

LCCN INVESTIGATION

Did the Central Basin GM Interfere With the Agency’s Nomination-Election Process?

The GM fired two employees who were in charge of the process, then their emails were allegedly shut down to prevent other nominations from being submitted.

By Brian Hews

Interim Central Basin (CB) General Manager Elaine Jeng, whose own hiring continues to be questioned by several board members, suddenly fired two long-time and dedicated CB employees this past Monday, exposing the Commerce-based water agency to yet another employee-filed retaliation lawsuit.

The timing was extremely [See INTERFERE, page 6]

suspect. The two affected employees were in charge of CB’s nomination process for appointed CB Board members, and the agency was finishing a crucial nomination period with a deadline of 5 p.m. on Monday, July 22, the day Jeng fired the employees.

Jeng fired the employees at around 1 p.m., four hours before the nomination deadline. With her actions, Jeng put herself in charge of the nomination process and, according to sources, shut down any possible avenue of communication with the two fired employees, blatantly interfering with the nomination process.

LCCN has sent two emails asking Jeng to confirm or deny that she shut the email system



L.A. COUNTY FIELD DEPUTY Lauren Yokomizo (center) representing Supervisor Janice Hahn presents a proclamation to the NaFFAA Greater Los Angeles committee members. From (l-r) TFC broadcaster and 2023 Event Chair Jannelle So-Perkins, Cerritos Councilmember and 2024 Event Chair Lynda Johnson, Yokomizo, NaFFAA President & Board Chairman Noel S.V. Omega, and Cerritos Let Freedom Ring Committee Member and 2022 Event Chair Dan E. Niño. Photo by Bobby Crisostomo.

3RD ANNUAL PHILIPPINE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY

By Dan E. Niño

Over three thousand people attended the 3rd Annual Philippine American Friendship Day, which was held at Cerritos’ Don Knabe Community Regional Park on July 13.

The event partnered with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and was hosted by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) of Greater Los Angeles.

Led by Cerritos Councilmember Lynda Johnson, who was also this year’s event chair, other elected officials who attended included Cerritos Councilmember Frank Aurelio Yokoyama; former mayor and current Councilmember Sonny Santa Ines of Bellflower; Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Taj with fellow Councilmembers Melissa Ramoso and Rene Treviño; Carson Councilmembers Arleen Bocatija Rojas and Jim Dear; and Lakewood Councilmember Jeff Wood.

Philippine Consul Maynard

S. Maleon and L.A. County Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo, representing County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who presented proclamations, were also in attendance.

Former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido delivered the keynote speech and spoke about the contributions of the Filipino-American community in America.

The festivities started with a huge parade with 17 community organizations participating that snaked through the park, followed by an invocation by Rev. Fr. Matthew Ma. Fernandez, MHHC, assistant pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church-Artesia.

Performers included the “Party of Three,” who dished out popular songs from APO Hiking Society, an iconic recording trio from the Philippines. This trio includes Jun Sison, Raul Escudero, and Oscar Angeles.

The Dalisay Filipino American Dance Company showcased Filipino folk culture in its

purest form through traditional dances representing various regions in the Philippines.

For the first time, the event also saw Ballet Folklorico Almitas Mexicanas.

One of the performers who earned admiration was multi-awardee Lyndon Apostol. With his velvety voice, he sang Broadway, Opera, and pop songs. He was a mainstay of the original Filipino production of the opera Karim at Jasmin, which was shown at Ebell Theater in Los Angeles.

Cerritos High School’s Club Magkaisa was there for a third year in a row and performed the “Cariñosa,” a folk dance of the romantic Spanish colonial period Maria Clara suite and Tinikling, a classic with a modern tweak without the traditional Filipiniana costume.

For two years in a row, a noble idea was executed to incentivize parade participants with a \$200 cash prize. This year, three groups defended

[See FRIENDSHIP, page 10]

Newsom Will Order California Officials to Remove Homeless Encampments



GOV. NEWSOM ordered California officials on Thursday to begin dismantling thousands of homeless encampments. An estimated 180,000 people were homeless last year in California.

Staff Report

Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered California officials on Thursday to begin dismantling thousands of homeless encampments, according to officials in his administration, calling on government leaders to act on a

recent Supreme Court decision “with urgency and dignity.”

The executive order, which is expected to affect tens of thousands of people, represents the nation’s most sweeping response to a June ruling that gave governments greater au-

[See NEWSOM, page 12]

Justman

PACKAGING & DISPLAY

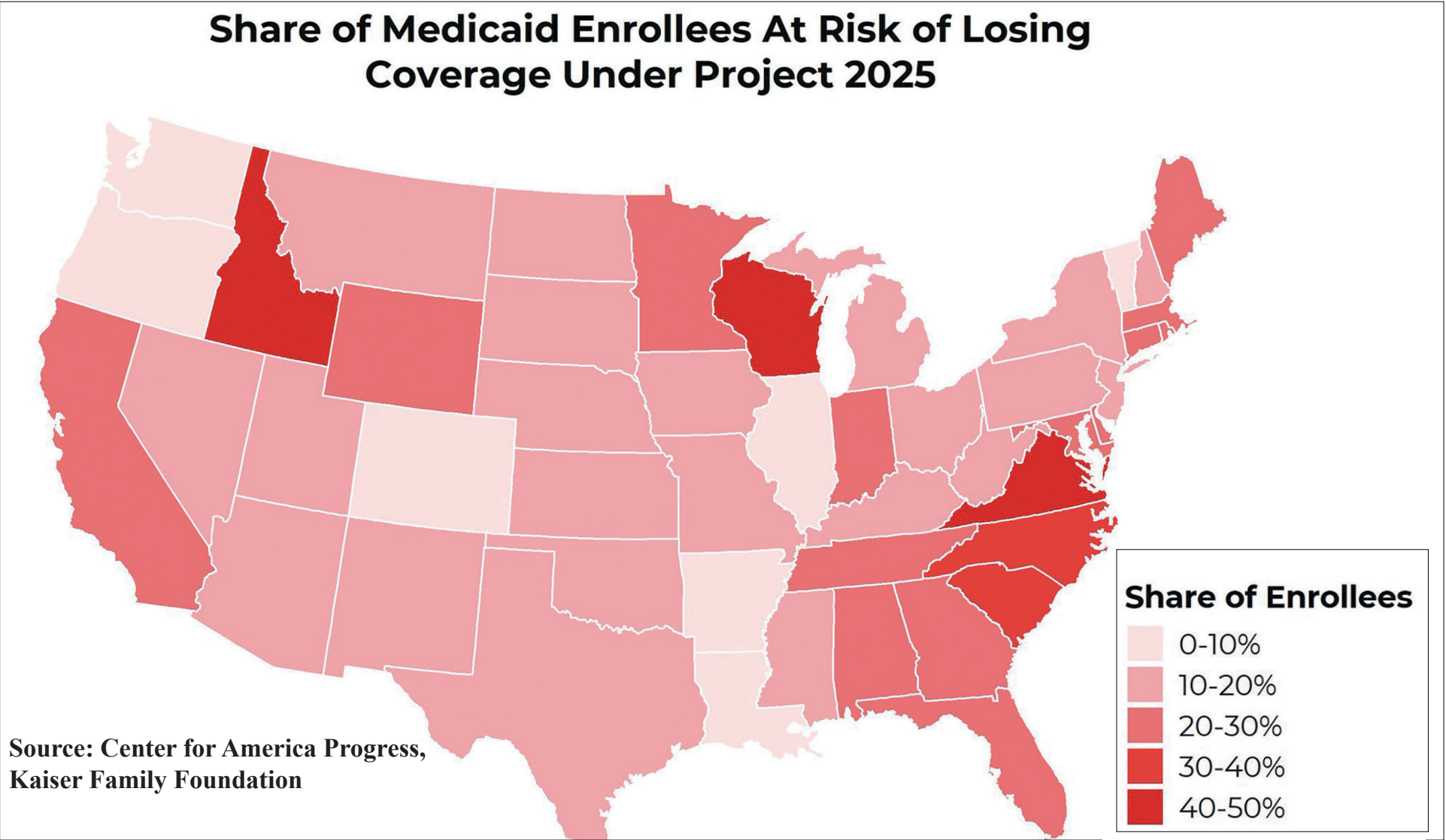
justmanpackaging.com



Providing packaging, display, and fulfillment solutions necessary for our clients’ products to thrive within the competitive retail landscape.

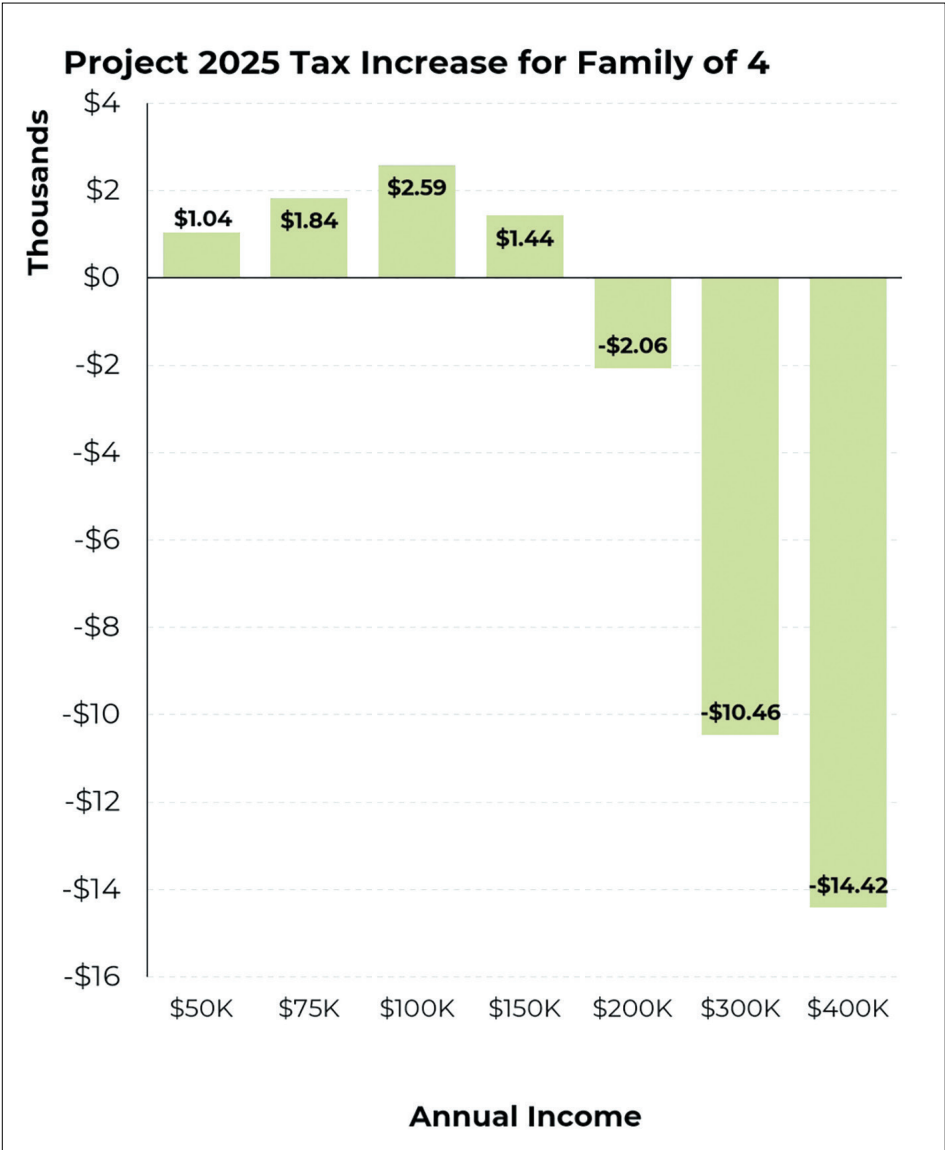
Project 2025

Have you heard of Trump’s Project 2025? It is the Right-Wing re-making of government that Trumps’ administration (if he wins) will implement immediately starting Jan 21, 2025. The plan will almost entirely affect America’s middle class, low-income earners, and the poor.



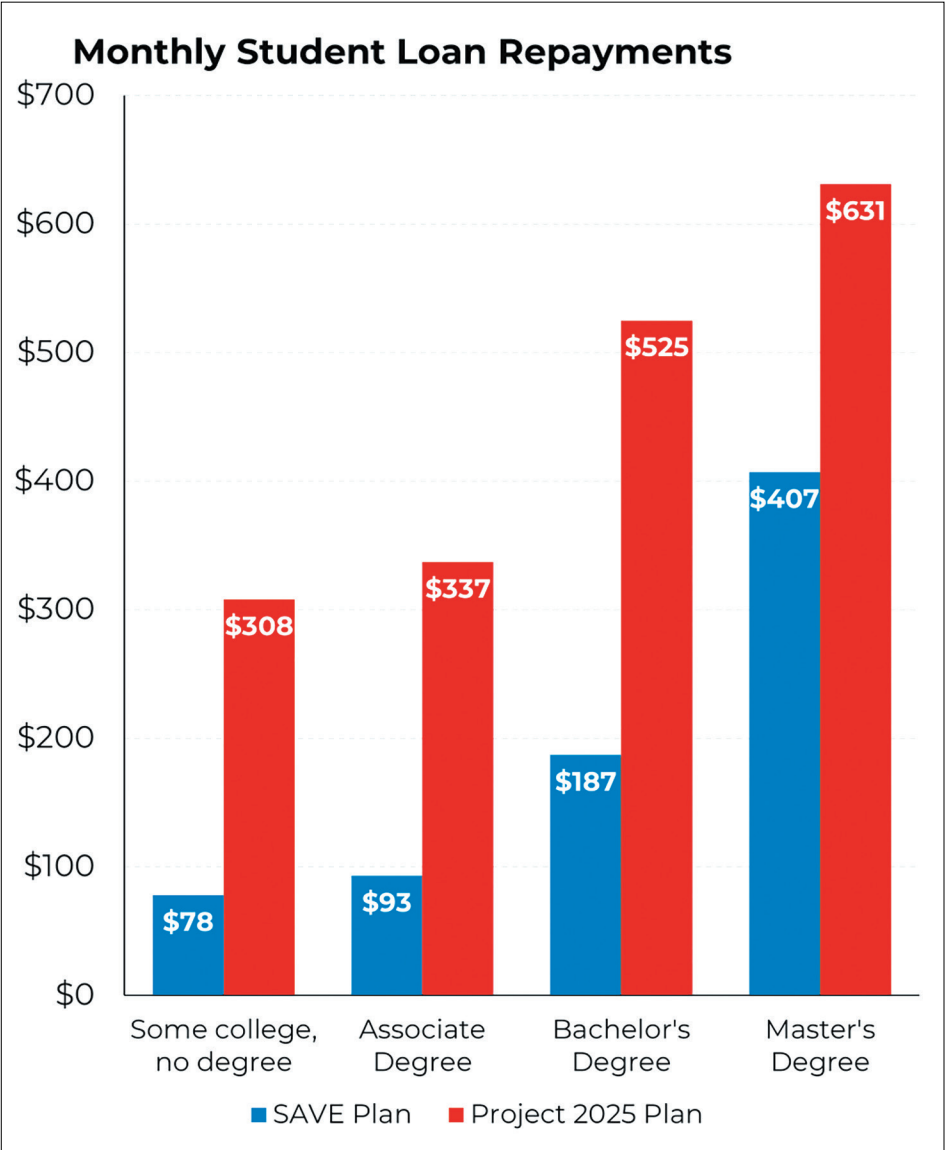
AFFECT EVERYONE: Most people think Medicaid just goes to poor people in urban areas. When some Medicaid cuts came after the pandemic, it’s became clear that Medicaid actually funds rural hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical care and treatment for Americans in all demographics. This includes the 90 million people on Medicaid, 38 million of whom are children. Project 2025 proposes massive cuts to Medicaid (and Medicare), which would have a devastating impact on the healthcare system. It would put limits on how long you can stay on Medicaid and introduce work requirements, kicking a huge number of Americans off Medicaid. As the map shows, Project 25 would kick 40-50% off Medicaid in Virgina, Wisconsin, and Idaho. The map shows that every state would be affected, a massive change to a program that is central to our healthcare system and to the lives of people who cannot afford their own healthcare. **Charts and graphs from Steven Rattner, @SteveRattner.**

PROJECT 2025:
HIGHER TAXES ON THE LESS WELL OFF



PROJECT 2025 would restructure our tax system into two tax brackets: 15% for those earning less than \$160,000 and 30% for those earning above \$160,000. A family of four who earns \$100,000 would pay \$2,590 more in taxes annually, while a family of four earning \$300,000 would pay \$10,460 less in taxes; a family of four earning \$400,000 would pay \$14,420 less. Source: Center on Budget Policy and Priorities.

PROJECT 2025:
INCREASED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS



PROJECT 2025 would wipe out all the gains the Biden administration has made in reducing student debt canceling the SAVE program. Someone with some college and no degree paying \$78 would pay \$230 more per month, a 294 percent increase; a 2-year degree paying \$93 would pay \$244 more per month, a 262 percent increase; a bachelor’s degree paying \$187 would pay \$338 more, a 180 percent increase.

Pico Rivera Moving Forward With Residential Solar and Battery Program

The program promises to make solar energy and battery backup systems accessible to all Pico Rivera residents, regardless of credit history, with zero upfront costs.

By Brian Hews

The City of Pico Rivera is moving forward with the first residential installation of an innovative new solar and battery program, and more are on the way.

Last year, the City Council approved proceeding with the Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME) Power Choice Solar and Battery Program. The approval authorized City Manager Steve Carmona to move forward using the partnership formed with Participate Energy, LLC and Tesla Energy Operations, Inc.

The program promises to make solar energy and battery backup systems accessible to all Pico Rivera residents, regardless of credit history, with zero upfront costs. This will allow residents across the economic spectrum to tap into solar power and realize significant savings on utility bills.

The included battery backup systems will also provide residents with a reliable energy reserve during power outages.



Pico Rivera has partnered with local solar power providers and installers, including Tesla. Residents can enroll directly through Tesla's website, which will design the project and install and maintain the system.

The program's first installation recently took place at the residence of Pico Rivera resident Jose Santana. "As a participant in the new program, I am thrilled about the installation at my residence," said Santana. This program allows my family to tap into solar power, cut our utility bills, and provide us with a reliable energy reserve during power outages. Thank you, Pico Rivera! I am grateful for this opportunity and excited about its benefits to our home and neighborhood."

“Our goal is to make sustainable energy inclusive and accessible to all our residents,” said Erik Lutz, Mayor of Pico Rivera. “Residents wanting to participate in this program can do so through a no-consumer credit check process with zero upfront costs. With this new program, we’re providing affordable power solutions and empowering our community to participate in sustainable living, helping to build a more sustainable future for all.”

Historically, these programs have been primarily accessible to only individuals with acceptable credit scores, limiting the benefits to those who can afford these systems. This program will allow all residents—through PRIME—access to energy savings and resiliency.

“This groundbreaking solar power and battery program underscores Pico Rivera’s unwavering dedication to green initiatives and environmental stewardship,” said Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona. “By embracing this program, we are taking a substantial leap toward a sustainable and inclusive energy future, reinforcing our City’s role as a frontrunner in environmental progress.

“Our collaboration with top solar energy companies has led to the development of an innovative power solution that eliminates the financial obstacles many households face in accessing renewable energy. This forward-thinking program is designed to make clean, renewable energy accessible to all residents, strengthening our community’s resilience and commitment to a greener tomorrow,” Carmona continued.

While all residents are still encouraged to reduce energy usage during heatwaves, the Tesla solar and battery systems, due to their autonomous design, allow flexibility.

The Tesla battery will store excess solar power produced during daylight hours. That energy can then be used in the evening, minimizing the homeowner's negative impacts of heatwave events.

Additional program benefits include:

- Accessible solar equipment, installation, and maintenance at \$115 per month;
- Comprehensive integration with PRIME's services
- Access to backup power during emergency power shutoffs or blackouts and
- Competitive and stable energy rates at \$0.145 kWh with a 1.9% annual escalator.

Member FDIC EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

myopenbank.com

OPEN BANK

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

5.25%

APY*

Term | 1 Year

Balance Limit | Minimum \$50,000 to open account and earn APY*

Promotion Period | First-come basis until we reach \$50 million or July 31, 2024, whichever occurs first.

Cerritos Office
562-968-2805

open bank

Banking Together, Sharing Together

For more information, visit your nearest Open Bank branch or visit our website at www.myopenbank.com

* The Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 07/01/2024 and is subject to change at any time before account opening. Fees could reduce the earnings on the account. A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. For complete terms and conditions, refer to the Deposit Account Agreement, Account Disclosure, and Deposit Interest Rates sheet which can be obtained at an Open Bank branch. This promotion is limited to one account per person or entity and is available for new monies only.



Aloha

FAMILY BILLIARDS

- Non-smoking
- Family friendly
- 50 selections of beer
- Available for parties
- Large screen TV's
- Touch-tunes digital juke box
- 11 - 9 foot Brunswick tables
- 2 - 7 foot Diamond tables
- 2 dart boards
- Weekly 8 Ball & 9 Ball Tournaments!

Mon-Thurs, 1:00pm to 2:00am
 Fri-Sun, 12:00pm to 2:00am
 Happy Hour Pool:
 Mon-Thurs from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

7311 Orangethorpe Ave,
 Buena Park, CA 90621

 alohafamilybilliards.com  AlohaBilliards  alohafamilybilliards

Working passionately with his hands and following in his grandfather's footsteps is one 15-year-old who completed a flagship trade school program in Los Angeles County this summer.

Bellflower resident Jonathan Letona, 15, a sophomore at Mayfair High School, completed the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools program and hopes to start a contracting company.

The program is through the Smidt Foundation, whose mission is to introduce high school students to meaningful skilled trades careers and give them access to high-quality skilled trades education well before they graduate.

The Los Angeles County Skilled Trades Summer program began in 2021 and continues to expand yearly. This summer, there are programs at eight different sites across the county.

"Harbor Freight Tools for Schools supports the programs, and we partner with community organizations and public schools to bring them to life," said Belen Vargas, the Senior Director of Los Angeles County Programs for the last year and a half.

This year, their partners include Artesia High School and La Mirada High School.

Among other partners are the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, Port of L.A. High School, Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE), BRIDGE Housing at Jordan Downs, California Advancing Pathways for Students (CalAPS), and Da Vinci Schools.

Vargas explained that students get paid to participate, and most earn valuable industry-based credentials in automotive technology, carpentry, construction, solar installation, or welding, depending on their program site.

"Exposing young people, including students like Jonathan, to skilled trades – while in high school – gives him and other students an early opportunity to explore career pathways that could lead to finding their passion and a potential career," said Vargas. "Often, it is life-changing."

In the program, Jonathan learned the significant parts of building a home and how to do so while working with his peers. He chose to learn the trades as all of the men in my family before him have.

He would like to start his own contracting company just like his grandfather, who owns multiple warehouses across California and makes enough to live comfortably with a family.

"I want to be just like him," Jona-

Artesia and La Mirada High Participate in Los Angeles County's Skilled Trades Summer Program

By Laurie Hansen



JONATHAN LETONA, a 15-year-old sophomore at Mayfair High School and resident of Bellflower, has recently finished the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools program. His ambition is to establish a contracting company like his grandfather. The program partners with public schools, offering students payment for participation and the opportunity to acquire industry-based credentials in automotive technology, carpentry, and construction.

than said.

According to Vargas, the summer programs offer strong foundational skills in various skilled trades careers and teach valuable life skills, preparing students for success.

"Each of our 8 program sites across L.A. County recruits high-quality skilled trades educators to lead their summer programs," she said. "At CalAPS, where Jonathan is a student, the program ran from June 10 to July 10."

Most students do not have access to these programs since skilled trades classes for high schoolers are few and far between in L.A. County. Fewer than 1 in 5 public high schools in L.A. County offer any type of skilled trades education, according to Vargas.

"Our programs stand out because we provide young people with an excellent and high-quality, hands-on education that prepares them for future employment in skilled trades careers," she said.

Beyond the hands-on training, many students earn valuable industry credentials that can lead to entry-level employment, and some will earn college credits, depending on the program.

"We use the 'earn and learn' model to allow all students, including those from economically disadvantaged

communities, to participate and earn money," Vargas said. "It is important to give access to all students."

"We set our students up for success in whatever career path they choose – whether it be entering the trades immediately, getting an apprenticeship, going to a community college, getting a 4-year degree or something else," she explained. "Our goal is to open doors for students to allow them to discover a passion or a future career."

The skilled trades can be well-paying and can lead to stable, family-supporting careers after high school graduation. Regardless of whether a student intends to go into the trades, they learn important skills and are given multiple career pathways to choose from.

Jonathan's mom is perfectly fine with his choices as long as in the end he is successful.

"She has seen it done with this path many times before and had no doubt that I, too will succeed," Jonathan said.

"Talented skilled tradespeople have always been important – they build and repair our region's infrastructure, from SoFi Stadium to solar panel installation to working at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach," Vargas explained.

And, critically, skilled trades professionals are retiring faster than they can be replaced right now. There are

very few direct pipelines to these jobs because skilled trades classes have been removed from most L.A. high schools, she said.

"A recent report from Associated Builders and Contractors found the need to recruit more than 501,000 new workers on top of normal hiring to meet demand this year alone in the United States," she said. "Another report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects there will be demand for nearly 200,000 additional skilled trades workers each year for the next ten years in areas such as plumbing, pipefitting, carpentry and electrical."

"From a workforce development perspective, the summer skilled trades programs seek to help fill this gap by introducing students to these skills and providing them with valuable credentials," she added.

Vargas said that several trades jobs pay well over six-figures, and they do not require a 4-year degree. Some examples are electricians or entry level utility lineman earning an annual salary of anywhere from \$65,000 to \$100,000 in Southern California.

Most students pursuing skilled trades careers complete required coursework at a community college, therefore most have limited, if any, school loans. This puts them in a much better financial position as they enter the workforce compared to many students who attend a four-year university and have significant school loan debt for years to come, according to Vargas.

"Also, some skilled trades students get apprenticeships after high school, which means they get paid to learn while working," she added.

Jonathan is inspired by seeing all of the men in his family continue to provide and be successful in their line of work. His future plans are to finish school, and hopefully get a scholarship through sports, and if not, then to fall back on my knowledge of the trades and get to building a contracting company for himself.

"In my opinion, trades have proven to always be important to the development and preservation of people all throughout history," he said. "Afterall, it's trade workers that built the very cities we live in today."

The Los Angeles County Skilled Trades Summer programs fill up quickly and many have waiting lists, but they are always looking to expand and encourage interested community partners to reach out. For more information, please visit online at www.hftforschools.org/los-angeles-county/summer-programs.



Keeping It Flowing For You!

PETE'S PLUMBING

- Plumbing clogs
- Water heater replacement
- Repair and install gas lines
- Remodel your plumbing
- Flood repair
- Disposals repair and install
- Toilets install or replace
- New piping and repairs
- New homes, old homes, commercial plumbing and a ton more

We offer a wide range of plumbing services from emergency plumbing to commercial plumbing services, our master plumbers are ready to handle all jobs large or small at any time during the day or night.

Over 30 years in business!


800-21-4PETES or 562-599-0106

3099 E. Pacific Coast Highway • Long Beach
petes-plumbing.com • info@petes-plumbing.com

[f](https://www.facebook.com/petesplumbingca) [petesplumbingca](https://www.facebook.com/petesplumbingca)

Are you Prepared?

Do your kids and family a favor, Preplan today!



Artesia Cemetery is your local community cemetery conveniently located in Cerritos. Our prices and services are unmatched. Spaces are still available.

For more information, Please call or visit:
 562-865-6300 or www.ArtesiaCemetery.com

Santa Fe Springs' National Night Out and Summer Concert



SANTA FE SPRINGS will hold its annual National Night Out event in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series taking place on Friday, Aug. 2nd at Heritage Park.

Staff Report

Santa Fe Springs announced its annual National Night Out event held in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series, which will both take place on Friday, August 2nd at Heritage Park.

National Night Out is a nationwide event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. This event provides an excellent opportunity for residents to meet local law enforcement officers, learn about safety initiatives, and enjoy various family-friendly activities.

The event will take place Friday, August 2, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr.; admission is free.

The highlight of this year’s National Night Out will be a summer concert featuring Mariachi Cielito Lindo, a band known for representing Mexico’s rich and beautiful heritage that is celebrated through their captivating musical performances. The concert will begin at 7 p.m., and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the performance comfortably.

In addition to the concert, the event will include:

- Meet and Greet with Local Law En-

forcement: An opportunity to interact with our dedicated officers from the Whittier Police Department who serve the City of Santa Fe Springs and learn more about their work in the community.

•Questions and Safety Tips: Have the opportunity to ask questions and share your concerns with Police Services staff and learn safety tips on crime prevention.

• Food and Beverages: Various food trucks and vendors offer delicious options for purchase.

“National Night Out is a wonderful tradition that strengthens the bond between our community and local law enforcement. This event is a testament to our outstanding partnership with the Whittier Police Department and the exceptional services they provide to keep our City safe. I encourage all residents to come out, meet your neighbors, and join our initiative to build a safer community as we take a stand against crime,” said Mayor Jay Sarno.

National Night Out is a chance for neighbors to come together and reinforce the importance of neighborhood watch and safety programs. Join us for an evening of music, food, and community as we work together to keep the City of Santa Fe Springs a safe and welcoming place for all.

La Mirada’s ‘Pops with Public Safety’

Join the La Mirada Public Safety Team on Tuesday, July 30 for a refreshing event “Pops with Public Safety.” Deputies and members of the Public Safety team will be visiting La Mirada parks and providing children and families with popsicles.

The fun summer event provides a relaxed environment for children to interact with deputies.

It provides children with the opportunity to see deputies as friendly helpers who keep them safe. Building positive relationships with law enforcement from a

young age can instill trust and confidence with deputies and foster a sense of safety and security within the community.

The Pops with Public Safety schedule on Tuesday, July 30 will be the following:

- 1 p.m. - Neff Park
- 2 p.m. - Frontier Park
- 3 p.m. - Gardenhill Park
- 4 p.m. - Windermere Park

For more information, call the La Mirada Community Sheriff’s Station at (562) 902-2960.

P.E.O. Chapter JK Awards Scholarship

Alicia Orozco, a student at Cerritos College in Norwalk was awarded a P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Grant from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter JK of Downey, California, organized in 1939.

The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S.



ALICIA OROSCO

and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to complete a degree or certification that will improve their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or families.

Lynwood resident Alicia Orozco is pursuing an Associates Degree and Certification in Human Resources, and plans to graduate in December 2024. She has been attending Cerritos College since 2022 and received her Retail Management Program Certificate in 2023.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 155 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 125,000 women pursue educational goals by providing approximately \$432 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members. What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women’s organizations in North America with close to 5,500 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org.

NORWALK/LA MIRADA

Plumbing

Heating & Air Conditioning

SINCE 1958

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

• Drains and Sewers Cleaned •

Copper Repiping • Furnaces • Water Heaters

Air Conditioning • Water Piping • Hydrojetting

Leak Detecting • Water Softeners • Disposals

Bath Remodeling • Backflow Testing & Repair

11661 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk

State Contractor License: #271767

24 HOUR SERVICE

(562) 868-7777

\$20 off with this ad!

Catherine Grant Wieder

Attorney & Mediator

Probate, Wills & Trusts

Conservatorship, Guardianship, Dispute Mediation

562-404-4039

CENTURION

Mortgage • Finance

•NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR CURRENT HOUSE PAYMENT?

•BIG BANK TURNED YOU DOWN?

I can help you with that.

DeAnna Allensworth

Broker - Advisor

Phone: 562-533-5600

www.CenturionMF.com

CA DRE 01443787

NMLS 206457

Dan Mendoza

Certified Reverse Mortgage Specialist

562.618.4993

C2 Financial NMLS: 0195019 DRE: 0462316

A Reverse Mortgage Could Change Your Life

<http://ReverseMortgageVideos.Com>

SEWER & DRAIN CLEAN-OUTS • FAUCETS • VIDEO SEWER INSPECTION • GAS LINES

BENEFITS OF COPPER REPIPING:

☒ Increased water pressure

☒ No more rusty or discolored water

☒ Being able to use more than one faucet at a time

☒ No more leaky pipes

☒ No scalding in the shower when someone turns on a faucet

☒ Greater peace of mind

☒ Positive selling point for your property

WE USE

Radiodetection

AN RPA COMPANY

EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY

24

7

SERVICE

\$5 OFF

WITH THIS AD!

This offer is only good on service calls over \$79.00 to first time customers.

BEFORE

AFTER

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

(562) 924-2565 • (714) 527-5300

20014 State Road, CERRITOS

Bonded & Insured • California Contractors Lic. #488625

SEWER LOCATION • WALL & FLOOR HEATERS • CIRCULATING PUMPS

ALBANOS

PLUMBING

888-745-8899

www.albanos.com

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Household Hazardous Waste
& Electronic Waste
Drive-Thru Collection Event

**Saturday,
July 27, 2024**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Cerritos College
Parking Lot 10
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk**

For more information or an event
schedule, call (800) 238-0173, or visit:
CleanLA.com, or lacsdc.org/HHW

Old paint. Solvents. Batteries. Computer monitors. These are some of the household hazardous waste and electronic waste items you can bring to a Roundup for recycling. It's a great opportunity to clean out your garage and clean up the environment. Our free drive-thru, drop-off events are a quick, convenient, and common-sense way to dispose of materials too toxic to trash, pour down a sink, or dump in a storm drain.

No Business Waste Accepted

Brought to you by the County of Los Angeles and presented by Los Angeles County Public Works and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts in cooperation with the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate.

Home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles **SHOULD NOT** be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit www.CLEANLA.com for alternate disposal options.

You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

USPS Debuts Alex Trebek Forever Stamp



THIS WEEK the U.S Postal Service celebrated the life and legacy of beloved “JEOPARDY!” host Alex Trebek with a Forever stamp.

This week the U.S Postal Service celebrated the life and legacy of beloved “Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek with a Forever stamp.



Alex Trebek

Born in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, Alex Trebek became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1998. He began hosting the syndicated series “Jeopardy!” in 1984, and his to-the-point approach

and crisp enunciation served the quiz show well. “Jeopardy!” became a phenomenal success with Trebek at the helm.

“Alex Trebek was an American institution and so it makes perfect sense to honor him on a postage stamp. And of course, I had to geek out when I saw that the full sheet of stamps looks like a ‘Jeopardy!’ game board,” said current “Jeopardy!” host Ken Jennings.

Trebek was devoted to charity work, notably making many trips to Africa, Asia and South America with child welfare organization, World Vision, which focused

on alleviating poverty and hunger. He donated 62 acres of land in the Hollywood Hills, the Trebek Open Space, to protect natural habitat and offer trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

Among numerous honors, he won a lifetime achievement Emmy Award and eight Daytime Emmys for outstanding game show host. After a brave public battle with pancreatic cancer, he died on Nov. 8, 2020. Sony Pictures Stage 10, where “Jeopardy!” is still taped, has been renamed the Alex Trebek Stage.

“Alex would be over the moon about this distinctive honor and, he’d feel very humbled. I think the stamp design is very creative because Alex Trebek is the answer to all the clues. said Trebek’s wife, Jean Trebek.

The grid of 20 stamps evokes the bank of video monitors that forms the “Jeopardy!” game board. Each stamp reads “THIS NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN HOSTED THE QUIZ SHOW ‘Jeopardy!’ FOR 37 SEASONS.” Underneath, upside down, is the correct response: “Who is Alex Trebek?”

U.S. Men’s Olympic Skateboarding Includes Hawaiian Gardens Resident

The U.S. men’s street skateboarding team will have its first full day of competition for the 2024 Olympic Games on Saturday on that team will be Hawaiian Gardens resident Chris Joslin.

As the birthplace of skateboarding, which mimics the feeling of riding waves, the Golden State is where the full Men’s street skateboarding team is from and training.

Joslin is aiming for better results in Paris as he will remember his late grandmother, who raised him in Southern California.

Before I dropped in, I said, ‘It’s your plan, grandma. Whatever you want to happen is going to happen,’” Joslin said after the 2024 Olympic qualifier competition earlier this year.

Nyjah Houston, one of the best skateboarders in the world, said he’s been working on a few tricks at his private skate park in San Clemente.

“It’s the Olympics. Everyone has to bring out their best stuff,” the world champion said, adding he’s been saving new tricks for Paris. “I’m going through those tricks and practicing every time.”

Huston, who surprisingly didn’t bring home any medal during the Tokyo Olympics, promised things would be different in Paris.

“For all of our skateboarders, it wasn’t the best experience,” Huston looked at back the Tokyo Olympics, which took place in 2021 as the coronavirus pandemic prevented large gatherings. “The vibes, energy – it wasn’t there. There were no fans. We couldn’t bring any friends out there.”

Former Boys Hamburgers at Artesia and Marquardt Will Become Angelo’s Burgers

Several readers wrote LCCN asking about the former Boys Hamburgers, the eatery just down the street from LCCN’s former offices.

Readers saw that a construction crew was working on the building.

LCCN emailed Cerritos and was told that permits for construction at the location of 13759 Artesia Blvd. belong to Angelo’s Burgers.

Angelo’s has thirteen locations in Los Angeles and Orange Counties the closest to the Cerritos area is at 9135 Norwalk Blvd, in Santa Fe Springs at Norwalk and Los Nietos.

THE LAW OFFICE
of
**LEWIS &
LEWIS**

LA MIRADA'S
FULL SERVICE
LAW FIRM




JOHN LEWIS, ESQ.

(562) 293-4073
LewisLaw.info

- REAL ESTATE LAW
- PERSONAL INJURY
- BUSINESS LAW
- WILLS & TRUSTS

14241 E. FIRESTONE BL., #400, LA MIRADA




Do you have a **DREAM**
you want to make a reality?

Your lifelong dream

PCB BANK's team of professionals will guide you every step of the way to achieve that dream.

Today's PCBility is

Tomorrow's Possibility

Possibility Elevated
PCB BANK

Member
FDIC

mypcbbank.com

Poor Flowering and Fruiting in the Vegetable Garden

By Melinda Myers

Another summer of above-normal summer temperatures in much of the country may be taking its toll on your vegetable gardens.

Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set, resulting in poor flowering, blossom drop, and a lack of or misshapen fruit on tomatoes, peppers, squash, and more.

The impact of temperature on plants depends on the stage of the plant's development. Plants ready to flower or developing fruit during times of optimum temperatures will be fine but plants that are ready to flower or develop fruit during more extreme temperatures experience problems.

Tomatoes thrive in warm, sunny conditions but when daytime temperatures rise above 90°F and night temperatures remain above 70°F blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. This combined with low humidity and

the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination, the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

On the other hand, when night temperatures are below the optimum of 59° to 68°F, less viable pollen is produced so fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55°F can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing. Fortunately, this malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher, the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60°F or rise above 75°F.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants typically produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first, and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization, and fruit production can occur.

The research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight, and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted

WHEN NIGHT temperatures are below the optimum of 59° to 68°F, less viable pollen is produced so fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55°F can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing.



TOMATOES THRIVE in warm, sunny conditions but when daytime temperatures rise above 90°F and night temperatures remain above 70°F blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur.

by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

In addition, rainy weather or improperly applied pesticides that prevent bee activity and pollination can also result in malformed cucumbers.

These aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative of tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55°F. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85°F.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit. Be sure to harvest regularly to keep

the plants producing.

If poor productivity caused by weather is a yearly problem, consider planting varieties better suited to these extremes, adjust the planting times, and if needed, find a more suitable growing location.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is forecasted. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.



MINI HOME DEPOT IMPROVEMENT STORE

- TOILETS–ALL BRANDS
- SHOWER BASE / TUBS– ALL SIZES AND BRANDS
- VANITIES–ALL SIZES 18 IN – 72 IN
- LIGHT FIXTURES – CHANDELIERS, FLUSH MOUNT, PENDANT LIGHTS, LED, VANITY LIGHTS, OUTDOOR LIGHTS, ROPE LIGHTS AND MUCH MORE OVER 200 STYLES
- CEILING FANS – OVER 50 MODELS
- MEDICINE CABINETS AND MIRRORS BLACK, WHITE, GOLD, CHROME, BRONZE
- FAUCETS–KITCHEN, BATHROOM, LAUNDRY ROOM, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR
- TANKLESS WATER HEATERS
- FLOORING–VINYL, LAMINATE, TILE
- DOORS–INTERIOR, EXTERIOR, BARN DOORS – CLOSET
- KITCHEN SINKS
- PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLY
- AREA RUGS INDOOR & OUTDOOR
- OUTDOOR SUPPLY – GARDEN SUPPLY
- POOL EQUIPMENT
- GARAGE DOOR OPENERS AND GARAGE DOOR PARTS.

Financing Available

Lic. #1087590

12128 Front St., Norwalk, Ca 90650

213 315 8036
562 210 8430

40% TO 60% OFF

gorillabuildersinc.com

@gorillasdepot

310 420-3353
562 465-0048

DISCOUNT PRICES BLOWOUT DEALS!

12128 Front St., Norwalk, Ca 90650

Offering:
NEW CONSTRUCTION
ROOM ADDITIONS
ADU's/JR. ADU's
RENOVATIONS

HVAC/PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL
KITCHENS & BATHROOMS
DOORS & WINDOWS
ROOF & SOLAR
PAINT & COATING
CONCRETE
PAVERS
BLUEPRINTS AND PERMITS
ARCHITECTURE – ENGINEERING – MANAGEMENT

Santa Fe Springs Reopens Aquatic Center With Modernized Renovations

Staff Report

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif. – The City of Santa Fe Springs announced this week the grand reopening of the Aquatic Center following the completion of Phase I of modernized renovations.

The reopening ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at the Aquatic Center, welcoming community members to explore and enjoy the enhanced facility.

The renovation of the Aquatic Center is a testament to the City’s commitment to enhancing community amenities and fostering a vibrant, inclusive environment for all. The pool was closed for almost three years due to safety concerns, prompting the City to undertake extensive community outreach. Based on the feedback and needs expressed by our residents, the City committed to refurbishing and renovating the Aquatic Center, ensuring it meets the highest standards of safety and enjoyment.

The first phase of the project commenced in March 2024 and was completed in less than 127 days on July 18, 2024.

During this phase, significant upgrades were made, transforming the Aquatic Center into a modern, safe, and visually appealing facility. Key improvements included:

- New Concrete Decking: Installation of 12 feet of new concrete decking around the perimeter of the pools.
- Enhanced Pool Features: New gutters, tile, and plaster in the pools, along with state-of-the-art LED lighting.
- Infrastructure Repairs: Addressing

and repairing 15 leaks, ensuring the longevity and safety of the pools.

- Upgraded Pool Equipment: Modern, efficient pool equipment to enhance functionality, user experience, and water efficiency.
- Pool House Rehabilitation: Minor rehabilitation of the pool house, coupled with exterior painting in vibrant blue and white, revitalizing its appearance.
- ADA Compliance: Installation of new ADA parking stalls, promoting accessibility for all visitors.

This comprehensive renovation, totaling \$5.2 million, was completed within budget.

Santa Fe Springs Mayor Jay Sarno expressed excitement about the reopening, saying, “The renovation of the Aquatic Center reflects our commitment to providing high-quality recreational facilities for our community. We are proud to offer a modernized space that caters to the needs of all our residents, from young children learning to swim to seniors participating in water aerobics. This is a significant milestone for our City, and I encourage everyone to come out and experience the new features.”

The reopening event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. with a dive-in ceremony and free Recreation Swim to follow. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided, and there will be opportunities to meet with local officials and City staff to learn more about the renovation project.

The re-opening event will take place Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. The Aquatic Center is located at 10145 Pioneer Blvd.

Phase II of the Renovation

While the first phase of the renovation has significantly uplifted the Aquatic Center, the City’s vision extends further.



TENTATIVE DESIGN RENDERING of Phase II that includes a new splash pad, inclusive restrooms, new spas, enhanced recreational spaces, a modern concession stand, a new seating areas and shade, and pool house upgrades. The construction, funded through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and supported by Senator Bob Archuleta, is anticipated to begin in early 2025.

During the initial construction, City staff diligently designed the Phase II of the project, aiming to introduce even more inclusive and engaging features. The forthcoming phase, of construction, funded through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and supported by Senator Bob Archuleta, is anticipated to begin in early 2025 and will include:

- New Splash Pad: Adding a new, state-of-the-art splash pad, a fun and interactive water feature that will be a delightful addition for families and children.
- Inclusive Restrooms: New restrooms designed to accommodate all visitors, ensuring comfort and accessibility.
- New Spas: Installation of new spas to enhance relaxation and wellness opportunities.
- Enhanced Recreational Spaces: A new picnic area and lounge area, fostering community gatherings and leisurely

activities.

- Modern Concession Stand: A new concession stand to provide refreshments and enhance the overall visitor experience.
- New Seating Areas and Shade: Creating ample new seating areas and providing lots of shade for spectators, ensuring comfort and enjoyment for all.
- Pool House Upgrades: Various upgrades, including new lockers and an enhanced lobby to create a more welcoming environment, improving convenience and functionality.

Join the City of Santa Fe Springs for a day of celebration, community, and fun as we unveil the new and improved Aquatic Center. For more information about the event or the Aquatic Center, please contact the Department of Parks & Recreation Office at (562) 863-4896.



GARDENS CASINO JACKPOT



POKER JACKPOTS JUST GOT BETTER! UP TO

\$100,000

BONUS JACKPOT HOURS 10AM-1PM | 5PM - 8PM | 11PM - 2AM

#THEGARDENSCASINO • WWW.THEGARDENSCASINO.COM
(562) 860-5887 • 11871 E. CARSON ST. HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716

All participants must be 21 years of age or older and have valid ID. Hawaiian Gardens Casino reserves the right to cancel or modify promotions at any time and any game rules as approved in advance by the Bureau of Gambling Control. For more information, see a CSR.

PROBLEM GAMBLING? CALL 1-800-GAMBLER (426-2537) GEGA 001477

LCCN FEATURE

COMMISSIONER WEST HAS THE CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

There were some tough shoes to fill for Mike West when he replaced Rob Wigod as commissioner of the CIF-Southern Section a little over a year ago. But, as he enters his second academic school year as the section’s 10th commissioner, he is ready for the new challenges that awaits him.

“It’s been a great job,” said West. “I’m very, very happy with the move from being a high school principal to being the commissioner of the [CIF-SS]. There are a lot of things I miss [as a] high school [principal] with those types of things. But to focus in on athletics; to work with such a great group at the section office, to be able to help plan for and implement all the championship events that take place throughout the year has been a great experience for me.”

In his first year as the new commissioner, West said he didn’t intentionally try to do much in terms of making changes, but instead wanted to learn what was going on and try to keep things as much status quo as possible. One of the major things that he wanted to do was ‘take the ball and help carry it through’, which was initiated by Wigod coming out of the pandemic was the same season playoff system.

“This next coming year, I’m hoping to maybe get a few new things going on,” he said. “I’m trying to get some student voice involved and look to expand our unified sports opportunities for students, not just in track and swim, but perhaps

some other things. We’re trying to get a little expansion coming in this next year. But in my first year, I really tried to keep things where they were.”

West had been a high school principal for the past 13 years, first at Jurupa Valley High, then at Martin Luther King High where he was since 2015. That same year, West became a member of the Southern Section Executive Committee. Learning the job as a CIF section commissioner was the biggest challenge West faced last year, having been on the education side at the high school level his entire career.

Another challenge West faced last year was the boycotting of high school soccer officials during the winter months, which the section was able to overcome. He went on to state that he hopes that problem doesn’t arise this upcoming season.

“We’re not back to where we once were,” West continued. “The drain of officials seemed to has stopped. We’re starting to see, in some sports, an increase in the number of officials that are coming back. The biggest piece is retention; getting the officials not just to



CIF Commissioner Mike West

buy in, go through all the training, purchase all the equipment necessary and now all of the sudden they have a few games. Hopefully, we can keep them in for a few years so that they can really truly get ingrained in the systems.”

He went on to say that there is an increase in officials in football, baseball and other sports, but some sports not as much. However, he admitted that the section is still

going to struggle with, what they believe, is an ‘inappropriate number of officials’ for probably a few more years.

Same season playoffs

Football is the only sport that will be entering its fourth season using the ‘same season’ format for putting together the playoff brackets once the regular season has been completed. West says there has been a tremendous amount of positive feedback from it. The first round games are much closer than they had been before the pandemic; not as much blowouts as before.

“We’re seeing a lot of schools now that haven’t had an opportunity to get into the playoffs in football fighting their way in, and being successful,” said West. “That’s because we have schools that might have been pigeonholed in a given division because of past performance, or a lack of past performance. All of a sudden, they have a great team however they got there. And those other schools that had been just good but not great, haven’t had the opportunity in the past. Now they’re finding avenues and opportunities to actually get to the top, which has been really, really neat to see.”

The old system was based on data from the previous season or the previous two seasons. Now, all the information needed to determine divisions and first round matchups will be based off the just completed season, and most sports will have the same process when it comes to putting the playoff brackets together. The exceptions to that are swimming, track and field, which uses their enrollment date to determine divisional alignment. While some coaches will have a general idea of what division their team will be

in, it won’t be officially revealed until the brackets are released. What that means is the elimination of the weekly polls in all the sports.

“As long as you understand the premise behind competitive equity and you buy into that model for playoffs... and not all states do, not all areas do,” said West. “We’re unique in the Southern Section, by far, in the country when it comes to trying to make our matchups as good as possible and equitable as possible.”

One of the topics of conversation with the same season format has been the way coaches schedule their non-league opponents: do they schedule easy in the hopes of a sure win which in turn gets that team a better record and potentially a higher division or do they still schedule the way they also have been?

“If you are playing someone ranked to a point where you should beat them, then you get a certain number of points because you should beat them,” he says. “If you beat someone that perhaps you shouldn’t beat, you get raised up. So, regardless of your scheduling, if you’re going to schedule teams that you should beat, I don’t see [your division status] dropping necessarily because you’re actually where you need to be.”

West believes coaches should be finding teams that they’re relatively competitive with, find an avenue to compete against them, prepare themselves well for postseason play and ‘roll the dice and go’.


According to West, different sports will have different systems used for rankings. CalPreps.com will be used for football only, Scorebook Live for basketball, and Massey for several sports are some of the examples. What the CIF-SS is looking to do is midway through a season, publish what the rankings are of the system that they’re using at that point in time.

Girls beach volleyball and girls flag football

The 2024 fall season will mark the second for girls flag football and the 2025 spring season will mark the third for girls beach volleyball, the two newest CIF-SS sanctioned sports. That now brings the number of sports to 22, including traditional competitive cheer and stunt.

West had the opportunity to see the girls beach volleyball playoffs near the Huntington Beach pier, not just the team playoffs, but the pairs tournament as well and commented that it was ‘fantastic to

[See WEST, page 12]



By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: 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 ind 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.

BUG ZAPPERS

E	R	M	D	R	A	Y	K	C	A	B	U	G	S	G
N	L	E	W	I	R	E	E	S	T	O	T	Y	N	R
T	O	E	M	U	O	C	G	I	C	N	A	A	S	O
R	T	I	C	R	I	D	U	A	E	R	H	T	N	O
A	N	R	T	T	O	C	E	M	T	T	E	A	O	D
P	E	D	N	A	R	F	R	S	N	L	S	E	E	T
M	R	E	E	I	N	O	S	E	Q	E	O	H	N	U
E	R	S	C	D	T	I	C	N	R	U	B	V	O	O
N	U	T	F	N	N	S	M	U	A	I	A	I	I	R
T	C	R	U	L	E	U	L	A	T	R	I	R	T	G
H	P	O	G	R	I	D	O	Y	T	E	T	U	A	A
G	M	Y	O	X	D	E	I	R	D	N	D	S	X	N
I	A	U	R	A	L	O	S	T	G	O	O	O	E	I
L	L	E	D	O	L	P	X	E	T	I	B	C	V	S
F	E	L	E	C	T	R	I	C	A	L	A	T	E	M

Backyard, Bait, Bite, Body, Bugs, Circuit, Coax, Contamination, Current, Destroy, Diodes, Dried, Electrical, Electrocuted, Entice, Entrapment, Explode, Flies, Fluorescent, Grid, Grounded, Hang, Heat, Lamp, Light, Lures, Mercury, Metal, Mount, Neon, Organism, Outdoor, Screen, Solar, Torment, Transformer, Tray, Vexation, Virus, Voltage, Wire

SOLUTION ON PAGE 14 **Solution: 8 letters**

FRIENDSHIP

from page 1

their crown: The “Largest Delegation” went to the Filipino-American Catholic Community of Holy Family Church; the Liveliest Delegation was garnered



@cerritosnews



@cerritosnews

by the joint APO Fraternity Alumni of Greater Los Angeles/APO South Bay singing their APO Toast hymn while marching; and the Most Colorful Costume was awarded to Lanao Del Norte Iligan-Marawi Association of So. California with their black outfit laced with Sarimanok (chicken wings) emblem.

Another new feature of this year’s event was the display of about 80 high-end cars at the parking lot courtesy of Carsilog Foundation, an association of car enthusiasts of exotic, fancy, offroad, luxury, and classic cars headed by businessman Lee Natividad.

Before the day was over, the symbolic key was transferred to NaFFAA officer Mary Ann Omega to be the next event chair in next year’s Philippine American Friendship Day. Brace for another spectacular event in the offing.

PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AREA PLAYERS HAVING EARLY SUCCESS IN FINAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS OF SUMMER

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

The Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships tournament is nearing the end, and a few area players are helping their respective travel softball teams with their hot bats. At the same time, other area players saw their teams make early exits of the prestigious end of the summer event with some of the players heading off to college while the rest will still have a few weeks of vacation before high school begins in the middle of August.

PGF 18-Under Premier Division

Right fielder and second baseman Natalia Hill (Gahr High/University of Nebraska) of the (Riverside) BSC Bengals-Briggs scored once while her high school teammate, Rio Mendez (University of Utah) went one for three and scored once as the Bengals knocked off the (Phoenix) Arizona Storm Premier-Downes 6-1 this past Tuesday in their first bracket game. Hill had entered the game one for seven in the three pool play games with the lone hit a solo home run against the (Surprise, AZ) Firecrackers AZ-Brashear/Holland in a 3-3 tie last Saturday afternoon in the first pool play game. Mendez went two for three with a run scored in pool play action. The Bengals faced the (Marietta, GA) Athletics Gold-Tamborra this past Wednesday evening.

Hill and Mendez were the only players in the 18-Under Premier Division to stay in the winners bracket.

Valley Christian High first baseman

Zoe Barrett had a hit and drew three walks in pool play action while V.C. left fielder Choyce Chambers scored once and drew a walk in pool play action as



their (Downey) Nemesis Elite Gold team failed to win a game in the tournament, getting outscored 34-5.

Kayla Martin, a right fielder for V.C. and the (Cerritos) Ohana Tigers Gold-Quarles, was four of six during pool play action and drove in a pair of runs against the (Woodland) All-American Sports Academy Gold-Merrida for her team's lone win in the tournament. Her first hit tied the game in the bottom of the first inning and her second hit was a two-out, game-winning single in the bottom of the fourth as the Ohana Tigers picked up a 4-1 win. In the two other pool play games, plus the two bracket games, the Ohana Tigers combined for four runs.

The (Garden Grove) West Coast Lady Dukes-Blanco, home to La Mirada High's Alyssa Avila and Angelyna Conde, went winless in pool play action, then were blasted by the (Pickens, SC)

Tennessee Mojo-Ramsey/Fisher 14-1 to immediately fall to the loser's bracket. But the West Coast Lady Dukes avoided elimination with a 1-0 win over the (Mason) Ohio Hawks-JJ National this past

Wednesday. Avila's first hit of the tournament was a one-out double in the bottom of the eighth inning against the Ohio Hawks. Conde would have just a two-run double and scored once in the second pool play game last Saturday.

Gahr third baseman Marley Cortez of the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Weil had three hits, scored once and drew a walk in five of the six games the Wildcats played as they were eliminated by the (San Jose) Suncats-Jimenez 2-0 this past Wednesday.

PGF 18-Under Platinum Division

The (Garden Grove) 5 Star Playmakers-Siofele/Mulipola, who Larissa Flores (Gahr/California State University, Northridge) and Kaleyse Foster (Artesia High) play for, defeated the (Fountain Valley) Empire Fastpitch Premier 2-1 this past Monday before losing two straight games. Against the Empire Fastpitch Premier, Flores tied the game with a base hit in the bottom of the 10th inning, then Foster had a game-winning sacrifice fly the next inning in a 2-1 win.

Flores would have five hits in six games played with two runs scored and two RBI while Foster had four hits.

La Mirada's Luna Cruz has had two at-bats, both coming against the (Shawnee, KS) Select Fastpitch-Chester/Bower but her (Torrance) California Cruisers-Smith won their first two bracket games this past Tuesday. It was the team's first victory of the tournament after going 0-2-1 in pool play action.

The (La Palma) Wildcats-Hunter, with Kylie Manibusan (Cerritos High/George Fox University) and Kendall Nakano (Norwalk High/Biola University), won their first two bracket games but then fell to the (Thornton) Colorado Stars-Sakamoto 8-0 this past Tuesday and the (Mesa) Mojo AZ-Vela 4-3 this past Wednesday. Nakano, a third baseman, had 11 hits in 19 at-bats with five RBI, two doubles and two runs scored while Manibusan, a right fielder, scored five runs, had four hits, drove in a pair and had a double in pool play action, and in the two victories.

PGF 16-Under Premier Division

Valley Christian catcher Peyton Kingery of the (Riverside) BSC Bengals Briggs-RB, which went 1-2 in pool play action, collected one hit in each of the first two bracket games as the Bengals have won all three bracket games by a combined 20-6 score. But the Bengals fell to the (Hiddenite, NC) Mojo-Sherrill 2-0 in one Premier Division Bracket A quarterfinal game this past Wednesday.

Trying to battle its way out of the

[See PREMIER, page 12]

AURA ACADEMY

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ACADEMY

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) HIGH SCHOOL

Early College Program (ECP)

Shorten your Bachelor's degree up to 1.5 years

• STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

• Christian Values

Scholarship Opportunities

Develop Critical Thinking

• Learn a New Language

Global Perspective

New 2024-2025 Scholarships:

One Full Scholarship, if eligible, up to USD \$60,000

9th and 11th grades only, one each

AURA High School, an International Baccalaureate (IB) MYP and DP Candidate School*. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that AURA High School believes is important for our students.

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org

562.800.0249

www.auracademy.org

admission@auracademy.org

Building 2, 1600 E Hill St., Signal Hill CA 90755

WEST from page 10

watch’.

“The growth there has been great,” said West. “Volleyball for the girls has always been popular. It’s just in a different venue now and schools that have the facilities for beach [volleyball] are taking advantage of that. It’s unfortunate that not all schools have those venues because my guess is if you actually had three to five sandlot courts on your campus, you would be doing beach volleyball. It’s just another avenue for females to get involved.

“The exponential growth of flag football has been tremendous, and it’s only going to continue,” he continued. “We had about 150 schools this last year participate, and we could have as many as 100 more this year. You’re seeing the ads for it on [television] now and the NFL is really promoting it; it’s going to become an Olympic sport.”

Traditional competitive cheerleading and stunt

Although not a new sport to high schoolers, competitive cheerleading is becoming more recognized as a CIF sanctioned sport. Now, a new component is being added to its championships. The CIF-SS divisional traditional competitive cheerleading championships will be held on Jan. 25 with the state championships a week later.

“The interesting thing is competitive cheer has been around for the longest time, but it’s just been in its own little world,” said West. “A number of years back, the CIF recognized cheer as a sanctioned sport. So, we’re now trying to wrap our head around how to promote it and be a part of it.”

West said the CIF-SS is looking to try to have some other tournaments through-

out the year to help schools qualify for the championships. But West is excited about stunt being added to the mix and predicts it should take off. Stunt cheer, not to be confused with the popular pom pom cheer, will be a spring sport held inside gymnasiums. One team faces off against another team doing the exact routines simultaneously while being judged on how well they do.

“We don’t have enough schools quite yet to make it a championship [sport], but once we do, I think it’s going to sail,” said West.

Baseball and softball state championships

One of the biggest debates with each spring has centered around life after the baseball and softball divisional championships, which will fall on May 31, 2025. Unlike football, basketball and girls volleyball, there are no true North vs. South state championships; just Northern California and Southern California State Regionals, which will be held the first week of June.

These two sports began to have regionals in 2021, but the finals were held on June 26 when most players were already involved with their travel teams. Since then, the regional finals have been held the first Saturday of June. West says there will be a true state championship, but it won’t be without its potential pitfalls.

“Those all were implemented based upon a given schedule,” said West on the football and basketball state playoffs. “That schedule of implementation is still going. Boys volleyball is going to have their state [championships] this next year. Basically, the state looks at one or two sports a year. Initially, it was just to make state regionals, and now they’re actually going from state regionals to state championships. It’s part of the implementation

plan. I can’t recall what year it will be, but between three and six years, you’ll see baseball and softball have their state championships.”

Divisional championship venues

West said he doesn’t believe the football finals will be held in a large venue like the Los Angeles Coliseum or the Rose Bowl in 2024 because of conflicts. The University of Southern California is hosting the University of Notre Dame and the University of California, Los Angeles is hosting Fresno State University on Nov. 30, respectively.

The CIF-SS divisional football finals are slated for Nov. 29 and 30. It should be noted that the Los Angeles Chargers and Los Angeles Rams are both on the road on Dec. 1, leaving a potential open spot at Sofi Stadium.

“We’ve had conversations with Sofi; they’ve seemed somewhat productive,” said West. “We like the individuals; we’ve had good conversations. We just haven’t found an avenue to really make it happen. We’ll continue to put out that olive branch and see what the possibilities are.”

However, the CIF-SS has a three-year agreement with the Toyota Arena in Ontario, home to the Ontario Reign of the American Hockey League, to host the basketball finals Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. West says there will be at least 10 games at that venue. Because there are so many divisions, some championship games will be played at Azusa Pacific University and at one high school, yet to be determined.

What’s new for the 2024-2025 school year

The new health and safety protocols will be put in place beginning in a few weeks when school starts. West says there are guidelines now for using the WetBulb Globe thermometers and measuring it throughout the day in order

to make sure the practices are safe for all outdoor fall sports. But that’s not the only change this upcoming school year.

“All schools have to have an emergency action plan that’s practiced for each sport in each venue,” said West. “You have to have an AED (automated external defibrillator) within three minutes of a potential cardiac arrest on campus. The schools are going to be increasing their capacity to provide safety opportunities for their athletes and for their fans, in all honesty.”

First-time champions

The 2023-2024 school year saw the Cerritos High football, and boys basketball teams and the Gahr High softball team wins CIF-SS championships for the first time in school history. West admits it makes him proud to see new teams with a championship for the first time.

“There are 560 schools in our section and there are maybe three to five percent that get a lot of [publicity] and are well known nationally, not just in the section,” he said. “But you have 95 percent of those schools that aren’t as well known; do the best they can to do things the right way. And I like the fact that we can provide a student experience for the common high school; those that have been around for a while and to give them their opportunities to see the sunshine, to go to a nice venue and to have a great experience. There’s nothing better.

“Don’t get me wrong, I don’t mind watching Mater Dei or St. John Bosco play football,” he continued. “It’s entertaining. But to watch a Gahr or a Cerritos come out and play their guts out to the level that they do and then are able to walk away with a plaque or a medal, that’s really the part of the job that I’ll never get over.”

PREMIER from page 11

loser’s bracket is the (Long Beach) USA Athletics-Rogers Gold 2025 with Angelina Ratzlaff (La Mirada) and Katherine Villegas (Cerritos). After winning two of three pool play games, then falling to the Mojo-Sherrill, the USA Athletics picked up wins against the (Puyallup) WA Ladyhawks-Seeley/Wicker, 6-5 and the (San Antonio, TX) AM Bonola/Frausto, 4-3, this past Tuesday and the (Lawrenceville, GA) Impact Caymol Premier-Sullivan 1-0 before knocking off the (Winter Haven, FL) Intensity National KOD-Bod 9-5 in eight innings this past Wednesday. Ratzlaff has three hits, two RBI and scored once thus far.

Gahr’s Malaia Huskey and Brianna Ramirez are with the (Fountain Valley) Explosion-Kim/Adame, which went 1-2 in pool play action, then lost to the Mojo-Sherrill 8-0 this past Monday, stayed alive with a 5-3 win over the (Pinole, CA) Universal Fastpitch-Tatro this past Tuesday before falling to the (La Habra) Athletics Mercado-RC 3-2 the next day. Huskey had a pair of hits while Ramirez, in two games, had a hit.

NEWSOM from page 1

thority to remove homeless people from their streets.

Homeless encampments have vexed California, where housing costs are among the nation’s highest, more than any other state. An estimated 180,000 people were homeless last year in California, the most in the nation, and about 123,000 homeless people on any given night were unsheltered, according to the

most recent count. Unlike New York City, most jurisdictions in California do not guarantee a right to housing.

Governor Newsom will advise California cities and counties on how best to ramp up enforcement on a signature issue of his administration, but he cannot force them to take action. He also will mandate that state agencies not simply move campers along, but also work with local governments to house people and provide services into which the state has pumped billions of dollars.

“The state has been hard at work to address this crisis on our streets,” Mr. Newsom said in a statement. “There are simply no more excuses,” he added. “It’s time for everyone to do their part.”

The governor’s directive this week follows a Supreme Court decision on June 28 that upheld an Oregon city’s ban on homeless residents sleeping outdoors. The Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit had found in earlier opinions that it was unconstitutional to punish people for sleeping in public spaces when they had no other legal place to spend the night.

Some city officials said last week that they plan to become “very aggressive and assertive in moving encampments” starting next month and might start citing homeless people who refused offers of shelter.

Most local governments, however, have been torn since the decision over whether to aggressively enforce laws against homelessness. The Supreme Court ruling left many civil protections intact, including prohibitions on excessive fines and violations of due process, and civil liberties groups have warned local governments that they would sue over mistreatment of vulnerable people living on the street.

Research also indicates that clearing encampments may be of limited value. One recent study, by the RAND Corporation, found that dismantling them had little or no long-term effect on a city’s homeless population.

Another survey, conducted last year by the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative at the University of California, San Francisco, found that 75 percent of homeless adults in California were local residents who had become homeless in the county where they had last been housed.

The governor’s directive will order other state agencies — including California State Parks and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, both of which oversee immense tracts of land — to adopt versions of the approach being used at Caltrans. Under that approach, the departments will first target encamp-

ments that pose a health and safety risk. The state will provide 48 to 72 hours of advance notice, and state officials will work with local service providers to connect homeless campers with services and housing. Personal property collected at each site will be bagged, tagged and stored for at least 60 days.

Administration officials said that Caltrans could immediately accelerate enforcement and that other state agencies should have the new rules in place within a couple of weeks.

The state cannot legally force cities to adopt the Caltrans system.

But Mr. Newsom and state lawmakers can pressure local leaders because they control billions of dollars of funding intended to address homelessness.

This article is from the New York Times, it was edited for length and grammar.



**PRIME BURIAL PLOT
FOR SALE!**
**AT LA MIRADA'S
OLIVE LAWN MEMORIAL PARK**
GRAVE 5, PLOT 655, SECTION D
\$5,700 OFF!
\$13,500 PLOT FOR \$7,800
BUYER PAYS \$400 TRANSFER FEE

626-914-2680
Email - dengeo1938@gmail.com

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.storagetreasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday August 13th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT
ACOSTA, ADAN	F102
ACOSTA, ADAN	G137
ACOSTA, ADAN	G140
ESPARZA, JULIO CESAR	C244
JASSO, EDUARDO	E284
JUREIDINI, MA SARAH BEQUILLA	D121
MORTIMER, PHYLLIS	H202

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

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 07/26/24 & 08/02/2024

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & CEQA EXEMPTION
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING) AND CHAPTER 157 (WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES) REGARDING NONCONFORMING SITUATIONS, OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

PROJECT: An Ordinance (No. 1145) to amend Sections 155.062, 155.380, 155.450, 155.456, 155.460, 155.461, 155.535, and 155.637, and replace Sections 155.385 through 155.404 (Nonconforming Uses) within Title 15 (Land Use), Chapter 155 (Zoning) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code, and to amend Section 157.03 within Title 15 (Land Use), Chapter 157 (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities), of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: Citywide, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

APPLICANT: City of Santa Fe Springs

CEQA STATUS: The Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations).

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: After receiving the written and oral reports, and public discussion during the Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024, the Commissioners voted 4-0, with one vacant position, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 264-2024. This resolution recommends that the City Council approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1145 to effectuate the proposed amendments to the text of the City’s Zoning Code and determine that the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA.

THE HEARING will be held before the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and express their opinion on the item listed above. Please note that if you challenge the afore-mentioned item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk’s Office, or prior to the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS may be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at CityClerk@santafesprings.org. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the City Council Meeting. You may also contact the City Clerk at: (562) 868-0511.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Vince Velasco, Senior Planner, via e-mail at: VinceVelasco@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7353.

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & CEQA EXEMPTION
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 155.865 (APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE) AND 155.866 (CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR APPEAL) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

PROJECT: An Ordinance (No. 1143) to amend Sections 155.865 (Appeal and Effective Date) and 155.866 (City Council to Hear Appeal) within Title 15 (Land Use), Chapter 155 (Zoning), of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: Citywide, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

APPLICANT: City of Santa Fe Springs

CEQA STATUS: The Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations).

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: After receiving the written and oral reports, and public discussion during the Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024, the Commissioners voted 4-0, with one vacant position, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 267-2024. This resolution recommends that the City Council approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1143 to effectuate the proposed amendments to the text of the City’s Zoning Code and determine that the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA.

THE HEARING will be held before the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and express their opinion on the item listed above. Please note that if you challenge the afore-mentioned item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk’s Office, or prior to the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS may be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at CityClerk@santafesprings.org. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the City Council Meeting. You may also contact the City Clerk at: (562) 868-0511.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Vince Velasco, Senior Planner, via e-mail at: VinceVelasco@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7353.

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19

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 below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT #
Lopez, Jose Luis	B500

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

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 07/26/24 & 08/02/2024

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: **17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca. 90706 on August 7, at 12:30 p.m.**

Exquisito Catering
Teresita Mendoza
Miesha Stanford
Kizzy Smith

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 07/26/24

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
CITY WIDE RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
CIP NO. 50076

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California (“City”) invites Bids for the Project. Bids will be received electronically only through Planet Bids system (<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>). A bid received after the time set for the bid opening shall not be considered. Bidders are required to submit (upload) all items listed in the BIDDER’S CHECKLIST including acknowledgement of all addenda. Bids will be received prior to **2:00 p.m. on September 4, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened on the City’s approved electronic procurement platform.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS. All Bidders are required to enter and submit their bid pricing electronically via Planet Bids’ Bid Schedule Tab. In addition, an electronic copy of the Bid Proposal Package must be uploaded to the Planet Bids system.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. Time for completion of the Work is **Sixty (60) total Working Days** from the date specified in the Notices to Proceed and shall be inclusive of the procurement time to furnish and install all materials associated with this project. **The contractor’s bid shall reflect a schedule that utilizes sufficient amount of crews and equipment to complete all work within the required amount of time. No time extensions will be granted and liquidated damages will be enforced.**

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents online by visiting <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home> Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available at this time.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess either a valid Class “A” Contractor’s license issued by the California State Contractors License Board, or all of the following specialty licenses: C-8, C-10, C-12, C-31 and C-32.

PRE-BID MEETING: (none)

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material substitutions on the PlanetBids System prior to 4:00 pm on August 21, 2024, (14 days prior to bid due date). Any materials substitutions or questions uploaded after the deadline, or asked by email or by telephone, will not be answered. The City will post on the PlanetBids System any applicable Addenda and/or supplemental information by 4:00 pm on August 28, 2024.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: Gene Edwards
Contact Number: 562-801-4225
E-mail address: gedwards@pico-rivera.org

By: Noe Negrete 7/18/2024

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-954
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING SECTIONS 9-2.3101 and SECTION 9-2.3106 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PERMITTED USES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION ZONE (OS-R) ZONE

Notice is hereby given that on June 17, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-954 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to permitted uses and development standards in the Open Space and Recreation Zone. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- The Intent and Purpose of the Chapter was amended to allow for outdoor recreational uses and public facilities. Public facilities may include flood control improvement and best management practices for treatment of storm water.
- Uses Exempt from Regulation – A new provision was added to exempt capital improvement projects, park improvement projects, and open space trails from the permit requirements and development standards of the OS-R Zone. The intent of the exemption will allow Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) identified in the City’s 5-Year CIP Plan to develop necessary open space improvements with improved efficiency.

Please note that the above is a 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: July 26, 2024 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
CONNIE DELLA RODRIGUEZ AKA DELLA CONNIE RODRIGUEZ
CASE NO. 24STPB08086
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CONNIE DELLA RODRIGUEZ AKA DELLA CONNIE RODRIGUEZ.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DORA HELEN MACIAS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DORA HELEN MACIAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/20/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal 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
ROBERT L. HAENDIGES - SBN 102717
10419 BOGARDUS AVENUE, SUITE 100
WHITTIER CA 90603
Telephone (562) 947-7758
7/26, 8/2, 8/9/24
CNS-3835509#
HAWAIIAN GARDENS COMMUNITY NEWS

I.S. No. 122378-CA APN: 8044-011-018 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/7/2017. 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 On 9/24/2024 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/17/2017 as Instrument No. 20171185818 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: CECILIA C. MANUEL, A WIDOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13034 WOODRIDGE AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$305,167.41 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 122378-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 122378-CA 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BEVERLY G. INGERSOLL
CASE NO. GP006624
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BEVERLY G. INGERSOLL.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by HENRY WINKLER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that HENRY WINKLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited 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: 08/15/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal 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
ERLINDA VASQUEZ - SBN 305769
EVERLAW
P.O. BOX 48464
LOS ANGELES CA 90048
Telephone (310) 439-9225
BSC 225454
7/26, 8/2, 8/9/24
CNS-3833980#
LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 –1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.	
The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com ending on Monday, August 5 th , 2024 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit #</u>
Javier Torres	I45
Won Cheung	I47
Kelly Cook	A17
Judy Knox	A08
Judy Knox	F51
Roy Lewellen	E32
Angela Norris	I10
Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.	
Dated this 19 th and 26 th day of July 2024. Self Storage Management Company Bond #: WL11254152	
Published at LCCN 7/19 and 7/26/24	

CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CU 24-04

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) to allow a cocktail lounge/bar with on-sale alcohol (Type 48 / On-Sale General – Public Premises) at an existing 1,700-square foot tenant space located at 16540 Bellflower Boulevard, within The Downtown Bellflower Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan (TOD SP).

Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment was conducted for this project. This project was determined to be Categorically Exempt. CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301 (Existing Facilities) exempts activities that involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This activity would allow a cocktail lounge/bar with on-sale alcohol at an existing tenant space. Accordingly, no further CEQA review is required.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City’s website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division’s Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2228. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to Rowena Genilo-Concepcion at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at rgenilo@bellflower.org.

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

ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. 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 8/15/2024 at 10:00AM. Winifred Elease Williams; Anthony Abel Huerta; Robin Kris Lopez; Melva Lanes Banks; Toby Arthur Jr. Reyes. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

Published at LCCN 7/26/24

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. 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 8/15/2024 at 10:00AM. Winifred Elease Williams; Anthony Abel Huerta; Robin Kris Lopez; Melva Lanes Banks; Toby Arthur Jr. Reyes. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

Published at LCCN 7/26/24

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 8/15/2024 at 10:00AM. Roberto Gonzalez; Gilbert Becerra; Rosalinda Velasco (2 units); Manuel Zaragoza Ambrosio; Crithian Ivan Villalpando-Rizo; Henry Jr Morris; Alicia Espinoza; Leticia Nunez; Rodrigo Flores; Jaime Mendez; Maria Cristella Sandoval; Marcelino de Jesus Sandoval; David Arthur Williams; Luz Maria Hernandez; Adolfo Flores Nunez; Luis Angel Casares Ayala/SLOMINS INC; Jose Alfredo Mendoza Jr; Felipe Palma; Cynthia Garcia; Brenda Ortega; Armando Zavala-Bracamontes; Crystabell Ojeda; Melody Ann Rodela; Anthony Salazar; Maria de Los Angeles Hall. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

Published at LCCN 7/26/24

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

RESIDENTIAL STREET SLURRY SEAL, PROJECT 110

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

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall,
21815 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the FY 2022 Residential Street Slurry Seal, Project 110, 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, August 14, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

The general items of work include slurry sealing of various streets and the Public Safety Building Parking lot, striping, removal and installation of radar speed signs, manhole adjusting, traffic control, and other incidental items not mentioned but indicated in the Specifications.

Electronic copies of the Plans and Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens and CIP List website. Bidders must submit their request to receive the Bid Package 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.

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19

PUZZLE SOLUTION: MOSQUITO



therealcerritosnews



@cerritosnews



@cerritosnews

ADVERTISE HERE TO 100,000 READERS FOR ONLY \$20 PER WEEK
PRICE INCLUDES FREE LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE, OVER 60,000 VISITORS EVERY MONTH
CALL 562.407.3873 or email SALES@CERRITOSNEWS.NET

Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/26/19



AURA ACADEMY

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ACADEMY

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) HIGH SCHOOL

Early College Program (ECP)

Shorten your Bachelor's degree up to 1.5 years

- STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics
- Christian Values
- Learn a New Language
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Global Perspective
- Develop Critical Thinking

New 2024-2025 Scholarships:

One Full Scholarship, if eligible, up to USD \$60,000

9th and 11th grades only, one each

AURA High School, an International Baccalaureate (IB) MYP and DP Candidate School*. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that AURA High School believes is important for our students.

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org

 **562.800.0249**  **www.auracademy.org**  **admission@auracademy.org**

 **Building 2, 1600 E Hill St., Signal Hill CA 90755**

