

Athens Services Buys CalMet, Takes Over in Cerritos, Downey, Commerce & Two Other Cities

By Brian Hews

Long-time Cerritos trash hauler CalMet has assigned its contract to Athens Services, which was approved, after Cerritos' due diligence, by the Cerritos City Council at their March meeting.

Athens Services acquired CalMet Services and its affiliate business Paramount Resource Recycling, uniting three locally owned and family-operated companies with more than 100 years of experience in Southern California's waste collection and recycling industry.

CalMet is the exclusive waste hauler in five municipalities in Los Angeles County – Cerritos, Downey, Paramount, Lomita and Commerce, and other communities and associa-

tions. Paramount Resource Recycling is a leader in self-hauling, with a convenient public facility in Paramount meeting a range of disposal and recycling needs.

Founded in 1957, the family-owned waste collection and recycling company holds more than 30 solid waste management contracts with municipalities in Los Angeles County. Athens previously provided street-sweeping services in Cerritos from 2013 to 2017, when CalMet assumed the service. Under the current transfer in service, Athens will re-assume responsibility for street-sweeping services for the city.

"We are so proud of our family's legacy, and know that Athens shares our culture that

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Pico Rivera Approves Process to Refinance CalPERS Obligations

By Brian Hews

An S&P Global issue credit rating (S&P) is a forward-looking opinion about a city's creditworthiness related to a specific financial obligation.

The opinion reflects S&P's analysis and considers the city's capacity to meet its financial commitments as they come due.

In 2021, the Pico Rivera City Council authorized the City Manager to issue pension obligation bonds (POBs) to refund a portion of the city's currently unamortized, unfunded accrued liability to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), saving the city millions.

And the City's overall financial position for issuing POBs was well received by financial rating companies.

Yesterday, S&P assigned its 'AA' long-term rating to Pico Rivera's \$19.325 million POBs.

An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P; the city's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the debt is extremely strong.

An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The city's capacity to meet its financial commitment to the debt is very strong.

The high ratings did not stop there. At the same time, S&P affirmed its 'AA-' long-term rating and underlying rating called SPUR on the city's existing

lease revenue bonds, writing, "the outlook is stable."

A SPUR rating is an opinion about the capacity of a city to pay debt service on a credit-enhanced debt issue, in this case, the city's existing lease revenue bonds. The ratings are published at the request of the city with the designation SPUR to distinguish them from the credit-enhanced rating that applies to the debt issue.

The POBs of the city can be paid from any available funds. Citing Pico Rivera's "strong management team," S&P rated the city's POBs "on par with its general creditworthiness due to our view that the city's ability to pay the obligation is closely tied to its operations."

The recent AA rating presents an opportunity for the City Council to consider a resolution approving final steps and documents needed to refinance a new round of POBs.

If approved, the city will refinance approximately 62% of the city's unfunded actuarial liability (UAL), reduce the current UAL payments by roughly \$7.5 million, and achieve a 90% funded ratio after the POBs are issued.

S&P wrote, "The city continued to produce operating surpluses during the pandemic through conservative revenue forecasting and expenditure restraint.

"Following a reexamination

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HAZZAHH! THE RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE IS BACK!

By Tammye McDuff

The term 'renaissance' literally means to be reborn. It was a time when people celebrated the awakening of new ideas and light was let into darkness. The Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Irwindale celebrates the spirit of this rediscovery of philoso-

phy, literature and art from the 14th century to the 17th century.

It all started in Agoura in 1963 to create a living history for school children and their families. Since then, the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire has grown into an annual interactive playground and gallery

for over 200,000 participants and guests each year. It has given birth to an industry nationwide, and this year's re-opening has much more to offer.

This Southern California tradition has traveled a bit since Agoura. The Glen Helen Pavilion provided two different set-

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MWD: SoCal Cut Watering to Once per Week

By Brian Hews

MWD called on all Southern California residents and businesses to slash water use by 30% to combat drought conditions "unlike anything we've experienced before."

The water wholesaler took the action this past Tuesday in response to the regional drought, imposing unprecedented restrictions that will limit outdoor watering to one day per week for roughly 6 million people in Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

MWD officials said the restriction will apply to its member agencies that are heavily dependent on supplies from the State Water Project.

The district's board said it is scheduled to take effect June 1.

MWD member water agencies that fail to enforce the requirement among its customers will face fines of up to \$2,000 per acre-foot of water supplied by MWD that exceeds monthly allocation limits.

The state has already severely restricted supplies from the State Water Project, cutting deliveries to 5% of requested allocations.

"We don't have enough water supplies right now to meet normal demand. The water is not there," Metropolitan Water District spokesperson Rebecca Kimitch said. "This is unprecedented territory. We've never

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PFAS 'Forever Chemicals' in Water Could Cause Liver Damage

Edited by HMG-CN

Scientists have identified a link between exposure to "forever chemicals" and liver damage, as well as a potential connection to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, in a study published on Wednesday.

Exposure to such compounds — also known as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances or PFAS — was associated with elevated levels of a liver enzyme called ALT, which serves as a biomarker for liver damage, the scientists concluded in an Environmental Health Perspectives article.

The authors synthesized the results of more than 100 peer-reviewed studies in both humans and rodents, ultimately finding that three of the most common types of PFAS detected in humans — PFOA, PFOS and PFNA — are all connected to elevated levels of ALT in human blood.

"PFAS are ubiquitous, and we know that all adults in the United States have detectable levels of PFAS in their bodies," Leda Chatzi, a professor of population and public health sciences at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine, said in a statement.

"There is growing interest in the long-term health effects of PFAS exposure, and this study supports that there is evidence that PFAS are associated with liver injury," Chatzi added.

Known for their presence in jet-fuel firefighting foam and industrial discharge, PFAS are also key components in a variety of household products, such as nonstick pans, waterproof apparel and cosmetics.

Thus far, scientists have determined a "probable link" between PFAS and diagnosed high cholesterol, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, testicular cancer, kidney cancer and pregnan-

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Whitney Ranked Top Public High School in CA.

From ABCUSD News

U.S. News and World Report announced its annual ranking of high schools, and Whitney High School was ranked Number One in California, with a 99% graduation rate and college readiness score of 98.4. The publication uses a scorecard that includes advanced placement, or AP, courses and passing rates, graduation rates, and math, reading, and science proficiency to rank schools. The school was ranked as the 14th best high school in



the nation with a nearly perfect scorecard.

"To be ranked as the best high school in California is a tremendous accomplishment," said Whitney High School Principal John Briquet. "Without question, this ranking is the result of the collective efforts of our dedicated and talented staff, brilliant and hardworking students, and

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Norwalk Amends Vacant Properties Ordinance

Norwalk, CA – On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, the Norwalk City Council was presented with an ordinance that amends the Norwalk municipal code to include standards for boarding, fencing, and maintaining vacant properties. The ordinance would also amend standards for foreclosed and abandoned properties.

Back in 2013, the City Council adopted an ordinance to establish registration, maintenance, and security requirements for vacant property that is abandoned and subject to foreclosure proceedings.

The amendment did not provide standards for the city to monitor, maintain and manage undeveloped or vacant sites that are not in default or foreclosure. It also does not specify any standards for boarding, screening, or enforcing on-site security on such properties. The new ordinance would help mitigate enforcement issues for city staff.

“This is a big step in holding property owners accountable for not properly maintaining vacant properties,” stated Mayor Rick Ramirez, “Several residents have voiced their concerns about this topic and the City Council wants to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents and the community.”

Vacant properties, buildings, and structures that are not yet distressed create similar public nuisance conditions that lower property values, create aesthetic decay, loss of character, and/or discourages potential buyers from purchasing adjacent properties.

The proposed ordinance will now move to a second reading at a future City Council meeting.

L.A. City Starts to Phase Out Single-Use Plastics

The L.A. City Council unanimously voted Wednesday to begin the process to phase out single-use plastics at city facilities and city-sponsored events, as well as to take steps toward a potential citywide ban on polystyrene products such as Styrofoam.

And it requested to expand the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance to stores that give out such bags at the point of sale. “Our future in Los Angeles is plastics-free,” said Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, one of the leaders of the motion.

The Bureau of Sanitation will also develop an online zero waste training course that would be implemented for all city employees annually starting January 2023, and each city department would be instructed to develop zero waste plans by Sept. 30.

L. A. Sanitation GM Barbara Romero said 85% of single-use plastic is not recycled, and single-use plastics make up half of all plastic waste.

According to the Californians Against Waste website, there are now 128 other California cities who have in place ordinances restricting polystyrene. Also, the entire state of New York has banned polystyrene containers and loose packaging materials,” Councilman Paul Koretz said after the vote Wednesday.

Environmental organizations joined O’Farrell, Krekorian and Koretz outside City Hall on Wednesday to celebrate the vote. Currently no cities in HMG-CN’s circulation and coverage area ban single-use plastics or polystyrenes.

SHINE Event by Cerritos Chamber Honors Local Heroes



SHINING: The Award winners with Cerritos City and Chamber officials.

By Tammye McDuff

The first annual SHINE Awards luncheon was held April 21 at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel to 'shine a light' on Cerritos' first responders and local heroes.

The past two years have been difficult for first responders, as life as they knew changed completely. "Everyone in this room was impacted somehow by the civil unrest of the Floyd riots and the pandemic," said Master of Ceremonies Kent Galante, "the Chamber met with City Council and wanted to honor and recognize those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty."

The SHINE Hero Awards were broken down into six categories. SHINE Sheriff Hero was awarded to Lt. Gerardo Guerrero of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station, who was instrumental in taking down a mentally disturbed individual armed with a knife at the Sheriff's Station.

Guerrero was able to disarm the suspect and take him into custody.

The SHINE Local Hero was awarded to 19-year-old Jasmine Morales, who noticed a man violently attack and rob two females who were waiting for a bus. Morales distracted the suspect and allowed the victims to get into her car and escape, driving the victims to a safe place until deputies arrived.

SHINE Firefighter Hero Roger Todd has faced many challenges, responding to numerous life-threatening emergency calls. Prior to serving the citizens of Cerritos, FFS Todd worked at fire station 106, located in Rolling Hills Estates where he carried an elderly woman out of a burning house by tossing the victim over his shoulder. He has received a Unit Citation for assisting the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department by using their bullet-proof shield, entering the fire, and securing a suspect hiding in a house.

SHINE Healthcare Hero Maria Nunez is a PIH Health Nurse Practitioner who has a deep commitment to patients and

the community. PIH Health clinics were inundated at the height of the most recent COVID-19 pandemic surge. To compound an already difficult situation, physicians and nurses

were getting ill, limiting the number of medical professionals. On Christmas Eve, due to multiple physicians and staff calling out sick with COVID-19, the Bloomfield Urgent Care Center was down to a single healthcare provider. Nurse Practitioner Nunez volunteered to work extra hours that day, giving up holiday time with her family for patients who needed care.

The local Falcons Nest at Cerritos College received SHINE Community Hero award for feeding students. In 2017, the College established a partnership with L.A. Regional Food Bank to host monthly food drives on campus. During the pandemic, the College distributed more than one million pounds of food to 23,000 families in the region and has fed over 33,000 students and families.

The Cerritos Lifetime Hero Award was given to Dorothy Owen, a resident of Cerritos since 1969. Owen was self-employed for 20 years, marketing her husband's patented invention Cyberchess.

She has served as a Board member for Cerritos Chamber of Commerce and the Optimist Club. Owens' husband served in the United States Marine Corps for 30 years and was instrumental in the City adopting the 1st CEB. On the 235th birthday of the Corp in 2010, the first care package was shipped to Iraq. Owen has been an Ambassador at the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce, representing the 1st CEB Adoption Committee until 2018.

Four SHINE awards were also given to Leslie Gutierrez, Sheriff's Community Affairs; Elaine Reynolds, Sheriff's community Affairs, Deputy Jason Schmoker, Sheriff's Field Training Office and Carl Linzner, Los Angeles County Fire Department.

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Egg-Cellent Time at Area City Events



EGG HUNTS: A number of areas cities held Easter events, including La Mirada and Artesia. Top photo is 4/5 of the La Mirada City Council, absent Andrew Sarega, enjoying a laugh with the Easter Bunny. Bottom picture: the Mayor and Artesia City Council, along with the number of Los Angeles County Sheriffs enjoying the event in Artesia.

Asm. Sharon Quirk-Silva Visits Artesia



ASM. SHARON QUIRK-SILVA with local leaders, including Artesia Councilman Ali Taj, at Jay Bharat in Artesia.

By Tammye McDuff

Sharon Quirk-Silva continued her Assembly District 65 campaign stopping at Jay Bharat restaurant in Artesia with the conversations focused on homelessness and home ownership.

The state has done many things to address the issue of homelessness including working with the OC judge who ruled cities do not have the right to just remove an individual without offering the person a place to stay or another solution.

“The judge has said if you have the shelter beds and reached out to these areas several times and the person still refuses help, then the city has the right to remove the encampment. But we don’t want to just arrest these individuals, but we also can’t have the camps continue to grow.”

Silva has spearheaded seven different assembly bills addressing homelessness.

The camps are growing because there is not enough affordable housing. “We build less housing now, than we did in the 1960’s” said Silva. “We have a lot of renters, who want to move but can’t because of the housing prices.”

The issue of poverty was brought up and the increasing wage gap. “We need to keep people from falling behind on their mortgage or rent, much of that is due to businesses affected by the pandemic.”

One solution is rent control and also a bill that prohibits a landlord from removing a renter, then quickly re-renting the house or apartment for a higher rate of rent. “But these types of bills don’t always pass and they are difficult to do so” she said, “The balance between a property owner and renter is not an easy thing to obtain.”

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Hahn Honored With 2022 Cesar E. Chavez Spirit Award



SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN accepting award from Margie Rodriguez and Paul Chavez. Courtesy LA County Supervisor's office.

Last Thursday evening, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn was recognized with the 2022 Cesar E. Chavez Spirit Award for her continued commitment to the movement for workers' rights.

Hahn received the award during the fourth annual Cesar E. Chavez Remembrance Event and Community Service Project, held at Liberty Community Plaza in South Whittier. Paul Chavez, son of the labor leader for whom the event and award are named, gave the event's keynote address and presented the award.

"Cesar is a towering figure in the history of California, and an icon of the movement to demand dignity for all workers," said Supervisor Hahn. "To be recognized by his family with this award is such an honor for me."

Following the presentation of the

2022 Cesar E. Chavez Spirit Award, Supervisor Hahn presented Paul Chavez with an official commendation in recognition of his own work as president of the Cesar Chavez Foundation.

The Cesar E. Chavez Remembrance Event and Community Service Project is an annual event founded by local activist and Mrs. South Whittier, Margie Rodriguez. The event was attended by elected officials from across Southeast Los Angeles County, community leaders, and students from California, La Serna, Whittier, and Pioneer High Schools. The event concluded with a video presentation of projects completed by area students centered on the theme of social justice.

"It's clear that his message continues to hold a lot of power for the next generations of leaders in our communities," added Supervisor Hahn.

May Shows Close the CCPA Season

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) concludes the 2021-2022 Season with laughs and music.

The funnymen of the hit show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?", Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood, return to Cerritos at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 for an evening of improvisational comedy and hilarity. Armed with nothing but their sharp wit, expect chaos and laughter as the duo takes suggestions from the crowd and runs wild with them. Completely improvised, this show is guaranteed to be one-of-a-kind! Tickets start at \$45.

Prize-winning violinist Sarah Chang and acclaimed pianist Julio Elizalde unite for a captivating classical music concert at the CCPA on Friday, May 6 at 8 p.m. Chang was the youngest person to win the prestigious Avery Fisher Grand Prize and the Hollywood Bowl's Hall of Fame Award. The "Seattle Times" called Elizalde a musician of "compelling artistry and power." Ticket prices start at \$50. The Korean Cultural Center is a co-presenter of this concert.

Stop the presses! 3-D Theatricals presents the family-friendly Tony-winning Disney musical "Newsies" based on the true story of the Newsboys Strike of 1899. The story centers on Jack, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of being an artist far away from the big city. When a publishing giant raises newspaper prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack and his fellow newsies band together in protest with the help of a new reporter hungry for her first story, making New York wake up to the power of "the little man." Music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman, and book by Harvey Fierstein.

Show times for the Performance Partner Program are: 8 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 20 and 27 and Saturday, May 14, 21 and 28; 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 22 and 29 and Saturday, May 21 and 28; and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26. Tickets start at \$30. This show has a no refund, no exchange policy.

To protect the health and safety of patrons, performers, volunteers and staff, the CCPA is following all requirements from public health officials. Health & Safety Guidelines are posted on the theater's website at cerritoscenter.com. The CCPA reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event in conformance with health mandates from public officials in effect on the date of an event. Wearing a face mask inside the CCPA is optional.

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Pico Rivera Pastor Recognized by LASD

SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA recognized Pastor Marvin Rodriguez from "City of Refuge" in Pico Rivera. Pastor Rodriguez recruits at-risk children within the city of Pico Rivera and outlying areas into his boxing organization, "Marvin Nation" where he provides them with free lessons, life skills, and a strict moral compass. In 2020, he joined the CAC and had since donated 25,000 boxes of food since the onset of the pandemic.

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Distiguished Young Woman of Cerritos/Artesia Hold Annual Scholarship Award Event



WINNERS: from (l-r) Eileen Rodriguez Salehi, DWY West; Nishita Vaddella, Alternate; Preethi Manne, DYW East.

Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia holds a scholarship program that promotes education and excellence in all areas of life by encouraging the participants to “Be Their Best Selves”. Since 1975, this program has been promoted in the Cerritos-Artesia area. Throughout the program, all girls are encouraged to develop self-confidence, interview effectively, speak in public, perform on stage, and build interpersonal relationships.

This program strives to inspire high school juniors to develop to their full and individual potential. The program offers a fun and transformational experience over a three week period of time, which culminates in this celebratory showcase of participants’ accomplishments.

DYW held their 2023 scholarship program April 9 and 10 at the Albert O. Little Community Center in Artesia.

Standards and ideals of evaluating participants are consistent across local, state and national levels characterized by scholastic achievement, community involvement, creativity, and quest for excellence in every facet of life. Girls are judged in the following areas: Scholastics, 25%; Interview, 25%; Talent, 20%; Fitness, 15%; and Self Expression, 15%.

\$7100 in scholarships were awarded in six categories, and three overall awards. The award winners were as follows:

- Preethi Manne (Whitney High School) - DYW Winner East (\$1500), Eileen Rodriguez Salehi (Whitney High School) - DYW Winner West (\$1500), Nishita Vaddella (Whitney High School) - DYW Alternate (\$1100), Meylene Garcia (Whitney High School) - Spirit of DYW (\$300), Preethi Manne (Whitney High School) - Interview (\$700), Makayla Cheng (Whitney High School) - Scholastics (\$700), Audrey Chang (OC School of the Arts)

- Talent (\$500), Audrey Chang (OC Arts) - Fitness (\$400), and Eileen Rodriguez Salehi (Whitney High School) - Self-Expression (\$400).

Our showcase awards were handed out by many dignitaries including: Congresswoman Michelle Steel; Assemblywoman Christina Garica; Mayor of the City of Artesia, Melissa Ramoso; Mayor of Cerritos, Grace Hu and ABCUSD Board President Dr. Soo Yoo.

Each year the program sends finalists to the state competition in Bakersfield in July, where they live with a host family for ten days. They spend time getting to know other outstanding girls from across the state working with them in community service and team development. Winners from the state go onto national competition in Alabama. Founded in 1958, Distinguished Young Women is a free program that encourages participants to reach their full individual potential. Our mission is to empower young women by providing over \$1 billion in scholarship opportunities, connecting with a nationwide network of women, developing their self-confidence, and participating in our Life Skills Workshops that prepare them for success after high school. National sponsors include Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation, Mobile County, City of Mobile, Alabama Power Foundation, Shoe Station, Gant Travel Management, the Coffeen Family, Regions Financial Corporation, Jostens and Alabama Media Group.

For more information about Distinguished Young Women, contact Tara Principe, National Headquarters Marketing and Communications Director, at 251-438-3621 or Tara@DistinguishedYW.org or visit www.DistinguishedYW.org.

Cerritos' Courts to be Resurfaced; Pickleball Court to be Installed

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$96,240 contract to Cinbad Industry, Inc. for resurfacing the basketball and pickleball courts citywide.

Cinbad will resurface the basketball courts at Brookhaven Park, Friendship Park, Gridley Park, Satellite Park, Westgate Park and Ecology Park; as well as the pickleball court and Camp Liberty Stage at Liberty Park. Cinbad Industry will also install a new pickleball court directly adjacent to the existing pickleball courts at Liberty Park.

Construction is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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The event will take place Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the La Mirada Community Gymnasium park-

ing lot, located at 15105 Alicante Road. Household hazardous waste will not be collected at this time.

Residents will have the opportunity to shred up to three banker boxes of personal information and have unwanted electronics collected on site.

The mulch distribution will be a self-loading service. Residents must bring their own cans/bags and shovel, and there will be a limit of three cans/bags per vehicle. Participants are requested to bring a tarp to cover material if bringing an open truck or trailer.

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Pleasant Holidays.

La Mirada Native Serves as a Member of U.S. Navy's Submarine Force

BANGOR, Wash. – La Mirada native Lt. Cmdr. Juan Lansang is stationed at Naval Base Kitsap (NBK), homeport to west coast ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines.

Lansang joined the Navy to explore different areas of travel. Today, Lansang serves as an operations officer.

Lansang attended La Mirada High and graduated in 2002. Today, Lansang uses skills and values similar to those found in La Mirada to succeed in the Navy.

These lessons have helped Lansang serving with Submarine Squadron 17.

Known as America's "Apex Predators!," the submarine force operates a fleet of technically-advanced vessels.

There are three basic types of submarines: fast-attack submarines (SSN); ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN); and guided-missile submarines (SSGN).

SSNs are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; conduct intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. The Virginia-class SSN is the most advanced submarine in the world today.

The Navy's ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN), often referred to as "boomers," serve as a strategic deterrent by providing an undetectable platform for submarine-launched ballistic missiles. SSBNs are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles. The Columbia-class SSBN will be the largest, most capable and most advanced submarine produced



LA MIRADA native Lt. Cmdr. Juan Lansang is submarine squadron operations officer at Kitsap Naval Base.

by the U.S.

Guided-missile submarines (SSGN) provide the Navy with unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities from a stealthy, clandestine platform. Each SSGN is capable of carrying 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles, plus a complement of heavyweight torpedoes to be fired through four torpedo tubes.

As a member of the submarine force, Lansang is part of a 122-year history of the U.S. Navy's most versatile weapons.

"Being able to reach 70 percent of the world to provide humanitarian aid or strategic defense to our allies is important to our national defense," said Lansang.

A major component of that maritime security is homeported at Naval Submarine Base Bangor.

As Lansang and other sailors continue to train and perform the missions they are tasked with, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy means that I can contribute to our national defense," added Lansang.

Award-Winning Cerritos Filmmaker Completes Her Sixth Film

By Tammy McDuff

Over the past five years, Cerritos resident Nidheya Suresh has written, directed and produced five award-winning short films.

Most recently, her film MAA won 'Best of Out & Loud' at the Pune International Queer Film Festival, Best Indie Filmmaker at the prestigious International Film Festival; Indian Cine Film Festival, and received an Honorable Mention at the Los Angeles Film Awards.

Suresh is known for creating films in the thriller and horror genres, dramas based on social commentaries and issues like LGBT rights and immigration issues.

A short thriller 'Tabitha' was awarded Best Horror Film at the FilmCon Awards and Oniros Film Awards. Suresh has also won Best First Time Director for her LGBTQ film along with Best Original Screenplay.

Now Suresh has finished The Rose Garden, a ScreenCraft Film Fund Finalist. The film is a short story about two sisters, Lisa Maria Thomas and Damini Isha Thomas, who have been estranged for years but are unexpectedly thrust together by their parents' sudden and tragic death. The loss of their mother and father forces the two sisters to confront long unresolved issues.

The Rose Garden is the sixth film by Suresh, "For a long time, I wanted to create a film about the impact of mental health issues on both the person who has it and its impact on the family. It is a delicate issue that is often brushed under the rug in the South Asian community, and this film brings attention to how it can divide families."

She developed her love for storytelling through the years huddled up with books in India. At the tender age of 11, she found herself typing away on a non-fiction novel, "I didn't know what I was



CERRITOS RESIDENT Nidheya Suresh has written, directed and produced five award-winning short films. Her latest film has already garnered an award.

doing was called fanfiction based on my favorite childhood mystery series, but my love for writing only blossomed as I grew older."

Suresh graduated with a Masters Degree in Screenwriting from the New York Film Academy. "I always wanted to write; my undergraduate degree is in journalism. I never thought of any other path for me other than writing. I thought journalism was the way to go when I discovered creative writing and found I had a real natural talent. I fell deeply in love with American television. A friend suggested scriptwriting and realized I really like it," added Suresh.

During this period, she also discovered a love for filmmaking, sending her across the globe to the prestigious Los Angeles / New York Film Academy for a Masters in Fine Arts [MFA] in Screenwriting. During the sixteen-month program, Suresh wrote and produced multiple projects.

Her short film Idée Fixe [2018], which she directed with Ahlan Williams, was nominated for multiple awards.

Having spent her life in various parts of India, Los Angeles, and even Australia, Suresh aims to lend her voice to create diverse and authentic stories, believing that a multi-cultural world is better. In the future, she hopes to continue expressing herself through film and television, and be the director of her own TV show one day.

Revolve Clothing Leases Muliken Building

By Brian Hews

Remodeling of the Muliken building has been completed and the building is now being leased to Revolve Clothing.

Approximately \$6.3 million in one-time revenues from the sale of the city's pipe dream museum of Carol Chen and Bruce Barrows' was used to offset the

construction costs.

Art Astor struck a deal with Cerritos in June of 2016, donating his cars and other collectibles to Cerritos in exchange for an upgrade of the building to "museum status" and use of the building.

The city never did anything to the building, while housing Astor's collection on Moore St. in Cerritos. According to sources, Astor was so stressed that nothing was being done that it contributed to his passing just two months later.

The collections was subsequently sold.

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

ADUs Gaining Regional Attention

The County has seen an increase of over 180% in permitted ADU's from 2017-2019, but with under a 20% completion rate for those who began the application process.

By Jeff Prang
Los Angeles County Assessor

This month I'm going to be focusing on a type of new construction that's capturing the attention of regional homeowners. It's called the Accessory Dwelling Unit or ADU.

As a most recent Los Angeles Times article entitled "So you want to build an ADU in California? Here's what you need to know" stated, "For whatever reason, thousands of California homeowners are adding accessory dwelling units to their property. These homes can be built for a fraction of the cost of a new house, mainly because they're small and can be installed inside an existing house or garage."

Commonly referred to as a "Granny Flat" or a "Guest House", the ADU is an independent living space that must provide the basic needs for an individual such as sleeping, eating, cooking and even sanitation.

It's also important to remember that adding an ADU to a property is a reassessable event and therefore will affect the value of the property.

I will address that later in the column.

Legislation was approved and



signed into law last year that paved the way for ADUs. SB 9, the California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency (HOME) Act, facilitates the process for homeowners to build a duplex or split their current residential lot, expanding housing options for people of all incomes that can now add units on their existing properties.

Possibly as a result of the new legislation, my office has witnessed a major increase in the interest of ADUs.

As an example of this growing interest, the County has seen an increase of over 180% in permitted ADU's from 2017-2019, but with under a 20% completion rate for those who began the application process.

To put that in perspective, there are roughly a little over 10,000 permitted ADU's in the County, with over 1.8 million residential parcels.

However, the large increase in interest in ADU construction and conversion has not kept pace with the outreach or the information needed to plan for these additions effectively and

wisely.

There are plenty of hurdles to overcome when planning for the construction of an ADU.

The projects are expensive, the rules can be opaque and complex, and the bureaucratic hurdles can seem overwhelming.

A recently passed Board of Supervisor motion calls for the County to analyze the current process and provide recommendations for streamlining and making the process smoother.

However, those plans are still in their infancy of the development and proposal stage.

Here's where the Assessor gets involved.

The building of, and sometimes the alteration of an existing structure to be an ADU is considered new construction for property assessment purposes.

When new construction, like the addition of new residential units, occurs, the property will be reassessed.

That reassessment will change the overall value of the property and impact the resulting property taxes.

GRANNY FLAT: Legislation was approved and signed into law last year that paved the way for ADUs. The Act, facilitates the process for homeowners to build a duplex or split their current residential lot, expanding housing options for people of all incomes that can now add units on their existing properties.

Generally, new construction is assessed using the cost approach. The costs used by the Assessor's Office may not necessarily be your costs, but rather those typical of materials used for that quality of construction.

In general, replacing what is already there is not considered new construction.

However, if you're altering a garage by adding the features necessary to convert it into an ADU, such as a kitchen or bathroom, there will be an upward reassessment.

A reassessment due to new construction does not mean your whole property will be reassessed.

Instead, the cost to construct the ADU is used to establish its value.

That value is then added to the existing assessed value of the land and other structures on the property.

The result is a new base year value for the entire property, upon which future taxes will be based.

The increased property taxes obviously come after the whole permitting process, but it does catch many people by surprise and can cause a lot of hardship and anguish.

That's why proper planning with full foresight is needed.

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Commerce Council Candidate Threatens HMG-CN Publisher After Report Outlining Donations

Leonard Mendoza also sent out fraudulent mailers calling himself Mayor when he was removed two weeks ago.

Staff Report

Last week, HMG-CN exposed thousands in dark money attempting to influence the Commerce City Council race.



Commerce's Leonard Mendoza threatened HMG-CN. The emails are on right.

Candidate Leonard Mendoza, who famously got punched out at a Contract Cities Conference and was just removed for abusing his Mayoral office and sending out campaign promotions on city stationery, took in a total of \$22,000 in donations over \$1,000.

Now, along with the dark money, intimidation, harassment, threat of bodily

harm, and fraud have tainted the race. After reporting his removal as mayor for abuse of office, Mendoza, against the advice of the Commerce City Clerk, has been sending out campaign material in the mail that says he is still the Mayor of Commerce.

The first letter was mailed to all Commerce residents hitting mailboxes one week after Mendoza was stripped of his title for abusing his office.

"He is a fraud," said one resident who did not want to be identified for fear of retribution, "he is not the mayor; everyone knows that here in the city."

The resident knew what he was talking about when he cited retribution.

After publishing the dark money article, HMG-CN emailed Mendoza asking about the letter, Mendoza erupted and immediately began a barrage of intimidation, harassment, and threat of bodily harm on HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews.

Mendoza sent a thinly disguised threat writing to Hews, "you vetter [sic] stopp [sic] writing about me!"

A few emails later, Hews was compelled to ask about Mendoza's alleged

On Apr 22, 2022, at 4:34 PM, Leonard Mendoza <leoneerisamer1@icloud.com>
You vetter stopp writing about me!

On Apr 23, 2022, at 11:36 AM, Leonard Mendoza <leoneerisamer1@icloud.com>
I don't drink. You messed up No body messes with me. I want to tell everyone to know that you are fool and liar When I get elected I will make sure you never work in Commerce.

On Apr 24, 2022, at 12:26 AM, Leonard Mendoza <leoneerisamer1@icloud.com>
You don't have nothing I talk to my attorney and I can send as mayor I will get elected and get Mireya and Yvette elected. I'm not worried. You will be out of Commerce. I know In this. Watch You will see I am suing you.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

- APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 5, 2022 6:00PM
- INCOME ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN EXPANDED (SEE UPDATED INCOME LIMITS)

CITY COUNCIL REINTRODUCED FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM 2.0

The City Council has approved the First-Time Homebuyer 2.0 Program to provide income-qualified Commerce residents secondary financing of up to \$150,000 to assist with down payment and closing costs related to purchasing a new home within the "Rosewood Village" housing development located in the City of Commerce, adjacent to City Hall. Up to nine (9) lucky qualified participants who complete the Program application process and are deemed eligible will be chosen through a lottery process.



UPDATED FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER 2021 INCOME LIMITS

| Family Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (175% of Area Median Income) | \$98,000 | \$112,000 | \$126,000 | \$140,000 | \$151,200 | \$162,400 | \$173,600 | \$184,800 |



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must be a first time home buyer;
- Must be a current Commerce resident who has lived in the City for a minimum of 5 calendar years;
- Successful lottery recipients must occupy the property as their primary residence;
- Must demonstrate ability to carry a mortgage note and have cash assets sufficient to contribute at least 3% of the purchase price; and
- Must have a combined gross household income that does not exceed 175% of the County median income adjusted by household size (PLEASE SEE INCOME LIMITS)

HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants must fill out and submit an Interest Form in person or by mail by **MAY 5, 2022**. Interest Forms are available on the City's website at www.ci.commerce.ca.us or at City Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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NOTE: Pursuant to Section V (Eligibility Criteria) of the Program Guidelines, if there is not a sufficient list of applicants that qualify for the Program as set forth in Section V (Eligibility Criteria), the City reserves the right to revise the criteria to expand the eligible applicant pool and reopen the application period.

drinking problem, Mendoza wrote, "Don't change what we are talk [sic] about, don't write about me. I will sue you if you write about me again."

In another email, Mendoza became extremely belligerent and threatening, "You messed up No body [sic] messes with me. I want to tell everyone to know that you are fool and liar [sic] When I get elected I will make sure you never work in Commerce. I have supporte [sic] in other cities and I will tell them to. You don't have nothing I talk to my attorney [sic] and I can send as mayor I will get elected and get [candidate] Mireya [Garcia] and Yvette [Gayton] elected. I will be the mayor again. I'm not worried. You will be out of Commerce.

"Watch [sic] You will see I am suing you. You are the biggest fraud. I have a huge family."

Handing out fraudulent material and posting the same information on social media carries no penalty, but sending out fraudulent material via the USPS is mail fraud, provided there is 1) a scheme to defraud, 2) an intent to defraud, and 3) using mail in furtherance of the scheme.

In an email obtained by HMG-CN via a FOIA request, Mendoza was told by the Commerce City Clerk on April 20 that he could not mail or publish anything labeling him mayor after the April 12 City Council meeting when he was removed.

Mendoza admitted guilt telling the city clerk, "I printed everything prior to April 12, I will cease using any material after everything that has been printed is distributed."

Mendoza has not responded to questions about the deceitful flyers but on social media, he has not ceased the fraud.

On Facebook, Mendoza created a page called Mendoza4Commerce. The front page, which was visible as of the time of publishing this article, declared, "Re-Elect Mayor Leonard Mendoza Commerce City Council 2022."

Emails into Mendoza asking him to explain his Facebook page were not returned.

La Mirada Recognized Teen CERT Graduates



LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL pictured with Biomedical Science Teacher Debra Moreno and Teen CERT graduates.

At the April 26 City Council meeting, the La Mirada City Council recognized 18 La Mirada High School students that recently graduated from the new Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

The Teen CERT program is a national preparedness program that teaches students leadership skills and ways to serve an active role in keeping the community safe. The City of La Mirada and La Mirada High School recently partnered to coordinate this new program and offered it to students enrolled in the biomedical science pathway at the high school.

“From January to April, the students took valuable courses and on-site training to re-ceive this certification,” says La Mirada Public Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres. “Thank you to La Mirada High School and the volunteers from the City’s advanced CERT program for making this program successful.”

The students completed nearly 40 hours of online coursework administered by the University of Utah and in person drills to receive this certification. Students learned disaster response skills such as how to organize a team of volunteers, disaster medical operations, fire safety, and light search and rescue.

The program was coordinated by La Mirada High School Biomedical Science

Teacher Debra Moreno. The following students graduated from the Teen CERT program: April Barajas, Karissa Castro, Arwen Chan, Alana Contreras, Andrea Dawson, Zayetzi Diaz, Kaitlyn Estrada, Emma Gonzalez, Evelyn Kim, Sydnee Montes, Tara Miranda, Laila Perez, Ryan Moreno-Rojas, Rylie Moreno-Rojas, Luke Salvador, Drake Segrest, Hailley Silvas, and Abigail Tafoya.

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

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places a premium on hard work, celebrates and supports employees, promotes great customer service, and leads the way on the environment,” said Art Kazarian, an owner of CalMet Services. “Our family built this business over four decades, and we are confident this legacy will live on and be honored by the team at Athens.”

Athens boasts more than 1,750 employees, many of whom live in the communities they serve. The workforce is among the most experienced in the industry, with drivers averaging 10 years or more in the field. The company maintains a first-rate safety record across all the areas where it operates.

“Coming together with CalMet Services and Paramount Resource Recycling is a natural fit,” said Ron Arakelian III, a co-owner of Athens Services and great-grandson of Athens Services’ founder. “We all believe firmly in the value of family ownership, environmental stewardship toward a zero-waste future, and superior customer service.”

Athens and CalMet are working together on a transition plan to ensure the seamless integration of the employees and overall operations. “By bringing together these unique local companies with tremendous family histories,

we have significantly strengthened the foundation on which we will continue to grow,” said Gary Clifford, Executive Vice President of Athens Services.

According to the city staff report, Athens will provide every service that CalMet provides. The transition should be seamless, given they’re using the same administrative personnel servicing Cerritos.

The process started when Athens Executive Vice President Gary Clifford sent a letter to the City Manager Art Gallucci on December 9 of last year, informing Gallucci that Athens had purchased CalMet and the trash hauler contract was assigned.

Per the agreement, Athens paid \$20,000 to cover the expenses of the transition.

Cerritos sent a letter back to Athens asking for several items, including audited financial statements and pro forma financial statements, to make certain the company had the ability to take over the services in Cerritos.

Athens quickly complied, and Cerritos’ law firm Rutan and Tucker gave the green light to the City Council to consider the assignment.

At the March meeting, the council approved the assignment; per the contract the city will receive a \$150,000 transfer fee from Athens.

Cerritos' Memorial Day Ceremony Set for May 30

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m. near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center.

The event is held in honor of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation’s freedom as members of the United States armed forces.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will begin with prelude music at 9:45 a.m. T

he ceremony will include a presentation of colors, comments by the City Council, laying of wreaths and a moment of silence.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.



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EL PROGRAMA HA SIDO EXTENDIDO

- LA FECHA LÍMITE SE HA EXTENDIDO HASTA EL 5 DE MAYO DE 2022 A LAS 6:00PM
- LOS LÍMITES DE INGRESOS DEL PROGRAMA SE HAN INCREMENTADO
(CONSULTE LA TABLA DE LÍMITES DE INGRESOS)

PROGRAMA PARA COMPRADORES DE CASA POR PRIMERA VEZ (FTHB 2.0)

El Concejo Municipal aprobó el Programa Para Compradores de Casa Por Primera Vez (FTHB 2.0) para proporcionales a los residentes de Commerce que reúnen los requisitos de ingreso una segunda fuente de financiamiento de hasta \$150,000 para ayudar con el pago de inicio y los gastos de cierre pertinentes a la compra de una vivienda nueva dentro del la nueva construcción ubicada en la Ciudad de Commerce, adyacente al ayuntamiento City Hall. Hasta nueve (9) afortunados participantes que reúnan los requisitos y terminen el proceso de solicitud del programa se considerarán elegibles serán escogidos a través de uno proceso de lotería.



NUEVOS LÍMITES DE INGRESOS DEL PROGRAMA FTHB DE 2021

| Tamaño de familia | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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Missed Opportunities Plague La Mirada Against One of San Diego's Powerhouse teams

By Loren Kopff
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SANTA ANA-When talking about his team's 3-2 loss to St. Augustine High in the 10th anniversary of the prestigious Boras Baseball Classic last Thursday afternoon, La Mirada High head coach Jimmy Zurn started with the missed opportunities.

Not only did the Matadores strand 11 runners on base, including the bases loaded in the top of the second inning, but a couple of his better hitters were caught looking at a third strike, each with two runners on base.

The loss spoiled a stellar pitching performance from senior Ryan Coppock, who worked five innings, surrendered five hits and struck out five.

But it was an untimely error that led to the winning runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

"I thought Coppock pitched really, really well, and we had one inning in which our defense let us down," said Zurn. "We really haven't had that type of inning all year."

Early on, Coppock and his counterpart, Chaz McRoberts were pitching gems with the former having a perfect first and third innings while the latter had yielded four singles during his four innings of work, striking out three but also walking three as part of his 61 pitches. La Mirada struck first in the second inning when freshman designated hitter Paul Dominguez and ju-

nior left fielder Aidan Haller singled with one out and McRoberts walked junior first baseman Pablo Hidalgo to load the bases.

After senior shortstop Noah Rodriguez struck out looking, McRoberts walked freshman right fielder Maverek Russell to bring home Dominguez.

The Saints, situated in Division 1 of the CIF-San Diego Section and ranked 29th in the state, tied the game in their half of the inning when Frankie Giacalone smashed a home run over the left field wall on a full count.

"Obviously playing in this tournament, it tells you how deep we both are that you're on day three and you're throwing out those types of arms," said Zurn of the pitching early in the game. "Their kid was good. I thought he was a little bit wild at the beginning, which gave us some opportunities. We hit a couple of balls on the screws that just found gloves, which would have been runs."

Zurn was specifically talking about Russell's line drive to center with a runner on second that was caught to end the top of the fourth, and senior center fielder Rudy Gonzales' sharp line out to second with a runner at second in the next inning that resulted in the second out.

Had those two not been caught, La Mirada would have been up at least 3-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth.

Luke Rhee led off the bottom of the fifth with an infield single and moved to second on a wild pitch.

After Coppock struck out Shane Miranda, looking, and leadoff hitter

Franklin Carney, M.J. Sweeney singled before Domenic Carini reached on an error, which allowed Rhee and Sweeney to touch home plate.

The Matadores crept back to within a run in the sixth when Grayson Boles walked Dominguez.

Senior pinch runner Noah Villanueva then stole second and scored with two outs on a base hit from Rodri-

guez. In the last inning, senior catcher Andrew Pyle struck out but advanced to first when the ball got past Miranda. Junior third baseman Eric Jeon then went the opposite direction with a single, but senior center fielder Rudy Gonzales would ground into a double play.

After a walk to freshman second baseman Aiden Aguayo put runners at the corners, the seventh groundout ended the contest.

"It had the feel like today not many breaks went our way today," said Zurn.

La Mirada, unranked in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1, began the tournament on Apr. 19 by giving Sierra Canyon High its first loss of the season in a 7-0 decision.

Jeon pitched a two-hitter through six innings with five strikeouts and two walks.

The Trailblazers, ranked first in Division 2, had not allowed more than three runs in any of its first 22 games before facing La Mirada.

The next day, the Matadores were doubled up by the top-ranked team in Division 1, Orange Lutheran High, in a 4-2 affair but bounced back last Friday by

blanking Point Loma High 2-0 as freshman pitcher Donald Murray scattered five hits in five innings before giving way to junior Alejandro Diaz, who notched his second save.

"Not many people outside of La Mirada expected us to win [the Sierra Canyon] game, and I'll say that on record," said Zurn. "We held [Orange Lutheran] to four hits yesterday, and that's as good of a lineup as you're going to find in high school baseball. My starter had four walks in the third inning, and they ended up getting four [runs] on a couple of hits.

"Then my freshman [Dominguez] came in and struck out nine," he continued. "We fight and cut it to two and had the tying run at the plate. That's something you can take away with such a young team. Today I just felt like we were a little bit...didn't have the same energy, which is tough; it's hard to do."

After La Mirada (19-6-1 overall) lost to West Ranch High 11-0 on Feb. 19 in the second game of the season, the Matadores have allowed 11 runs in their other five losses combined.

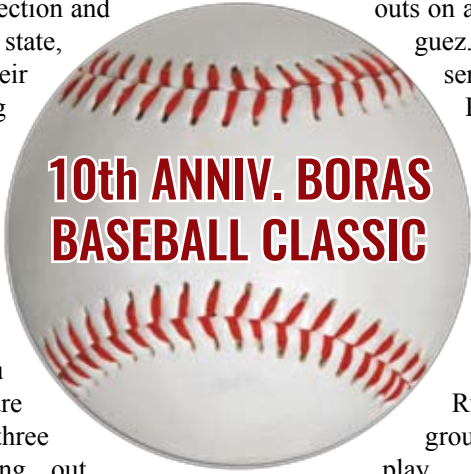
The team, which has now won all seven of its Suburban League contests by a combined score of 63-6, crushed last place Firebaugh High 11-0 this past Tuesday and after facing the Falcons again on Apr. 28, will travel to Gahr High today to wrap up the regular season.

The playoff brackets will be released on Monday morning with first round action slated for Thursday or May 6.

"It will be good to have a practice Monday just to kind of go over some stuff," said Zurn.

"Not taking anything away from Firebaugh, but we've got to get some innings for some guys that could be needed in the playoffs; some at-bats. And then the Gahr game, [head coach] Gerardo [Perez] and I have known each other a long time. We scheduled that game mainly so we play a high caliber playoff team going into the playoffs."

"We hit a lot of balls squared up," said Zurn. "It's just that today was not our day from that regard. That's why I love the challenge...this is the only time in your season where you're playing four straight days against four incredible teams."



WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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Solution: 12 letters

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done anything like this before."

Although the MWD's definition of State Water Project-dependent areas is still in flux, the outdoor-watering restriction is primarily expected to impact northwestern areas of Los Angeles County and parts of the San Gabriel Valley.

Gov. Gavin Newsom last month directed MWD and other water suppliers statewide to ramp up conservation efforts by advancing water-shortage contingency plans.

MWD offers a rebate of \$2 per square foot for people who replace their grass with water-efficient landscaping. Rebates are also available from other local water agencies.

The rebate program has helped remove 200 million square feet of grass, which has saved enough water to provide about 62,000 homes with water each year, officials said.



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605 LEAGUE SOFTBALL**John Glenn Doubles Up Artesia in Regular Season Finale to Force Play-In Game**

By Loren Kopff
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When John Glenn High visited Artesia High in last season's regular season finale, third place was on the line as the two had identical 5-4 league marks. They played an epic 12-inning contest that featured 29 combined hits and 16 errors in a 9-8 Artesia win.

While Glenn still advanced to the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 playoffs as an at-large team and made it to the quarterfinals, the Eagles found themselves in a similar position this past Tuesday evening in the last game of the regular season. The Pioneers were sitting in second place at 6-3 in the circuit while Glenn was a game behind. To spice things up, Pioneer High had knocked off Oxford Academy and Whitney High earlier in the week to surge into the playoff mix at 6-4.

On Glenn's senior night, it was one of the three the program was celebrating that helped guide the Eagles to a much-needed 4-2 victory that forced a three-way tie for second place. A coin flip was already conducted with Pioneer claiming second place and Artesia and Glenn having to play again on Apr. 28 to see who gets in as the league's third place representative. Those three teams split the season series with each other.

"Early on, we thought we had to fight for third place," said Glenn head coach Larry Leal. "So, we talked to the kids and told them what was going on. If we won, we would have to play again on Thursday. The kids all got together and talked and really motivated each other. They held together at the end. I'm really proud of them."

"It's so frustrating because I reflect back to the Cerritos game where one ESPN catch...we could have been co-champs," said Artesia head coach Ed Blanck. "That's the way I see it. And with all the things that are going on with my team, all the difficulties that we had to go through...it really hurts to look back."

He was referring to a highlight reel catch from Cerritos High junior center fielder Camille Lara that snuffed out what would have been the game-winning runs in the bottom of the seventh back on Mar. 24 in a 7-6 setback.

Glenn senior pitcher Gabriela Ortega had one of her best pitching performances of the season, scattering six hits, five of them being singles, to six different players, struck out five, walked one, had two perfect innings and induced five batters to fly out to sophomore center fielder Diana Bravo six times.

Glenn (15-12 overall) quickly gained a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when freshman shortstop Carissa Galvan tripled to the right field gap and

came home on a base hit from sophomore catcher Julia Cole. But Artesia (9-12 overall) would tie the game in the top of the third inning when senior left fielder Miriam Estrada reached on an infield single, stole second and scored when sophomore pitcher Maya Torres reached on an error.

In the bottom half of the frame, and with one out, Galvan and Bravo laid down back to back bunts ahead of a single to center from Cole, making it 3-1.

Artesia was looking to get back in the game in the next inning when sophomore catcher Arianna Franco singled.

But with one out, sophomore shortstop Irma Gonzalez sharply lined out to Galvan, who then doubled up Franco at first to end the inning.

"I could see that the first baseman wasn't coming in and the third baseman wasn't coming in," said Leal. "So, I knew our top batters [in the lineup] could bunt and get on base, especially Carissa. We just tried to move them over and everything fell in place."

The Pioneers would get a run back in the fifth inning when freshman center fielder Alea Medina singled and senior second baseman Alexis Duenas doubled with two outs. But after that, the next four outs would be sent Bravo's way. Meanwhile, the Eagles iced the game in their half of the inning when Torres walked Galvan who would later come home on a wild pitch.

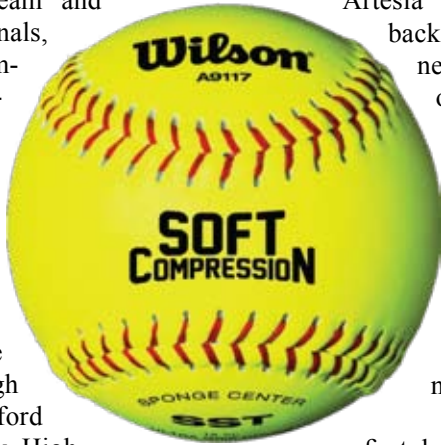
"Diana was outstanding out there in centerfield," said Leal. "She didn't let anything get by; she caught everything. Anything that fell in front of her, she went and got it in. My daughter at second base, [sophomore] Janessa [Leal] did really good. Carissa at shortstop... she doesn't really play there, but she did excellent. [Junior] Beatriz [Galvez] at third...she doesn't play there, but we put her there today and she did good. And [sophomore] Anais [Perez] at first base...she did great."

When the teams met on Apr. 5 at Artesia, the Pioneers came away with a 13-0 win as the Eagles committed seven errors. This past Tuesday, Glenn had one miscue and while Artesia did not have any, there were too many mental mistakes that Blanck attributed the loss to. In addition, he was without the services of one of his top hitting starts, sophomore catcher Vanessa Soto.

"Errors, infield errors," said Blanck. "We couldn't cover the bunt. That was the big thing. And then, we had some good, solid hits but they went right to their center fielder and shortstop. They made the timely plays."

A Glenn win in the play-in game would knock the Pioneers out of the playoff chase since they don't have at least a .500 record and would also be a season-ending three-game losing streak. However, a Glenn loss would be a second straight season of wondering if the Eagles get in as an at-large team. The brackets will be released Saturday morning.

"We just have to continue [on] Thursday what we did today," said Larry Leal. "Everybody has to stay focused and come to play. This is John Glenn's first back to back winning seasons and the kids really did that. I just want the best for the kids and I think they're going to pull it off."

**NEWS AND NOTES****Baseball, Softball Seasons to Conclude While Boys Volleyball Playoffs Begin**

By Loren Kopff
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Today marks the final day of the regular season for baseball and softball as the CIF-Southern Section playoffs get under way on Tuesday with wild card action. Anywhere from four to six of the area's seven baseball teams will advance to the playoffs while as many as seven of the eight area softball teams will compete for a divisional championship.

BASEBALL

In 605 League action, Cerritos High had already wrapped up another league title and began the week by getting past John Glenn High 6-2 this past Tuesday, then defeated Mayfair High 7-2 this past Wednesday to improve to 21-5 overall, 7-0 in league play. The Dons hosted Glenn on Apr. 28 as they get set to host a Division 3 first round game next week. Cerritos, ranked eighth in the division, has matched the number of wins from 2019 and need one more to have the most in school history in at least 25 years.

Artesia High, which seemed to be in good shale for a second place finish, has gone into a slump and following a 12-8 loss to Pioneer High this past Tuesday, dropped to 12-11, 3-4. The two teams met at Artesia on Apr. 28 with the winner tying Oxford Academy for second place. The Pioneers have won twice in their last six games.

In San Gabriel Valley League action, Gahr High is on a roll, having won seven of its last eight games including a 17-1 thrashing of Paramount High this past Monday and a 5-1 home win against Martin Luther King High the next day. The Gladiators (12-14, 6-1) were tied with Warren High for the league lead as Gahr hosted Paramount on Apr. 28 while Warren faced third place Downey High on the same day. Today, Gahr hosts La Mirada High in a preview of soon to be league rivals.

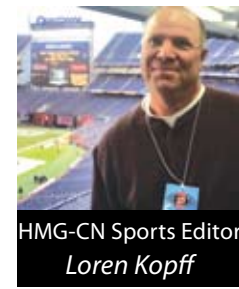
The Matadores are Suburban League champions and had a 19-6-1 overall mark after its 11-0 win against Firebaugh High this past Tuesday. The SGVL and Suburban League will merge into one league beginning next school year.

Norwalk High, ranked fourth in Division 6, defeated Bellflower High 7-3 on the road this past Tuesday to improve to 14-11 overall and 4-3 in the Suburban League. The win officially clinched the program's first playoff trip since 2013 and the winner of rematch on Apr. 28 will take second place while the loser gets third place.

Valley Christian High was clinging to its slim playoff hopes as it hosted Whittier Christian High last Friday. But the Defenders struggled in the six-inning game, falling to the Heralds 13-0. The loss sent V.C. to 11-13 overall, 3-7 in the Olympic League and in the process, clinched fourth place. Head coach Matt Dahlenburg was at a loss for words after the contest, knowing that the Defenders needed to win its final three games to have a chance of the postseason.

Whittier Christian scored three in the top of the first inning, four in the second, one in the third and five in the sixth and pounded out 15 hits. The big blows were a pair of two-run home runs from Connor Green. He also pitched a two-hitter, did not allow a runner to get to third and struck out five. He also retired the final 10 batters he faced.

The Defenders defeated last place Heritage Christian High 12-3 this past Tuesday and hosted the Warriors on Apr. 28. A win against Heritage Christian would make the Defenders, who would



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move to 13-13, eligible for an at-large spot if there is one to be had in Division 5. Following the game with Whittier Christian, the school honored the 1992 CIF Division 1A championship team, which went 20-4-1 and the 2001 Division V championship team. Coaches and players from both teams were on hand to partake in the festivities.

SOFTBALL

Cerritos crushed Oxford Academy 21-0 this past Tuesday to move to 14-2, 10-0 as the Dons visited Mayfair on Apr. 28 while Gahr edged Warren 6-4 this past Tuesday in a battle for first place. The Gladiators (18-8, 7-1) split the season series with the Bears, having outscored them 10-9. Gahr ended the regular season at Paramount on Apr. 28.

La Mirada, champions of the Suburban League, had no problems with Mayfair this past Tuesday in a 9-1 victory. The Matadores (20-6, 7-0) visited Firebaugh High on Apr. 28 while league rival Norwalk can tie Mayfair for second place with a win against Bellflower on Apr. 28. The Lancers, ranked 10th in Division 5, improved to 17-7, 4-3 after a 16-0 win against Firebaugh this past Tuesday.

V.C. has five wins on the entire season but will finish in third place in the Olympic League because three of those wins came in league play. The Defenders, who were blanked by league champion Whittier Christian this past Tuesday, visited Village Christian High, who was at 1-5 in league action and Heritage Christian to conclude the season. The worst the Defenders can do is tie Village Christian for third place.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The CIF-SS brackets were released this past Monday morning and four area schools will be vying for a divisional championship. In Division 2 action, 605 League co-champion Cerritos, which went 20-9 overall, hosted Tesoro High on Apr. 28 while Olympic League champion V.C. (20-2) entertained South Torrance High on Apr. 28. The Defenders were swept by Marina High last season in the Division 4 finals and have won 20 straight league matches while going 61-8 over the past three full seasons. The two unranked teams could meet in the quarterfinals.

In Division 4 action, Whitney High, the third place representative from the 605 League, hosted Katella High this past Tuesday in a wild card match and was swept by the Knights. Whitney ends its season at 11-12.

In Division 5 action, Norwalk, which finished in second place in the Suburban League, welcomed Paramount this past Tuesday in a wild card match and defeated the Pirates 23-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-18. Norwalk improved to 10-9 and visited Hawthorne High on Apr. 28.

The boys tennis brackets will be released on Monday with Cerritos, Gahr, La Mirada, Norwalk, V.C. and Whitney advancing while in track and field, the 605 League and Olympic League finals took place on Apr. 28 while the San Gabriel Valley League and Suburban League finals are today.



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BREAKING NEWS

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cy-induced hypertension.

The Environmental Health Perspectives study, however, is the first to establish such a link between PFAS and liver damage.

These so-called forever chemicals earned this epithet due to their propensity to break down slowly and accumulate in the environment and in human tissue, including in the liver, according to the authors.

In addition to making the connection between PFAS exposure and liver damage, the authors also identified a possible link to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

The liver enzyme ALT is likewise elevated in humans who have this disease — a condition in which excess fat accumulates in the liver — suggesting a potential connection between PFAS and what the authors described as a “dramatic and unexplained rise” in the disease in recent years.

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease has become a serious public health threat that impacts 25 percent of adults worldwide, while U.S. cases are expected to grow by about one-third by 2030, according to the study.

Evidence from animal studies have shown that PFAS, which are endocrine-disrupting compounds, could cause metabolic shifts that lead to fatty liver disease, the authors noted.

Epidemiological studies, they continued, have demonstrated connections between PFAS exposure and cholesterol, triglycerides and uric acid — all of which are biomarkers of fatty liver disease.

Acknowledging that the human research connecting PFAS to liver disease is still limited, study lead author Sarah Rock stressed that ample evidence from animal research demonstrates the toxic nature of PFAS to the liver.

“A challenge for PFAS researchers is that humans are exposed to mixtures of hundreds if not thousands of these chemicals,” Rock, a PhD student at the Keck School of Medicine, said in a statement. “Mixture analyses is one potential tool for addressing this complexity in the future.”

Although some U.S. manufacturers have stopped using PFOA and PFOS, the researchers warned that the risk of exposure remains, due to the long-lasting nature of these compounds.

“This research clearly shows that PFAS need to be taken seriously as a human health concern because even after they are phased out, they persist in the environment,” PhD student Elizabeth Costello, also a lead author on the study, said in a statement.

“There is enough evidence, we believe, to demonstrate a need to clean up sources of exposure to PFAS and to prevent future exposures,” Costello added.

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tings in San Bernardino County where the Faire spent many years. Shortly after 2000, the Faire moved back to Los Angeles County to its current home at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. Since its beginning, more than 5 million people worldwide have visited Southern California's Renaissance Pleasure Faire, averaging approximately 20,000 visitors each weekend.

Held each April and May, visitors can stroll through an English market faire from 1580; wander an Elizabethan waterfront town, all while enjoying jousting tournaments, roasted meats and dragon swings.

Each weekend has a unique theme and Easter weekend saw pirates and

sallywags afoot. Blackbeard boasted of wild adventures and danced their wicked ways along the pathways with a unique pirate's booty raffle.

RennCon will be held on April 30th to celebrate cosplay in all forms, drawing inspiration from sci-fi, anime, comics, and fairy tale creatures mingling with 16th-century villagers. There will be a time Traveler costume contest each day in the food court.

Play the best beer game this side of 1599 at the Faire's legendary Pub Crawl. Join the loud and lusty pub crawl crew; skip long lines as they amuse you along the village streets to several fine taverns and public houses. Try not to spill as you jiggle with merriment at the most bodacious songs, jests, jokes, stories, and riddles the shire has to offer.

The Faire is 20 acres of fun with 13 stages that offer a variety of entertainment from magic to puppetry to plays. The Queen and her court can be found strolling the streets amid arts and crafts, fine spirits, parades, fencing, archery and hatchet throwing.

For tickets, parking instructions and themed information, visit renfair.com

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The NALEO Education Fund invites you to a citizenship workshop to receive free assistance with the citizenship application and fee waiver Sat. June 11, 2022.

Attendees will need to bring a legitimate permanent residency card, state identification or drivers license, all police and court records, and if applying for a fee waiver your must provide verification of benefits letter or most recent tax return. Addition information needed will be five years of work or schooling paperwork, and trips outside of the United States, and verified address and date of birth.

The workshop will be held at the East Los Angeles Community College at 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez in Monterey Park from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.

For more information please call 888.839.8682 or visit naleo.org/citizenship

La Mirada Resident Turns 80

Edward Massey was recognized at the last LM City Council meeting. Mr. Massey was born in New Delhi, India on April 7, 1942. While attending college, he met his wife, Myrtle, and they got married in 1969. Edward and Myrtle immigrated to the United States and settled in La Mirada in 1976.

Before his retirement in 2008, Mr. Massey worked with Bank of America as a loan officer. He attended Talbot School of Theology at Biola University, where he received a Master of Divinity in 1979 and Master of Arts in Theology in 1983.

Edward is an active member of Grace Evangelical Free Church. He currently serves on the Executive Committee and on the Board of Elders.

To sign up for the recognition program, call (562) 943-7277.

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION NO 18-028
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on May 10, 2022 before the City Council of the City of Commerce for the consideration of a First Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement related to Application #18-028 for Commercial Cannabis Activities.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of adopting an Ordinance to approve a Development Agreement to allow for Testing of commercial cannabis products at 5400 Jillson St, Commerce, CA 90040. A copy of the proposed Development Agreement will be available on the City's website and with the City Clerk's Office.

Environmental Determination: The request for a Development Agreement has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(9); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Ch. 3, § 15301 [Class 1, "Existing Facilities"]). This section specifically applies to small additions, expansions, or alterations to existing structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use. In this case, the request includes a request to establish a Development Agreement.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement related to Application #18-028.

Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at www.ci.commerce.ca.us. Said meeting will be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and AB 361, which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body, provided the legislative body adopts a resolution making certain findings. On October 5, 2021, and every month thereafter the City Council adopted a resolution making the required findings to continue holding remote City Council meetings. Accordingly, members of the public may participate telephonically by calling and submitting their comments at 323-887-4442. Members of the public may also submit written comments through email at cityclerk@ci.commerce.ca.us or by accessing the meeting via Zoom. Details for participating in the City Council meeting via Zoom will be published when the City Council agenda is posted, no less than 72 hours prior to said meeting.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

City Manager
Edgar Cisneros

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our caring and supportive families." All four comprehensive high schools in the ABC Unified School District were ranked in the top third of 2,572 California high schools.

"We are extremely proud of the high rankings of all of our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. "Our schools and students continue to perform well, even coming out of a challenging few years."

The entire list of the U.S. News High School Rankings can be found at www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools.



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of the reserve policy, the city strengthened its reserve policy target in 2020 to 50% of revenues to adjust for the risk characteristics of the general fund revenues, and this provides an additional cushion against downside risk.

"The stable outlook reflects our view of the city's very strong budgetary flexibility and its positive trend in sales tax and property tax revenues, which have strengthened the city's financial position. We do not expect to change the ratings during the next two years."

Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona told HMG-CN, "I am very proud of the fine work staff did to maintain our good standing with the investment community. Together we worked to strengthen our General Fund Reserves to adjust for the risk characteristics of general fund revenues, maintained a very strong budgetary flexibility and oversaw a positive trend in sales tax and property tax revenues, which contributed to strengthening our overall financial position now and into the future."

Pico Rivera Mayor Dr. Monica Sanchez commented, "I'd like to commend city staff for doing a stellar job leading to the excellent rating with Standard and Poor's. Their focus on continuing to produce operating surpluses during the recent pandemic through conservative revenue forecasting combined with an emphasis on expenditure restraint contributed greatly to maintaining our good standing in the financial community."

La Palma's 1st Festival of Nations Event Saturday Apr. 30

On Saturday, April 30, 2022, get to La Palma's first Festival of Nations event

The one-day experience will celebrate La Palma's cultural heritage through music, cultural performances, food vendors, exhibitors, and carnival attractions.

Starting at 10:30 a.m. a Home-town Parade featuring La Palma's local schools, organizations, neighborhoods, and businesses, will march down Walker Street (Houston Ave. to La Palma Ave.) followed by the Festival starting at 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Central Park.

Festival Activity Wristband are available for \$15 through April 29 and \$20 at the Festival on April 30. Activity Wristband provide attendees access to all of the carnival games and rides.

For more information, please call the Festival of Nations Planning Committee at (714) 690-3350 or email at festival@cityoflapalma.org or visit our website: www.cityoflapalma.org/festival.

Cerritos Named a 2021 Tree City USA

For the 24th consecutive year, the City of Cerritos has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The honor is given to select cities throughout the country for their outstanding community forestry programs and commitment to their urban forest. Among the program requirements are the existence of a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Since the City's incorporation in 1956, the Public Works Department has planted more than 30,000 trees along City sidewalks and medians, next to freeway ramps and throughout the City's many parks and recreation facilities. In Cerritos, nearly every home has a City tree planted in its parkway.

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For more information on street-tree care or the City's tree ordinance, call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS
IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS
PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1464-22**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: CONSTRUCTION OF ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1464-22** **Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of selective removal and replacement of asphalt concrete (AC); selective cold milling of 2” of existing AC; including the construction of 2” AC overlay; crack sealing the existing AC; installation of a Type II Slurry Seal; the re-stripping of stop bars, curbs, and markings; and other items identified in the bid schedule. **Bids will be opened: Friday, May 20 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“CONSTRUCTION OF ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1464-22.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications may be purchased by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the documents and return is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A”** or **“C-12.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE
TENNIS COURT WINDSCREEN IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT NO. 22106, BID NO. 1463-22**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: TENNIS COURT WINDSCREEN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 22106, BID NO. 1463-22. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, material, tools, and equipment necessary for the removal and replacement of tennis court windscreens at Liberty Park located at 19211 Studebaker Road; Cerritos Park East located at 13234 E 166th Street; and Westgate Park located at 18830 San Gabriel Avenue, as specified in the Bid Sheet. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“TENNIS COURT WINDSCREEN IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 22106, BID NO. 1463-22.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications may be purchased by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A”** or **“C-13.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Cerritos City Council** will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: **Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF CERRITOS TITLE VI PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES FOR NON-DISCRIMINATORY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (CERRITOS ON WHEELS AND DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS).** This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. To protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the current State Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Health Officer Orders and City of Cerritos COVID-19 Safety Plan, the City Council Chamber will be open to the public. As authorized by State of California Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and N-08-21, and subsequently by Assembly Bill 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) and City Council Resolution No. 2022-10 adopted pursuant thereto, this meeting may also be conducted via teleconference, if necessary. Public observation and participation in this meeting will be facilitated through the methods described below. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. The meeting will air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:

FRANK MEDINA
CASE NO. 22STPB03863
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FRANK MEDINA.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FRANK MEDINA, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FRANK MEDINA, JR. be appointed as per-sonal 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 admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to inter-ested 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: 05/24/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the peti-tion, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-tions 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 knowl-edgeable 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 as-sets or of any petition or account as provid-ed in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 to consider the following item:

Late Night Early Morning Permit

Raising Cane’s Restaurant
18600 Gridley Road Artesia, CA 90701

Public Hearing, Consideration, and Approval of a Late Night Early Morning Permit for a proposed restaurant (Raising Cane’s) that is requesting to operate past 12 a.m. midnight (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 a.m., seven days a week) located at 18600 Gridley Road in the Commercial General Zone and making a determination of a Class 32, Categorical Exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15332 (In-Fill Development) of the CEQA Guidelines. Resolution No. 22-2873

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia City Council at or prior to the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

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Mel Lee
Contract Planner

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT
CITY OF CERRITOS FACILITIES
BID NO. 1462-22**

The sealed bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall, Office of the City Clerk at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **“PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT CITY OF CERRITOS FACILITIES, Bid No. 146-22.”** Two (2) copies of the bid must be delivered in a sealed envelope or package. One copy shall be marked as **“Original”** and must contain an original signature. No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label. A pre-bid tour of all facilities will be conducted on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 1 p.m. The tour will begin at Liberty Park and Fitness Center, located at 19211 Studebaker Road, Cerritos, CA 90703. The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law. Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php. For additional questions please contact Support Services at (562) 916-1318.

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**CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, 6252 TELEGRAPH ROAD,
COMMERCE CALIFORNIA 90040
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
RIO HONDO RECYCLED WATER PUMP STATION
IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1, PROJECT NO. REO-0121
SPECIFICATION NO. CB-01-21**

BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 25, 2022, 2:00 PM

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, 6252 TELEGRAPH ROAD, COMMERCE, CA 90040 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) invites and will receive sealed bids for the award of a contract for RIO HONDO RECYCLED WATER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1, PROJECT NO. REO-0121, SPECIFICATION NO. CB-01-21, up to, but not later than, **May 25, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.** (“Bid Submission Deadline”) at the offices of the DISTRICT located at **6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California 90040**, after which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the Bid Submission Deadline will be returned unopened. The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. All interested persons are invited to attend the bid opening. The project shall consist of furnishing products, labor, tools, transportation, and services to construct the following:

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Work involves furnishing all labor, equipment and materials necessary to construct improvements at the Rio Hondo Recycled Water Pump Station including new valves, chlorine analyzers, compressor, sump pump, controls, gauges, and controllers. In addition the work will include the design, construction, installation, and testing of a new sodium hypochlorite facility, and SCADA upgrades to the Rio Hondo Recycled Water Pump Station and the Hollydale Recycled Water Pump Station. The work may also include, but not limited to, demolition, grading, excavation, backfill, concrete and electrical and piping repairs. In addition, Contractor is to:

1. Protect existing facilities in place.
WORK SITE: The work sites are located at the Rio Hondo Recycled Water Pump Station at 4300 San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera, CA 90660, and the Hollydale Recycled Water Pump Station, located at 4305 Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, CA.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The DISTRICT will conduct a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at the **Rio Hondo Pump Station at 4300 San Gabriel River Pkwy, Pico Rivera, CA 90660**, and may or may not conduct a Site Walk. Prospective bidders are to attend a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference with the DISTRICT’s Representatives at **10:00 A.M. on May 5, 2022**. The purpose will be to discuss the scope of work to be performed under these Specifications.

ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PRE-BID CONFERENCES IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A BID. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN ATTENDANCE LOG AT THE PRE-BID CONFERENCES AS CONDITION TO SUBMITTING A BID. Bidders who fail to sign-in shall be deemed absent and shall not be entitled to submit a Bid.

OPENING OF BIDS: The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read at **2:00 P.M. on May 25, 2022** at the above-mentioned office of the DISTRICT. **COMPLETION OF WORK:** The Work must be completed within **240 calendar days**, or less, from the date of receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

EXPLORATORY EXCAVATIONS OR BORINGS: Prospective bidders may perform exploratory excavations or borings at the site with written approval from the Engineer and permitting agencies. Prospective bidders shall also obtain all necessary environmental clearances, agency permits, notify Dig Alert, protect all utilities and facilities, provide traffic control, and restore excavations to original conditions to the Engineer’s and permitting agencies satisfaction. Exploratory excavations or borings are at the sole expense and risk of the bidder.

PLAN REVIEW: Plans showing the character of the Work may be seen in person at the offices of Central Basin Municipal Water District, 6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA 90040.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Contract Documents may be obtained by contacting Ms. Sharon Kumar at (323) 201-5502 for information. If Sharon Kumar is unavailable, please contact the Central Basin Municipal Water District general line at (323) 201-5500 for information. The Contract Documents are defined in the General Conditions, Article 1. Bidding procedures are prescribed in the Contract Documents. Bids shall be executed upon the forms bound and made a part of the Contract Documents.

ADDENDA: ALL ADDENDA FOR THIS CONTRACT WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT’S WEBSITE AT WWW.CENTRALBASIN.ORG. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITY TO VISIT THE DISTRICT’S WEBSITE TO CHECK AND VIEW SUCH ADDENDA AND TO INCLUDE THE FORMWORK FOR THE ADDENDA IN THEIR BID PACKAGE. Failure to include all addenda and addendum acknowledgement forms from the DISTRICT’S website with Bids may render the Bid as non-responsive.

BIDDERS WILL HAVE UNTIL 10:00 A.M. ON May 10, 2022 TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT REGARDING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. Requests for clarifications will be accepted via email only. Please send requests to: Isabelle Guido at isabelleg@centralbasin.org.

BID SECURITY: Bids must be accompanied by a bidder’s bond, cashier’s check or certified check (hereinafter, the “Bid Security”) in an amount equal to no less than TEN PERCENT (10%) of the amount of the bid. The bidder’s bond or certified check shall be made payable to the CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract if a contract is awarded to the bidder, and will be declared forfeited, paid to, or retained by the DISTRICT as liquidated damages if the bidder refuses or neglects to enter into a contract on the terms of the accepted proposal within fourteen (14) calendar days after bidder’s notification of DISTRICT’s acceptance of the proposal. No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

BIDS TO REMAIN OPEN: The Bidder shall guarantee the Total Bid Price for a period of **one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive working days** after the date of Bid Opening.

CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE: The Contractor shall possess a valid **California Class “A” Engineering License** at the time of Bid submission as well as at all times the Contractor is engaged in performing the Work for the DISTRICT. Failure to possess the specified license at the time of submittal may render the Bid as non-responsive.

CALIFORNIA WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the provisions of California Labor Code Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1, 1773.6 and 1773.7 as amended, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for the locality where the Work is to be performed. It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the Work is awarded and upon any subcontractor under the Contractor to pay not less than said specified rates to all workmen employed by them in the execution of the Work.

APPLICABILITY OF CONTINUITY OF WORK AGREEMENT (PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT): Work performed under the Project shall also be governed by the terms of a Continuity of Work Agreement (commonly referred to in the public works construction arena as a Project Labor Agreement) (hereinafter referred to as the “PLA”). The PLA has been executed by and between the Central Basin Municipal Water District and the Los Angeles and Orange County Building Trades Council and the various trade unions that are signatories to the PLA. The PLA requires, among other things: the use of union personnel as the primary source of the contractor’s labor for the Project; the payment of prevailing wages and other benefits called for under the collective bargaining agreements and policies of signatory unions; compliance with worksite labor rules set forth in the PLA and other applicable collective bargaining agreements of the signatory unions which are incorporated by reference; compliance with worker grievance and dispute resolution procedures set forth in the PLA and other applicable collective bargaining agreements of the signatory unions which are incorporated by reference; a duty that the contractor pay into pension funds for the benefit of workers working on the Project, including the limited number of the contractor’s own core workers; and execution of Letter of Assent wherein the successful bidder agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PLA (the form of the Letter of Assent is included as Attachment A to the PLA). Bidders are expected to independently factor-in all direct and indirect costs attributable or potentially attributable to the application of the PLA to the Project. By submitting a bid, bidders represent that they have reviewed the PLA and have familiarized themselves with its conditions and requirements and in formulating their bids have factored-in all direct and indirect costs attributable or potentially attributable to compliance with the conditions and requirements of the PLA. In the event the PLA calls for the payment of wages rates higher than those set forth under the Labor Code, calls for the payment of benefits not otherwise called for in the Labor Code, calls for worksite management protocols more stringent than those called for under the Labor Code or other applicable laws, the more stringent requirements of the PLA shall be adhered to.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY: Work performed under the Project shall also be governed by electrical safety requirements as stated within the Specifications.

SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES: Pursuant to Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may request the DISTRICT to make retention payments directly to an escrow agent or may substitute certain securities for money withheld by the DISTRICT to ensure performance under the contract, as provided in the Contract Documents.

EXCAVATION AND TRENCH SAFETY: If the work involves trenches or open excavations, which are five feet or deeper, the bid must contain, as a bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or other methods to assure workers safety.

PAYMENT BOND REQUIRED: The successful contractor will be required to file with the DISTRICT at the time of execution of the contract, a Payment Bond (Labor and Materials Bond) in

the amount of 100% of the bid amount in accordance with Civil Code 9550.
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE MATERIALS:

X This Invitation for Bids **does not** specify locations of possible materials, such as a borrow pit or gravel bed, for use in the proposed construction project which would be subject to Section 1603 of the Fish and Game Code.

NONCOLLUSION DECLARATION: Each bid submitted for the Project shall be accompanied by a Noncollusion Declaration in the form required by the District.

CONTACT: All communications relative to this Work shall be directed to the DISTRICT prior to opening of the bids. All technical questions regarding the bid documents or addendums must be submitted via email only to: Isabelle Guido at isabelleg@centralbasin.org.

FUNDING: CBMWD O&M Funds.

DISTRICT’S RIGHTS RESERVED: The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in a bid, and to make award to the lowest responsive responsible bidder as it may best serve the interest of the DISTRICT.

DATE: 4/21/22, 4/28/22

OWNER: Central Basin Municipal Water District

By: _____
Dr. Alex Rojas, General Manager
Central Basin Municipal Water District

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
VIRGINIA RUTH WEBSTER
CASE NO. 22STPB03332

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES WEBSTER JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES WEBSTER JR. 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: 05/13/2022 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 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

**CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Project Identification: DESIGN OF ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AT THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, PROJECT NO. 12706, RFP NO. 1465-22.

Project Description: The City of Cerritos is requesting proposals from qualified design/roof firms interested in providing design and engineering services for construction management for the repair or replacement of the roof at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting: 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2022** Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 12700 Center Court Drive, Cerritos, CA 90703 **The City will not review proposals from Consultants who do not attend the pre-proposal meeting Proposals must be Received on or before: 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Place of proposal receipt:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor Cerritos, California 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. **Proposals must be marked: “DESIGN OF ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AT THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, PROJECT NO. 12706, RFP NO. 1465-22.”** The not-to-exceed fee proposal shall be placed in a **separate sealed envelope** and submitted as part of the consultant’s submittal package. Request for Proposal details are available by visiting the Engineering Division at City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703, or by calling (562) 916-1219. The City’s final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis:

- Completeness of proposal
- Consultant’s qualifications and comprehension of the scope of work.
- Proposed services, survey, and completeness of research analysis
- Feedback received from references listed on Reference Sheet.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portion thereof, or to waive any information or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2021-04
NEFF HOUSE, GEORGE HOUSE AND CARRIAGE BARN
EXTERIOR SURFACE REPAIR AND PAINT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2021-04. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com>. Work includes repair and replacement of damaged exterior wooden surfaces, patching of damaged stucco, application of textured stucco color coat to patched areas, and painting of exterior surfaces at the Neff House, George House, and Carriage Barn.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on May 31, 2022. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. 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

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139 Townhomes to be Built in Placentia

(OCR) Landsea Homes has begun construction on the "Hudson" community at 443 S. Van Buren Street, an old auto yard between the Santa Fe railroad tracks and Atwood Channel, just south of Orangethorpe Avenue.

Sales will begin later this year but no pricing has been announced.

The project called "Hudson" will be gated with 63 traditional townhomes and 76 back-to-back townhomes from 775 to 1,638 square feet of space with one to three bedrooms and three bathrooms.

Elsewhere in Placentia, the 54-home Camila project by Shea Homes — a little more than a mile away — sold out in the past year.

Landsea recently began selling the 65-townhome Nolin community and began construction on the 489-home Narra Hills community in Fontana.

OC builders have been slow to catch up with the demand for homes.

In the 12 months ended in February, 2,735 new homes were sold in the county, according to DQNews. That was down 8% from the previous year and 37% below the 2015-2019 annual pace.

In the past seven years, the median selling price of an Orange County residence is up 70% to \$985,000.

Cerritos Honors 1st CEB Meritorious Marine



CORPORAL ALIQUAN NAHJIR STOKES with his wife Yomaris hold the proclamation that honored him for his exemplary service as a Meritorious Marine.

The city of Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed at Camp Pendleton, on November 11, 2007. Corporal Aliquan Stokes, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), was hosted and honored by the City of

Cerritos this past Saturday, April 23.

Corporal Aliquan Stokes and his wife Yomaris were treated with lodging and meals compliments of Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, Island's Restaurant, and Macaroni Grill.

Local Filipino-American Keeps Family Navy Tradition Going



Abbygaille Panlaqui

The daughter of local residents is participating in Marine Exercise (MAREX) Philippines aboard USS Essex, a U.S. Navy Wasp class amphibious assault ship.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Abbygaille Panlaqui joined the Navy to carry on a family tradition. Today, Panlaqui serves as a U.S. Navy culinary specialist. "My dad was in the Navy for 14 years," said Panlaqui. "He always talked about it and after high school, I decided to join as well."

On January 27, 2022, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps began training with the Armed Forces of the Philippines as part of MAREX 2022 to further the maritime security capabilities of the U.S. and the Philippines. Panlaqui is proud to participate.

"As a Filipino-American sailor, participating in MAREX Philippines brings me pride," said Panlaqui. "When I left the Philippines, I didn't think that the next time I went back is participating in a maritime exercise here. Supporting our allied forces and their causes means a great deal to me."

Homeported in San Diego, California, USS Essex is the second ship in the Wasp-class of multipurpose amphibious assault ships and the fifth ship named for Essex County, Massachusetts. Essex was a 1000-ton ironclad river gunboat of the U.S. Army and later U.S. Navy during the American Civil War.

According to Navy officials, amphibious assault ships are designed to deliver U.S. Marines and their equipment where they are needed to support a variety of missions ranging from amphibious assaults to humanitarian relief efforts. Designed to be versatile, the ship has the option of simultaneously using helicopters, Harrier jets, and Landing Craft Air Cushioned, as well as conventional landing craft and assault vehicles in various combinations.

There are many opportunities for sailors to earn recognition in their command, community and careers while serving in the Navy.

"My favorite accomplishment would be being named Supply Department Junior Sailor of the Year and advancing to Petty Officer 2nd Class in the same month," said Panlaqui. "It proves hard work pays off. I'm glad to be at a point where I can mentor my junior sailors to get to where I am today."

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Panlaqui, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"Constantly being away from my family is hard but knowing that I do what I do to protect them brings peace of mind."

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