



### RANCHO LOS AMIGOS PROJECT

**THE PROJECT** broke ground last summer and is expected to be completed in July and begin accepting patients in Fall 2021. **Story on page 7.**

## Area Cities Receive Preliminary COVID Relief Fund Numbers

BY BRIAN HEWS

Numbers were released early yesterday pertaining to how much area cities will receive in COVID relief due to President Biden’s American Rescue Plan passed by Congress, with all Republicans voting no.

In a letter to city managers, the government stated that the numbers are preliminary and estimated it will get more solid numbers in the weeks to come.

Cities in the area received the following, the numbers are in millions and are sorted

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**THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** will give area cities millions, the big winner in HMG-CN's area was Norwalk at \$31 million.

## Artesia Starts Parking District Program

City will issue permits so residents can park in front of their driveways.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Finding a residential parking spot in areas of around Downtown Artesia is getting so hard that the city is considering Preferred Parking Districts and parking permits that would allow residents to park in front of their driveways.

Pursuant to the Artesia Municipal Code, in order for the city to consider any street as a PPD, a petition is needed and must be signed by 60 percent or more of the residents, including apartment complexes, and submitted to the Community Development Director.

The city has already created PPD’s in the City to minimize the impact on neighborhoods from non-resident, visiting vehicles being parked on residential streets adjacent to the downtown area and other areas.

There are three districts in

the city: Roseton from 178th to Artesia; Ashworth from Horst St. to Norwalk Blvd.; and a Downtown District that includes several streets.

Once a PPD has been approved and permits issued, the street will be patrolled by the city’s parking enforcement on a random basis.

Residents who would like to create a PPD, will need to sign a petition either electronically or physically. A petition will be available on the city’s website for residents who live within the proposed PPD’s to sign digitally until March 29, 2021. Residents may only sign once.

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PICO RIVERA

## Why Did Panda Express Hire a Pico Rivera Seminar Company?

The company is being sued for abuse at their seminars, asking participants to strip down to their underwear.

BY BRIAN HEWS

This week it was reported that an employee seminar company hired by the popular fast food company Panda Express, Pico Rivera-based Alive Seminar and Coaching Academy (Alive), was named in a lawsuit alleging physical and psychological abuse at seminars the company conducted.

The complaint alleged the seminar was “strange and quickly devolved into psychological abuse.”

Participants were prohibited from using their cellphones, the windows were covered with cloth and there was no clock in the room.

According to the complaint, as the seminar progressed, the event became more like a cult

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## Knott's Boysenberry Festival Hits All the Taste Buds

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The boysenberry was created by Walter Knott in 1926 by cross breeding a blackberry, a loganberry and a raspberry. The berry became a huge hit at the roadside fruit stand attracting visitors from all over the State.

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**AS VISITORS ENTER** the park you are greeted by a floral display every hue of purple.

## Central Basin Dir. Vasquez and Rodriguez Causing Trouble at Agency

BY BRIAN HEWS

Things are looking up at Commerce-based Central Basin Municipal Water District. Asm. Cristina Garcia attempted privatization takeover failed, the agency received a credit upgrade, the lawsuit brought against the water agency by former disgraced GM Kevin Hunt has been dismissed, the agency is realizing a \$3.2 million operating profit, and water sales, the life-blood of the agency, are up an astounding 117%.

But all that is being tempered by the actions of CB Directors

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### Women's History

La Mirada resident played in Girls Professional Bball. **Page 2.**



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Starbucks breaks ground at Orangethorpe & Moody. **Page 3.**



### Gun Pulled

On shopper at Los Cerritos Center. **Page 4.**



### Gut the Filibuster

And call your rep. to support paycheck fairness. **Page 5.**



### Live Bald Eagle Camera

Big Bear bald eagles are nurturing two eggs. **Page 8.**



### Trying to Play

High Schools in a scheduling frenzy. **Page 10.**



In honor of Women’s History Month, the City of La Mirada paid special homage to The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League [AAGPBL], a women's baseball league founded by Philip K. Wrigley which existed from 1943 to 1954. The AAGPBL is the forerunner of women's professional league sports in the United States. Over 600 women played in the league, which consisted of eventually 10 teams located in the American Midwest. In 1948, league attendance peaked at over 900,000 spectators. The most successful team, the Rockford Peaches, won a league-best four championships. The 1992 motion picture A League of Their Own is a mostly fictionalized account of the early days of the league and its stars.

Margaret "Marge" Villa Cryan was awarded the City Achievement Recognition Award at the City Council Meeting on March 9, 2021. Her daughter Renee



## Women’s History Month

# La Mirada Resident Honored

accepted the award on her behalf as well as the Proclamation for Women's History Month.

Cryan was born December 21, 1925 in Montebello, California.

MARGARET "MARGE" VILLA CRYAN PLAYED IN THE ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

In 1943, during World War II, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) was created to preserve baseball in the public eye while many men were away at war. Marge was one of 39 players born in

**A KENOSHA COMET**  
Cryan played second base, shortstop, catcher and outfield. In a 1946 game, she made history, when she drove in nine runs and collected 11 total bases.

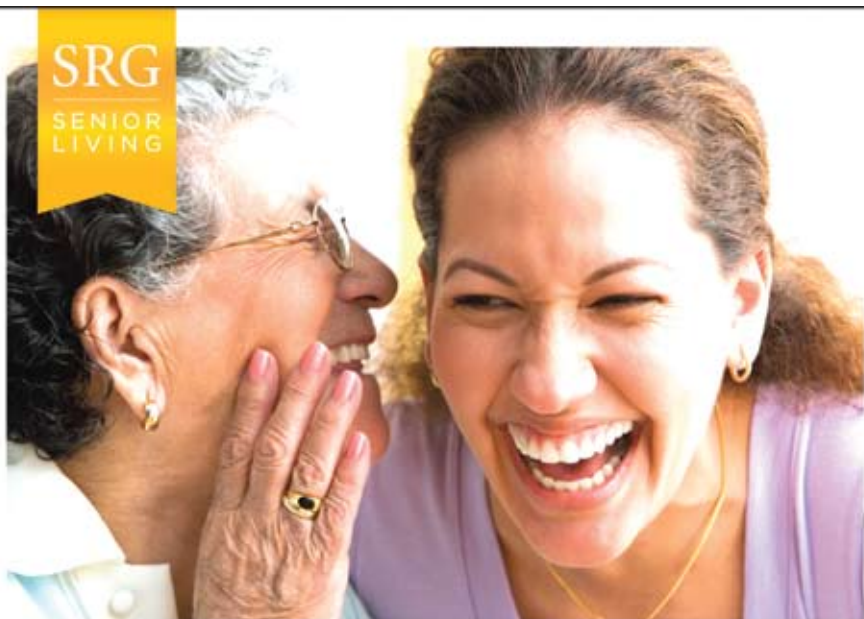
California who were selected to join the league and played for the Kenosha Comets from 1946 to 1950.

A versatile player, Cryan played second base, shortstop, catcher and outfield. On June 9, 1946, she made history, when she drove in nine runs and collected 11 total bases, setting two single-game league records that would never be surpassed.

In 1947, Cryan traveled to Central and South America, as well as Cuba for the AAGPBL and was selected for the All-Star Team in 1949. She played 537 games with a batting average of .209, 168 RBIs and 249 runs scored.

In 1988, Marge became part of the Women in Baseball, a permanent display at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Additionally, her uniform from her early playing days is on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. She was a La Mirada resident for many years.



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# La Palma City Council Breaks Ground on New Starbucks



**CUPPA JOE:** (l-r) Councilmembers Marshall Goodman and Debbie Baker, Mayor Nitesh Patel, Mayor pro tem Michele Sreggell, and Councilmember Mark Waldman at the groundbreaking at Orangethorpe and Moody.

On March 4, 2021, the La Palma City Council and other local officials joined together to celebrate the groundbreaking of La Palma’s first Starbucks Coffee Company.

Located on the southeast corner of Orangethorpe Avenue and Moody Street, the new Starbucks will consist of a single-story building totaling 895 square feet,

which will serve customers via a drive-through lane and walk-up windows. Other improvements to the property will include outdoor seating as well as new landscaping and contemporary signage.

Mayor Nitesh P. Patel stated, “This location will complete the last undeveloped corner of Orangethorpe Avenue and Moody we look forward to growth in 2021.

## All Republicans Voted No

# Millions Will See Drop In Health Premium Costs

### STAFF REPORT

The America Rescue Plan will extend economic relief to tens of millions of Americans through a lowering of Obamacare subsidies, the first expansion of the law since it was approved in 2010.

The subsidies could help a majority of the nearly 14 million people who buy coverage on the individual market and the nearly 15 million people who are uninsured but eligible to buy coverage on the federal or state exchanges, according to Kaiser.

Democrats are eager to immediately get the subsidies out, while addressing its high premiums and laying the groundwork for permanent changes.

The new subsidies are retroactive to Jan. 1, 2021, effective when President Biden signs the ARA. People who are already enrolled in Obamacare plans are expected to see the benefits automatically.

**Good news!** Most people who already get premium subsidies will receive more under the new law because Congress is changing the way subsidies are calculated based on their annual income.

For instance, people who make \$19,320 for an individual and \$39,750 for a family of four, will no longer be required to pay anything toward their premium.

The people who stand to benefit the most are those who make just over the poverty

level because their costs will go down to zero, according to several estimates.

Obamacare previously offered no subsidies to anyone making over 400% of the poverty level, regardless of the size of their insurance bills.

The new 8.5% threshold now applies to everyone, regardless of income, addressing the cliff that was created in the law for people whose income was 401+%.

Older adults stand to benefit substantially because their insurance costs are higher.

For instance, a single 64-year-old who makes \$58,000 received no ACA subsidies; that person will now get a \$7,950 credit, according to the CBO.

People who are now eligible for subsidies but not enrolled in the exchange may have to make a decision to switch mid-stream and lose any deductible payments

It is unknown how many people who don’t have insurance coverage today will enroll to take up the benefit.

Estimates indicate an additional 1.7 million people would take advantage, and Kaiser surveys of the uninsured show that cost is a top reason to forgo coverage.

So look at your income level, age and the cost of insurance coverage in your region and get an estimate online at the various exchanges, those exchanges should be updated soon.

# Hawaiian Gardens to Honor Lives Lost During COVID

HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA - On Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 5:30PM, the City of Hawaiian Gardens will hold a candlelight vigil to honor the City's residents who lost their lives to COVID-19.

The event will not be open to the public in-person, but will be streamed live on the City's website so that residents may join virtually.

This memorial event is held in conjunction with nine other cities in the area who are remembering their lost with similar ceremonies.

Lynwood, South Gate, Commerce, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Paramount, Huntington Park and Montebello will honor their residents.

The City has put out a call via its social media channels inviting residents to email [bamatin@hgcity.org](mailto:bamatin@hgcity.org) with photos and names of loved ones lost to the virus.

Submissions received by Thursday, March 11 at 5:30PM will be made into a presentation that will be played during the ceremony.

The City would like to invite a small number of media representatives to attend the event in person (at a safe distance) to share the event on their channels and honor those lost.

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## Area Crime Summaries

### Cerritos

#### Man Pulls Gun on Shopper at Los Cerritos Center

HMG-CN has learned that on Friday, February 26 at around 6 PM Cerritos station deputies responded to the Los Cerritos Center regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a female adult was walking in the crosswalk near PF Chang's when a white Nissan sedan, driven by a young male, nearly hit her. When the girl reached the sidewalk she yelled back at him and at that point the young male pulled out a black semi-automatic handgun and pointed it at her.

He continued driving in the parking lot toward at South Street.

A short time later a sergeant from the Cerritos station was patrolling the Plaza 183 Shopping Center and observed the suspect vehicle parked in a parking stall.

The sergeant detained the suspect at gunpoint until assisting units arrived. The suspect was taken into custody and a black Ruger semi-automatic handgun was recovered from his vehicle. The 20-year-old is from Lakewood.

#### 3 year old shot on 105 in Downey

A Los Angeles man was driving home on the 105 Freeway with his 3-year-old son Tuesday night when someone pulled up in another car and began shooting, hitting the boy in the leg, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The man, a 29-year-old Los Angeles resident, was headed westbound on the freeway in Downey at 10:30 p.m. when he heard gunshots, said CHP spokesman Marcos Iniguez.

At least two bullets hit the man's car, piercing both right side doors. Then, his son, strapped in a car seat in the back, began crying.

"He thought his son was crying because he heard the shots," Iniguez said. "Then he looked over and saw his son was bleeding, and that's when he realized he was shot."

#### Woman fatally shot in Bellflower

A gunman is on the loose after fatally shooting a woman in her car outside her Bellflower apartment Tuesday morning.

Deputies responded to a shooting call just before 7:30 a.m. at the Sherwood Apartment Homes in the 14500 block of McNab Avenue, according to the LACSD.

Neighbors say they awoke to screaming and then gunshots. Some ran outside in pajamas to see. "You could see that she was already gone," one woman said.

Responding deputies found the victim shot in the front seat of her car.

The woman, believed to be in her late 20s, died at the scene, officials said.

Others who live at the complex said the victim had been fighting with an ex before the deadly violence broke out, and yelling could be heard inside her apartment.

A friend told KTLA the victim has a 4-year-old daughter who is now staying with family.

#### Lakewood

Overall, Part 1 crimes throughout the city in January 2021 increased slightly compared to January 2020, primarily driven by the continued trend of increasing grand theft autos ( GTAs), which seems to be a regional trend. It was also reported that suspects are not being detained in jail long, due to new prosecutorial policies and zero bail programs. These factors may be resulting in recently arrested individuals repeating crimes. On a positive note, LASD personnel recently observed a dramatic drop in vehicle and larceny thefts due to deployment of a suppression vehicle during night hours. Overall, Lakewood Center Mall crimes were down compared to last year likely due to the pandemic related restrictions on business operations.

#### La Mirada

##### Notable Arrests

- A suspect wanted in connection to forgery was arrested for grand theft also.
- A suspect was arrested on the 12800 block of La Mirada Blvd. for identity theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.
- A suspect was detained and arrested near the intersection of Granada Ave. and La Mirada Blvd. for possession of narcotics and narcotics for sales.

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

##### Other Structure Burglary

• An attempt burglary was reported on the 14000 block of Rosecrans Ave. Minor damage to a door was reported.

##### Vehicle Burglary

• An afternoon theft of a cell phone was reported on the 15000 block of Imperial

• A duffle bag with various personal items were reported stolen during an on the 14600 block of Gandesa Rd.

• A daytime window smash burglary on the 16700 block of Valley View

• An early morning window smash burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Alondra

• A handgun and other personal items were stolen on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

##### Grand Theft

• A daytime theft from two unlocked vehicles was reported on the 15600 block Foster Rd.

• A laptop and other electronic equipment were reported stolen during an early morning theft from an unlocked vehicle on the 15600 block of Foster Rd.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 15900 block of Algeciras Dr.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an afternoon theft on the 12900 block of Ramsey Dr.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a morning theft on the 14500 block of Jalisco Rd.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a late-night theft on the 14100 block of Adoree St.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 15000 block of Rosalita Dr.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 16000 block of Heron Ave.

##### Grand Theft Auto

• A SUV was reported stolen on the 15200 block of Tricia Ln.

• An attempt vehicle theft to a truck was reported stolen on the 14500 block of Stage Rd.

• An attempt vehicle theft to a truck was reported stolen on the 14500 block of Mercado

• Two motorhomes were reported stolen on the 14900 block of Firestone Blvd.

• A truck was reported stolen on the 14700 block of Hadaway Dr.

• A truck was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Mansa Dr.

• A stolen sedan was recovered on the 14400 block of Rosecrans Ave.



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# American Association of University Women Asks for Help to Enact the Paycheck Fairness Act

BY NORMA WILLIAMSON, M.ED.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is asking the community at large to join us in advocating for the passage of H.R. 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act on behalf of American working women. For 24 years, AAUW has actively advocated and lobbied for passage of this bill. Now more than ever, American women need to receive equal pay for equal work.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated income inequalities as demonstrated by the massive historical unemployment rates affecting American women today. The AAUW 2020 report entitled “The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap” states that “Between February and April 2020, women’s unemployment rate rose by 12.8% compared to 9.9% for men.” This has resulted in a “shecession” (a term coined by C. Nicole Mason, Ph.D. of the Institute for Women’s Policy Research) an economic

downturn where 11.5 million women lost their jobs as compared to 9 million men who lost their jobs during the months of February through May 2020. Then in the months of August and September 2020, an additional 865,000 women were cut from the payrolls – 4 times the number of men seeking employment.

Throughout the years, research study after research study has documented the paycheck disparity between men and women for jobs of equal responsibilities. A full-time working woman earns 82 cents to a man’s dollar and women of color are paid even less: Black women make 62 cents on the dollar and Latinas make 54 cents on the dollar. Even as college graduates with advanced degrees, women still make less than their male counterparts. “At the current rate, the overall pay gap between men’s and women’s earnings will not close until 2093 and it will take significantly longer for women of color to reach parity”

(The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap Report, Fall, 2020).

H.R.7, the Paycheck Fairness Act closes the loopholes of the 1963 Equal Pay Act by protecting workers’ rights to formally and informally discuss salary scales at their place of work without negative repercussions from employers, prohibiting employers’ retaliation against workers who raise questions and concerns about wage differences, requiring employers to prove that their salary scales do not discriminate based on gender, prohibiting the use of prior work salary history for setting the pay scale for new hires, allowing workers to sue employers for discriminatory wages based on gender and finally mandating training sessions for women to acquire the necessary skills to successfully negotiate higher wages.

Join us this March 24th of this year, as we observe Equal Pay Day. Since 1996, women’s rights organizations have

commemorated Equal Pay Day by wearing red to mark the struggle of women for equality and, more importantly, women have engaged in lobbying their state and national legislators for equal pay. This date symbolizes how far into the next year women must work to match what men earned in the previous year.

On March 24th, in spite of Covid-19 restrictions, a few La Palma-Cerritos AAUW members will be participating in virtual meetings with Congressional representatives to give voice to the millions of women struggling to provide for their families by urging legislators to vote for H.R.7, the Paycheck Fairness Act. Twenty-four years is long enough!

The La Palma-Cerritos AAUW asks community members to contact their Congressional Representative, and urge them to vote for H.R.7. Visit the AAUW website at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/pfa-toolkit/> to find yours.

## Democrats can’t kill the filibuster. But they can gut it.

BY NORM ORNSTEIN

Three reforms Manchin and Sinema might consider

Democrats won both Georgia Senate seats in January’s runoff, giving them control of both houses of Congress and the White House for the first time in a decade. But their ability to advance legislation — from raising the federal mini-mum wage to democracy reforms in the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act — can be thwarted by the Senate’s 60-vote supermajority filibuster rule.

Republican state lawmakers around the country are moving to enact voter suppression measures that will, if passed, put the slender Democratic majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives in jeopardy in 2022 and beyond. Without democracy reform, and with the Supreme Court’s recent assaults on the Voting Rights Act, sticking with the filibuster could make it nearly impossible for the Biden administration to pursue its agenda.

But Democrats should proceed with caution: you can’t push Senator Manchin too far. In 2001, Sen. Jim Jeffords (Vt.) switched parties and shifted the Senate majority. The same concern now applies to Democrats with Manchin. Push too far, and the result could be Majority Leader McConnell. So, what can Democrats do?

Instead of naming and shaming them, Democrats might consider looking at what Manchin and Sinema like about the filibuster.

Sinema recently said, “I believe the Senate has a responsibility to put politics aside and fully consider, debate, and reach compromise on legislative issues that will affect all Americans.”

Last year, Manchin said, “The minority should have input — that’s the whole purpose for the Senate. If you basically do away with the filibuster altogether for legislation, you won’t have the Senate.”

If you take their views at face value, the goal is to preserve some rights for the Senate minority, with the aim of fostering compromise. The key, then, is to find ways not to eliminate the filibuster on legislation but to reform it to fit their views.

Here are some options:  
**Make the minority do the work**  
Currently, it takes 60 senators to reach cloture — to end debate and move to a vote on final passage of a bill. The burden is on the majority.

Before filibuster reform in 1975,

if the Senate went around-the-clock, filibustering senators would have to be present.

If only 75 senators showed up for a cloture vote, 50 of them could invoke cloture and move to a final vote.

The around-the-clock approach riveted the public, putting a genuine spotlight on the issues.

After the reform, only a few senators in the minority needed to be present to a request for unanimous consent and to keep the majority from closing debate by forcing a quorum call.

The minority’s delaying tactics go largely unnoticed, with little or no penalty for obstruction, and no requirement actually to debate the issue.

One way to restore the filibuster’s original intent would be requiring at least 40 senators to keep debating instead requiring 60 to end debate.

The burden would fall to the minority, who’d have to be prepared for several votes, potentially over several days and nights, including weekends and all-night sessions, and if only once they couldn’t muster 40, the debate would end, and they could vote on final passage of the bill in question.

**Go back to the “present and voting” standard**

A shift to three-fifths of the Senate “present and voting” would similarly require the minority to keep most of its members around the Senate when in session.

If the issue in question were voting rights, a Senate deliberating on the floor, 24 hours a day for several days, would put a sharp spotlight on the issue, forcing Republicans to publicly justify opposition to legislation aimed at protecting the voting rights of minorities.

Weekend Senate sessions would cause Republicans up for reelection in 2022 to remain in Washington instead of freeing them to go home to campaign.

In a three-fifths present and voting scenario, if only 80 senators showed up, only 48 (3/5 = 60%) votes would be needed to get to cloture.

Add to that a requirement that at all times, a member of the minority party would have to be on the floor, actually debating, and the burden would be even greater, while delivering what Manchin and Sinema say they want — more debate.

**Narrow the supermajority requirement**

Another option would be to follow in the direction of the 1975 reform and

further reduce the threshold to 55 senators — still a supermajority requirement, but a slimmer one.

Democrats might have some ability to get five Republicans to support their desired outcomes on issues such as voting rights, universal background checks for gun purchases or a path to citizenship for Dreamers.

A reduction to 55, if coupled with a present-and-voting standard would establish even more balance between majority and minority.

In a 50-50 Senate, and with the GOP strategy clearly being united opposition to almost all Democratic priorities, Biden

and Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer need the support of Manchin and Sinema on a daily basis.

They won’t be persuaded by pressure campaigns from progressive groups or from members of Congress. But they might consider reforms that weaken the power of filibusters and give Democrats more leverage to enact their policies, without pursuing the dead end of abolishing the rule altogether.

Norman Ornstein, an emeritus scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, is a co-author of “One Nation After Trump: A Guide for the Perplexed, the Disillusioned, the Desperate and the Not-Yet Deported.”

## Comprehensive Public Review of the City of Cerritos City Charter on March 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m.



The community is invited to participate in a comprehensive public review of the City of Cerritos City Charter during a study session set for 2:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 22, 2021.**

The agenda and meeting participation information will be posted on the City’s website ([cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us)) by Friday, March 19, 2021.

**For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248.**



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STAFF REPORT

LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa provided an update on the Restorative Care Village currently under construction at Rancho Los Amigos in Downey.

The project broke ground last summer and is expected to be completed in July and begin accepting patients in Fall 2021.

Two separate facilities are under construction both aimed at providing extended healthcare treatment to patients after they are discharged from County hospitals. These facilities will primarily serve patients being discharged from Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

“The new Restorative Care Village is a continuation of what Rancho Los Amigos has always set out to do: rebuild lives,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn. “The incredible doctors at Rancho Los Amigos treat patients who have experienced life-changing illnesses and injury and give them hope for their futures. But even after they are discharged, patients need time to recover and adapt to their new normal. This Restorative Care Village is going to make sure that all patients have a place to recover and the support they need to rebuild their lives.”

One, a 50-bed Recuperative Care Center, will provide care and supportive services for individuals recovering from hospitalization who do not have a place to live and have ongoing medical needs. Too often, unhoused patients are discharged from hospitals only to end up getting sick again on the streets. The Recuperative Care Center will provide patients the care they need to recover from hospitalization and the supportive services they need to get connected with

Update on Restorative Facility at Rancho Los Amigos



THE 130 BED FACILITY features a Recuperative Care Center that will provide care and supportive services for individuals recovering from hospitalization who do not have a place to live and have ongoing medical needs. The Crisis Residential Treatment Program that will provide psychiatric services to individuals being released from County facilities with post-medical trauma receiving cognitive and physical rehabilitative care.

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long-term housing.

“The new Restorative Care Village is a step-forward in helping support some of the most vulnerable patients in our County,” said Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa. “Patients needing extended services will be able to get the specialized medical care and the continued rehabilitation treatment they need and that Rancho Los Amigos is known for in order to rebuild their lives and return to normalcy. On behalf of the City of Downey, I commend the L.A. County Board of Supervisors and our Supervisor Janice Hahn, for supporting a project that will be critical in ensuring unsheltered individuals receive the ongoing medical care they need to fully recover.”

The second facility is a five building 80-bed Crisis Residential Treatment Program that will provide psychiatric services to individuals being released from County facilities. Uniquely, the Crisis Residential Treatment Program at Rancho will focus on the needs of post-medical trauma patients who have been receiving rehabilitative care and may need help adjusting to cognitive and physical limitations associated with recent physical injuries.

Patients who meet clinical criteria will be transported directly from hospitals to the Recuperative Care Center and Residential Treatment Program for admittance and upon discharge are transported to the next level of appropriate care. There are no drop-in services allowed or provided at either facility.

The new facilities at Rancho Los Amigos are one of four Restorative Care Villages set to open at County Hospitals across Los Angeles County this year.

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BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Lakewood Beautiful program is ready to recognize those residents who take extra care to keep their homes and yard looking great.

This is the city's most traditional award, which has honored hundreds of Lakewood homes over three decades. This award recognizes the front-facing exterior and landscaping of a home, displaying exceptional care and pride of ow

Jackie Rynerson "Transformation Award" honors homeowners who have remodeled the front facing exterior and landscaping of their property over the last three years. The rejuvenation does not have to be expensive or elaborate, but something that improves or enhances the overall property. Eligible improvements must have been done or overseen by the current homeowner. Nominations must include both "before" and "after" photos to demonstrate the transformation.

Jackie Rynerson was an original Lakewood resident who helped organize her fellow citizens to form the City of Lakewood in 1954. She served as a city council member from 1978 to 1990, and created the original Lakewood Beautiful to inspire and honor Lakewood homeowners.

Water-Wise Award, honors beautiful homes nominated in one of the first two categories that deserve extra recognition for landscaping that utilizes water-conserving irrigation devices and plantings. Studies have shown that home upkeep and beautification by caring, committed residents keeps crime rates down and property values healthy.

You can nominate a property by going to [www.lakewoodcity.org/LakewoodBeautifulForm](http://www.lakewoodcity.org/LakewoodBeautifulForm) or by calling City Hall at 562-866-9771, extension 3123. Nomination forms will also be in city utility bills over the course of March and April.

## Join La Mirada's Business Watch Program

### STAFF REPORT

The City of La Mirada remains committed to maintaining public safety as the City's highest priority. Through the Business Watch Program, La Mirada's Public Safety Team work cooperatively with local businesses to promote community safety and deter crime.

The goal of the Business Watch Program is to establish working relationships between business owners, managers, associates, and the Public Safety Team and reduce crime through policing and education.

There will be a virtual Business Watch meeting hosted by the City of La Mirada on Wednesday, March 31 at 4 p.m. via zoom. The meeting will reflect on crime prevention techniques and security measures.

In you are interested in joining the Business Watch Program, or more information on the zoom meeting, please contact the Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.

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## Su Casa Receives \$60K Foundation Grant

### STAFF REPORT

The John Gogian Family Foundation awarded a \$60,000 grant to Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence.

The grant is being provided to Su Casa to fund general operating expenses.

The Gogian Foundation has been a strong partner to non-profits during the pandemic. They have provided a regular resource guide and have personally checked in with the non-profit partners regularly during the past year. Their grant making process has been streamlined to enable nonprofits to access the support of the John Gogian Family Foundation more effectively.

Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence has been providing domestic violence crisis and prevention services for Long Beach and other surrounding communities for over 40 years. The organization will receive over 3,600 requests for services during the upcoming year including crisis hotline calls, emergency shelter residence or counseling directed toward healing the effects of domestic violence.

According to Anna Conti, Su Casa's executive director, "Many grants we are awarded are directed toward specific program expenses. This grant can be utilized for our core operating services which could include providing targeted training for our shelter staff and even emergency repairs to buildings or appliances to keep our shelters safe and running smoothly."

For more information about Su Casa programs and services, please call 562-421-6537. Su Casa's website can be found at [www.sucasadv.org](http://www.sucasadv.org)

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# LIVE FEED

## See Bald Eagles 'Jackie' and 'Shadow' Courtesy of the Friends of Big Bear Valley



A juvenile male bald eagle hatched in Catalina and decided to stay all year, so Big Bear became a year round nesting ground for them.

BY LAURIE HANSEN

High in the San Bernardino Mountains atop a 155-foot pine tree overlooking Big Bear Lake is the love story of two bald eagles visible live online from anywhere, anytime.

Thanks to a live webcam operating 24 hours, 7 days a week by the Friends of Big Bear Valley, viewers from all over can tune in to see “Jackie,” and her lifelong mate, “Shadow” as they brave the elements and wilderness while anticipating offspring. Both eagles and viewers anxiously await the two eaglets’ arrival, due to “pip” or chip out of their shells on March 15.

“The audience is worldwide—we have gotten comments, emails and letters from several countries in Europe (Denmark, UK, Netherlands, Sweden, France, Ireland), Australia, Russia, Yugoslavia, Thailand, Costa Rica, Mexico, China, plus others,” said Friends of Big Bear Valley Executive Director Sandy Steers. “It’s been steadily growing since we put the camera up in October 2015.”

Jackie and Shadow are the only current full time resident eagles in the Big Bear Valley. All eagles practice delayed incubation, a common phenomenon that

gives their offspring a better chance at survival by allowing the eggs to hatch closer together. Because of this, their pip might occur closer to March 18. Baby eaglets usually emerge 35 days from the time eggs are first laid. The webcam will capture the much-anticipated event “live” in real-time for the entire world to see on YouTube.

Due to having a central lake which rarely freezes over, Big Bear Valley is considered an ideal spot for eagles and other waterfowl to settle in year-round. Since eagles commonly eat from bodies of water, Big Bear Lake serves as a common food source where they can openly hunt and fish. Recently, webcam viewers witnessed a devoted Shadow bring what is dubbed “sushi” or a fish to Jackie on Valentine’s Day. Both the abundance of fair weather and a food supply are what keeps bald eagles in the Southern California region, according to Steers.

“As eagle populations began to expand from their lowest levels, individual eagles started to nest in open territories,” she explained. “About 2009, a juvenile male bald eagle hatched in Catalina and decided to stay all year, so Big Bear became a year-round habitat and nesting grounds for them.”

Shadow and Jackie diligently protect their nest and eggs from both severe weather and predators. Unfortunately, nature can take a toll and the lovebirds lost two eaglets earlier in their relationship due to apparent hypothermia, said Steers.

“With the elevation in Big Bear, the weather can be quite harsh with rain, snow and freezing temperatures through May and even June,” she explained. “The biggest issue comes if we have a storm—cold rain or snow—when the chicks are too big to both fit under the adults but have not fully grown in their weather-proofing feathers, which comes at around six weeks



of age.”

The normal breeding season for bald eagles runs in conjunction to Southern California’s mild weather months from January through March. Increased daylight hours are what triggers their fertility. As far as predators, it apparently has not been an issue for Jackie and Shadow because they have better learned to protect their eggs, according to Steers.

“They do have to chase away predators sometimes, but they are so large that simply their attention makes the predator leave,” she added.

But a particularly violent scene where ravens openly ravaged Jackie and Shadow’s eggs was captured on the webcam prior to their current brood. Many viewers reacted emotionally and passionately in the livestream chat, wanting to scare away the predators, forgetting this is real life, raw nature in action.

“Apparently, this happened because they were not protecting the nest like they had in past seasons or like they are doing now,” said Steers. “Normally ravens or any other predator would not be able to get to the nest. We have no clear answers for why they were not. However, they seemed to know something that we did not—perhaps they sensed an issue with the eggs or the current circumstances

that was not obvious to observing humans.”

Though nature can have harsh realities, it can also provide a measure of peace, healing, and beauty. These are things Steers knows of from living in Big Bear Valley in Fawnskin, and from her ongoing work. She has been with the Friends of Big Bear Valley, since its inception in 2001.

Through a profound, essential connection with nature, she works to preserve and protect the area’s biodiversity by educating others.

“Nature can heal us individually and as a society,” Steers said. “In many ways when people learn that and will allow it, teaching about nature and our environment feels beneficial both to the environment and to the people who learn about it.”

Steers finds her work especially rewarding when others learn new things about nature and discover its all-encompassing beauty everywhere. Teaching others how intelligent animals really are is something she enjoys the most. This intelligence is clearly visible with Jackie and Shadow as they start a family and brave the world together.

The Big Bear Valley is one of the most ecologically diverse environments in the country. The valley and lake are situated east to west between mountain ranges, something that has

THANKS TO A LIVE webcam operating 24/7 by the Friends of Big Bear Valley, viewers from all over can tune in to see “Jackie,” and her lifelong mate, “Shadow” as they brave the elements and while anticipating offspring.

brought animals and plant species from both the north and south, and preserving special habitats from centuries ago, according to Steers.

“This allows species to exist unlike anywhere else in the world,” she said.

Some of the area’s rare species include the San Bernardino Flying Squirrel, and the Ashy Gray Paintbrush, a plant on the federal and state endangered lists found nowhere else in the world except Big Bear Valley. The unique habitats of the Pebble Plain and the Montane Meadows are home to several other rare and endangered plants, too. The Carbonate Habitat, located on the desert side of the mountains, dates back 245 to 700 million years, and is home to several rare species, with one found in only two locations in the world, according to Friends of Big Bear Valley website.

The mission of the Friends of Big Bear Valley is to protect and preserve the unique and irreplaceable natural habitat of Big Bear Valley through monitoring, education and advocacy for its environmental value and community benefit, according to Steers. The nonprofit has 28 individuals

**TWO EAGLE CHICKS**  
from last year, sadly one of them passed away, the elements are very tough in the mountains.

including board members, three part-time employees, and volunteers.

Education is key to their organization. They actively reach out to the public in person and online via Zoom to give talks to various groups and classrooms. They present information, answer questions, reply to emails and support teachers with information for their classrooms.

“We have well-informed moderators on our live stream chat that answer questions not only about the eagles, but about the Big Bear environment in general,” Steers added.

The nonprofit is active in monitoring, reporting and legally enforcing current environmental laws for areas within the Big Bear Valley that have sensitive habitats or species, and they work to protect the local environment especially when current laws and development codes are not being followed, according to Steers.

Additionally, the nonprofit has founded the Ecotourism Coalition, which hosts

an annual “Outdoor Adventure Days” event with activities such as hiking, bird watching, kayaking and more, to bring a greater appreciation for nature and the outdoors. They also hope to host, “The Big Wade,” an event that will include setting a Guinness World Book Record. Information on it is forthcoming in a few weeks, Steers said.

As Jackie and Shadow look forward to starting a family, Steers also has a vision for the future of Big Bear Valley. “I hope to leave the nature of Big Bear Valley as protected and pristine as possible, so it remains in place for future generations to learn and enjoy,” she said.

For more information, to donate or become a member of the Friends of Big Bear Valley, please visit online at [www.friendsofbigbearvalley.org](http://www.friendsofbigbearvalley.org). Volunteers can also contact the nonprofit via email at [fobvinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fobvinfo@gmail.com).



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# Football, cross country seniors to have one last memory in COVID season

The fall season will come to an end anywhere from Mar. 20-Apr. 17, depending on the sport.

BY LOREN KOPFF

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High school athletics recently started and while the fall sports for this season in the area (boys and girls cross country, football, gymnastics, girls volleyball and boys and girls water polo) did not have a chance to compete for a CIF-Southern Section or state championship, some are able to play. The fall season will come to an end anywhere from Mar. 20-Apr. 17, depending on the sport, and most of the seniors of those fall sports will be able to put on their uniforms one last time.

In 2019, the Gahr High football team went 3-8 overall and won just one San Gabriel Valley League game. But the Gladiators somehow found their way into CIF-SS Division 8 playoffs where they were blasted by Santa Barbara High 44-0. Gahr scored only 97 points in that season and were shutout five times, three of them coming in the final three games.

Although Gahr will not play all five league teams, it will play at least three of them prior to the end date of Apr. 17 including a home game against Dominguez High scheduled for Mar. 26 and an Apr. 9 road game at Warren High.

The seniors on the team are Adrian Ayala, Abraham Delgadillo, Anthony Dixon, Sean Harbin, Anakin Larrabee, Eloy Mendoza, Josiah Morris, Kyle Nwosu, Johnny Robinson IV, Gavin Salceda, Tevita Toliseli, Rudy Vasquez, Joiseppe Walker, and Rashaad Willis II.

The Gahr girls volleyball team went 18-5 in the 2019 season, including 10-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League. It was the first time since the 1998 season that the Lady Gladiators had gone undefeated in league action and the program’s second straight 18-win season. The 18 victories in each of the past two seasons are the most for any Gahr team in any season in over two decades. However, the Lady Gladiators were unable to get out of the first round of the Division 4 playoffs for a third season.

The lone two seniors on this season’s team are Kymberly Arevalo Roussal, who is a versatile athlete, works hard and loves to compete, according to Iris Najera, Gahr volleyball director of operations, and Maya Leopold, whom Najera says is a great teammate and is a utility player who leads by example. The end date for girls volleyball, according to the CIF-SS athletic calendar is Mar. 20 while the lone Gahr cross country runner is Carlen Penuliar.

The end date water polo is also Mar. 20 while the end dates for cross country and football are Mar. 27 and Apr. 17.

Three area high school football programs have first-year head coaches who have been waiting even longer to begin their seasons. One of them is John Glenn High’s David Cruz, who was hoping to give the Eagles consecutive 605 League championships in the fall of 2020.

For the second straight season, Glenn went 6-5 in 2019 and won all three league contests. The Eagles fell to Nordhoff High 56-24 in the first round of the Division 12 playoffs. In five of their games, they scored at least 30 points. But the now-shortened season was originally one of uncertainties as three of the four league teams have first-year head coaches.

The Eagles have seven seniors, including quarterback Matthew Huxtable, who completed 89 of 174 passes last season for 1,725 yards and 16 touchdowns. Right tackle Gabriel Pasillas and left tackle Joe Varoz anchor the offensive line to give Huxtable the protection he needs. Last spring, Varoz has signed a letter of intent to play at Minot State University, a NCAA Division II institution.

The other seniors are Matt Cervantes, Manny Chavarria, lineman Anthony Lira, who had 21 tackles last season, and Carlos Valdez. Glenn will host Cerritos High on Mar. 26, then visit Pioneer High on Apr. 1 before entertaining Artesia High on Apr. 16.

The Glenn girls volleyball program has missed the playoffs 10 straight seasons and went 11-12 in 2019. Second-year head coach Daniel Reyes will have to wait until the fall as Mar. 20 marks the end date for girls volleyball. That means a dozen seniors did not have an opportunity to compete in either the fall of 2020 (normal season) or the first three months of 2021 Those seniors are Nancy Alejo, Andrea Arias, Priscilla Cardenas, Flor Castillo, Daisy Chiquito, Karina Flores, Areyanna Garcia, Erika Hernandez, Sofia Mancilla, Arlett Renteria, Monica Reyes and Zoey Williams.

Also, at Glenn, the lone senior cross country runner is Kaitlyn Martinez and the senior cheerleaders are Melanie Blake, Kasandra Flores, Jaileen Martinez, Juliana Manzanares and Maria Villanova. CC will still go on for Glenn with 605 League meets on Sat., Mar. 20 and 27.

The Norwalk High football team went 3-7 in 2019 and did not win a Suburban League contest. In fact, after the Lancers program had gone to the playoffs 11 straight seasons, it has gone 3-17 in the past two seasons and winless in six league games. The Lancers have a scrimmage at Dominguez High on Saturday before visiting Downey High on Mar. 19. Norwalk will then open league play at Bellflower High on Mar. 26 before hosting Chaffey High on Apr. 2 at Excelsior Stadium. The next week, the Lancers will entertain La Mirada High before concluding the season against Mayfair High on Apr. 16. The two games at Excelsior Stadium are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. while the games against Bellflower and Mayfair will be at Ron Yary Stadium.

The 34 seniors on Norwalk’s team are: Jaden Camacho, Ivan Cardenas, Erick Carrera, Connor Castaneda, Joseph

Chafino, Jeremy Cisneros, Fernando Cortez, Rogelio Edeza Jr., Leroy Espinoza, Miguel Esquivel, Daven Fernandez, Daniel Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Christopher Hernandez, Diego Hernandez, Giovanni Jasso, Brandon Lucas, Ethan Monier, Ruben Munoz, Kevyn Padilla-Torres, David Palomo, Fernando Peralta, Juan Picado, Joshua Pineda, Davin Portillo, Xavier Rampersad, Jonah Rivera, Angel Rodriguez, Milton Roman Jr., Daniel Silva, Jorge Soto, Alejandro Tiaseca, Joshua Venegas and Eric Vizcaino.

The girls volleyball team went 8-22 overall last season and 2-7 in the Suburban League. The program had gone 28-44 the past three seasons under the tutelage of former head coach Eric Lorn. Paola Nava, an ex-Lady Lancer standout, is now the new head coach and has 11 seniors on the team. They are Marie Abrina, Sahray Benitez, Amy Chacon, Gabriela Cruz, Alyanna Dorado, Aryssa Eslava, Laura Gonzalez, Arleen Lopez, Jazmin Martinez, Arianna Ortiz and Jazmin Rojas.

The Norwalk boys cross country seniors are Felix Diaz, Jose Garcia and Jose Espinoza while the girls cross country seniors are Zania Cannady and Sara Portillo. Another first-year football head coach is Valley Christian High’s Kevin McCarthy, and he will have the longest wait to coach his first Olympic League game with his new team. The defenders decided not to put together a schedule once it was announced that fall sports could resume.

V.C. went 7-4 overall last season and won all four league games, marking the program’s fourth league championship in the past five seasons. McCarthy also becomes V.C.’s fourth head coach in as many seasons.

“We went through a difficult time waiting...but it was an amazing experience with these boys every day,” McCarthy said. “We have several four-year players in the group and a few of them that have the potential to play at the next level.”

The V.C. football seniors are: Bo Adkins, Diego Albanez, Luca Caldarella (37 receptions, 537 yards, six touchdowns and 29 tackles on defense in 2019), Austin Chamberlain, Noah Ferinac (seven rushes for 44 yards), Brenden Fletchell, Connor Gerdes, Carson Hogan, Austin Horio, Ryan Solomon-Mills, Caden VandeSteeg and Jordan Wade.

The V.C. girls volleyball team was hoping to repeat as CIF-SS division champions in consecutive seasons. Obviously, that’s not the case. The Lady Defenders went 25-9 in 2019 and head coach Jeff Ornee, who is also the school’s director of volleyball operations, has gone 65-30 in his first three seasons as V.C.’s head coach. He was also the CIF-SS Division 4 Coach of the Year as the Lady Defenders entered knocked off top-ranked Norco High in four sets to claim the title.

V.C. had entered the playoffs ranked sixth in the division, but knocked off third-seeded St. Anthony High in the quarterfinals and No. 10 Saddleback Valley Christian High in the semifinals.

The Lady Defenders have half a dozen seniors on the team, led by Division 4 Player of the Year middle blocker Dakota Quinlan, who will be taking her talents to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas later in the year. Quinlan had been in the program for two years.

Outside hitters Ashlyn Couch and Rachel Gonzales, who have been with the program all four years, were named to the All-CIF-SS Division 4 team last season as selected by the Girls Volleyball Coaches Selection Committee. Couch has committed to NYACK University while Gonzales plans on playing NCAA volleyball, according to Ornee, and says she wants to pursue a veterinarian degree.

The other three seniors are setters Rachel Lim and Emma Taylor, both of whom have been on the varsity team for three seasons and in the program for four seasons and opposite hitter Sarah Vreeke, who also has been in the program for four seasons. Lim has committed to Vanguard University, Taylor will be going to Liberty University to pursue a sports management degree and Vreeke plans on attending Grand Canyon University.

The V.C. boys and girls cross country teams made the most of their shortened seasons as both won the two cluster meets, then recently captured Olympic League championships. There are six seniors on the boys team, led by the number four runner and team captain Isaac Rubio. He was the team’s top runner and MVP during the 2019 season but has been hampered this season due to injuries. According to first-year head coach Craig Henry, Rubio is considering California Poly San Luis Obispo University where he wants to major in Construction Management or Mechanical Engineering.

The number five runner is Pedro Ventura, another captain, and probably the most talented middle distance runner, according to Henry. He also excels on the boys soccer team and the track and field team and plans to major in Psychology at a school within the state.

“In my opinion, if he were to focus solely on running, he would go very far in this sport of cross country,” Henry said.

The number six runner is Thomas Fujimoto, who has been one of the team’s more consistent runners, improving with each race, according to Henry, while Stephen Chang, who plans to attend Purdue University, is the team’s number 7.

“He is most likely, in my opinion, our most intelligent student-athletes on our team,” Henry said. “He splits his time with A.P. courses, boy scouts, and a number of other family activities. He still does, similar to Thomas, gets the most out of the talent and fall training that he has.”

The other two seniors, Ian Hinds, who plans on attending CSU Long Beach, and Nathan Verhoef, were on the junior varsity team. Verhoef will be going to Vanguard.

The lone senior on the girls team is Angie Prieto, who was the team’s number seven runner. Prieto was one of three team captains and plays on the varsity soccer team. Henry says that Prieto, who is considering UC Irvine or Cal Poly Pomona, is a great team leader when she is at practice, has maturity and with her intelligence, will go very far in life.

The Whitney High girls volleyball team had one of its finest seasons in a long time in 2019, going 18-8 overall and 8-2 in the 605 League. The five seniors on the team are Nika Fedorova, Reese Gutche, Chizaram Izima, Clara Kim and Agatha Manzano.

The five seniors on the boys and girls cross country teams are Yusra Azmi, Christine David, Jeff Fernandez, Julianna Lee and Kritika Pantha while the girls water polo team also has five seniors-Grace Gutierrez, Sriya Kappaagantu, Anastacia Son, Prisca Suhendra and Amrita Vinjamury. Finally, there are four seniors on the boys water polo team-Ayaan Ekram, Dylan Lin, Rishikanth Mannava and Ahaan Rajnekar.





Da' Hawaii Seniors Club of Cerritos New Boardmembers



PICTURED ARE BOARD MEMBERS of Da’ Hawaii Seniors Club of Cerritos at a Christmas Party in 2019. Front row (l-r) are Richard Chu, Mary Jane Fujimura, Susan Stern, Co- Presidents Carmelita Tiongson and Donald Izumihara, Hedy Anduha, Frances McCormick, Marion Tesoro, and Amy Tong. Back row (l-r) Donna Ray, Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, and Larry Anduha. Missing from the photo are Membership Co-VP Myrna Matsuno, Refreshment Committee Members Gladys Yoshii, Stan Enomoto, and Gail Nagaoka, Audio Techs Howard Koga, Ken Matsuno, and John Yanagihara, and Co-Recording Secretary Annie Kelly. Photo by Edna Ethington.

Valley Christian Cross Country Makes it Three for Three This Season in Olympic League Meets

BY LOREN KOPFF  
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The Valley Christian High boys and girls cross country teams participated in three Olympic League cluster meets in a span of one month and not much changed after each race. Both teams came out on top to become league champions this past Saturday with the top five runners claiming the same positions.

The girls picked up 36 team points and had four runners finish within the top nine. Maranatha High had 46 points while Village Christian High was third with 68 points and Heritage Christian High fourth with 72 points.

“The meet was a big success and from my point of view, everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoyed themselves,” said V.C. first-year head coach Craig Henry. “I just thank God that we made it out of this 2020/2021 season relatively unscathed. We survived Covid, the takeover of the capital, the fires, riots, demonstrations, stay at home orders and home schooling.”

Sophomore Wesli Oeh was the fourth runner to cross the finish line with a time of 22:00, a season best. But for scoring purposes, she locked down the second spot officially. Village Christian’s Sophia Harvey was first and the next two runners came from Whittier Christian High, which did not field enough runners to have a complete team.

Right after Oeh came junior Sophia Moreno at 22:02, also a season best. Freshman Juliet Chang was officially eighth with a time of 24:17 and ten seconds later came junior Meg Pheifer. Both of those times were also season highs. Sophomore Katherine Padilla officially claimed the 14th spot at 25:57 followed by Julianna Nguyen (15th, 26:12) and senior Angie Prieto (23rd, 27:48).

The Valley Christian boys had another strong performance with all seven runners finishing within the top 12 positions. The Defenders had 30 points, followed by Heritage Christian (41), Village Christian (89), Maranatha (90) and Whittier Christian (134).



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Junior Daniel Koops came in second place with a time of 16:27 while in fourth place was sophomore Matthew Kubler at 17:25 and junior Caleb Wojciechowski (fifth, 17:45). The next four Defenders, all seniors, to cross the finish line would lock down the ninth-12th positions. Isaac Rubio had a time of 18:09 followed by Pedro Ventura (18:18), Thomas Fujimoto (18:58) and Stephen Chang (19:12).

In other cross country action, the 605 League will have the first of its three races this month on Saturday morning on the Cerritos High campus. It will be considered a time trial and all six schools will run separately in staggered times of 50 minute increments. Artesia High will begin at 8:00, followed by Cerritos at 8:50, John Glenn High at 9:40, Oxford Academy at 10:30, Pioneer High at 11:20 and Whitney High at 12:10 p.m.

The latest case rate numbers were released this past Tuesday and the numbers continue to drop for the eight counties that are home to a CIF-Southern Section school. Los Angeles County leads the way at 5.2 per 100,000 people. For high schools to return to play, the adjusted case rate needed to be at 14 or fewer cases per 100,000. San Luis Obispo County was at 5.7, followed by Orange County (6.0) and San Bernardino County (6.7). Because those counties are below seven cases per 100,000 people, weekly testing for football and boys and girls water polo is not required under the California Department of Public Health guidelines.

The Norwalk High football team is scheduled to have a scrimmage at Dominguez High on Saturday afternoon while its girls soccer will kick off the new season against Bell Gardens High on Mar. 19 at Excelsior Stadium.

The Valley Christian boys soccer team is scheduled to face Orange Lutheran High today, Mayfair High on Wednesday and Gahr High on Thursday. The V.C. girls tennis team is scheduled to take on Whitney on Monday while the V.C. girls soccer team is scheduled to host Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa High on Tuesday while the baseball team is scheduled to host Bishop Montgomery High on Tuesday.

Cerritos College Resource Fair

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Cerritos College will host their 12th annual Community Resource Fair beginning Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2, 2021. This is a first of its kind for the college, previous fairs have been held in person.

Hundreds of students and potential employees participate in the Cerritos College annual Spring Job Fair. In the past, Cerritos College offered the opportunity to explore career options with over 60 companies being represented. The free fair was typically held in one day at Falcon Square. Attendees could apply for job positions on site, network with employers from several industries, including healthcare, sales, and retail, from both the government and public.

- Monday, March 29: Physical and Mental Health Resources
  - Tuesday, March 30: Housing Rights and Resources
  - Wednesday, march 31: Education Resources and Services
  - Thursday, April 1: Legal Services and empowerment
  - Friday, April 2: Employment Training
- To register online or for more information, contact Shannon Estrada at [sestrada@cerritos.edu](mailto:sestrada@cerritos.edu)

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in descending order. Norwalk received \$31.68 million, Downey \$27.29, Bellflower \$22.81, Montebello \$16.59, Pico Rivera \$15.53, Lakewood \$12.29, La Mirada \$9.07, Cerritos \$5.64, Artesia \$3.12, Hawaiian Gardens \$2.67, Commerce \$2.38.

City	Amount
El Monte	43.62
Compton	37.68
Norwalk	31.68
Lynwood	28.26
Downey	27.29
Torrance	22.96
Bellflower	22.81
Buena Park	21.82
Carson	20.04
Paramount	19.79
Montebello	16.59
Pico Rivera	15.53
Lakewood	12.29
Cypress	9.22
La Mirada	9.07
Bell Gardens	7.91
Bell	6.69
Cerritos	5.64
Artesia	3.12
La Palma	2.90
Hawaiian Gardens	2.67
Commerce	2.38
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# Norwalk Looking for Public Input

The City of Norwalk has obtained a FEMA grant for the development of a new Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, multiple opportunities available for public input

The City of Norwalk Emergency Management Office has begun to develop the City’s new Hazard Mitigation Plan to address natural and man-made hazards such as earthquake, flooding, and extreme heat.

The City needs your help identifying solutions to the problems associated with hazards. The public is invited to participate in the hazard mitigation plan by completing a survey about Norwalk’s hazard risks: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T8JVZH3>

The planning process will be organized into three phases. Each phase will include opportunities for public input and feedback:

**Phase 1 | March - April 2021**

- Take the community member survey! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T8JVZH3>
- Attend a Steering Committee meeting: March 12th at 3pm + April 9th at 3pm
- Email comments: [LHMP@norwalkca.gov](mailto:LHMP@norwalkca.gov)

**Phase 2 | May - June 2021**

- Take the community member survey! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T8JVZH3>
- Public Meeting #1: “What is Hazard Mitigation Planning + Norwalk’s Risk Analysis Results”
- Attend a Steering Committee meeting: schedule to be posted to the

project website

- Email comments: [LHMP@norwalkca.gov](mailto:LHMP@norwalkca.gov)

**Phase 3 | July - August 2021**

- Review the Draft plan: When ready, the plan will be posted to the website
- Public Meeting #2: “Review of Norwalk’s first draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan”
- Attend a Steering Committee meeting: schedule to be posted to the project website
- Email comments: [LHMP@norwalkca.gov](mailto:LHMP@norwalkca.gov)

More public engagement opportunities may become available throughout the process and if so, will be posted to the project website: [www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-safety/norwalk-emergency-management-office/local-hazard-mitigation-plan](http://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-safety/norwalk-emergency-management-office/local-hazard-mitigation-plan)

A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will serve as a meaningful template for a more resilient and sustainable Norwalk. The plan looks at how Norwalk can reduce its impact of natural and man-made hazards such as earthquakes, floods, and extreme heat. Once approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the plan makes Norwalk eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation project grant funding through FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs and other non-emergency disaster assistance like FEMA’s new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Norwalk currently does not have its own Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and is therefore not eligible for federal hazard mitigation grants directly from FEMA.

With support from a consulting

team led by Tetra Tech, Inc., the City of Norwalk Emergency Management Office has formed an Advisory Committee of city and regional leaders to inform the planning process. The Advisory Committee held its first meeting in February 2021 and plans to hold its second meeting in March 2021.

For more information about Norwalk’s new Local Hazard

Mitigation Plan or to learn about ways to participate in the development of the LHMP, contact Gabriela Garcia at 562-929-5964 or send an email to [LHMP@norwalkca.gov](mailto:LHMP@norwalkca.gov). You can also visit the project’s website: [www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-safety/norwalk-emergency-management-office/local-hazard-mitigation-plan](http://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-safety/norwalk-emergency-management-office/local-hazard-mitigation-plan)

## ABCUSD Students Win Cerritos Optimists' Oratorical Contest

BY SCOTT SMITH

The last has been a struggle for some and a challenge for most, but 11 ABCUSD students spoke about "Healing the World with Optimism" at this year's Cerritos Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest. The event was held virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021, and each of the eleven students shared their thoughts about healing the world through optimism.

"The Oratorical Contest is a rich and historic event which began in 1928," said David Jang, who helped coordinate the event for the Cerritos Optimist Club. "Even in an age of a pandemic, we carried forward hoping that the continuance of tradition and honor would provide hope and optimism for all those involved. Thank you to everyone and to the participants for filling our hearts with joy and enlightenment!"

Local current and former education and community leaders served as judges for the event. This year's judges were Jeanie McHatton, Colleen McKinley, Claudia Dunn, and Dr. Shannon Stanton. Mr. Harold Bazarian served as the timekeeper.

A diverse group of students

participated in this year's events. Students from across the district and community shared moving remarks about how optimism has helped them during their lives. The event winners were:


**First Place** – Prince Osaji from Whitney High School who received \$600

**Second Place** – Kisha Mehta from Whitney High School who received \$400

**Third Place** – Morgan Colbert from Artesia High School who received \$200

"I am so very proud of all of the students from our district who shared such powerful and emotional stories," said ABCUSD Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. "I cannot thank the Cerritos Optimist Club enough for their continued support of our students through all of their events."

The Cerritos Optimist Club conducts programs to encourage local youth to develop useful skills, a good attitude, and healthy ambition. These programs include the oratorical contest, essay contest, Tri-Star basketball skills competition, middle school track meet, and the elementary and middle school STEM contest.



By DAVID OUELLET

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

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8 letters

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As an alternative to signing the petition electronically, residents can also sign the petition form and drop it off at AJ Padelford Park at 11870 169th Street in a box marked “Preferential Parking District Petitions” located around the corner of the Teen Center Building facing the picnic shelter under the awning. Petitions must be submitted by 5:00 pm Monday, March 29 to be counted. People living at the same address may sign the same petition.


If a majority of residents sign, the petition will be presented to and reviewed by the Ad-Hoc committee on Parking. If the committee accepts the petition, a recommendation and proposed ordinance will be presented to the City council for adoption.

Residential permits are only available for qualified vehicles. Each household is eligible for five residential permits, plus three visitor’s permits.

For more information and to sign the petition, visit the City of Artesia Parking Permit Program at <https://ca-artesia2.civicplus.com/270/Parking-Permit-Program>



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## Artesia Council and Chamber Roundup

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Los Angeles Sheriff’s Sergeant Tom Massey joined the City Council’s regular monthly meeting to provide a community safety update telling the Mayor and councilmembers that robbery and burglary is down and there have been no homicides in the city this year.

The city of Artesia is doing well during the pandemic, although the city, like most other cities, has seen an uptick of Part 1 crimes, which include murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

“Auto theft is way up,” remarked Massey, “the city has really been hit hard, but every city in the county has seen an increase.”

From November 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 there have been 24 reported auto thefts with the majority of vehicles being recovered.

Deputy response time has increased by 25 percent to 2.9 minutes. “Considering the impact of the pandemic, we are doing as well as other area cities,” said Massey.

In other news, Christopher Craig, Executive Director of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief update at the meeting.

Craig took over the position one year ago in March 2020.

“No doubt this has been a challenging year. You have seen and you know that

businesses have been hit hard. During this year the chamber has been focused on providing timely and accurate information as well as resources to the members and our email subscribers.”

More visibly, the Chamber has partnered with the city to put up attractive signage for local businesses, such as ‘Shop and Dine Local / Support Artesia’ signage on Pioneer Boulevard and South Street.

The Chamber also joined with the Artesia Library to bring ‘Project Take-Out’ in support of Artesia restaurants.

His efforts have brought in 22 new members.

A new website for the Chamber is under construction that will be more user friendly.

Social media platforms such as Instagram, Twitter and YouTube channels have been launched for greater outreach and an Ambassador program plus Intern positions will be introduced this year.

Go to [artesiachamber.org](http://artesiachamber.org) to check out the new site; Facebook is @discoverartesia.

“We want the Chamber to be a regular contributor to our council meetings, and we are committed to do whatever we can to help you improve, grow and reopen our City,” remarked Mayor Rene Trevino.

## State Farm Returning \$400 Million to CA Drivers

STAFF REPORT

State Farm is returning \$400 million to California mutual auto insurance customers. The dividend applies to approximately 3.5 million private passenger auto policies in California. Through this dividend, customers can expect to receive a check of 18% of premium, or averaging about \$100 per policy, for the time period June 1 to December 31, 2020.

Last year, State Farm announced the

Good Neighbor Relief Program, which included a dividend for the period of March 20 to May 31, 2020 as well as auto rate cuts in every state. Together, these actions provided \$4.2 billion in savings for State Farm customers. California State Farm auto customers received an average 27.5% dividend and 6.5% auto rate reduction.

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ritual with coaches asking participants to strip down to their underwear and hug each other.

Both reports focused on what happened at the seminar but did not look into Alive itself; HMG-CN looked into Alive and found it is as strange as the seminars it allegedly conducts.

For starters, the company’s Facebook page and website have been removed sometime in the past two days. A look at the site using a web history platform found that the very ordinary site was in Spanish without a listing of owners or managers.

Three names were listed on the site as administrative employees, one of them was a woman named Antonia Gomez, who is the owner of a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,150 square foot home in Maywood located on East 57th street near the intersection of Slauson and Atlantic.

That location is the corporate address of Alive, registered with the Secretary of State.

Strangely, Alive is a registered non-profit, classified as a public charity in a May 2017 letter to Ms. Gomez from the IRS.

The IRS defines a PC as “churches, hospitals, qualified medical research organizations affiliated with hospitals, schools, colleges and universities.”

A PC is either “publicly supported, deriving a substantial portion of its financial support from the public, or functions to support one or more organizations that are public charities.”

Yet an examination of Alive’s tax returns, known as a Form 990, shows Alive filing a 990-N “postcard,” meaning Alive is telling the IRS it generates less than \$50,000 in revenue per year.

And Alive’s latest 990-N is dated 2016

which places its non-profit filing status in serious jeopardy.

In addition, according to the SOS’s website, Antonia Gomez is the registered owner of Vision Professional Service located at the same Maywood address.

Ms. Gomez lists the functions of Vision as paralegal, notary, and income tax services.

So how does a questionable company such as Alive secure a lucrative seminar contract with a privately held company with \$2.2 billion in revenue who can hire any employee coaching company in the country?

The lawsuit should shine a light on that question, if it goes to trial.

Attorney Oscar Ramirez told the Press- Enterprise, “We are looking forward to presenting this case to a jury,” it is unknown if he is aware of Alive’s corporate background.

Officials with Panda Express said the company is taking the allegations seriously and will conduct an investigation.

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**CENTRAL** from page 1

Leticia Vasquez and Martha Camacho Rodriguez.

First they tried to get their friend Dallas Fowler paid for “work” she had completed for CB. Fowler told CB officials that she lobbied and sent out releases fighting Garcia’s bill. HMG-CN, who had written several articles on Garcia’s bill, did not receive anything from Fowler.

President Art Chacon and Boardmembers Phil Hawkins and Bob Apodaca told HMG-CN they had never seen nor met Fowler.

It was like the old days at CB when former disgraced GM Art Aguilar handed out sole-source contracts and checks to

the Calderons.

An exclusive investigative article by HMG-CN revealed that the Fowler work and check amount were bogus. The invoice was for \$21,000, with sources telling HMG-CN that Fowler had submitted a prior invoice for \$60,000; when CB GM Alex Rodriguez asked for a work product, Fowler produced very little work.

They tried the same thing with an invoice from Rudy Bermudez, who indicated he had done lobbying work to defeat Garcia’s privatization bill, that was for \$21,000.

The two have also disrupted CB Board meetings by encouraging friends of theirs to call in to zoom meetings and accuse and berate GM Alex Rodriguez and other board members with false allegations of corruption and incompetence.

One of the most notorious callers is Juan “Joey” Martinez who lives in Downey.

Video of meetings show Martinez criticizing every board member and GM Rodriguez, throwing out baseless accusations; at one meeting threatening to fight 85 year-old board member Bob Apodaca.

Now, according to sources, five harassment claims have been filed by former CB employees including Finance Director Andrew Hamilton, Board Secretary Cecelia Pulido, and Dorette Lambley.

The claims are aimed at Vasquez and Rodriguez, but if successful it will be CB that will pay any damages.

Some of the claimants will have an uphill climb, Hamilton was actively working to torpedo the agency while allegedly deflating sales and increasing expenses during presentations to advance Garcia’s bill.

“Once the formal audit is completed we will conduct a forensic audit and see what has been going on,” said CB GM Rodriguez.

But now the agency must deal with upcoming litigation because of Vasquez and Camacho-Rodriguez.

And, according to sources, the claimants have several videos and email evidence of the harassment, including sending protestors out to their houses to harass the employees.

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**KNOTT'S** from page 1

In 1934 Knott and his wife opened Mrs. Knott’s Chicken Dinner Restaurant which drew large crowds and even larger waiting lines. In order to entertain visitors while they waited, Knott built a Ghost Town and Knotts Berry Farm was born.

Each year Knott’s Berry Farm celebrates their rich history with Knott’s annual Boysenberry Festival. The festival usually runs about a month, featuring specialty food and drink, interactive games, contests, entertainment and a special effects light show.

This year the Taste of Knotts springs back into full action beginning running now until May 2. Although most of the park is still closed to visitors and rides are remain shut down, visitors can enjoy a delightful day of fantastic food and beautiful boysenberry spring decoration throughout the park.

As visitors enter the park you are greeted by a floral display of spring in every hue of purple with an over sized replica of Mr. and Mrs. Knotts twirling barefoot amid some extraordinarily large boysenberries.

The Tasting is held in four of sections: Ghost Town, Boardwalk, Fiesta Village and Camp Snoopy, with the majority of the tasting booths residing in Ghost Town. The food event offers some very imaginative boysenberry inspired savory bites from boysenberry mac and cheese to

Mai Tai’s and of course the ever popular boysenberry pie. The Tasting is strictly outdoors with 65 boysenberry infused foods to choose from.

Guests can also shop a wide variety of boysenberry inspired merchandise including apparel, kitchenware and pre-packaged boysenberry cookies to decorate. There are plenty of handmade personalized gift vendors to peruse while you walk off some of the tasty treats, over 20 local artisan crafters offering unique items.

With so many taste tempting food items it would be easy to miss out on some of the exciting activities scattered throughout Ghost Town. Try to brace the bandits and stop by Ghost Town’s Spring Craft Village, but don’t be surprised if a saloon gal tries to chat you up while bustling around on the veranda of the Calico Saloon. And what old west town would be complete with the hustling Dr. Dillard Marsh and his phantasmagorical snake oil elixir show.

A tasting card is required for this limited time food event with prices beginning at \$45. Tasting Cards are date specific and must be purchased online at knotts.com. In order to manage proper physical distancing of guests, Knott’s Taste of Boysenberry Festival will be limited each day and may sell out.

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# L.A. County Announces Red Tier Re-Openings

## STAFF REPORT

**101 new deaths and 1,378 new confirmed cases.**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health anticipates qualifying for the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy less restrictive red tier that allows for additional re-openings between Monday, March 15 at 12:01am and Wednesday, March 17.

The exact date depends on when 2 million doses have been administered to people in the most under-resourced communities across the state.

Newly permitted activities:  
**Museum, Zoos and Aquariums** can open indoors at 25% capacity.

**Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga and Dance Studios** can open indoors at 10% capacity with masking requirement for all indoor activities.

**Movie Theatres** can open indoors at 25% capacity with reserved seating only where each group is seated with at least 6 feet of distance in all directions between any other groups.

**Retail and Personal Care Services** can increase capacity to 50% with masking required at all times and for all services.

**Restaurants** can open indoors at 25% max capacity under with severe restrictions.

**Indoor Shopping Malls** can increase capacity to 50% with common areas remaining closed; food courts can open at 25% capacity adhering to the restaurant guidance for indoor dining.

**Schools** are permitted to re-open for in-person instruction for students in grades 7-12 adhering to all state and county directives.

**Private gatherings** can occur indoors with up to 3 separate households, with masking and distancing required at all times. People who are fully vaccinated can gather in small numbers indoors with other people who are fully vaccinated without required masking and distancing.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/06/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
Trustor: JUAN CARLOS CUEVAS A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 04/17/2007 as Instrument No. 20070912774 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 04/22/2021 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 649,512.47
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14014 Salada Road , La Mirada , CA 90638 A.P.N.: 8061-003-023 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 649,512.47. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2014-09185-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 2014-09185-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: February 19, 2021 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary, C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE LCCN 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/21



**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BEVERLY HELEN JONES CASE NUMBER 20STPB04920**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BEVERLY HELEN JONES. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FRANCINE MAE TE GROEN-GARNETT in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles County. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Francine Mae Te Groen-Garnett be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 04/16/2021 Time: 0830 in Probate Department 4 at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Notice of Telephonic Hearing. Due to court closures, you may participate telephonically by scheduling with CourtCall at 1-888-882-6878. Please check the court's website at www.lacourt.com for information regarding closure to the public. 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 may 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 the 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. In Pro Per Petitioner: FRANCINE MAE TE GROEN-GARNETT 12917 170th STREET CT E, PUYALLUP, WA 98374 Telephone: 253-222-5288 LCCN 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/21

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM P. SCHMIDT AKA WILLIAM PHILLIP SCHMIDT CASE NO. 21STPB01948**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WILLIAM P. SCHMIDT AKA WILLIAM PHILLIP SCHMIDT.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JULIE F. RIOS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JULIE F. RIOS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/15/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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 EDITH K. JOHNSON Case No. 21STPB01654**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDITH K. JOHNSON  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Althea M. Withers in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Althea M. Withers be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 12, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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 ELIE G. MALOUF aka ELIE GEORGE MALOUF aka ELIE MALOUF Case No. 21STPB00149**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIE G. MALOUF aka ELIE GEORGE MALOUF aka ELIE MALOUF  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Samar Toska Malouf in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Samar Toska Malouf be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 30, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 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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CN975816 MALOUF Mar 5,12,19, 2021

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021028070  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: VIZEX GROUP, 315 W. MONTECITO AVE. UNIT B, SIERRA MADRE, CA., 91024. Registered Owner: VICTOR DOMINGUEZ, 315 W. MONTECITO AVE. UNIT B, SIERRA MADRE, CA., 91024. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/2021. 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/ VICTOR DOMINGUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/2/21. 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 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021024254  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: 7DAYS MARKET, 15703 AMAR RD., LA PUENTE, CA., 91744. Registered Owner: HND INVESTMENTS LLC, 411 N. CHAPEL AVE. #1, ALHAMBRA, CA., 91801. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. 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/ MANUEL ALVAREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/29/21. 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 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19/21.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021040483  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SPARTAN TOWING, 226 W. RIGGIN ST, MONTERREY PARK, CA., 91754 Registered Owner: CHRISTOPHER BANUELOS, 226 W. RIGGIN ST, MONTERREY PARK, CA., 91754 . THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 2/20/21. 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/ CHRISTOPHER BANUELOS.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 2/19/21. 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 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19/21

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARK E. DARNELL aka MARK EDWARD DARNELL Case No. 21STPB01501**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARK E. DARNELL aka MARK EDWARD DARNELL  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Constance M. Darnell in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Constance M. Darnell be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 19, 2021 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 9 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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**CITY OF LA MIRADA**  
  
Please take notice that on February 23, 2021, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:  
  
**ORDINANCE NO. 716 REGULATING SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES CITY-WIDE AND AMENDING THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE**  
  
Summary of Ordinance No. 716  
  
Ordinance No. 716 added a new La Mirada Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 (City Wide Regulation of Small Wireless Facilities). The ordinance requires each applicant/permittee to pay one-time and recurring fees, per each small wireless facility, in amounts established pursuant to Resolution No. 21-04. The ordinance also states that failure to comply with the City Wide Policy Regarding Permitting Requirements And Development Standards For Small Wireless Facilities constitutes a violation of the La Mirada Municipal Code.  
  
The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 716 are as follows:  
  
AYES: Councilmembers De Ruse, Otero, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor Lewis  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
  
A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 716 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.  
  
Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk  
  
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