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## WELCOME TO ARTESIA

**NEW CITY MANAGER** Aldo E. Schindler (holding welcome cup) with the Artesia City Council from (l-r) Councilman Ali Taj, Mayor Monica Manalo, Schindler, Councilmembers Melissa Ramoso, Rene Trevino and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Lima.

## Four ABCUSD Schools Selected as California Distinguished Schools

By Brian Hews

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond this week announced that more than 350 elementary schools have been selected for the prestigious 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program.

Four ABCUSD schools were awarded Stowers Elementary, Wittmann Elementary, Cerritos Elementary and Gonsalves Elementary

The award program is celebrating its return this year after the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily suspended

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## Biden Student Loan Plan Would Reduce Payments

The lowest-income borrowers would see their payments fall by about \$0.83, repayment terms extended.

By Cheyenne Haslett

Student loan borrowers could soon pay less money back on their loans and be on the hook for a shorter amount of time, should a new Biden administration rule take effect later this year.

The process could take any number of

[See **STUDENT LOAN** page 11]

## F.D.A. Approves New Treatment for Early Alzheimer's

Leqembi may slow cognitive decline in early stages but carries some safety risks.

Associated Press, edited by HMG-CN

U.S. health officials last Friday approved a closely watched Alzheimer's drug that's been shown to modestly slow the early stages of the brain-

robbing disease, albeit with potential safety risks that doctors and patients will have to weigh carefully.

The drug, Leqembi, pronounced "leh-KEM-bee," is the first that's been convincingly shown to slow the decline in memory and thinking that defines Alzheimer's by targeting the disease's underlying biology.

The Food and Drug Administration

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## Supervisors Approve \$33 Million for Downey Laboratory Expansion and Renovation

By Brian Hews

During their meeting this week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to advance the Downey Laboratory Expansion and Renovation Project, a \$33 million upgrade to the laboratory run by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

The Downey Laboratory is near the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and performs a wide range of large-scale testing including epidemiological testing for emerging variants of infectious disease and tests human, animal, and environmental samples for hundreds of other diseases and pathogens.

"We have one of the leading public health laboratories in the nation right here in LA County, but the team at the Downey Lab have outgrown their facilities," said Chair L.A. County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn, whose district includes Downey. "This renovation and this new building will strengthen our ability as a County to respond to public health emergencies quickly and more ef-

fectively."

The Laboratory has seen a dramatic increase in workload over the past ten years, and has outgrown their current facilities with little room for storage; temporary trailers have been brought in to provide extra space.

The expansion project consists of an 18,000 square foot building addition to the existing laboratory and the renovation of 6,000 square feet of warehouse space.

It will include the latest state-of-the-art laboratory equipment to be used for communicable disease threats and will expand capacity to sequence COVID variants and other diseases. Construction is expected to begin in July 2024.

"I would like to thank Supervisor Hahn and the Board of Supervisors for their support for expanding and renovating the County Public Health Laboratory," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., MPH, M.Ed., Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. "These improvements will help us to

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## Norwalk to Consider 209 Unit Mixed-Use Project



**ARTIST'S RENDITION** of the Alondra Maidstone Mixed Use project at 11600 Alondra Blvd. at the former Swap Meet property.

By Brian Hews

The Norwalk Planning Commission considered, at its January 11 meeting, a large mixed-use project involving apartments with a commercial component to be located at the former Norwalk Swap Meet property at the corner of Alondra and Maidstone.

The proposed project, developed by Shapell Properties, will have buildings fronting Alondra Boulevard for com-

mercial uses and multi-family residential uses adjacent to single-family residences to the south.

The project will enhance the area with new landscaping and modern-designed buildings, including building heights that will not exceed two stories and tall trees and landscaping adjacent to the single-family residential properties with amenities including a pool with

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## Soroptimist Monte Carlo Fundraiser Gala to Be Held Feb. 25



**BUSY PLANNING:** Soroptimist members at their January Monte Carlo planning meeting, the event will be held at the Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood.

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos will hold their 28th annual Monte Carlo Fundraiser Gala on Saturday, February 25 at 6 pm. Attendees will be treated to a fun and elegant evening with casino-style games (blackjack, craps & poker), a delicious buffet dinner, and awesome prizes anticipated to total well-over \$18,000. Tickets are \$95 each before January 22 and \$125 afterwards; they can be purchased by calling Co-Chairs Sandy Fikse at 562-618-8731, or Susan Green at 562-716-6995, or by contacting any Soroptimist member. The tropical event theme is "Return to Paradise". The event will be held at the beautiful Centre at Sycamore Plaza, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood.

Proceeds will fund scholarships for low-income college women, career training for high school girls, donations to community organizations (Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence, Community

Family Guidance Center etc.), and other Soroptimist programs.

Sponsors are sought at various levels ranging from \$10,000 to \$100. All event sponsors will be listed in the event program and sponsors at \$350 and above will also be listed on signs at the event. All donors at the \$350 level and above will also receive event tickets in accordance with their sponsor level. To find out more about being a sponsor, call Sandy Fikse at 562-618-8731.

We also need prizes! All prize donors will be listed in the event program. To arrange a prize donation, contact Dr. Terrisa Ha at [terrisaha@yahoo.com](mailto:terrisaha@yahoo.com).

To learn about becoming a member, contact President-Elect Mary Ann Tipton at 562-706-2881, we welcome new members. Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos is celebrating its 50th year of founding and a successful previous year with over \$20,000 in giving through its Soroptimist programs and donations to many local organizations/charities.

## CERRITOS FAILS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

By Brian Hews

In November 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure (Measure A), which levies a parcel tax on improved properties.

The revenue collected from Measure A provides for public safety improvements to existing parks, recreation, and beach facilities; acquisition of additional parkland and open space; construction and development of senior centers and at-risk-youth centers; acquisition and development of trails; restoration of rivers and streams; graffiti prevention; tree planting and other park and recreation enhancements.

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) is responsible for the implementation of Measure A; cities can apply for both competitive park grants and annual allocations for park projects but there are requirements; requirements ignored by Cerritos Management and the City Council that could stop the city from obtaining funds for safety improvements.

In order to apply for the use of these funds, there are a number of RPOSD requirements. One of them is public outreach and community engagement.

RPOSD stipulates that, "Community engagement must be preceded by robust outreach that encourages meaningful public participation and inclusive decision-making processes."

Research done by HMG-CN shows that the city has done very little, certainly not "robust outreach," to the community, including no outreach to the community in this newspaper; a newspaper that supports the community and is delivered to 98% of the homes in Cerritos.

That likely results from current Mayor Chuong Vo abusing his office and ordering City Manager Art Gallucci to cease all advertising in HMG-CN due to several articles that exposed Vo's extremely questionable campaign finance donations.

So residents of Cerritos, due to Mayor Vo's abuse of office and hatred of the Fourth Estate, the city will likely end up spending thousands more of your tax payer dollars unnecessarily in order to obtain improvement funds- or not get the funds at all.

Several questions into Mayor Vo about the funding and the order to stop advertising have gone unanswered.

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**Questions or to Purchase Tickets:**  
call Monte Carlo Co-Chairs,  
Sandy Fikse (562) 618-8731 or  
Susan Green (562) 716-6995

## Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

Cerritos is asking resident performers to participate in the annual city-wide Talent Showcase. Performances may include dancing, singing, musical instrument performances and variety for performers ages 4 to adult. No stand up comedy will be allowed.

Beginning Friday, February 17 through Monday, March 6, residents can complete and submit the digital entry form on the city's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us); the number of acts will be limited.

Qualifying acts must be able to record their performances on Tuesday, April 4 or Wednesday, April 5 by appointment only. Group performances are allowed and may have a maximum of six members of which fifty percent or more of each group must be Cerritos residents; acts are limited to four minutes maximum. All recorded accompaniment music must be in mp3 format and qualifying acts will be notified by e-mail. The Talent Showcase will be on Cerritos TV3 on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Cerritos Park East at (562) 407-2611.

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better protect the health of all county residents by increasing our capacity to identify the presence of diseases using the latest state-of-the-art molecular testing, which includes genetic sequencing. This new lab capacity will contribute significantly to our ability to understand the frequency, spread, and control of diseases in Los Angeles County."

The Downey Laboratory was one of seven public health laboratories nationally to receive this federal funding.



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## Whittier Residents Commemorate January 6



**POPSOUL** artist Caleb Minter sang the national anthem at the Truth and Democracy Coalition event that over fifty people attended. Rep. Linda Sanchez, who was at the capitol on Jan.6, provided a statement read by local activist Elly Levi.

### Staff Report

Over fifty people gathered at Whittier City Hall Friday evening to celebrate freedom, the Constitution, and the right to vote.

The Truth and Democracy Coalition organized the event as part of some one hundred events around the country.

The events were held to commemorate the assault on the Capital on Jan 6, 2021, and to call for accountability for the instigators of the Insurrection.

Local activist Maggie Moe emceed the event and led the pledge of allegiance. Pop soul artist Caleb Minter sang the national anthem. Rich Procida, leader of the Truth and Democracy Coalition and the organizer of the event, welcomed the crowd and called for vigilance in the face of foreign interference in our elections and never-ending divisive propaganda, "in this time of division and extremism, people need to learn and teach moderation."

Keynote speaker and newly elected Whittier School Board Member Gary Mendez spoke about the insurrection and described it and its repercussions.

Mendez said democracy in California is stronger now; everyone who is registered gets a ballot mailed to them increasing voter participation. At the same time, he warned of efforts locally and across the nation to make it more difficult to vote.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez provided a statement read by local activist Elly Levi. Sanchez wrote of her experi-

ence where she feared for her life when the mob attacked the Capital on January 6, 2021:

"Every day, memories of January 6 play over in my head. I will never forget hiding in a dark room with the door barricaded, watching on television as the mob forced its way into the building, or walking hallways filled with broken glass when we were finally cleared to return to the House floor and certify the election.

Today, as we all remember that terrible day, I am eternally grateful for the law enforcement officers who fought to protect me and my colleagues two years ago. Specifically, I am thinking of the five police officers who lost their lives and the more than 140 who were injured defending our democracy. Those individuals deserve our gratitude every day, and they deserve a commitment from us that we will work to ensure something like that never happens again.

On January 6, hours after the attack, Members of Congress went back to work and showed the American people that though our democracy suffered a blow, it was still standing. Two years later, we must continue to show that strength by putting people over politics and pursuing the recommendations of the January 6 Select Committee. Doing so would allow us to hold those responsible for the attack accountable, protect our elections with every resource necessary, and defend our country from violent extremism and misinformation."

## Storms Returning This Weekend & Into Next Week

### By Laurie Hanson

The National Weather Service says the storms aren't over yet as the region will likely see some rain Saturday and Sunday and then another storm on Monday and Tuesday. With that heavier rain, residents can expect more dangerous flooding and mudflows.

This week's storm dropped over 5 inches on the region something that the greater L.A. area hadn't seen anything like it since January 2005.

That left some areas of Southern California still recovering from the effects of the two-day downpour that ended Tuesday.

While the L.A. area did not experience the full force of the storm, the region did see damage.

In Chatsworth, a huge sinkhole opened swallowing up two cars and for a while trapping two people, crews are working to make sure the sinkhole doesn't get bigger when rain hits again next week.

In Orange County State Parks Superintendent Kevin Pearsall said half of Bolsa Chica State Beach remained closed because of flooding. Crews were working to remove debris from the lots that washed up from the high tide and the storm surge.

Southern California has received above-average rainfall for over a month and the sponge can no longer hold water.

That means the water has nowhere else to go but up, which means more potential flooding on city streets and mudflows in canyon communities, especially in areas of recent wildfires.

The first storm is forecast to hit Saturday and end on Sunday with a slight reprieve before the next storm hits Monday.

## Calif. Credit Union Offering Scholarships to L.A.County Students

California Credit Union is encouraging college-bound students in Los Angeles County to apply for its 2023 Student Scholarship Program. Through the program, the credit union provides \$20,000 in scholarships annually to recognize Southern California students who are motivated in their academic studies and active in their schools and communities.

"We're committed to investing in our next generation of leaders and encourage local students to apply for one of our scholarships," said California Credit Union CEO Steve O'Connell. "We know the costs of higher education have continued to rise and pursuing educational dreams can be a challenge for many. We hope our scholarships make the path to college a little easier, and look forward to reviewing the many stories of inspiration in our scholarship applications."

Los Angeles County college-bound high school seniors and community college students transferring to a four-year university who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 are eligible to participate. Selection criteria include academic performance, school or community involvement, a letter of recommendation, and an essay submission.

**Interested students can find more information and apply online at [ccu.com/student-scholarship](http://ccu.com/student-scholarship). Online applications will be accepted through Friday, March 10, 2023. Recipients will be announced on Monday, April 3, 2023.**

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## Bellflower Farmer's Market Helping Local Businesses



**OSELO** cold-pressed juice stand at the market. Oselo, like others, have gotten requests to come back from customers and they get repeat customers. Having a booth at the market brings attention to their website and Instagram accounts.

By Gabriel Villegas

Since moving to the Town Center Plaza, the Bellflower Certified Farmers Market has provided a place for small businesses to flourish.

A wide variety of food and goods are available from multiple vendors, with products including handcrafted jewelry, homemade candles, homegrown nuts, fresh baked goods, cosmetics, decor and fresh fruit.

Market Manager, Kelli Johnson, said, "Working with farmers at the farmers market is awesome because they are so passionate about what they do. Every farmer's market has its own personality."

Diana Murillo, the owner of Supernatural Candle Co., talked about the impact of the Bellflower Farmers Market.

"I've gotten requests to come back from customers," Murillo said, "I've had repeat customers; It brings attention to my website and Instagram."

Murillo is a Southern California resident who has been making and distributing candles for over a year and has grown due to the attention the Bellflower Farmers Market has brought.

Johnson mentioned that she intended to bring live music and game nights to the Farmers Market, which will provide another entertainment source and bring more attention to small businesses.

The Bellflower Farmers Market is located at 16531 Adenmoor Ave. and is open every Monday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Tax Saving Month on Your Primary Home with New Wrinkle

By Jeff Prang  
Los Angeles County Assessor

This month I want to take a moment of your time to visit about a property tax savings program my office offers that's just waiting to reduce your budget. Moreover, I am going to be advocating for an increase in this tax-savings program.

I'm speaking about the Homeowners' Exemption that has been available since 1974 that automatically reduces your tax burden by \$7,000, if the home is your primary residence as of Jan. 1. That translates to an actual reduction of \$70 to a homeowners' tax bill. It's not much and in dire need of an increase, but it is a savings and who doesn't want to save even a little amount of money.

Let's say hypothetically, the assessed value savings was to increase modestly to \$20,000. That translates to an actual savings of \$200. Since the whole point of the Homeowners' Exemption is to encourage home ownership in the state, it should at the very least keep up with the rising costs of homes. In 1972 the median home price in California was about \$34,500, where now home prices come in about \$790,000 statewide, according to the latest figures from the California Assn. of Realtors.

For now, to get the existing savings, all the homeowner has to do is fill out the application at [assessor.lacounty.gov/exemptions/homeowners-exemption](http://assessor.lacounty.gov/exemptions/homeowners-exemption) and they are good to go. The deadline is Feb. 15 to get the entire savings but if you miss the deadline, please file anyway and you will get it prorated this year and the full amount the following years. Homeowners need only apply once in order to receive these savings each year. The savings continue until a

change (such as a sale) is recorded.

However, nearly one in three homeowners in Los Angeles County do not take advantage of this tax savings' program, leaving \$30 million unclaimed each year. Across the County, an additional 435,000 families can be saving on their tax bills.

The Homeowners' Exemption is even more important now than ever before because of Proposition 19. Prop. 19 changes the rules that apply to transfers between parents and children and grandparents to grandchildren. It mandates that any property not being used as the primary residence will not be eligible for the transfer of the existing lower tax rate.

Furthermore, the parent/owner of the home that is going to be left to the children should have the Homeowners' Exemption at the time of the transfer. The child receiving the home does have one year from the date of transfer to acquire the Homeowners' Exemption. If the home does not have the Homeowners' Exemption, the children will not receive the tax benefit, and they could get stuck with a huge property tax increase.

In any event, I encourage the state legislature to study the matter and increase the Homeowners' Exemption, even modestly. At the very least, it needs to have a clause that guarantees it keeps pace with inflation.

Our new and improved website will be continuously updated to provide general information on all important changes in the law as well as other vital data that may assist taxpayers. For more information on the Homeowners' Exemption or other tax savings programs, visit [assessor.lacounty.gov](http://assessor.lacounty.gov) or call 213/974-3211.

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## Poet Rita Ray at Cerritos Library

Rita Ray will read from her book of poetry "From the Shadows" at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 23 in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room.

Ray's book is a collection of intimate verse about romantic love, exquisite passion and the anguish of struggle and loss. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

A lifelong writer and Southern California resident, Ray was a journalist before launching a career in public education.

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



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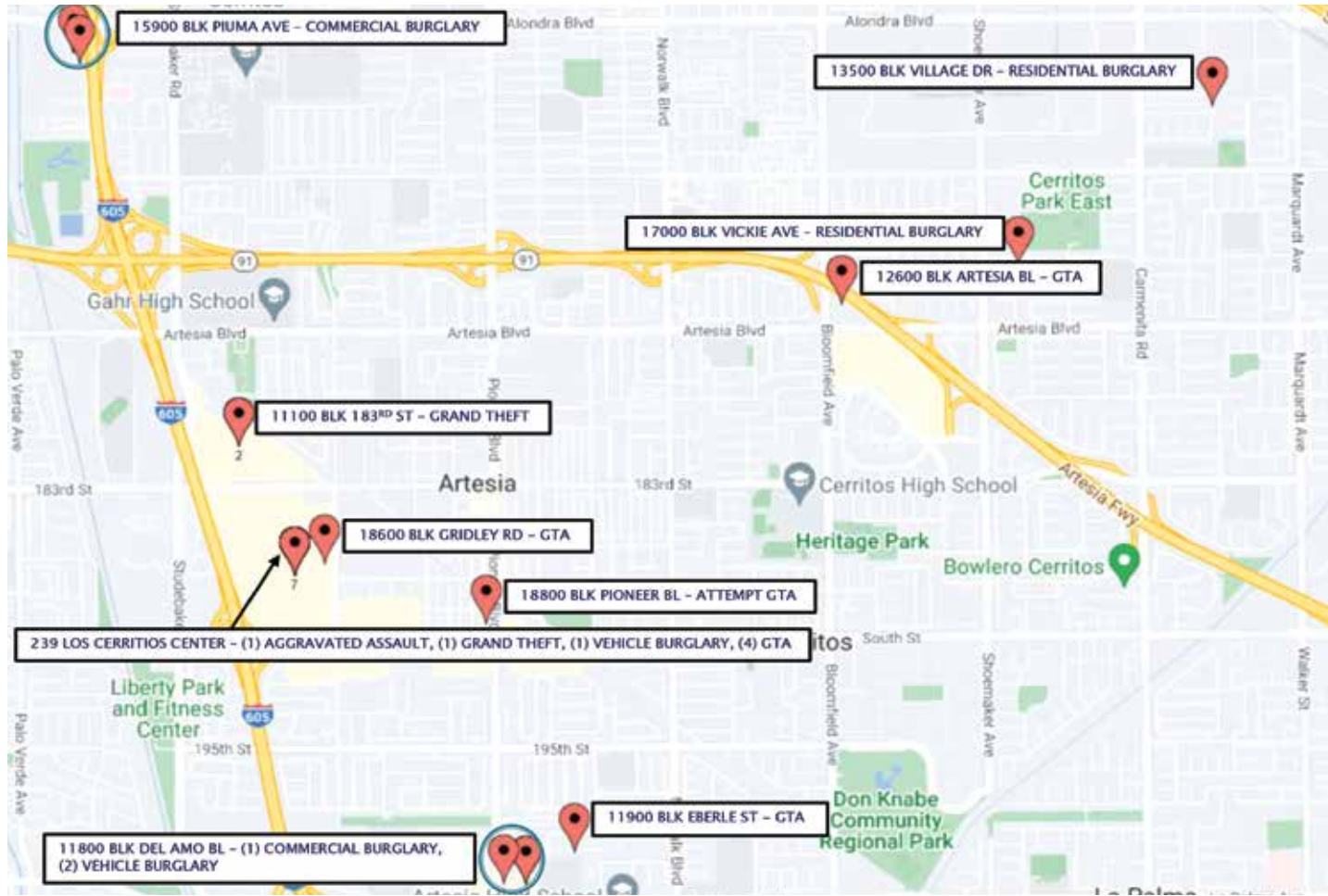
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# Cerritos Weekly Crime Summary Dec. 19-25, 2022



# Lakewood Woman Dies in Fall at Joshua Tree



By Laurie Hanson

A Lakewood woman died over the weekend after she fell while hiking at Joshua Tree National Park.

According to the San Bernardino Sheriff's, the woman fell in Rattlesnake Canyon, an area inside the Indian Cove district of the park. Multiple units responded to the scene but found the woman had succumbed to head trauma.

"The details and cause of the fall are currently unknown," the sheriff said in a news release. "No signs of foul play were present, and no further information is available at this time."

The woman was later identified as 58-year-old Anna Nuno of Lakewood,

A friend paid tribute to Nuno, describing her as a "wonderful mother."

"The world lost a beautiful person today," her friend wrote. "This is a sad day for so many people in Anna Nuno's life. She touched so many. Good bye my friend. God needed an angel!!"

In its statement, the sheriff's department noted that Rattlesnake Canyon, along with the Wonderland of Rocks area, is "challenging to navigate due to their remoteness, difficult terrain, and lack of cell phone service."

The department suggested hikers bring "appropriate hiking gear, personal supplies, and map, compass or other navigation devices."

## La Mirada Crime Summary

January 2- 8 2023

### Notable Arrests

- Seven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- One suspect was arrested for burglary, vandalism, and weapons charges.
- Two suspects were arrested for grand theft auto.
- One suspect was arrested for felony weapons charges.
- One suspect was arrested for robbery.

### Robbery

• An early morning armed robbery was reported on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave. Cash was taken and there were no injuries sustained from the incident.

• Force was used during an evening robbery on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd. The suspect was later detained and arrested.

### Aggravated Assault

• A domestic assault was reported on the 16000 block of Grayville Dr. One suspect was later arrested.

### Vehicle Burglary

• A daytime burglary was reported on the 12800 block of Valley View Ave.

### Grand Theft

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 16100 block of Avenida San Miguel.

• A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 15900 block of Algeciras Dr.

• A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 14000 block of El Espejo Rd.

• A computer was reported stolen on the 15000 block of Northam St.

• A catalytic converter was stolen on the 12800 block of Colima Rd.

• A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 15000 block of Derwin Dr.

• A theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14600 block of San Bruno Dr.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 16000 block of Pescados Dr.

## Downey Councilwoman Recall Set for Jan. 31

By Brian Hews

Embattled Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez will face a recall later this month spearheaded by a group of residents.

Downey Residents Supporting the Recall of Catherine Alvarez initiated the movement.

The election is on Jan. 31; the vote-by-mail ballots went out earlier this week.



Catherine Alvarez

Residents claim that Alvarez deceived them and did not disclose her welfare fraud conviction arrest.

The allegations came from court documents naming a "Catherine Alvarez" charged with welfare fraud and perjury in 2011; Ms. Alvarez pleaded not guilty to perjury and the charge was dismissed. But Ms. Alvarez received a three-year probation sentence after pleading guilty to a welfare fraud charge in 2016, the documents show.

To recall Alvarez, a majority of voters must vote YES; the election will cost the city over \$500,000.

If Alvarez is recalled, Downey will have another special election later this year. The latest date for that potential election, he said, would be Nov. 7.

# Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence

Su Casa is a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to the philosophy that every individual has the right to live free from violence or the threat of violence.

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spa and clubhouse.

Along the frontages, additional enhancements will include 10- and 20-foot setbacks with extensive pedestrian walkways and landscaping.

The development will have eleven detached three-story buildings containing 209 multi-family units, including six commercial units facing Alondra Boulevard. The commercial units will be approximately 334 to 860 square feet for small retail, professional service uses or home-based businesses.

The commercial units will include metal canopies with aluminum storefront systems and signage. The family units will have a “farmhouse architectural style,” finished in sand stucco, horizontal wood-look paneling and concrete tile roofing.

Under City Code, parking required for mixed-use can be calculated by combining the required parking for multiple-family dwellings with the required parking for commercial uses; or the parking can be determined by a parking analysis for the specific project.

Adding the family dwellings to commercial uses yielded 510 spaces, 497 for residential and 13 for commercial, with an overall ratio of 2.4 spaces per unit. The parking ratio is two spaces per unit for one- and two-bedroom units, and one additional space per additional bedroom. Guest parking is one space for every three units. Per commercial standards, one space for every 250 sq. ft. of commercial floor area is required.

commercial floor area is required.

Shapell submitted a parking study by Kimley-Horn that compared calculated parking ratios based on Urban Land Institute (ULI) standards. Based on the parking study, a parking ratio of 1.8 spaces per unit is required, which includes commercial parking, for a total of 381 parking spaces.

ULI actually recommends a parking ratio of 1.4 spaces per unit, including commercial parking, for a total of 314 parking spaces.

City Staff compared projects and recommended 410 parking spaces, including commercial and guest parking, with a ratio of 1.96 spaces per dwelling unit.

During outreach meetings conducted by Shapell, residents raised concerns about insufficient parking on the project, parking on nearby streets, and the proximity of the proposed buildings to the existing single-family homes.

Shapell updated its project by increasing the number of trees and landscaping to buffer existing residences from proposed buildings.

At the second community meeting, residents voiced concerns that the project’s residents and guests would park on nearby neighborhood streets. Norwalk Public Safety provided the residents with detailed information on the existing neighborhood’s permit parking process, which makes street parking limited.

“Overall, the community has divided feelings on the project, as some residents expressed appreciation of the project’s design and benefits, and others were adamant of negative conditions being exacerbated by the project,” City Staff wrote in the report.

City Staff is recommending the Planning Commission approve the project.

**Still Time to 'Act' at Pageant of the Masters**



**GETTING MEASURED TO STAND STILL:** A volunteer who will participate in the Pageant of the Masters is measured for her costume.

LAGUNA BEACH, CA —If you missed the first casting call for the Pageant of the Masters, but are interested in joining this year’s volunteer cast you can still contact the Casting Department at 949-494-3663 and help recreate some of the most famous art in the world.

For 90 years, volunteer cast members have recreated famous works of art in one of the world’s most renowned tableaux vivant collaborations – The Pageant of the Masters. Recently, open casting calls were held for the Pageant’s 2023 presentation “Art Colony: In the Company of Artists,” which, quite literally, sets the stage for the upcoming season, but if you can still participate.

“We’re excited about the theme, ‘Art Colony,’ because Laguna Beach was really put on the map as such more than 100 years ago. This year, the Pageant will visit various art colonies around the world,” says Pageant of the Masters Director Diane Challis Davy. “We don’t acknowledge our own art colony status until the finale of the show – we have a sculpture by Julia Bracken Wendt, who Pageant-goers will be familiar with, we’re saluting the art of the late artist Roger Kuntz, and of course, we’ll end with Da Vinci’s ‘The Last Supper’, which also put the Pageant itself on the map starting in 1936.”

Backstage at Laguna Beach’s Irvine Bowl, volunteer hopefuls were measured, sized, and photographed for potential roles, then treated to the delights of the Bizarre Bazaar, a fundraiser presented by the Da Vinci Guild in which the proceeds benefit the Pageant of the Masters and Festival of Arts.

Volunteer casting will continue until all positions are filled. Volunteers of all ages and sizes are needed, and no theater experience is necessary to join in this remarkable experience.

In addition to needing volunteers to pose in the famous artwork, people are also needed for makeup, headdress and wardrobe positions, as well as show coordinators, refreshment providers and ushers, among others.

“So far, this year, we’ve seen a mix of old and new faces come through, and it’s great to see all the new people interested in volunteering,” says Pageant of the Masters Technical Director Richard “Butch” Hill. “It’s a fun place to be and a fun production to be part of, and you can choose the area in which you’d like to volunteer.”

Ranging in age from 5-years-old to 80-plus, volunteers from near and far have participated in past productions, all sharing the same love for art and the Laguna Beach community.

Hayley Hobbs, Aliso Viejo, is a first-year volunteer recruited by her friend, third-year volunteer Kelsey Cronmiller, Aliso Viejo. She and her 12-year-old and 8-year-old daughters are looking forward to being part of the show.

“My oldest is in drama and she really wanted to be part of this year, so we’re here to support her,” Hobbs says. “I love Laguna Beach and this is a great way to be part of the art culture and meet all kinds of new people.”

To celebrate 90 years of production, the Pageant is producing a unique digital exhibit, a special end-of-July event to honor the Pageant’s history, October’s presentation of The Pageant of the Monsters, in addition to many other 90th-themed anniversary events.

“We want to see even more people who are interested in volunteering,” Challis says. “I started as a volunteer – it’s an awful lot of fun and you meet so many people. The show wouldn’t be able to go on without our volunteers.”



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# Sup. Hahn Named Grand Marshal of Long Beach MLK Parade

## Staff Report

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn will serve as the 2023 Grand Marshal of the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration this Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, in Central Long Beach.



Sup. Janice Hahn

Hahn, who represents Long Beach, was chosen by Councilwoman Dr. Suely Saro and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Committee for her continued leadership in addressing current and historical racial injustice in her district and across Los Angeles County, including returning Bruce's Beach to the descendants of Willa and Charles Bruce nearly a century after it was taken from the Black couple by Manhattan Beach, and for her encouragement of other governments across the nation to follow this model of restitution for passed injustice.

Supervisor Hahn has described spearheading the return of Bruce's Beach as the most meaningful effort in her career. When Los Angeles County transferred the property in July 2022 to Marcus and Derrick Bruce, Willa and Charles Bruce's great-grandsons, it

marked the first time in our nation's history that a government returned property unjustly taken from Black residents. The Bruce family recently announced their decision to sell the property back to the County of Los Angeles for close to \$20 million.

### Parade Details

The event will commence at 10 a.m. with a celebratory parade led by 2023 Grand Marshal Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn as well as 2022 Grand Marshals.

The parade will also feature Honorees Mayor Rex Richardson, the first Black Mayor for Long Beach who in 2014 became the youngest person in history elected to the Long Beach City Council, and Honoree Dr. Naomi Pearson-Rainy, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Long Beach Branch. The parade will step off at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Anaheim Street, then travel northbound up Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and conclude at 19th Street. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue will be closed from 7th Street to Anaheim Street beginning at 5 a.m. on Jan. 14 and will close from Anaheim Street to 19th Street at 9 a.m. to accommodate the parade route and staging areas. Vehicles will be allowed to cross intermittently at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

# Disneyland Loosens Parkhopping Restrictions

Due to complaints from visitors and annual passholders at Disneyland (and they actually listened) parkhopping for daily visitors and passholders between Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure will begin Feb. 4; the perk was restricted during the pandemic

Before the pandemic there were no time restrictions on parkhopping between Disneyland and DCA for an-

nual passholders or daily visitors, now Disney moved it three hours later from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Daily visitors and passholders will still be required to make a reservation

Disney also added over 50 days in 2023 when one-day, one-park ticket prices will be \$104 — the lowest price to get in.

~Laurie Hanson

# La Mirada's 2023 Older Americans Recognition Day Award

The City of La Mirada honors older adults ages 60 and above whose active involvement and volunteer service have greatly enhanced the quality of community life. Nominations for the 2023 Older Americans Recognition Day Award are accepted through February 6. Nomination forms are available on the City website, City Hall, and the La Mirada Activity Center. Nominations may be submitted electronically to OARD@

cityoflamirada.org and in-person at the La Mirada Activity Center. The selected award recipient will be recognized as La Mirada's honoree at the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging's Older Americans Recognition Day award ceremony and at a City Council meeting in May 2023. For more information, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

# WRD Directors Sworn Into Office



**SWEARING-IN:** Three Water Replenishment District Directors were recently sworn into office at WRD headquarters in Lakewood. From (l-r) Division 2 Director and Treasurer Rob Katherman; Division 4 Director and Vice President Sergio Calderon; Division 1 Director Joy Langford; Division 3 Director and President John D.S. Allen and Division 5 Director and Secretary Vera Robles DeWitt. Directors Allen, Langford, and Calderon were sworn in at the ceremony.

# Curb and Sidewalk Repairs Approved

Cerritos will allocate roughly \$230,000 to construct and retrofit accessible curb ramps and make necessary sidewalk repairs along Towne Center Drive in the Cerritos Towne Center. The work will begin in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The federally funded CDBG program requires the money to be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people with the goal of revitalizing neighborhoods, improving community facilities, preventing or eliminating blight and/or improving accessibility for handicapped or disabled individuals.

# Cerritos to Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 16 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments.

*The CCPA is located at 18000 Park Plaza Drive in Cerritos.*

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approved it specifically for patients with mild or early cases of dementia.

Leqembi, from Japan's Eisai and its U.S. partner Biogen, is a rare success in a field accustomed to failed experimental treatments for the incurable condition. The delay in cognitive decline brought about by the drug likely amounts to just several months, but some experts say it could still meaningfully improve people's lives.

"This drug is not a cure. It doesn't stop people from getting worse, but it does measurably slow the progression of the disease," said Dr. Joy Snider, a neurologist at Washington University in St. Louis. "That might mean someone could have an extra six months to a year of being able to drive."

Snider stressed that the medicine comes with downsides, including the need for twice-a-month infusions and possible side effects like brain swelling and bleeding.

The approval came via FDA's accelerated pathway, which allows drugs to launch based on early results before they're confirmed to benefit patients.

Scrutiny of the new drug, known chemically as lecanemab, will likely mean most patients won't start receiving it for months, as insurers decide whether to cover it and for whom.

The drug will cost \$26,500 for a


typical year's treatment. Eisai said that price reflects the drug's benefit in terms of improved quality of life, reduced burdens for caregivers and other factors. The company pegged its overall value at \$37,000 per year, but said it priced the drug lower to reduce costs for patients and insurers.

The FDA's approval was based on one mid-stage study in 850 people with early symptoms of Alzheimer's who also tested positive for a type of brain plaque that is a hallmark of the disease.

Since then, Eisai has published the results of a larger 1,800-patient study that the FDA is expected to soon review to confirm the drug's benefit, setting up a decision on full approval later this year.

Leqembi works by clearing a sticky brain protein called amyloid, that's a key indicator of Alzheimer's. But it's not clear exactly what causes the disease. A string of other amyloid-targeting drugs have failed and many researchers now think combination treatments will be needed.

About 13% of patients in Eisai's study had swelling of the brain and 17% had small brain bleeds, side effects seen with earlier amyloid-targeting medications. In most cases, those problems didn't cause symptoms, which can include dizziness and vision problems.



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## Weekend Destination Arizona and Two Frank Lloyd Wright Landmarks

Day trips and tours to Wright's Taliesin West and Wright's Biltmore in Scottsdale Arizona is worth the trip.

By Lydia E. Ringwald

**A** Day Destination can turn into a 'week-end' destination if one keeps driving. Only another four hours out of Palm Springs, one is in Phoenix, Arizona and can enjoy travel opportunities that would include an overnight.

The drive through the desert on Highway 10 is a meditation. The empty road

curves through desert landscapes, with mountains in the distance, solid and earth-bound at the bottom but rising up into the mist.

Plains of sandy terrain, spotted with sporadic sage growth, meet the serene sky with grace and dignity. The hum of the tires on the road resonates with the eternal meditative 'ommmmm'.

Then Phoenix rises, like the infamous mythical dragon that consumes itself in fire and resuscitates back into life in full fire-breathing form.

There is plenty to see in Phoenix, but since we only have a weekend, we will focus on the renown American architect Frank Lloyd Wright's historical landmarks that make this city famous.

When the Biltmore Hotel was completed in 1927, Scottsdale, a suburb of Phoenix, was in the middle of nowhere. But entrepreneurs Warren and Charles McArthur and John McEntee Bowman and investor William Wrigley Jr. (Wrigley's chewing gum) had a vision that would transform acres of desert into a luxury hotel to attract the world's notables.

Frank Lloyd Wright was commissioned for the project. The buildings were to be constructed in square concrete blocks, called 'Textile Blocks' originally designed by Wright and incorporated in the construction of several of his Los Angeles homes. The block designs were later elongated into rectangular blocks by Arizona architect Albert Chase McArthur who completed the hotel project. The blocks were manufactured out of local sand and gravel at the building site where there was certainly plenty of sand.

Although the materials may have been simple, the



results were magical with uniquely designed concrete blocks supporting the dramatic two story interior lobby with mezzanine and surrounding suites.

Adjacent the lobby is the Aztec Room, with its stunning ceiling covered in 24 carat gold leaf, that has hosted elegant wedding receptions, inaugurations and other celebrity events since the opening of the hotel.

A path from the lobby leads through a garden path to refreshing swimming pools surrounded by deluxe cabanas and exclusive, secluded neighboring bungalows.

Rooms are also 'dramatically' priced, but if one decides not to stay overnight, but instead schedules a massage in the spa or dines at one of the two restaurants in the hotel, one can enjoy the delightful ambiance of this exquisite place and also be entitled to valet parking.

Also, visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the hotel for only \$45 with guide that offers intriguing insights into the history of this magnificent landmark property.

During the late 1920s and 30s, the hotel hosted numerous Hollywood stars including Clark Gable and Carol

Lombard who always reserved their special room on the second floor near the 'Library', with revolving book shelves that hid a bar behind filled with bootleg liquor. During Prohibition, a guard with a spotlight posted on the copper roof of the hotel would watch for police and warn guests inside the 'Library'.

Over the years, most U.S. Presidents have been guests in the hotel's prestigious Presidential suite. Historical photographs of Presidents sporting golf clubs and tennis rackets is featured in the hallway of

the hotel property.

Songwriter and composer Irving Berlin was a frequent guest at the hotel and legend has it that while staying there one winter to enjoy the beautiful Arizona weather, Berlin wrote the music and lyrics of 'White Christmas' one of his most popular tunes. It was interesting irony to learn that 'White Christmas' was not written while in the snow, but in the desert.

The hotel resonates with even more legend and lore when Frank Sinatra performed spontaneously

late at night with Dean Martin and other 'Rat Pack' pals in the Biltmore lobby. Hotel guests in bathrobes and slippers came out of their rooms to participate in the fanfare.

Of course, there must be mention Marilyn Monroe, the elegant Hollywood goddess who graced the hotel swimming pool when she visited in the mid-1950s with her then husband Arthur Miller.

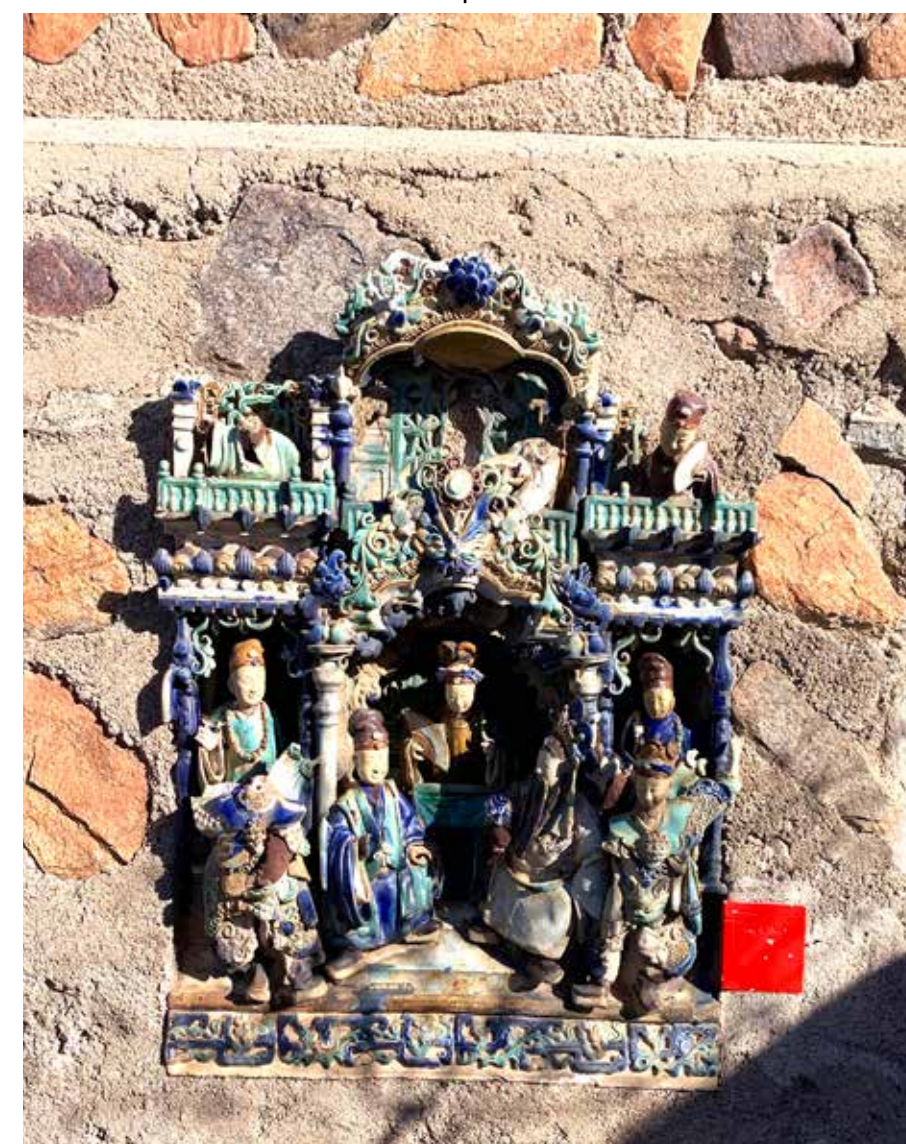
The next day, after a peaceful overnight rest, enjoy an opportunity to visit Taliesin West, the design headquarters of Frank Lloyd Wright. Constructed in the early 1940s out of the local stones and concrete mortar on site, Wright created an architectural masterpiece, a building that would nestle into the desert terrain in harmony with the mountain landscape.

Wright's aesthetic when approaching a building site was to respect nature with a structure that would blend into the natural setting and not be in violation of it, a feat he achieved with Taliesin West.

The property was built during World War II, when building supplies were

**CHINESE SCULPTURE** (left) damaged Chinese pottery used as architectural gate highlights Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin West Scottsdale AZ.  
**GAIA GODDESS SCULPTURE** at the Biltmore Hotel in Scottsdale, AZ., right.

**THE MAGNIFICENT**  
Living room at Taliesin West.



**TALIESIN:** The structure's walls are made of local desert rocks, stacked within wood forms, filled with concrete - colloquially referred to as "desert masonry". Wright (right) favored using materials readily available. The flat surfaces of the rocks were placed outward facing and large boulders filled the interior space so concrete could be conserved.



for Japanese during the war.

During WWII, Wright also encouraged the young men who were architects and engineers at Taliesin West to protest when they were drafted into Arizona POW camps.

Wright, a devotee of the music of Beethoven, admired German technology and invention. Still also one of his most famous patrons was the Solomon Guggenheim, a billionaire Jewish entrepreneur and art collector who commissioned him to build the famous Guggenheim Museum in NYC, one of Wright's most famous and futuristic landmark properties. The Guggenheim was completed in 1959, a few months before the end of Wright's life at age 91.

Wright believed that he was beyond the political conflict of his time. He was an iconoclast, a visionary, inspired by power of nature, who would draw from the power of the past and would

design and build for the future. Perhaps his Pacifist protest can also be understood in this context.

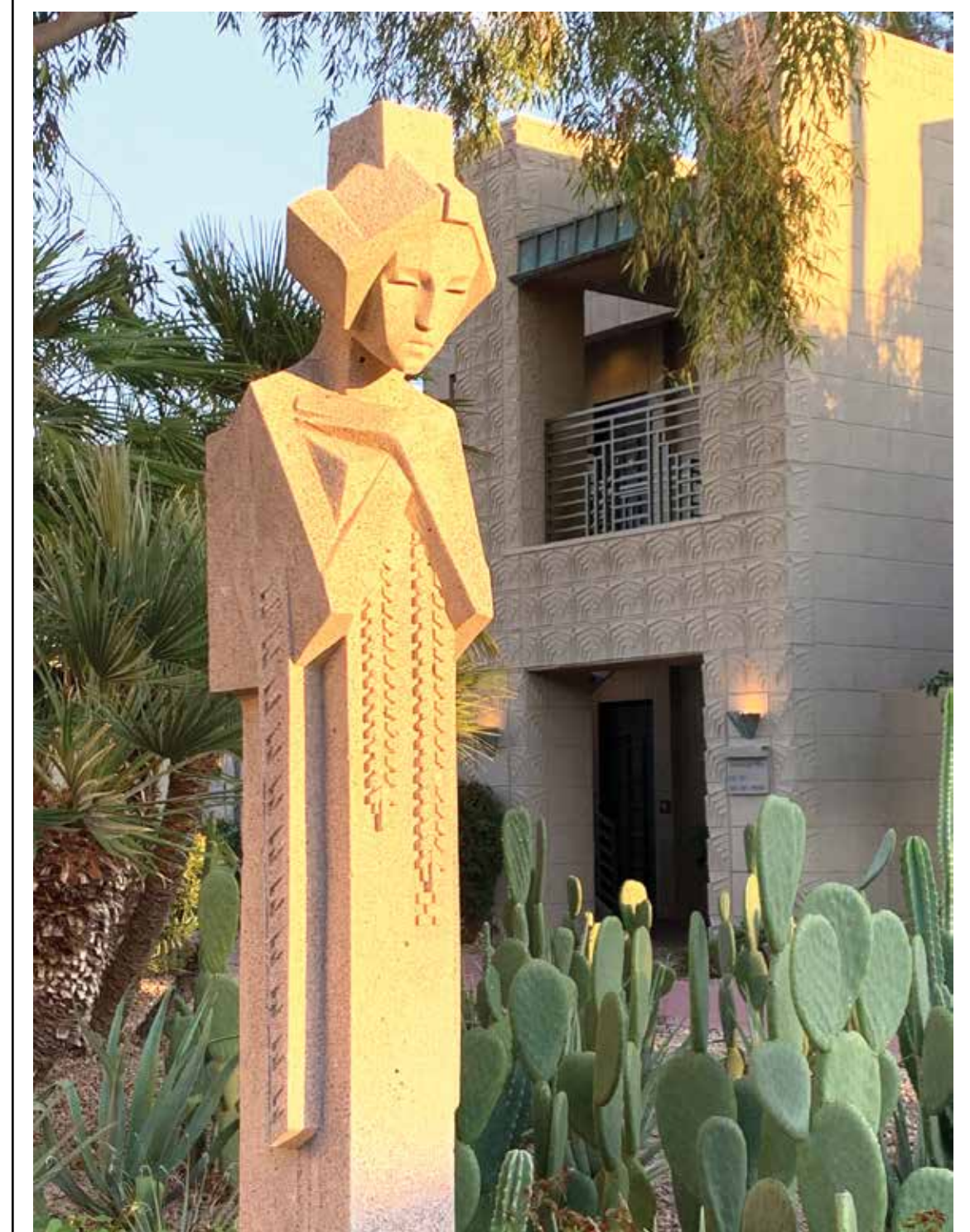
It's wise to schedule the 90-minute tour of Taliesin West online well in advance for this popular destination. The guide offers intriguing insights while touring the Taliesin studios and living spaces so it's well worth the fee to take the tour.

Visit [franklloydwright.org](http://franklloydwright.org) for more information.

There is still much more to see in Phoenix, so we must return another time.

Since this is only a two day excursion, it's best to schedule your tour of Taliesin West in the morning and enjoy an afternoon drive back to Los Angeles.

Since it is a long road trip, make it a lovely end of the day and consider a late lunch/early dinner in Indio or Palm Springs before embarking on the last leg of the journey home.





## 605 LEAGUE BASKETBALL

# Artesia boys, Whitney girls end first week of league play with blowout victories

By Loren Kopff

In a way, the Artesia High boys and Whitney High girls basketball teams have taken similar paths to their success this season. Both are favorites to win the 605 League, both have been challenged in the first six weeks of the season and both are coming back from out of state tournaments in which they have had to adjust to Nevada and Idaho high school basketball rules, respectively.

After suffocating their respective opponents on the defensive end to begin league play on Jan. 4, the two were at it again this past Friday with the Artesia boys crushing Whitney 53-13 and the Whitney girls having no problem with the Pioneers, 67-19.

"I'm a defensive guy," said Artesia head coach Jeff Myles. "When I played in high school, I held my roles on defense. I got [the] defensive player [award] on my team. So, I'm always a defensive guy. You can never control how you shoot the ball, but you can always control how hard you play defense. That's what we preach every day."

The 13 points yielded by Artesia was a season-low and comes on the heels of a 51-20 win over Cerritos High in the league opener. The Pioneers have allowed less than 40 points five times this season while the 53 points scored marked the second fewest this season.

Artesia scored the first five points of the game before Whitney scored its lone basket of the first quarter, a two-pointer from sophomore Peter Poitras with 5:56 left in the stanza. It was the second shot taken in the first 2:04 and when the half had ended, the Wildcats had attempted 13 shots from the field.

Meanwhile, when the Pioneers had the ball, they shot effectively, hitting on their last four attempts of the first quarter and their first two of the second quarter, going on a 13-0 run to blow the game open just 1:45 into the second quarter. And while two players combined for the seven points Whitney scored in the half, the Pioneers were spreading the wealth around with seven players scoring at least three points.

Whitney's four baskets of the game came at 5:56 of the first quarter, 6:07 of the second quarter, 5:12 of the third quarter and 7:31 of the fourth quarter. For most of the game, when the Wildcats had the ball, they held onto it until the shot clock was winding down, a strategy that backfired as the Pioneers took their frustrations on Whitney's defense by shooting 12 of 34 from three-point territory.

"Our guys were very frustrated," said Myles. "They wanted to get out of being disciplined and we told them to sit, wait

and be patient because all they're doing is limited their possessions."

Being patient and waiting to get a rebound or waiting to get the ball back off a turnover was nothing new to Artesia. When the Pioneers went to the Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas the week before Christmas, they were treated to near Summer League rules as they played four games of 16 minute halves with no shot clock and four :30 second timeouts.

"The tournament in Vegas actually helped us," said Myles. "They didn't put out a shot clock, so without a shot clock, it helped us be patient on offense. It helped us be patient on defense; it helped us to guard on long possessions. Looking back on that, it actually helped us for a game like this where a team like Whitney holds the ball for long possessions. In Vegas, we bonded, had a good time and did some team activities. Now we trust each other more and we share the ball more."

Junior Aaron Banks nearly outscored Whitney, finishing with 11 points while grabbing three rebounds and collecting two steals. Senior Caleb Brown-Stanton, a transfer from Gahr High, scored nine points in his second game since being eligible while junior Joshua Martinez, a transfer from Salesian High also playing in his second game, posted seven points and grabbed eight rebounds. Those three, along with senior Steven Anderson Jr. (four rebounds, three points) and junior Zion Staples (six rebounds, five points) are expected to be the starters the remainder of the season, making the Pioneers a likely favorite to win the league and a deadly opponent for anyone in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. The five bench players who scored combined to go six of 11 with all six coming from beyond the arc.

"Every player helps, but our big three are our big three," said Myles. "I've had them since they were freshmen. Yeah, we have a couple of guys, but the guys you need to worry about are Aaron Banks, who was an all CIF player and Zion Staples, who is probably a next level player. The other guys kind of help fill in a role here and there. Nobody was feeling sorry for us when we lost our big guy. So, it is what it is."

As for the Wildcats, who went 13-3 to begin the season, then had no problems with John Glenn High in a 31-point win on Jan. 4, senior Ethan Wong had eight points and three rebounds while senior Sai Samathan grabbed six rebounds.

"They're a good team; they had a couple of quality wins on the schedule," said Myles of Whitney. "I think they were down a couple of starters, but it's always the next man up mentality and our guys



just played. I knew they were going to go with the stalled offense; I watched them on film do that. So, I told our guys to just be patient.

"They kind of limited their own possessions, so we had to make sure we had solid possessions," he continued. "When we do have the ball, we have solid possessions and once you get down by a certain amount and you still run that offense, it's kind of a detriment to your team. But [Whitney head coach Joseph Webber] is a good coach and he believes in the system, and he thought that would work."

The Whitney girls, who shared the top spot in the league with Cerritos and Pioneer High last season, are also the favorites to win the next month. The Wildcats, who had lost four in a row, including the last three against some of the best Idaho has to offer in the Timberline Tournament, blasted Glenn 71-6 on Jan. 4, then routed Artesia 67-19 last Friday.

Opening the league season against the bottom two of the league may or may not have been the best thing for Whitney, depending on who you ask. But like the Artesia boys, playing in Idaho, finishing in third place in the Glenn-Norwalk Tournament and losing twice to Sunny Hills in the first 13 games has prepared the team for the better teams of the league, plus what lies ahead when the playoffs begin.

"I just think it's the scheduling," said Whitney head coach Myron Jacobs. "Like I've said [before], I don't get happy; we all stay humble and hungry. And when we really play against Pioneer and Cerritos, I think that's when we'll know where we're at. But if you ask me, my team is definitely ready."

Whitney scored the first eight points of the game, the last on a steal from freshman Maddy Macaraeg. After Artesia freshman Kaelah Daniels hit two of three free throws, the 'Cats reeled off 13 straight points to run away before the quarter was over. Macaraeg, the future of the Whitney program who scored in double figures in her first nine games, plus both league games, had a dozen points in the first quarter alone.

Artesia began the second quarter with baskets from sophomore Ashlee Chung and junior Maya Reamer before Whitney went on a 21-0 run the remainder of the half. The Wildcats were 17 of 32 from the field in the half and junior Kylie Wang became the second player to score in double digits in the half. She had 13 points in the first 16

minutes and finished with 15 points.

In fact, all four starters finished the game with at least 10 points and all five starters didn't play in the fourth quarter, which was under running clock rules.

"I don't think they posed any problems," said Jacobs of Artesia. "It was us playing us out there. It was us working on just getting better. Again, the score doesn't show anything, but me as a coach, I'm looking at the health side, the talking on defense and things like that. Artesia is a struggling team, and we respect them. But I have to keep my team hungry and still ready to go."

Macaraeg led everyone with 18 points and had four rebounds while senior Layla Lacorte and sophomore Haylie Wang each had 10 points while senior Kayla Hamakawa pulled down five rebounds. Daniels and Reamer each had five points to pace the Pioneers, who entered the game at 2-14.

As for Whitney, which had hoped to duplicate, or exceed last season's successful 18-5 campaign, the team improved to 9-10, but the record is a bit misleading. The team has been decimated with injuries and illness and is beginning to get healthy. The program's first out of state preseason trip prepared them for what Jacobs hopes is a deeper run in the playoffs. And, of the 10 losses, three have been by five points or less and another three have been by 10 points or less.

"Honestly, Boise just showed us a different style of play," said Jacobs. "It actually exposed us on what we need to get better at. We played the number one team, the number 15 team and you ask yourself, what can you do different? We played a tough schedule in the preseason and yeah, we have losses. But when we get to league, it's a whole different team."

The Artesia boys knocked off Pioneer 57-36 this past Tuesday while the girls fell to the Titans 73-21. Both Artesia squads will be at Oxford Academy on Friday and will visit Glenn on Wednesday while both Whitney teams, which swept Oxford Academy this past Tuesday with the boys winning 59-31 and the girls by a 64-23 score, will host Cerritos on Friday on Homecoming night before travelling to Pioneer on Wednesday. In addition, the Whitney girls will face Brea Olinda High on Saturday as part of the Matson Classic at Orange Lutheran High while Artesia will face Los Altos High on Monday.

## ABCUSD from page 1

reporting of state and local student data. Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

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to physical and mental health and unprecedented challenges to delivering education.

To select California Distinguished Schools, the California Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard).

Specifically, schools were selected by analyzing data reported through the 2022 Dashboard, including assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data.

Information regarding the 2022

Dashboard is provided on the CDE California School Dashboard and System of Support web page.

"It is my pleasure to honor and recognize these 356 elementary schools for providing outstanding public education and opportunities to students. Their innovation and hard work have helped to ensure their students can heal, recover, and thrive—even in the toughest times," Thurmond said. "California Distinguished Schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful, data-driven school efforts ranging from professional

development for educators to mental health and social-emotional wellness strategies to address the needs of students and families."

The California Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools for their excellent work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance.

Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years.

# 605 LEAGUE BASKETBALL

## Cerritos teams have their way with undermanned John Glenn in pair of routs

By Loren Kopff  
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The young and relatively inexperienced Cerritos High boys basketball team has been patiently waiting until 605 League play began so it can prove that it is worthy of one of the three automatic berths for the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. The John Glenn High boys team was hoping for an encore from last season's memorable and historic run through the playoffs, but instead, things have been going south.

The two met this past Tuesday night with something to prove and when the night was over, it was Cerritos pulling out a 65-33 win. The Dons (7-14 overall, 2-1 in league) scored the first 14 points of the game and held a double digit lead over the last three quarters.

"We've always said to be ready by January," said Cerritos head coach Jonathan Watanabe. Entering 2023 we wanted to make sure we were ready to be able to compete at this, and we still need to get better in order to continue to compete for not only a league championship, but for the playoffs."

After winning their first game of the season, the Dons lost 10 straight games. And of the 13 losses in preseason, four have come by five points or less. But against a Glenn team which was hoping for bigger and better things in the 2022-2023 campaign, there was no worry of a close contest. The Dons, who have never lost to Glenn since becoming Suburban League members in the late 1990s, saw

junior Luke Rigor nail three perimeter shots in the opening quarter and junior Tobeanna Ozoagu grab five rebounds in the opening stanza. In fact, Cerritos had 13 rebounds just in the first quarter alone.

Meanwhile, Glenn (8-11, 0-3) began the season with eight players but has since lost two starters who left the team, including last season's surprise transfer senior Sebastian Figueroa. The Eagles have had to call up two lower level players, but the scoring has decreased with the defection of the two starters.

"I've always been preaching to these guys since the day I got here about mental toughness," said Glenn head coach Sam Abebe. "I was telling my guys there's more to basketball than just about on the court. There's a mental side to it too and unfortunately, my big concern [coming into the season] with the team was mental. Unfortunately, my biggest fear came to fruition. Guys just couldn't handle it. Guys couldn't handle the criticism; guys just couldn't handle...little hills. Hills that should not have made us fold, but unfortunately, they did."

"We prepare for the first group, but also for their system and what they run, so that way our players know what they're doing," said Watanabe. "Coach Abebe is dealing with a lot right now and he's trying the best that he can and doing things the right way. Last year his kids responded and this year they're having a little bit tougher time with it."

"But we just have to be prepared for whoever steps on the floor," he added. "Those guys can all play. It just gives

an opportunity for somebody else to step up."

Glenn did not score until there was 3:24 left in the first quarter and found itself down 27-11 late in the first half. Although the Eagles were able to cut that deficit to 11 with 4:34 left in the third quarter on the second of consecutive baskets from senior Michael Saucedo, the Dons quickly went on an 8-0 run to maintain the big lead.

The Eagles were paced by Saucedo, who has now taken on that leader's role with Figueroa and senior Armando Arreola no longer on the team. Saucedo scored a game-high and season-high 22 points and had four rebounds while no other Glenn player had more than three points.

"We were right there in the first half down 12," said Abebe. "But again, we don't have a lot of scoring. It's tough to find buckets and lucky for us, Michael has been the heart and soul of the program since the day I got here. He pushed through and did his best and unfortunately, the other guys couldn't really knock their shots down."

Rigor scored 13 points while Ozoagu added 12 points and nine rebounds as they and the other three starters didn't play in the fourth quarter. But it was the stellar bench play that Watanabe has been impressed with. Sophomore Benson Cho had a team-high 15 points and six rebounds while sophomore Jaden Ribac pitched in with eight points, three steals, two assists and two rebounds.

"Benson's play is finally how we knew he could play," said Watanabe. "I coached him last year as a freshman and he was our guy. I knew that he was capable of playing at the varsity level. It just took him a little [time to] adjust at the beginning."

Prior to the contest, it was total domination by the Cerritos girls in a 64-4 rout, leaving the Dons at 8-9 overall and 2-1 in league play while Glenn dropped to 5-11, 0-3. It was the 22nd straight win over the

Eagles with the last meeting between the two ending in a 66-4 affair.

Sophomore Ambar Multani led everyone with 12 points and had six rebounds while junior Mailee Dizon (nine points, three steals), senior Alexa Mina (eight points, three steals) and freshman Cameron Lacorte (eight points, four assists, three rebounds, three steals) also paced the Dons.

The lone baskets for Glenn came from sophomore Aaliyah Ramirez off an offensive rebound with 12.2 seconds left in the first quarter and from junior Janessa Leal with 5:33 left in the third quarter.

Both Cerritos teams will visit Whitney High on Friday and Oxford Academy on Wednesday while both Glenn teams will go to Pioneer High on Friday before hosting Artesia High on Wednesday. In addition, the Glenn boys will visit Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary high on Saturday and the Cerritos girls will face Esperanza High on Saturday and go to Santa Margarita High on Tuesday.

"This is a big game; all the pressure is on them," said Watanabe of Whitney "They're favored to win and it's their game to lose. So, we'll go in there. They have a lot of experience and we'll just go in there and put up a battle. We're looking forward to the challenge."

"Unfortunately, we had a tough one against Oxford," said Abebe. "We missed a point blank game-winning lay-up. But we are in it. We knew coming here that [Cerritos] is the kings of the block. We had to come here and we knew it was going to be tough. But Friday is Pioneer and it's a big opportunity for us."

"But again, what can we get from other guys," he continued. "That's the question. I don't need these guys getting 10-15 [points]. I need three or four from everybody. But we'll see; we're fighting. We're still practicing every day and working hard."

### STUDENT DEBT from page 1

months, though it will likely not be finalized before springtime at the earliest.

Under the new plan, the lowest-income borrowers would see their payments fall by about \$0.83 per each dollar they owe, the Department of Education estimated. The highest-income borrowers would see their payments per dollar fall by about \$0.05.

It would revise a payment program in which roughly 8 million Americans are enrolled in, known as the income-driven repayment plan. It ties the amount borrowers owe each month to the amount they make in income.

At their core, the revisions to the program are intended to allow Americans to pay back less in loans over time which means more money in the pockets Americans who spend the money.

It will require smaller minimum payments from borrowers, including \$0 in payments from low-income Americans. It will also keep interest accrual more at bay and allow debts to be forgiven sooner -- between 10 and 20 years after they were taken out.

Department of Education Undersecretary James Kvaal called it the first "true student loan safety net in this country."

The new plan was first announced alongside President Joe Biden's student debt relief policy, which has since been bruised by court challenges. Temporarily halted, its fate will be decided by the Supreme Court by the summer.

But Cardona on Tuesday called the

revisions to the loan repayment program the most influential part of the Biden administration's plan.

#### Exactly who does this impact, and how?

The new plan would prevent single low-income Americans from having to make any monthly payments if they make less than the annual equivalent of \$15 an hour, which is around \$30,600 a year. For a married couple with two kids, that would rise to \$62,400.

"Workers getting by on \$15 an hour often struggle to pay for their housing, food and other basic needs, let alone student loan payments," Kvaal said.

The new repayment plan would mean they aren't required to.

It would also cut down the amount that borrowers have to make on their monthly payments by half -- from 10% of their discretionary income to 5%, which would protect more of peoples' incomes from being put toward loan payments.

The new plan also prevents interest accrual, one of the largest issues borrowers face, by forgiving unpaid interest so long as borrowers make their monthly payments on the loan itself.

"As you make your payments, your balance won't grow. In other words, you won't go deeper into debt because interest is more than you can afford," Kvaal said.

The timeline for some debt forgiveness will also be shortened under the new plan, especially for community college students.

After 10 years, the new plan would relieve outstanding debts for people who

took out less than \$12,000 in loans initially -- commonly students who attend less expensive, shorter programs like community college.

The Department of Education estimated that 85% of community college students would be debt-free within 10 years, if they enrolled in the new plan.

And, as is already the rule with the income-driven repayment program, all borrowers with outstanding debt after 20 years of payments would have their debt relieved. (For graduate students, the timeline is slightly longer -- 25 years).

#### How much will the program cost?

The department estimated that the new plan will cost a net total of \$137.9 billion over the next ten years.

That cost increase comes after Congress has already decided to keep the budget flat for the Office of Federal Student Aid during the upcoming year -- potentially putting programs on thin ice.

Asked if the Department of Education could still afford the reforms to the IDR plan, a senior administration official said they were still working through the "full impact" but that it was their goal.

"It's true that we were very disappointed with the level of funding we received from Congress for Federal Student Aid, and that's going to make it a challenge for us to carry out a number of our policy initiatives," the senior administration official said.

"We're currently working through the full impact of the funding level that we received from Congress. And again, our goal is to implement this IDR plan in 2023," the official said.

### NEWS AND NOTES from page 16

ers are home to Village Christian on Friday for their only action in the next week.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Gahr defeated Bellflower 89-46 this past Wednesday to improve to 9-10, 2-1 in the Mid-Cities League and will host Lynwood High on Friday before going to Norwalk High on Wednesday. Norwalk lost to Warren High 49-45 this past Wednesday to drop to 8-13 overall and 1-2 in the Mid-Cities League. The Lancers will host Bellflower on Friday before entertaining Gahr on Wednesday.

La Mirada picked up a 61-49 win over Dominguez this past Wednesday to improve to 15-6 overall and 2-0 in the Gateway League. The Matadores, ranked third in the CIF-Southern Section Division 2A poll, will host former Suburban League nemesis Mayfair on Friday and Downey on Wednesday.

V.C., ranked 14th in Division 2A, went to Whittier Christian this past Tuesday and knocked off the Heralds 68-56. The Defenders (13-8, 1-2) are home to Village Christian on Friday and Arrowhead Christian High on Tuesday,



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to consider approval of the following: Conditional Use Permit No. 746, Zone Code Amendment No. 187, Zone Reclassification No. 325, General Plan Amendment No. 57 and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The proposed project is a request by Mercury Bowl, LLC. and Green Riviera, LLC representatives to develop a 255-unit mixed-use development on a 2.8-acre lot located at 8825 Washington Boulevard (Assessor Property Number 6370-027-018). The proposed building will be a three (3) to six (6) story complex with a density of 91 units per acre. The site is zoned Commercial-General (C-G) with a land use designation of Commercial (C) and a Mixed-Use (M-U) overlay zone. The development includes 4,785 square feet of commercial space. The apartment complex is comprised of 35 studios, 159 one-bedroom units, 57 two-bedroom units and 4 three-bedroom units. The development will also include 464 parking spaces. Amenities will include dog runs, decorative fountains, synthetic lawn games, a business center, community room and a roof deck with pool cabanas, tv, spa, game area and club room.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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

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

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

Certain provisions of the Brown Act are temporarily waived pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20, N-29-20 and AB 361. **PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** wishing to observe the meeting may do so in the following ways:

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City’s website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>;
- (3) Email public comments to [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
- (4) Attend the Public Hearing in person.

Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City’s website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/private-projects/>. Please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director at 562-801-4447 for additional questions.

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

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



Project Location

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## CITY OF BELLFLOWER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE UPDATES

**TAKE NOTICE** pursuant to Government Code Section 66016 that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider the proposed update to the City’s two existing Development Impact Fees (Park and Public / General Government Facilities Fees) and the addition of two new Development Impact Fees (Public Safety and Transportation Facilities Fees). The report on Development Impact Fees presents an analysis of the cost of park, public / general government, public safety and transportation facilities to accommodate new development in the City of Bellflower and documents the maximum impact fees that may be imposed on new development pursuant to the procedures of the Mitigation Fee Act and Quimby Act contained in Government Code Sections 66000 and 66477. Following the public hearing, the City Council may adopt the proposed fees in accordance with applicable law.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. At any time before or during the public hearing, any person or organization may file a written statement with the City Clerk, of his or her opinions with respect to the development impact fee study and proposed ordinance amendments. Any person or organization desiring to be heard will be given an opportunity to do so. Copies of the Staff Report will be on file and open to public inspection ten days before the meeting in the City Clerk’s Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower. Arrangements for reviewing this material and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 804-1424, extension 2220 or [cclerk@bellflower.org](mailto:cclerk@bellflower.org). Additionally, the Staff Report will be available on the City’s website at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

**MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK**

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## CITY OF PICO RIVERA NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CUSTOMER POWER GENERATION RATES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to consider amending customer power generation rates for Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy, PRIME, a community choice aggregation program. The public hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

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

**MAIL:** PO Box 1016 **TELEPHONE:** 562.801.4389

If you wish to submit a public comment on this matter, you may do so in advance by e-mail to the City Clerk’s Office at [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please provide your full name and reference this subject matter. “Public hearing and adoption of Resolution amending customer power generation rate schedule for Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME).” You may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at or before the public hearing.

Anna Jerome  
City Clerk  
City of Pico Rivera  
Hearing: January 24, 2023

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## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 –1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) ending on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Ruth Rodriguez	I06
Jessica Guerrero	A12
Daniel Rivera	M053

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CASE NO. DR 5-22-13065, TENTATIVE TRACT  
MAP CASE NO. TT 83812, ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 22-02, AND SITE DESIGN RE-  
VIEW CASE NO. SDR 22-01**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider Development Review Case No. DR-5-22-13065 to allow for the construction of eight, detached, 2-story, single-family residences with attached garages; Tentative Tract Map No. TT 83812 to allow the subdivision of a 41,174-square foot lot into eight lots; Zone Change Case No. ZC 22-02 to allow the zone change from R-1 (Low Density Residential Zone) to R1-PD (Low Density Residential Planned Development Overlay District); and Site Design Review Case No. SDR 22-01 to allow flexibility of the R-1 zone development standards on property located at 10343-10351 Mapledale Street. Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment has been conducted for this Project. This Project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt (Class 32, Section 15332 — In-Fill Development Projects) because the proposed Project consists of an in-fill development that is consistent with the applicable general plan designation, general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations. The Project Site is less than five acres, surrounded by urban uses and has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species. The Project would not result in significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality and it can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. Furthermore, it can be seen with certainty that no special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed Project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org), or by appointment in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at [cclerk@bellflower.org](mailto:cclerk@bellflower.org). For more information, please contact Jason P. Clarke, Senior Planner, at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2248 or via email at [jclarke@bellflower.org](mailto:jclarke@bellflower.org).

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

**MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **Cerritos City Council** will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: Recommendation by the Cerritos Planning Commission, on a vote of 3-2, to disapprove the following: **A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A PROPOSED DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE RESTAURANT UNDER PRECISE PLAN 2022-1 AND RELATED ENTITLEMENTS (APN 7044-016-006). \* DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2022-1, A REQUEST TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE ALLOWING FOR DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE RESTAURANTS TO BE CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) ZONES, AND AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF THESE USES IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS. \* TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 83312, A PROPOSAL BY THE TARGET CORPORATION TO MERGE THREE (3) EXISTING PARCELS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUBDIVIDE THE PROPERTY INTO TWO (2) PARCELS. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 20200 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703, AND IS ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) (APN 7044-016-006). \* CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2022-1, A REQUEST BY THE TARGET CORPORATION TO PERMIT A DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE RESTAURANT AT 20200 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) (APN 7044-016-006). \* PRECISE PLAN 2022-1, A PROPOSAL BY THE TARGET CORPORATION TO DEMOLISH A VACANT TARGET GARDEN CENTER, TO CONSTRUCT A NEW DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE RESTAURANT, AND TO COMPLETE OTHER RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 20200 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) (APN 7044-016-006). \* \*One Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Development Code Amendment 2022-1, Tentative Parcel Map 83312, Conditional Use Permit 2022-1, and Precise Plan 2022-1. This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. To protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the current State Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Health Officer Orders and City of Cerritos COVID-19 Safety Plan, the City Council Chamber will be open to the public. As authorized by State of California Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and N-08-21, and subsequently by Assembly Bill 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) and City Council Resolution No. 2022-10 adopted pursuant thereto, this meeting may also be conducted via teleconference, if necessary. Public observation and participation in this meeting will be facilitated through the methods described below. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to [city\\_clerk@cerritos.us](mailto:city_clerk@cerritos.us) or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. The meeting will air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 564158-DM  
(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: SINFUL MOOO, INC, 5107 CANDLEWOOD STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
(3) The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME  
(4) The names and business address of the buyer(s) are: RAFIU, INC., 5107 CANDLEWOOD STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOOD-WILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST & IMPROVEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 5107 CANDLEWOOD STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: COLD STONE CREAMERY  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 1, 2023, at the office of GOOD NEWS ESCROW, INC. 17700 CASTLETON ST, STE 588, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748 Escrow No. 564158-DM, Escrow Officer: DIANA MYUNG  
(8) Claims may be filed the same as "7" above.  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: JANUARY 31, 2023  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business name(s) and addresses used by the Seller within three years before such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE  
Dated: JANUARY 5, 2023  
TRANSFEREES: RAFIU, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION  
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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE UPDATES**

**TAKE NOTICE** pursuant to Government Code Section 66016 that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider the proposed update to the City's two existing Development Impact Fees (Park and Public / General Government Facilities Fees) and the addition of two new Development Impact Fees (Public Safety and Transportation Facilities Fees). The report on Development Impact Fees presents an analysis of the cost of park, public / general government, public safety and transportation facilities to accommodate new development in the City of Bellflower and documents the maximum impact fees that may be imposed on new development pursuant to the procedures of the Mitigation Fee Act and Quimby Act contained in Government Code Sections 66000 and 66477. Following the public hearing, the City Council may adopt the proposed fees in accordance with applicable law.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. At any time before or during the public hearing, any person or organization may file a written statement with the City Clerk, of his or her opinions with respect to the development impact fee study and proposed ordinance amendments. Any person or organization desiring to be heard will be given an opportunity to do so. Copies of the Staff Report will be on file and open to public inspection ten days before the meeting in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower. Arrangements for reviewing this material and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424, extension 2220 or [cclerk@bellflower.org](mailto:cclerk@bellflower.org). Additionally, the Staff Report will be available on the City's website at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

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**AYUNTAMIENTO DE LA CIUDAD DE PICO RIVERA  
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA CONSIDERAR LA APROBACIÓN DEL PER-  
MISO DE USO CONDICIONAL NÚM. 746, ENMIENDA DEL CÓDIGO DE ZONA NÚM.  
187, ZONA RECLASIFICACIÓN NÚM. 325, ENMIENDA AL PLAN GENERAL NÚM. 57, Y  
ADOPCIÓN DE DECLARACIÓN NEGATIVA MITIGADA Y PROGRAMA DE INFORMES  
Y MONITOREO DE MITIGACIÓN PARA EL PROYECTO MERCURY UBICADO EN 8825  
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD**

**POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA** que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública ante el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera para considerar la aprobación de lo siguiente: Permiso de Uso Condicional Núm. 746, Enmienda al Código de Zona Núm. 187, Reclasificación de Zona Núm. 325, Enmienda al Plan General Núm. 57 y Declaración Negativa Mitigada y Programa de Informes y Monitoreo de Mitigación. El proyecto propuesto es una solicitud de Mercury Bowl, LLC. y representantes de Green Riviera, LLC para desarrollar un uso mixto de 255 unidades en un lote de 2.8 acres ubicado en 8825 Washington Boulevard (número de propiedad del tasador 6370-027-018). El edificio será un complejo de tres (3) a seis (6) pisos con una densidad de 91 unidades por acre. El sitio está en zona Comercial-General (C-G) con una designación de uso de la tierra Comercial (C) y una zona superpuesta de Uso Mixto (M-U). El desarrollo incluye 4,785 pies cuadrados de espacio comercial. Las unidades de apartamentos se componen de 35 estudios, 159 unidades de un dormitorio, 57 unidades de dos dormitorios y 4 unidades de tres dormitorios. El desarrollo también incluirá 464 estacionamientos. Las comodidades incluirán parques para perros, fuentes decorativas, juegos de césped sintético, un centro de negocios, una sala comunitaria y una terraza en la azotea con cabañas en la piscina, televisión, spa, área de juegos y sala club.

**CUÁNDO:** martes, 24 de enero de 2023

**HORA:** 6:00 P.M.

**DÓNDE:** Cámara del Consejo (Pico Rivera City Hall)  
6615 Passon Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

De conformidad con las disposiciones de la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA), Sección 15063, y luego de un Estudio Inicial y una evaluación ambiental de posibles impactos adversos, el proyecto no tendrá un efecto significativo en el medio ambiente debido a la inclusión de ciertas medidas de mitigación que disminuyeron impactos adversos potenciales a un nivel menos significativo. Por lo tanto, se elaboró una Declaración Negativa Mitigada con medidas de mitigación y de conformidad con las disposiciones de CEQA.

Ciertas disposiciones de la Ley Brown se suspenden temporalmente de conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva N-25-20, N-29-20 y AB 361 del Gobernador Newsom. **LAS PERSONAS INTERESADAS EN ESTE ASUNTO** que deseen observar la reunión pueden hacerlo de las siguientes maneras:

- (1) Sintone su televisor al Canal 3;
- (2) Sitio web de la ciudad en <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>;
- (3) Enviar comentarios públicos por correo electrónico a [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) antes de las 4:00 p. m. del día de la reunión;
- (4) Asistir personalmente a la Audiencia Pública.

Las copias de todo el material relevante, incluyendo las especificaciones del proyecto, están disponibles para el público para su revisión en el Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario en el Ayuntamiento, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Se puede encontrar información adicional en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/private-projects/>. Comuníquese con Julia González, subdirectora al 562-801-4447 si tiene preguntas adicionales. Si impugna la consideración o adopción de las solicitudes propuestas en el tribunal, es posible que se limite a plantear solo aquellas cuestiones que usted u otra persona hayan planteado en la audiencia pública descrita en este aviso, o la correspondencia escrita entregada al Secretario Municipal de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera en o antes de la audiencia pública.

De conformidad con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990, la Ciudad de Pico Rivera se compromete a proporcionar adaptaciones razonables para una persona con discapacidad. Comuníquese con Anna M. Jerome al (562) 801-4389 si se necesitan adaptaciones especiales del programa y/o si se necesita información del programa en un formato alternativo. Las solicitudes especiales deben hacerse en un período de tiempo razonable para que se puedan organizar las adaptaciones.



Localización del Proyecto

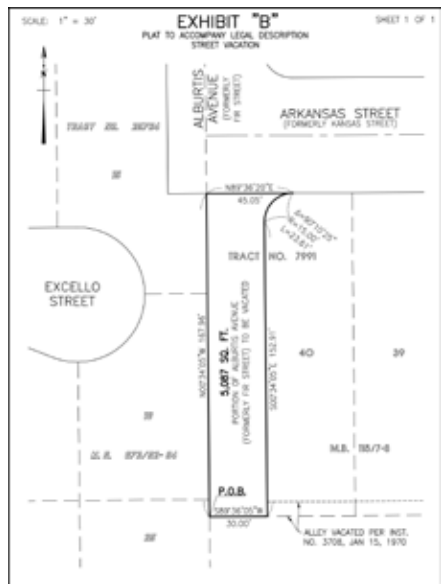
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**CITY OF ARTESIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a adjourned regular City Council Meeting at the City Council Chambers Located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023** to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

**To vacate segment of Alburdis Avenue south of Arkansas Street adjacent to 11700 Arkansas Street to its terminus at Pioneer RV Storage. The portion of Alburdis Avenue to be vacated measures 30 feet by 168 feet and is shown in the map below:**



On December 13, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-2911 declaring the City's intention to vacate segment of Alburdis Avenue as described above and set January 17, 2023 as the public hearing date for said vacation.

The street vacation proceedings is conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 8300 et seq. of the Streets and Highway Code of the state of California.

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk's Office, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: [JAlderete@cityofartesia.us](mailto:JAlderete@cityofartesia.us), before 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed action, please contact the Artesia City Clerk's Office at (562) 865-6262 or by the email above.

If you challenge any action related to this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk at the above contacts. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title II).

Okina Dor  
Community Development Director

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF GOPI RAM JINDAL aka GOPI R. JINDAL aka GOPI JINDAL**  
Case No. 22STPB11726

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of GOPI RAM JINDAL aka GOPI R. JINDAL aka GOPI JINDAL  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Unmaish Jindal in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Unmaish Jindal be appointed as personal repre-sentative 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 obtain-ing court approval. Before taking certain very im-portant actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or con-sented 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 on Feb. 23, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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 rep-re-sentative 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 Cali-fornia law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:  
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**CITY OF COMMERCE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITYWIDE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment request to amend and modify 19.21.130 (LOADING AND UNLOADING REQUIREMENTS) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC). The purpose of the amendment is to establish loading regulations for any Manufacturing (M Zoned) Properties that are located within 300 feet of a Single-Family Zoning District (R-1) within the City of Commerce.

**SAID PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at a Special Meeting before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Public Safety Conference Room, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Viviana M. Esparza

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-734190-JP Order No.: 12-0006655 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/9/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): OLGA URIARTE AND OSCAR URIARTE, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER Recorded: 4/11/2007 as Instrument No. 20070867685 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 10/8/2015 as Instrument No. 20151245084 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/26/2023 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$739,041.89 The purported property address is: 14806 FACETA DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638-4916 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8064-001-020 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-16-734190-JP. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you may 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 800-280-2832, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-16-734190-JP 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 PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to Quality Loan Service Corporation by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-16-734190-JP IDSPub #0182835 12/30/2022 1/6/2023 1/13/2023

**CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE PICO RIVERA HOUSING ASSISTANCE AGENCY FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) ACTION PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO THE 5-YEAR PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) PLAN FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (SECTION 8) RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency City Council/Board of Commissioners to consider the adoption of the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Action Plan administered under the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance program, consider the significant amendment to the 5-Year Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan (2020-2025), and to consider recommendations from the Section 8 participants.

The Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency FSS Action Plan was revised to incorporate the new regulations published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and set policy on matters for which the Public Housing Agency (PHA) has discretion based on HUD regulations. The FSS Action Plan is a supporting document to the Agency's 5-Year PHA Plan. The significant amendment requires a public hearing to allow the Section 8 participants the opportunity to comment.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** are invited to express their opinion on the above matter. The public hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660  
**MAIL:** P.O. Box 1016, Pico Rivera, CA 90660-1016  
**TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4347

City Council meetings can be viewed live on CTV3 and the City's website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>. If you wish to submit a comment on this matter, you may do so in advance by email to the City Clerk's Office at [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please provide your full name and reference the following subject matter "Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency FSS Action Plan/5-Year PHA Plan."

For more information, call Imelda Delgado, Housing Supervisor, Community & Economic Development Department at (562) 801-4347.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the revised FSS Action Plan that identifies goals, objectives, and policies for the FSS program; and the significantly amended 5-Year PHA Plan that provides information about the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency's operations, services, and strategy for addressing the needs of the community for years 2020-2025 will be available for public examination until the public hearing at the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency office and the City of Pico Rivera's webpage listed below.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but no later than 11:00 AM on the 30th day of January 2023 sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1609 Moving Services

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on January 13, 2023 or later.

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**NEWS & NOTES FROM PRESSROW**

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What was a close game for the first three quarters, with a monster second quarter rally, turned out to be a decisive win for the Gahr High girls basketball team against La Mirada High in Mid-Cities League action this past Wednesday.

Once up by 10 points early in the second quarter, the Gladiators squandered that, but outscored the Matadores 21-12 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 51-43 victory. The lead changed hands three times in the first 1:37 of the final stanza with all six points coming from the free throw line. Sophomore Jody Colbert accounted for four of those points, the last making it 34-33. Less than half a minute later, Colbert scored on an offensive putback and would be part of a 15-3 run in a span of 3:48. When the run was over,

Gahr was up 47-36.

The other big story of the game came from senior Kameryn Mitchell, who not only led the Gladiators (14-6 overall, 2-1 in league) with 17 points, but grabbed 16 rebounds, nine coming on the offensive end, and had three steals.

Gahr seemed to have a handle on the game when it was up 20-10 less than two minutes into the second quarter. But La Mirada (7-8, 1-2) rallied to score 13 consecutive points before the visitors ended the half with four straight points. During that La Mirada run, sophomore Jael Arreguin had seven points and an assist while sophomore Emily Gonzalez had four points and junior Jirah Domingo a pair of assists.

Gahr sophomore Christine Ho also had 17 points, 10 coming in the fourth quarter, while Colbert came off the bench to add nine points with seven rebounds and five steals. Gahr will visit Firebaugh High on Friday before hosting Bellflower High on Wednesday.

Domingo led the Matadores with 13 points along with eight boards and five steals while Arreguin had 11 point and 10 rebounds. Gonzalez chipped in with 10 points and three rebounds as La Mirada travels to Dominguez High

on Friday and Firebaugh on Wednesday.

In other girls basketball action, Artesia High dropped a 73-21 decision to Pioneer High this past Tuesday to fall to 2-16 overall and 0-3 in the 605 League. The Pioneers will go to Oxford Academy on Friday and John Glenn High on Wednesday.

Norwalk High is also in the thick

of the Mid-Cities League race as it entered its game with Firebaugh at 11-8, 1-1. The Lancers visit Bellflower on Friday before hosting Dominguez on Wednesday.

Valley Christian High fell to Whittier Christian High 41-30 this past Tuesday to fall to 6-14 overall, 1-2 in the Olympic League. The Defend-

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