



Federal Cuts Affecting Disabled Students in California

By Emma Gallegos

Jake, a 17-year-old junior, is beginning to think about life after he graduates from Mt. Carmel High School in San Diego.

This is a daunting task for any teen, but his mother, Angela, says it’s been especially thorny for Jake, who is on the autism spectrum, has attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and struggles with anxiety.

The prospect of getting a job one day soon has made him “suicidal,” said Angela, who asked not to share her family’s last name to protect her son’s privacy about his diagnoses. She said her son has told her, “I’m going to be homeless; I won’t get a job.”

So Angela was thrilled when Jake was accepted into a new program at his school, Charting My Path for Future Success, which helps students with disabilities navigate into adulthood. In late January, Jake began to meet with a caseworker who seemed to understand his needs. At the time, Angela thought, “My prayers have been answered,” she said.

That changed on Feb. 12, when Jake’s school district, Poway Unified, received a notice that the Trump administration had cut funding for the grant behind Charting My Path.

Advocates for disabled students worry

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Artesia Cemetery Celebrates Earth Day

By Brian Hews

Area residents and over twenty students from Gahr High came to participate in Artesia Cemetery’s Earth Day Celebration.

Also in attendance was Supervisor Janice Hahn’s Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo.

Cemetery Chairman Mike Wada spoke of the significance and history of Earth Day before unveiling the Eternal Ossuary.

In a historic move blending tradition and modern burial needs, the cemetery completed construction on the ossuary, offering a respectful and space-conscious option for cremated remains.

The addition is part of a broader revitalization effort led by former State Senator and GM Tony Mendoza, who was appointed in 2019, and the Cemetery Board.

Under their leadership, the cemetery has undergone a dramatic transformation—from upgraded irrigation systems and landscape restoration to solutions for long-standing gopher issues.

The new ossuary not only expands options for local families, but also aligns with evolving trends toward cremation and environmentally sensitive practices.

“This is about honoring the past while preparing for the future,” said Mendoza. “The ossuary is a meaningful step forward in how we preserve legacy in our community.” More on page two.



ARTESIA’S PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO EGGSTRAVAGANZA
BEFORE THE HUNT: Area residents attended Artesia’s event on Saturday, April 19. Seen here are the Artesia City Council, ABCUSD Board Trustees, the Artesia Queen and her court, and L.A. County Sheriff’s Department and Fire Department. The firefighters and deputies showcased their vehicles, giving attendees a behind-the-scenes look. Deputy Daniel Tepale and Firefighter Randal Southwick were honored at the event as Deputy and Firefighter of the Year. **Picture courtesy city of Artesia.**

Pico Rivera Earns ‘SolSmart’ Gold Designation for Solar Energy Leadership



GOLD DESIGNATION: From (l-r) Pico Rivera Councilmember Dr. Monica Sanchez; Mayor Pro Tem Gustavo V. Camacho; Mayor John R. Garcia; Victor Ferrer, Pico Rivera Director of Sustainability and Energy; Stephani Campos, Pico Rivera Sustainability Intern; Paola Zaray Granados, Pico Rivera Sustainability Specialist; Leslie Graham, Vice President of Development at the Interstate Renewable Energy Council and Pico Rivera Councilmember Erik Lutz.

By Brian Hews

Pico Rivera announced this week that it has received a Gold designation from the national SolSmart program, recognizing the City’s leadership in improving access to affordable solar energy at the local level. Pico Rivera is the first City in California to receive this honor since 2023 and the first Gateway City ever to achieve the Gold level designation.

SolSmart is a national program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy that helps local governments make it faster, easier, and more affordable to adopt solar energy. Launched in 2016, SolSmart provides no-cost technical assistance and recognizes communities that implement best practices to reduce barriers to solar energy development.

“This designation truly reflects our City’s strong commitment to environmental leadership, sustainability and

equity for our community,” said Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona. “We’re honored to be a model for cities across California and the nation that are striving to make clean energy more accessible for everyone.”

The SolSmart program is led by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

“Pico Rivera serves as a shining example of a community dedicated to increasing energy options, removing unnecessary barriers, and ensuring that all residents can access the benefits of solar energy. The SolSmart program commends Pico Rivera on their well-deserved Gold designation,” said Deb Perry, Program Director, ICMA.

“I want to extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the city staff

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LCCN EXCLUSIVE Huntington Park Appoints City Council Person After Government Deadline

By Brian Hews

Against the advice from a Superior Court judge and violating the state’s election code, the Huntington Park City Council held a special meeting April 23, and appointed a city councilperson for the vacant seat of former Councilwoman Esmeralda Castillo.

On February 18, 2025 City Council members Arturo Flores, Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez, and Jonathan Sanabria blatantly violated government code by removing Castillo from her seat, using a reportedly trumped-up investigation by attorney and former La Mirada Councilman Andrew Sarega that claimed Castillo did not live in the city.

LCCN was first to report Castillo’s removal.

Sarega and the Huntington Park Police Department conducted an investigation and found, without disclosing the evidence to the press, that Castillo “didn’t live in the city.”

Castillo has maintained she lives in the city and stated the investigation was in retaliation for a harassment claim she brought against the three councilmen.

Regardless of the residency claim, the documentation should have been handed over to the attorney general, who would have conducted their own investigation, resulting in a “quo warranto” proceeding.

Quo warranto is a legal proceeding used to challenge a person’s right to hold a public office, in this case, Castillo. A quo warranto action can only be brought by the California Attorney General on behalf of the public. A private party, such as Sarega, can show evidence and, with the Attorney General’s consent, also start a quo warranto proceeding.

Sarega and the City Council did neither; instead, they callously removed Castillo at their meeting on February 18, 2025.

Agenda item 1 for the April 23, 2025 meeting, two days after the 60-day deadline to appoint, stated that the City Council will “receive presentations from applicants seeking appointment to the vacant City Council seat; at the Council’s discretion, [they will] discuss the applications and/or ask questions of the applicants; [they will then] consider making an appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat in accordance with Government Code § 36512.”

GC 36512 states that a City Council person must be appointed within 60 days after the vacancy. Since Castillo was removed on February 18, the 60th day would have been April 20; in a Keystone Cops moment, Councilmen Arturo Flores, Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez, Jonathan Sanabria, and City Attorney Sarega missed the deadline.

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Artesia Cemetery Unveils Eternal Ossuary



CELEBRATING EARTH- from (l-r) Artesia Cemetery District GM Tony Mendoza, Artesia Council member Monica Manalo, Artesia Mayor Ali Taj, Trustee Arturo Sanchez, Jr., Chair Mike Wada, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo, Trustee Aurelia Palhinha and Vice Chair Mike Laughlin. Behind the group is an earth-friendly ossuary that was recently finished.

Miller Children’s & Women’s Celebrate Autism Acceptance Day, Begins Month-Long Celebration

LCCN Staff Report

Community members, patients, staff and families from the Stramski Children’s Developmental Center at Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital came together to celebrate Autism Acceptance Day showcasing the importance of support and understanding for neurodivergent individuals on the autism spectrum. Autism Acceptance Day on April 2 marks the beginning of a month-long celebration and advocacy for understanding, compassion and acceptance.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability characterized by a diverse array of challenges that can significantly impact an individual’s daily functioning through communication, social interaction, and behavior. Autism manifests uniquely in each person, leading to a spectrum of symptoms and experiences.

During the event, patients, care teams, community members, and firefighters from the Long Beach Fire Department participated in a striking visual representation of this statistic. Each attendee held a blue puzzle piece, while one patient held a white puzzle piece to represent the 1 in 36 children diagnosed with autism. A highlight of the event was the presence of Mini Therapy Horses, who provided a calming and engaging experience for children and families. Patients had the opportunity to interact with the miniature horses, guiding them through engaging tricks such as smiling, high-fiving, and even playing a keyboard. These gentle animals offered a unique form of emotional sup-



ACCEPTANCE DAY: Dr. Gary Feldman (middle) joins firefighters, Mini Therapy Horses, and Millie the Dolphin at Autism Acceptance Day, bringing joy and support to children and families celebrating neurodiversity.

port, reinforcing the power of alternative therapies in pediatric care.

“Today, 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with autism, in a world that promotes conformity, today we are reminded of the beauty of diversity, embracing the differences that make each child unique,” says Gary Feldman, M.D., medical director, Stramski Children’s Developmental Center. “Acceptance isn’t just about tolerance; it’s about love, compassion, and celebrating the extraordinary gifts and talents each individual brings to the world.” Patients and families also enjoyed a range of sensory-friendly activities, including slime and fidget toys, and they had the chance to interact with Miller Children’s & Women’s beloved mascot, Millie the Dolphin. Additionally, guests had the opportunity to tour two fire trucks provided by the Long Beach Fire Department.

The Stramski Center at Miller Children’s & Women’s is a comprehensive center that cares for children — from birth to age 21 — with behavioral and develop-

Cerritos Street Work to Begin

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$5.3 million contract for street rehabilitation projects.

The areas that will be upgraded include Bloomfield Avenue between 183rd Street and 195th Street; 195th Street between Bloomfield Avenue and Norwalk Boulevard; and Norwalk Boulevard between 195th Street and Del Amo Blvd.

The scope of the work involves removing and replacing asphalt concrete, deficient concrete curb and gutters, installing traffic signal loops, and restriping lane lines, arrows, and stop bars. The work will also replace sidewalk panels, trees, and curb ramps.

The project includes installing conduits to create a secure communications network aimed at connecting City facilities to support City operations.

The project is scheduled to begin mid-spring and conclude by the end of summer. For more info., contact the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

Volunteer at the Cerritos Senior Center

Volunteer at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park for the opportunity to support your neighbors and a variety of programs. Seniors age 50 years and older, and youth ages 16 and above are encouraged to participate in this rewarding experience. Whether assisting with recreational activities, performing clerical work, serving lunch, or staffing the gift boutique, volunteers play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for seniors.

Senior volunteers can also share their unique life experiences while volunteering to teach classes and programs to their

peers.

Additionally, local school leadership clubs can utilize this volunteering opportunity to foster teamwork, empathy, and community engagement among their members, while making a positive impact.

Professionals, such as doctors and lawyers, are also needed to volunteer as instructors or to provide services at the Senior Center. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Senior Center at (562) 916-8550 or fill out the application online at Cerritos.gov/seniorvolunteer.

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INSIDE the Queen Mary's new Art Gallery. Photo Courtesy of The Queen Mary.

With its newly restored art deco masterpiece, captivating exhibits, and curated art gallery, the Queen Mary remains a cornerstone of Southern California’s cultural

landscape.

New to the Queen Mary’s art offerings are three can’t-miss additions: newly installed museum placards, the Queen Mary Archives Museum, and the onboard Queen Mary Art Gallery. The museum placards, located throughout the ship, provide historical context and fascinating insights into select artworks and iconic spaces, enhancing the self-guided experience for visitors.

The Archives Museum, accessible exclusively to guests who book the VIP tour, houses rarely seen furniture, artwork, and artifacts from the ship’s days of transatlantic luxury travel.

Guests exploring the Queen Mary’s newly curated Art Gallery can view a variety of remarkable works that speak directly to the ship’s legacy including: Madonna of the Tall Ships by Kenneth Shoesmith and The Mills Circus by Dame Laura Knight. Madonna of the Tall Ships was one of several original works commissioned by Cunard to decorate the Queen Mary’s first-class public rooms, capturing the romance and grandeur of ocean travel.

Visit queenmary.com/whatsondeck, or connect on social @TheQueenMary.

Whitney High Girls Basketball Team and Coaches Honored



CHAMPIONS! The City Council recognized the 2024-2025 Whitney High School Girls Basketball team as 2025 CIF State Division IV Champions. The basketball team defeated Half Moon Bay High 48-40 in mid-March in Sacramento to capture the CIF Championship. The Wildcats finish the program’s best season ever at 28-9.

Metro Announces June 6 Opening of LAX Metro Station

This week, Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn announced that the new LAX/Metro Transit Center Station will open June 6.

“The wait is nearly over, Los Angeles,” said Hahn. “At long last, we are getting a train to LAX. And when the LAX People Mover finally opens, we will truly have an international airport that connects people from inside the terminals to the

world beyond through Metro.”

The LAX/Metro Transit Center Station is located at Aviation Boulevard and 96th Street in Los Angeles. The station will offer access to both the Metro K and C Lines as well as a 16-bay bus plaza. It will be a direct connection to the LAX Automated People Mover which will provide seamless access between airport terminals when it opens later this year.

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Cerritos

April 14-20, 2025

Aggravated Assault:

12800 blk Midway Pl, near Shoe-maker and Alondra, knife.

Burglary Residential:

20100 blk Gridley Rd., near Gridley and Eckelson, loss, unknown.

Vehicle Burglary:

11200 blk 183rd St. 2018 Honda Clarity. Susp) unknown, loss, purse.

11100 blk 183rd St., inside Plaza 183 2006 Honda Accord. loss, backpack.

11200 blk 183rd St., inside Plaza 183 2024 GMC Canyon loss, backpack.

Robbery:

South St & Eli Ave., near Pat Nixon Park, no loss,, attempt only.

Burglary, Other:

13700 blk Midway, near Marwardt and Alondra, loss, electronics.

11900 blk South St., in the Sprouts Market parking lot, loss, electronics.

10800 blk 183rd St., at 183rd and the San Gabriel River, loss, electronics.

10800 blk Alondra Bl. at Alondra and the I-605loss, unknown.

12700 blk Towne Center Dr., inside the Twone Center, loss, unknown.

11500 blk South St., across the Target at Gridley, loss, copper wire.

Grand Theft:

17000 blk Edwards Rd. business park off Marquardt, loss, copper wire.

239 Los Cerritos, Los Cerritos Center, stolen vehicle: 2019 Kia Optima.

239 Los Cerritos, Los Cerritos Center stolen vehicle: 2012 Scion XB vehicle recovered.

12700 blk Towne Center, store in Towne Center, loss, cosmetics.

La Mirada

Notable Arrests

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

Robbery

An afternoon burglary occurred on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy. This incident is still under investigation.

A late-night robbery was reported in the area of Alondra Blvd. and Valley View Ave. This incident is currently under investigation.

Vehicle Burglary

A window smash vehicle burglary was reported on the 14300 block of San Ardo Dr.

Grand Theft

A daytime theft was reported on the 15700 block of Rosalita Dr.

Two thefts were reported on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

An electric unicycle was reported stolen on the 15200 block of Rose-crans Ave.

A theft occurred on the 14300 block of Gannet St.

Grand Theft Auto

A sedan was reported stolen on the 15300 block of San Ardo Dr.

A truck was stolen on the 14700 block of Artesia Blvd.

A pickup truck was reported stolen on the 15300 block of Castanet Dr.

An attempted vehicle theft was reported on the 14500 block of San Feliciano Dr.

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Under GC 36512, if the city council does not appoint someone within the 60-day window, a special election must be scheduled to fill the vacancy. The special election must be held on the next regularly scheduled election date, at least 114 days after the council calls the

election.

Albert Robles, attorney for Esmeralda Castillo, filed a temporary restraining order, arguing that Huntington Park, under Government Code Section 36512, is required to hold a special election, which will cost residents at least \$50,000.

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“Your social security benefits should NOT be impacted by President Trump and Musk’s cuts to funding and programs. If you experience any disruptions to your social security benefits, please report them to the California Department of Justice. While the California Department of Justice does not represent individuals, this information is vital in assisting in our ongoing investigation into social security disruptions and the impact of federal actions on our state.” To register your complaint go to oag.ca.gov/socialsecurity

Payroll taxes fund Social Security, which is supported by today’s workers and provides financial assistance to retired and disabled workers. Roughly 6 million Californians receive the benefit, and more than 65 million Americans do in total. “Social Security is an essential program that provides critical support to millions...” a 2023 brief from Stanford University found.

As part of President Donald Trump’s push to slash federal spending, the Social Security Administration said that it would cut 7,000 jobs, or roughly 12% of its overall workforce. It also said it would reorganize its 10 regional offices down to four.

Although most of the complaint form applies to those receiving benefits, many of the reported confusions surrounding the agency’s changes pertain to newly eligible individuals trying to sign up for benefits.

For example, offices are no longer accepting walk-in appointments. Many reports of people facing longer wait times for appointments and to receive their first benefits and Medicare coverage have come in.

In SoCal people who rode the bus for hours to get to Social Security offices were reportedly turned away, according to The New York Times. People who call the Social Security Administration have waited hours on hold for someone to answer. Those who’ve tried to access their accounts online this week were taken to a blank page.

Last Wednesday, Bonta also joined 20 other attorneys general in support of the American Association of People with Disabilities’ lawsuit challenging the Social Security Administration’s staffing cuts and policy changes.

In a statement, Bonta said, “Through their erratic and illegal actions, the Trump Administration and DOGE have weakened both the Social Security Administration’s ability to serve people and the public’s trust in essential government services. This has made it harder — at times impossible — for older adults and persons with disabilities to access the lifesaving benefits and services they depend on.”



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Hahn Proposes Water
Taxi Between San
Pedro to Long Beach

LCCN Staff Report

Last week, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn is applauding news that Long Beach will host 11 sports in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games – making Long Beach the host of the second highest number of sports of any city in the county after Los Angeles.

In light of this news, Hahn is proposing that Metro operate a water taxi from San Pedro to Long Beach during the games.

“Congratulations to Mayor Rex Richardson and the entire Long Beach team on securing 11 Olympic sports that will showcase so much of what makes Long Beach so special,” said Hahn.

“Long Beach will be the place to be in 2028 and I want us to get creative about how people will get there. I am proposing that Metro operate a water taxi between San Pedro and Long Beach as a fun and innovative way to get people around during the games.”

Long Beach will host everything from beach volleyball at Alamitos Beach, to coastal rowing at the Waterfront, to sport climbing and water polo at the Long Beach Convention Center.



OLYMPIC TAXI: The AquaLink is a seasonal water taxi service operated by Long Beach Transit offering a scenic and convenient way to travel between key waterfront destinations in Long Beach. It can accommodate up to 70 passengers and serves adult (and kid) beverages.

Hahn is the current chair of the Metro Board of Directors and chair of Metro’s Ad-Hoc Committee on the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

At the next ad-hoc committee meeting, Hahn will introduce a motion to have Metro explore the feasibility of the agency operating a water taxi during the 2028 Summer Games that would ferry attendees and tourists between San Pedro and Long Beach within the breakwater.

“If we really want the 2028 games to

be ‘transit-first,’ we have to make transit fun for people and we can’t just rely on buses and trains,” said Hahn. “A water taxi would be a great time for visitors and residents alike and would keep traffic off our bridges.”

Long Beach Transit already operates two water taxi services: the AquaBus, which operates within Rainbow Harbor, and the AquaLink, which connects Alamitos Bay to Rainbow Harbor.





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who updated the website, attended trainings, worked to adopt automated solar permitting, and the many other things that went into this Gold designation... These changes—some small, some large, all impactful — make a real difference in lowering costs and making it easier to deploy solar in Pico Rivera,” said Leslie Graham, IREC’s Vice President of Development, at a designation ceremony on Earth Day. Graham awarded city staff their SolSmart Gold plaque in person to celebrate their achievement.

The City’s Power Choice program, offered through Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME), played a major role in achieving this Gold status. Launched in 2023, Power Choice provides Pico Rivera residents and businesses with access to solar energy and battery storage systems, offering them no

upfront costs and no credit check. Participants enjoy long-term bill savings and benefit from emergency backup power during outages via the Tesla Powerwall installed..

“Power Choice is a game-changer for our community,” continued Carmo-na. “It is helping residents take control of their energy use, cut costs, and gain peace of mind without the barriers that have kept so many from going solar in the past.”

Pico Rivera extends its thanks to the City Council for its continued leadership, to the residents and businesses who have supported these initiatives and its partners, Participate. Energy and Tesla, Inc., for their contributions to making this program a success. The future of energy innovation begins with bold local action.

To learn more about the Power Choice Program and to sign up, visit PoweredByPrime.org

Lakewood Holds Volunteer Day for Neighbors in Need



LENDING A HAND: On April 12, over 300 community volunteers fanned out to 23 locations throughout Lakewood to lend a hand to neighbors in need. “On behalf of the City Council and residents of Lakewood, I want to thank everyone who helped out on this year’s Volunteer Day,” said Mayor Todd Rogers. “The volunteer spirit in Lakewood is a big part of what makes us a strong, caring community.” Those helped by the volunteers included disabled, senior and other Lakewood neighbors who because of physical or economic hardship were unable to take care of the difficult circumstances their property faced.

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By Cerritos Mayor
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

As I work each day alongside my City Council colleagues, our staff, residents and businesses, I’m filled with excitement for the current state and future of Cerritos. I’m also continually reminded of how far we’ve come in our nearly 70 years as a City. Cerritos was incorporated on April 24, 1956, as the City of Dairy Valley, reflecting the agricultural focus of the community. In fact, during the City’s early days cows outnumbered residents by nearly 30 to 1. Some may still recall those vast areas of farmland that covered what would become Cerritos Towne Center and other now bustling brick and mortar properties.

Today, the City offers top-notch services to nearly 50,000 residents, as well as its many businesses and visitors, from our beautiful parks and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park to our state-of-the-art Library and renowned Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Cerritos is also known for its quality schools and strong business climate equipped with destination shopping venues like the Cerritos Auto Square, Los Cerritos Center, and more.

Each spring, we gather as a community to reflect on our growth and celebrate all that the City has to offer. On



Cerritos Mayor
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

Saturday, April 26, you’re invited to join us for Cerritos’ annual Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular in honor of the City’s 69th anniversary. Admission to the event is free, and it runs from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Sports Complex. A dance recital, local talent and professional acts will be featured, along with gourmet food trucks offering food for sale. A fireworks display will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Please note that Los Angeles County is also presenting an UbeFest event on April 26 at the adjacent Don Knabe Community Regional Park from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. As parking is limited, we recommend that you carpool to the events.

The City of Cerritos has a longstanding tradition of observing its own milestones and joining in observance of others across the nation. Earlier this month, the City Council kicked off plans to enhance future anniversary events. This includes the dedication of sculptures, preservation projects and contests for the 2026 Spring Fling, which will mark the City’s 70th birthday. Next year will also mark the 40-year remembrance of the Cerritos Air Disaster, the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, and the 25th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. We are honored to call attention to activities that are either celebratory in nature or worthy of our time as a community and nation to reflect and show our respects.

Read more about this year’s Spring Fling in the May edition of Cerritos News, which recently arrived in Cerritos mailboxes. For more on the City’s history and growth, visit cerritos.gov/history. I look forward to seeing you this Saturday and joining you at more events in the future.



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Why DOGE is Unconstitutional: Trump is Acting Extra-Constitutionally. Only Congress or the Supreme Court Can Stop Him.

By Alan Charles Raul

Mr. Raul was associate White House counsel under President Ronald Reagan and general counsel of the Office of Management and Budget under Reagan and President George H.W. Bush. He is board secretary of the Society for the Rule of Law and a lecturer at Harvard Law School.

President Donald Trump, his appointees, acting officials and quasi-official outsiders are in the midst of a radical restructuring or termination of government employees, agencies and programs. Whether this is in all, many or some regards desirable is debatable. Also debatable is whether the 49.8 percent of the electorate who elected Trump want all of this, and whether the 50.2 percent who voted for Kamala Harris or a third-party candidate want any of it.

What is not debatable, however, is that Congress has not authorized this radical overhaul, and the protocols of the Constitution do not permit statutorily mandated agencies and programs to be transformed — or reorganized out of existence — without congressional authorization.

The Constitution is well known to interpose meaningful checks and balances and a separation of powers among the responsibilities of the executive, legislative and judicial branches. It is also well understood that the respective branches’ powers and duties intersect and overlap. Fundamentally, however, all legislative power belongs to Congress, and executive power to the president. The judiciary steps in when the parameters of shared authority get complicated or confusing and constitutional lines are crossed.

The radical reorganization now underway is not just footfaulting over procedural lines; it is shattering the fundamental checks and balances of our constitutional order. The

DOGE process, if that is what it is, mocks two basic tenets of our government: that we are a nation of laws, not men, and that it is Congress which controls spending and passes legislation. The president must faithfully execute Congress’s laws and manage the executive agencies consistent with the Constitution and lawmakers’ appropriations — not by any divine right or absolute power.

Where the president identifies policy areas that need reform or spending that needs

to be supplemented, reduced or eliminated, the Constitution empowers him to recommend such measures as he finds “necessary or expedient” to Congress for it to dispose one way or the other — or, alternatively, ignore.

Yes, the president may advance his own policy agenda — including, of course, the ability to recommend reforms to Congress that he believes necessary or expedient. But there is no reading of the Constitution that allows any president to claim that a political mandate, or a political promise made, obviates or supersedes the role of Congress. It is the House and Senate that “make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for ... the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.”

Even under the most aggressive view of the president’s “unitary executive” control over the entire executive branch and independent agencies, it is Congress’s sole authority to appropriate and legislate for our entire government. The president basically directs the executive branch within the contours prescribed by Congress, subject to constitutional checks and balances. To be sure, the president and Congress share policy responsibility because the president

recommends budgets and necessary and expedient measures to Congress, whose bills the president can sign into law or veto. But in the end, the president is constitutionally stuck with the policies for the federal government that Congress enacts and appropriates. No one person in America is the law — not even a Trump or an Elon Musk.

So, how can the radical overhaul Trump and Musk are undertaking be reconciled with our constitutional order? Quite simply, it cannot be.

Congress must step in to enact this radical transformation — or the Supreme Court must stop it.

In the past several years, the court has provided unmistakable direction that Congress, not the executive, determines the scope of federal policy. The court even narrowed the president’s previously long-held entitlement to deference when interpreting ambiguous laws and policies.

Specifically, the Trump-Musk quest for government efficiency is led by a “department” that Congress did not establish, by unelected operatives who exercise overwhelming authority without appointment under the appointments clause, who are not subject apparently to any checks and balances, who are not faithfully executing the laws Congress has appropriated and legislated, and who are in the process of eliminating whole agencies, programs and millions of employees without any congressional authorization whatsoever. And they are doing so without explaining and recommending such measures to Congress. If all this is not a “major question” for Congress to decide with respect to the impact and consequence for America, then nothing is.

The judicial branch cannot allow this profound political and economic program to proceed without clear congressional authorization, which to this point has been completely absent. The fact that Trump was duly elected president does not displace the role of Congress to pass laws and set policy, and the fact that some or even much of the Trump-Musk transformation might be desirable does not make it constitutional. Campaign promises requiring legislation do not become law unless and until Congress says so. Thus, the Republican- and Democratic-appointed judges who have recently reined in the U.S. DOGE Service have not rejected the Trump administration’s quest for efficiency or reorganization; rather, they are insisting on holding the executive branch to long-standing constitutional, statutory and administrative rules.

What Trump may do is follow the Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 3) and law (31 U.S.C. Sec. 1111) by identifying and recommending major questions for Congress to answer. The federal judiciary must rein in agencies or officials when they overreach congressional authorization. Moreover, federal judges may no longer defer to extraordinarily expansive interpretations of executive branch authority, under DOGE or otherwise. The Supreme Court laid down that rule clearly last year when it decided *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*. That case famously overruled the so-called Chevron deference, holding that it is the judiciary — not the executive — that gets to decide the right interpretation of the laws Congress has enacted.

If the United States is to be transformed by DOGE, the president, Congress and Supreme Court all have some work to do first.

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Gift Ideas for Mom That Keep on Giving

By Melinda Meyers

Even though your mom may say “It’s the thought that counts”, you want to find the perfect gift this Mother’s Day to express how much you appreciate all she does throughout the year. No matter your budget, it’s possible to give mom a gift that provides days, months, and even years of joy.

Cut flowers rank as one of the most popular Mother’s Day gifts. No dusting and maintenance are required, and they are sure to generate a smile. Behavioral research at Rutgers University found the gift of flowers had immediate and long-term benefits.

Extend her enjoyment further by helping her grow, tend, and enjoy garden- ing throughout the growing season. A gift certificate to her favorite garden center, hobby store, or retail location allows

mom the freedom to select her own gift. She can enjoy time shopping for some- thing special that she wouldn’t normally buy for herself.

A hanging basket or container garden is another way to give mom a season of flowers and much more. Gardening helps improve health and well-being by reducing stress, lowering blood pressure, strengthening muscles, and increasing flexibility.

If mom likes to cook, a potted toma- to, container of greens, or window box of herbs may be the perfect gift. She can grow, prepare, and boost the flavor and health benefits with fresh, flavorful, and nutrient-rich vegetables and herbs.

If she prefers to do her own planting, consider giving her a container, potting mix, and some seeds or plants. Add some plant labels and let her create her own container garden.

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mom to keep gardening longer. The col- orful holster keeps them right where she needs them for deadheading and pruning small branches.

No matter what mom’s age or fitness level is, it’s important to protect her joints when gardening. Gifting her a colorful Kneelo® kneeler or knee pads (coronatools.com) will encourage her to do just that. The bright colors make them easy to find and the shock-absorbing foam interior provides a very comfort- able surface that helps reduce knee stress.

Add a hat to further protect mom from the heat and sun when work- ing outdoors. If it’s comfortable and

looks good, she’s more likely to wear it. Include some sunscreen and a pair of sunglasses for added sun protection. Many mothers appreciate the gift of time. Helping mom in her garden, working around her home, or assisting her with another hobby is a great way to spend time together and create memories while doing something mom loves.

Consider giving mom one of these or another gift that provides immediate and long-term enjoyment. She’ll appreciate your thoughtfulness when she opens the package, unwraps the flowers, or puts the tools and accessories to use all season long.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers’ website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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LBS Financial Credit Union Hosts Hygiene Drive for Cerritos College and Long Beach City College



HELPING OUT: LBS Financial Credit Union donates hygiene items to Viking Vault in Long Beach, CA. From left to right: Nico, Student Assistant; Ashley, Basic Needs Specialist; Violeta, Student Assistant; Oscar Velasco, LBS Financial Credit Union; Melissa, Basic Needs Coordinator and Reece Look, LBS Financial Credit Union. Bottom row: Alexis, Student Assistant and Manny Student Assistant.

LBCC’s Viking Vault and Cerritos’ College’s Falcon’s Nest are focused on providing students on campus who are in need with access to food and basic needs items.

LCCN Staff Report

LBS Financial Credit Union delivered over 490 personal hygiene supplies and wish list items to Long Beach City College Viking Vault and Cerritos College Falcon’s Nest as part of their annual Hygiene Drive.

The Credit Union purchased thousands of dollars of items on each school’s wish list and also held a hygiene supply drive with employees of the Credit Union during the month of February.

In March, the Credit Union delivered items like body wash, deodorant, hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste and other necessities crucial for maintaining overall good health.

“LBS Financial’s commitment has allowed us to enhance our capacity of students served at the Falcon’s Nest,” said Falcon’s Nest Program Facilitator, Amber Dofner. “We are honored to collaborate with LBS Financial Credit Union and look forward to continuing this impactful partnership and to continue to make a difference in the lives of students at Cerritos College.”

“We have an average of 2,400 weekly visits to our on-campus pantry called the Viking Vault. Hygiene are some of the most requested items that our students ask

for because of the cost, and our hygiene supplies rely solely on the donations we receive so we do not always have them in stock,” said Director, Basic Needs and CASA Grant, Justin Mendez.

“The large and generous hygiene donation from the LBS Financial Credit Union has helped close a gap by keeping our shelves stocked and helping us meet the needs of our students.”

This marks LBS Financial Credit Union’s second year of contributing hygiene supplies to the Long Beach City College Viking Vault and third year of supporting the Cerritos College Falcon’s Nest with similar donations.

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About Viking Vault

The Viking Vault is the food pantry at Long Beach City College, students can visit unlimited times for free groceries and snacks to support a healthy body and mind.

About Falcon’s Nest

Falcon’s Nest provides centralized support services for students facing basic needs insecurities. This is accomplished through access to resources both on-campus and off-campus, promoting community collaboration, and advocating for the educational success of students.

Cerritos Council Adoption of the Annual Combined Financial Program for Fiscal Year 2025–2026



The Cerritos City Council will review and consider the following item at a meeting to be held on **Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m.** in the City Council Chamber:

Budget Study Session #2 of the Annual Combined Financial Program for Fiscal Year 2025–2026, for the City of Cerritos and the Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency

The budget will be available for review upon publication of the City Council agenda for this meeting. Learn more at cerritos.gov/agendas.

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that other Trump administration proposals, such as dismantling the U.S. Department of Education and cutting Medicaid, could further harm disabled students. But some cuts have already taken effect.

The morning after the district was told its grant funding was cut off, Poway Unified notified four teachers being trained to help disabled teens transition to adulthood that they would immediately be reassigned to other positions in the district. This is despite early signs of success, such as one nonverbal student who had become highly engaged in sessions about career planning in a way he had never been in academic classes, McCrath-Smith said.

Jake will no longer receive training to help prepare him for college and employment. Now he will not receive mentoring or lessons on goal-setting, finding an apartment and other skills. His mother said he struggles with real-world topics like banking or how a resume works. She’s been looking for alternatives, but is unsure how her son will find help for his unique needs. “It was like a gut punch,” Angela said.

Educators’ worries extend beyond the 420 students in California, including students at Sweetwater Union High and Mt. Diablo Unified school districts, who were a part of the national study.

A letter written on behalf of the Special Education Local Plan Area [SELPA] Administrators of California, California County Superintendents, the Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education and the three districts hit by the cuts calls on Congress to compel the U.S. Department of Education to reverse its decision, and for the California Legislature to bridge the immediate funding gap of \$2.8 million for this “vital” special education research.

Cuts to special education teacher training The Trump administration also abruptly

terminated \$600 million in federal teacher training grants, including programs to address the acute shortage of special education teachers who work with California’s nearly 840,000 students with disabilities.

Three SELPAs in the state reported losing funding to create a pipeline of special education teachers, according to a March 25 letter sent to California state and federal legislators on behalf of the affected districts, SELPA Administrators of California and California County Superintendents.

Under these cuts, the Tulare County SELPA reported that it will lose about \$10 million, San Diego’s South County SELPA will lose \$4.1 million and the West San Gabriel SELPA will lose up to \$650,000. Those cuts are in limbo now as they’re also being challenged in court.

Teacher shortages can impede the education of students with disabilities, said Tamara Schiern, executive director of the West San Gabriel Valley SELPA. When districts are unable to fill openings for these positions, they either hire teachers who are not fully credentialed or long-term substitutes.

This is why the West San Gabriel Valley SELPA began a program to train teacher residents specifically in special education. Funding came from state and district sources, but districts with high-need students received federal reimbursement for their share. This year, the program supported 27 teacher residents; ultimately, the goal was to cover 40 residents.

But federal cuts to the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant mean that the annual stipend for the residents will be slashed from \$37K to \$27K; the coordinator for the program was cut, and only half the number of teacher residents can be supported.

In the meantime, the letter from administrators and superintendents asks California’s congressional delegation to pressure the U.S. Department of Education to reinstate the funding and the state legislators to cover the \$14.9 million shortfall.



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La Mirada Softball Classic

La Mirada Peaking at Right Moment, Post Semifinal Win Over California In Own Tournament

By Loren Kopff
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La Mirada High lost a 2-0 lead to California High after half an inning and a 3-2 lead going to the bottom of the eighth inning last Saturday in the semi-finals of the La Mirada Classic at Jennie Finch Field. But the Matadores made sure not to lose another one-run lead in the ninth inning.

With runners at first and second with none out, sophomore pitcher Alison Ortega got Bella Esparza to flyout, then got Emily Olguin and Sophia Urena to swing on 0-2 pitches as La Mirada extended its winning streak to 15 straight wins at the time with a 4-3 win over the Condors. It was the first extra inning victory for the Matadores, who now have won two of three games decided by a run.

“That’s why we run the tournament later in the year,” said La Mirada head coach Brent Tuttle. “It’s a late tournament; most tournaments are already done by now. We run this up and I have to look, but I would say at least 80 percent of the teams in this tournament are going to make the playoffs, and they come out here knowing they’re going to get good games. And that’s what we want; to play good games late. This tournament also helps us prepare for the playoffs.”

On the third pitch of the game, senior shortstop Amanda Urbina doubled to center and sophomore first baseman Reese Hilliard reached on the first of three errors by the Condors. Two batters later, senior third baseman Angelyna Conde singled to left to load the bases. Then on the fourth pitch she saw from Pricilla Ramirez, senior second baseman Alyssa Avila laced a single to the right field gap to bring in Urbina and Hilliard. After senior left fielder Angelina Ratzlaff reached on a fielder’s choice, Ramirez retired the next 13 batters she faced.

“I would say [Ramirez] and their defense...we hit some balls solid and there were some great plays,” said Tuttle. “You can’t get mad when we have the bases loaded or there’s two on and we’re hitting hard line drives. I mean, it is what it is; they caught them, and we had to go out there and play defense.”

While La Mirada’s potent offense

was stymied for the next four innings, California was doing all it could to get back into the game. With one out in the bottom of the first inning, senior pitcher Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas walked Jessica Gurule and Mia Martinez before leaving the game in favor of Ortega. Both runners would advance on a wild pitch before a groundout from Shirley Acevedo allowed Gurule to touch home plate.

Ortega then retired nine of the next 10 batters she faced before Esparza smacked a home run over the centerfield fence to tie the game. Olguin would single to left on the next pitch, but Ortega

got Urena to ground back to her to end the threat. In the sixth, a lead-off single from Martinez was followed by a double play, and a two-out infield hit in the seventh by Urena was wasted when Ortega got Lauren Trivino to ground-out.

With one out in the eighth and sophomore right fielder Megan Avila standing on second per the international tiebreaker rules, Hilliard reached on an error as Avila scored to make it 3-2. But in California’s half of the inning, Trivino tied the game on a wild pitch. Then in the ninth and sophomore pinch runner Jasmine Rodriguez at second, Avila was safe on an infield single and moved to second on an error. That was followed by a base hit to right from Ratzlaff, who delivered the game winner. Still, the Matadores stranded six runners while the Condors left one more on the basepaths.

“You never want to leave runners on,” said Tuttle. “But it’s a whole different lineup today. We were missing two key starters who are batting .300 and .400. Right now, that’s eight home runs out of our lineup.”

Ortega, as she has been all season, was remarkable, throwing 125 pitches in over eight innings, walking out one and striking out nine as she improved to 9-2 this season. It was the fourth time she has had to come in relief for Reyes-Cardenas to have an impact on the outcome as the other three times resulted in two saves and one victory.

“She’s grown so much this year, and she wants the ball every time,” said Tuttle of Ortega. “You like it when you have two

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Baseball, Softball League Titles Up For Grabs as Regular Season Winds Down

By Loren Kopff
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With less than two weeks remaining in the regular season, only the Gateway League title for baseball had been clinched while first place in the 605 League, Gateway League, Mid-Cities League and Olympic League for softball had not been decided. And of the 16 area baseball and softball teams, all but one was mathematically alive for at least a CIF-Southern Section playoff spot.

BASEBALL
605 LEAGUE

Artesia High has had an inconsistent league season, sweeping Whitney High, getting swept by Cerritos High, splitting with fifth place Pioneer High and more recently losing a game to Oxford Academy before tying the Patriots in the back end of the home and home series. The Pioneers are 14-7-1 overall and 3-4-1 in league action as they will visit John Glenn High on Tuesday with third place on the line. Artesia is half a game behind the Eagles. The second game in the home and home series will be on May 2.

Glenn hosted Pasadena High this past Wednesday in non-league action and dropped a 5-2 affair, giving up three runs in the top of the seventh inning. The Eagles (7-13, 4-4) visited St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy on Apr. 24 head of the big series with the Pioneers.

Once again, the league title will come down to the final week when Cerritos (14-11, 7-1) squares off with Oxford Academy, which is 5-1-1 in league. The front end of the home and home series will be at Cerritos on Tuesday and if the hosts win, they will clinch the league outright.

GATEWAY LEAGUE

Gahr High’s attempt of an outright league title was dashed this past Tuesday when the Gladiators dropped a 4-1 decision to Warren High. The two met again the next day on Warren’s field and the Gladiators gave up a run each in the bottom of the sixth and seventh inning, losing to the Bears 2-1 and seeing their record fall to 11-10, 5-3. The season-series wraps up on Friday at Gahr before the blue and gold hosts last place Bellflower High on Tuesday before going to Bellflower on Wednesday.

La Mirada High completed its league slate with a 2-1 win over Bellflower this past Monday, improving to 19-6, 10-2 and will be off until May 6 when it entertains Arcadia High. Gahr’s loss to Warren this past Wednesday gave La Mirada its third straight Gateway League title. The Matadores have had a daunting schedule that featured four four-game weeks-Mar. 25-28 (Boras Baseball Classic), Apr. 1-4 (league games), Apr. 9-12 (National High School Invitational in Cary, N.C.) and Apr. 15-19 (the Gahr series plus West Ranch High last Saturday, a 12-4 victory).

“This break is exactly what we need at the right time,” said La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn. “We’re never dodging anybody; we’re going to play the toughest schedule we can find. This year, I think [playing] 17 games in the last four weeks is a gauntlet, considering travelling, the Boras Classic, the Gahr series, West Ranch. Downey is very good; we had a makeup game with Warren mixed in where we had to win four straight league games in four straight days. I’ve never had a schedule like [this one]. The break is well-deserved and needed. We’re going to play Bellflower [this past Monday] then I’m giving them

the rest of the Spring Break off. I couldn’t tell you the last time I had a Spring Break off.”

In the bottom of the fifth inning against West Ranch, senior infielder Maverrek Russell, who will soon be taking his talents to UCLA, collected his 117th hit, tying R.J. Lamb for the school record in career hits. Lamb played for La Mirada from 2014-2017.

“He’s the best of the best,” said Zurn. “I couldn’t be happier for a better kid. La Mirada High baseball and the tradition and the players that we’ve had and the fact that he tied it [and is] on the brink of breaking that record is a tribute to him. He’s the best hitter I’ve ever coached. He’s just a tremendous kid. Obviously, he’s going to UCLA for a reason. I couldn’t be happier for him and his family.”

MID-CITIES LEAGUE

Norwalk High, which went 3-17 last year and lost all 12 Gateway League contests, have turned it around now that the Lancers are back in the Mid-Cities League. The Lancers (11-8, 7-4) were slated to visit Lynwood High this past Tuesday and will entertain the Knights on Friday before hosting Firebaugh High on Tuesday. One more win in the final four games will clinch no worse than third place, and the two opponents are below the Lancers in the standings.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

Another team having a turnaround campaign in Valley Christian High, which thrashed Heritage Christian High 12-1 this past Tuesday to improve to 12-9, 4-1. Junior Josh Hulse pitched a complete game, one-hitter as he and senior Riley Jones have combined to go the distance in the last four games and seven times in the last nine outings. The Defenders, who are two games ahead of Heritage Christian for second place, hosted the Warriors on Apr. 24 and a win will most likely lock up no worse than second place. V.C. will travel to league-leading Maranatha High on Tuesday.

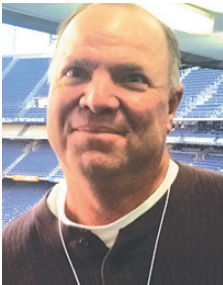
SOFTBALL
605 LEAGUE

It will have been two full weeks since Artesia was in action when it hosts Oxford Academy on Tuesday. The Pioneers, who were upset by Whitney 18-12 on Apr. 15, are 9-8, 3-3 and will have home games against Glenn (May 2) and Pioneer (May 5) before ending the regular season at Cerritos on May 6. Artesia is currently tied for third place with Oxford Academy, a game behind Pioneer.

League-leading Cerritos (11-6, 7-0) has not played since defeating Glenn 8-2 on Apr. 17 and will host Whitney on Tuesday and Redondo Union High on Wednesday. The Dons are seeking their seventh straight league title.

For Glenn to get to the playoffs, it will need to win its last four games, three of which are at home, and get some help. While the Eagles are sitting at 8-7 overall and winless in six league games, they could sneak into at least a tie for third place with wins over Oxford Academy on Monday, Pioneer on Tuesday, Artesia on May 2 and Whitney on May 6.

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GATEWAY LEAGUE BASEBALL

Irwin's Two-Hit Shutout Helps Gahr Win Season-Series From Defending League Champions

By Loren Kopff
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La Mirada High was seeking its third straight Gateway League title and ninth league crown in a row, but Gahr High senior pitcher Noah Irwin had other plans. In his first start of the season, Irwin pitched a complete game, yielding just two hits and allowing eight runners to reach base as the Gladiators scratched across two runs in the shutout victory last Friday on La Mirada's field.

After losing to the Matadores in five of six league games the past two seasons, Gahr took two of three from La Mirada last week and improved to 11-8 overall, 5-1. It's the first time Gahr shutout La Mirada since May 26, 2006, a 6-0 victory.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys," said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "I thought it was a team effort; obviously Noah Irwin pitched great. We got some timely hits, we executed and pulled that play out of our hat at the end of the game. No matter what, [La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn] does a good job and they're a good program. It's going to be like that every time; we knew that coming into the game. I have nothing but respect for those guys."

"First off, you have to tip your cap to [Irwin]," said Zurn. "At the end of the day, his stat line was good. We struck out only one time, so it wasn't like we weren't putting balls in play. I thought we had a lot of undisciplined at-bats. I guess that's a good way of putting it. We just didn't hit the way we're capable of."

This was also the second time in four days Irwin had faced the Matadores as he pitched the final seven outs of a 10-2, nine-inning affair in which he picked up

his third win of the season. His complete game last Friday was just the second for the Gladiators in 2025 as junior Jake Ourique blanked La Jolla Country Day High 2-0 on Mar. 31.

"I came in on Tuesday and shut them out for two and a half innings," said Irwin. "So I knew how to approach their guy. That's who I faced when I came in on Tuesday. I knew the deal; I had to pitch to contact, I had to trust my guys."

After La Mirada junior pitcher Kaden Corns retired the first four batters on 15 pitches, he walked junior catcher Nate Guangorena and gave up an infield knock to junior third baseman Julian Lucero. But a pop-up and a fly-out on a total of five pitches ended that threat. However, Gahr made sure to cash in on its next opportunity, which came in the top of the third inning.

With one out, senior center fielder Taison Miller beat out an infield single, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly from junior short-stop Andres Gonzalez. That would be enough for Irwin, although the Gladiators stranded six runners from that point on until the seventh inning, including three left at second base, two of them with one out.

"We've got the right combination; Taison's pretty good and pretty fast, and Andres had a good game defensively and had a good game offensively," said Perez. "He

stepped up and did very well.

"We had a great practice yesterday, so we weren't down because of the day before," he later said. "We didn't have school [today], so it was a really good vibe coming into the

game. It was 0-0 in the first inning, but after the Taison strikeout, I believe Andres hit a missile up the middle and [Kaden] snagged it, and then Bryce had a very good [at-bat], too. So, we didn't score, but we won the first inning meaning we had better at-bats than they did."

"In the first couple of innings, he actually didn't have his slider very well," said Zurn of his starter. "He was trying to feel it out, then it got really good. The pitching wasn't the problem [today]. I feel very confident in our offense to where if our pitchers give up one earned run total, then we have to win that game. Our pitchers did well enough for us to win that game."

Offensively, La Mirada was making good contact but was thwarted by Gahr's defense most of the time. Senior third baseman Kevin Jeon had his potential first inning line drive caught by Gonzalez, then senior left fielder Win Gurney led off the second with the first of his team's two hits. But a double play on the next pitch ended that opportunity. The Matadores then had runners caught stealing in the next two frames and a sharp line drive off the bat of senior catcher Jacob Celiz was thwarted by Gonzalez again.

That was a huge play because Irwin

would walk sophomore pinch hitter Bear Calvo and senior third baseman Maverek Russell before a fielder's choice from senior first baseman Jason Rodriguez kept the hosts off the board. By now, Irwin was up to 73 pitches and had no plans of leaving the game.

"I was still feeling good, but I had to really dig deep and trust myself because that's the biggest part," said Irwin. "I know I pitched two days ago, but I was just going to go until I couldn't anymore; until they took the ball out of my hands because that's all I wanted to do. I want the ball, so all I had to do was perform and do the best I could for as long as I could."

"Honestly, I think Perez stayed away from me a little bit in this game," he later said. "I didn't hear one word from Perez, but from my pitching coach, they know how to keep me settled down. I got a little riled up in that last inning, especially with what was going on the other side. But I had to keep my composure and just know that I had it."

Gahr's second run came on a one-out walk to Gonzalez and a double to the right field gap from junior designated hitter Bryce Morrison. But Jeon's defensive performance kept Gonzalez at third momentarily. An intentional walk to senior right fielder Adrien Ramirez loaded the bases before Gonzalez stole home.

"That was a big hit, but I told Kevin Jeon what a great play [he made]," said Perez. "He cut that ball off and made a strong throw or else Andres scores. Most other right fielder's don't get to that ball and make a good throw because they had to go so far. So, he kept us from scoring more."

{See GAHR, page 12}



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GAHR from page 11

A double play with one on and one out in the bottom of the seventh ended the game as the Matadores were limited to two hits for the third time this season and first since the third game of the season. They were also held to one hit against Corona High in the fourth game.

La Mirada, which defeated West Ranch High 12-4 last Saturday and edged Bellflower High 2-1 this past Monday in a makeup game, will now have some time off as its next game won't be until May 6 when the Matadores (19-6, 10-2) entertain Arcadia High.

“The fact that we won 12-4 on Senior Day, I think that shows a lot of character out of our guys,” said Zurn. “Look, it’s far from over; Gahr has six league games left to go. That’s on them, but it’s out of our control, and I think that’s the most disappointing part. But let’s not take away from what this group has accomplished.

“They’ve won three straight league titles and we’re still looking out for a fourth,” he continued, referring to his seniors. “It’s not done until it’s done. If they slip up once, then we’re co-champs. But going back to the moral, I thought the moral was outstanding [against West Ranch]. We came out and got 14 hits and 12 runs against a good West Ranch team.”

Gahr began this week with a three-game series against Warren High, two of them at home including Friday’s game. The Gladiators will then entertain Bellflower on Tuesday and go to the home of the Buccaneers on Wednesday. While the league title still hasn’t been clinched, Gahr needs to win at least five of its last six games to claim the program’s first league championship since 2010. The Gladiators had finished two games behind the Matadores in each of the first two seasons of the Gateway League.

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Whitney (7-9, 2-5) is also playing for its playoff lives as the fifth place Wildcats will host Pioneer on May 2 in between their games with Cerritos and Glenn.

GATEWAY LEAGUE

Despite an up and down season from the first game, Gahr is still in the running for at least a share of the league crown. The Gladiators, who have not won more than three games in a row, are 11-11-2, 4-1 as they host last place Mayfair High on Tuesday before going to first place La Mirada on Thursday.

La Mirada, which lost to Orange Lutheran High 13-3 last Saturday evening in the championship game of the La Mirada Classic, is 20-4, 5-0 as the Matadores will visit fourth place Paramount High on Tuesday.

MID-CITIES LEAGUE

Norwalk has also had an up and down season, sitting at 11-11-1 overall. But the Lancers have won six of seven league games and are in second place, a game behind Warren. Those two will face each other on Thursday but before that, the Lancers entertain third place Firebaugh.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

Valley Christian fell to California High 7-1 this past Tuesday in non-league action and took its 11-4-1 record into an Apr. 24 home game against Heritage Christian. The Defenders are 3-1 in league action, a game behind Whittier Christian High, whom they will face on Tuesday on the road.

BOYS TENNIS

The divisional brackets will be released on May 3 and five area teams will be vying for a division championship. Cerritos won the 605 League,

sharing the title with Oxford Academy while Whitney finished in third place. Norwalk won all 10 Mid-Cities League matches while La Mirada tied Lynwood for second place and V.C. captured the Olympic League, winning all eight league matches.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday will be the day that five area teams find out who they play, what division they are put in and where they have to go for their first round matches. Whitney finished on top of the 605 League with a 12-0 mark while Cerritos and V.C. finished in third and fourth places with league marks of 8-4 and 6-6, respectively. Gahr came in second place in the Gateway League with an 8-2 record while La Mirada was in third place in the Mid-Cities League at 4-3.

LA MIRADA from page 10

pitchers who want the ball, and Ali was ready. Every game, we make sure both pitchers are ready to go.”

LEGAL NOTICES - YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW!

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-966

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF TITLE 5 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES.

Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia adopted Ordinance No. 25-966 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to the maintenance of vacant properties. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- **The Vacant Properties Ordinance** strengthens the maintenance, security, and overall management of vacant properties. Key changes include:
 - **Security Measures:** Requires fence repairs, locking gates, and securing doors and windows to prevent unauthorized access to buildings/structures.
 - **Landscaping and Irrigation:** Requires the submittal of landscaping and irrigation plans.
 - **Maintenance of Water Features:** New regulations ensure that pools, spaces and other water features remain free of pollutants and debris and do not attract pests.
 - **Mitigation Plans for Long-Term Vacancies:** Requires the removal of interior furniture and personal items to clear visibility of the property’s interior.
 - **Additional Maintenance and Security Measures:** Allows Director to impose additional security measures, including security lighting, increased inspection frequency, or the employment of security guards.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Manalo, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj, Ahir; Noes: None

Please note that the above is simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.

Date: April 25, 2025 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 118

Public Notice is hereby given that City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

<u>PRE-BID MEETING ON:</u>	Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
<u>BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:</u>	Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
<u>BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON:</u>	Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
<u>PLACE OF BID RECEIPT:</u>	Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the City Hall Roof Replacement, Project 118, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at City Hall Building located at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716, to walk through the site and go over the scope of work.

The project will include the removal and replacement of the existing roof including roofing materials, rain gutters, screens, and all other appurtenances, miscellaneous replacement of structural plywood, some electrical work, and all other items not mentioned but indicated in the Plans and Specifications. The Contractor shall complete all work in every detail within Thirty (30) working days after the date of the “Notice to Proceed”. All demolition work shall be completed between July 17th to July 21st, 2025.

Electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Bidders must submit their request for receiving the plans and specifications via email to Neema Ghanbari at nghanbari@hgcity.org. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562)420-2641 ext. 206.

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

Speaking of Languages

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Solution on page 14

Solution: 12 letters

CITY OF ARTESIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, to consider the following:

Project Description: Case No. 2023-01:

The Planning Commission will consider and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following: 1) Amending the City of Artesia Municipal Code, Title 9, Planning and Zoning, Chapter 2, to enact a Mixed-Use Overlay Ordinance (MU-O); 2) Amending the City Zoning Map to delineate the Mixed-Use Overlay Zone on the City Zoning Map.

Project Location:

The MU-O would extend generally along the Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia Boulevard, and South Street corridors. Specific parcels are identified by Assessor’s Information Number (AIN) in Appendix 2 of the Supplement to the 2010 General Plan Environmental Impact Report that was prepared for the project.

Applicant:

City of Artesia

CEQA:

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), an Initial Study was completed for the project, which determined that while some environmental impacts of the project would be less than significant with mitigation, some impacts could not be mitigated to less than significant, and a Supplement to the 2010 General Plan 2030 Environmental Impact (SEIR) was prepared (State Clearinghouse Number 2010041003) and advertised for public review from April 18, 2025 to May 23, 2025. The California Department of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) approved a shortened review period for the SEIR. The Planning Commission will consider during the Public Hearing whether to recommend that the City Council certify the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

If you challenge any of these actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

Salvador Lopez Jr., Interim Community Development Director

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CITY OF ARTESIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, to consider the following:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-22:

The Planning Commission will consider a project involving the following: 1) General Plan Amendment to allow residential density to exceed 70 dwelling units an acre subject to approval of a Specific Plan within the City Center Mixed Use land use designation; 2) Amendment to the Artesia Live Specific Plan to reflect a new development project – Pioneer Place Mixed Use Development Project; 3) Zoning Text Amendment, to modify Section 9-2.3453(a) of the Zoning Code to reflect the new Pioneer Place Mixed Use Development Project; 4) Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 84570 to allow 83 unit residential units associated with the Pioneer Place Mixed Use Development Project to be subdivided for condominium purposes; and 5) Design Review to consider the Pioneer Place Mixed Use Development Project consisting of 83 residential units in a six-story, 64 to 71 foot high building with 1,600 square foot rooftop restaurant with alcohol sales.

Project Location:

17610 & 17618 Pioneer Boulevard (Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 7033-007-016, 017 & 018), Artesia, CA 90701.

Applicant:

Raymond Zhang – Atlas Development.

CEQA:

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), an Initial Study was completed for the project, which determined that all environmental impacts of the project would be less than significant with mitigation and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse Number 2025040131) was prepared and advertised for public review from March 28, 2025 to April 28, 2025. The Planning Commission will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration during the Public Hearing.

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

Salvador Lopez Jr., Interim Community Development Director

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday May 13th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME

UNIT

JUSTIN ROY HILL

H160

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Ro-sa-California 3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described be-low to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME

UNIT #

FRANK CHON

B233

MINDREE M. COSTA

A147

MINDREE M. COSTA

B140

SARAH GLASS

B653

ADRIAN STEVEN GUEVARA

B221

ARMANDO JAVIER MARIO GUTIERREZ

B284

AMERICA AZUL JIMENEZ RIVERA

B631

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property de-scribed below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME

UNIT #

HENRY HALTER

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B31

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Ro-sa-California 3112562

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the project described below. You are receiving this notice because your property is located near the project or because you have requested to be notified.

Project

3900 Baybar Road (Attachment “A”)

Location:

Assessor’s Parcel Number: 8124-013-020

Project

Development Agreement No. 23-1 for the

Description:

construction of a new digital billboard sign.

Environmental

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

Review:

(“CEQA”), an Initial Study was prepared to determine potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Based on the findings of the Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing will be held:

DATE:

Monday, May 5, 2025

TIME:

6:00 p.m.

PLACE:

City Hall Council Chambers

6615 Passons Boulevard

Pico Rivera, CA 90660

If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this Notice, or written in correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk prior to or at the public hearing.

Additional information online or in person can be obtained here:

Project Planner:

Hector Hernandez, Senior Planner

hhernandez@pico-rivera.org

562-801-4340

Community & Economic Development Department

6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California

<https://www.pico-rivera.org/our-city/city-commissions/planning-commission/>

Email public comments to hhernandez@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

Attachment “A”

City boundary line shown in yellow

3900 Baybar Road

City of Pico Rivera

City of Industry

Source: Google Satellite Imagery

North

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated. 10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 05/07/2025 at 11:00 a.m.

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Martin Ramos

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Zachary Moore

Terence Hartfield

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Rebecca Cenicerros

City Wide

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RANDALL W. TRAVIS
CASE NO. 25STPB02384
to all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RANDALL W. TRAVIS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES BRUCE TRAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90012, IN THE PROBATE COURT AT THE STANLEY MOSK COURT HOUSE.
THE PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION requests that JAMES BRUCE TRAVIS be appointed as special administrator with general powers representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (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: 5/16/25 at 8:30AM Dept. 62 in Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90012, IN THE PROBATE COURT AT THE STANLEY MOSK COURT HOUSE.
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
JOHN LEWIS
LAW OFFICE OF LEWIS AND LEWIS APC
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A.P.N.: 8041-008-003 Trustee Sale No.: S.477-1175 Title Order No.: 220481131-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/26/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: RUDY M. VIDAL AND YGNACIA F. VIDAL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC Recorded 9/1/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2114437 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 5/27/2025 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$434,590.12 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 13015 GABBETT DRIVE LA MIRADA, California 90638 A.P.N.: 8041-008-003 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 986-9342 or visit this Internet Website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case S.477-1175. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 986-9342, or visit this internet website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case S.477-1175 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 4/15/2025 PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC 20750 Ventura Blvd., Suite 108 Woodland Hills, California 91364 Sale Line: (855) 986-9342 Phone Number: 818-227-0100 Rita Terzyan, Trustee Sale Officer (TS# S.477-1175 SDI-33684) 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 5/15/25 at 10:00 AM. Elizabeth Merritt; Bryan Brandon Villa; Robert Real; Alicia Espinoza; Erendira Figueroa Ontiveros; Moises III Sifuentes; Rosa Angelica Reyes Cervantes; Rogelio Saul Espinosa; Rene Flores; Griselda Coral Fuentes; Marcelino de Jesus Sandoval; Miguel Angel Tebalan Tzoc; Nuvia Monserratt Sillas; Socorro Garcia Diaz; Ana Luisa Martinez Martinez; Meneces Lorenzo Antonio; Armando Zavala-Bracamontes; Hasiel Benjamin Santoyo; Hasiel Benjamin Santoyo; Victor R Ramirez Reyes; Shanise Janelle Barboa; Joseph Nsiesi; Leandro Salazar; Maria del Carmen de la Torre; Erica Lopez; Maria Sanchez; Anthony Salazar; Israel Navarro. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DAVID DEVINE
CASE NO. 23STPB03479
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAVID DEVINE.
A SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT L. COHEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT L. COHEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE SUCCESSOR 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 successor petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/27/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-963
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 5 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia adopted Ordinance No. 25-963 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s). The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- The ordinance amends the City’s ADU ordinance to ensure compliance with recent changes in state law and incorporates other minor staff-generated revisions related to unpermitted ADU’s and JADU’s, replacement parking, and ADU’s on multifamily lots.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers: Manalo, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj, Ahir; Noes: None
Please note that the above is simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.
Date: April 25, 2025 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the project described below. You are receiving this notice because your property is located near the project or because you have requested to be notified.

Project 7419 Passons Boulevard (Attachment A.)
Location: Assessor’s Parcel Number: 6381-024-041

Project Conditional Use Permit Modification No. 569.2 for the conversion of
Description: a detached classroom into a three-bedroom, two-bath single-family residence for the imam (religious leader) of the existing mosque.

Environmental Review: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(a) – Existing Facilities. None of the exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing will be held:

DATE: Monday, May 5, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this Notice, or written in correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk prior to or at the public hearing.

Additional information online or in person can be obtained here:

Project Planner: Eba Soleimani, Assistant Planner
esoleimani@pico-rivera.org
562-801-4321
Community & Economic Development Department
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California
<https://www.pico-rivera.org/our-city/city-commissions/planning-commission/>

Email public comments to esoleimani@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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Attachment “A”



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Please take notice US Storage Centers - Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Avenue Cerritos CA 90703 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 5/15/25 at 10:00 AM. Teresita Ramirez Sandoval; Jeison Gerardo Araujo Mejia; Robert McNutt; Marilyn P Huladek; Malkia Lashawn Bennett; Eduardo R Gutierrez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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