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MEETING PRESIDENT BIDEN ON IMMIGRATION

IMMIGRATION REFORM (from l-r) Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA), Congressman Pete Aguilar (D-CA), Congressman Jerry Nadler (D-NY), Congresswoman Lucille Roybal Allard (D-CA) Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D-CA), Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), and Congressman Raul Ruiz (D-CA). They all attended a meeting at the White House with the President Biden to discuss immigration reform as part of the budget reconciliation package.

La Mirada and Whittier's Relay for Life Parade



THE CURIOUS CONDORS, a group of students from California High School, were volunteers for the day.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The world may have come to a screeching halt for COVID, but cancer stops for nothing and no one.

The Relay for Life of La Mirada and Whittier Team members were encouraged as

they held a parade for Survivors and caregivers Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Beatitudes of Our Lord Church in La Mirada. “We are excited to finally be able to meet in person this year at our Survivor and Care Giver hybrid event. We encouraged everyone to decorate their vehicle in cel-

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Metro to Consider Four Alternatives for Lite Rail Line From Artesia

BY STEVEN SHARP

A draft environmental impact report published last week by Metro details new options for a proposed light rail line that would connect southeast Los Angeles County with Downtown.

The proposed West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB), a project which is set to receive roughly \$4 billion in funding via Measure M, would span a roughly 19-mile corridor serving the cities of Los Angeles, Vernon, Huntington Park, Cudahy, Bell, South Gate, Downey, Cerritos, Bellflower, and Artesia, as well as the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone.

Metro's environmental study

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HMG-CN INVESTIGATION

Part 3: Did Citrus College Pass Its Nearly \$300 Million Bond Illegally?

The ballot label violated the state's Education Code.

BY THE IRISHMAN AND BRIAN HEWS

The study of public school bonds is nothing more than an analysis of abuse, fraud, and waste throughout the 1,037 public school districts in California and the small basket of community colleges.

With the first installment of our exposé, we have now outlined the existence and presence of the Megataxers. A few Bassett school board members and their lawyers altered the resolution, misrepresented the tax measure, and did not meet the requirements of law on the ballot label. This is

occurring in a number of school districts.

The bond process starts with the Educational Facilities Master Plan – the golden ticket to local and state funding, followed by several trips to the Office of Public School Construction. As John Karns cautioned, “everyone works for the government.” Wally Karabian proclaimed, “the larger the appropriation, the less the argument.” Retreating to Ararat results in being surrounded.

We mentioned the small basket of community colleges involved with the Megataxers; we will now focus on Citrus College.

On January 15, 2019, the Board at Citrus College awarded \$312,000 to Westberg & White, an architectural firm, to craft the 2020-2030 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP); the initial

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Rosemead Blvd. Bikeway Proposed

BY BRIAN HEWS

Over 30,000 vehicles a day travel down Rosemead near the intersection of the 60 Freeway and nearly 50,000 travel on Rush Street.

Now a proposal from Los Angeles county wants to take \$30 million and improve the safety for bicyclists and pedestrians along Rosemead Boulevard

while improving nonvehicular access to the various recreational destinations in the area.

Riders will be able to travel to destinations inside the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area including soccer fields, playgrounds, walking trails, and hook into the San Gabriel River Bike Path and the Rio Hondo Bike Path.

The new trail will be on both sides of Rosemead, span 2.6

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Over 72K Kids & Teens Caught COVID Last Week

BY BRIAN HEWS

For the week of July 14-21, nearly 39,000 COVID cases were reported among children and teens; the definition of a child varies by state but generally includes those up to age 17 or 18.

Now a pediatrics group re-

ported that, from Jul 22-29, the numbers jumped to nearly 72,000, according to CNN.

After decreases in reported cases over the past couple of months, the July numbers started trending upward again as the highly transmissible Delta variant of the virus became dominant in the country.

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PASSINGS: CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EDWARD H. BLOOMFIELD

Edward Henry Bloomfield was born on May 24, 1938 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California. He was the only child of Henry and Mabel Bloomfield, who moved from Arkansas to California in the 1920s. Growing up, he had 28 aunts and uncles and 60 first cousins, who fortified his foundation and who he loved dearly. He attended Excelsior High School, and graduated from Whittier College, where he earned the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship that sent him to Harvard. He graduated from Harvard Divinity School and earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Claremont Graduate School.

It was at Excelsior High School where he met Veronica Little. Self-described "late bloomers," they were friends for several years before getting married on April 22, 1968. There were 700 people in attendance. Ed and Veronica were married for 54 years. For seven years, they had many adventures, including a three-month sojourn across Europe. In 1973, they welcomed their only daughter, Veronica Elizabeth. From that moment on they were a close-knit family, sharing their love of travel, hosting events, and great conversations with her. VE and her father loved playing hide and seek, baking, reading books, and performing "operas" together. He always supported her personal and academic interests. So much of who she is was shaped by her father's influence.

Ed was ordained in 1966 at Plymouth Congregational Church in Whittier. He went on to serve as youth director at the United Methodist Church of Artesia, where he enjoyed working with the Meth-

odist Youth Fellowship (MYF). He was Assistant Minister at Hillcrest Church for 25 years. He enjoyed many wonderful times there including Great Gallamaufries, the Art Festival, and friendships that lasted a lifetime. He went on to become Minister of Visitation at the First Congregational Church of Long Beach for another 19 years where he greatly enjoyed the liberal theology of Revs. Stinson & Tigner. He performed many baptisms, marriages, and memorial services throughout his career and was especially known for infusing humor as part of his ministry and outreach.

Ed was hired in 1969 as a fulltime instructor of Philosophy at Cerritos College where he worked for 35 years. He taught Logic, Ethics, World Religions, Introduction to Philosophy, and the Philosophy of Cultural Diversity. He won many awards including Outstanding Faculty of the Year and was the first faculty member to be inducted into the Cerritos College Hall of Fame. He was known for tea parties, hosting open houses at the end of each semester, and promoting the phrase, "Why have a meeting when you can have a party?"

Ed & Veronica were a dynamic duo. Being married as best friends brought many happy moments. They enjoyed traveling the world together, hosting dinner parties, attending the theatre with dear friends, and many croquet parties in the back yard. They were a couple truly dedicated to one another's well-being and had great admiration for one another as individuals.

In 2006, grandson Henry was born. They have shared a special bond from the moment they met. Grandpa and Henry



2012 CERRITOS COLLEGE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: Dr. Edward Bloomfield (far right) along with Wally Kincaid, Ron Yary, J.P and Alice Wang, Dr. Gerald Roodzant, Barbara Reinalda, and John Gallant.

enjoyed reading books together, watching Jeopardy, and cooking the annual Thanksgiving turkey. Grandpa was always proud of Henry's character and supported him with lots of unconditional love.

Ed was an avid reader who loved books, bookstores, libraries, and the pursuit of knowledge. He spent many hours listening to classical music and reading in the living room. He was a proponent of the lifelong pleasure of learning, who often said, "Never be afraid of a new idea." His theology was relationship based; for him, true communion was being together in community.

Ed had Parkinson's for many years. Never complaining, he approached his diagnosis with an existential attitude, "Whatever meaning this has, is the meaning we give to it."

He took his departure at the Los

Alamitos Medical Center, listening to classical music, surrounded by loved ones on August 2, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Veronica Little Bloomfield, daughter Veronica Elizabeth Bloomfield, and grandson Henry Canales. His legacy of laughter, good food, good friends, and joie de vivre will live on in all those who love him.

Watch Video of Dr. Bloomfield Accepting the College Award



<https://bit.ly/DrBloomfield>

Disneyland Offers New Annual Passport 'Keys'

On Aug. 25, Disneyland will offer new annual passes, HMG's Mickey Ears ranks cost from really high to not low enough

DREAM KEY- Five Mickey Ears
\$1,399 with no block-out dates. The price includes access to both parks and parking (no car wash?), and allows the holder to select as many as six reservation dates at a time. 20% off for merchandise, food and beverages. After paying \$1,400, you will need it.

BELIEVE KEY - Four Mickey Ears
This pass is \$949 with 48 blocked-out dates, most of which fall around Thanksgiving and the Xmas. Access to both parks, a 50% discount on parking and the holder gets as many as six reservation dates at a time. 10% off merchandise, food and drinks. Hmmm, for \$450 more, free parking and extra 10% off beer.

ENCHANT KEY - Three Mickey Ears
\$649 with 149 block-out dates, (what's the obsession with number 9?). Most of June and July and the days around Thanksgiving and Christmas cut off. The price includes access to both parks but does not include parking and allows only four reservation dates at a time. 10% off merchandise, food and drinks.

IMAGINE KEY- 2.5 Mickey Ears
\$399 and you get the same pass that used to cost \$250 for SoCal residents. 218 block-out dates, with no available weekends and most of the summer blocked out, (who goes anyway?) It allows access to both parks, but only two reservation dates can be made at a time. Parking is not included. 10% Off! The three and four Mickey Ear passholders are mad, 2.5 Ears gets the same food/merch. discount.

Artesia Councilman Taj Elected as Chair to Lite Rail Board

Taj was also selected for Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Internal Auditor Slots.

BY BRIAN HEWS

The Eco-Rapid Transit Board, in charge of the West Santa Ana Branch lite rail line that will start/terminate in Artesia, has elected Artesia Councilmember Ali Sajjad Taj as their Board Chair. Eco-Rapid Transit, also known as the Orange Development Authority, is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a transit corridor from Artesia to Downtown Los Angeles and from Downtown Los Angeles to Burbank Airport.

The Board also elected Downey Councilmember Sean Ashton as Vice-Chair, City of Glendale's Vrej Agajanian as Secretary, Cudahy Mayor Jose R. Gonzalez as

Treasurer, and Bell Gardens Councilmember Alejandra Cortez as Internal Auditor.

Taj was first elected to the Artesia City Council in December 2013 and served as Mayor for the 2016-2017 and 2019-2020 term.

Taj was the first Pakistani born Mayor of a U.S. city west of the Mississippi.

Chair Taj has been in the financial services industry for two decades and holds key leadership positions on a variety of local, regional and state organizations.

In a press release Taj stated, "I am honored and thankful to the board members for electing me as the Chair of Eco-Rapid Transit during this important time. I look forward to having the opportunity to lead the organization as we work with all of our partners to make the West Santa Ana Branch a reality from Artesia to Downtown Los Angeles and to connect with our northern members, improving regional rail from Burbank Airport, Glendale and to Union Station. These projects are critical transportation links for our communities."

The proposed West Santa Ana Branch project (Artesia to Union Station) is undergoing Environmental Review.

For more information, about Eco-Rapid Transit, please visit www.eco-rapid.org



Artesia Councilman Ali Sajjad Taj

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considers four potential build options for the WSAB, two of which differ based on the project's eventual northern terminus, and another two which would break the project into phases.

Alternative 1

The first of the two options which calls for completing the project in one fell swoop, calls for the project's northern terminus to land at Union Station, where the WSAB would connect with Metro subway and rail lines as well as Metrolink trains and various local and regional bus lines.

A ridership forecast included with the environmental study estimates that the Union Station-to-Artesia alignment would attract approximately 61,000 daily weekday passengers under conditions expected in the year 2042.

Alternative 2

The other full-build option, calls for a northern terminus in a new subway stop at 8th and Figueroa Streets in the Financial District, which would connect to 7th Street/Metro Center station through a new pedestrian tunnel. In addition to the 7th/Alameda Street station envisioned in both alternatives, Alternative 2 would also include a third Downtown stop at 8th and Los Angeles Streets. Alternative 2 would

command the highest ridership numbers out of the four alternatives under study, w

Alternative 3

Recommended by staff for selection as the "locally preferred alternative," calls for building an initial phase of the WSAB between Slauson Avenue in unincorporated Florence-Firestone and Artesia. The 14.8-mile route would fall four miles short of Downtown Los Angeles, but still offer connections to the A and C Lines.

Alternative 4

This alternative would further truncate the amount of track built in the initial phase of the WSAB, calling for just 6.6 miles of new track between the C Line and Artesia. This option would attract an estimate 11,000 weekday passengers, the lowest of the four alternatives, at an estimated cost of \$1.9 billion.

Building the West Santa Ana Branch in segments could allow for service on at least part of the corridor to begin as early as 2028. However, the full 19-mile line is not scheduled for completion until 2041, per the Measure M expenditure plan.

While staff have recommended construction an initial segment of the WSAB between the A Line and Artesia, a final decision on what will be built is subject to a vote by the Metro Board of Directors.

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ebriation of a loved one," said Kate Abad, Event Leadership Team Member.

Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri spoke, saying, "Whittier is proud to partner with La Mirada to raise funds on behalf of all those who are fighting the battle against cancer. Our shared purpose is to rally with our loved ones, friend and neighbors who live with this disease daily."

Abad added, "Because we can't have an in-person relay event this year, we will have two events instead. The first is the Survivor / Care Giver Parade today, and the second is the Luminary Drive-Thru on August 21. We have confirmed that over 100 people will be participating in the parade today."

The community has responded with unbelievable donations from survivor blankets to lip balm, hairdryers, and food items. "One of the most important things to remember is that every year, our events

were drawing more and more people, with higher donations, and then the pandemic hit and everything just stopped. Cancer doesn't stop. Even for a pandemic," said Randy Herbon.

The Curious Condors, a volunteer group of students from California High School, help with community events throughout the year. "We are helping with directing traffic, answering questions, and even help them with decorating their cars if they need us to," said one student, "This is a very important cause."

"More than 10 million people die from this disease every year," said La Mirada Mayor Ed Eng, "As a community, we must take action. Let's celebrate those that have survived and remember those that have lost their battle."

A drive-through luminary event will be held at Beatitudes of Our Lord Church in La Mirada on August 21. To participate, contact www.RelayForLife.org/LaMiradaWhittierCA

Cerritos Towne Center to Host Chalk Festival

Cerritos Towne Center will host a FREE "Chalk It Up" chalk art festival on Saturday, August 21st, from noon to 4 p.m. The event will showcase the work of professional chalk artists as they create eclectic, mesmerizing and breathtaking street art, including 2D and 3D murals, on the pavement in the Edwards Stadium 10 Courtyard. Other family-friendly fun at the Cerritos Towne Center Chalk It Up event will include back-to-school-themed kids crafts, glitter-spray airbrush artists, a kids chalk art station where children can design their own chalk masterpieces, a DJ and more. For more information, visit the center's website at:

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Kingdom Causes Pop-Up Helps Needy Families in Bellflower



BUSD BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING EXPERIENCE: An unidentified family in Bellflower with clothes they received from the Kingdom Causes Bellflower pop-up. They also received household cleaning and hygiene supplies.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

In response to the hardship the greater Bellflower community has endured this past year and a half due to the pandemic, staff and volunteers from over 7 local organizations and churches rallied to support families and students as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Through a community-wide collaboration, the BUSD Back-To-School Shopping Experience event was created.

This pop-up shop event provided 55 families with the opportunity to shop for clothes for school, as well as receive household cleaning and hygiene supplies.

In total, over 145 students received new clothes for the upcoming school year.

The team at Kingdom Causes Bellflower feels blessed to have been apart of this community event and thanks the volunteers and partners from Bethany CRC, Caring Connections, Ethnos Church, Laundry Guys Signal Hill, Miss Bellflower Pageant, Phamily Foundation, and Young Life for helping make the BUSD Back-To-School Shopping Experience a reality.

You can see more photos from the event, and learn more about the creation and impact of the BUSD Back-To-School Shopping Experience by visiting www.kcbellflower.org/blog/back-to-school-pop-up-shop.

Cerritos College to Offer Hybrid Format; Admin. Offices Open Full Time

STAFF REPORT

Cerritos Community College is planning to safely return to campus this fall, beginning August 16, 2021.

Staff and employees will return to campus the first week of August, with campus offices opening soon to assist students.

As an alternative, up to half of all class offerings for each department will be in a hybrid format.

“We have learned a lot from the challenges of the past year, especially the importance of being responsive to the needs of our students,” stated Dr. Jose Fierro, President and Superintendent.

“As we return to campus; the District will continue to comply with mandates and guidelines from the State and local health officials. The Board of Trustees and administration continue to ensure that student, staff, and faculty health and safety remain the top priority as we make decisions for our return to campus.”

In fall 2021, employees currently working from home will transition back to campus.

All regular employees will be required to return to campus at a minimum of 50 percent. District offices will open to the public beginning Monday, August 2, 2021.

Physical offices will be open and available for services Monday thru Thursday for at least 8 hours each day, with primary hours being 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, depending on operational needs.

The campus will offer 50 percent of all class offerings for each department in a hybrid format.

This instruction includes a combination of on-site classes and online education.

On-site courses will adhere to capacity limits defined by the current Tier.

The remaining 50 percent of course offerings will be offered in an online format.

Division deans will collaborate with department chairs to identify which courses will be offered on-campus/hybrid format.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health provides guidance that allows for specialized classrooms such as laboratories, art, design and theater art studios, and music practice rooms to resume at full capacity for activities that fulfill academic requirements.

The maximum class size is dependent on the available instructional space and ability to maintain appropriate physical distancing between students and staff at all times.

The guidance also allows libraries to be open for in-person services to registered students, faculty, and staff.

In preparation for questions, the campus has added frequently asked questions by area to the COVID-19 website.

The campus has begun scheduling walkthroughs of each building to review classrooms, workspaces, common areas, restrooms, determine the placement of sanitizing stations, additional trash cans near doors, and determine areas that will require plexiglass.

These walkthroughs are conducted collaboratively with employees from each department and the appropriate vice presidents and Facilities staff.

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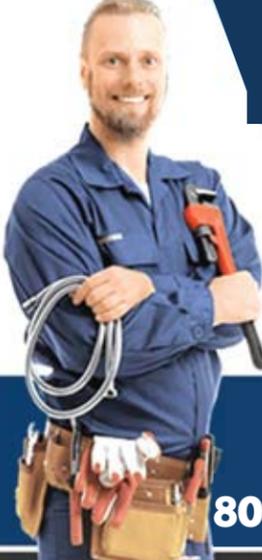


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miles, and run from Gallatin Road in Pico Rivera to Rush Street in South El Monte.

The proposal would pay for everything, even a reconfiguration of the interchange at the 60 Freeway.

Pedestrians and cyclists would be kept safe by a buffer along the bike path that would vary in width and also include paths separated by islands; the separated bike lane zone offers a clear operating area for bicyclist travel.

Separation from pedestrians is particularly important when a separated bike lane is located immediately adjacent and at the same level as a sidewalk.

Design and construct separated bike lanes as clearly distinct from the sidewalk. This is accomplished with the use of a curb, separation buffer space, different pavement or other surface treatments, or detectable tactile guidance strips.

But the county has a long way to go to raise the money. A \$1 million grant was secured from the state's Active Transportation Program to pay for the design and environmental permits.

Rep. Linda T. Sánchez, D-Norwalk included \$1.5 million into the fiscal 2022 spending bill. The project is scheduled for 2025.



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*Guest Commentary***For Corporations, Political ‘Wokeness’ is Working**

BY JEFFREY SONNENFELD

Since last fall, we have witnessed unprecedented levels of civic engagement from America’s corporations.

Last November, to help fortify our electoral system, thousands of employers gave employees paid time off to vote or volunteer as election workers.

Following up on that commitment to democracy, many CEOs and major trade groups promptly confirmed the election results and stood their ground when President Donald Trump challenged the count.

In January, dozens of major companies pledged to withhold contributions to “objectors” in Congress who failed to perform their constitutional duty with a perfunctory confirmation of the electoral results.

Months later, hundreds more firms signed on condemning attempts to roll back voting rights in nearly every state.

Trump sycophants have responded to this nonpartisan political activity with name-calling and threats, as well as claims these moves would hurt the companies’ market performance.

Meanwhile, skeptics (especially on the left) have speculated that companies are renegeing on that January pledge.

But data from the Federal Election Commission shows that the claims funky.

In fact, the vast majority of corporations are sticking to their pledge not to support those Republican “objectors,” and the stance is not hurting their performance. In short, political “wokeness” works.

Doubters will point to articles such as one that ran in the Wall Street Journal, headlined “More Corporate PACs Resume Political Donations to Republicans Who Rejected Election Results.”

But, as the article stated, “the companies whose PACs have resumed donating weren’t among those that had made pledges to not give to the GOP lawmakers.”

When I and my Yale research team of Stephen Henriques and Charles Gress examined FEC data, including new filings for the second quarter, we determined that 85 percent of companies adhered to their pledges to not donate to objectors.

Of the top 10 corporate PACs by donations, none contributed to an objector’s campaign after Jan. 6.

One company that did, Toyota, apologized after public outrage and recommitted to not funding objectors.

Several of those 15 percent who appeared to renege seem to have largely been caught by a timing blip of having made the donation on Jan. 6 itself.

It should be noted that a few companies that pledged not to donate to objectors did, however, contribute to GOP pools that may have diverted funds to objectors against those donors’ wishes.

But overall, the numbers are remarkably reassuring.

Certainly, the objectors are feeling the pain. According to the Journal, “nearly 100 of the members who voted against certifying the election results and had comparable 2019 data reported receiving less money from corporate and industry PACs for their campaigns in the first half of the year compared with the first half of 2019.”

That’s in line with a previous report that the 147 GOP legislators who voted against certifying Joe Biden’s victory saw an 80 percent drop in donations from corporate and industry PACs.

We should be careful not to overstate the importance of corporate PAC support.

My team determined that, so far in 2021, 82 percent of Democratic candidate funding and 78.7 percent of Republican candidate funding has come from individual donors.

This is similar to the 2020 cycle, when individual donors made up 75.6 percent of Democratic candidates’ support and 87.1 percent of Republican candidates’ support.

But as the Journal notes, “In the 2020 election, more than 100 House lawmakers relied on corporate and industry PACs for 40% or more of their funding.” With a closely divided House, every race’s funding counts.

As to whether being socially engaged or “woke” has hurt companies’ performance, we can easily answer this question by looking at the firms’ stock performance.

Looking at the total shareholder return (TSR) of the public companies that spoke out against voting rights restrictions, roughly half have handily outperformed the S&P 500 average’s TSR of 16.05 percent this year, based on our calculations, with the others all showing healthy returns.

That includes firms such as Morgan Stanley (a 36.96 percent TSR this year) and Cisco (22.40 percent).

Almost 200 years ago, Alexis de Tocqueville spoke of community trust as social capital, which to business leaders is as vital as financial capital.

Chief executives may be wary of bringing partisan politics into the boardroom.

But free, fair and secure elections are much more than a political issue. Respect for the rule of law rather than the law of rulers underlies our market economy and social harmony.

Thankfully, as the data shows, business leaders can have the courage of their convictions and not suffer for it.

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*Guest Commentary***Don’t Want a Vaccine? Then Pay More for Insurance**

BY ELISABETH ROSENTHAL AND GLENN KRAMON

America’s Covid-19 vaccination rate is about 60 percent, for ages 12 and up; not enough to reach so-called herd immunity, and in states like Missouri — where a number of counties have vaccination rates under 25 percent — hospitals are overwhelmed by serious outbreaks of the more contagious Delta variant.

The vaccine resisters offer all kinds of reasons for refusing the free shots and for ignoring efforts to nudge them to get vaccinated. Holding lotteries with a chance to win millions or a college scholarship has not done the trick.

And there remains a huge number of unvaccinated people. Federal, state and municipal governments, as well as private businesses, continue to largely avoid mandates for their employees out of fears they will provoke a backlash.

So how about an economic argument? Get a Covid-19 shot to protect your wallet.

Getting hospitalized with Covid-19 in the United States typically generates huge bills. Those submitted by Covid patients to Kaiser include a \$17,000 bill for a brief hospital stay in Marietta, Ga.; a \$104,000 bill for a 14-day hospitalization in Miami for an uninsured person; possibly hundreds of thousands for a two-week hospital stay — some of it on a ventilator — for a foreign tourist in Hawaii whose travel health insurance contained a pandemic exclusion.

Even though insurance companies negotiate lower prices and cover much of the cost of care, a more than \$1,000 out-of-pocket bill for a deductible — plus more for copays and possibly some out-of-network care — should be a pretty scary incentive.

In 2020, before there were Covid-19 vaccines, most major private insurers waived patient payments — from coinsurance to deductibles — for Covid treatment. But many, if not most, have allowed that policy to lapse. Aetna, for example, ended that policy on Feb. 28; UnitedHealthcare began rolling back its waivers late last year and discontinued them by the end of March.

More than 97 percent of hospitalized patients last month were unvaccinated. Though the vaccines will not necessarily prevent you from catching the coronavirus, they are highly effective at ensuring you will have a milder case and are kept out of the hospital.

For this reason, there’s logic behind insurers’ waiver rollback: Why should patients be kept financially unharmed from what is now a preventable hospitalization, thanks to a vaccine that the government paid for and made available for free? It is now in many drugstores, popping up at highway rest stops and bus stops and can be delivered and administered at home in parts of the country.

A harsher society might impose tough penalties on people who refuse vaccinations and contract the virus. Recently, the National Football League decreed that teams will forfeit a game canceled be-

cause of a Covid-19 outbreak among unvaccinated players — and neither team’s players will be paid.

But insurers could try to do more, like penalizing the unvaccinated. And there is precedent. Already, some policies won’t cover treatment that results from what insurance companies deem risky behavior, such as scuba diving and rock climbing.

The Affordable Care Act allows insurers to charge smokers up to 50 percent more than what nonsmokers pay for some types of health plans. Four-fifths of states follow that protocol, though most employer-based plans do not do so. In 49 states, people who are caught driving without auto insurance face fines, confiscation of their car, loss of their license and even jail. And reckless drivers pay more for insurance.

The logic behind the policies is that the offenders’ behavior can hurt others and costs society a lot of money. If people decide not to get vaccinated and contract bad cases of Covid, they are not only exposing others in their workplace or neighborhoods; the tens or hundreds of thousands spent on their care could mean higher premiums for others as well in their insurance plans next year. What’s more, outbreaks in low-vaccination regions could help breed more vaccine-resistant variants that affect everyone.

Yes, we often cover people whose habits may have contributed to their illness — insurance regularly pays for drug and alcohol rehab and cancer treatment for smokers.

That’s one reason, perhaps, that insurers, too, have so far favored carrots rather than sticks to get people vaccinated. Some private insurers are offering people who get vaccinated a credit toward their medical premiums or gift cards and sweepstakes prizes, according to America’s Health Insurance Plans, an industry organization.

Tough love might be easier if the Food and Drug Administration gives vaccines full approval, rather than the current emergency use authorization. Even so, taxpayer-financed plans like Medicaid and Medicare must treat everyone the same and would encounter a lengthy process to secure federal waivers to experiment with incentives, according to Larry Levitt, the executive vice president of KFF, a nonprofit focusing on health issues. (Kaiser Health News, where Dr. Rosenthal is the editor in chief, is one program under KFF.) These programs cannot charge different rates to different patients in a state.

KFF polling shows such incentives are of limited value, anyway. Many holdouts say they will be vaccinated only if required to do so by their employers.

Dr. Rosenthal is the editor in chief of Kaiser Health News. She was an emergency room physician before becoming a journalist. Mr. Kramon is a lecturer at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and has reported on health insurance.

If people decide not to get vaccinated and contract Covid, they are not only exposing others in their workplace or neighborhoods; the tens or hundreds of thousands spent on their care could mean higher premiums for others and raise insurance plans next year; and what about more vaccine-resistant variants?

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Sen. Bob Archuleta Announces Senate Select Committee on Hydrogen Energy



SENATOR BOB ARCHULETA, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Hydrogen Energy, takes a closer look at a hydrogen-powered vehicle on display at the State Capitol in late July.

STAFF REPORT

SACRAMENTO – Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) has announced the creation of a Senate Select Committee on Hydrogen Energy to provide an overview of the State and the progress of the hydrogen industry as California continues making use of emerging energy technology to help the state meet its clean energy goals.

"Hydrogen energy will be an important part of our clean energy future, and exciting new technologies in that sector will pave the way for zero-emissions vehicles and transportation in California," stated Archuleta.

"I am fighting for investments in both hydrogen infrastructure and clean transportation programs in the state Legislature and will continue to do so. I am excited about the continued testing of cutting-edge and innovative technologies taking place throughout California, and look forward to continuing to work with the legislature and energy sector leaders as we pursue our shared clean energy goals."

Grant funding from the California Energy Commission is making hydrogen infrastructure investments possible as the fund supports the development of four hydrogen fuel stations expected to open next year in our district, in the cities of

Hawaiian Gardens, Buena Park, Artesia and La Mirada.

Senator Archuleta Chairs the Senate Select Committee on Hydrogen Energy, which includes the following Select Committee Members: Senator Bob Archuleta (Chair), Senator Ben Allen, Senator Anna M. Caballero, Senator Bob Hueso, Senator Brian W. Jones, Senator Josh Newman, and Senator Nancy Skinner.

"As Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Hydrogen Energy, I look forward to providing an overview of the State and the progress of the hydrogen industry in moving us closer to our clean energy goals. We will bring together experts and stakeholders to deliver on our State's ambitious goal of 100 percent of in-state sales of passenger cars and trucks being zero-emissions vehicles by 2035. Meeting this goal will affect real changes on the ground for our environment and our economy in ways that will benefit future generations for many years to come through the continued rollout of zero-emissions vehicles and supportive infrastructure."

Information about the Hydrogen Select Committee can be found on the Senate's website at <https://www.senate.ca.gov/hydrogen-energy>

First Human Case of West Nile Virus in LA County

STAFF REPORT

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has identified the first case of human West Nile virus (WNV) infection in Los Angeles County for the 2021 season (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena as cases identified in those cities are reported by their local health departments). A resident of the South Bay area was hospitalized with WNV fever in late July and is recovering.

"We all have to take steps to prevent West Nile virus infections. Spread by mosquitoes, this virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. There are no vaccines to prevent or medications to treat WNV in people. Mosquitoes bite during the day and night. So, once a week empty and scrub, turn over, cover or throw out items that hold water, both indoors and outdoors. This stops

mosquitoes from laying eggs in or near water. Protect yourself and family from mosquito bites by using EPA-registered mosquito repellent products, as directed, and wear clothing that covers arms and legs, especially during the peak mosquito season which lasts from June to November in Los Angeles County," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer.

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache, nausea, body aches, and a mild skin rash. WNV can affect the nervous system and result in meningitis, encephalitis, paralysis and even death. Adults over the age of 50 years old and people with chronic health problems are at higher risk of severe illness. While not all mosquitoes carry this virus, the type of mosquito that spreads this virus is found throughout Los Angeles County.

Help Local Students and Register to Win an I-Watch

Cerritos Towne Center to Hold 'Stuff The Lockers' School Supply Drive Aug. 5-23.

STAFF REPORT

Cerritos Towne Center, cerritostc.com, is hosting a "Stuff the Lockers" school supply drive.

Guests are asked to help students and teachers by donating pencils and crayons, colored pencils, markers, folders, spiral notebooks, backpacks, art supplies, USB power adaptors and memory sticks, colored paper, loose-leaf paper, and tote bags.

Donations can be dropped off at the locker in the Edwards Stadium 10 Court-yard now through August 23rd during regular business hours.

Cerritos Towne Center will distribute the donated supplies to local area schools.

After making a donation, Cerritos Towne Center shoppers can fill out a form for a chance to win an iWatch; the iWatch winner will be notified on August 30th.

For more details, visit cerritostc.com.

Whitney Student Foundation Offering Scholarships; 1st Place for \$2,000

BY BRIAN HEWS

Some enterprising Whitney High students have established the House Scholarship Foundation (HSF), a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, who's mission is to recognize and honor talent among high school students by providing financial assistance through need-based and merit-based scholarships.

During its first season in 2020, HSF received hundreds of applications from dozens of states. Three winners were selected, with first place receiving \$1,000, second place \$500, and third place \$200.

For the 2021-2022 season, HSF will be selecting another three winners and raising the award money. First place will receive \$2,000, second place will receive \$1,000, and third place will receive \$500. Any finalists and honorable mentions will also be added to the HSF website. The deadline to enter is Feb. 2022.

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be in grades 9-12 and a US citizen or permanent citizen. A high school transcript, if available, is required, as is a choice or commitment to a college where applicable.

To apply for the HSF Aspiring Scholars Award visit: <https://www.nationalhsf.org/apply> For more information, visit their website: <https://www.nationalhsf.org/> or email info@nationalhsf.org.

The House Scholarship Foundation is looking to expand through chapters in middle and high schools. To become an official National HSF Chapter Coordinator and start an HSF chapter at your school, visit: <https://www.nationalhsf.org/chapters>.

WRD Board President Guest Commentary: Adapting to a New Normal

BY WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT JOHN ALLEN

With wildfires raging across the Pacific Northwest, historic flooding in Germany, and our state's dire drought conditions it is clear that our climate and environment



John Allen
WRD Board President

have been drastically changed. With Governor Newsom's recent drought declaration came a call to action for Californians to reduce their water consumption by 15%. As drought conditions worsen across California, it is clear that we are all in this together. Fortunately, WRD has proactively worked on addressing the drought even before it became the new normal.

Our region has two main sources of drinking water: water extracted from giant underground aquifers and water imported from the Bay Delta and Colorado River. Since 1959, WRD has managed two of these groundwater aquifers that hold billions of gallons of fresh water pumped from the ground by your water provider and sent to your tap. If you live in the WRD service area these aquifers are literally right under your feet.

WRD's service area encompasses 43 cities and 420 square miles in southern Los Angeles County. The over 4 million residents in this region that consume about 250,000 acre-feet (82 billion gallons) of groundwater every year. This accounts for approximately half of the region's water supply. The other half is imported from hundreds of miles away using a series of aqueducts, reservoirs, and canals. Sixteen

THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT'S service area includes 43 cities in Southern Los Angeles County.

years ago, the Water Replenishment District and our partner agencies embarked on a program that would help our region be sustainable even in dry years by maximizing the capture of stormwater and using advanced treatment technologies to reuse recycled water.

WRD's Water Independence Now Program (WIN) was conceived to reduce the strain on imported water and ensure that we had a sustainable source of water used for groundwater replenishment. That vision was fully realized in 2019 when we opened our cornerstone project, the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning (ARC) in Pico Rivera.

At ARC, WRD takes 14 million gallons per day of treated recycled water from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and further cleans it using advanced treatment technologies. By law, we are required to send this water to the groundwater basins where it mixes with billions of gallons of fresh water before it is pumped out by your water provider and sent to your taps. Before ARC, some of this reused water was cleaned to federal and state guidelines and then sent down the San Gabriel River and into the ocean. Still, some of this recycled water is used for irrigation all around us. The success of WIN has shown that an important tool in combatting water shortages is recycled water. Now WRD is working on other innovative solutions to our drought emer-



gency.

Underlying some South Bay Cities lies a giant plume of brackish groundwater. This was caused decades ago when too much groundwater was extracted from the groundwater aquifers allowing ocean water along the coast to seep in. This water is safe but too salty to drink. Through our WIN 4 All program, WRD is working with our partners to take billions of gallons of this water, extract the salt, and send the treated water into the drinking water system. The benefits of this are twofold: providing clean drinking water for residents AND creating extra storage space underground to save water for dry

years. We know that this project can be successful because the district is already doing this effectively on a smaller scale in the city of Torrance at the Goldsworthy Desalter.

As we continue to face the problems caused by climate change rest assured that WRD is working hard to further drought-proof our region's water supplies.

John Allen, a former senior official in the LA County District Attorney's office, is president of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District, an agency that manages the groundwater supplies of south Los Angeles County.

LA County Offering 'Ready to Go Home' Pet Adoptions

Beginning Sunday, August 1, 2021 the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will pilot an enhanced adoption program called "Love at First Sight." The purpose of this program is to improve the adoption experience for customers, increase adoption rates, decrease animals' length of stay in the care center, and increase efficient use of staff time at DACC's animal care centers.

With Love at First Sight, members of the public will be able to self-schedule appointments on DACC's website to visit one of its seven animal care centers. During their visit, the potential adopter will be able to view all available animals and adopt on a first-come, first-served basis. This means no more waiting lists that can delay the adoption process – animals

that are spayed or neutered and available that day will be listed as "Ready to Go Home."

"I appreciate the Department of Animal Care and Control for taking my constituents' concerns seriously and making important changes to improve access to our animal care centers," said Supervisor Janice Hahn who requested the report back. "Not only will people be able to make walk-up appointments, they will again have the chance to walk through the kennels and make that 'love at first sight' connection with their new furry family member."

To visit DACC's seven animal care centers, please self-schedule your appointment on the DACC website to come in and meet your new pet To schedule:

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UCI Institute and Museum of California Art educates and inspires

UCI acquired two foundational collections of modern and contemporary California IMCA and is exploring new narratives from a wide range of perspectives, especially those who have been under-represented.

BY LAURIE HANSON

Believing museums can transform lives, the Institute and Museum of California Art has ambitious goals. “We fundamentally believe that museums can provoke and propel change and inspire empathy,” IMCA Museum Director Kim Kanatani said. “On every scale and throughout history, are catalysts and agents for change. Ultimately, we want [people] to consider the world through the lenses of artists.”

According to Kanatani, IMCA explores new narratives from a wide range of perspectives, especially those who have been under-represented and presenting new context for traditional ones.

“We are inviting people from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences to contribute their voices to improve inclusion, access, equity, and diversity through art and scholarship,” she said. “We are investing in and prioritizing equity-based initiatives and social justice programming.”

“We also remain in ongoing conversations with colleagues, artists, scholars, and students to continue to make tangible our vision and aspirations,” added Kanatani. “We are ambitious and forward-thinking.”

GUY ROSE, LAGUNA EUCALYPTUS, circa 1917, Oil on canvas, 40 x 30 in. The Irvine Museum Collection at the University of California, Irvine.



LOUIS BETTS, MID-WINTER, CORONADO BEACH, circa 1907, Oil on canvas, 29 x 24 in. The Irvine Museum Collection at the University of California, Irvine.

envisioning IMCA as a vibrant hub for community engagement and exchange.”

“Since our establishment, we have been exploring how IMCA will tell the stories of California art—past, present, and future—in inclusive and just ways informed by a diversity of voices and lived experiences,” she said. “We also recognize that the Golden State’s historic and ongoing reputation for innovation is an essential part of this narrative.”

“Following many months of fertile discussions, IMCA articulated its mission to explore and celebrate artists and their capacity to develop forms and ideas in response to the California experience,” said Kanatani. “[We] seek to investigate modern and contemporary art inspired by the state’s diverse societal, political, cultural, and natural environments.”

Thanks to UCI acquiring two foundational collections of modern and contemporary California

Art—the Irvine Museum and Gerald E. Buck collections - IMCA organizes exhibitions, public programs, publications, research, and educational opportunities. Their exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at their temporary Von Karman Avenue location in Irvine until a purpose-built facility can be created on the UCI campus. When the coronavirus pandemic hit, they moved from in-person gallery visits to virtual workshops and video conference classes developed by their educational team highlights of their collections.



“We launched an ongoing series of teacher resource guide publications inspired by our collections that are available both digitally and in hard copy,” Kanatani said. “Given the success of the program—we served nearly 2,700 students and teachers in 48 schools from 19 districts during the 2020-21 academic year, almost double the reach from the prior year – we will continue to offer digital experiences to students and their teachers.”

“While nothing can compare with experiencing works of art in person, these virtual programs

enable the IMCA to connect with people outside the region, too,” she added. “We are delighted to welcome visitors back to our space in Irvine. We are pleased to report that attendance has been steadily and incrementally increasing since we reopened in May.”

“We hope to also reinstate two multi-visit program partnerships—Art Meets Science, a multi-visit experience in collaboration with the Irvine Ranch Conservancy, and The Plein Air Project, a program that combines viewing, discussing, and

creating work led by professional artists involved in the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association.”

Currently now on display through Aug. 14th is Radiant Impressions, an exhibition that focuses on early to mid-20th century painters. It is a selection of oil paintings and watercolors that reveals how artists use light to communicate meaning, ambiance, and emotion.

“The artists represented in this exhibition used color, light, and shadow to stunning effect,” Kanatani said. “We are grateful to Jean Stern for

EMIL J. KOSA JR., FREEWAY BEGINNING, circa 1948, Watercolor on heavy wove paper, 22 x 30 3/8 in. The Buck Collection at UCI Institute and Museum of California Art

sharing his deep knowledge of California Impressionism and some of his favorite paintings.”

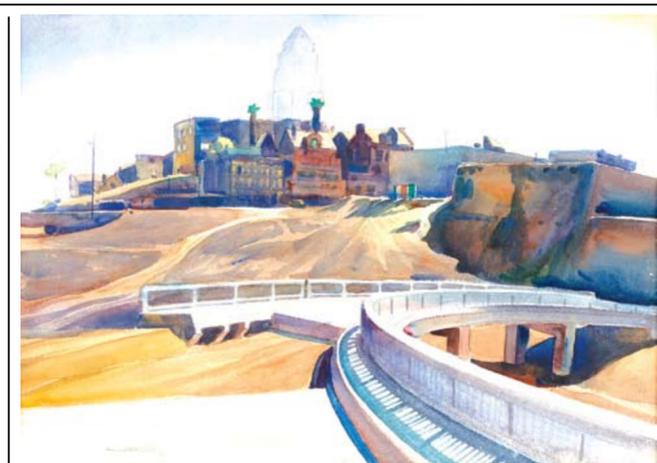
Radiant Impressions features renderings of landscapes, harbors, villages, urban skylines and more in four groupings including the Domestic Realm and Work – depictions of household interiors and landscapes, Capturing the Scene – light at various times of day, Play and the Social Sphere – to communicate energy, atmosphere and movement, and Lighting the Portrait – illuminating women subjects. The IMCA’s next exhibition, The Resonant Surface: Movement, Image, and Sound in California Painting, opens on Sept. 11.

As one might imagine, this work takes expertise and research. Highly qualified to lead the IMCA’s efforts, Kanatani, was recruited by UCI in 2019, is a leading museum educator, scholar, and collaborative arts producer. She formerly worked with the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City. During her career, she has overseen educational programs and their coordination internationally with the Guggenheim Foundation in Italy and Spain, plus was involved in their development of a future museum in the United Arab Emirates. Before the Guggenheim, the California native worked at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.

“As part of UCI, the IMCA embraces their emphasis on research,” Kanatani said. “As both an Institute and Museum, we see California as our lab and are excited about the possibilities.”

Ongoing plans for the IMCA include giving artists, scholars, and graduate students opportunities to be in residence using the IMCA collections, archives, and library resources. Over the past year, they have completed a full inventory of their collections, conducted research on selected works, and prioritized what will be shown in upcoming exhibitions at IMCA and other museums.

“We are focusing on some under-represented artists, such as women and those from Latinx communities, whose work



has not been widely recognized and examined,” she said.

“And we’re also commissioning new work inspired by our collection.” It is through the IMCA’s unique e-newsletter, Monthly Muse, that they keep the public informed on California art and their programming through in-depth features about the works and artists who created them.

“We have an ambitious vision,” Kanatani explained. “We aspire to be the epicenter for California Art and contribute meaningfully to national and global dialogues on the cultural influences of California. With plans to design and build an architecturally significant facility for the 21st century, the IMCA is making UCI a must-see destination.”

“We aim to foster art appreciation and scholarship, helping to deliver UCI’s commitment to the arts as a central component of the university experience on campus and within the region,” she added. “We seek to create partnerships, organize sym-

posia and conferences, and be an integral part of the fabric of Irvine, Orange County [and beyond].”

The IMCA is home to two collections of California art—the Irvine Museum Collection, comprising more than 1,300 California Impressionist and Plein air paintings, and The Buck Collection, including 3,000-plus works of California modern and post-war contemporary art. For more information about the IMCA, please visit online at www.imca.uci.edu.

Founded in 1965, the University of California, Irvine is the youngest member of the Association of American Universities. The campus has produced three Nobel laureates and is known for its academic achievement, premier research, innovation, and anteater mascot. Led by Chancellor Howard Gillman, UCI has more than 36,000 students and offers 222-degree programs. For more on UCI, visit www.uci.edu.

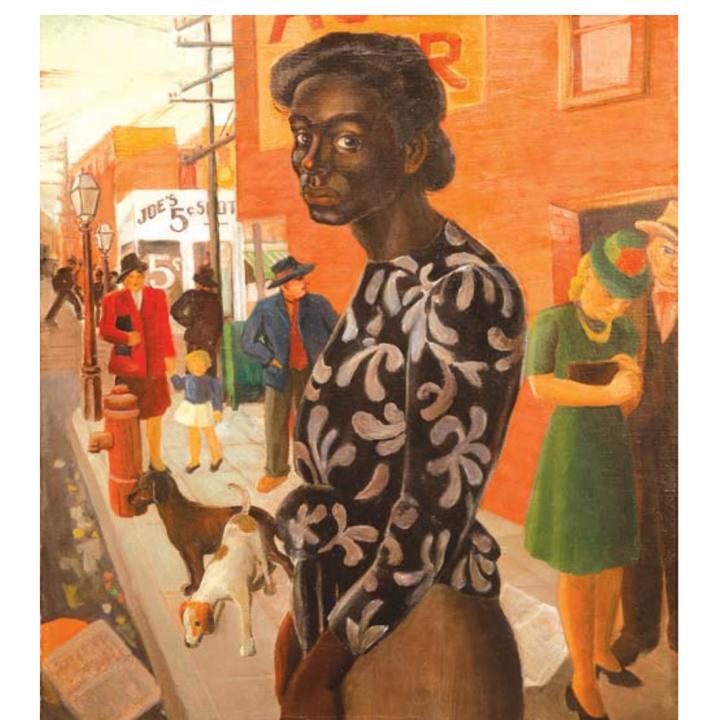
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Artesia Hopes Return of Full Schedule, New Playing Field Surface Can Bring Team Good Fortune



ARTESIA PIONEERS

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 24-22 overall last five seasons
 Head coach: Don Olmstead (fifth season, 18-18)
 Lost 12 seniors out of 33 players from 2020 roster
 Last time missed the playoffs: 2017

2021 schedule

Aug. 20	BYE
Aug. 26	@ Garden Grove (3-3 overall last season)
Sept. 3	Santa Paula (2-3)
Sept. 10	@ Marquez (3-1)
Sept. 17	Western (5-0)
Sept. 24	Estancia (3-3)
Oct. 1	@ Valley Christian (0-0)
Oct. 8	@ Westminster (1-4)
Oct. 15	John Glenn (0-1)
Oct. 22	@ Pioneer (0-2)
Oct. 29	Cerritos (3-1)

Artesia High played in just one game this past spring out of a maximum six that was allowed by the CIF-Southern Section and even though the Pioneers graduated nearly a third of the players who suited up against Cerritos High, they were beginning to build for the future by having 11 juniors, five sophomores and five freshmen on the team. Head coach Don Olmstead was hesitant about even playing one game. But at the same time, he was glad that there were no serious injuries and that the coaching staff was able to get a couple of the seniors some film so they could play at community colleges.

"Last year was all about the seniors in trying to salvage what we could for them," Olmstead said. "In terms of what we got out of it...I don't know. A lot of kids didn't play. We didn't get anywhere close to that time allotment to be prepared. We said we needed six weeks [to prepare] and we got three and a half. From that standpoint, you start to second guess was it really the safest situation for the kids, not being able to get in the weight room and lift?"

He continued to say that the offseason still hasn't been a normal offseason because the Pioneers will have nearly five months between their lone game last season and their first game this season in terms of lifting weights and practicing for what figures to be a complete 10-game regular season. Normally, Artesia begins lifting once the season is over in the late

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Cerritos Out to Prove That Last Season's Success is Not a One-Year Fluke



CERRITOS DONS

3-1 overall last season, 3-0 in the 605 League, first place
 11-32 overall last five seasons
 Head coach: Brad Carter (second season, 3-1)
 Lost 18 seniors out of 38 players from 2020 roster
 Last time made the playoffs: 2001

2021 schedule

Aug. 19	Buena Park (0-5 overall last season)
Aug. 27	@ Banning (3-1)
Sept. 3	Portola (3-2)
Sept. 10	Ocean View (4-2)
Sept. 17	@ Troy (1-4)
Sept. 24	BYE
Oct. 1	@ St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy (2-1)
Oct. 8	Seegerstrom (2-1)
Oct. 14	@ Pioneer (0-2)
Oct. 22	John Glenn (0-1)
Oct. 29	@ Artesia (0-1)

It took a little over a year from the time he was hired for Brad Carter to coach his first game for Cerritos High and when that Mar. 26 56-0 blowout win at John Glenn High was complete, you could see a whole new attitude within the Dons program. Although Cerritos played four out of six games allowed by the CIF-Southern Section because of the Covid situation, Carter said there were a lot of positives in the abbreviated and unusual 2021 spring season. The Dons won all three league games and won a league title for the first time since 2001.

"There were a lot of positives for sure," Carter said. "There was a scramble from start to finish with jumbling around with the kids. But going 3-0 in league was really exciting. I know there were some cancellations in the rest of the league and we were able to get all three of our league games in. Overall, it was a very positive first season."

"We were happy to get one game," he continued. "There was a real serious threat of not playing any games. I know the San Gabriel Valley cancelled their season completely. So, I told the kids if we got one game, we were going to run with it, and we were lucky enough to get four."

As for the short offseason, which began in the middle of April, Carter said the team was able to in a full spring ball in May, get in the weight room and back on the field and have a complete, routine summer. The Dons have also participated in several seven-on-seven events and

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fall months, or whenever the season ends, and through the second semester. Once the summer comes around in June, the players are in 'pretty good physical shape', in terms of lifting, he added.

"It's been basically catch up and try to get ahead and I still don't feel like we're ahead at this point," Olmstead said. "We did throw a lot this summer, so that helped us catch up a lot, just from seeing different defenses."

OFFENSE

When Artesia visited Cerritos on the first day of April, it scored its only touchdown in the first quarter before the Dons reeled off 30 straight points from the second quarter on. The Pioneers do return two starters from last season's lone contest in senior quarterback K'Len Williams and senior right guard Ivan Lopez while another key senior returning for this season is slot receiver Adrian Martinez. Of those three seniors, Williams is the only skilled player who has played a full season, which was in 2019 and because of the pandemic, Olmstead said the Pioneers lost eight sophomores from that 2019 team who went out of state for various reasons. That team went 4-7 but finished in second place in the 605 League and advanced to the playoffs.

"K'Len is a great kid; I think he'll do big things for us this year," Olmstead said. "He's had a pretty good summer getting back into shape. I think he'll do fine. Ivan really has gotten a lot stronger. I think he'll kind of be the leader on the offensive line. He's going to have to be because he's the only one with game experience. So, we're really going to lean on him there. And then Adrian, from a skills standpoint, is the only one with experience. So, he's going to have to kind of manage the guys on the field and make sure they keep their composure, because we will have a lot of guys that haven't played football. When you say a team is young, this is the definition of a team being young."

Williams' backups will be senior Andrew Foreman, who played a few games as a sophomore, and junior Joshua Peck, who was the backup last season. Olmstead admitted this is the first time he has felt comfortable in the quarterback position because all three are viable options.

The main guys who figure to get the bulk of the carries in the backfield will be senior Erin Moses and junior Foxx Redd. The Pioneers will have some other younger ball carriers, but Olmstead said they still need more time.

The receiving department will be held down by Martinez, juniors Robert Magdaleno and Raymel Muldrew and sophomore Pablo Cruz with potentially five to six other guys in the mix. Besides Lopez, the offensive line will consist of senior guard Kobe Dixon, senior tackles Alejandro Del Villar and Jesse Rodriguez, junior center Daniel Aguilar and junior Avery Tawning.

"Depth is always going to be a concern here," Olmstead said. "The year we went to the CIF finals, it was a concern. The last time we played 11 games and lost to Moreno Valley [in the first round] it was a concern. So, every year it's a concern; the catch 22 of how do you get the kids tough and physical and ready to play without getting anybody hurt and going down a guy? What I like about this group, specifically on offense, is we don't have any cancers. They're all good kids and the attendance has been really good for the majority of camp. I'm excited to get to the real days of football where we have helmets on."

DEFENSE

Of the 11 starters against Cerritos, Dixon, who was a defensive tackle, senior Nicholas Guerra, who was a linebacker, Del Villar, Martinez, who played

safety, Peck, an outside linebacker, and Rodriguez return. Olmstead sees about five to six linebackers to fill in the four spots, probably seven or eight defensive backs to occupy the four spots and five or six linemen competing for the three spots.

Olmstead said the entire offensive linemen will play on the defensive line with junior Da Juan Turner also expected to get some time there while the secondary will consist of Cruz and Magdaleno at cornerback, Martinez and Moses at safety as well as others while Foreman will be one of the outside linebackers with Muldrew expected to find some time there.

"Nick has been awesome all summer," Olmstead said. "If there is a kid I could pick out who has exceeded all expectations through the summer as far as on the field and off the field, it is Nick. He's been outstanding, from the leader standpoint to getting us lined up on defense to X, Y and Z, he's done it all. I think he'll have a really good year."

SCHEDULE

If the Pioneers grab one of the two automatic playoff berths given to the 605 League, they will have earned it. Only two non-league opponents had a losing mark this past spring and Valley Christian High opted not to play. Artesia opens the season with Garden Grove High but has not played the Argonauts since 1998. Western High will probably be the toughest opponent, probably because it has outscored Artesia 106-54 in the 2018 and 2019 meetings. On the other hand, the Pioneers have outscored Westminster High 72-31 in its 2018 and 2019 meetings. If Artesia has played the other four non-league opponents, those meetings would have come before 1997.

"I think it will be good," Olmstead said of the schedule. "One thing that we've learned through the course of playing in the 605 League is we want our kids tested early. Especially with the way the CIF is now, those non-league games don't mean anything. You go in and win league or finish in second place, you're in the playoffs. For us, it's kind of getting our kids ready for league and then maybe a push into the playoffs. So, the playoffs really start week eight and go eight, nine and 10 whereas the other games are kind of non-league games where we're trying to figure out where everybody fits."

Despite enduring its worst loss to Cerritos since Oct. 20, 2000 (38-6), Artesia still maintains a 15-8 advantage since 1998 and a 16-6 advantage over John Glenn High. Potentially, the league title could come down to the last game of the season. And if there was even more incentive to have a stellar season in 2021, the Pioneers replaced the grass surface at Atkins Stadium with field turf. Both end zones feature a red background with the words Artesia, on the south end, and Pioneers in black diamonds with the huge Artesia Pioneers logo at midfield.

"We love it," Olmstead said. "And I don't think anybody even realizes how fortunate we are to have it yet. I think when we'll really see the benefit is after the season when we're in the offseason and soccer is playing. In the past, we didn't really have any fields to go play on."

HOME COMING

If there is one this season, Artesia's homecoming game could possibly come in the league opener against Glenn, someone the Pioneers have not hosted for this event since Sept. 30, 2016. That game was a highly entertaining 48-27 victory and marked the third time since 2004 that Artesia has had Glenn as its homecoming opponent. Since 2002, the Pioneers are 10-8 on homecoming night and have scored at least 31 points in four straight homecoming games and six of the last seven.

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linemen competitions.

Even with the short season and having to follow all the Covid protocols before stepping onto the field, Carter said his team learned that they could compete, especially since there was a lot of doubt if Cerritos could compete with the local rivals.

"I think after the season ended, we realized that not only can we compete, but we can succeed in being league champions," Carter said. "I think that was the biggest takeaway; that there was some trust built in the coaching staff."

"Every year is a new chance to prove ourselves as a new team," he later continued. "We had a lot of success in [the] 2020 [season] in the spring and even if we went 4-0 and won every game by 100 points, I would still be saying we have to prove that this year, this team, has success. I'm confident that this program is going in the right direction. I'm confident we have great coaches working with our kids and I'm confident our kids are giving great effort."

OFFENSE

In the four games played, Cerritos scored 121 points in league action while another 21 in its loss to Sierra Vista High and had points in 13 of the 16 quarters played. While the Dons graduated nearly half of the players on last season's team, they return enough offensive threats to make them legitimate instead of a one-season fluke. It starts with senior quarterback David Sagun (34 of 56, 419 yards, three touchdowns, two interceptions last season). Sagun can also be mobile out of the pocket as he ran 13 times for 86 yards and scored four times.

"He's going to do a really great job for us," Carter said. "He's been working really hard this offseason. He's improved his throwing mechanics greatly. He's always been a leader; he's always been tough and a good runner. But this offseason, we're trying to get him to throw the deep ball better, and that's happened. So, we're really excited about seeing him flourish."

Sagun's backup will be junior Dylan Burton, but the Dons will show that they can run the ball as well because senior running backs Connor Defrain, Erick Louie III and Mateo Martinez all return. Defrain is the leading returner with 20 carries, 136 yards and two touchdowns last season while the other two combined for 10 carries, 85 yards and three touchdowns. Carter said those three 'will be in the lineup for us' but look for senior slot receiver Elijah Granflor (four receptions, 37 yards, one touchdown) and junior Quincy Monreal to also get some touches out of the backfield.

There shouldn't be a shortage of targets for Sagun as senior wide receivers Grant Fueston (five receptions 36 yards) and Jonathan Martinez (three receptions, 13 yards), who was the team's place kicker, and junior Mateo Martinez (nine receptions, 103 yards, two touchdowns) and back along with varsity newcomer junior Luis Sanchez.

The offensive line will be anchored down by senior left tackle Francis Carillo, sophomore left guard Aiden Diaz, senior center Elijah Santos, sophomore right guard William Peterson and junior right tackle Chris Wood. Senior Dylan Williams, who was the right guard last season, could see some action later in the season.

"We're excited for sure," Carter said of his offense. "The strength of our team last year was our defense and I think the strength of our team this year will be our offense for sure."

"The left side is a little more mature; they've been there, done that," he added on the left side of his offensive line. "The right side is going to be a little younger."

That's always the focus in camp, is getting the O-line solidified."

If there is one negative Cerritos will face this season, Carter said it could be the chemistry, which will be very important in summer camp. The depth of the offensive line would be the second negative.

DEFENSE

The Dons allowed 56 points in the four games played in the spring but 12 came in league play. Carter said last season's defense was tough and fast and if Cerritos can duplicate that this season, the coaching staff will be excited.

"They were also really talented," Carter said of the defense. "I don't think we realized until they left how much talent we lost due to our senior class. But we're definitely going after that same tough, fast mentality with the new group that's coming up."

Carillo, Diaz and junior Josh Anderson, who was on the frosh/soph team last season, are the leading candidates to be on the defensive line, although Carter is hoping for more depth in that area. As of now, Carter is still looking for that fourth starter.

The secondary will consist of cornerback/safeties Fueston and Jonathan Martinez with senior Manoj Cowgill and junior Emiliano Alcantar, who sat out last season. Louie III, who had 14 tackles last season, returns at linebacker and joining him will be senior Cage Cantlan, who also sat out last season and will be on the inside, and sophomore Jeremiah Bagaygay. None of the other returning defensive players had more than four tackles.

"There's a lot of young guys," Carter said. "That group is going to have to prove that they're ready to compete at the varsity level. We're definitely working them really hard to get up to speed with our plays and schemes."

SCHEDULE

A lot of new non-league opponents will be on the docket, provided the Dons can complete the full 10-game slate beginning with a home game against Buena Park High. While there were no playoffs last season, Cerritos will be tested prior to getting to its 605 League opener on Oct. 14 as the combined record of the seven non-league opponents is 16-16, although Buena Park went winless in five games. Had Cerritos been able to play a 10-game schedule last season, it would have played road games at Firebaugh High, Maywood CES High and Beverly Hills High, all of whom had a combined 2019 record of 10-20. Buena Park, Portola High, St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy and Troy High would have been 2020 opponents on the original schedule with St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy going 12-1 and Portola going 10-2 in 2019.

"I think it's a very strong non-league schedule," Carter said. "We had some openings, so we were trying to schedule teams that we thought would be a competitive matchup and I feel like we did that. My goal is non-league play is to get our team ready for league play and our non-league schedule will do that."

The Dons have not played Buena Park since Aug. 24, 2012, a 74-0 loss, and faced Ocean View in 2012, 2013, 2018 and 2019, winning just the second meeting by a 63-28 decision.

HOME COMING

For the sixth time since 1998 and the second straight time, the Dons are hosting a non-league opponent for homecoming. For the first time ever, Cerritos will be facing Segerstrom High, but homecoming games haven't been too kind for the black and gold. The Dons have lost their last five homecoming games, including a 48-7 setback to St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy on Oct. 3, 2019. Since 1998, Cerritos is 6-16 on homecoming night with two of those victories coming against John Glenn High.

Downey Holds Appreciation Parade for Mayor



A SPECIAL thank you parade was held outside Downey City Hall for Mayor Claudia Frometa standing next to the balloons.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

During the past eighteen months Hews Media Group has covered many types of parades, from 105 year old veterans to children's first birthday party's; hospital crews; emergency staff and of course all of our men and women in blue. But the city of Downey went a step further to honor their Mayor Claudia Frometa for standing strong during a very tumultuous year.

"I want to express my sincere gratitude for this Mayor Appreciation Parade that was held outside city hall. I am humbled and grateful; it was such a special surprise."

Downey resident Lissette Rivera took charge in organizing the event, "It was my pleasure to bring our community together to echo our support and gratitude for all of your hard work and dedication this past year. But this was a team effort and it could not have been carried off without our

Downey community."

Patty's Balloons n' Flowers created the balloon arches and Frometa received hundreds of cards, posters, flowers and messages of appreciation. "Leading under the backdrop of a pandemic continues to be a great challenge, while managing the demands and expectations of local governments. The decay in public discourse and civility in the political landscape is unparalleled and a great challenge for our city officials and staff." Frometa continued to thank the community for their support, "Thank you Downey for allowing me to serve you as your Mayor this year and for extending your grace and support during these most challenging times. I appreciate YOU."

Rivera wanted to thank residents Kandy Grzebyk, Nicole Russell Hernandez, Barb Sutton, Maria Maciel-Arencibia, and the Vargas family for their support and contributions.

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SOUTH CHINA SEA: Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Freddy Coronel, from Paramount, observes a surface contact from the bridge wing aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Pinckney. The Pinckney is deployed supporting Commander, Task Force 71/Destroyer Squadron 15.

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"That's high and considering the fact that we are vaccinated now, what that's telling us is that unvaccinated people are getting infected in higher numbers," said Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, chief of the division of infectious diseases in the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford.

More than 4.2 million kids have tested positive for Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic.

The report comes as schools have just started or will soon start, with some requiring no masks or social distancing, and as cases in many parts of the country are surging and hospitalizations at levels not seen in months.

Vaccines are being tested now in children as young as 6 months, but they

probably won't be available for children younger than 12 for several more months.

The pediatricians, pointed out that severe illness still appears to be rare among children. The number of hospitalizations has remained steady through much of the pandemic. Children accounted for 1.3%-3.5% of the hospitalizations, depending on the state.

Seven states have reported no child deaths from Covid-19 during the pandemic. As of Monday, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports 526 deaths among children ages 0-17.

Among the some 25 million US children between 12 and 17 years old, about 10.9 million have been vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine, according to CDC data.

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indicator that a tax measure is imminent.

The President-Superintendent of Citrus College at the time, Geraldine Perri, also served as the Executive Director of the Citrus College Foundation; no one called her out for the conflicts of interest arising from the arrangement.

A mere three months later, the Board of the Citrus College Foundation held a meeting with Ms. Claudette Dain, VP of Finance and Administrative Services at Citrus. At the meeting, Dain introduced MIG, Inc. consultants Mr. Sillings and Ms. Pavon. With a team of consultants from MIG and Westberg & White Architects, Citrus was ready to develop a new EFMP.

That is the cow bell for the Megataxers. Law firms sweep in ready to author the resolutions, full text of tax measures, the ballot labels, action items and preliminary and final official statements.

Law firms that provide these services read like a who's who of big firms: Best, Best & Krieger; Foley & Lardner; Fulbright & Jaworski; Hawkins, Delafield & Wood; Jones Hall; Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard; Lozano Smith; Nixon Peabody; O'Melveny & Myers; Orrick Harrington & Sutcliffe; Quint & Thimmig; Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood; Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth; Richards Watson & Gershon; and a new entrant, Cerritos-based Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo.

They are the law part of the Megataxer network, and they use their skills in reading and writing to "comply" with the law.

Reading the resolutions, full text of taxing measures, and ballot labels shows a shared network; there's plenty of tax-payer funds to go around.

Then the financial advisors arrive, again the who's who of influential firms; Caldwell, Flores & Winters; Dale Scott & Company; Feldman, Rollap & Associates; Isom Advisors; Kelling, Northcross & Noriga (KNN); Kithata & Company; Lalo "click" Trujillo and his Mission Trail Advisors; Northcross, Hill, & Ach; C.M. de Crinis & Co; Government Financial Strategies and Urban Futures.

The advisors suggest the underwriters: Bank of America; Citibank; George K. Baum & Company; Piper Jaffray; Morgan Stanley; ; Salomon Smith Barney; Stone & Youngberg; UBS PaineWebber; RBC Capital Markets; RBC Dain Rauscher; O'Connor SWS Securities; and, Wedbush Morgan Securities. They are all in the business. The say for the children.

Combined, the advisors and underwriters are the money changers of the Megataxer network. They can turn dimes into dollars, using bricks and mortar.

Yet the lawyers, financial advisors, and underwriters all depend upon their clients - school and community college districts - for the advancing of documents and for processing bond elections.

If the Official Documents are in order, the Megataxers make sure the tax measures are good to go. Los Angeles County Counsel even complies.

The fundamental question is: who qualifies the tax measures for the ballot? The sponsor or L.A. County Counsel? Who makes sure the documents are compliant?

In June of 2019, just two months after their initial meeting, the Citrus Board engaged George Plas's Cordoba Corporation for management services and Fagan, Friedman & Fulfroft, LLP (FM3) for legal services.

The Board paid Cordoba \$75,000 and Fagan \$340 per hour.

It was a clear indicator the Board was going to propose a tax measure. Well over a year in advance, just the time needed to be successful.

Time passed, finally a July 2020 presentation was made by FM3, the same firm who surfaced at Bassett, along with the Lew Edwards Group, KNN Public Finance, and

Nixon Peabody as bond counsel, guided by Lisalee Wells.

Wells had a hand in the LACCD bond issue.

They were the "subject matter experts," they get the ball rolling toward a resolution along with a tax measure and ballot label. The Board passed all the resolutions at one meeting.

The election process requires the resolution and measure, but most importantly a ballot label. There are certain criteria under the California Education Code that a ballot label must follow; for example, by law, the ballot label cannot exceed 75 words.

The label must also be impartial, non-argumentative and have the following: "Shall the measure (insert the rate and duration of the tax) be adopted?"

FM3, just like they did with Bassett, produced the first ballot label:

"CITRUS COLLEGE CAREER EDUCATION, REPAIR, AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION MEASURE. To upgrade job training and vocational, science, technology classroom and labs; improve security and fire safety systems; expand career and educational resources for students and veterans to prepare for university and jobs: repair aging classrooms; remove asbestos, mold, lead paint: shall Citrus Community College District issue \$298 million in bonds at legal rates, levy on average \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, generating \$16 million annually while bonds are outstanding, requiring audits, citizen's oversight, all funds staying local."

The label was 87 words, violating the Code. In addition, the adopted phrase, the rate and duration of the tax was missing with the firm using, "while bonds are outstanding".

Would the bond have been approved by residents had they known the repayment period was thirty years until 2051?

Official documents were due by August 7, 2020; the Board's agenda included Resolution 2020-21-01 to place the measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot; they had to hurry.

Nixon-Peabody revised the ballot label to wit:

"CITRUS COLLEGE CAREER EDUCATION, REPAIR, AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION MEASURE. To retain qualified teachers/improve education by: upgrading job training, science, technology classrooms, laboratories; meeting earthquake/fire/clean drinking water safety; providing resources for students/veterans preparing for university transfer/jobs; removing leaky roofs, mold, lead paint: shall Citrus Community College District issue \$298,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levy an average \$25 per \$100,000 assessed valuation generating \$16,300,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, requiring audits, oversight, all funds staying local?"

Nixon eliminated the word million twice, adding zeroes for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Striking "citizen's oversight," they also presented an awkward and confusing question, but this time in 76 words.

Both iterations violated California Education Code.

The Code requires that "the ballot shall also be printed with a statement that the Board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on school and classroom improvement and for no other purpose."

The statute does not say voter information guide, the statute says, "the ballot shall be printed."

Ballots which do not comply with the law are not to be counted. But that's only if laws are enforced.

The Official Documents had to be adopted and delivered to the County Registrar, with a copy to L.A. County Counsel, and the Board of Supervisors by the first week of August.

The notice of election was published

and the arguments for and against were published, someone inside L.A. County Counsel qualified the measure to give to the Supervisors.

The Citrus Superintendent and staff had done their job; the staff included Claudette Dain, Wade Ellis, Director of Fiscal Services, and Fred Diamond, Director of Facilities and Construction.

Soon after, money started pouring in. But not from residents of the District, except for a few very modest contributions. The money came from the Megataxers; Cordoba Corporation, along with may architects, engineers, and law firms.

In September 2020, Cordoba contributed \$25,000 to the campaign even before the committee formed. Superintendent Perri, and the Citrus College Chief Information Officer all made modest contributions

A week later, Torrance-based Keenan & Associates contributed \$2,500; San Diego-based MWE Engineering contributed \$5,000 and Westberg & White, Inc., who received \$312,000 from the Citrus College Board, shelled out \$25,000.

That same week, Lisa Conyers, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Moreno Valley College and a member of the Riverside County Board of Education, contributed \$1,000.

So did Fred Diamond, Director of Facilities and Construction at Citrus, who listed himself as an Executive with Diamond Diasol Corporation, a suspended California corporation.

The same day, Masadi Enterprises/Diamond Precision Tool Group in Calabassas, contributed \$1,000.

Stepping up to the trough, Moreto Matheson & Associates, architects from Glendora contributed \$12,500; and Pezeski Engineering from Santa Ana contributed \$5,000.

KNA Structural Engineers out of Irvine put in \$2,500 and Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroft, engaged at \$340 per hour at the beginning of the process, contributed \$1,000 as well.

Within the first ten days, companies had contributed more than \$85,000 to the campaign for Measure Y.

Geraldine Perri, President-Superintendent of Citrus College, had a hand in the process, both with Citrus College and the Citrus College Foundation.

Perri's Director of Fiscal Services, Wade Ellis, formed the Committee for Citrus College - Yes on Measure Y 2020 and hired high-priced treasurer Jen Slater of the Irvine-based Campaign Compliance Group to run the committee.

Wade Ellis signed on as the controlling officeholder and proponent for Measure Y, cashing his taxpayer-funded paycheck

while accepting contributions to the committee.

Campaign Statements - the California Form 460's and 497's contained the first glimpse at the evidence.

Wade Ellis, CPA, and Jen Slater signed the first campaign report on September 22, 2020, and sent the package overnight to the County Registrar 9/23/20. But it was stamped September 28, 2020. They had been sending in 497's for weeks.

Perri's Citrus College Foundation donated \$100,000 on September 23, 2020, using monies from some Megataxers who supported the measure for \$298 million at a cost of over half a billion.

Anyone can make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation; and the Foundation can contribute to the Yes on Measure Y 2020 Campaign. Some call it money laundering; giving to the campaign committee then donating to the foundation knowing it will go to the campaign.

The documents show that those companies that later landed Citrus contracts donated a total of \$68,500 to the Campaign for Measure Y Committee: Cordoba (\$25,000); Keenan and Associates Insurance (\$2,500); Westberg & White, Inc. (\$25,000); Pezeski Engineering, Inc. (\$5,000); John A. Martin & Associates, Inc. (\$5,000); FM3 (\$1,000) and HMC Architects (\$5,000).

Citrus covers the cities of Azusa (population 49,753), Claremont (36,090), Covina (48,095), Duarte (21,559), Glendora (51,801) and Monrovia (36,810).

The Megataxers; the architects, engineers, and lawyers, were the true proponents of the tax measure, not the residents of the District. Superintendent Perri, a resident, resigned juts three months later in December 2020 but it was not made official until Jan 19, 2021.

Measure Y was moved on to the ballot by a group of architects and engineers from out of the area, out of the county, even out of state, not by the residents of the Citrus Community College District.

The architect and engineers worked to assemble a EFMP that would keep them employed over the next ten years while drawing on \$298 million in public school bonds - at a tremendous cost to the taxpayers.

The overall cost more than \$500 million, a mere pittance to the Megataxers.

Next up...Duarte Unified School District; introducing Ken Bell, Bradley Patterson, and Erickson-Hall Construction.

STUFF THE LOCKERS
School Supply Drive
AUGUST 5-23

Help Support Our Local Teachers & Students by Donating:

- Pencils & Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Backpacks
- Art Supplies
- USB Power Adaptors
- USB Memory Sticks
- Colored Paper
- Looseleaf Paper
- Tote Bags

Cerritos Towne Center will distribute your donated school supplies to local schools. Once you've donated, fill out a form for a chance to win an iWatch, now through August 23.

For more details visit CerritosTC.com

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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Proposal Identification: DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES, RFP NO. 1434-21

Proposal Description: The City of Cerritos ("City") is requesting proposals from qualified civil engineering consultants interested in providing design and engineering services in the Planning, Design, Construction Drawings, Bid Documents and Construction Management for above grade improvements at the future potable water Well C5 site located at 20101 Cabrillo Lane in the City of Cerritos.

Proposal Specifications: The proposal specifications for RFP No. 1434-21 can be obtained from the City of Cerritos Public Works Department during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends and holidays excluded). Requests for proposal specifications can be made by calling (562) 916-2031 or visiting the Public Works Department at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA. **Mandatory, Pre-Proposal Conference: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2021**
 C5 Well, 20101 Cabrillo Lane., Cerritos, CA 90703

Proposals must be received on or before: 3:30 p.m., Friday, September 24, 2021.

Submittal of Proposal: Proposals shall be accepted in a hard copy or electronic, PDF format and must be received by the stated deadline. Hard copy proposal submissions shall be delivered to: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Electronic proposal submissions shall be delivered by email to: Priscilla Solis, Water Division Secretary, at psolis@cerritos.us. Should you have any questions regarding RFP No. 1434-21 or the submission of proposals, please contact Ms. Solis at (562) 407-2674. **Proposals must be marked: "DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES, RFP NO. 1434-21" - "DO NOT OPEN – PROPOSAL."**

The City's final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis:

- Completeness of proposal.
- Firm's and key project team member's experience in performing similar work.
- Firm's and key project team member's record in accomplishing work assignments for projects in the agreed work.
- Consultant's demonstrated understanding of the scope of work.
- Quality of work previously performed by the firm.
- The resources and fee required to perform the requested services.
- The consultant's comments on the proposed engineering service agreement.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. By order of the City of Cerritos.
 Dated/Posted/Published: **August 6, 2021**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DEUK YOUP HWANG
CASE NO. 21STPB06764

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ESTHER HAECHUNG HWANG.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SOU CHAN SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ESTHER HAECHUNG HWANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 9/2/2021 at 8:30AM in Probate Department 79 at 111 North Hill Street, 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 mail-ing 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. Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, and 8/13/21

CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR AGREEMENTS TO PERMIT LOCATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIFIED FENCES

At the hearing, the City Council will consider staff's report, recommendation, all testimony, and public input prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of La Mirada located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing or you may submit your comments in writing to the city prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to: City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, individuals in need of special assistance at the public hearing should contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 three days prior to the date of the hearing.

IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Anne Haraksin
 City Clerk

Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 8/6 and 8/13/21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JEZEBEL R. MAGALLANES
CASE NO. 21STPB07194

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JEZEBEL R. MAGALLANES.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANA LOU MAGALLANES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANA LOU MAGALLANES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/15/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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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 LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
 (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 14719-JP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: STEVEN MAHR PRINTING, INC., 17426 STUDEBAKER ROAD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

Doing Business as: MARS PRINTING

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: SERVA TERRA, INC., 17426 STUDEBAKER ROAD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 17426 STUDEBAKER ROAD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 30, 2021

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last date for filing claims shall be AUGUST 27, 2021, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

DATED: 8/2/2021
 BUYER: SERVA TERRA, INC.
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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on August 23, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Sidrac Ruvalcava- Household items, Furniture, Kyle Ward- Furniture, boxes, tools, Antonia Dago-staro- Household items, Anisa Pito- Household items, Styler Adamson- clothes, Max Joseph Castillo-Fridge, couches

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

Publish at LCCN on 08/06/21 and 08/13/2021

CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS
PURCHASE OF THEATRE SOUND BOARD

Notice is given that the City of La Mirada hereby invites sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) Digico SD10T Console with ST Fiber Optocore & Waves Expansion, (1) Waves SoundGrid package, and (1) Whirlwind Patchmaster package. Equipment specifications are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021. Bids must be submitted on the blank form, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Notice Inviting Bids on file in the City Clerk's Office. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin
 City Clerk, City of La Mirada

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEVE SAKAKURA
CASE NO. 21STPB07210

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of STEVE SAKAKURA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DONALD SAKAKURA AND DAVID SAKAKURA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALD SAKAKURA AND DAVID SAKAKURA, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE STEVE SAKAKURA LIVING TRUST be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/16/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 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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 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2021152851
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BEAGLE INSURANCE SERVICES, 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., 12TH FLOOR, PMB#925, SANTA MONICA, CA., 90401. REGISTERED OWNER: BEAGLE SERVICES, INC., 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., 12TH FLOOR, PMB#925, SANTA MONICA, CA., 90401. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ RONI "Rani" ALYMAD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/7/21. 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 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2021156256
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: AURORA SKY ENTERTAINMENT; AURORA SKY PUBLISHING; AURORA SKY INTERACTIVE; AURORA SKY STUDIOS, 28625 S. WESTERN AVE, #218, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA., 90275. REGISTERED OWNER: AURORA SKY, LLC, 28625 S. WESTERN AVE, #218, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA., 90275. 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/ SCOT BARBOUR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/12/21. 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 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/21.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2021157810
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: UBER CONSULTING ENGINEERS, 5226 E PEABODY ST., LONG BEACH, CA., 90808. REGISTERED OWNER: YI-CHING-WANG, JORGE UBERHUAGA, 5226 E PEABODY ST., LONG BEACH, CA., 90808. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A MARRIED COUPLE. 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/ YI-CHING-WANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/13/21. 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 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/21.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2021152374
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: : LECHETA NAIL BAR, 13404 WOODRUFF AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA., 90706. REGISTERED OWNER: LECHETA, LLC, 13404 WOODRUFF AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA., 90706. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ ALI BURHANI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/6/21. 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 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2021147930
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: AT TAX SERVICE 10659 BLOOMFIELD ST., TOLUCA LAKE, CA., 91602. REGISTERED OWNER: ANASTASIA A. TYULINA, 10659 BLOOMFIELD ST., TOLUCA LAKE, CA., 91602. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/21. 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/ ANASTASIA A. TYULINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/30/21. 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 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20/21

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 8/19/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Carmen Milagros Figueroa. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 8/19/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Jose L Molina; Kassandra Suhey Buenostro; Joseph Macias; Brishee Taylor; Roxanne Zepeda; Maria Baez Juarez; Larry Barron; Nora Guadalupe Reaves; Mariah Marlene Tirado; Elie Samaha; Lizett Romero; Iveth A Espinoza Castro; Pricilla Corral; Johnny Jesse Ramirez; Alberto Rolando Garcia Alpizar; Juan Manuel Rodriguez; Arthur Victor Reyes; Kejaun Malik Alexander; Hugo Olivares Cerezo; Christian Michael Preciado; Israel Navarro. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DEUK YOUP HWANG
 CASE NO. 21STPB06764
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ESTHER HAECHUNG HWANG.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SOU CHAN SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ESTHER HAECHUNG HWANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 9/2/2021 at 8:30AM in Probate Department 79 at 111 North Hill Street, 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. Published at Los Cerritos Community News 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, and 8/13/21

TSG No.: 191041104-CA-MSI TS No.: CA1900285655 APN: 8064-040-026 Property Address: 14719 RAYFIELD DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/28/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/29/2021 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/05/2012, as Instrument No. 20120514065, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: LARRY W. VIA, TRUSTEE OF THE VIA FAMILY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 5, 2007, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 8064-040-026 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14719 RAYFIELD DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be 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 said 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 \$ 139,062.05. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA1900285655 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 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 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case CA1900285655 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-280-2832NPP0374323 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/21

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **23rd day of August, 2021** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1571 HVAC Replacement at Whitney High School

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the **Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may request bid documents at the mandatory jobwalk on August 10, 2021 at 8:30 AM sharp at the Whitney HS Gym, 16800 Shoemaker Ave., Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-20 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 11:00 AM on the 3rd day of September, 2021 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1572 HVAC Replacement at Niemes Elementary School

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the **Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may access the bid documents on CME+ Information to be discussed at the mandatory jobwalk on August 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM sharp at the Niemes Elementary School, 16715 Jersey Ave., Artesia. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-20 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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