



PICO RIVERA'S SMITH POOL AQUATIC CENTER TO BE REBUILT

OPENING 2025: The renovation will include a zero-depth entry point pool, a seamless entry into the pool for small children and the community's seniors. Also, work will include the replacement of the entire pool casing, the replacement of the deck, pool furnishings and equipment, and the installation of two 25-meter pools, one recreation and one competition.

By Brian Hews

On April 5, 2023, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn allocated \$10 million to fund the renovation of the Smith Park Pool in Pico Rivera.

The Smith Park Olympic-size pool, which currently measures 50 meters by 25 yards and hosted Olympic swimmers training for the 1984 Olympic Summer Games, has offered a multitude of programs and services for the Pico Rivera community throughout the years.

Smith Park is located next to

two high schools, an elementary school, and a senior center. Its Aquatic Center was constructed in 1981; since then, it has served over 10,000 patrons annually until its closure during the pandemic.

Now Pico Rivera officials are moving fast to renovate the pool. The renovation will include the replacement of the entire pool casing, the replacement of the deck, pool furnishings and equipment, heaters/boilers, and a new chemical room, storage area, pool building, lighting, and security enclosure fencing. Hahn's \$10 million contribution from the County represents the

largest single source of funds for the Center's renovation.

On August 23, 2022, the city entered into an agreement with Dahlin Group, Inc. to provide Architect/Engineer services related to the Smith Park Aquatic Center Renovation Project. The agreement was subdivided into nine tasks, with \$359,000 tagged for Tasks 1-3, with an amount for Tasks 4-9 to be approved by the City Council at a future date.

Tasks 1-3 included conceptual design studies and provided three options with budgets which were developed together with in-

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Big Changes Could Be Coming to Your Electric Bill

By Brian Hews

A new proposal for customers for California's three major power companies would add a fixed monthly charge that would be based on the household income levels of the respective customers.

The precise dollar amount and other details will be determined by the California Public Utilities Commission, with a final decision approved by mid-2024 and fully implemented in 2025

PG&E, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric, the three major California utilities whose services include electricity, have filed a joint proposal with the state Public Utilities Commission that sketches out proposed changes in monthly bills.

The tradeoff: The three utilities are proposing a reduction of 33% in electricity rates, which means it's possible that customers would be able to reduce a portion of their bill if they can control their electricity usage.

But the shift could mean jumps in monthly bills for some customers.

The monthly bills of the future would have two components: the fixed charge based on household income levels and the electricity charge at a reduced rate that would fluctuate based on monthly energy consumption.

Edison customer households, which is most of Los Cerritos Community News' area, earning less than \$28,000 a year would

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Did Cerritos City Council Violate Government Code By Voting to Move Election From 2024 to 2025?

The Code is clear, certain Councilmembers are disqualified from voting to move Cerritos' election.

By Brian Hews

Things got heated at last Monday night's Cerritos City Council "special meeting" with Mayor Chuong Vo, Mayo pro tem Bruce Barrows, who was appointed and not elected, and Councilman Naresh Solanki, voting to move the city's election date from April 2024 to March 2025.

The vote was 3-2, with Councilpersons Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama voting not to move the election.

The three yes votes were cast despite the objections of Yokoyama and Johnson, ten

angry public speakers and 12 additional complaints submitted via email to the city clerk; no speakers appeared, or any emails submitted in favor of the move, which will cost the city upwards of \$100,000.

Resident Catherine Pasqual started the public comment, "this is anti-democracy; when we are consolidated, there is better voter turnout, so we are trying to move to a lower turnout, you are suppressing the vote and it will cost our city extra money. Move to June 2023 or November 2023 we will get a better turnout."

Resident Eugene Jacore [sp] said "I am mad, extremely mad." Referring to Bruce Barrows, who was appointed, "where is it in the Charter that allows the

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Ally of Central Basin Directors Vasquez and Rodriguez Threatened Directors at Board Meeting

By Brian Hews

Leticia Vasquez-Wilson (Vasquez) was elected to the Central Basin Board (CB) in 2012, taking her seat in January 2013. Since then, she has committed several questionable acts; some call them gross malfeasance; her latest act

shooting a video calling the city of Downey's water undrinkable, a move that triggered a lawsuit against the Commerce-based agency.

Since being elected in 2018, Martha Camacho-Rodriguez (Camacho), the former Cerritos

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SUPERBLOOM is occurring all over the state, this picture taken at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve in Lancaster about an hour and a half north of Los Angeles. Closer is Chino Hills State Park.

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La Mirada High Students Compete in SkillsUsa State Competition With Innovative Product



MOBILITY WITH A TWIST: Seniors Danielle Couturie, Cambria Martinez, and junior Gabriella Cruz will be highlighting the benefits of the Upwalker, an upright walker, at the upcoming SkillsUSA competition.

By Stepheny Guehrig

People with mobility issues are neither given the option nor are educated on their choices of walking aides, but students at La Mirada High School are tackling this issue by creating their own innovative product called the Upwalker.

Seniors Danielle Couturie, Cambria

Martinez, and junior Gabriella Cruz will be highlighting the benefits of the Upwalker, an upright walker, at the upcoming SkillsUSA competition.

The competition begins at a local level but progresses into state and national levels where middle schools to high schools across the United States can compete in various categories.

Students interested in specific technical and career specializations who compete with SkillsUSA are allowed to conduct research, present findings and engage in community services.

Couturie, Martinez and Cruz have made it to the state competition, representing La Mirada High School under the health services category. The trio is presenting the mobility aid Upwalker, an upright walker that promotes a good posture and proper oxygenation of the body while also providing relief in walking and breathing.

“The upright walker helps not only with confidence,” Couturie said. “It helps the oxygenation to their organs and overall organ health because having good posture helps your organ health.”

Participation in the SkillsUSA competition is voluntary and gives the students an outlet for professionalism. With only eight minutes to present their research to a panel of judges, Couturie said that the group’s ability to be concise and informative will drive them far, but passion will be what the judges are looking for.

“Have a good work ethic and actually be passionate about health services,” Couturie said about what she expects from herself and her partners. “You got to have a good work ethic. You got to be organized. You got to be on yourself.”

Couturie, Martinez and Cruz will compete in the regional competition on April 13-16 in Ontario, CA. The trio aims to make their way to the national competition in Atlanta, GA, but also to leave an impact in their city by providing community members with the tools and knowledge of the ways they can improve their health.

“Helping people around in my community, I feel like that’s higher up than winning state at all,” Couturie said. “My care for it is at least for this project to be recognized.”

La Palma’s Second Annual 'Festival of Nations'

The Festival of Nations is making a pandemic comeback.

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Following the parade, the Festival will kick off at 11:30 a.m. and run until 6 p.m. at Central Park.

The Festival promises a range of exciting attractions for all ages, including a kids-zone, Ferris wheel, petting zoo, carnival games, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and more.

The Central Park Pavilion will also host a variety of musical performances, dances, and exhibitions throughout the day.

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What the New Eviction Rules Mean for Renters

The last day of March marked the end of Los Angeles County’s pandemic-era eviction protections.

For landlords, the end of the pandemic-era rules comes as a relief.

Tenant advocates, meanwhile, say they are hearing from increasing numbers of renters receiving eviction notices. Often people who receive these notices are unsure how, or whether, to respond. The rules around evictions and tenant protections are complicated and can be difficult for even lawyers to understand.

There are still rules meant to protect tenants, some of which were adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic, but they vary from place to place, creating a patchwork of laws that can be difficult to decipher.

What protections apply really depends on where you live and whether your city has enacted a rent freeze, whether your city has enacted permanent nonpayment protections — like L.A. city, unincorporated L.A. — whether your city has just-cause protections.

Here are some common questions about the changing rules and what tenants facing eviction — particularly those who have fallen behind on rent — can do.

More details on rules affecting L.A. renters can be found at housing.lacity.org and stayhousedla.org.

The eviction protections expired March 31. Under the rules, which were adopted at the start of the pandemic, tenants who were financially harmed by COVID-19 and couldn’t pay rent were offered some protection against eviction.

Although the rules were often referred to as an “eviction moratorium,” they did not bar landlords from filing eviction cases, experts say. Instead, they offered tenants a defense to use in court if they were evicted.

Those who did not go to eviction court to fight their case — or those who did go, but did not have or know how to properly present evidence showing the financial toll of COVID-19 — were more likely to lose their homes.

Yukelson said he doesn’t expect a flood of evictions, which can take several months to get through the courts.

What does the expiration mean for tenants?

As of April 1, tenants were required to pay rent, even if they had been financially affected by COVID-19. This means that to avoid eviction, tenants need to pay rent every month.

The city of L.A. has adopted some rules that protect tenants from being evicted for owing less than one month’s fair-market rent.

A renter in a one-bedroom apartment who owes \$1,300 cannot be evicted, because that is less than the \$1,747

fair-market rent. The rules also apply to unincorporated L.A. County.

I got an eviction notice. What should I do?

Tenant advocates say the No. 1 rule is: Don’t ignore an eviction notice. If you receive an eviction notice, known as an unlawful detainer, for unpaid rent, you must file an answer with the court within five days or risk a default judgment against you, meaning you have lost the case. The detainer will explain in English and Spanish that your answer must be in a proper legal format and that a letter or phone call is not sufficient.

Tenants who are not able to hire an attorney can get information on how to prepare an answer at tenantpowertoolkit.org.

I owe back rent from the pandemic. What should I do?

Hundreds of thousands of Californians fell behind on rent during the pandemic, researchers have estimated.

Rules for repaying that debt vary by location. In L.A., tenants have until Aug. 1 to pay rent owed from March 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021, and they have until Feb. 1, 2024, to pay rent owed from Oct. 1, 2021, to Jan. 31.

State law bars eviction in some cases for unpaid rent that was owed during the first several months of the pandemic, though tenants who qualify must have signed a COVID-19 Related Declaration of Financial Distress within 15 days of receiving a notice to pay or vacate.

For certain periods, tenants would have had to pay at least a quarter of the rent; advocates say many were unable to do so. Landlords can still try to collect the unpaid rent in small claims court.

Make sure you know the rules in your city or community — and make sure you know which local government covers your neighborhood (an address might bear the name of a city, when you actually live in unincorporated county territory). A tool provided by the city of Los Angeles to search your address can be found at neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org.

Am I guaranteed an attorney in eviction court?

No. Los Angeles advocates are pushing for a right-to-counsel rule, similar to one that was adopted years ago in New York City.

There are some resources for low-income tenants who need a lawyer. Stay Housed L.A. connects tenants with organizations that provide legal services for free. The organization’s website also offers a list of workshops that can help explain the eviction process.

However, organizations that offer free legal services are often overwhelmed by large numbers of renters requesting help.

Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia Scholarship Event




AWARDS: from (l-r) Samantha Sugino, DYW Central; Amy Ganatra, DYW East; Aila Jahromi, DYW West; Alena Nielsen, Fitness Award; Diya Bharadwaj, DYW Alternate and Talent Award; Ellie Ta, Interview and Scholastic Awards; Lielta Tibebe, Spirit of DYW Award.

Staff Report

Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia held their 2024 program (the year participants graduate from High School) on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 2023. DYW is a scholarship program that promotes education and excellence in all areas of life by encouraging the participants to “Be Their Best Selves”. Since 1975, this program has been promoted in the Cerritos-Artesia area, originally called Junior Miss. Throughout the program, all girls are encouraged to develop self-confidence, interview effectively, speak in public, perform on stage, and build interpersonal relationships.

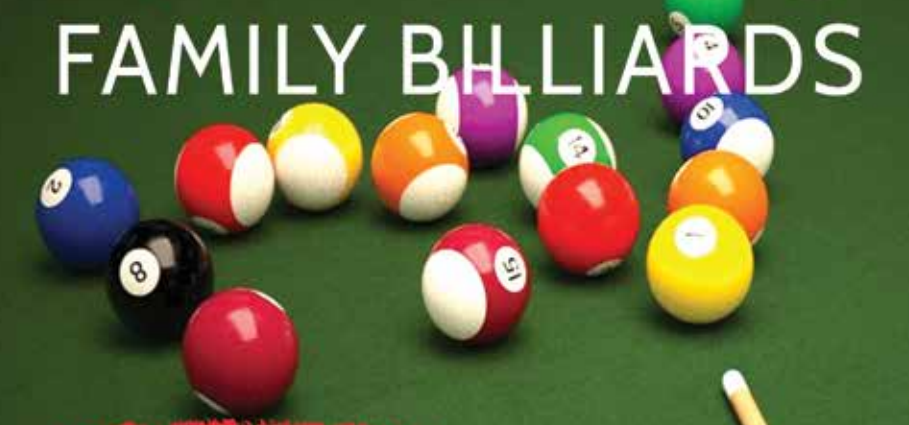
This program strives to inspire high school juniors to develop to their full and individual potential. The program offers a fun and transformational experience over a three week period of time, which culminates in this celebratory showcase of participants’ accomplishments. Practices were held at the First Christian Reformed Church in Artesia. This year our official program took place at the Cerritos College Student Center on Sunday, March 26. With interviews, held on Saturday, March 25 at the Chugh Law and Accounting Firm in Cerritos.

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Letters To The Editor

Re: Cerritos Changing Its Own Election

Dear Editor:

I would like register my opposition to the proposed move of the election dates for the City from even numbered years to odd numbered years as it is against the spirit of democracy and curtails voter participation.

Some years back , I petitioned the city council when SB 415 was passed by California legislature to move the election dates of local city council elections to coincide with the CA primary or general election dates if those cities did not have the required percentage of voter participations for a period of years.

I proved to the city that Cerritos voter percentage of the special odd year elections were lower than the required threshold and petitioned the council to move the dates to even years , and under threat of compliance to law the dates were moved to CA primary dates.

The results were there all to see, please ask the city clerk to provide with data of the voter participation from that move to now and you will see how democracy works, and it is disappointing to note that, the Clerks presentation for today's agenda does not even bother to talk or show the numbers on voter participation which is a critical item in any election reforms.

Any move of election dates including the prior move to April 24 and the current attempted move to 2025, is an attack on democracy and voter participation and an indirect disenfranchise-ment of minority voters in the city.

I also want to bring to the notice of the council members, city clerk and city attorney that SB-415 is not dead, and the win by Redondo is only in the trial court and the appeals court provided declaratory relief without decid-ing on whether under VPRA a political subdivision includes charter cities, plus across the nation, concerned citizens are suing cities on change of election dates where there is a clear self dealing of increase in the period of holding of-fice for the council members.

Further the rational given by the city clerk to save work load , which in the first place the office is mandated to do and in the process add costs to the residents is not an acceptable reason.

Therefore, this move to change the election date now to odd years and the

prior move changing the date to a spe-cial election on April 24, in my opinion is unwarranted, disenfranchises our residents and wastes our tax dollars and may invite law suits in the future costing city tax dollars.

Anantha N. Ramachandran
Cerritos

Dear Editor:

As a 43-year resident of Cerritos, I would like to submit my strong opposi-tion to the proposal to move the City's election dates from even-numbered to odd-numbered years and repealing Or-dinance Number 1036. Other citizens in cities across the nation are suing their municipalities on the change of election dates where there is evidence of clear self-dealing via the increase in the period of office-holding and other benefits for City Council Members.

Moving the City Council Election from April 9, 2024 to March 4, 2025 would take the election from a Cali-fornia Primary Election Year with a larger turnout, to a non-primary, lower turnout year, while adding another year to all Council Members' Terms, as re-ported by the Los Cerritos Community News. If this is not self-dealing by the 3 Council Members who voted in favor of this move, I don't know what is! Kudos to Council Members Yokoyama and Johnson for voting against this undemocratic proposal.

Please reconsider your Council Vote.

Re: Cerritos Lawsuit Against Light Rail

Dear Editor:

Sometimes I think that Cerritos just wants those of us who grew up here, to pick up our 2,000-square-foot-one-story house and physically move it to some-where else if we can't get around our own town because we can't drive.

Too bad the city of Artesia can't find some other route to run the tracks for the Metro line, maybe along Pioneer Bl up through Norwalk so that it doesn't "go through" Cerritos at all, and then proceed from there. Oh but wait, that would require building all new tracks.

I'm trying to remember if Norwalk "fought" the Metro Rail line coming to Norwalk all those years ago; to look at the current location, it's practically in Downey, after all. It's like Norwalk didn't really want 'the train'. And look where the Metrolink station is; it's prac-tically in Santa Fe Springs.

Well, I can't physically pick up my house and move it, and moving out is also not an option, as I don't want to become homeless again. So I'm stuck in a transportation "desert" having to walk everywhere.

P. Szyblewsky
Cerritos

Dear Editor:

What does Cerritos have to do with it, anyway? The proposed station location is entirely in Artesia, which doesn't have such a rubbish attitude against public transit. Cerritos is anti-public-transit in general, it feels like there's some unwritten "law" against decent public transportation around here. Look at the COW schedule di-minishing over the years; there are still signs up on the Cerritos College COW stop with the "old" pre-COVID sched-ule of it running every 30 minutes, and that wasn't "all that long ago." Those of us who live here who can't drive or can't afford a car for whatever reason, are pretty much screwed trying to get around – over to campus and back, my journeys have to be within the times of day the COW runs or else I have to walk much further to a Metro #128 stop from my house, and both of those things only run once per hour.

If I were 30 years younger and healthier I could walk that distance more comfortably, but that's not the point. The buses are pretty much unre-lia-ble and if you miss one, the next one is in an hour or more. Taking the better part of the day just to get across your own "city" is no way to live. When I was attending San Francisco State for my undergrad degree I didn't have this much trouble getting to and from campus, but then, SF MUNI ran every 5-10 minutes back then.

And then later at Yale – New Haven, Connecticut doesn't have such rubbish public transportation either. Now, in those days I did have a car, and that's almost 30 years ago now. I'm now not quite old enough to rely on "Dial a Ride" or "Access" type things, so for me, I just have to walk everywhere. Or get another bike and try to keep it from being stolen. It's not the worst way to live, but it can and has in the past been, better.

A. Parker
Cerritos

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Pico Rivera Taking Final Steps to Remove PFAS from Water

Pico Rivera is taking the final steps in bringing safer water to its residents with the installation of Water Treatment Vessels at the city’s water plants.

Last month, eight Water Treatment Vessels were installed at two of the city’s water plants, with more vessels coming this year.

The Water Treatment Vessels were installed in response to the state’s mandatory monitoring requirement that went into effect in 2019, and the testing for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), or forever chemicals, in the groundwater supply.

These compounds are used extensively in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, furniture fabric, food packaging, nonstick cookware, and firefighting foams.

Pico Rivera was among several cities and communities in Southern California facing the same issue with their water supply, including Downey, Montebello, San Gabriel, Bellflower Norwalk, Santa Clarita, La Habra Heights, and Riverside.

As the updated guidelines were announced, the city has been notifying affected customers of the presence of PFOS and PFOA in the drinking water but has not had to shut down any of the city’s wells due to the fact that the levels detected are still within the limits of safe deliverable water.

As a result of the state guidelines, like many area cities and water agencies, city officials have been working to find solutions to eliminate this chemical in the city’s water supply.

Beginning in July 2020, the city adopted a Water Master Plan to address the water quality and treatment needs, including the treatment for PFOS and PFOA chemicals. Later in November 2020, the

first major steps were taken when the design contract for a water treatment system was awarded for all of the city’s water treatment facilities.

Since then, the city’s treatment facilities have undergone several improvements, including electrical upgrades in order to accommodate the necessary equipment needed to filter out PFOS and PFOA chemicals from the drinking water supply.

While the sites were getting upgrades, city staff was actively looking for funding sources to help offset the costs of implementing a new filtration system. Grants worth over \$8 million were secured through the Water Replenishment District and Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez.

With funding secured, the city moved on with its master plan, and last month that plan started to come to fruition. A total of eight Water Treatment Vessels were installed at two of the city’s plants, with six more planned to be installed later this month.

“We understand the importance of delivering clean water to our residents,” said City Manager Steve Carmona. “With the funding that was secured thanks to the WRD and Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, we were able to carry out this important project for our residents, and we are pleased to see it’s nearing completion.”

With the water treatment vessels now in place, electrical work now needs to be completed before the filters start working. The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2023 with all the installed filters up and running.

For more information about this project, call the city’s Public Works Department at 562.801.4421.

Lakewood Resident, Former Whitney High Coach, Promoted to Assessor's Exec. Team

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has promoted Lakewood resident Joseph 'Joel' Vicente to the executive position of Chief Appraiser over the Training Division.

“Joel’s wide-ranging experience before coming to the Assessor’s Office that includes finance, urban planning, real estate appraisal and even coaching high school varsity basketball makes him an excellent choice to oversee our Training Division,” said Assessor Prang.

Before joining the Assessor’s Office in 2008, Joel had excelled as a Recreation Leader for Cerritos and began coaching high school basketball at Whitney High School and Los Alamitos High School. He got a Master’s Degree in Business with an emphasis in Finance from Hawaii Pacific University and in 2008, Joel successfully applied for the position and began his career with the Assessor as an Appraiser Trainee.

Joel rose through the ranks quickly, eventually earning the promotion to Chief Appraiser of the Assessor’s Training Division. Joel’s sister, Jocelyne, also works for the Assessor’s Office as a Supervising Appraiser in Major Exemptions.

Joel is from first generation Filipino immigrants and now lives in Lakewood with his wife, Jennifer, a Nurse Practitioner, and their two young children.



Joseph 'Joel' Vicente

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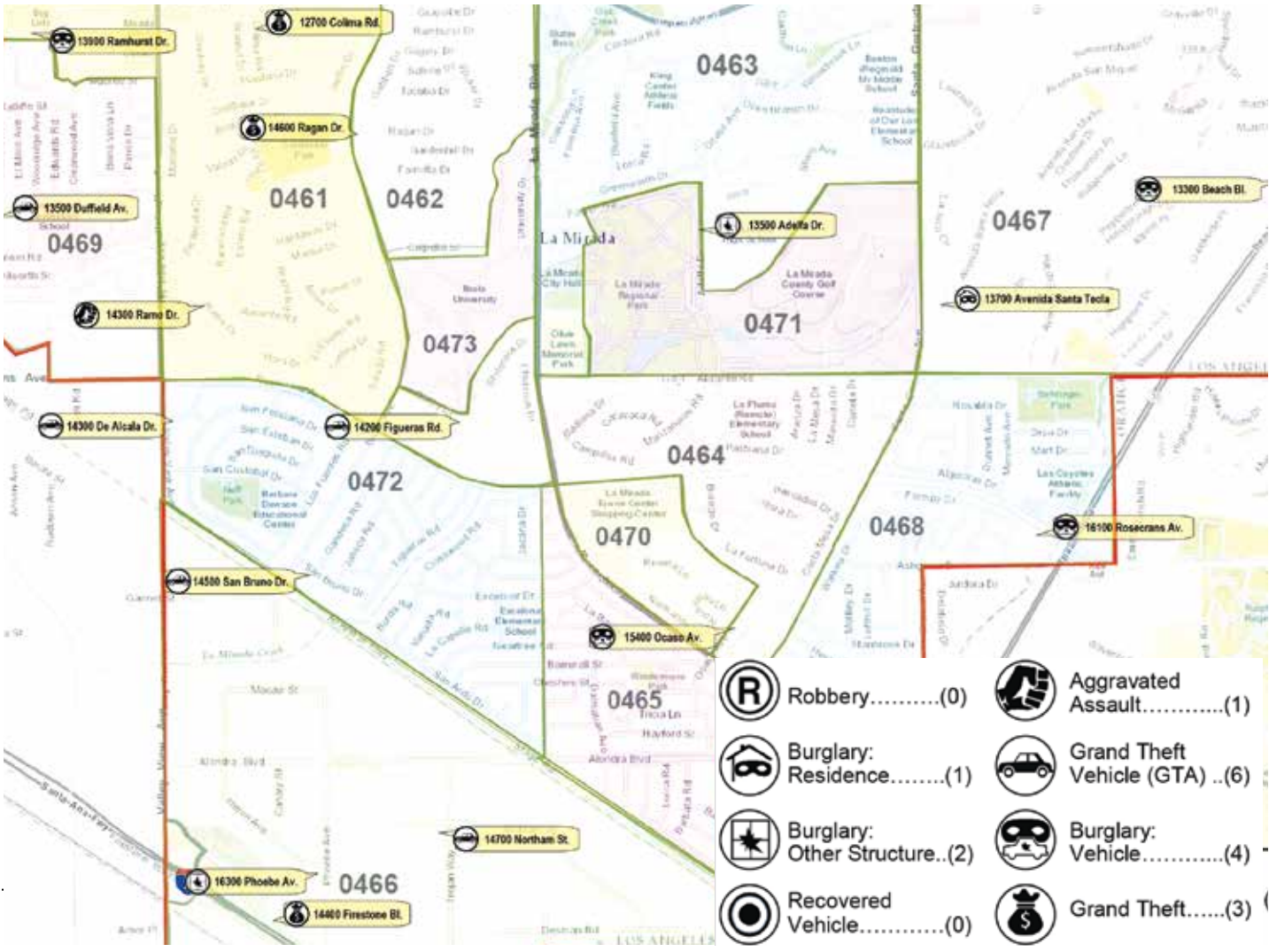
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La Mirada Crime Map March April 3-9, 2023



Crime Summary

La Mirada

Apr. 3-Apr. 9 , 2023

There was a rash of stolen vehicles in the city this week, six total.

Notable Arrests

- Thirteen suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. Aggravated Assault
- An assault was reported on the 14300 block of Ramo Dr. One suspect was later arrested.

Residential Burglary

- A burglary was reported on the 13700 block of Avenida Santa Tecla.

Other Structure Burglary

- A burglary was reported on the 13500 block of Adelfa Dr.
- A burglary occurred on the 16300 block of Phoebe Ave. Electric bicycles were stolen.

Vehicle Burglary

- A window smash vehicle burglary was reported on the 13900 block of Ramhurst Dr. • A purse was stolen during a window smash vehicle burglary on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.
- A vehicle burglary occurred on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- A window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 15400 block of Ocaso Ave.

Grand Theft

- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 14600 block of Ragan Dr.
- A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 12700 block of Colima Rd.
- A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 14400 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

- A sedan was stolen on the 13500 block of Duffield Ave.
- A theft of a sedan occurred on the 14500 block of San Bruno Dr.
- A sedan was reported stolen on the 14500 block of Telegraph Rd.
- A sedan was stolen on the 14200 block of Figueras Rd.
- A vehicle was reported stolen on the 14300 block of De Alcala Dr.
- A trailer was reported stolen on the 14700 block of Northam St.

Two Whittier Police

Detectives Charged

With Assault

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced Wednesday that two Whittier police detectives have been charged for their roles in the April 2020 daytime shooting that left Nicholas Carrillo paralyzed.

“The decision by these two detectives to use deadly force on someone who was unarmed and fleeing is inexcusable,” District Attorney Gascón said. “Police are afforded great power and with that power comes great responsibility. Human life is precious and you should never use lethal force unless it’s necessary in defense of human life. Thankfully, Mr. Carrillo survived but his life is forever changed as a result of the actions of these officers.”

Cynthia Lopez, 35, was charged with two felony counts of assault under the color of authority and one felony count each of assault with a semiautomatic firearm and shooting at an occupied vehicle.

Salvador Murillo, 42, was charged in the same case with two felony counts each of assault with a semiautomatic firearm causing great bodily injury and assault under the color of authority causing great bodily injury.

Arraignment will be scheduled for a later date.

On April 30, 2020, the two defendants were on duty and working in plain clothes when they spotted a vehicle that may have been used in a March 20, 2023 Estes robbery by a female at a Walmart.

The vehicle was pulled over in an alley. Carrillo was driving the vehicle and was the sole occupant. He then allegedly reversed and bumped the front of the defendants’ vehicle before exiting the vehicle and fleeing.

Lopez allegedly fired into the rear windshield while Carrillo was seated in the driver’s seat and then fired two more shots at Carrillo, missing him as he ran away.

Murillo and Lopez gave chase and as Carrillo climbed over a six-foot fence,

Murillo allegedly fired more shots, striking Carrillo twice in the back. One shot severed his spine and immediately rendered him paralyzed from the waist down. He was unarmed and no weapon was recovered inside the vehicle.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Whittier Police Department.

'Credible Threat' Shuts

Down Calif. Assembly

Staff Report

A credible threat” forced California’s Assembly to cancel their Thursday session while senators evacuated to work in a new location, officials said.

State senators and their staff members were notified about the threat involving the building in an email from Senate Secretary Erika Contreras.

“The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has notified the Senate of a threat they consider to be credible involving the Capitol,” Contreras wrote. “The CHP and security partners are present in higher numbers in the Capitol area, and are alert of the situation.”

The Assembly canceled its session, said John Ferrera, chief of staff for Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. Staffers were told to “remain situationally aware and report any suspicious activity,” said a memo from Chief Administrative Officer Lia Lopez.

The California Highway Patrol, which serves as the state police, did not provide more details when reached by The Associated Press.

At the Capitol on Thursday business appeared to go on as usual, with a rally taking place outside and people walking around the park that surrounds the building. Members of the public were still allowed to enter the building and a group of schoolchildren was taking a tour.

Contreras said the session has been moved to another state building nearby. The session, set to start at 9 a.m., was delayed by 45 minutes.

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La Mirada Symphony Offers Free Tickets to Concert



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Staff Report

The La Mirada Symphony provides the community and youth with the opportunity to experience and participate in the art of concert music, by offering FREE classical and POPS concerts for over 50 years

On May 21, 2023 the La Mirada Symphony is offering free tickets to its last concert of the season. A Pre-Concert Lecture will begin at 2:15 p.m., and the

concert begins at 3:00 p.m.

“Favorites” will include Petite Suite de Concert, Op. 77 - Coleridge-Taylor Piano Concerto #2 - Saint-Saëns; Hannah Yi Bensie Symphony No.2, in B Minor - Borodin.

For more information about the La Mirada Symphony visit: www.lamiradasymphony.com. The LMS plays at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts 14900 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada, CA 90638.

CENTRAL from page 1

College Board member, has glommed onto Vasquez and become her ally. The two are now in a minority position on the CB Board, and, as a result, have become increasingly more abusive to staff and fellow directors.

In September 2021, Los Cerritos Community News chronicled a shocking pattern of harassment of CB staff when LCCN obtained, via a public records request, disturbing emails between Vasquez and Camacho, and CB Staff; the emails were so harsh that employees feared for their safety and endured constant threats and intimidation.

But the threats and intimidation did not stop at the office when LCCN obtained pictures of Vasquez and Camacho’s bag men, Rodolfo Cortes Barragan and Downey’s Juan Joey Martinez, making unwanted visits to CB staff’s homes.

Harassed a pregnant woman
The documents showed that in 2020, during the pressures of a pandemic, the four harassed long-time Executive Board Secretary Cecilia Pulido at board meetings, attempting to influence her decisions in placing items Vasquez and Camacho wanted on the board meeting agenda.

The attacks got so bad that Pulido feared for her safety, punctuated by Barragan and Martinez visiting Pulido at her house.

Pulido was pregnant at the time. According to the FOIA documents, several harassment incidents occurred involving Martinez and Cortes, enabled by Vasquez and Camacho.

Fast forward to 2023 and Martinez is continuing his dangerous obsession with other directors and staff of the Commerce-based water agency.

Martinez appears at all CB meetings, with sources telling LCCN that Martinez does not have a car with Camacho giving him a ride to the meetings, where he constantly becomes belligerent and threatening at public comment, hurling insults at everyone in the room not named Vasquez or Camacho; most of the time CB security is forced to warn Martinez that he will be removed if he

does not cease the harassment.

But at a recent CB Board meeting, Martinez took his threats to another level, and inside a privately-owned property.

CB recently sold its long-time headquarters of the 5 freeway in Commerce, netting over \$3 million. While waiting for its new office in Commerce to be vacated and refurbished, CB is conducting board meetings at the Doubletree in Whittier.

At the last meeting, Martinez once again showed up for public comment and, according to witnesses, became very abusive to staff, GM Alex Rojas, and current CB President Art Chacon.

When Martinez’ comments got personally insulting, “outside the subject jurisdiction of the district,” he was asked to keep his comments pertinent.

True to form, Martinez refused and continued shouting at everyone; finally, security was forced to step in and remove him from the room.

That is when the incident escalated into near-physical violence.

Outside the temporary board room, Martinez continued to attack staff and, according to sources, approached President Art Chacon in a threatening manner. The move looked so menacing that a member of the public had to step in to protect Chacon from an attack.

At that point, the meeting was called and security escorted all staff and board members to their cars.

In an email, CB President Art Chacon told Los Cerritos Community News, “It is disappointing to see such unprofessional behavior at our meetings from people who waste our meeting time attacking the board, the staff and our customers. Despite the attacks from this group, who are only trying to embarrass or financially harm the District, the majority of the board will continue to move forward in a positive manner. We are working with our purveyors to keep the cost of imported water low, expand our recycled water services and collaborate with other water agencies in our area to provide high-quality water to the communities we serve.”

La Mirada Seeks Volunteers to Serve on the Community Foundation

The La Mirada Community Foundation is now accepting applications for volunteers interested in serving on the Foundation.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money for a variety of programs in La Mirada. It supports services and programs for La Mirada residents, as well as community youth organizations and educational programs. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in La Mirada. The Foundation meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

For more information on the Community Foundation and how to join, call City Hall at (562) 943-0131.

La Mirada Spring Book Sale

The La Mirada Friend of the Library will host its Spring Book Sale on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center, located at 13810 La Mirada Boulevard.

A wide selection of books, CDs, DVDs, and other media will be available for sale. All proceeds support the La Mirada Public Library.

A pre-sale for members only will be held on Friday, April 28 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For those interested in joining, annual memberships are \$10. For more information, email LaMiradaFOL@gmail.com.

La Mirada Prayer Breakfast

Join the community for a morning of fellowship and prayer on Friday, April 28 at the La Mirada Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held at 7 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, located at 14299 Firestone Boulevard.

The keynote speaker for this year’s event is Natalie Grumet, a life survivor and motivational speaker. Purchase tickets today for \$35 per person. Tickets include a breakfast buffet.

For additional information, visit lmmph.org or call (714) 521-6765.

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pay a fixed charge of \$15 a month on their electric bills.

Households from \$28,000 to \$69,000 would pay \$20 a month.

Households earning from \$69,000 to \$180,000 would pay \$51 a month.

Those with incomes above \$180,000 would pay \$85 a month in Edison territory.

Creating the income-based fixed charge, according to the proposal by the utilities, would lower Edison’s average electricity rate to about 24 cents a kilowatt-hour from about 36 cents — a reduction of about 33%.

If the numbers hold up, that would lower the total electric bill of a middle-income Edison customers by about \$4 a month — to about \$169 from \$173 for households using 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month.

And the savings would, according to the proposal, grow when more electricity is consumed. Edison estimated that if the same middle-income household used 600 kilowatt-hours in one month, the bill would come to \$228 instead of \$258 (a difference of \$30).

Changing the rate structure does not make energy costs go away; instead, it essentially reshuffles them in an effort to offer relief to financially vulnerable customers and help California meet its decarbonization mandates.

One potential stumbling block to implementing a monthly fixed charge will be collecting and verifying the annual income data from each household. It will undoubtedly raise privacy concerns from some customers.

Experts say the efficient way to do that is to work with existing agencies such as the Franchise Tax Board and other agencies “that already have verified information and find a way to communicate between the [investor-owned utilities] and those systems that can preserve customer privacy but also doesn’t require the utilities to spin up the equivalent of an IRS facility.”

There is precedence; local municipal water and sewer agencies already have fixed monthly pricing components.

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WHO'S DINING IN MY GARDEN?

By Melinda Myers

You take a walk through the garden and find branches trimmed, flowers missing or bark damaged.

Of course, the culprit is nowhere to be seen. You may have suspects in mind but a close look at the damage and surroundings can help you identify who is dining on your plants. Knowing this can help you reduce the risk in the future.

Rabbits can be found year-round in the landscape. They have sharp teeth, making a 45-degree clean cut much like your bypass pruners. Their damage usually occurs within their 3-foot reach.

They eat a variety of flowers and vegetables throughout the spring and summer. As these plants fade in fall, they begin dining on trees and shrubs. You may find bark gnawed and branches, stems, and buds clipped off the plants.

Deer tear vegetation, leaving a ragged tip on browsed plants. You may find damage on a variety of flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs, and plants pulled out of the ground with the distasteful ones left behind. In fall, the bucks rub trunks of young trees damaging the tender tissue below that transports water and nutrients between the roots and leaves. Deer usually feed at dusk but as they become comfortable around people they can often be seen dining during the day.

Voles are brown rodents that look similar to field mice with small ears and short tails. Their trails of disturbed grass found as the snow melts may be your first clue that they are present. These rodents are active year-round, unlike moles that hibernate for winter. They eat seeds, plant roots, and bulbs not insects like moles.

As the snow recedes, you may also notice bark damage on trees and shrubs. They leave ¼" side-by-side grooves in the wood at the base of the plants.

Squirrels are fun to watch; that is until they eat all the birdseed and damage your plants. They dig bulbs and uproot other plants, eat and bury nuts in the lawn and garden, and take a bite out of multiple tomatoes, strawberries, and more. They damage trees by ripping off the bark and clipping off branches. If that wasn't enough, they may gnaw on structures and furnishings. Treating the damaged area and a 12" radius around it with a repellent can help discourage more damage.

Chipmunks are active from spring through fall. They don't hibernate but are inactive in winter depending upon their food stash to survive. You will find them digging in potted plants, hanging baskets, and rock walls. They eat grains, nuts, berries, seeds, insects, mushrooms, carrion, young birds, and bird eggs.

Their tunnels can be 20 to 30 feet long and are well hidden. The openings are only 2" in diameter with no surrounding mounds of soil.

Commercial and homemade scare tactics are an option. Unfortunately, most of these critters have become accustomed to people and are not deterred. Motion-activated ones are a bit more effective but make sure they are not annoying to you and your neighbors.

Fencing tight to the ground with a secure gate and at least 3 feet – preferably 4 feet – high is effective for preventing rabbit damage. Deer on the other hand need a much taller fence. Although they can jump 7 feet or higher, a 5-6' fence is often enough to keep them out of smaller gar-



DAMAGE to a tomato plant after being visited by a hungry critter; rabbits, deer, voles, squirrels, chipmunks leave telltale signs when your garden shows damage.

dens. Sink fencing 4 to 6" into the ground to protect plants from voles.

Repellents labeled for controlling the critter that is causing the damage are another option. Organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) is labeled for repelling, not harming, all of these critters so you only need one product. Since it is rain and snow resistant, you won't need to apply it as often. Always read and follow label directions for the most effective control.

A bit of defensive action goes a long way in protecting your gardens and land-

scape from hungry critters this season.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Tree World Plant Care for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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put from City Staff, the Community, City Boards and Commissions, and City Council.

At its April 11, 2023 meeting, the Pico Rivera City Council approved an amendment to the Dahlin agreement to complete Tasks 4-9, including final architectural and engineering plans, specifications, and estimates for public bidding of the project, allocating \$2.6 million to complete the tasks. Included in the staff report were the proposed design concepts broken into two phases. Phase 1 consists of the pool, which will have, among other things, a zero-depth entry point pool, a seamless entry into the pool for small children and the seniors of the community, one 25-meter competition pool and a 25-meter recreation pool.

Other amenities will include a diving board at the appropriate pool depth; stadium seating for parents and others to use during events and competitions, as well as family-friendly seating areas for casual use; new fencing and security for the pool enclosure, with efficient lighting and cam-

era monitoring system and new chemical, heating, and pumping systems.

Phase 2 will involve restrooms and showers, including eight showers for men and women.

According to city officials, the bidding will commence May 13, 2024 with an estimated start of construction by July 8th, 2024 and project completion by the summer of 2025.

“The opening of the new Smith Park Aquatic Center will soon be celebrated by all who plan to use the much improved and upgraded facility,” said Pico Rivera Councilmember Gustavo Camacho. “The much-anticipated reopening of the new facility is coming to fruition because of the generous \$10 million contribution toward the renovation of the pool facility from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn. Her continued support of the City of Pico Rivera is to be commended and celebrated by all the residents, families, and city council of our great city. I can assure our youth and families that they can look forward to participating in a variety of fun and outstanding water exercise and recreational programs and activities in the summer of 2025.



NEW POOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER: (top) artist's rendition of the new Smith Park Center, a sprawling complex to be completed in the summer of 2025. Amenities will include a diving board at the appropriate pool depth; stadium seating for parents and others to use during events and competitions, as well as family-friendly seating areas for casual use. A small water-park type recreation area (left) for families, with a zero-depth entry point pool and a seamless entry into the pool for small children and older adults.

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GATEWAY LEAGUE SOFTBALL

La Mirada's Loss Keeps Door Open for Others as First Gateway League Title Heats Up

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Halfway through Gateway League action, one team was undefeated, one was winless and the other three all had a pair of losses. La Mirada High was that team standing all alone in first place, hoping to distance itself from the rest of the pack while eliminating one of those three from league title contention.

However, visiting Warren High had some plans to put those distance plans on hold as it took advantage of some uncharacteristic and unusual plays to get past the Matadores 3-1 last Thursday afternoon at John Glenn High. La Mirada falls to 14-7 overall, 4-1 in league while the Bears avenged an earlier 4-3 loss to the Matadores and improved to 3-2 in league action.

“We didn’t put the hits together,” said La Mirada head coach Brent Tuttle. “It’s tough; we tried to sneak one in there. [Sophomore pitcher Quira Castillo] threw a great game. We made some uncharacteristic plays out there in the outfield, then the weird play where the concussion happened, and we had to switch catchers. But in the end of the day, we didn’t hit.”

La Mirada was without the services of sophomore Amanda Urbina, who was in Oregon on a personal invitation camp. Urbina is regarded as one of the top players in the nation, according to Tuttle. The Matadores also started Castillo in place of sophomore ace Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas, who had just defeated Gahr High the previous day and was sporting a 5-1 record with all decisions coming within La

Mirada’s past 10 games.

Castillo had faced the minimum through the first two innings and got a key double play to get out of some danger in the top of the first inning. Offensively, the Matadores had trouble getting timely hits with runners in scoring position stranding nine on base in the game and putting a runner on base in all seven innings. The Matadores would collect just one hit with a runner in scoring position.

S o p h o - more short-stop Alyssa Avila was hit by a Shelbee Botello pitch to begin the bottom of the second and was sacrificed over by junior left fielder Amber Valdez. The next two hitters would groundout. In the next inning, junior catcher Rebecca Eckart reached second on an error and Botello walked sophomore third baseman Angelyna Conde. Both would move up a base on a sacrifice from sophomore second baseman Angelina Ratzlaff but neither would touch home plate.

Only one runner would get to third and she would score La Mirada’s lone run. In the sixth, Avila reached on an error, went

to second on a sacrifice from Valdez and came home on a base hit from freshman designated player Danni Lopez.

Meanwhile, the Bears got on the board in the third inning when Alyssa Bueno doubled, went to third on a sacrifice from Gabriella Padilla and scored on a wild pitch. With two outs in the fifth, Lexi Cortez, the number nine hitter in the lineup, cleared the left field fence with a home run and Warren added the insurance run in the seventh in an unusual way. Bueno reached on an error with the count 1-2 when some thought Bueno had struck out. Padilla then singled to center, but when the ball was misplayed, Bueno went to third and Padilla to second. Cortez then hit a bullet to Conde, who tagged Bueno for the first out, then threw to second to get Cortez out for the second out. While all that was going on Padilla scampered all the way from second to make it 3-1.

“It was a whole weird situation,” said Tuttle. “I honestly thought [Bueno] was out at first, but it’s the umpire’s judgement. So, when we got the out [at third]

and [at second], we’re sitting there [thinking] there were three outs. That was our fault and they got that run across.”

La Mirada still had a chance to at least tie the contest in its half of the seventh as Analeigh Herrera, who replaced Botello to begin the sixth, walked Eckart, got Conde to lineout and walked Ratzlaff before striking out senior first baseman Natalie Craig and sophomore pinch hitter Luna Cruz to end the game.

The Matadores collected only four hits, tied for the second fewest in a game all season, but Castillo held her own and danced out of danger in four of the five innings she worked, scattering half a dozen hits, striking out one and walking one.

“They’re top of the lineup is as good as any’s,” said Tuttle. “We got out of some big situations and what’s weird is that their number nine hitter was the one who hit the home run. But we got out of the situations and she did a great job. They deserved to win but we just made some uncharacteristic plays out there and just gave them a little bit more than what we should have given them.”

When the regular season began, the Matadores were ranked 25th out of 27 CIF-Southern Section Division 1 teams based off power rankings and a weighted power point system from the past two seasons. La Mirada has gone 2-2 against Division 1 teams with Norco High on the docket for Apr. 22 and has gone 2-1 against Division 2 teams, including a split against Warren.

“That’s why we play the toughest schedule like we did before,” said Tuttle. “Everybody looks and [says], ‘oh, you have six losses’. Meanwhile, we go out there and we’re playing the top of the top. We scheduled a game with Norco, we’ve already played Los Alamitos. We played the top team from Nevada and the top team from New Mexico. So, we’re ready for games like this.

“It could have been a little bit of a lull from yesterday, too,” he continued. “[We’re] missing our big hitter and we decided not to throw Montserrat to start the game. It was a big layover from yesterday’s win over Gahr.”

Another component that makes La Mirada a force to reckon with for the next few seasons is the youth has this season. Of the 18 players on the team, eight are sophomores, four are juniors and two are freshman. Only Craig is the lone every day senior starter, however, senior pitcher Elisa Castro has a 3-1 record, all coming within the first 11 games of the season. La Mirada, off this week during Spring Break, will next be in action on Tuesday at Gahr before hosting Mayfair High two days later.

“We have a really good young team, and I told them people are seeing who you guys are,” said Tuttle. “They’re looking and we’re playing a team like Downey who has 12 seniors [and Warren] has 10 seniors. If we end up winning this league, and that’s our goal, then everybody is going to be looking at us for a couple of years. But we don’t want to use the excuse we’re young...we want to learn from these and hopefully battle back in a week or two when we come back.”





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La Mirada Haunted by Poor Defense Again to Another D-1 Team, Blanked by Huntington Beach

By Loren Kopff
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SANTA ANA-La Mirada High head coach Jimmy Zurn has seen his team play poor defense over the past few weeks and once again, the blunders wasted another strong outing by senior pitcher Eric Jeon. In one inning, the Matadores saw Huntington Beach High score five runs and the Oilers tacked on one more to blank the Matadores 6-0 in the first round of the 11th Boras Baseball Classic at Mater Dei High.

The six runs allowed are a season high and the five runs scored in the bottom of the third inning were the most La Mirada has yielded in any inning this season. Coupled with a 4-3 win against Santiago High this past Wednesday, La Mirada stood at 13-5 overall.

“Our defense let [Jeon] down,” said Zurn. “We should have been two outs, nobody on. We misplayed a fly ball in center, we overthrow a ball at third and then we kick a ball at first. We had three consecutive errors.”

The third inning began with Linkin Garcia sending what would have been a routine fly ball to center, but it was misplayed, and the speedy Garcia found himself at third with a triple. Three pitches later, on a 0-2 count, Ralph Velasquez hit a grounder that was air-mailed to first base, allowing Garcia to come home and open the floodgates.

Aiden Espinoza followed with an in-

field single and moved to second on a balk. Next up was Trent Grindlinger, who doubled to left field, making it 3-0 and on a 2-2 count, Colby Turner smacked a two-run home run over the left field fence.

“It’s very disappointing with the fact that that’s what we take pride in,” said Zurn of his defense. “We always have, we always will. And when you’re in close ballgames, low-scoring games, that’s what is going to make the difference. They got on us and we couldn’t recover. If we make routine plays, we’re in a 0-0 ballgame.”

The Oilers sent nine up to bat in the inning and Jeon would start the next inning hitting Garcia before Velasquez hit into a fielder’s choice. Jeon then walked Espinoza before getting the next two outs to keep it 5-0. Jeon, who tossed 71 pitches, scattered eight hits, struck out two and walked a pair, was replaced by sophomore Jason Rodriguez in the fifth inning.

“I thought Eric competed,” said Zurn. “Obviously after that, he gave up two hits in the inning. He gave up a double and a home run and now it’s 5-0. Other than that, they didn’t do a ton. But tribute to them; they made plays and we didn’t. That’s what it comes down to.”

Offensively, the Matadores couldn’t do much against H.B.’s Carson Lane, who pitched six solid innings. Senior second baseman Aiden Haller began the game with a first-pitch infield single, went to second on a groundout from Jeon and moved to third on a wild pitch. But Lane struck

out senior right fielder Benjamin Kim and sophomore first baseman Maverek Russell to end that threat. In the third inning, Lane hit junior left fielder Tyler Primanto on the first pitch and after a sacrifice and a stolen base, the lineup turned back to the top of the order, but Pirmanto remained at third base, The Matadores would get three more runners on base off Lane, none getting to third and one going for a hit.

Then in the seventh inning. Gavin Pacheco walked sophomore shortstop Aiden Aguayo, who went to second on a wild pitch and stole third before a strikeout and two fly balls to right field ended the game.

The two hits marks the fewest for La Mirada this season, also accomplished on Mar. 8 against Bonita High in a 4-0 loss and on Mar. 9 against Oaks Christian High in a 3-2 victory. Both of those games came in the rain-shortened Perfect Game Show-down at Great Park in Irvine.

“We have to be able to put the ball in play with two strikes,” said Zurn. “We had our three-hole hitter up with a runner on third with less than two outs [and] we strikeout. Then obviously we struck out looking with Maverek, who’s one of our top hitters. We’ve got to continue working offensively and if you look at the formula for us, we’re 12-5 and four of our losses are by shutouts.

“That’s what you get,” he continued. “Everybody’s got good pitching; we’ve got good pitching. Like I said, I’ve got to tip my cap to their pitcher. Offensively for

them, we gift-wrapped some runs in that inning for them.”

La Mirada is now 2-4 against CIF-Southern Section Division 1 teams with three more remaining in the regular season. Of those four losses, three were by shutouts and the other a one-run decision to Servite High and of the 16 teams in the Boras Baseball Classic, 12 are in Division 1 with the other four in Division 2.

“This tournament...if you want to hold onto this loss, this tournament will eat you up,” said Zurn. “We have to turn the page and get ready for tomorrow.”

The Matadores faced Corona High on Apr. 13 and will finish the Boras Baseball Classic on Friday against either Etiwanda High or Maranatha High. After the tournament, the Matadores will be one of the busiest teams in the Southern Section, playing seven games over the final 11 eligible playing days of the regular season. It begins by hosting Tesoro High on Monday and Downey High on Wednesday before going to Warren High on Thursday. La Mirada is 6-0 in Gateway League action with six more league games remaining, including three against Gahr High, which is also 6-0 in league action and the top-ranked team in Division 2.

“We’ve also had some D 1 teams that we’ve done well against,” said Zurn. “We play a good schedule; we always have, we always will. That’s something we have to figure out by the time the playoffs get here.”

NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Baseball, Softball League Races Heating Up as Regular Season Winding Down

By Loren Kopff
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It may be Spring Break and a breather from league contests, but that doesn’t mean it’s a vacation for most of the area baseball and softball teams. There are a few tournaments going on and a few makeup games from the wild weather from the past two months. Here is a look at what’s on tap and what to expect for the remainder of the month as the regular season ends on Apr. 28 with as many as six area baseball teams and seven area softball teams in contention for a CIF-Southern Section playoff spot and/or a league title.

BASEBALL
605 LEAGUE

Artesia High has not had the encore season from 2022 it had expected, entering this past Monday with a 6-9 overall record. But after splitting their first four league games, the Pioneers, ranked 10th in Division 7, could still grab second place with sweeps over second place Oxford Academy on Tuesday and Apr. 21 and last place John Glenn High the final week of the season. Artesia fell to Kennedy High 4-1 this past Tuesday, visited Estancia High this past Wednesday night and still has games at Godinez High on Apr. 13, a doubleheader at Citrus Hill High on Saturday and a home game against Valley Christian High on Apr. 22.

League-leading Cerritos High blanked Glenn 12-0 last Thursday as senior pitcher Brandon Casas tossed a no-hitter, then eased past St. Paul High 11-4 last Saturday and Paramount High 18-1 this past Monday before edging Norwalk High 4-3 this past Wednesday in the St. Paul Tournament to improve to 15-7. After visiting Kennedy on Saturday, hosting Fullerton High on Apr. 22 and going to Long Beach Poly High on Apr. 24, the league title will be on the line when the Dons face Oxford Academy on Apr. 25 and 27. The Patriots

began the week undefeated in three league contests.

GATEWAY LEAGUE

One of the hottest teams in the area is Gahr High, which completed a season-series sweep against Downey High with a convincing 14-0 win this past Monday. The top-ranked team in Division 2 then knocked off Warren High 4-1 this past Tuesday, moving its mark to 16-2-1, 6-0 as the two met again on Apr. 13, this time on Warren’s field. The Gladiators are scheduled to host Capistrano Valley High on Saturday and Oaks Christian High on Monday before entertaining Warren on Tuesday for the third and final time this season. After that, Gahr has road games against Bellflower High (Apr. 20) and Hart High (Apr. 22) before its end the season meetings with La Mirada High (Apr. 25 at home and Apr. 26 and 28 on the road) with the league title on the line. Both have not lost a league game and third place Downey has five league losses.

MID-CITIES LEAGUE

The surprise team in the area is Norwalk, which defeated Leuzinger High 14-3 this past Monday before its loss to Cerritos in its last twos St. Paul Tournament contests to go to 16-4 overall. Equally impressive is the league record where the Lancers, ranked seventh in Division 6, have not lost in their first 10 games. Without a doubt, the league title will be decided on Apr. 21 or Apr. 26 when Norwalk faces Mayfair High, which has one league loss, a 1-0 setback to Norwalk on Mar. 15. The Lancers will also go to Paramount High on Monday and host Firebaugh High on Wednesday before ending the regular season at Lynwood High on Apr. 28.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

Valley Christian High has lost six straight games to drop to 5-10 overall, 3-5 in league. The Defenders have not played since a 12-2 loss to Village Christian High on Apr. 6 and when they visit Whittier

Christian High on Tuesday, it will be the first of six games over the final 10 eligible playing days of the regular season. The Defenders can’t catch Maranatha High for the league title but winning at least three of their final four league games will be good enough for at least third place. Valley Christian hosts Whittier Christian on Apr. 21, goes to last place Heritage Christian High on Apr. 25 and hosts H.C. two days later. The Defenders also travel to St. Anthony High on Apr. 28.

SOFTBALL
605 LEAGUE

Once again, Artesia finds itself in a hunt for one of the top three automatic playoff spots the league hands out. The Pioneers slammed last place Whitney High 13-0 last Thursday to improve to 9-5, 3-2 and began the week all alone in third place. Artesia will face Pioneer High on Tuesday and Wednesday in a home and home series with the latter being a rescheduled contest from Mar. 21. Artesia still has a make-up game on Apr. 24 with league favorite Cerritos, originally scheduled for Mar. 31, plus regularly scheduled home games with Oxford Academy on Apr. 21 and Glenn on Apr. 25.

Cerritos is 9-2 overall following a 9-2 win at Pioneer last Thursday and has not been beaten in four of the 10 scheduled league games. The Dons visit Glenn on Tuesday, host Whitney on Wednesday in a rescheduled game from Mar. 24 before going to Cerritos Regional Park to face Whitney on Apr. 21. The last two games will be at home against Artesia on Apr. 24 and Oxford Academy on Apr. 25.

Don’t look now, but your league leader with three weeks remaining in the regular season is Glenn, who has five league victories opposite zero losses. The Eagles, ranked sixth in Division 6, remained undefeated in 12 games this season with a 6-2 win over Bell Gardens High this past Tuesday. At 11-0-1 overall Glenn visited

Pioneer on Apr. 13, will host Montebello High on Saturday before facing Cerritos on Tuesday. The Eagles end the regular season hosting Pioneer on Apr. 21 and going to Artesia on Apr. 25.

Whitney, 4-6 overall, is the lone team without a league win and has given up 68 runs in five league games.

GATEWAY LEAGUE

Gahr’s league title hopes took a major hit with a 2-1 loss to last place Mayfair last Thursday, sending the team to 9-9-2, 2-3. The Gladiators visited La Habra High this past Wednesday and will host La Mirada on Tuesday, visit Downey on Thursday before welcoming Warren and Paramount on Apr. 25 and 26 respectively. Entering this past Monday, La Mirada was in first place with a 4-1 league mark, followed by Warren at 3-2 and then Gahr.

La Mirada (14-7, 4-1) hosts Mayfair on Thursday, goes to Norco High on Apr. 22 and ends the regular season on Apr. 27 with a home game against Downey.

MID-CITIES LEAGUE

Once again, Norwalk has had a stellar season and improved to 13-5 overall with a 13-1 win over Legacy High this past Monday. The Lancers, undefeated in six league games, will host Paramount on Tuesday, Bellflower on Thursday, Dominguez High on Apr. 25 before ending the regular season on Apr. 27 at Lynwood.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

Despite playing just seven games this season, V.C. is ranked ninth in Division 6 and sports a 4-3 overall record. At 2-1 in the circuit, it’s anyone’s game for the league title as the Defenders have a makeup game on Monday with Maranatha before going to Whittier Christian on Tuesday and hosting the Heralds on Thursday. The last week of the regular season sees the Defenders facing Heritage Christian Apr. 24 and 26 with the latter being a home game. No league team has played more than four league contests.

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City Council to include someone that was not elected? This is disgusting and is voter suppression."

Resident Al Reyes stated, "most of you think we work for you, but you work for us. If we are upset, we expect you to listen to everyone, not just your base. Your condescending attitude to extend the terms shows it is time for you to go; a word that sticks in my head is recall. You are up there to serve us; you have a fiduciary duty to us; you took an oath to uphold the law."

"This is shameful and disgraceful," stated long-time resident Alon Barlevy. What you are doing here tonight is shameful; Councilman Solanki you served five years, and now you are serving another five years? Barrows, you got to serve 47 months without an election, appointed for the whole term, we did not even do a special election, now you are extending it by 12 months? Fiscally prudent? To have an election not consolidated costs us more money; it will have lower participation; where is the prudence in that? This is shameful and disgraceful."

Resident Mel Reyes talked about the confusion of Cerritos' elections since 2015, "We had a March 2015 election, then an April 2017 election, then 2019 moved because of SB 415 to March 2020, then April 2022; now April 2024 will be moved to March 2025? That confuses the residents, and it has been happening since 2015.

"In 2015 and 2017, the top vote-getter got 3,500 votes; March 2020 consolidated elections, top vote getter received 6,300 votes, the voters got involved. In 2022 back down to 3,700, we see what you are doing; less voter turnout gives you a better chance to win, let democracy work, leave the election as it is now."

Public comment was closed and City Clerk Vida Barone then stated that twelve letters were sent in by email, all objecting to the election move, not one speaker came to advocate the move, nor was a single letter sent in favoring the move.

Mayor Vo then asked for comment from the dais; Councilperson Johnson spoke first, "the report cited administrative timelines, VBM boxes, legal deadlines, and voter confusion of third-party materials as some of the reasons to move the election. Voter confusion is not a compelling reason to change; are we saying that Cerritos voters don't know the difference between our election and the state's? No residents have come to

me calling for change, change will disenfranchise our voters. Whittier is in the same situation, they are not changing anything, no one in their city has complained. So you [Vo, Barrows, Solanki] are saying Whittier residents are smarter than Cerritos residents; Whittier is educating their residents, we should do the same."

Councilmember Yokoyama was next up and did not hold back, "when this outrageous move was brought up, it came from a Barrows motion and a Solanki second in July 2022. Bruce [Barrows] wants me to stop saying it is political, this is political, the three of you [Barrows, Vo, and Solanki] are doing this for purely selfish political reasons.

"You want proof? Right out of the gate [City Clerk] Vida Barone was forced to make a statement not on the agenda report, that's wrong; she said there are no legal conflicts to prevent Council from voting on this agenda item.

"But what about ethical or moral reasons?

Yokoyama continued, "I then asked City Attorney [Bill] Irkhe if there is any legal reason to move the date, he said the short answer was no. So there is no legal reason to move the election, we are moving it because those three [Barrows, Vo, and Solanki] want to move it.

"We moved the election in 2019 to 2020 because there was a legal requirement to move it; SB 415 compelled us to move it. When we moved from March 22 to April 22, Irkhe once again said we were legally required to move it.

"Today that is not the case, then why are we doing it? An earlier city clerk report said it cost \$100,000 for a stand-alone election, when we consolidated, it cost much less, and there was nearly twice as many voters participating. But these three don't care; they want to suppress the vote.

"We see this going on with Republicans across the country; they don't care about the money; they want to suppress the vote and win. [Barrows, Vo and Solanki] are doing this to serve as the Republican majority for another year.

"When what you do only benefits you, that is the definition of selfishness. This is especially true with Barrows, who was appointed.... and now he is voting to give himself 11 more months when there is no legal requirement to move the election? Shameful. We do not have a right to extend our term."

And Government Code 82030 justifies Yokoyama's statement.

Under 82030, "a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision (i.e., cannot vote

on an agenda item) if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial impact on his or her finances."

If the public official's finances are involved, for example, in the case of Vo Barrows, and Solanki voting to extend their terms eleven months nets each member at least \$20,000, then foreseeability is presumed; more than \$500 is considered material.

There are exceptions to the disqualifying rule; but only one applies in the case of Barrows, Vo, and Solanki's vote to move the election, and it is an exception that disqualifies them from voting to move the election.

Under 82030(b)(2), a financial impact is not material if the decision (moving the Cerritos election) would [only] "set or change the salary, per diem, or reimbursement for expenses received from a local government agency.

Basically, 82030(b)(2) exempts salaries, per diems and reimbursement for expenses.

But no other taxpayer monies paid to public officials are exempt.

In the case of Barrows and Vo, monies not exempt under 82030(b)(2) is the city-provided health insurance for the two officials. The city pays for their health coverage; they do not buy their own and then receive reimbursement from the city.

That health coverage is explicitly foreseeable (in the case of Vo and Barrows voting to extend their terms), material (over \$500), and is therefore not exempt under 82030(b)(2).

Consequently, Vo and Barrows' vote to move the Cerritos election is in direct violation of 82030 because they have a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision (moving the Cerritos election) that will have a foreseeable and material financial impact on their finances.

82030 continues, "To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision."

Therefore, Vo and Barrows cannot vote to move the election to 2025.

Emails into the city and elected officials went unanswered.

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participants are consistent across local, state and national levels characterized by scholastic achievement, community involvement, creativity, and quest for excellence in every facet of life.

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Our showcase awards were handed out by many dignitaries including: Representative for Congresswoman Michelle Steel, Daisy Tong ; Past Mayor

of the City of Artesia, Melissa Ramoso; Mayor of Artesia, Monica Manalo; Past Mayor of Cerritos, Diana Needham; Cerritos College Board of Trustees, Shin Lui; Vice President ABC School District Board of Education, Mrs. Sophia Tse; Optimist Representative, George Ray; president of Artesia-Cerritos Soroptimists, Norma Williamson; DYW State Chairwoman, Susan Finch; representative from Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, and Romo attorneys, Rebecca Delatorre.

Emcee for the Sunday program was Gregg Nighswonger, who has worked professionally in the broadcast field as a radio announcer since 1968. Judges for this program included: Brittany Lundeen, Cerritos College Counselor; Ming Chen, Retired Software Engineer; Melanie Dumalag, DYW Alum, Kaiser Healthcare Analyst; Nikita Govind, DYW Alum, Kinesiologist and Doctoral Candidate; Brittany Khan, retired Accountant; Marisol Morales, Music Educator.

Sponsors of the program include: County Supervisor, Janice Hahn; Chugh, LLP; MSI Corporation; AALRR Attorneys; Patrick Stacker, Lawyer; Dr. David DeKriek, Au.D.; Dr. Terrisa Ha, M.D.; Carol Chen, Diana Needham and Grace Hu, past mayors of Cerritos, Cerritos Optimists, Cerritos-Artesia Soroptimists and Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos, Cerritos College and the city of Cerritos, Fashion by Rohini, Gloria and Sherman Kappe, George Ray, Sophia Tse, Norma Williamson, Lee and Mary Ann Tipton, Gene and Rhonda Burd Realty, Print Media Designs.

In addition, Amazon Fresh and Cerritos BJ's Restaurant and Brew House generously donated food for the participants and the judges' panel.

Famous Distinguished Young Women Alumnae include Diane Sawyer, Deborah Norville, Kim Basinger, Debra Messing, Kathie Lee Gifford.

Founded in 1958, Distinguished Young Women is a free program that encourages participants to reach their full individual potential. Our mission is to empower young women by providing over \$1 billion in scholarship opportunities, connecting with a nationwide network of women, developing their self-confidence, and participating in our Life Skills Workshops that prepare them for success after high school. National sponsors include Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation, Mobile County, City of Mobile, Alabama Power Foundation, Master Boat Builders, Shoe Station and the Barkin Family, Gant Travel Management, the Coffeen Family, Regions Financial Corporation, Jostens and Alabama Media Group. The 66th National Finals will take place in Mobile, Alabama on June 22, 23, and 24, 2023. For more information about Distinguished Young Women, visit www.DistinguishedYW.org

For more information about Distinguished Young Women, contact Tara Principe, National Headquarters Marketing and Communications Director, at 251-438-3621 or Tara@DistinguishedYW.org



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BREAKING NEWS

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos will review and consider the item listed below at a regular meeting on **Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.:**
Waive full reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 1042, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE AS THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1036. City Attorney Summary: Proposed Ordinance No. 1042 will establish the City's General Municipal Election date as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year pursuant to the authority granted by the California Constitution and the Cerritos City Charter. Additionally, the proposed ordinance will repeal Ordinance No. 1036, which previously established the City's General Municipal Election date as the second Tuesday of April in each even-numbered year, amended Cerritos Municipal Code Section 2.40.030, and repealed Ordinance No. 1019.

A copy of the full text of this proposed Ordinance can be viewed or obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends and observed holidays excepted) at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703, city_clerk@cerritos.us, or (562) 916-1248. This meeting will be conducted in-person in the **Sierra Room at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 18000 Park Plaza Drive, Cerritos, California, 90703.** The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public meeting. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to 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. Any person interested in this matter may contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the meeting in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCO-HOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24074 et seq.)
Escrow No. 010310-SH
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made.
The names, and address of the Sell-er/Licensee are: MEENAL MOHAN DHURI, 11402 ARTESIA BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701
The business is known as: JERRY'S LIQ-UOR MARKET
The names, and addresses of the Buy-er/Transferee are: HOM SHARMA AND ANJU ADHIKARI, 11402 ARTESIA BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in gen-eral as: LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IM-PROVEMENTS, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOOD-WILL, ABC LICENSE, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 11402 ARTE-SIA BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701
The kind of license to be transferred is: 21-OFF-SALE GENERAL
Now issued for the premises located at: 11402 ARTESIA BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is MAY 31, 2023 at the office of: SUPREME ESCROW, INC., 3701 WILSHIRE BLVD., #535 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010
The amount of the purchase price or consid-eration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, is the sum of \$670,000.00 plus estimated inventory of \$100,000.00, which consists of the follow-ing: Description/Amount CASH \$670,000.00; CASH \$100,000.00
It has been agreed between the Sell-er/Licensee and the intended Buy-er/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Profes-sions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the busi-ness and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Depart-ment of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
Dated: MARCH 29, 2023
SELLERS: MEENAL MOHAN DHURI
BUYERS: HOM SHARMA AND ANJU AD-HIKARI
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCO-HOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 230107-SP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic bever-age license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Sell-er(s)/licensee(s) are: ZSE INC., 11900 SOUTH ST. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703
Doing Business as: MAGIC TOUCH BULLET TRAIN SUSHI
All other business names(s) and ad-dress(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are:
The name(s) and address of the Buy-er(s)/applicant(s) is/are: HM RESTAU-RANTS, INC, 11900 SOUTH ST. #105 CER-RITOS, CA 90703
The assets being sold are generally de-scribed as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIX-TURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADE-NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVE-MENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COM-PETE, AND ABC LICENSE and is/are locat-ed at: 11900 SOUTH ST. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703
The type of license to be transferred is/are: 41-644886 ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE now issued for the premis-es located at: SAME
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic bev-erage license(s) is/are intended to be con-summated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW BP INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is MAY 4, 2023
The purchase price of consideration in con-nection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$305,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$5,000.00, which consists of the follow-ing: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$300,000.00
It has been agreed between the Sell-er(s)/licensee(s) and the intended Buy-er(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consid-eration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
Dated:
ZSE INC, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
HM RESTAURANTS, INC, Buy-er(s)/Applicant(s)
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CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2021-04
NEFF HOUSE, GEORGE HOUSE AND CARRIAGE BARN
EXTERIOR SURFACE REPAIR AND PAINT

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2021-04. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com/>. Work includes repair and replacement of damaged exterior wooden surfaces, patching of damaged stucco, application of textured stucco color coat to patched areas, and painting of exterior surfaces at the Neff House, George House, and Carriage Barn.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on May 19, 2023. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

SECTION 3 STATEMENT: This is a HUD Section 3 construction contract. A Section 3 Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Neff Park Carriage Barn, 14300 San Cristobal Drive, La Mirada, California 90638, to discuss the Section 3 requirements and benchmarks. In order to receive consideration a responsive and responsible bidder, the Declaration of Intent to Comply with Section 3 must be completed and submitted along with the following forms as applicable: Completed and signed a) Section 3 Business Certification form, or b) Section 3 Worker Certification form(s), and or c) Section 3 Targeted Worker. A bidder who is not responsive to the Section 3 requirements of the Housing Development Act of 1968 (as amended), outlined above, will not receive consideration for bidding purposes.

For a detailed description of the notice inviting seal bids, please reference the project specifications.

SECTION 3 CLAUSE

A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assistance or HUD assisted projects covered by Section 3 shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this contract will comply with HUD’s regulations as set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.

C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers’ representative of the contractor’s commitments under this Section 3 Clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications of each, and the name and location of the persons taking applications for each of the positions, and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

D. The contractor agrees to include this Section 3 Clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in its Section 3 Clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR Part 135.

E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected, but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, where not filled to circumvent the contractor’s obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

F. Noncompliance with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian Housing Assistance, Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and Section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b).

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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CITY OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE
7400 SLAUSON AVENUE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the 7400 Slauson Avenue Project (the Project) located in the City of Commerce (City); State Clearinghouse No. 2022040177. The City will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project Applicant is processing a Development Plan and Plot Plan Review to redevelop the Project site with a 292,029 square foot (sf) warehouse/ distribution facility with 15,000 sf of office, 33 dock high loading doors, 63 truck trailer parking stalls, and 224 vehicle parking spaces. Automotive parking would be provided along the western, northern, and eastern boundaries of the Project site. Truck trailer parking would be located along the southern boundary of the Project site. The Project would require demolition of 249,579 sf of existing structures, associated on-site landscaping, and associated on-site parking. Existing structures include one primary 233,260 sf warehouse and office building, and five ancillary structures with which range from 694 sf to 6,750 sf. Access to the Project site would be provided by two driveways along Slauson Avenue to the north and two driveways along Greenwood Avenue to the east.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site encompasses 13.94 acres of land (Assessor’s Parcel Number [APN] 6356-016-022) –located at 7400 Slauson Avenue, at the southwest portion of the City of Commerce. The Project is south of Slauson Avenue, west of Greenwood Avenue, and north of the Pacific Electric Railroad. Local access to the site is provided via Slauson Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. Regional access to the site is provided via Interstate 5 (I-5) approximately 0.2 miles to the northeast and Interstate 710 (I-710) approximately 2.0 miles to the west.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: Based on analysis provided in the Draft EIR, it was determined that the Project would not have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts. All significant impacts can be mitigated to below a level of significance. The Project would result in potentially significant construction-related impacts to cultural resources, geology and soils (paleontological resources), hazards and hazardous materials, and tribal cultural resources; however, mitigation measures incorporated into the Project would reduce potential impacts to less than significant.

PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENT PERIOD: A copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review online at: <https://www.ci.commerce.ca.us/city-hall/economic-development-and-planning/planning-environmental-documents-for-review>.

In accordance with CEQA, a 45-day public review period will be provided for responsible agencies and all interested persons to submit comments on the Draft EIR. The comment period will start on Friday, April 14, 2023 and end at 6:00PM on Monday, May 29, 2023. Written comments must be submitted to the City by **May 29, 2023** to be timely for consideration in the preparation of the EIR. Please direct your comments by e-mail or U.S. mail to:

Ignacio Rincon, City Planner
City of Commerce, Economic Development and Planning Department
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, California 90040
(323) 722-4805
E-Mail: irincon@ci.commerce.ca.us
Hours: Monday – Thursday 8am to 6pm

Per Government Code Section 65962.5, the Project is listed in the Hazard Mapping System (HMS), Hazardous Waste Transporter System (HWTS), Emissions Inventory Data (EMI), Hazardous Waste Information System (HAZNET), California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), Cleanup Program sites- Spills, Leaks, Investigation, and Cleanup (CPS-SLIC), Enforcement & Compliance History Information (ECHO), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act-Small Quantity Generator (RCRA-SQG), Facility Index System (FINDS), Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) non generators (NonGen/NLR), and California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database. While the databases do indicate the presence that Other Organic Solids were stored (but not treated) on site, there were no long-standing effects and the Project has no active hazard files recorded. Project construction activities would require compliance with the Soil Management Plan.

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
LOUIS J. COROSU
CASE NO. 23STPB03267
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LOUIS J. COROSU.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LOUIS SCIARROTTA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LOUIS SCIARROTTA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent’s WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
MICHELYN R. MILLER - SBN 210355,
PATTERSON LAW FIRM, APC
1800 E. IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, SUITE 110
BREA CA 92821
BSC 223119
4/7, 4/14, 4/21/23
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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower Ca. 90706 on 4/25/2023 at 12:30 p.m.
Najah Small – Cabinet
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Please publish on 04/7/2023 and 4/14/2023



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