



ELECTED OFFICIALS IN D.C. TO SECURE FUNDS FOR LIGHT RAIL

WELCOME: Southeast LA leaders in Washington, D.C., from (l-r) Maywood Councilmember Heber Marquez; Paramount Councilmember Isabel Aguayo; Lakewood Councilmember David Arellano; Downey Mayor Mario Trujillo; Supervisor Janice Hahn; Gateway Cities Council of Governments Executive Director Hector De La Torre; Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Taj; South Gate Vice Mayor Maria Davila; Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins; Paramount Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings.

City Leaders Champion Southeast Gateway Line in Washington

By Brian Hews

Washington, DC—Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn is in Washington, DC leading a delegation of Southeast Los Angeles and Gateway Cities elected officials to champion the need for federal funding for the planned Southeast Gateway Metro Rail Line.

“Residents across Southeast LA and the Gateway Cities have been taking two, three buses to get to work, to school, and to doctor’s appointments,” said Hahn. “These communities need and deserve this high quality, reliable rail line, that will not only help people get to their jobs in other parts of the County but will be an investment in jobs and businesses along the route itself. This project has cleared every hurdle necessary and now it’s time to get it the funding it

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La Mirada Relay For Life Celebrates 20 Years at Splash



SURVIVORS kick-started the La Mirada/ Whittier Relay for Life by opening the first lap deemed the “Survivor Lap” on Sept. 15 at Splash.

By Stepheny Gehrig

On September 15, Splash La Mirada Regional Aquatic Center hosted the La Mirada/ Whittier Relay For Life.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the relay and celebrated by hosting a circus-themed event. Relay for Life raises money through donations and fundraisers for the American

Cancer Society — the proceeds go to cancer research, programs, information, and services like lodging for cancer patients, support groups, and ride services to help those battling cancer arrive at their treatment appointments.

Kicking off the event, Randy and Joyce Herbon introduced the depth of the event through speeches that explained the ways that cancer has been prevalent in

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Supervisors Approve Major Improvement Project for Carmenita Rd. and Imperial Hwy.

By Brian Hews

This past week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a major improvement project for the intersection of Carmenita Road and Imperial Highway in Santa Fe Springs and the unincorporated community of South Whittier.

The project, which includes improvements to intersection safety and pedestrian access, has a total cost of \$2 million and will begin construction in April 2025. Completion is expected by September 2025.

“Thousands of residents depend on this infrastructure to keep them safe and to keep streets flowing smoothly,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who

represents the area. “These improvements are going to deliver reduced congestion, better mobility, and greater safety for everyone living near and traveling through this intersection.”

Carmenita Road includes two travel lanes in each direction while Imperial Highway comprises three travel lanes in each direction. The improvement project includes upgrades to traffic detection/CCTV and pedestrian accessibility as well as signal timing improvements, relocation of pedestrian heads to new poles, and the installation of new type street name.

“We are committed to ensuring the safety and mobility of all our residents and the Carmenita Road and Imperial

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Climate

Tom’s Truck Center Becomes First Commercial U.S. Truck Dealer With Hydrogen Refueling Station

By Brian Hews

Tom’s Truck Center, located in Santa Fe Springs, opened the first U.S. hydrogen refueling station onsite at a commercial truck dealership this past week.

The Nikola HYL A modular hydrogen refueling station for the heavy-duty transportation sector is located onsite at Tom’s Truck Center’s Santa Fe Springs location in Los Angeles County, a strategic location along Highway 5, one of the busiest highways in the nation.

Tom’s is an important part of the Nikola sales and service dealer network.

The 700-bar high-pressure dispensing equipment allows for reliable turnaround times, refueling up to 30 trucks daily.

A 700 bar or dual pressure dispensing system will fill a truck in fifteen minutes.

The station will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m.

to 5 p.m. with dedicated HYL A Ambassadors/Operations Technicians ensuring efficient service. Conveniently located along the highway, this setup minimizes downtime for heavy-duty trucks needing refueling, such as the Nikola hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle.

Attending the event was State Senator Bob Archuleta, Santa Fe Springs City Manager Rene Bobadilla, GO-Biz Deputy Director of ZEV Market Development Gia Brazil Vacin, California Air Resources Board (CARB) Representative Isaac Lino Tom’s Truck Center President KC Heidler, and Nikola Corporation President and CEO Stephen Girskey.

Other current HYL A hydrogen refueling locations in Calif. include Long Beach and Ontario. It is anticipated that 14 hydrogen refueling solutions will be operational by the end of 2024.

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ABC School Board Candidate Leticia Mendoza Kicks Off Campaign



SUPPORT: Former ABC Board Member and current candidate Leticia “Letty” Mendoza (seventh from right) held her kick-off fundraiser last week. The ABCFT, CSEA, and AFSCME all came out in full support. With Ms. Mendoza are L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, ABC Board Members Francisco Noyola, Olga Rios, and ABCFT President Ray Gaer. A former kindergarten student of Ms. Mendoza’s, Daniel Gonzalez, came to support her; Gonzalez is a first-year student at Loyola Marymount. Gonzalez also brought his cousin, Estrella Perdomo, a current kindergarten student in Ms. Mendoza’s classroom.

Health and Wellness Fair for Seniors

The Cerritos Senior Center’s annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, October 4 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. The fair starts at 8:30 a.m. for Cerritos residents and 9 a.m. for non-residents. The event ends at noon, and the entire Senior Center, including the Fitness Center will close immediately following the event. Routine Senior Center activities and classes

will not occur on this day, and many programs the day before will end at 1 p.m.

The annual fair links seniors to resources that encourage a healthy, well-rounded approach to aging. Seniors age 50 years and older may participate in the screenings. A photo I.D. with current address is required to register and participate.

The Cerritos Senior Center is located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. For more information, call (562) 916-8550.

U.S. officials awarded California nearly \$150 million for the construction of more than 9,200 electric vehicle charging ports in an attempt to make zero-emission cars attractive to a wider range of drivers.

The funding from the Department of Transportation’s is part of a \$521-million infrastructure package.

The federal government’s goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution by investing in electric vehicle infrastructure that has promised to significantly improve the climate . A lack of reliable charging stations has proved to be one setback that has challenged the industry.

The bulk of state funds will go to the California Department of Transportation, which will receive \$102 million for charging and hydrogen fueling stations for zero-emission vehicles, including trucks, along freight corridors in California, Oregon and Washington.

The funds also include \$15 million for Los Angeles County, the city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to construct more than 1,250 accessible EV charging stations with a focus on benefiting underserved communities; \$15.1 million for the Fort Independence Indian Reservation to install an EV charging hub along the U.S. Route 395 corridor, between Southern California and Mammoth; \$14 million for Bay Area Rapid Transit to construct charging ports at BART-managed parking facilities; and \$3.2 million for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians to install

70 EV charging stations at the reservation and along U.S. Route 50 between Sacramento and South Lake Tahoe.

“The Biden-Harris Administration has taken action to ensure that America leads the EV revolution, and the historic infrastructure package includes resources to support a nationwide EV charger network so that all drivers have an accessible, reliable, and convenient way to charge their vehicles,” U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in a statement.

Although California has pledged to ban the sale of new gasoline- and diesel-powered cars and light trucks by 2035, EV charging stations have proved unreliable and sales have dropped statewide, including at EV leader Tesla and Fisker , which recently filed for bankruptcy.

Officials also announced an \$800-million funding opportunity for cities, metropolitan planners, tribal governments and other federal, state and local agencies to use on low-carbon construction materials and products, including more sustainable types of concrete and steel. The Biden administration previously announced \$1.2 billion for state transportation departments.

Nancy Sutley, Los Angeles’ deputy mayor for energy and sustainability, said the city is prioritizing the use of sustainable materials ahead of the 2028 Olympics.

California’s DOT Will Get \$102M for Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Stations

By Colleen Shalby



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Cerritos College Announces New Student Housing Project



HOUSING: artist’s rendition of what the new student housing building will look like once it is completed as of Sept. 16, 2024. Photo courtesy Cerritos College

Cerritos College announced a new student housing project after Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 155 – which grants money to community colleges for affordable housing developments that serve their students.

Cerritos College was one of the 13 community colleges that received funds for student housing – the college will receive 68 million dollars for this new project.

Cerritos College has already seen success in off-campus housing, with the first ever California housing development in a community college called the Village.

The project will most likely be built in the college’s parking lot 7 and start in early 2025 with 24 months to completion.

The plan right now is for the dorms to be three stories tall and 3 different build-

ings which consist of 26 studios, 62 doubles and 11 four-bedroom apartments.

This totals to around 318 beds, however, the college’s board of trustees still needs to vote to approve this plan.

According to Cerritos College, it is an exciting opportunity for Cerritos students, especially for those who must use public transportation, as Cerritos College serves multiple big cities such as Long Beach, Paramount, Lakewood and Downey.

The dorms will help students get to class on time. Students who live in the dorms will no longer have to worry about issues with commuting to campus. Beyond just commutes, the proven benefits to student mental health, GPAs, success rates and a greater likelihood of transferring to a four-year institution will be critical to their success moving forward.

Norwalk Tells Newsom to Take a Hike, Extends Homeless Shelter Ban

(NBCLA) Despite Gov. Newsom’s threat of a lawsuit over its emergency ordinance that bans homeless shelters and supporting housing facilities, the Norwalk city council voted Tuesday to extend the moratorium through August 2025.

The vote came a day after Gov. Newsom sent a notice of violation letter to the city, saying the moratorium on various establishments, such as emergency shelters, single-room occupancy, supportive housing and transitional housing is “unlawful.”

City staff recommended during the city council meeting that the council pass the motion to extend the moratorium, so it can conduct a further study on how prohibiting the types of facilities would impact the community and whether the city would need zoning amendments.

Before Tuesday’s council meeting, Norwalk Mayor Margarita Rios urged Newsom to acknowledge her city’s “pro-active measures” to address homelessness while asking for “direct resources to support” its efforts.

The city council had noted the city’s power to make and enforce ordinances to regulate the use of land within its jurisdictional boundaries when it passed the ordinance.

Although Norwalk passed the moratorium based on the Housing Crisis Act, which allows local governments to issue a housing or facility ban when there’s “an imminent threat” to public health and safety, the state argued in the letter that “there are no findings of a threat specific to the housing subject to the moratorium, nor any finding of a citywide threat.”

With the notice of violation, the state implied that Norwalk could face the same

fate as Anaheim and Huntington Beach. The two Orange County cities were forced to bring forward new housing plans after they lost lawsuits brought on by the state in similar fashion.

In a statement, Newsom’s team condemned the city’s decision. “The Norwalk City Council’s decision is disgraceful and clearly violates the law,” the statement read. “The state will act swiftly to address this dereliction of duty. Stay tuned.”

Cerritos Center Partners With Ticketmaster

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is partnering with Ticketmaster, the largest ticketing service provider in the world.

The collaboration with the Beverly Hills-based company is “expected to simplify and complement the CCPA ticket-purchasing experience for patrons. With its user-friendly platform, Ticketmaster offers greater flexibility and faster and convenient access, allowing customers to buy and access digital tickets anywhere and at any time online.” Ticketmaster’s digital tickets are more secure than traditional paper tickets and their all-in pricing complies with State laws.

The aim of the partnership will improve reach and enhance visibility for the CCPA while minimizing ticket brokers and third-party reselling to ensure that patrons buy tickets at face value.

For patrons who prefer to buy their tickets in person, the CCPA Box Office will still be open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The Box Office is also open two hours prior to performance and until half an hour past curtain on show days.

For more details, contact the Box Office at (562) 916-8500.





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Outrage and the Modern Trump Era of Political Violence

The latest apparent assassination attempt against the former president indicates how much the American political landscape has been shaped by anger stirred by him and against him.

Within days of former President Donald J. Trump vilifying immigrants on national television with false stories about Haitian migrants eating pet dogs and cats in an Ohio town, someone began threatening to blow up schools, City Hall and other public buildings, forcing evacuations and prompting a wave of fear.

Days later, authorities said, a man who described himself online as a disaffected former Trump supporter made his way with a semiautomatic rifle to the former president’s Florida golf course, evidently looking to take a shot. He was thwarted only when an observant Secret Service agent spotted him and opened fire first.

And so it goes in 2024. In the space of less than a week, the once and possibly future commander in chief was both a seeming inspiration and an apparent target of the political violence that has increasingly come to shape American politics in the modern era. Bomb threats and attempted assassinations now have become part of the landscape, shocking and horrific, yet not so much that they have forced any real national reckoning.

“One of the things I’m most concerned about right now is the normalization of political violence in our political system. It’s on the increase,” Representative Jason Crow, Democrat of Colorado and a member of a bipartisan task force already investigating the July 13 assassination attempt against Mr. Trump, said in an interview. “Now we’re on the second one in as many months and it just shows the extent to which this has become pervasive.”

President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris both issued statements condemning the latest incident, but

the campaign continued uninterrupted. Barely four hours after Mr. Trump was hustled into a motorcade away from the golf club for his protection, his finance team sent out an email to its fund-raising list with a button to click to make a donation. “My resolve is only stronger after another attempt on my life!” Mr. Trump said in the email. Ms. Harris’s fund-raising emails continued as well.

Mr. Trump, who as recently as last week’s debate with Ms. Harris blamed Democrats for the shooting at a rally in Butler, Pa., that struck his ear in July, attributed Sunday’s attempt to the president and vice president as well, arguing that the arrested suspect was acting in response to their political attacks.

“He believed the rhetoric of Biden and Harris, and he acted on it,” Mr. Trump told Fox News on Monday. “Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at, when I am the one who is going to save the country, and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out.”

Even as he complained that the Democrats had made him a target by calling him a threat to democracy, he repeated his own assertion that “these are people that want to destroy our country” and called them “the enemy from within” — certainly language no less provocative than that used about him.

Indeed, within hours, his campaign emailed a list of quotes from Mr. Biden, Ms. Harris and other Democrats attacking Mr. Trump with phrases like “a threat to our democracy” and a “threat to this nation,” without noting that just last week during the debate the former president said “they’re the threat to democracy.”

One of Mr. Trump’s most prominent and vocal supporters went so far as to question why Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris have not been targeted for murder. “And no one is even trying to assassinate Biden/Kamala,” Elon Musk, the

billionaire social media owner, wrote online.

Here are the latest developments.

Vance says the left is to blame for the attempts on Trump’s life, adding that ‘censorship’ leads to violence.

The rifle found at Trump’s golf course is relatively cheap and niche compared with the AR-15.

Mr. Musk later deleted the post and called it a joke, but the White House pushed back. “Violence should only be condemned, never encouraged or joked about,” said Andrew Bates, a White House spokesman. “This rhetoric is irresponsible.”

American history has been marked by periods of political violence before. Four sitting presidents have been killed in office, and another was shot and seriously wounded. A former president likewise was shot and survived, and plenty of others who lived in the White House have been targets. But two attempts on the life of a former president within two months still stands out, especially in the heat of an election in which he is a leading candidate for his old job.

At the heart of today’s eruption of political violence is Mr. Trump, a figure who seems to inspire people to make threats or take actions both for him and against him. He has long favored the language of violence in his political discourse, encouraging supporters to beat up hecklers, threatening to shoot looters and undocumented migrants, mocking a near-fatal attack on the husband of the Democratic House speaker and suggesting that a general he deemed disloyal be executed.

While Mr. Trump insists his fiery speech to supporters on Jan. 6, 2021, was not responsible for the subsequent ransacking of the Capitol, he resisted pleas from advisers and his own daughter that day to do more to stop the assault. He even suggested that the mob might be right to want to hang his vice president and has since embraced the at-

tackers as patriots whom he may pardon if elected again.

Mr. Trump does not pause to reflect on the impact of his own words. Just last week, his false pet-eating accusations against Haitian migrants during his debate with Ms. Harris were quickly followed by bomb threats that turned life upside-down in Springfield, Ohio, and he did nothing to discourage them. After 33 bomb threats, Ohio’s governor said Monday that law enforcement would conduct daily sweeps of schools in the town.

Asked by a reporter if he denounced the bomb threats, he demurred. “I don’t know what happened with the bomb threats,” he said. “I know that it’s been taken over by illegal migrants, and that’s a terrible thing that happened.”

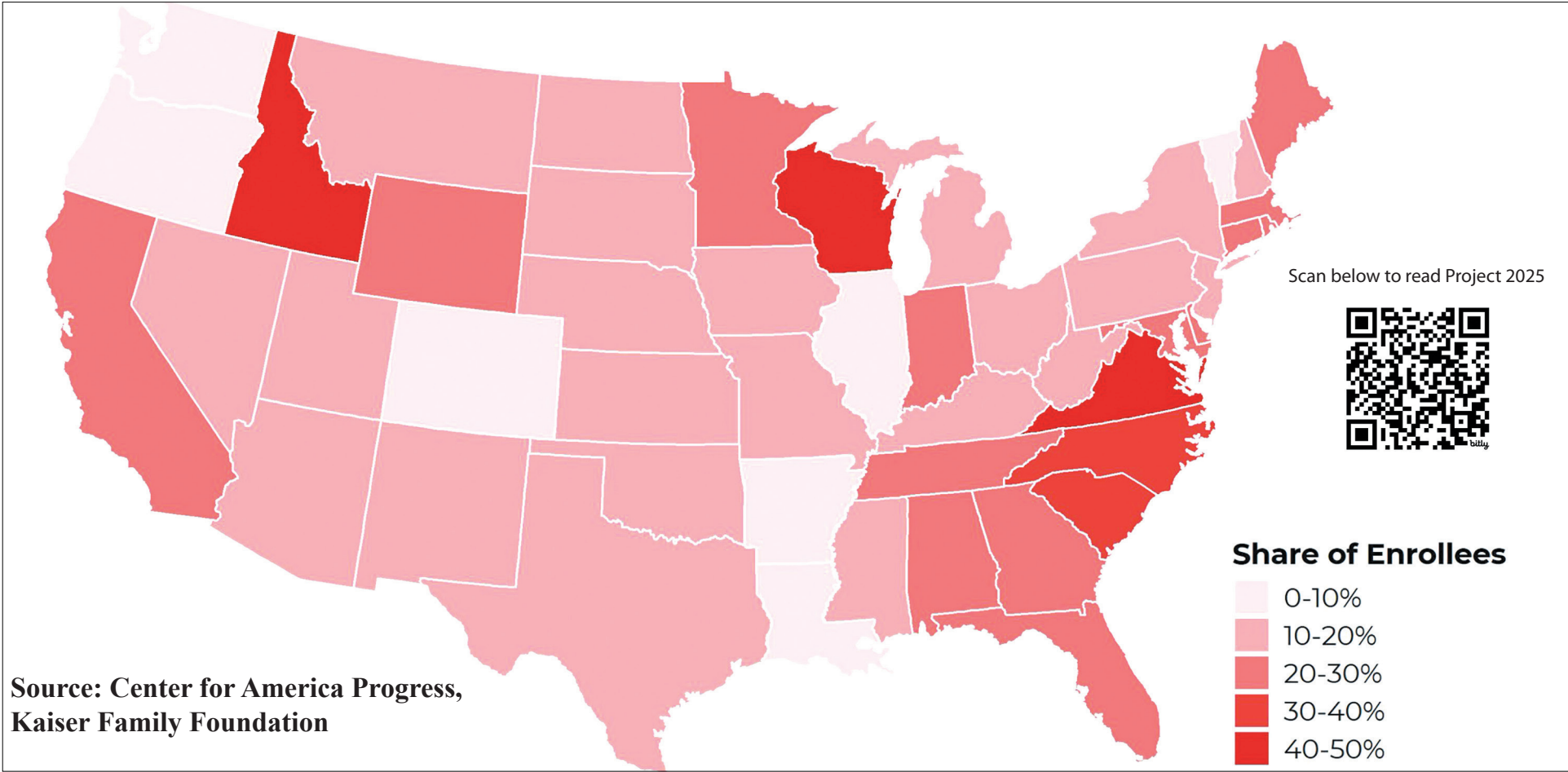
Anger, of course, has long been the animating force of Mr. Trump’s time in politics — both the anger he stirs among supporters against his rivals and the anger that he generates among opponents who come to loathe him. Predictions that he might rethink that after he narrowly escaped death in Butler proved ephemeral. By halfway through his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention five days later, he was back to himself.

But it is a measure of how much political violence has become a part of modern American culture — not accepted, perhaps, but more and more expected — that the latest incident may make no more difference than the first. The shock from the shooting in Butler wore off relatively quickly as attention turned to other developments. The shock from this one may not last any longer.

Peter Baker is the chief White House correspondent for The New York Times. He has covered the last five presidents and sometimes writes analytical pieces that place presidents and their administrations in a larger context and historical framework.

Are You on Medicaid or Medicare?

Share of Medicaid Enrollees at Risk of Losing Coverage Under Project 2025



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 Virginia, 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.**

Ali Sajjad Taj Announces Candidacy for State Assembly District 67

LCCN Staff Report

This week, Mayor Pro Tem, Ali Sajjad Taj [AST] officially announced his candidacy for the California State Assembly District 67 in the 2026 election. Taj’s campaign has garnered significant momentum, gaining endorsements from a diverse coalition of respected leaders across the district, highlighting his deep-rooted commitment to community service and his readiness to deliver results for the residents of District 67.

“I am honored to receive the support of so many trusted leaders throughout our district,” said Taj. “Together, we will build a brighter future for our communities, focusing on the issues that matter most—education, public safety, afford-



Artesia Mayor pro tem Ali Sajjad Taj

able housing, and economic growth.”

Taj has earned the endorsement of Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, who currently represents Assembly District 67. Quirk-Silva, an advocate for education, veterans, and mental health services, praised Taj’s leadership and dedication to continuing her legacy of service in the district.

“Ali Sajjad Taj is a leader who truly understands the needs of our community and has the experience to deliver on his promises,” said Quirk-Silva. “I have no doubt that he will be an outstanding representative for District 67.”

In addition to Quirk-Silva, Taj has secured the endorsements of Senator Josh Newman (SD 29), State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (AD 73), Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco (AD 64), Assemblywoman Dr. Jasmeet Bains (AD 35), Assemblymember Mike Gipson (AD 65) and Senator Bob Archuleta (SD 30) A former Presidential appointee to the Obama Administration—all prominent leaders in California politics who trust Taj to bring responsible, effective leadership to Sacramento.

Taj’s campaign is further supported by a broad range of local leaders who recognize his dedication to community service, including:

Los Angeles County Supervisor Jan-

ice Hahn and Holly Mitchelle

City of Artesia: Mayor Tony Lima, Councilmembers Rene Trevino and Monica Manalo City of Cerritos: Mayor Naresh Solanki, Councilmember Lynda Johnson

City of Hawaiian Gardens: Mayor Victor Farfan, Councilmember Luis Rao, Councilmember Maria Teresa Del Rio

City of Buena Park: Mayor Susan Sonne, Vice Mayor Joyce Ahn, Councilmember Art Brown, Councilmember Connor Traut

City of Fullerton: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jung City of La Palma: Mayor Marshal Goodman

City of Orange: Mayor Pro Tem Arianna Barrios

Endorsements from Educational Leaders:

Taj has also earned the endorsements of key figures in the local educational community:

ABC Unified School Board: Vice President Ernie Nishi, Board Member Olga Rios

Fullerton Joint Union High School District: President Dr. Chester Jeng, Board Member Joanne Fawley

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Highway Intersection Improvements Project is a vital step in that direction. By enhancing safety measures and optimizing traffic flow, we are creating a safer environment for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike. This project will not only help reduce congestion but also create greater connectivity within our community, making daily commutes more efficient and secure for everyone,” said Santa Fe Springs Mayor Jay Sarno.

The program’s costs will be shared between the County and the City of Santa Fe Springs. The County’s jurisdictional shares of the project cost are estimated to be \$1,520,000, with the city responsible for the remaining \$480,000.

HYDROGEN from page 1

Fe Springs station, Nikola is completing a crucial hydrogen fueling triangle in Southern Calif. This strategic location, together with its Ontario and Long Beach stations, now forms a robust network that spans multiple counties, serving a population of over 12 million people.

This new HYLA modular refueling station is only a part of Tom’s long-term plan to incorporate permanent hydrogen refueling station, projected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Free RuMBa Family Concert – A Magical Musical Kingdom for Children of All Ages

On Sunday, October 6th, 2024, children and their families will enjoy an afternoon of music, dance, crafts, and interactive activities as Long Beach Symphony presents the RuMBa Foundation Family Concert, A Magical Musical Kingdom at the Terrace Theater and Plaza.

Kids get in free. Family activities will take place from 1PM to 3PM, and 4PM to 5PM; the concert, conducted by Long Beach Symphony Music Director Eckart Preu, will take place from 3PM to 4PM.

The RuMBa Foundation Family Concert, a lively and interactive musical event designed for young audiences, will be a fun-filled afternoon of exploration as it delivers a lifetime of memories. Children of all ages will enjoy music from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone, Aladdin, Wizard of Oz, Toy Story, and Frozen.

In addition to the electrifying musical performances, afternoon will include games, crafts, activities, and the hands-on instrument petting zoo to engage young audiences. Children will have the

opportunity to learn about the different instruments in the orchestra, explore sounds, and cultural roots.

The RuMBa Family Concert is a great way to introduce children to the world of orchestral music while enjoying a lively, culturally rich, and age-appropriate performance. The Symphony invites families throughout the community to join us for this unforgettable event.

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11926 La Mirada Blvd

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13295 South St.

Kindred Hospital

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Knabe Park

Kristens Beauty Salon

13952 Valley View Ave

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15711 Imperial Hwy,

Lakewood Regional

3700 South St.

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La Palma City Hall

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Hospital Liberty Park

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Sánchez Delivers \$1.66 Million to YMCA of Greater Whittier



CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ (D-CA) delivering the \$1.66 million. The funding will be used to make modifications to the Uptown Whittier Family YMCA Center to improve accessibility, safety and equity at the 40-year-old building.

Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) delivered \$1.66 million in federal funding she secured for the YMCA of Greater Whittier through the President Biden's Consolidated Appropriations Act.

The funding will be used to make modifications to the Uptown Whittier Family YMCA Center to improve accessibility, safety and equity at the 40-year-old building.

"The YMCA of Greater Whittier has been serving our community and making lives better for over 100 years," said Congresswoman Sánchez. "Modernizing the Uptown location, will help it continue to fulfill its mission by giving families and residents of all ages access

to a first-class facility and community gathering place."

"Our vision for the Uptown Y is simple yet powerful: everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential," said Curt Skotnicki, president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Whittier. "By creating facilities comparable to those in affluent neighborhoods, we ensure that our residents have access to high-quality programs and services that can truly enhance their lives and futures. Our work remains unfinished. The transformation of the Uptown Y is an ongoing journey, and we are committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential."

Afternoon of Wine, Painting, and Fun- All for a Great Cause

The Seal Beach Lions Club is hosting an afternoon of wine sipping and painting benefiting the Jonthan Jaques Children's Cancer Institute at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach. on Sat., Sept. 28 from 1 – 4 p.m.

The beginner-friendly class includes painting materials, two beverages, light snacks, and loads of fun.

Residents won't want to miss the exciting silent auction and 50/50 fundraising raffle. Only 90 spots are available, so be sure to reserve a spot now. The cost is \$50 per person. For registration and information, contact painting instructor, Stan Sarkauskas, at stansarkauskas@gmail.com.

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Artesia Cemetery Will Showcase Upgrades and Available Space

The Artesia Cemetery District will host an Open House this Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, at the Artesia Cemetery located at 11142 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703. This event will provide an opportunity for the community to view significant upgrades and improvements made to the cemetery, which stands out as one of the last public cemeteries in the area with available space.

The Open House will feature the grand opening of the new Niche Wall and Cremation Rock, offering serene and beautiful spaces for memorializing loved ones. Attendees will also see an improved parking area, with new ADA-compliant space, and a newly renovated ADA-compliant restroom, ensuring accessibility and comfort for all visitors.

"We are thrilled to unveil these important enhancements to the Artesia Cemetery," said Mike Laughlin, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Artesia Cemetery District. "Our goal is to provide a tranquil and accessible environment for our community, and these improvements are a significant step towards that mission. As one of the last public cemeteries with available space, we are committed to serving our community's needs for years to come."

Free Emergency Response Training Offered in Cerritos

The Cerritos Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering disaster and emergency training on Friday, November 15 from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, November 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, November 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Designed to help residents in the event of a disaster or other emergency, the CERT program offers training in disaster preparedness, CERT organization, disaster medical operations, disaster psychology, fire safety and utility controls, light search and rescue, terrorism and disaster simulation.

When emergencies occur, CERT members are able to provide critical support to first responders, give immediate assistance to victims and organize volunteers at a disaster site.

Participants are required to wear closed-toed shoes and long pants for safety purposes and attend all three sessions to receive the CERT certification. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Classes meet in the Albert O. Little Community Center at 18750 Clarkdale Avenue in Artesia.

Call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1252 or email emerina@cerritos.us to register.

Cerritos Ordinance Regulates Use of Leaf Blowers

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CicLAvia – ‘Heart of LA’ Oct. 13

LCCN Staff Report

CicLAvia – Heart of LA, presented by Metro, welcomes everyone on October 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to its 56th car-free open streets event.

The route will wind through several of the most important and historic Los Angeles neighborhoods which include Boyle Heights; Chinatown; Downtown LA; Echo Park; the Arts District and Little Tokyo. Highlights include the 6th Street Viaduct, Echo Park Lake, and the Historic Core of DTLA, for participants to jog, ride, bike, skate, run, walk, skateboard, spectate, play, and enjoy the 7.5-mile route.

Always free, CicLAvia participants just show up anywhere along the route at any time to enjoy the open streets and to take the time to explore the ‘Heart of LA.’

Only people-powered vehicles are allowed. No electric scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, electric unicycles, motorcycles and other non-people-powered vehicles are allowed at CicLAvia. Class 1 e-bike pedal-assist allowed. Class 2 e-bikes are allowed when the throttle is powered off. Class 3 e-bikes are allowed when pedal-assist is powered off. Motorized wheelchairs are allowed.

With five Hubs filled with plenty of activities and programs along the route, CicLAvia – Heart of LA will be both fun and engaging for all to enjoy.

Hubs are walking zones (bike dismounts) and meeting points along the route with the Echo Park Hub located on the south side of Echo Park Lake on Bellevue Ave at Glendale Blvd; the Chinatown Hub located on North Broad-

way near Chinatown’s historic Central Plaza; the Little Tokyo Hub located on Central Ave between 1st and 2nd streets; the Mariachi Plaza Hub located on 1st St east of Boyle Ave, and the Evergreen Hub located on E Cesar Chavez Ave, west of Evergreen Ave. Hubs offer family-friendly activities, restrooms, free water refilling stations, free basic bike repair, bike parking, and first aid. Free pedicab rides are also available at each information booth.

Inspired by Bogotá’s weekly ciclovía, CicLAvia has been temporarily closing streets to car traffic and opening them as public parks in Los Angeles since 2010.

With more than 319 miles of open streets these free to attend events are a celebration of L.A.’s diverse and vibrant communities.

CicLAvia car-free streets connect all of us to the neighborhoods where we live,

work, shop, learn, and play. Active participants at CicLAvia use people-powered mobility to navigate public streets in a safe and joyful way. Along the way there is shopping at local businesses, access to cultural and architectural gems, using open streets as spaces to connect with each other, and making a positive impact on the environment by creating a more sustainable and climate resilient city and region. Over the past 14 years CicLAvia has helped communities re-imagine a greener and cleaner Los Angeles, while also promoting equitable transportation options, healthier lifestyles, and closer connections to community.

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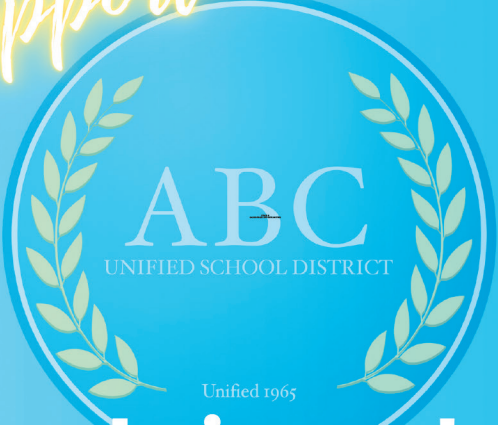
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Strategies for Adding Native Plants to Your Landscape

By Melinda Myers

More and more gardeners are adding native plants to their landscapes. These plants provide more than beautiful flowers for us to enjoy. They also support pollinators and other beneficial insects, and provide food and shelter for song-birds, toads, and other wildlife.

In addition, these plants help protect and improve our soil and manage storm-water. The plants slow stormwater run-off and help direct it into the soil through pathways created by their deep roots to the groundwater below. These deep roots also help break up compacted clay soils. Legumes like blue false indigo (*Baptisia australis*) that are hardy in zones 3 to 10 (Claifornia is Zone 10)help add nitrogen



to the soil while supporting a variety of pollinators.

Look to woodland native plants if you are gardening in the shade. Tall black cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*) grows 4 to 6 feet tall, has white flowers in summer, and is a host plant for the Appalachian azure butterfly. The spring-blooming native columbine's (*Aquilegia canadensis*) red and yellow flowers provide food for hummingbirds and long-tongued insects. Wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*) makes an excellent groundcover that can hold its ground against garlic mustard and other invasive plants.

Perhaps you or members of your household have been reluctant to add these plants to your landscape. Some people worry that these plants won't fit in with their current landscape design or be accepted by their neighbors. One option is to start including native plants in your landscape one plant or garden at a time.

As always, make sure the plants you select are suited to the growing conditions, your garden design, and the available space. Some native plants are aggressive and work best when given a lot of room to grow and spread. Others grow in clumps and slowly increase in size making them easier to include in smaller yards.

Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) is a wonderful but very aggres-

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A BEE nectaring on purple prairie clover, aka *Dalea purpurea* is native in zones 3-10.

sive native plant that's a favorite of the monarch caterpillar. It spreads by seeds and deep rhizomes making it challenging to contain. Consider growing other native milkweeds that will support the monarch but are less aggressive when space is limited. Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) hardy in zones 3 to 10 is a great option for those with sunny well-drained locations. Red milkweed also known as swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) also grows best in full sun, but this milkweed tolerates moist soils.

Think about substitutions when starting to add native plants to the garden. When one plant dies look for a native plant to fill the void. Consider one with a similar growth habit, texture, and bloom time. Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) is a North American native grass with a growth habit similar to ornamental fountain grass (*Pennisetum*) and it provides many more benefits. Hardy in zones 3 to 8, it has uniquely fragrant

flowers in late summer, golden fall color, and seeds that look like gems when covered with ice in the winter. It is also a host plant for six different moths and butterflies. This elegant grass is at home in just about any style garden.

As you get to know the native plants of your region and gain experience adding them to your gardens you may decide to create gardens of all native plants. Look to nature for some winning combinations. Combine plants that look good together, have the same growing conditions, and are equally assertive. When aggressive plants are mixed in with timid plants, you end up with a garden of just one or two overly assertive plants.

As always, do your research first. Visit nearby nature centers and talk to others growing native plants to gather information and inspiration. As you gain success and confidence, you are sure to find creative ways to add these beauties to your landscape.

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their lives by touching on experiences with their parents and friends. After the speeches, the attention was then moved to the cheerleading teams from California High School, La Serna High School, Whittier High School, and La Mirada High School, who learned that day and performed cheers “B-E-A-T, beat can-



MAYOR JOHN LEWIS (at the podium), Mayor Pro Tem Ed Eng, City Manager Jeff Boynton, and Councilmember Anthony Otero were in attendance.

cer,” and “H-O-P-E, hope for a cure.”

Celebrating the 20th anniversary, a section of the opening introduction was dedicated to recognizing previous event leaders. Although they were not in attendance, Blanca Pacheco and Janice Hahn both sent representatives who gave brief words to encourage those in the audience to keep fighting. The representative also presented certificates to previous and current event leaders. Mayor John Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Eng, City Manager Jeff Boynton, and Councilmember Anthony Otero were in attendance. Mayor Lewis gave a heart-wrenching speech about the way that cancer has affected his

family and the gravity of being a caretaker.

To begin the relay, the survivors were invited to walk a lap around Splash while the cheerleaders and Cal High’s Football team lined the path to cheer on participants. After the survivor lap, caretakers were invited to join the survivors for their own lap and recognition.

Survivors were awarded a medal, pin,

and a T-shirt, along with a grab-bag filled with goodies like a beanie, temporary tattoos, and a meal ticket good for a cheeseburger or a hotdog, among other things.

The relay began at 9 a.m. and ended at 9 p.m., with team-led booths offering games, snacks, clothes, and other activities. Kiwanis provided hot dogs and hamburgers for a small fee, Splash opened their slides for a small fee during the afternoon, and other businesses like Sam’s Club and Whittier’s Bruster’s Ice Cream offered free snacks to participants.

Over the year, the La Mirada/Whittier Relay for Life has raised over \$77,000 for the American Cancer Society. Visit cancer.org/support to learn more.

Dollar Tree Store Opens in La Palma



LA PALMA OFFICIALS celebrated the grand opening of the new Dollar Tree store at 5961 La Palma Ave. on Tuesday, September 3. Those attending were Council members Debbie Baker and Janet Keo, joined by City staff and a representative from the Office of Sen. Janet Nguyen. Dollar Tree staff were presented with certificates welcoming the retailer to the La Palma business community.

La Palma Shredding and E-Waste Collection Event

For the second consecutive year, the La Palma and EDCO are partnering to offer a FREE Compost Distribution, Paper Shredding and E-Waste Collection event on Sat. October 5 from 8-11 a.m.

This drive-thru event will be held at the Walker Junior High School parking lot located at 8132 Walker St. There will be certified shredding trucks on premises during the event and all items will be shredded on site. There is a limit of two bankers’ boxes (10”x12”x15”) per

household.

Unwanted electronics will also be collected, including TVs, computer monitors, printers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players. NOTE: No hazardous waste or universal waste, e.g., light bulbs or paint will be accepted.

Attendees will also be able to receive free compost while supplies last at this event. This is a self-serve, self-loading and self-hauling service — please bring your own cans/bags, gloves and shovel. There is a limit of three cans/bags per vehicle. This event is open to La Palma residents only. Proof of residency driver’s license will be required.



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WEEK THREE FOOTBALL

Valley Christian turns tables on Cerritos with stingy first half defense

By Loren Kopff
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So much has been made and talked about the Cerritos High defense this season through the first three games this season, but Valley Christian High is also grabbing attention for other reasons. Both entered last Friday’s contest with identical 3-0 records, but it was the homestanding Defenders, on homecoming night, who stole the show by scoring four touchdowns within their first seven possessions and holding on for a 28-14 victory. V.C. has already exceeded its victory output from last season while the Dons have allowed 42 points in their last two games after blanking their first two opponents.

“We knew it was going to be a battle of the defenses,” said V.C. head coach Brendan Chambers. “Their defense is absolutely amazing, giving up very little points this year with a couple of shutouts. So we knew that we were in for a tough circumstance offensively. We wanted to try to run the football, limit their possessions and get our defense on the field. We thought if we could make them pass, we would be in a good situation.”

Making things easier for the Defenders was the absence of Cerritos senior running back Dikshanta Adhikari, who leads the team with 374 yards but had one carry for a yard. Without Adhikari, who rolled his left ankle late in the game at Portola High the previous week, the Dons were limited to 65 yards from senior running back Josiah Ungos and 49 yards from junior running back Labrenten Wilson.

“It’s humbling; it’s definitely humbling,” said Cerritos head coach Demel Franklin. “What we saw on film was different from what we saw in actuality, and I was wrong. I preached the wrong message, and we followed the wrong plan.

“It was different because [even though] I have good backs, there are certain things that [Adhikari] does that the other guys can’t do,” he later said of the running game. “But that wasn’t the reason [why we lost]. The reason was I was super conservative in the first half, and we made too many mistakes. There were a lot of penalties, and we kept running the ball. They were loading the box with eight and nine and I’m still forcing them to run the ball. In the second half we started throwing the ball and all of a sudden, it started opening up.”

Franklin said he thought the Defenders



PHOTO BY STEVE FERICEAN

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH senior quarterback Austin Abrahams tries to get loose from a pair of Cerritos High defenders during V.C.’s 28-14 win over the Dons last Friday night. Abrahams gained 22 yards on six carries for the game and completed four passes for 129 yards. He was also the Ambassador for Character during the pregame homecoming festivities.

were’n’t that physical based on the film he saw from V.C.’s game against Baldwin Park High and against Gahr High. He also admitted that he thought V.C. was bigger and stronger than what he gave them credit for.

Three plays into the game, V.C. junior defensive end Max Douglas recovered a fumble at the Cerritos 10-yard line. However, the drive stalled, and senior

and [get] to the red zone and not be able to score points,” said Chambers. “But the way the defense responded like that I think we took the momentum back at that point. Our offense then scored, and it gave us some confidence that hey, if we can do this; if we play together as a team, which we’ve been preaching all year long, we have a chance to upset these guys.”

“I think we were shellshocked that we



PHOTO BY STEVE FERICEAN

CERRITOS HIGH SENIOR wide receiver Ruben Castro makes one of his eight catches as Valley Christian High senior defensive back Jayce Shields prepares to make a tackle in last Friday’s city contest. Castro totaled 103 yards but V.C. won 28-14 on its homecoming.

Ryan Wind had his 23-yard field goal blocked by junior Tyler Ky. But when the Dons couldn’t capitalize on the missed opportunity, V.C. made sure it would score on its next possession.

A 22-yard run from senior quarterback Austin Abrahams and a 19-yard pass to junior tight end Lucas Witt were the highlights that led to a 12-yard touchdown run from senior running back Jayce Shields. After that, both defenses stood their ground until late in the second quarter.

V.C. junior running back Karsen Wesley had three straight runs totaling 53 yards and after an eight-yard gain from Shields, Abrahams scored from two yards out to make it 14-0 with 1:43 left in the half.

“It was tough; [recovering] the fumble

stalled, and then they came out and hit us,” said Franklin.

Cerritos managed 80 yards of total offense on 28 plays in the first half while the Defenders ran 16 plays. But the biggest one was the last one of the half because V.C. would get the ball to begin the second half and on the second play, Abrahams launched a 50-yard scoring strike to junior wide receiver Dylan Teays and 54 seconds into the half, it was 21-0.

“It was absolutely huge; you get a two-for-one at that point,” said Chambers. “Even if we didn’t score in the first drive of the second half, at least we have possessions ahead of them and we can try to use some clock. So, that was a huge one for us.”

After the Dons were held on downs for the fourth time in their first seven

possessions, a 49-yard pass play from Abrahams to senior wide receiver Jayce Shields put the ball at the three-yard line where Abrahams scored his 11th touchdown of the season. He has also thrown for six touchdowns to account for 17 of the 19 the Defenders have on the season. Abrahams completed four passes for 129 yards but was limited on the ground with 22 yards on six carries.

“He was a little banged up going into the game, so we knew he was a little bit limited,” said Chambers. “Obviously, his ability to run the football is what kind of separates our offense. he wasn’t able to [run] as much. So we had to mix in some passes here and there, and he’s just the leader of the offense.”

The Dons finally got on the board after the Abrahams touchdown when Wilson caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Justin Sagun with 4:19 left in the third quarter. Then after a three and out, Wilson ended the third straight six-play drive by the Dons with an 11-yard run to make it 28-14 with 15.8 ticks left in the stanza.

“At 28-0, you really have nothing to lose,” said Franklin. “You have to throw everything out. So I started reopening up the playbook.”

Wesley had 67 yards on seven carries and Shields added another 30 yards on nine carries while on defense, junior linebacker Cole Hefner had 11 tackles and junior defensive backs Sean Bouma and Oliver Boateng added six and five and a half tackles, respectively.

Sagun was 14 of 23 for 146 yards and at two different stretches, completed six and five straight passes, respectively. However, he had five plays on the ground that went for negative yardage. Ky and senior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford each paced the defense with five and a half tackles.

“He wasn’t 100 percent,” Franklin said of his signal caller. “He was out there but he was battling; he wouldn’t let us take him out. He was just hurt. and we had to give [sophomore quarterback Alexander Laurin] a shot in the last drive.”

The Dons will stay on the road for a third straight week when they meet West Torrance High on Friday, a team they defeated 27-21 last season on Cerritos’ homecoming while V.C. goes on the road to Sierra Vista High, which will seek to avenge a 38-0 loss to the Defenders last season on their homecoming night. But the talk still centers on V.C.’s fast start.

The program has not had four regular season wins since back to back seven-win campaigns in 2019 and 2021. The four straight wins are the longest since 2021 when that team won seven consecutive contests. Either way, Chambers says the win over the Dons is a statement victory.

“Absolutely,” said Chambers. “When you go 3-7 [in the regular season] the last two years, to get a fourth win is just huge for us. It kind of sets what we’ve been trying to build here, culture-wise and community-wise. To go out there and compete against Cerritos, who were division champions last year and is a great football team and be able to compete against Gahr [on Aug. 23], I think it just kind of shows we’re doing great things over here. It is a statement win.”

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GATEWAY LEAGUE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Norwalk outlasts injury plagued La Mirada squad in Gateway League debut

When the Suburban Valley Conference was formed at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, the La Mirada High and Norwalk High girls volleyball teams were situated in the Mid-Cities League. La Mirada went undefeated in league action and moved up to the Gateway League last season, then Norwalk won the Mid-Cities League last season to join the Matadores, and others, in the Gateway League for this season.

The Gateway League, with Downey High, Gahr High and Warren High as the other teams for girls volleyball this season, is projected to be one of the toughest in the CIF-Southern Section and Norwalk proved it has what it takes to be with the best. The Lancers outdueling their longtime and former Suburban League rivals in a thrilling 25-13, 21-25, 25-17, 22-25, 15-9 match last Thursday in the league opener for both.

The match featured probably the tallest players in the league, led by La Mirada senior middle blocker Natalie Ojeisekhoba (6'2), Norwalk sophomore middle blocker Mirei Sanchez (6'1"), Norwalk senior middle blocker Samantha Munoz (5'11") and three other starters standing at 5'9" tall.

"It was definitely a great match, both on Norwalk's and La Mirada's ends," said Norwalk head coach Paola Nava. "Kudos to them; they have a really good strong front line out there, especially with Natalie. It's something our girls kind of expected from the beginning,

and I just told them we're just here to play volleyball. Other teams are going to score on us, other teams are going to hit the ball on us. But it's up to us what happens in the aftermath."

La Mirada head coach Kimberly Mahan said the one thing that impressed her about Norwalk was its hitting.

"I think they were having issues passing like us," said Mahan. "That's what killed our game; passing, and we had a lot of missed serves and they had a lot of missed serve, too. But probably their hitting [impressed me]; they were hitting smart. Our defense wasn't picking up their balls and receiving their balls."

Serving, and serve receive, would dictate the winner of each set as the Lancers collected 11 aces in the opening set. They were up 8-7 before senior middle blocker Aleyah Davis knocked down her first two kills followed by three straight aces from senior opposite hitter Diana Avina. At the end of the first rotation, Sanchez had an ace to put the Lancers up 19-10.

Mahan has had to juggle her lineup around because of injuries. Sophomore outside hitter Keliana Gonzalez just came back and Mahan is trying to play her all the way around. But at the same time, Mahan is trying to work on who is the serve receive line, where the Matadores have struggled. Senior defensive specialist Iyleen Garcia just returned from an ankle injury and sophomore outside

hitter Ahri Grayson are in the mix in the serve receive department.

"We're just trying to regroup and figure out who can pass and who can't pass," said Mahan.

The Matadores bounced back in the second set and after a slow start to the match, Ojeisekhoba recorded seven kills in the set to bring her total to eight. There were six lead changes with the last coming very early in the second rotation when Ojeisekhoba's sixth kill made it 14-13. The Matadores would score the next five points and despite a furious rally late by Norwalk, thanks to consecutive kills from senior opposite hitter Brenda Quezada, a serving error ended the net.

"In the second set, I thought we were playing our game, because in the first set, we came in almost scared," said Mahan. "I think we knew we were starting league, and I had told them this isn't going to be easy. All the teams are going to be tough, so I think they were a little nervous in the beginning. The second set was a lot better, but then we kind of went backwards."

Nava made a significant lineup change after the second set, switching Munoz and junior libero Nayeli Sanchez in their serving order. Munoz had served third in the first two sets while Sanchez was the last server in the rotation.

"Sam's IQ is there," said Nava. "She knows a lot about the game, and she ex-

pects a lot from herself, and I think when things aren't going her way, she does tend to get slightly frustrated. I wanted to open her up. She really wasn't scoring for us or doing much for us in that middle when she was in row two."

In the third set, Ojeisekhoba served five straight points to give La Mirada an early 10-7 advantage. But as was the case in the first set, Norwalk's serving paved the way for the victory as it had eight aces, half of them coming from Quezada. A serving error tied the set at 15-15 and senior setter Zaidee Zepe-da responded by serving three straight points. After Ojeisekhoba had a block, a kill from Quezada allowed her to serve three straight aces to put the set away.

"We do a lot of mental work, and I let these girls know, if we make errors on this endline, we're not allowing ourselves to score," said Nava. "It's not about pacing them; it's not about that ball hitting the floor on that first contact. It's about giving ourselves that opportunity to score, and I think when they stay aggressive on the endline, they're doing just that."

The fourth set featured three ties and one lead change with the Matadores leading by no more than three points after the first rotation. But the fifth and deciding set was all Norwalk as Quezada served seven consecutive points after she tied it at 1-1 with her 13th kill.

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Cerritos cross country girls win first 605 League cluster with ease, Whitney boys victorious

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The first 605 League cross country cluster race took place on Sept. 11 at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley, and it was more of the same for the Cerritos High girls, doubling up second place Whitney High. Following the race, it was the Whitney boys who held on for a five-point win over Cerritos.

In the girls race, four of the seven Cerritos runners claimed the top nine spots, led by senior Anna Field, the overall winner who crossed the finish line with a time of 18:45. Over two minutes later came Whitney sophomore Katherine Low (21:05), then Cerritos sophomore Kalana Nguyen (21:21). Artesia High's top runner, sophomore Genesis Flores, came in fifth place with a time of 21:56, followed by Cerritos sophomore Daisy Lee (22:05), Whitney freshman Madison Lee (22:25), Artesia freshman Nya Crespin (22:39) and Cerritos sophomore Nandini Panchal (22:49). The final three Cerritos runners would take spots 12-14-sophomores Maye Zarate (23:29) and Yuying Sun (23:56) and senior Zilian Liu (24:17).

Whitney would have four more runners finish in the top 20 while John Glenn High brought four runners with junior Melanie Patino finishing in 20th with a time of 25:25. Cerritos picked up 31 points, followed by Oxford Academy and Whitney with 62 points each while Artesia had 74 points.

It was a thinner field for the boys as there were only 25 runners out of a possible 42 but with Whitney junior Christian Ishiki and Whitney senior Ethan Choi taking home the top two spots at 17:03 and 17:21, respectively,

the Wildcats had enough to get past Cerritos 31-36. Coming in a distant third was Oxford Academy with 61 points while Artesia and Glenn did not have a runner.

After Oxford Academy's Hara Seyoum finished in third place, the next four spots were occupied by Cerritos harriers, led by senior Howard Lee (17:30). After him it was freshman Vincent Valenzuela (17:30), sophomore Allan Woolley (17:48) and junior Nicholas Melendrez (18:01).

Next came Whitney junior Avery Chen at 18:04 and his teammate, senior Damian Moreno at 18:06. Whitney's last three runners would lockdown 11th, 12th and 13th with junior Brendan Ferry (18:29), senior Matthew Low (18:38) and junior Jai Sukhadia (18:38).

The next cluster meet will be held on Oct. 9.

FOOTBALL

Mountain View High (1-3) @ Artesia (4-0)-This figures to be a mismatch as the Pioneers continue with one of their best starts in school history. Artesia edged Ocean View High 14-13 last Friday as senior quarterback Charlie Lopez had another stellar game, rushing for 92 yards on 19 carries while completing all three of his passes to senior wide receiver Ahkil Sampson for 42 yards. Junior running backs Josue Flores and Joe Thomas Jr. each scored a touchdown. The Pioneers have not allowed more than 16 points since giving up 26 points to Long Beach Cabrillo High in the season opener. This is also Artesia's homecoming game.

Mountain View has lost three straight games by a combined score of 95-19, including last Friday's 42-12 setback to La Quinta High. Mountain View's lone win was against Mark Keppel High,

63-22, whom Artesia slammed 54-6 the following week. Running back Kevin Ramon gained 145 yards and scored twice against La Quinta and is part of a rushing attack that has gained nearly 850 yards.

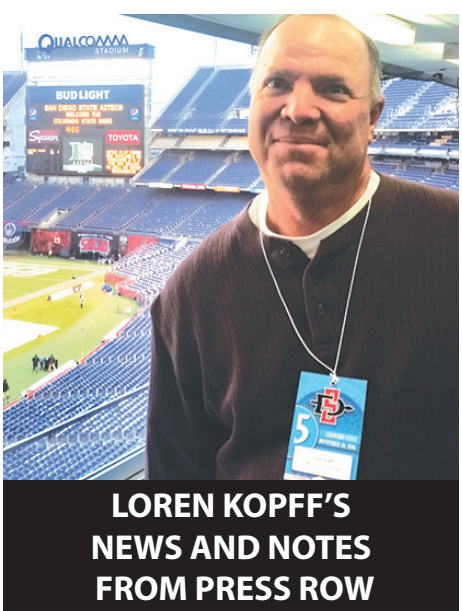
Prediction: Artesia 35, Mountain View 7

Cerritos (3-1) @ West Torrance High (1-2)-After doming its first two opponents to the tune of a 75-0 combined score, the Dons have been tested by Portola High and Valley Christian High recently, scoring 35 points while yielding 42. Last Friday, the Dons trailed 28-0 before scoring a pair of third quarter touchdowns. The bread and butter of the offense continues to be the running game as seniors Dikshanta Adhikari and Josiah Ungos have combined for nearly 700 yards while junior quarterback Justin Sagun has added another 102 on the ground. He has also thrown for 253 yards with top target senior wide receiver Ruben Castro catching 21 passes for 224 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Last season, Cerritos got past West Torrance 27-21 in the fourth game of the season.

West Torrance lost to rival North Torrance High 40-30, a week after dismantling Santa Monica High 30-6. This is the second meeting between the two in at least 27 years.

Prediction: Cerritos 28, West Torrance 21

Los Altos High (1-2) @ Gahr High (2-2)-The Gladiators may be finding their groove as they have won two in a row after getting past Garden Grove High 14-12 last Thursday. Senior running back Markell Slaughter scored once to bring his season total to six while senior running back Dylan Richburg scored the other touchdown as



the blue and gold have scored 57 points in their two wins.

On the other side, Los Altos has lost two in a row, including a 21-16 defeat to Burroughs High out of Burbank last Friday. Diego Castillo passed for 221 yards and both touchdowns but was intercepted twice while the Conquerors failed to get 100 yards on the ground. In fact, the 98 rushing yards against the Bears is a season high. This is the first meeting between the two in at least 27 years.

Prediction: Gahr 31, Los Altos 17

La Quinta (3-0) @ Glenn (1-2)-Last time out, which was on Sept. 6, Glenn was blanked by University High out of the CIF-Los Angeles City Section 6-0. The Eagles have scored just three touchdowns and one safety this season, but one touchdown in the last 10 quarters. Last week was to have been the Mayor's Cup game with Norwalk High, which was canceled. This is the first meeting with the Aztecs since 2009,

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“The fifth set is definitely something that Norwalk is known for,” said Nava. “But I think they pulled it off. The grit that they have and the eagerness for this new league is something that these girls are excited for, and I think today definitely showed that we’re here to play and we’re here to work hard.”

The Lancers are now 2-1 this season in five-set matches and 5-5 against La Mirada since 1999 when it has gone the distance.

Sanchez paced the Lancers with 16 kills followed by eight from Munoz and four each from Avina and Davis. Junior libero Nayeli Sanchez and Quezada had 17 and 12 digs, respectively and Zepeda had 42 assists.

“I don’t want to say she shocked us, but in a way, kind of shocked us,” said Nava of Davis. “Coach Enrique [Galicia] and I know Brenda and her mentality and she’s another play that expects a lot from herself. When she makes errors, she kind of lets them get to her. But this season, and I don’t know if it’s because it’s her senior season, but she really came out to dominate.”

“I think they have more options to go to for hitting,” said Mahan. “We’re kind of struggling because we have Natalie and Maleah. So, they have a better balance; they’re able to go to more players. They don’t have to go to [Sanchez].”

Ojeisekhoba led the Matadores with 14 kills and was the only player to have a positive hitting percentage. She added seven blocks while senior middle blocker Maleah Diaz led the way with eight blocks and senior outside hitter Geraldine Aiono pitched in with four blocks while senior setter Kiersten Mahan had 22 assists.

La Mirada entered the match having won the last six matches and nine of the last 10 against Norwalk with four coming in sweeps and four going the distance. Nava knows a lot about the rivalry, as she played for the purple and gold from 2013-2016.

“It definitely feels nice,” said Nava. “I think, even since I was a player at Norwalk High School, it was always that Norwalk-La Mirada High rivalry, and a lot of these girls know each other. So, it was fun to come out here and see their friends on the other side and compete and work hard.

“We talked to the girls after the match and we let them know this one is one and over with; we have seven more,” she later said. “I need them to not worry about this one anymore. I need them to worry about our next match. I [also] let them know La Mirada is not going to come out and hand us [a win] in round two. I let them know they’re going to come out hungry and we have to be ready for that.”

La Mirada hosted Gahr this past Tuesday and went the distance again, defeating the Gladiators 25-10, 24-26, 24-26, 25-15, 15-13 to improve to 9-8 overall, 1-1 in league. The Matadores will be off for a week when they will host Downey on Tuesday and wrap up the first round when they visit Warren on Thursday. The Lancers began the week at 10-10 and visited Warren on Sept. 19 before hosting Gahr on Thursday.

“I think league is going to be very, very competitive,” said Mahan. “I don’t think you can say who’s going to win or what. I told [my team] we’re going to go back to the drawing board, and we just need to play our game, but we also have to focus a lot on our passing and our defense.”

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a 55-14 Glenn win. From 1998-2009, Glenn won eight of 10 games against La Quinta.

To say that the Aztecs are rolling would be an understatement. When they slammed Mountain View 42-12, it was the third time they have scored over 40 points this season. On top of that, Glenn’s run defense will be put to the test because La Quinta has already rushed for nearly 1,300 yards and has five players over 100 yards. Also, the defense has given up 18 points in the last two games.

Prediction: La Quinta 42, Glenn 7
GAME OF THE WEEK
La Mirada High (1-3) @ La Habra High (3-1)-This game was played on Sept. 19. La Mirada got into the win column last Friday, scoring a touchdown in each quarter for a 29-7 win over Long Beach Jordan High last Friday. Junior running back Jordan Lauago scored all four touchdowns on runs of five, two, five and 24 yards, bringing his season total to six. This is the second straight road game in a stretch of four in five games for the Matadores, who have now scored 91 points. This is the first time since 2014 La Mirada has faced La Habra. In that game, the Matadores were victorious 45-28, their second over the Highlanders since 2009.

After falling to Upland High 26-23 in the season opener, La Habra has been getting better and better, culminating with a 42-8 win over Orange High last Friday. The Highlanders rushed for 360 yards against the Panthers, including 141 yards from Kevika Martinez and 96 more from Bobby Brooks. Martinez leads the team with 475 yards on the ground and is one of four runners with more than 180 yards on the ground. As a team, the Highlanders have rushed for nearly 1,300 yards. Defensively, La Habra already has nine sacks.

Prediction: La Habra 31, La Mirada 14
Linfield Christian High (1-2) @ Norwalk (2-1)-Norwalk didn’t play last Friday but for the second straight game, will face a quality opponent. The Lancers fell to Scripps Ranch High 29-12 on Sept. 6, getting a two-yard touchdown run from junior running back Diego Cerritos and a six-yard run from senior running back Ezra Meuller. Those two have combined for 780 yards and nine of the 11 touchdowns Norwalk has scored on the ground. Norwalk quarterbacks have completed five passes, but four of them have gone for touchdowns.

Linfield Christian knocked off Tahquitz High 43-28 to push its season point total to 105, five less than what Norwalk has. Quarterback Thomas Paschal completed 16 of 31 passes for 137 yards to six different receivers, but the Lions got four rushing touchdowns. Both losses by the Lions have been by a point to Christian High out of San Diego and Dimond High out of Anchorage, Alaska, the second-ranked team in the 49th state according to MaxPreps.com. Last season, the Lancers traveled to Temecula and lost to Linfield Christian 22-20 in the only other meeting between the schools.

Prediction: Norwalk 28, Linfield Christian 24
Valley Christian (4-0) @ Sierra Vista High (0-3)-Last season, V.C. whitewashed Sierra Vista 38-0 and by all accounts, this one should put the Defenders at 5-0 heading into their bye week. Senior quarterback Austin

Abrahams completed four passes for 129 yards and a touchdown in last Friday’s 28-14 win over previously unbeaten Cerritos. He is now 47 of 68 for 764 yards and six touchdowns this season while rushing 44 times for 177 yards and 10 more touchdowns. Junior running back Karsen Wesley is the only other running back to gain over 100 yards while junior wide receivers Dylan Teays and Lucas Witt each have over 200 yards. on defense, junior Cole Hefner (three and a half sacks) is one of six players who has at least one of the team’s 11 sacks.

Sierra Vista fell to Baldwin Park High 40-8 last Friday and has been outscored 134-26 this season. Baldwin Park had lost to V.C. 14-13 the previous week.

Prediction: V.C. 42, Sierra Vista 7
Last week’s predictions: 2-2
Season to date: 16-7
FLAG FOOTBALL

In a one-week span, Artesia was pummeled by Mayfair High 46-6 last Wednesday, shutout Paramount High 13-0 this past Monday and fell to Savanna High 22-7 this past Tuesday. The Pioneers will host Bellflower High on Monday while Gahr had one of the biggest shutouts in the brief two-year existence of the sport. The Gladiators (8-2) destroyed Whitney 64-0 this past Monday for their fifth shutout of the season. Gahr will host Paramount on Monday and visit Norwalk on Wednesday.

Glenn lost to Norwalk 25-14 this past Monday and has lost three in a row to fall to 1-7. The Eagles hosted La Serna High on Sept. 19 and will welcome Culver City High on Monday before going to Western High on Wednesday.

La Mirada dropped a 22-6 decision to Troy High this past Monday and is 3-5 as it hosts Bellflower on Monday while Norwalk’s win over Glenn ended a two-game losing streak and put the Lancers at 6-6. Norwalk will host Downey High on Tuesday before facing Gahr.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Artesia defeated Glenn in four sets this past Tuesday to even its 605 League record after two matches. The Pioneers, who are 4-5 overall, visit Cerritos on Friday before hosting Whitney on Tuesday. Cerritos went 3-2 in the Bellflower/Valley Christian Tournament last Friday and Saturday to even its record at 10-10. The day before the tournament, the Dons fell to Whitney in the 605 League opener, the first time Cerritos has lost a 605 League match since it was formed in 2018. Cerritos will host Pioneer High on Tuesday.

Gahr High won its first two pool play matches of the Bellflower/Valley Christian Tournament, then lost the next three to fall to 15-12. The Gladiators then fell to La Mirada High 10-25, 26-24, 26-24, 15-25, 13-25 this past Tuesday in their Gateway League opener and faced Downey on Sept. 19. Gahr will then host Warren High on Tuesday before going to Norwalk on Thursday. Glenn (10-4, 4-1) will host Whitney on Friday and Oxford Academy on Tuesday while V.C. has been busy lately. The Defenders swept Whittier Christian High 25-15, 25-16. 25-10 last Thursday in the Olympic League opener, then fell to Ontario Christian High 25-20, 25-17, 25-10 this past Monday. The next day, Village Christian High knocked off the Defenders (15-4, 1-1) 25-21, 18-25, 25-16, 25-19. Valley Christian will travel to Heritage Christian High on Tuesday and entertain Maranatha High on Thursday.

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deserves from our federal partners and get it built.”

The Southeast Gateway Line is the Metro light rail transit line that will stretch from Artesia through Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Vernon, and unincorporated Florence-Firestone to Union Station providing fast, reliable transit service to communities that have long been underserved. Along the route, one-in-five residents are transit dependent and do not have their own car.

In recent weeks, the project has gotten its official certification completing the environmental process, making it officially eligible for federal funding. Now, Supervisor Hahn and members of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments are in Washington meeting with the Biden Administration and members of Congress advocating for the federal funding the Southeast Gateway Line needs. The delegation includes Paramount Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings who also serves as the Chair of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Paramount Councilmember Isabel Aguayo, Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Taj, Maywood Councilmember Heber Marquez, South Gate Vice Mayor Maria Davila, Downey Mayor Mario Trujillo, and Lakewood Councilmember David Arellano.

“The dozen communities along the Southeast Gateway Line are unified in supporting accessibility to jobs, cultural, and educational opportunities through this project,” said Vilma Cuellar Stallings who serves as a council member for the City of Paramount as well as President of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. “We are grateful to partner with Supervisor Hahn in advocating with the Biden-Harris Administration and Congressional Leaders to improve our residents’ quality of life.”

“I’m honored to advocate for the Southeast Gateway Line in Washington D.C., pushing for a project that will ignite economic growth, create union-paying jobs, and provide affordable housing for our community,” said Artesia Mayor pro tem and former Eco Rapid Transit Chair Ali Sajjad Taj. “This 19-mile light rail line will serve 1.4 million residents, generating \$5 billion annually and transforming the lives of those in Southeast LA and Gateway Cities. I extend my deepest gratitude to Chair Hahn for her unwavering leadership and vision in making this project a reality. Her dedication ensures our region is no longer left behind, and we’re eager to get to work building this game-changing infrastructure.”

The project was proposed over twenty years ago and was included in both voter-approved sales tax measures Measure R and Measure M with nearly \$2 billion in local sales tax going toward its construction. Supervisor Hahn had partially blamed the project’s former name (the West Santa Ana Branch) for preventing it from getting the funding and attention it deserves. Earlier this year, Hahn held a renaming contest in which thousands of residents across LA County voted to name the project the “Southeast Gateway Line.”

Metro plans to begin the important utility relocation and pre-construction work later this Fall to prepare for major construction of the Southeast Gateway Line in the next few years.



County of Los Angeles Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024B)

Whereas, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 19, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online public auction at <https://www.govease.com/los-angeles>.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online public auction at <https://www.govease.com/los-angeles> beginning Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at <https://www.govease.com/los-angeles> and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order

at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to State law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@ttc.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 26, 2024.



ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
Treasurer and Tax Collector
County of Los Angeles
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE(SALE NO. 2024B)

3725 AIN 8087-015-018 SAREGA, ION AND ANETA
LOCATION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES \$8,163.00

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: YANG H. HAHM
CASE NO. 24STPB08955
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of YANG H. HAHM. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RONALD H. HAHM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. The PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests that RONALD H. HAHM be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR OF the estate of the decedent and Letters issue upon qualification that full authority be granted 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: 11/5/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 4 in SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Central Courthouse located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARILYN JOYCE SCOTT CASE NO. 24STPB02913 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARILYN JOYCE SCOTT. A PETITION FOR PROBATE OF LOST WILL has been filed by JUSTIN CASE BOYER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION requests that JUSTIN CASE BOYER be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/2/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 9 in Stanley Mosk Courthouse 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. Justin Case Boyer 14608 La Mesa Dr, La Mirada, California 90638 justincboyer@gmail.com IN PRO PER LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 9/6, 9/13, 9/20/24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HARRIETT BLUM EWELL CASE NO. 24STPB09782. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HARRIETT BLUM EWELL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DOUGLAS E. EWELL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION requests that DOUGLAS E. EWELL be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR 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: 10/8/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 44 in Stanley Mosk Courthouse 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: Ryan E. Jackman, Esq. (336617) 25152 Springfield Court Suite 300, Valencia, Ca. 91355. Published in La Mirada Lamplighter 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/24

CITY OF BELLFLOWER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024,
SPECIAL AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Election Code § 12110 that the following persons have been nominated for the offices mentioned below to be filed at the Special and General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Bellflower on the 5th day of November, 2024.

For Council Member, District 1 (short term) Vote for no more than one (1)

Aaron K. Drake
Wendi Morse

For Council Member, District 2 (full term) Vote for no more than one (1)

Dan Koops

For Council Member, District 4 (full term) Vote for no more than one (1)

Victor A. Sanchez

NOTICE OF MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Election Code § 12111 that the following measure is to be voted on at the Special and General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Bellflower on the 5th day of November, 2024.

CITY CHARTER	
Shall the Bellflower City Charter to establish Bellflower as a charter city, which would give Bellflower more authority over city affairs and local laws to make sure they are tailored to the specific needs of the City; give the City more local control in determining land use; reduce the influence of outside agencies, including the State of California; and would require all changes to the charter be approved by voters, be approved?	YES
	NO

Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
Dated: September 20, 2024

For a translated version of this notice or more information regarding this election, please visit www.bellflower.org or contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2220.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024180491
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: THE CURE COMPANY PICO, 5546 W. PICO BLVD. LOS ANGELES CA 90019, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ORGANIZATION NUMBER 4629577. REGISTERED OWNER: MOJAVE FIELDS, 5546 PICO BLVD., LOS ANGELES CA 90019 INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ MOJAVE FIELDS, CEO, GERARDO QUEVEDO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 8/27/24. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/24

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
PHARASMA URSHA BLEA BY BRENDA ELAINE QUIROGA AND VERONICA QUIROGA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: PHARASMA URSHA BLEA TO HARLEY-QUINN QUIROGA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 11/22/24, at the SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 111 N. HILL ST. ROOM 102, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012. A HEARING will be held NOVEMBER 22 at 10:00 am, Dept 86. ROOM 836.
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.
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CROSS COUNTRY: Whitney High Boys and Cerritos High Girls Win ABC Unified School District Championships

By Loren Kopff

It was nearly a clean sweep for the Cerritos girls at last Wednesday's ABC District Championships as the Dons claimed the first four spots and picked up 19 points.

Whitney was a distant second with 52 points while Artesia finished in third place with 55 points. Gahr did not have any runners compete on the girls side.

The Dons were paced by senior Anna Field (18:39), freshman Kanako Field (20:26), junior Dani Romero (20:29) and sophomore Kalana Nguyen (21:44). Sophomore Nandini Panchal finished in ninth place with a time of 22:56 while senior Zillian Liu was 10th with a time of 24:13.

The top Artesia runner was sophomore Genesis Flores, who came in fifth place with a time of 21:54 while Whitney sophomore Katherine Low (22:19) and freshman Madison Lee (22:34) claimed



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the next two spots. Artesia freshman Nya Crespin finished in eighth place at 22:47 for the other top 10 runner. There were 17 out of a possible 21 runners, seven for each school, competing in the race, not including Gahr.

Whitney junior Christian Ishiki (16:18) and his teammate, senior Ethan Choi, who finished 40 seconds behind,

guided the Wildcats to a first-place finish with 27 points.

Cerritos picked up 37 points and Gahr 59 points while Artesia did not have a runner.

Cerritos would claim the next three positions with freshman Vincent Valenzuela (17:04), sophomore Allan Woolley (17:21) and senior Howard Lee (17:26)

while Whitney and Gahr alternated the rest of the top 10, led by senior Damian Moreno (17:31).

Gahr junior Leo Garcia came in at 17:39, followed by Whitney junior Avery Chen (17:45), Gahr sophomore David Chavez (17:46) and Whitney junior Brendan Perry (17:58).

There were 19 runners in this race.



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