1 schools. So, we didn’t know what to expect. We’re big on the weight room, so we didn’t have that access. We were doing Zoom workouts.

In that second game with Bishop Amat, the Matadores were tied 2-2 going to the bottom of the fifth inning before allowing six runs. To go from what could have been a CIF championship team had the 2020 season continued to winning 19 games with a young, inexperienced group was more than Zurn could have asked for.

As for this season, Zurn is going to count on senior Eric Jeon, a Columbia University commit, to be the ace of the pitching staff. Jeon went 4-1 last season with the lone setback coming in a 3-2, 10-inning affair to Villa Park High in the 18th game. Zurn says he runs his fastball in the upper 80s, throws three pitches at any time and gives the team a chance every time he’s on the mound. Look for freshman Paul Dominguez, who has already set his eyes on Long Beach State University, to make a heavy impact at once. He throws in the mid-80s and Zurn admits the program is going to be blessed to have him for four years. Another LBSU commit, senior Andrew Pyle, is the top catcher with two of the team’s five freshmen backing him up.

The team will have a good mixture of first-time varsity players and experienced guys who are going to Division 1 schools, including senior shortstop Noah Rodriguez, who is going to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Look for freshman Aiden Aguayo to slide into the shortstop position before he leaves La Mirada. Senior Rudy Gonzalez is the best defensive center fielder Zurn has seen who will hit in the middle of the order.

This will be the final year of the Suburban League and even though the Matadores have been the dominant team for a good chunk of the past two decades, Zurn said there will be some sentimental value in winning the league this season. They are the favorites and could still face arch-rival Mayfair High in league competition beyond this season.

“I’m a Suburban League product,” said Zurn. “I’ve been a part of this league for 20-plus years from as a player to when I first started coaching with [former head] coach [Kim] Brooks to then now. I hated seeing it split up, originally when the 605 League was created to now. I love [the Suburban] League, but it’s out of our control and we’ll go where they put us.”

NORWALK LANCERS

5-6 overall last season, 3-5 in the Suburban League, fourth place

Head coach: William Wenrick (eighth season, 45-86)

Team’s record previous 5 seasons: 32-55

Last time made the playoffs: 2013

Division 6

Key losses: Adam Aneste, Christian Johnson

Projected lineup:

P-Kaleb Nakano (JR)/Caden Barnhill (JR)/Gabriel Cancino (JR)/Angel

Gonzales (JR)/Adrian Martinez (SR)

C-Angel Rosales (SR)/Michael Castaneda (JR)/Cancino

1B-Nakano/Noah Urbina (SR)

2B-Adan Rodriguez (SR)/Ricardo Guzman (JR)

3B-Cancino/Rosales/Martinez

SS-Barnhill/Kevin Carrillo (JR)/Jonathan Guzman (JR)/Guzman, R.

LF-Castaneda/Rodriguez/Urbina

CF-Randy Martinez (JR)

RF-Castaneda/Rodriguez/Urbina

Norwalk was young last season and that youth, plus the experience gained in just 11 games should make the Lancers a prime candidate to finish in the upper half of the Suburban League and end a seven-year playoff drought, not including the 2020 season. Head coach William Wenrick said he wished he could have had more games but was still pleased with where the team was after 11 games.

“This year it’s going to be the opposite,” said Wenrick. “We have the full 28-game [schedule], we’re back in the St. Paul Tournament, everybody wants to come here, everybody wants to play.”

The Lancers got a late start and didn’t get to practice until January because their new field turf facility wasn’t quite done. But now, Norwalk will be able to play some home games under the lights.

Junior Kaleb Nakao is slated to be the team’s number one pitcher with junior Gabriel Cancino having a chance to be the next pitcher in line, although junior Caden Barnhill is more than capable of being the No. 2 hurler.

“Last year’s team was good because we had two good starters when I had Adam [Aneste] and Caleb,” said Wenrick. “We knew what we were going to get. There was not going to be a question who was going to be one and who was going to be two. Going into this year, I thought our hitting was going to be a lot better and our fielding was going to be a little better. I had good hopes for the team when we ended last year and that hasn’t changed at all.”

Norwalk won’t be a pushover in league and proved last season it can compete with a pair of playoff teams. It

led Mayfair 7-1 going into the sixth inning before falling 10-7 and three days later was on the short end of a 4-2 decision.

A few weeks later, the Lancers split with Bellflower High with the loss coming in a 2-1 affair after they had the bases loaded in the top of the seventh but came up empty.

“We didn’t know how bad at the time the Mayfair game was going to bite us,” said Wenrick. “But it did. I was just thinking about that; how we can get to 5-3 instead of 3-5 which we did last year.”

VALLEY CHRISTIAN

18-6 overall, 10-2 in the Olympic League, second place, lost to Barstow High 12-6 (10 innings) in the Division 6 first round playoffs

Head coach: Matt Dahlenburg (fourth season, 34-23)

Team’s record previous 5 seasons: 59-53

Last time missed the playoffs: 2019

Division 5

Key losses: Bo Adkins, Matt Bean,

Connor Gerdes, Austin Horio, Jared McDaniel

Projected lineup:

P-Colin Abrahams (SR)/Conner Messman (SR)/Carson Slager (SR)/Austin Wilkinson (SR)/Ryan Zamarippa (SR)/Evan Sawai (JR)/Kenneth Hoogerheide (JR)

C-Jacob Smith (JR)/Ben Carter (SR)

1B-Jesse Perez (SR)/Jeremy Gallagher (JR)/Hoogerheide

2B-Nolan Lynott (JR)/Carter/Sawai

3B-Slager/Smith/Carter

SS-Carter/Sawai/Zamarippa

LF-Dylan Barnes (SR)/Armand Rizo (SR)/Wilkinson/Major Brown (JR)/Quinn Unfried (JR)

CF-Barnes/Rizo/Wilkinson/Brown/Unfried

RF-Barnes/Rizo/Wilkinson/Brown/Unfried

Not including the 2020 season when that team won three of five games played, the 2021 V.C. Defenders had the program’s best record since going 23-

10 in 2003. The 10-2 mark in Olympic League play was the best since V.C. won the league in 2012. But head coach Matt Dahlenburg was not satisfied with second

place and taking one of three games with champion Maranatha High. He wanted to win all 12 games and believes the

Defenders can accomplish that.

“It was a huge success because we brought back [eight] juniors who are now seniors and [we] made the playoffs for the first time [since 2017],” said Dahlenburg.

“But it was a big growth for us and now they know what to expect.”

As far as the personnel and who is slated to be the primary player in each position, Dahlenburg says he doesn’t

do projections. Instead, he will go with matchups on a game by game basis based off watching film. The pitching staff is probably the most experienced

position on the team as Abrahams, Sawai and Slager all had complete games last

season with Sawai’s coming against Maranatha. Juniors Kenneth Hoogerheide and Quinn Unfried are transfers from Los

Alamitos High. The outfielders are all interchangeable while senior Ben Carter and junior Jacob Smith provide a good

tandem behind the plate.

“We should be pretty good if we can figure out how to play baseball again,” said Dahlenburg. “We’re really talented but we’re playing tough teams right now.

We’re playing Palos Verdes, Cerritos, Mayfair, Ontario Christian, Bellflower. We’re playing tough teams to get ready for league and for a playoff run.

“I think they realized they can compete with [Maranatha] and beating them one time last year was a big step in the right direction,” he continued. “It’s not like we’re going to flip it overnight and say we’re better than them because they’re a good baseball team. Confidence always wins most of the time.”

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restaurants and bars in the city.

Meanwhile, the vote by the Planning Commission and the lack of research by their staff has many Downey residents up in arms.

There have been multiple concerns over Ojos clientele and resident safety. According to Downey Police Department, other locations have been plagued with criminal activity, including shootings, stabbings, and problems with outlaw motorcycle gangs.

Ojos is a chain restaurant with 21 locations; the newest addition to the chain will be at 8350 Firestone Boulevard, which is the first California location.

In 2019 at the Ojos Arizona restaurant, Mesa police responded to the area when the restaurant’s management reported “they were having problems” with several male customers. One of the men ignored police commands and assaulted one of the officers. They attempted to restrain the man by tasing and striking him, which resulted in a struggle. One officer fired his weapon and hit the man in the lower left hip.

In February 2021, a man was shot to death, and another injured during a fight outside the Houston Ojos

In August 2021 at the Albuquerque Ojos, a shooting killed one and left three others wounded. According to investigators, the shooting happened around 9:45 p.m. after “some kind of altercation” near the entrance of the restaurant, according to investigators.

A Ojos representative glossed over the criminal activity question and said, “that attire was limited to special events.”

Commissioner Art Montoya (approved) said it was a “difficult decision.”

Montoya told the local newspaper, “It’s a restaurant that has a business model that seems to be successful in other locations in multiple states...but I do see the concerns that there is potential for loud music, that there are concerns regarding the ‘costuming’ of the employees as well as the safety concerns that could be drawn to the establishment.”

Despite concerns, the project was approved 3-1, with Commissioner Ortiz in opposition.

Downey residents will be glad to hear that the restaurant will operate seven days a week. Security guards will be present during peak hours, and can be increased if needed.

But that might not help with criminals either.

In 2020, at the same Houston Ojos, multiple cellphone videos showed an altercation causing a security guard to shoot a customer several times, killing him; another was severely injured.

Police said the bar was shutting down at 2 a.m., and three security guards tried to clear everyone out.

In a statement, Mayor Blanco Pacheco was non-committal, “Keeping our residents in mind, we will address their concerns to help regulate employee attire at this establishment.”

“Why didn’t she address before it was approved,” one resident told HMG-CN.



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Entries Sought For Cerritos' Arbor Week Poster Contest

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "Connect With Your Roots."

The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics).

Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form (available at cerritos.us).

Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 8.

First place winners' artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.us starting Monday, April 18 through Monday, May 30.

For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

Cerritos Gadabouts Seeks Members

The Cerritos Gadabouts is currently welcoming new members. The organization is a social club for seniors age 55 and older to enjoy activities such as bingo, luncheons and day trips. Meetings are held from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Monday of each month at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park (12340 South St.). Annual dues are \$10.

For more information, contact membership vice president Lea Stern at (562) 596-1545 or president Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.

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School, I thought to myself how did everything align itself for today," said Ceniceros. "What a perfect date in history to honor Elijahaa and Rashaad, who wore the number 22 so well. It was always magical, and always something special to watch."

During his time as a Lancer, Elijahaa Penny, who was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals out of the University of Idaho, rushed for close to 3,500 yards and scored 40 touchdowns while his younger brother, a product of San Diego State University who was drafted by and currently plays for the Seattle Seahawks, holds several school records. He rushed 496 times for 5,124 yards and scored 80 touchdowns. He also played in the 2012 CIF-Southern Section Championship game where Norwalk fell to La Serna High 41-38 in double overtime.

"I just wanted to thank the community of Norwalk, which accepted two kids from the inner city of Los Angeles and thank my parents for bringing us out here and making the right decisions as adults to bring their kids into a better environment," said Elijahaa. "We got here in 2005; my [older] brother Robert started it off."

His message to kids today was making school your first priority, even if it's not your thing, and handling your business right after high school. Elijahaa also talked about committing to the University of Washington and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas but didn't get to go because of grades. He talked about his journey being different that of Rashaad, but he appreciated every moment of it, and it motivated him to be the person he is today.

"This is a surreal feeling," said Rashaad. "I appreciate everybody coming out here. The city really changed my family life and my life. I met so many great people here [and] I had the best teachers."

Rashaad talked about growing up in Los Angeles in a house of around 20 members where he slept on the floor for about seven years. He continued by saying he's thankful for where he is at right now and having everyone as part of his sports [world] is the best thing for him.

"I felt like I never left," he said. "Every time I come back, I feel like it's family here and that just means the world to me."

WINTER SPORTS

Besides the Cerritos High girls basketball and La Mirada High boys basketball teams advancing to the CIF State Southern California Regionals, the Artesia High boys team earned a road trip to Atascadero High this past Tuesday in Division IV action. The Pioneers, seeded 11th, fell to the Greyhounds 63-49 in the first round, ending their season at 26-7.

The Artesia boys soccer team, which captured the CIF-Southern Section Division V championship for the program's first soccer title, lost to Crawford High out of San Diego 3-2 in overtime this past Tuesday in the first round of the Division IV regionals. Artesia wraps up the season at 23-2-1.

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Beautification Project.

The project will beautify the median islands and some parkway areas along the City's longest major arterial, Rosemead Boulevard. Median improvements include replacing the existing shrubs, ground cover, irrigation system, fencing, and dead/dying trees with new drought-tolerant plants and trees, a high-efficiency irrigation system, and natural inorganic materials (decomposed granite, boulders, and cobble).

Parkway improvements include trees planted to fill empty tree wells, adding

shade and improving walkability. Mature, overgrown trees will be replaced to prevent further damage to street pavement. Anti-litter signs, artistic elements, historical markers, trash containers, iron bus benches, and wayfinding signage will also be installed.

These improvements will prevent debris from building up, beautify the corridor, reduce water usage, and reduce the urban heat island effect.

In addition to physical improvements, the City will launch a monthly "Keep Your Streets Clean" campaign on social media and host an annual community cleanup event.

The City also received \$4.2 million for its Major Corridors Median & Parkway Beautification Project. The project will beautify the median islands and some parkway areas along four of the City's major arterials: Slauson Avenue, Washington Boulevard, Whittier Boulevard, and Paramount Boulevard.

The Median improvements are very similar to the Rosemead Blvd. Median and Parkway Beautification Project, including replacing the existing shrubs, ground cover, irrigation system, fencing, and dead/dying trees with new drought-tolerant plants and trees.

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T.S. No.: 2021-04615 APN: 8037-058-012 TRA No.: 13684 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/16/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below. 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TAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Beneficiary Name: POPA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Duly Appointed Trustee: Integrated Lender Services Inc., a Delaware Corporation and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/17/2009 as Instrument No. 20090376856 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 3/30/2022 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$671,515.29 The property heretofore is being sold "as is." The street Address or other common designation of real property is purported to be: 13703 FRANCISCO DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Legal Description: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N.: 8037-058-012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-844-477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site http://www.stoxposting.com/sales-calendar, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-04615. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer" you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-844-477-7869 or visit this internet website site http://www.stoxposting.com/sales-calendar, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-04615 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "INTEGRATED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED". THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 2/24/2022 Integrated Lender Services Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee 2461 W. La Palma Ave, Suite 120 Anaheim, California 92801 (800) 232-8787 For Sale Information please call: 1-844-477-7869 MICHAEL REAGAN, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER

**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO 7##**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on March 8, 2022 before the City Council of the City of Commerce for the consideration of a First Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement related to Application #18-026 for Commercial Cannabis Activities. **Project Description:** Development Agreement No. 726 allows for testing of commercial cannabis products at 5608 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90040. The Development Agreement would include a change of ownership. A copy of the proposed Development Agreement will be available on the City's website and with the City Clerk's Office. **Environmental Determination:** The request for a Development Agreement has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(9); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Ch. 3, § 15301 [Class 1, "Existing Facilities"]). This section specifically applies to small additions, expansions, or alterations to existing structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use. In this case, the request includes a request to establish a Development Agreement.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement related to Application #18-026. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at www.ci.commerce.ca.us. Said meeting will be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and AB 361, which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body, provided the legislative body adopts a resolution making certain findings. On October 5, 2021, and every month thereafter the City Council adopted a resolution making the required findings to continue holding remote City Council meetings. Accordingly, members of the public may participate telephonically by calling and submitting their comments at 323-887-4442. Members of the public may also submit written comments through email at cityclerk@ci.commerce.ca.us or by accessing the meeting via Zoom. Details for participating in the City Council meeting via Zoom will be published when the City Council agenda is posted, no less than 72 hours prior to said meeting. Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

City Manager
Edgar Cisneros
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**CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
CITYWIDE STRATEGIC FIBER OPTIC
FEASIBILITY STUDY, RFP NO. 1452-22**

Project Identification: CITYWIDE STRATEGIC FIBER OPTIC FEASIBILITY STUDY, RFP NO. 1452-22. Project Description: The City of Cerritos is seeking qualified proposals for a consultant firm to conduct a Citywide fiber optic master plan feasibility study (Study) in accordance with the Cerritos City Council's direction to explore a competitive, reliable, and cost effective Citywide fiber optic master plan for the purposes of attracting and retaining commercial, industrial, and retail businesses and potentially providing municipal broadband services. The selected consultant firm shall work closely with the Management Information Services (MIS) Division, who will administer the project to ensure that objectives are effectively and efficiently met and priced competitively. **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2022.** Sheriff's Station Conference Room. 18135 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. **The City will not review proposals from Contractors who do not attend the pre-proposal meeting. Proposals must be received on or before: 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2022. Place of proposal receipt:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Cerritos, California 90703. Proposals must be marked: **"PROPOSAL – CITYWIDE STRATEGIC FIBER OPTIC FEASIBILITY STUDY, RFP NO. 1452-22 - DO NOT OPEN"** Request for Proposal details are available by visiting the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA, 90703, or by calling (562) 916-1370. 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.
- The total fee for proposed Citywide Strategic Fiber Optic Feasibility Study.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. By order of the City of Cerritos. Dated/Posted/Published: **March 4, 2022**
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 ELOISE NYMAN
 CASE NO. 22STPB01285
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ELOISE NYMAN.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDREA JOHNSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA JOHNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
 The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/17/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 File Number 2022020301
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BUTTER LAB, 5940 OAK AVENUE UNIT 23, TEMPLE CITY, CA., 91780. REGISTERED OWNER ANNA CHAPMAN, 5940 OAK AVENUE UNIT 23, TEMPLE CITY, CA., . THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/22. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ ANNA CHAPMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/27/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/22

STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 File Number 2022019305
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: RAVENHILL STUDIO, 2122 CYPRESS AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA., 90026. REGISTERED OWNER BRENDAN RAVENHILL, LLC2122 CYPRESS AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA., 90026. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/22. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ BRENDAN RAVENHILL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/27/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/22

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Request for Proposal
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **14th day of March 2022** proposals for:
 RFP 1586 Expanded Learning Program Services
 All proposals shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Proposals submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Contact Wendy Wall (562) 926-5566 x 21218 for a copy of the RFP. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703.
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APN: 8047-007-087 TS No: CA07000071-20-1 To No: 200016035-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 3, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 9, 2006 as Instrument No. 06 0044599, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by C.R. ROBERTS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, FSB as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12976 SYCAMORE VILLAGE DR. # 4, NORWALK, CA 90650-8334 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$396,281.10 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000071-20-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000071-20-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: February 9, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000071-20-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 Amy Lemus. Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL. In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 80093, Pub Dates: 2/18/2022, 2/25/2022, 3/4/2022, LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
Project Number: 50022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660 up to **2:00 p.m. on April 6, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and identification number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.
MANDATORY SECTION 3 PRE-BID MEETING. A mandatory Section 3 Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **March 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**, at the project site at **9200 Mines Avenue, Pico Rivera, CA 90660.**
SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of this Contract, the Notice Inviting Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Proposal (including documentation accompanying the Bid Proposal and any post-Bid Proposal documentation submitted before the Notice of Award), the Bonds, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Plans, Standard Plans, Standard Specifications, Reference Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, and Supplemental Agreements.
 This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer. Time for completion of the Work is **Forty-Five (45) total Working Days** from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed and shall be inclusive of the procurement time to furnish and install all materials associated with this project.
OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available at this time.
LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class "A" Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board necessary for the performance of all Work to be performed at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.
QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions to the City Project Manager online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Questions are acceptable until **4:00 p.m. on or before Friday, March 25, 2022.** Any questions submitted after the submission deadline will not be answered. Questions and answers will be issued by **March 30, 2022** as an addendum. Any addenda and/or supplemental information, as applicable will be posted online and available at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check online for any addenda that are released. Any changes or corrections to the original Bid Documents or any other information that will affect the completion of the award will be disseminated and posted on the City's website. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal.
CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:
 Name: Kevin Ko
 Contact Number: 562-801-4429
 E-mail address: kko@pico-rivera.org
 By: Terry Rodrigue 03/04/2022
 Interim Public Works Director Date
 Published at Los Cerritos Community News 3/4/22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 JANET E. GEDUSKY AKA JANET EMILY GEDUSKY AKA JANET GEDUSKY
 CASE NO. 22STPB01293
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JANET E. GEDUSKY AKA JANET EMILY GEDUSKY AKA JANET GEDUSKY.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LYNN LUCAS AKA LYNN LUCUS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LYNN LUCAS AKA LYNN LUCUS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/17/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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
 PAULO I. MENEZES - SBN 248864
 THE LAW OFFICE OF DUARTE & MENEZES, LLP
 17215 STUDEBAKER RD., STE 240
 CERRITOS CA 90703
 2/25, 3/4, 3/11/22

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
 Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage 4160 Cherry Ave. Long Beach CA, 90807, will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond #5181494), on or after **MARCH 17, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: suitcases, bags, scooters, trashcan, detergent, and backpacks belonging to the following.

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| NAME | UNIT # |
| CHRISTINA SHEREE BROWN | B30 |

 This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.
 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
 (UCC Sec. 6105)
 Escrow No. 22-16342-TN
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: PHO SOUTH STREET, INC, 11700 SOUTH ST, #108 ARTESIA, CA 90701
 Doing Business as: PHO LITTLE SAIGON
 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:
 The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: TUAN A. PHAM AND VINH NGUYEN, 17790 SAN LANDELO ST, FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA 92708
 The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 11700 SOUTH ST, #108 ARTESIA, CA 90701
 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, INC., 13305 BROOKHURST STREET GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 22, 2022
 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
 [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the last date for filing claims shall be MARCH 21, 2022, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
 Dated: 2/22/2022
 BUYER: TUAN A. PHAM AND VINH NGUYEN
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 Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after **MARCH 17, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: boxes, totes, duffle bag, trike, slot machine, table, pillow, strollers, suitcases, loose clothing, toys, loose bedding, chairs, gate, furniture, rumba, broom, books, mat and bags belonging to the following.

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| NAME | UNIT |
| CHRISTIAN SEAN DOVIDIO | B712 |
| ASHLEY ELIZABETH MINGO | B239 |
| TATIANA MARIE BRIONES | B165 |

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CIF-SS D-3AA GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS -

Rare shooting slump costs Cerritos its first divisional championship, falls to La Salle

By Loren Kopff
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The third quarter was kind to Cerritos High in its semifinal win at Yucca Valley High on Feb. 23, outscoring the Trojans 13-3 on its way to a 64-51 victory. It was completely the opposite last Saturday night when the Dons hosted second-ranked La Salle High in the CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA championship game.

The Lancers outscored the hosts 15-4 in the third quarter and turned a 19-18 halftime lead into a 46-33 victory. On top of that, Cerritos was plagued by one of its worst shooting performances of the season, hitting on 24 percent of its shots and being held to its second worst offensive output of the season. The Dons scored 29 points on Dec. 12 at Paramount High.

"We didn't hit shots, and they did a great job on defense, too," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "Our offense wasn't flowing and it's one of those things where we came up short and they did a great job. That's a good team."

Cerritos never led in the first half, falling behind 6-0 through the first 4:12, and didn't score until junior Emily Ho-

soda hit a three-pointer with 2:57 left in the stanza. Half a minute later, senior Jasmine Uy followed with one of her own and the Dons were down by a point, which would be the closest they would get in the half. The second-ranked team in the division with an enrollment between 600-700 would go on a 7-0 run to claim its biggest lead of the half. Still, the tri-champions of the 605 League managed to stay within striking range until halftime and was down 19-18 at the break.

"In the very beginning, it was a little shaky," said Chinen. "After that, we settled down and we were able to do the stuff on defense that we wanted to. Again, we just couldn't hit shots. We couldn't hit shots and that's what it came down to."

Cerritos was seven of 26 from the field in the first half and was worse in the second half when it connected on 21 percent of its attempts. Hosoda would give the Dons their first lead 16 seconds into the second half. But a little over a minute later, Audrey Chen put the Lancers in the lead for good with an offensive putback. It was the beginning of a 6-0 run and after sophomore Onyeka Nwanze scored with 5:01 left in the third, La Salle scored the next nine points of the stanza to put the game away.

"We've been down before earlier in

the season and within a minute or whatever, we've come back and won in overtime," said Chinen. "We just had to let the girls know that they've done it in the past. It's not over until you see zeros up there on the clock."

Cerritos tried to make one more rally in the fourth quarter and got its deficit down to nine points nearly midway through but was unsuccessful on its next five shots while La Salle reeled off eight straight points. Chen led all players with 17 points and had 10 rebounds while Kaden Cortes added 13 points and half a dozen rebounds. As a team, La Salle grabbed 34 rebounds.

"She's a solid player," said Chinen of Chen. "Sometimes we could stop her on offense, sometimes we couldn't. That was the turning point."

The Dons were paced by Nwanze's eight points, 13 rebounds and four blocks while Hosoda and Uy each had six points. It was only the second time all season that the leading scorer from Cerritos failed to get more than eight points.

"That was solid play by the girls," said Chinen. "Even if we come out of this on the short end of the stick, it was an incredible season. We started off actually strong in a couple of tournaments and then when we hit that one period where we had to be out for Covid for a period of time...we struggled. But the girls picked it back up."

"They did an incredible job, and no matter what the outcome of this game was, if you look on the side of the wall, we're going to have a CIF Finalist banner," he later added. "That's something that's not up there for any basketball team. It's hard that we didn't get the red one, which is for CIF champions. But at least it's going to be up there forever."

The season would come to an end



CERRITOS HIGH junior Emily Hosoda goes up for one of her four shot attempts in last Saturday night's CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA championship game against La Salle High. Hosoda would score six points, the most since Jan. 17 and ends the season with 71 points. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer.

this past Tuesday night in the Southern California Division III Regionals as the 11th seeded Dons fell to sixth-seeded Carlsbad High 62-48 to conclude the season at 20-9, the second time in the past five seasons Cerritos has won at least 20 games and the fourth time since the 2013-2014 season.

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