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AMAZING PICTURES FROM WEBB TELESCOPE

“COSMIC CLIFFS” IN THE CARINA NEBULA: One of the many pictures sent back from the James Webb Telescope. Called the Cosmic Cliffs, the region is actually the edge of a gigantic, gaseous cavity, roughly 7,600 light-years away. Light travels 6 trillion miles in one year.

By Brian Hews

What looks much like craggy mountains on a moonlit evening is actually the edge of a nearby, young, star-forming region in the Carina Nebula.

Captured in infrared light by the Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam) on NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope, this image reveals previously obscured areas of star birth.

Called the Cosmic Cliffs, the region is actually the edge of a gigantic, gaseous cavity roughly 7,600 light-years away.

The cavernous area has been carved from the nebula by the intense ultraviolet radiation and stellar winds from extremely massive, hot, young stars located in the center of the bubble, above the area shown in this image. The high-energy radiation from these stars is sculpting the nebula’s wall by slowly eroding it away.

NIRCam – with its crisp
[See WEBB page 12]

ABCUSD SUPER. DR. MARY SIEU RETIRES

HMG-CN Staff Report

HMG-CN learned Wednesday that long-time ABCUSD Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu has resigned her position effective this week. The ABCUSD Board will hold a special meeting Monday honoring her years of service and commitment to the children, parents, and staff of the ABCUSD.

HMG-CN has been told that the ABC Board will accept applications from current eligible employees while also conduct an outside search using an employment agency.

Artesia Mayor Honored at Dodger Stadium



HONORED: Artesia Mayor Melissa Ramoso with (l-r) father Angelito Ramoso, nephew Xavier Delatorre, and brother-in-law Brian Delatorre. Ramoso was given the Dodgers Community Hero Award which recognizes residents who have made an impact in their community.

Lakewood Sees Gains After Increasing Public Safety Budget

By Brian Hews

This past March, the Lakewood City Council added \$400,000 to Lakewood’s public safety budget for specific programs and services to enhance safety in Lakewood residential neighborhoods.

The infusion allowed the city to assign two extra deputies for crime suppression work, primarily working at night with a flexible schedule to address specific crime trends and gang-related activity.

In two months of work, the two Deputies have made 44 arrests: 12 felonies, 32 misdemeanors; 6 gang members arrested, 6 guns recovered; 26 arrests for outstanding warrants, 2 stolen vehicles, and 1 DUI.

In addition, deputy overtime has focused on street racing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

and anti-gang detectives have conducted saturation patrols targeting gang activity.

The city also funded a private security force with four unarmed security guards performing vehicle patrols from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. nightly.

The guards conduct nightly patrols down every residential street in Lakewood and adjacent commercial areas. Since April, total crime dropped 9% in overnight hours, catalytic converter thefts dropped 27%

The security patrols also stop individuals scavenging in residential trash cans and move individuals loitering in/near parks after park hours and individuals loitering near businesses.

Based on the positive impact, the Lakewood City Council extended the private security patrol for another

[See LAKEWOOD page 12]

Anaheim Police Officer Assaulted La Mirada Councilman at Meeting

The officer is LM Councilman Andrew Sarega's brother. Also called Councilman a "Fu**** Bj****."

By Brian Hews

Fireworks erupted at the ordinarily tranquil La Mirada City Council meeting last night while the council was conducting its annual reorganization of mayor and vice-mayor council seats.

When the time came to vote for the positions, embattled Councilman Andrew Sarega was passed over.

HMG-CN reported a few weeks ago about Sarega's poor council attendance record, which sources are telling HMG-CN was a major factor in the mayor and mayor pro tem vote.



During one period from April 2021 to August 2021, Sarega was absent five out of a total of eight meetings, or 65% of the time; for the past few

[See SAREGA page 12]

City Attorney: Cerritos Councilmember Lynda Johnson Must Recuse From Sheriff's Discussions

By Brian Hews

In the last election, Cerritos residents in favor of holding a majority on City Council overlooked an obvious conflict of interest between candidate Lynda Johnson and her employer, the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, and voted her onto the City Council.

Cerritos funds a fully operational Sheriff’s station in the city; Johnson can’t have any input when discussions turn to the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station and Community Center during a City Council meeting; the station is the city’s second-largest expense.

But that is exactly what happened during a budget meeting in May, with Mayor Vo and the City Attorney watching, and worse, not acting, while Johnson and the council violated Government Code Section 1090 in the process.

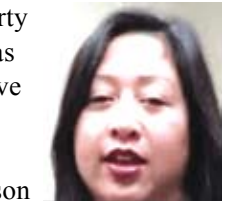
If Johnson read the agenda before the meeting, she should’ve leaned forward into the microphone and recused herself when the sheriff’s budget item came up for discussion.

Questions into Johnson were not answered.

Johnson knew better too; her campaign materials bragged about her 20 years as a paralegal with the District Attorney and her years exposed to business and networking; she likely saw a recusal or two working as Supervisor Hahn’s representative.

Former late Mayor Luigi Vernola often recused himself from Norwalk Council meetings because he owned so

much property in the city; as representative of Supervisor Janice Hahn, Johnson frequented



Lynda Johnson

City Council meetings.

Rookie Mayor Vo erred too; if he read the budget and did not see Johnson recuse herself, he should’ve leaned forward and told Johnson to recuse herself.

Questions into Vo were not answered.

And if the City Attorney did not see Johnson recuse or Vo asking her to recuse, he should’ve leaned forward and said, “Councilwoman, you need to recuse yourself.”

With all the legal firepower and the experience of 24-year politician Bruce Barrows and businessman Naresh Solanki, Johnson was allowed to ask questions for ten minutes before Mayor Vo interrupted and called a “ten-minute recess” that lasted nearly 30 minutes.

When the City Council and City Attorney emerged, everyone took their seat. The City Attorney spoke first saying, “As you know Ms. Johnson works for the sheriff so anytime we talk about the Sheriff’s Station she must recuse herself.”

Mayor Vo asked Johnson to leave the room; Johnson moved her chair, walked around the dais, and left the council chambers, but the damage had been done.

The Political Reform Act and Fair Political Practices

[See JOHNSON page 12]

Holocaust Survivor From WWII Siberia to L.A. Via a German Displacement Camp

By Tammye McDuff

Yetta (nee Istrin) Kane was born in December of 1932 during the Jewish festival of Chanukah. Her story is one of tragedy and miracles.

Born to Zelik and Eidleh Istrin, Yetta was the youngest of three siblings. Yetta and her older brothers, Herman and Morris, had an idyllic childhood.



Yetta Kane

"We grew up in a close-knit, rural shtetl community of Miadzol, Poland. Our house was always filled with lots of food and lots of love", recalled Kane. "We had a working farm, and my father ran a dry goods store out of our home."

They were an observant Jewish household, and their life centered on the family and Jewish holidays.

Because of his dry goods store, Zelik would regularly travel by horse to Vilnius, Lithuania which was the closest urban center. As the Nazis rose to power, word made its way to Vilnius about their brutality and tactics.

"I was 8 years old when hatred came out with its ugly head," said Kane, "my first introduction was when a Jewish man, walking back from Temple ... I still remember his name, Chaim Minkis ... was walking by a little girl. He called my neighbor, "Zide" in Polish, which means Jew. Without hesitation, a German soldier pulled out his revolver and shot him dead. That was my introduction to the Nazis."

Not long after, the Nazis armed local Polish collaborators with munitions and trucks, and gave them a bounty to murder as many Jews as possible. Jewish leaders were invited to a meeting to discuss the Nazi situation. Instead of a town hall, the

Jews were forced at gunpoint to dig mass graves. Over sixty of Miadzol's Jewish leaders were murdered.

Zelik Istrin was supposed to be among them. When he received the invitation to the meeting, he told his family that it "didn't smell right" and the family hid in the woods. They fled with nothing but the clothes on their back, heading east they the Partisan Resistance.

The caravans consisted of two groups: fighters in one group and families in the other. At times, they needed to communicate and Yetta, who with her blond hair and blue eyes could pass for a non-Jewish child, was sent out to carry messages back and forth between the resistance fighters. A child of only eight bravely executed her missions without fail.

The family survived in the woods for nearly two years this way, making their way east, narrowly escaping the Nazi's grasp. Kane stated she still has nightmares about German Shepherds barking at her trail in the woods.

Miraculously, the family of five survived intact, eventually making their way to the Russian front. There, they were sent to a work camp in Siberia where they could wait out the war, again lucky to survive with limited food and very harsh conditions, but grateful to be out of the Nazi's clutches.

Kane had two aunts already living in Los Angeles. When the war ended, the family had grown with a new baby sister born in Siberia. They made their way to Germany to a Displaced Persons [DP] camp where they awaited word and passage to L.A.

The family arrived in the U.S. when Kane was 16. Not long after, Yetta attend-



KOPLE KANE and his son **David** pose in a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany in 1945.



SURVIVORS: (l-r) Father Zelik, Yetta, Eidleh, Herman, and Morris, sister Sara is in the front. They made it out of war-torn Poland, spent two years in Siberia, made it to a German Camp, then immigrated to Los Angeles.

ed a refugee dance where she met a young survivor from Poland, David Kane.

Kane's story is much like Yetta's. In 1939, the Germans occupied David's home town, all Jews were marked with a Star of David on their sleeve. David's family was kicked out of their home and moved into a ghetto where some were forced into labor



YETTA AND DAVID Kane pose for a photo on Santa Monica Beach in 1950.

and others put on a train to Auschwitz.

David and his father escaped and hid in the home of a local German family. From there they fled to Hungary only to be caught and sent to jail and put on a train to Auschwitz. David and his father endured the forced march of more than 500 miles to Buchenwald.

Soon after making it to Buchenwald, an American tank crashed through the fence,

TEACHING: In the 1990s, Yetta and David dedicated themselves to sharing their story of survival. They wrote a book called "How to Survive Anything", gave testimony to the US Holocaust Museum and the Shoah Foundation, and spoke before hundreds of school-aged children every year.

signaling the American's liberation of the camp. When Eisenhower arrived, David Kane escorted him to the naked, dead bodies and the piles of skeletons.

David Kane took Yetta's hand and asked her to dance. As the story goes, after that first dance, he tried to kiss her on the cheek, in return, she slapped him. They married on January 19, 1952, and rarely left one another's side.

Kane says that educating young people is one of her most important roles. She visits her husband's grave in Costa Mesa as much as possible. The Kane's built a rich life in Long Beach where David served as a Cantor at Temple Beth Shalom for nearly 50 decades, and Yetta owned and operated board and care homes. Their deep and abiding love built a home with three children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

"When I visit schools, the students often ask me if I saw a Nazi in person would I kill him. No, then I'd be as low as an animal as he is," Kane said. "Only God should decide who shall live and who shall die. If you carry hate in your heart, your life gets poisoned."

Yetta and David dedicated themselves to sharing their story of survival. Together, they wrote a book, "How to Survive Anything ~ The life story of David and Yetta Kane," available on Amazon.



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Performing Arts Center Opens at Cerritos College



RIBBON CUTTING: Board of Trustees and College officials at the PAC opening. The PAC features a 400-seat theater, general-purpose classrooms, a 100-seat lecture and recital hall, a computer lab, and support spaces.

Staff Report

Cerritos College celebrated the grand opening of the Performing Arts Center with over 350 community members in attendance.

The PAC features a 400-seat theater, general-purpose classrooms, a 100-seat lecture and recital hall, a computer lab, and support spaces.

The building also houses the Music Department's instructional labs, band and choir rooms, teaching and practice rooms, and faculty offices.

The state-of-the-art facility features Yamaha and Böesendorfer grand pianos purchased through a generous \$500,000 gift from late music professor Dr. Connie Mayfield and her mother, Lois Mayfield.

Dr. Mayfield's love of music will live on with these top-of-the-line instruments.

On the Theatre Department's side, the Center houses instructional labs for lighting and rigging, a makeup lab, a costume

lab, dressing rooms, a green room, and a scene shop with an outdoor work yard.

The Performing Arts Center is also green-certified and meets the sustainability requirements of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Center is the campus's second green-certified project funded through its bond construction program.

"We are thankful to our community for supporting the construction of this beautiful, student-centered facility," said Dr. Jose Fierro, Cerritos College President/Superintendent.

"The new Performing Arts Center will serve as a cultural hub for our campus and community, providing students with a creative learning environment to develop their skills. A powerful combination of student-centered spaces, highly skilled faculty, and innovative curriculum is what brings this building to life and translates to student success for generations to come."

Anthony Otero Selected as Mayor of La Mirada

Staff Report

The La Mirada City Council held their annual reorganization at the July 12 meeting. The City Council selected Anthony Otero to serve as Mayor for the 2022-23 term.

Steve De Ruse was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem each serve one-year terms.

Mayor Otero has served on the City Council since 2020. He has been a resident of La Mirada since 2007 and is currently a Police Captain with the Los Angeles Police Department.

This will be the third term as Mayor Pro Tem for Steve De Ruse, who has served on the City Council since 2011.

He is a senior pastor and has been a resident of La Mirada since 1976.

The City Council also certified the results of the General Municipal Election held on June 7.

Andrew Sarega was re-elected for a four-year term representing Council District 2.

The City Council previously appointed Councilmember John Lewis to serve as Councilmember of District 1 for a four-year term as he was unopposed.

Councilmember Ed Eng continues to represent Council District 3.

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Cerritos Should Move PICO RIVERA LOOKS INTO MOVING TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS

By Brian Hews

The trend continues.... and Cerritos should be next given the maneuver Mayor pro tem Bruce Barrows pulled on residents a few weeks ago related "researching moving the truck route through the city back to the original route."

At its July 12 meeting, the Pico Rivera City Council reviewed its legal options under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), which strongly encourages cities to create council district seats, each representing a portion of a city, instead of having each council member elected by the entire city.

The CVRA makes it relatively easy for lawsuits to succeed against cities that maintain citywide council elections.

And if a city loses a lawsuit, the city pays the attorney fees for the party bringing the suit, which can run into the millions of dollars.

No city or other jurisdiction has won in such a suit, and over 150 California

cities and school districts have now transitioned to district elections, many doing so to prevent a costly lawsuit.

Bellflower, La Mirada, Montebello, Whittier and the ABCUSD have all recently moved to district elections.

The theory behind the California Voting Rights Act is that when council members are elected citywide, there tend to be fewer minority group members elected.

Requiring voting by district creates more opportunities for minority group members to be elected, especially if

they represent a particular region of a community that has a high population of a minority group.

In other cities, the transition process included the hiring of an expert demographer who will help the city hold a series of public meetings with the goal of finalizing maps for council district lines in six to eight months.

As required by state law, the city will approve a timeline of events encouraging all residents to participate in the districting process by providing input on how the five (5) City Council

district maps should be drawn.

Other cities have given residents the option to design their own map and submit it to the city for consideration. Mapping tools (digital and paper-based) were made available online and community workshops were scheduled in succeeding months to assist residents with the mapping tools and submittal process.

In addition to the Community Workshop, the following public meetings and map submission deadlines have been scheduled.




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La Mirada's Men of Harmony Sing at Nationals



MASTERS OF HARMONY placed sixth at the nationals in North Carolina.

By Tammye McDuff

Masters of Harmony is one of the premier men's a cappella groups in America, and they call La Mirada home. As part of the Barbershop Harmony Society, they have won nine international chorus championships and performed across the country and the world. The group finished in sixth place in the 2022 International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A true art form, barbershop harmony is considered to be one of the few uniquely American-born musical styles. Founded in 1938 as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, the Society preserves the unique close harmony whose roots lie in African-American improvisation and European harmony traditions.

A total of 37 Society choruses from across the United States participated in

this year's contest. Masters of Harmony performed a dynamic and challenging set featuring high-octane choreography and a medley of songs from the motion picture LaLa Land and the award-winning Broadway musical, Wicked.

Under the direction of two-time gold medal-winning quartet singer Alan Gordon, the chorus rehearses at the United Methodist Church every Wednesday evening. Within the Society, when a chorus wins gold, it takes a two-year break from competition. Of the nine previous gold medals won by the Masters of Harmony, eight were consecutive wins between 1990 and 2011, an unparalleled feat.

Dedicated to the musical excellence of barbershop harmony, you can find out more about Masters of Harmony by visiting www.mastersofharmony.org

Baby Diaper Giveaway in Hawaiian Gardens

By Tammye McDuff

Hawaiian Gardens' HG Cares, in participation with the L.A. Regional Food Bank, is holding a diaper giveaway Thursday, July 21 at 4:00 pm in the Robert E. Lee Center located at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard in HG.

According to the National Diaper Bank Network, 1 in 3 families experience a diaper need. The network reports that babies without clean diapers are exposed to more potential health risks and are less likely to be accepted to daycares, leaving parents unable to attend work. Federal assistance programs do not currently provide adequate funds for buying diapers.

Worse, they cannot be bought with funds given through nutrition programs.

"Some families that we serve may be on SNAP, which provides financial assis-

tance for purchasing food for low-income California residents, but may not be able to afford diapers or wipes," said Food Bank Agency Relations, Product Donations Director, Liz Cervantes.

The Baby Diaper Giveaway is on a first come – first serve basis, and only sizes three to six are available.

Since the Food Bank received a \$2.5 million grant through the California Department of Social Services, over 80,000 households in Los Angeles County have received diapers through this program.

Initially, the Food Bank was working directly with the SNAP for Women, Infants and Children and supported them through 15 sites in the County before the pandemic forced sites to adapt to a virtual platform.

There are currently 53 partner agencies participating in this program with the Food Bank. The Food Bank is working on expanding the program within the agency network of over 700 organizations.

You must register at hgcity.org; no walk-ups will be allowed.

LA County Starting Countdown to Return of Indoor Mask Mandate

(CNS) -- Los Angeles County is on pace to require masks indoors again as of July 29, after hitting the "high" level of COVID-19 activity on yesterday.

The county had previously been at the "medium" COVID level as defined by the U.S. CDC, based on the elevated rate of people being infected with the virus.

Once the county's rate of daily COVID-positive patients being admitted to area hospitals topped 10 per 100,000 residents, it will enter the "high" category.

County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer on Thursday announced that threshold has now been reached for the "high" category.

If the county stays at the high category for two weeks straight, officials would bring back rules requiring the wearing of masks during most indoor public activities. At earliest that would be July 29.

"I do recognize that when we return to universal indoor masking to reduce high spread, for many this will feel like a step backwards," Ferrer said.

But she said universal masking "makes a lot of sense because it helps us to reduce risk."

She again pointed to recent studies showing dramatic reduction in infection risk for people who wear face coverings, particularly for people who wear higher-grade masks, such as N95 or KN95 masks.

Masks are already still mandated in some indoor spaces -- healthcare facilities, transit hubs, on transit vehicles, airports, correctional facilities and shelters. A universal mandate would spread the requirement to all indoor public spaces, including shared office spaces, manufacturing facilities, retail stores, indoor events, indoor restaurants and bars and schools.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger urged Ferrer and health officials to conduct outreach to local businesses to discuss the impacts they could face, "especially when surrounding counties are not considering" a mandate.

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl again forcefully backed the idea of requiring masks, saying she has "no patience" for people who won't wear them.

"People are just not wearing them when they're not mandated," Kuehl said.

According to state figures, there were 1,153 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals as of Tuesday, and increase from 1,014 on Saturday. Of those patients, 115 were being treated in intensive care units.

On Tuesday, the county reported 5,170 new COVID-19 infections, along with 14 new deaths.

The new infections lifted the county's cumulative total from throughout the pandemic to 3,183,359.

Health officials have warned that the actual number of new infections occurring in the county is not fully reflected in the daily numbers, since many people now rely on at-home tests, the results of which are not always reported to the county.

The 14 new virus-related deaths reported Tuesday lifted the overall death toll in the county to 32,464. Health officials have said that a majority of the deaths occurred in people with at least one underlying health condition, mainly hypertension, diabetes and heart disease.

The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus was 16.3% as of Tuesday.

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Kayla Han

La Mirada Swimmer Going to US Jr. Championships

Last month, USA Swimming announced its roster for the upcoming Junior Pan Pacific Championships, which will take place August 24-27 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The team consists of 20 girls and 21 boys who were the fastest 18 & unders (born in 2004 or later) from the US International Trials in April. Across both the boy's and girl's rosters, there are 22 swimmers committed to swim at 9 different NCAA Division I programs.

Kayla Han, a member of the LA Mirada Armada will be competing in the 1500 and 400 meter races.

Han just turned 14 years old, but she's performing with the skill of a much older swimmer. At the U.S. Olympic Trials (Wave I) in 2021 Han came from behind to win the B-final of the 400 meter individual medley in an exciting race that saw her trailing the field until the final 50 meters when she turned fourth, but touched first in 4:51.08.

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Docent-Guided Tours Are Back!

The Dining Room in the historic Ranch House is set for a birthday party. It will be on display until the end of July.

Take a docent-guided tour this summer! Join Rancho's knowledgeable and enthusiastic docents to explore local history in the Ranch House.

Tours are now available every day they are open, Wednesday thru Sunday. The last tour begins at 4:00 pm. Tour groups are limited to 6 people at a time, and masks are required.

Reservations are encouraged.

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Volunteers Needed

Rancho is currently seeking volunteers to join its garden and greeter teams. Bring your enthusiasm to our warm and friendly community of people dedicated to preserving historic green space and sharing it with the public.

Fill out an online application and email Steve@RanchoLosAlamitos.org to learn more about current volunteer opportunities.

State Acquires 6,000 Acres in North LA County for Conservation

State officials announced Thursday the acquisition of roughly 6,000 acres of the Hathaway/Temescal Ranch property in northern Los Angeles County, completing the protection of what has been called the largest undeveloped piece of private property in the county.

"This is a big deal," California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot said in a statement.

"This acquisition will help preserve biodiversity, expand outdoor access for Angelenos, and sequester carbon as we combat climate change."

An overall purchase price was not disclosed, but officials said it included \$3.5 million from the voter-approved Proposition 117.

The state Wildlife Conservation Board funded roughly half of the purchase, officials said.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, which has been working with the state and the Trust for Public Land to protect the property, announced in 2020 the acquisition of roughly 1,200 acres of the ranch land for \$1.6 million.

At the time, that purchase brought the total acreage that had been acquired to 2,400.

Thursday's announcement secures the entire 6,006-acre ranch.

"In the Southern California landscape, securing 6,000 acres is extraordinary, especially 6,000 acres that provide prime linkage between protected spaces, and with major water resources," MRCA board chair George Lange said in a statement.

"The MRCA will continue to work together with federal, state and local government, our nonprofit partners, and landowners to preserve and protect critical open space for the public benefit."

The land also is county-designated as a Significant Ecological Area because it sits in the east-to-west linkage between the San Gabriel and Sierra Madre mountains as well as a north-to-south linkage between the Sierra Madre and Santa Susanna mountains.

Both were highlighted in the South Coast Missing Linkages Project, which is a plan for a regional network that would maintain and restore critical habitats between existing reserves.

It's notably home to the California condor and is near the Sespe Condor Sanctuary.

In addition, the ranch is home to many mountain lions and one of the most extensive stands of coastal sage scrub and chaparral in Southern California, according to wildlife experts.

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Parks Continue to Get Renovated in Downey



MAYOR BLANCA PACHECO and the Downey Parks & Rec Department break ground on new amenities for Temple Park.

By **Tammye McDuff**

As part of Downey's ongoing beautification and upkeep, two original parks will get some tender loving care; Temple Park and Crawford Park are among the remaining parks in the city that are scheduled for a facelift and renovations.

Temple Park is located at 7132 Temple Cole Street, and Crawford Park is located at 7000 Dinwiddie Street.

Named in honor of Councilman Scott E. Temple, one of the early supporters of the park district, Temple Park, a quaint half-acre property on Cole Street, opened in 1968. Crawford Park followed in April of 1970.

Set on a triangular 2-acre plot of land, previously owned by the Edison

Company, Crawford Park commemorates the life of Downey pioneer Judge Matson Crawford who helped establish this community along with John Gately Downey. It remained Crawford Street from 1873 until 1935, when a group of local realtors launched a campaign to change the name to Downey Avenue, in honor of Downey, who served as governor of California from 1860-62. Nevertheless, Crawford's name still lives on through Crawford Park.

Ground-breaking was held at both parks on Wednesday, July 13, signaling the beginning of new playground apparatus and equipment, new surfacing, and park amenities for both.

Temple and Crawford Park renovations are scheduled to be completed in August of this year.

La Mirada VFW Honored, Named 'All American'

By **Tammye McDuff**

Every year, a select group of VFW Posts is presented with various statuses. This year the La Mirada VFW Post 9148 has been awarded the prestigious 'All State' - 'All American' status for the 2021 / 2022 year.

Award criteria are based on participation in various VFW Programs, such as Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards, EMT and Law Enforcement Officer of the year, Buddy Poppy distribution, National Military Services fundraiser, and National Veterans Service.

The VFW Post must maintain an internet presence and marketing of VFW programs as monitored by the National Headquarters.

Additionally, the Post must maintain and increase membership from the previous VFW year at over 101%.

New criteria for the VFW Post include community impact, which must also be maintained and improved based on the previous VFW years to fit unmet veterans' needs, including helping needy veterans with housing, food, clothing and other needs.

This criterion was modified for the La Mirada VFW as their previous few years saw no community outreach and minimum community impact.

This month, at the 123rd National VFW Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, La Mirada will be recognized with

the All American Achievement award. VFW 9148 will officially be recognized in August for All-State, although 9148 met the achievement before the California State Convention in June of 2022.

The distinction will include Post Commander Angelo Gandalf Maldonado, JD and Quartermaster Jeff Enomoto, Past Commander, being presented a red-white-and-blue cap for All American and a white and gold trimmed cap for All-State.

These caps will replace the brown and gold-trimmed Fort Knox-style cap.

Additionally, each VFW member of the La Mirada Post who was a member during the year will be allowed to order and wear the distinctive red-white-and-blue cap.

The official caps change will occur at the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2022, including the Veterans Salute.

Over the past several years, the VFW has successfully recruited new members into the organization.

The only way to make this success permanent is to retain those members, recover past members, and continue to recruit new veterans into our ranks.

To do this, a Post must improve communication within the membership.

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Unique Food at O.C. Fair Starts Friday

The annual OC Fair returns and that means it's time for unexpected combinations of sweet and savory treats to eat.

New items range from a float topped with hot Cheetos to a brand-new take on potstickers and even a sandwich topped with Cap'n Crunch.

There are also three new concessionaires who will tempt fairgoers during the 23-day run of the Fair, July 15-Aug. 14.

And the \$4 Taste of the Fair is back on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when fairgoers can try sample-size versions of Fair food.

Also new this year is the Blender Bar - guests mix up their own smoothies or margaritas by peddling a special blender bike located in the Culinary Arts Building where chef demonstrations, eating contests and more will take place daily.

Advance admission purchase is required - no transaction fees - and daily



capacity is limited; visit ocfair.com. Tickets must be purchased for specific days and some days are expected to sell out.

New concessionaires this year are:

- Garlicky's - Garlic dogs, garlic sausages, garlic chicken kabobs
- Sweets By Cardinali - Milkshakes, ice cream, frozen bananas
- Moongoat Coffee - Vegan and gluten-free pastries, coffee

New foods include:

- Kool-Aid Chicken Sandwich (made with cherry Kool-Aid)- Chicken Charlie's
- Deluxe Avocado Toast (topped with onions and tomatoes) - Ten Pound Buns
- Hot Cheeto Chicken Sandwich - Biggy's
- Potstickers with Hot Cheetos batter (chicken and vegetables inside) - Chicken Charlie's Pineapple Express

NO RED FINGERS! The Hot Cheetos Float, lemon lime float topped with flamin' Cheetos.

- Nashville Hot Chicken Sandwich - Biggy's
 - Flaming Hot Ten Pound Bun (topped with Hot Cheetos) - Ten Pound Buns
 - Hot Cheeto Float (lemon-lime float topped with Hot Cheetos) - Biggy's and Candy Factory
 - Cap'n Crunch Chicken Sandwich (topped with cereal) - Biggy's
 - Flaming Hot Cheeseburger (topped with Hot Cheetos) - Biggy's
- New at the 2022 OC Fair is a Food Guide - guests can pick up a food listing and map at any of the information booths.

As always, fairgoers will enjoy their annual favorites including classic funnel cakes, serious BBQ, deep-fried treats, cinnamon rolls, family-sized pizza, exotic floats, ice cream and everything on a stick. There are many options to share.

Things to know before you go

- The Fair will be open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday) and 11 a.m. to midnight weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
- General admission is \$12 on weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday) and \$14 general admission on weekends

(Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Tickets for seniors 60+ and kids 6-12 are \$7 all days.

- Parking is \$10 for cars and motorcycles and \$20 for buses and limos.
- Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased in advance with no fees on ocfair.com. Fairgoers should make sure to get tickets for special days and group adventures now.
- Performances in Pacific Amphitheatre, The Hangar and Action Sports Arena during fair-time include same-day Fair admission.
- Unlimited ride carnival wristbands are back this year for \$49 during the Fair. The one-day wristbands can be used Wednesdays and Thursdays, must be redeemed by 5 p.m. and include unlimited rides and two free games; guests can ride and play from 11 a.m. till 8 p.m.
- Carnival ride and game tickets can also be bought online and are \$1.25 each. Tickets required for each ride range from two to 14 tickets and games require between two and eight tickets each. For more information on this year's rides and games, visit ocfair.com



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LOREN KOPFF CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

PROGRAMS RISE WHILE OTHERS TAKE A FEW STEPS BACK DURING THE MIDDLE YEARS

By Loren Kopff
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Editor's note: This is the third part of a series looking back at the past 25 years as a member of the Los Cerritos Community News.

Throughout the middle years of my 25 years at the Los Cerritos Community News, I covered several athletic programs making waves to become respectable while those who were on top of their leagues, or even the CIF-SS, would find that it's not easy being the favorites.

The last of December 2007 saw both the Gahr High and V.C. High girls basketball teams take part in the Gahr Xmas Classic. While V.C. would win three straight games to claim the consolation championship, the Gladiators lost to Dominguez High in the third place game; 60 fouls called, a combined 90 trips to the free throw line and seven players fouling out. Gahr converted 38 of 60 free throws in a 67-63 loss.

Weeks later, Norwalk High's girls basketball team defeated city rival John Glenn High 61-35. The significance of that victory was it was the first win over the Eagles in five years and gave the Lancers, with first-year head coach Richard Drake, who once coached at Glenn, a step up in what would be the first of eight straight trips to the CIF-Southern Section divisional playoffs. Eventually, the Lancers would end up with the program's first winning season since the 1994-1995 campaign.

Staying with the City of Norwalk theme, the Glenn girls soccer team edged Norwalk 2-1 for the consolation championship of its own tournament. The game was decided on penalty kicks (5-4) and was one of 13 wins on the season for Glenn, which would get to the playoffs for the second straight season. Tough times would haunt the program after the 2007-2008 season as it has not been back

to the playoffs and has won a combined 23 games in the past 14 seasons.

That season, I did a small article on current Artesia High girls basketball head coach Mollie Williams signing her letter of intent to play at the University of Washington. Three games after making the announcement, Williams scored 22 points to help the Pioneers snap a nine-game winning streak by Cerritos High in a 55-45 win.

The V.C. boys basketball team would win the Alpha League of the Gold Coast Conference, the program's first league title since 1991, and would advance to the Division IV-A championship game where it would knock off Twentynine Palms High 60-45. The Crusaders, under head coach Bryan Branderhorst, who was in his second of 12 seasons at the helm, completed the season with a 27-4 mark.

One of the highlights of the spring came from Glenn where the baseball team finished with a 15-11 record and advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1997. Gahr's softball team would lose to Trabuco Hills High in the quarterfinals of the prestigious Woodbridge Tournament. The Gladiators would later win their second straight San Gabriel Valley League title and advance to the quarterfinals.

The Cerritos boys tennis team would be the top seed for the Division IV playoffs and defeated Rowland High 10-8 in the final match for head coach Jim Chapel, who had been at Cerritos for 18 seasons. Meanwhile, both Cerritos swimming teams would finish in second place in the CIF-SS Division III finals while the Cerritos College softball team claimed its second state championship defeating Mt. San Antonio College 5-1.

At the CIF State Track and Field Championships, Gahr's Aaron Bradley finished in a tie for second place in the long jump with a mark of 23' 1 1/4", which he accomplished on his sixth and final jump. He was trying to become the school's fourth state champion.

In June, the Cerritos Girls Softball As-



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sociation's 10-Under All-Stars won the Amateur Softball Association's Los Angeles/South Bay District 'B' Tournament and eventually advanced to the Western Nationals while that team and 14-Under All-Stars advanced to the State Championships, which were held in San Diego in conjunction with the 20th Annual California State Games. The Artesia Punishers 18-Under travel softball team would compete in the ASA Nationals in Moline, IL while the 16-Under team was heading to the Western Nationals in Portland and the 14-Under team going to Clovis for the Western Nationals.

Vince LaRosa would be Artesia football's head coach for one season in the fall, but guided the Pioneers to a 7-4 record, a second place finish in the Suburban League and the program's fourth trip to the playoffs in five seasons. Gahr was heading to the postseason for the second straight season, and that wasn't the big news coming from the Gladiators.

Quarterback Corey Nielsen was climbing up the Nielsen Ratings, no pun intended, and would be an Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year. Nielsen passed for 3,032 yards, good for fourth most in the state for the 2008 season, and 30 touchdowns.

The Gladiators even defeated longtime SGVL favorite Dominguez 42-35 for the program's first win over the Dons since 1993. While the numbers were piling up for the Gahr program, the same was being done at Norwalk under first-year head coach Jesse Cenicerros, who guided the team to an 8-5 mark and a trip to the semifinals with his double wing offensive running attack.

The biggest news in volleyball was longtime Gahr head coach and legend Sony Okamoto missed the playoffs for the first time in 23 seasons. Gahr had a 13-14 season and tied for third place in the SGVL.

The Cerritos boys water polo team would win the program's third CIF-SS divisional title after taking care of Malibu High 13-6 in Division IV action.

The boys basketball season would begin with Cerritos slamming Gahr 90-67 in the annual December city tilt. From 1999 to 2008, neither team had won by more than 12 points or scored 90 points.

The 2008-2009 season would also see Gahr tie for third place in the SGVL but make it to the Division III-A finals where it would lose to Harvard-Westlake High 87-75. Two games into the state playoffs, the teams would meet again where Gahr lost to the Wolverines again, this time 97-77.

In girls basketball, Norwalk was slowly showing that it can compete with the big targets of the Suburban League and in early January, the Lancers stunned the defending champions, Cerritos 45-42 for the program's first win over the Dons. Cerritos would avoid the season-sweep a few weeks later and finish in second place while Norwalk clinched fourth place.

The biggest story coming out of girls soccer was Artesia, which went to the playoffs for the first time in school history after finishing 10-10-2 overall and 6-6 in league. The Pioneers would fall to Laguna Beach High 2-1 in overtime but would mark the beginning of eight straight trips to the postseason. Also in girls soccer, V.C. went back to the finals for the third time in five seasons



but this time, fell to South Torrance High.

The Punishers and the CGSA would host the Calgary Diamond Devils for a two-day event at Artesia Park that was set up by Bob Medina, president of the Punishers, and Dave George of the San Diego Power Surge. In girls water polo, Cerritos earned the program's first CIF-SS divisional crown when the Dons defeated Warren High 10-9.

As the winter season ended, I would do one last feature on former Cerritos three-sport athlete Lauren Kamiyama, who left Chapman University as the school's all-time leader in assists (424) and steals (242), which still stands, and three-pointers (174), which is currently third best. She played in 106 games, which is currently tied for the fourth most by any Panther player.

Gahr's attempt for a third straight league crown in softball would come to an end as the Gladiators stumbled to an 11-16 record, third place and a wild card playoff loss. In contrast, Norwalk sent shockwaves through the Suburban League and shared a piece of the Suburban League title as part of a 19-9 overall record. The only blemish to Norwalk's perfect league mark would be a 7-0 loss to La Mirada High, which at that time, was the recipient of a ninth straight league title. It wouldn't be until this past spring that the program would eclipse that win total by one.

Also in the spring of 2009, Whitney High failed to put together a softball team, the first time it happened to the program in my tenure at the LCCN. In track and field, Bradley would make a return visit to the state preliminaries and would be joined by Artesia's Aaron Craver, Gahr's Shaan Johnson and both Artesia 4 x 400 relay teams.

At the end of the spring season, I did a feature on V.C.'s Eleanor Dykstra, who was retiring as the school's longtime athletic director, something she had done for nearly 40 years. On July 1, former Mayfair High athletic director Zac Chan would take over.

Later in the summer, I interviewed another former area baseball player who was in the Major's. First it was Kirk Saarloos (V.C./Oakland A's). This time, it was Kris Medlen, ex of Gahr and the Atlanta Braves. I would catch up with Medlen when the Braves were facing the San Diego Padres at Petco Park.

The football season was here and three games in, a coaching change was made at Artesia where Joe Veach took over as Aaron Craver was forced to resign after not letting one of his assistants do the play calling at the request of principal Sergio Garcia. Veach would be the program's head coach for the next seven full seasons.

Gahr would capture the Silver Milk Barrel with wins over Artesia and Cerritos and get to the playoffs for the second time in three seasons. The Gladiators, though, would not see the playoffs again until 2016. Norwalk would post the most wins the program would have (11) but fell in the semifinals for the second straight season. This time, Garden Grove High ended Norwalk's dream in a 35-23 decision.

Off the gridiron, Artesia would make changes to William J. Atkins Stadium as the dirt track would be replaced with the more common all-weather surface. The wood-

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splintered bleachers were replaced with the current metal bleachers and a vertical fence now stands where a chained fence once stood prior to the 2010 season.

In girls volleyball, Cerritos played to a remarkable 25-4 season, a perfect league mark and a trip to the Division III-A finals under head coach Khanh Vo. The Dons would lose to Mayfield High in four sets.

The 2009-2010 winter season would see an improving Norwalk boys program, under the tutelage of head coach Jim Webster, who was in his eighth season, but was about to post 16 wins, the most for the program up to that point and a number that held until the 2019-2020 season. Among the highlights of that season were the Lancers going to the semifinals of the Leon Davis Holiday Classic at Whittier Christian High and finishing in a tie for second place in league.

The Gahr boys team began the season with 14 straight wins on its way to a 27-6 campaign and a trip to the semifinals in the playoffs. In a rare feat, the Gladiators swept the season series from Dominguez.

When Glenn visited Norwalk late in the season, it was one of the worst offensive performances from Glenn, the Eagles connected on five field goals but still held on for a 41-38 victory thanks in part to shooting 30 of 47 from the free throw line and Norwalk turning the ball over 40 times.

The V.C. girls made a return trip to the finals for the first time since 2004 but lost to Serra High 66-47 and in boys soccer action, Norwalk lost a quarterfinal game for the second time in five seasons despite its second straight league crown.

In the pool, the Cerritos girls water polo team made it two championships in a row with a 10-9 win over La Quinta High.

Towards the end of the baseball season, Norwalk's attempt of a rare season sweep over La Mirada was foiled when Kyle Harper tossed a complete game four-hitter in an 8-0 win. Also in baseball, Gahr wrapped up a 20-11 season by going to the semifinals.

Gahr softball was clinging to third place and a trip to the playoffs but had to forfeit four league games because of the use of an ineligible player and would up 5-20, the program's worst record in over 25 seasons.

And in track and field, only the Gahr boys 4 x 400 relay team of Jereme Hicklen, Delshawn McClellon, Josh Perkins and Dwayne Washington advanced to the Masters Meet.

The summer of 2010 would mark the first and only time that the USA/ASA 18-U 'A' Nationals were held in SoCal. The destination for the Artesia Punishers would be Hemet and the newly opened Diamond Valley Lake Community Park.

The biggest news from the fall season was the Artesia girls volleyball team finishing with a 10-14 overall record, and 6-6 in league, good enough for the program's first trip to the playoffs since 1996. To this point, the 10 wins are the most by any Artesia girls volleyball team in my time covering the program and the Pioneers would not reach the playoffs again until 2021. Only three area volleyball teams would get to the playoffs, none getting out of the second round, and only the La Mirada and Norwalk football teams advanced to the postseason.

Early in the girls basketball season, Glenn won the consolation championship of its own co-hosted tournament with Norwalk while in the V.C. Tournament, Gahr and the host Crusaders met in the final pool play game for the right to play in the championship game. Gahr would win the battle of Artesia Blvd., then fall to North Torrance High in the finals.

The Suburban League would get a change in its scheduling format for its basketball games as the customary girls/boys varsity doubleheader was replaced with the

girls at one site and the boys at the other site. The move was partly made for financial reasons and partly to give varsity coaches to watch their lower level teams more.

In boys basketball, it was Richard Roper's first season as Gahr's head coach and all he did was take the Gladiators to the Division II-A championship game where his team defeated Mayfair 63-48 for the school's first title. Gahr would end that season with a 26-8 record and the program would not record another season of at least 20 wins until four years later.

The Artesia girls soccer team was enjoying its best league season in school history and when it was all said and done, the Pioneers had won a school record 10 league contests and finished in second place. However, the team would get bounced out in the first round of the playoffs.

In softball, Cerritos prepared for its home and home series with La Mirada by having Kaylani Minami, then a sophomore, and Rachel Fitterer, then a freshman, combine on a no-hitter in a 12-0 win against Bellflower High. The Dons would end the season as co-champions of the league as they beat La Mirada 2-0 for their first win over the Matadores since May 5, 2000.

A month before school ended, I interviewed another V.C. coaching legend as longtime football head coach Mike Wunderley, who last coached the Crusaders in 2002, was retiring as an administrator of the school.

The V.C. boys volleyball team would get the program's second CIF-SS divisional title in defeating Burroughs High in four sets while Cerritos' Neehar Thakor and V.C.'s Jesse Boom advanced to the Masters Meet in the pole vault and high jump respectively.

In the summer, history was made with a pair of CGSA All-Star teams as the 10-Under "Swag" and 14-Under "Impact" teams qualified for the ASA 'B' State Championships, marking the first time that two CGSA All-Star teams had advanced that far. Rachel Barajas, Haley Lamb and Justina Peko became the first CGSA All-Stars to have played in two ASA 'B' Western Nationals.

And the summer wrapped up with the inaugural Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships with the Artesia Punishers 16-Under team as one of the original participants.

The 2011 football season was upon us and two days before its season opener against Gabrielino High, Chad Reed resigned as Cerritos' head coach. Shonyta Pouncey would take over for one season.

Norwalk would have its worst season in the Cenicerros era as the Lancers went 3-8, but still went to the playoffs. Among those eight losses was a 70-14 setback to Los Alamitos High in the season opener. Gahr would win its third straight Milk Barrel and would reign supreme again in the ABC School District while in girls volleyball, Cerritos won its third straight league title. During that stretch, the Dons went 58-21 overall and 34-2 in league.

In cross country, the Cerritos girls finally snapped La Mirada's 10-year league dominance and captured a league title for the first time since 1998. The Cerritos girls tennis team, enjoying its best season in school history, would fall to Buckley High 10-8 in the Division IV finals.

The girls basketball season would begin with Norwalk winning the program's second preseason tournament as the Lancers crushed Paramount High 64-33 in the finals of the Pioneer Tournament while in the 35th annual V.C. tournament, Gahr defeated North Torrance 63-38 in the championship game.

As the calendar turned to 2012, the Glenn boys basketball team was one quarter away from pulling off probably its biggest upset in school history. The Eagles led Artesia 65-63 but were outscored 10-4 in the

final stanza to end any hopes of the surprise win. Glenn finished the season with three wins while Artesia made another trip to the playoffs in Greg Taylor's final season as head coach.

January also saw Okomoto step down as the Gahr girls volleyball head coach. He was replaced by one of his former players, Iris Murray, now Iris Najera. Okomoto had been with the Gahr volleyball program for 32 years, all but five at the varsity level, and compiled a 355-225 record, winning a CIF-SS divisional championship in 1986 and in 1988.

For the third time in the last 12 seasons, the Artesia boys soccer team went through league play without a loss, going 11-0-1 on its way to a second straight visit to the quarterfinals.

In girls soccer, Artesia hosted a playoff game for the first time and fell to Pacifica High 2-1 under the lights. Also making history was the Norwalk girls basketball team, which won the program's first playoff game in a 56-38 win over Beverly Hills High.

On to the softball season where an influx of freshmen began their stellar careers at Cerritos and it began with the Dons winning the consolation championship of the Brea Olinda Tournament, scoring 34 runs and pounding out 50 hits in four games. Weeks later, the school christened its new softball digs as a permanent outfield fence along with all new netting was put in.

And later in the season, I would do a team and starting lineup comparison on the potential of the Dons winning their first league outright title in 12 years. At the time, Cerritos was 9-1 in league but would end the season with two straight losses and finished in a tie for second place. But, through 10 league contests, the 2012 team was putting up far better offensive numbers than the 2000 team that went 31-2 overall and 12-0 in league. The 2000 team, though, would have better pitching numbers.

In early April, V.C. girls basketball shooting sensation Kari Korver participated in American Family Insurance High School Slam Dunk and 3-point Championships in New Orleans. She would win the event, defeating Shilpa Tummala 19-11 in the final round.

The spring season ended with the Whitney boys tennis team went back to the CIF-SS divisional finals where it fell to Valencia High 10-8.

The summer would see the CGSA not host a tournament at the Cerritos Sports Complex for the first time. The previous season, only 15 teams signed up to play in

the tournament, but with the emergence of travel ball, more players were choosing that over recreational ball. Still, a pair of CGSA All-Star teams advanced to the state tournament.

The Norwalk Girls Softball Association's 18-U All-Stars became that organization's first team to win a state championship and the Artesia Punishers 18 Gold team went to Colorado where it claimed the championship of the prestigious Triple Crown Sports Colorado Sparkler Tournament, defeating the (Sugarland, TX) Stealth Gold 6-0.

My 15th year at the LCCN would conclude with little going on with the area football or girls volleyball teams in terms of success. La Mirada and Norwalk went to the playoffs with the latter tying for second place in league and getting as far as the quarterfinals. When Norwalk faced Glenn for the Mayor's Cup, Rashaad Penny broke the school record for most touchdowns in a season, which reached 24 at that point.

In girls volleyball, Vo ended his six-year tenure as the head coach for Cerritos girls volleyball, finishing in fourth place while Murray guided Gahr to a 12-10 record and a second place finish in the SGVL. But the Gladiators were ousted in the first round of the playoffs for the fourth of what would be seven straight seasons.

The biggest football story came out of Cerritos on Sept. 19 where the varsity program cancelled all six league games and moved to junior varsity status for the rest of the season, citing dwindling numbers within the program. In the first four games of the season, the Dons were outscored 234-0 and numerous players were getting injured, some serious.

The Cerritos girls tennis team went back to the CIF-SS Division IV finals where it destroyed Redlands High 14-4 for the program's first title, capping off a 25-0 season and as the fall season was coming to an end, I did a feature on Artesia girls soccer goalkeeper Itzel Gonzalez, who was selected to the Under 20 Mexico National Team where it competed in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup a few months earlier in Japan.

The basketball season would begin with the Gahr boys routing Cerritos 95-59 for its fifth win in six games of the season. Later in December, Cerritos would begin its Staples Center rivalry with Downey High in a 64-49 loss. In girls action, Whitney took home the consolation championship of the Glenn/Norwalk Tournament while Norwalk lost in the third place game. Whitney would then win third place in the V.C. Tournament.

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La Mirada Crime

July 04, 2022 - July 10, 2022

Notable Arrests

A suspect was arrested for felony evading and driving under the influence; 11 suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various violations.

Robbery

A robbery by force was reported on the 13100 block of Springford Dr. A cashbox was reported stolen; A cell phone was stolen during a late night robbery by force on the 15000 block of Excelsior Dr.

Aggravated Assault

An early morning assault with a knife was reported near the intersection of Alondra Blvd. and Valley View Ave. No injuries were reported. The suspect was arrested.

Other Structure Burglary

Cash was stolen during an early morning door smash burglary on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy; An early morning door smash burglary was reported on the 15300 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave; Several wood pallets were stolen during an early morning burglary on the 14400 block of Artesia Blvd; Diesel Fuel and wood pallets were reported stolen during an early morning burglary on the 16400 block of Valley View Ave.

Vehicle Burglary

A wallet was stolen during a daytime burglary on the 13700 block of Adelfa Dr.

Grand Theft

A daytime theft of medication was reported on the 15200 block of Rosecrans; A vehicle light bar was stolen during an overnight theft on the 14500 block of Valley View Ave; A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a late night theft on the 11800 block of La Mirada Blvd;

An early morning theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 12900 block of El Moro Ave.

Grand Theft Auto

A van was reported stolen on the 13500 block of De Alcala Dr; A sedan was reported stolen near the intersection of Alicante Rd. and Manecita Dr.; A sedan was reported stolen near the intersection of Rosecrans Ave. and De Alcala Dr; A stolen SUV was recovered on the 15900 block of Alicante Rd.

Whittier Might Prosecute City Misdemeanors

The Whittier City Council received a presentation from staff that would allow Whittier voters to decide if the city should prosecute its own misdemeanor offenses.

Discussion during its regular July 12 meeting, centered around the financial unknowns associated with taking over all prosecutions. "Our police department has made over 700 misdemeanor arrests since December 2020, only to have those arrests not prosecuted due to the District Attorney's Special Directive 20-07. We have the opportunity as a charter city to address those prosecutions if the people of Whittier agree, to add a city prosecutor. However, the costs and infrastructure to do so must be further investigated," said Mayor Joe Vinatieri.

As of July 12, 2022, no formal action was taken by the Whittier City Council to advance the ballot language.

The City Council agreed to table the proposed ballot language until the next eligible election if necessary. For more information, please contact the Whittier City Clerk at (562) 567-9850.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MICHAEL CHAVEZ
CASE NO. 22STPB04163

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TONI I. CHAVEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TONI I. CHAVEZ 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: 08/10/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the 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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7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022 139171

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PS SALON & SPA, 6233 VARIEL AVENUE WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367; 55 PUBLIC SQUARE STE 2075 CLEVELAND, OH 44113. Registered Owner: SALON PS CALIFORNIA LLC 55 PUBLIC SQUARE STE 2075 CLEVELAND, OH 44113. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ JOHN POLATZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/24/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022 128927

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MUSE BY MIDNIGHT 324 S. BEVERLY DRIVE #548 BEVERLY HILLS CA 90212. Registered Owner: BRITTANY EVONN ELLEN GRAHAM 324 S. BEVERLY DRIVE #548 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/2020. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ BRITTANY EVONN ELLEN GRAHAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/14/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

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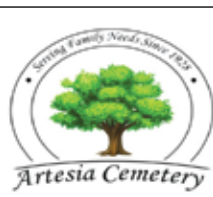
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Pageant of the Masters 2022 'World Wonders' Honors Early Investigative Journalist Nellie Bly

By Lydia E. Ringwald

The 2022 Pageant of the Masters opened July 6 and continues throughout the summer until September 2 with living tableaux of artworks celebrating the theme 'Wonderful World.'

This year's Pageant theme 'World Wonders' features a world art tour of art masterpieces highlighting a stunning tableau of the Parthenon in Athens along with a medley of artworks including art by Swedish painter Carl Larsson, Mexican artist Diego Rivera, Japanese woodblock artist Toyohara Chikanobu and more.

Stunning tableaux recreations of Tiepolo's 'Carnivale' revelers in Venice along with African sculptures are included in the 90-minute artwork extravaganza that showcases art from a variety of countries and cultures throughout the world.

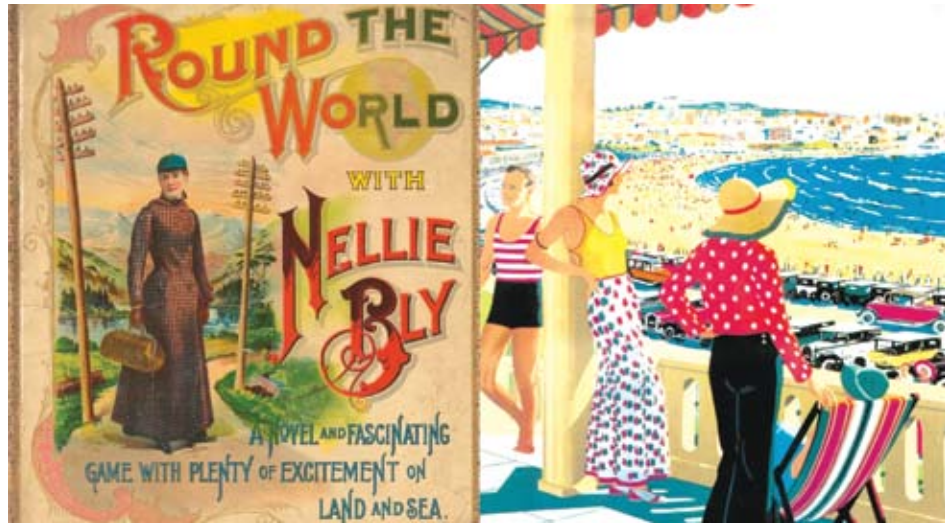
"We're going to do everything we can to make sure 'Wonderful World' is full of thrills, great stories, beautiful music and extraordinary living pictures under the stars, commented Pageant Director Diane Challis Davy.

A narrative written by Pageant scriptwriter Dan Duling binds the artworks into the story of Nellie Bly, an early American investigative journalist who in 1889 was not only the first woman but also the first person to travel around the globe.

Inspired by the Jules Verne novel 'Around the World in 80 Days,' Bly, in 1889, with sponsorship from The New York World newspaper, decided to make the fictional account into a reality.

Setting off as a lone woman traveler, with only one small satchel and minimal funds for the journey discreetly hidden in her bodice, Bly completed the tour around the world in only 72 days.

The Pageant 2022 classic finale in-



cludes a tableaux recreation of Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper' with the touching music of the Pageant orchestra's heartfelt rendering of Massinet's 'Meditation' from 'Thais.'

This year, renowned pianist Colin Freeman performs with the Pageant orchestra. Music, dance and festival pageantry add to the ambiance.

Those who purchase tickets to the Pageant may also enjoy multiple visits to the Festival of Arts. Visitors may bring a picnic and enjoy the ambiance of wandering through the maze of artist booths. Here are a few highlights of artists in the beautiful array of Festival artist booths; visitors may find these and discover many more on their own.

The variety of artistic expression is amazing. David Milton explores historical sign art. Larry Marley's charming sculptures capture the fancy. Kirahsplace art plunges into the occult. WizArts collection of occult jewelry captivates. The intuitive mixed media artist Kate Cohen is both whimsical and deep. Troy Poeschl explores bones and vertebrae in an archeology of

sculptural inspiration and insight.

This year Dr. Peter Keller, Director of the Bowers Museum is the art festival judge, an especially good choice for this year's theme 'Wonderful World' theme.

Orange County's Bowers Museum with over 100,000 art objects has continued to inspire and share wonders of the world in exhibits of art and cultural treasures throughout year.

Since its inception in 1932, Bowers has enriched the Southern California cultural community with a schedule of exciting exhibits.

The Pageant of the Masters and Festival of Arts also trace their inception into the early 1930s and have remained over the years a steadfast Orange County cultural phenomenon that links the art of the local Laguna and Southern California community to the art of the world. Enjoy a summer of art, music, dance and art classes and visit the Festival of Arts often.

Please visit the Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters websites for tickets and a schedule of events throughout July, August until September 2.

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Commission Government Code Section 1090 "prohibits a councilperson from participating in making government contracts in which the official or employee within the agency has a financial interest."

"Making" a contract includes final approval of the agreement, as well as involvement in preliminary discussion, planning, negotiation, and solicitation of bids.

An official can have a "financial interest" in a contract in a variety of ways and it is not limited by the amount of the interest or how closely connected the official's interest is to the contract.

"Violations of Section 1090 can result in the voiding of contracts, criminal, civil, and administrative penalties, as well as a ban on holding public office."

As usual, no one in the city answered any questions submitted by HMG-CN about the May meeting and Johnson's violation of 1090.

July 14 Meeting, Council Finally Addresses Violation

At its last council meeting, Cerritos took action that Johnson and Vo would not in May, telling Johnson she must recuse herself before budget discussions about the sheriff's department began.

City Attorney Bill Ihrke stated, "Councilmember Johnson is an employee of the County of Los Angeles and works for the Sheriff's Department, thereby potentially having a conflict of interest based on her source of income under the State's Political Reform Act and Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations."

Government Code Section 1090 prohibits an officer, employee, or agency from participating in making government contracts in which the official or employee within the agency has a financial interest.

Section 1090 applies to virtually all state and local officers, employees, and multimember bodies, whether elected or appointed, at both the state and local level.

Despite the clarity of Section 1090, City Attorney Ihrke wanted to ask the FPPC for "clarification" of Johnson's recusal situation.

"The City Attorney's Office, pursuant to available procedures at the FPPC, will be obtaining from the FPPC a determination on whether Councilmember Johnson has a potential conflict of interest for future budget sessions."

On its surface, the city expenditure to ask the FPPC seems unwarranted, 1090 is clear and "prohibits an officer, employee, or agency from participating in making government contracts in which the official or employee within the agency has a financial interest."

Until the FPPC ruling (which would go against many other provisions of the Political Reform Act if Johnson was not forced to recuse herself) Ihrke stated, "Councilmember Johnson 'would like to recuse herself' from participating in any discussions concerning the budgeting of city funds to the Sheriff's Department out of an abundance of caution so as to avoid any potential conflict of interest, Johnson's recusal would apply to any discussion and vote on funds covered and described as Sheriff's or Community Safety."

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three months beyond the initial three-month trial period.

In addition, the city added ten new automatic license plate reader cameras, with installation expected in July.

The cameras will be mounted along major entry points into the city; such cameras have proven very valuable over the past ten years in identifying wanted vehicles entering the city and leading to the arrest of over 300 suspects, many intent on committing crimes in Lakewood.

The city also purchased two radar trailers to mitigate traffic and pedestrian safety issues, with delivery expected this month. The trailers will have message boards and license plate reading cameras and will be used on streets with traffic violation problems.

SAREGA from page 1

years, the numbers showed he missed council meetings 25% of the time.

Another factor was Sarega's Dad, Ion, who, at the May 10 meeting, was removed after berating the council using "colorful language."

The City Council selected Anthony Otero to serve as mayor for the 2022-23 term; then Steve De Ruse was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, that's when the fireworks began.

Present at the meeting was Andrew Sarega's brother, David Sarega, who, after the meeting adjourned, "went berserk," and according to an attendee, called DeRuse a "fucking bitch" and then physically and verbally confronting DeRuse at the dais.

It was a frightening encounter, made even worse by the fact that DeRuse is 70 years old and Sarega looks to be in his late 20s.

Making matters worse for Sarega he is an Anaheim Police officer earning \$237,000 annually according to Transparent California and could get suspended, or at worse, lose his job.

It got so bad that outgoing Mayor Ed Eng stepped in between DeRuse and Sarega, with Sarega challenging Eng to a fight.

The younger Sarega told Eng, "let's take it outside," but cooler heads prevailed; but the damage had been done.

The council immediately reported the incident to the La Mirada Sheriffs, in addition, HMG-CN has learned that the council will file an incident report with the Anaheim Police.

APD indicated the case was referred to internal affairs "after they read your (HMG-CN's) story."

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-- The "steam" that appears to rise from the celestial "mountains" is actually hot, ionized gas and hot dust streaming away from the nebula due to intenseradiation.

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-- An unusual "arch" appears, looking like a bent-over cylinder.

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Located roughly 7,600 light-years away, NGC 3324 was first catalogued by James Dunlop in 1826. Visible from the Southern Hemisphere, it is located at the northwest corner of the Carina Nebula (NGC 3372), which resides in the constellation Carina. The Carina Nebula is home to the Keyhole Nebula and the active, unstable supergiant star called Eta Carinae.

NIRCam was built by a team at the University of Arizona and Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Center.

