

## Updating Pico Rivera's Business Tax License Fee Structure Would Generate \$5.2 Million

The tax has not been updated since 1967, some businesses still pay \$10 annually.

By Brian Hews

Over the last two years, amidst the uncertainty caused primarily by the COVID-19 pandemic, Pico Rivera has operated mainly through cost containment, early retirement incentives, and staffing moves. The moves by city council, staff and management have produced balanced budgets while providing some funds for public safety, facility, park and infrastructure needs.

During that time, the city council gave administration and

staff directions to bring back a city-wide Long-Term Strategic Plan to address the structural issues facing the city and build long-term, fiscally sustainable operating plans.

But the elephant in the room, presented at the May 10 city council meeting, was the \$63 million in unfunded capital needed over the next five years, with \$30 million related to street infrastructure improvements, that cannot be funded with the current city budget.

One of the city's largest investment/expense is the approximately 152 miles of paved roadways. A Pavement Management Plan (PMP) concluded that the city's overall average pave-

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GROUNDBREAKING SIGNALS NEW STADIUM AT LA MIRADA HIGH  
**HAPPY MATADORES:** (r-l) Board of Education President Norma Amezcua; NLM Superintendent Dr. John Lopez; LMHS Principal Benjamin Webster; Board Member Chris Staples; Board Member Narcis Brasov, Esq; Board Member Jose Rios, NLM Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Estuardo Santillan, Board Member Dr. Robert Cancio at the goundbreaking.

## Los Angeles Could Soon See 'Toilet to Tap' Water System

By Brian Hews

Water recycling is hitting the big time; and to think Asm. Cristina Garcia wanted to shut down Central Basin, the Commerce-based recycled water agency.

Soon, the water that drained down your sink this morning might return to your tap.

It is called “direct potable reuse,” and Los Angeles and agencies across Southern California are looking into it, putting purified recycled water directly back into our drinking water systems.

With the recurring cycles of drought, coupled with advancements in science, we could have “toilet to tap” soon.

According to the officials at MWD, they have the technology to do this now that the scientific community has much greater confidence to safely reuse that water supply.

But it will take the State Water Resources Control

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By Tammye McDuff

La Mirada High School held a long-awaited event Tuesday, the groundbreaking for its new on-campus stadium.

Slated to be completed in August 2023, the stadium will return sporting events and graduations to the Matadores campus, events that were last held in their previous stadium in 2019. Measure G funded the new LMHS stadium, the \$375 million-dollar taxpayer-funded bond aimed at renovating and modernizing Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District facilities.

“We are thrilled to start the stadium project at La Mirada High School,” said LMHS Principal Benjamin Webster. “The Matadors have a long and proud history of excellence, and the new facility will reflect both our legacy and our future. We are grateful for the support of our Board and the patience of our community in this endeavor.”

Plans for the stadium were drafted in early 2020 with the site needing to undergo an extensive environmental review before work commencing. That review concluded in the spring of 2022 with construction beginning on June 27.

Demolition work includes removing and hauling exist-

ing home and visitor bleachers approximately 8,500 seats, including the existing press box, small building and its associated electrical equipment. Hazardous abatement and hauling, site utility, parking lot, and existing track and field areas such as synthetic turf, rubber track and materials/ poles and foundations for Exterior Athletic Lighting including Public Address and other site lighting will be removed.

Materials and installation for Synthetic Grass Surfacing, Synthetic Track Surfacing will be owner furnished and owner installed. Materials for Exterior Athletic Lighting, Rubber Flooring Base, Roofing, Daktronics, Security Cameras, Wireless Access Point, Refrigerator, Ice Machine, and Liquid Soap Dispensers will be owner furnished and contractor installed items.

Some of the amenities include a synthetic astroturf for the football / soccer fields with shock pad and a turf cooling system; a nine lane track to include a long lane track and triple jump area; pole vaulting space; steeple chase; shot-put areas, and a Daktronics stadium scoreboard and audio system will be installed.

“It is so nice to see this project finally underway,” said

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## Watson's Soda Shoppe in Old Town Orange Closing Its Doors

By Tammye McDuff

Watson's Drugs has succumbed to bad ownership, who bought and changed the restau-

pletely remodelling the interior and angering clients

Watson's has been the premier drug store and soda fountain shop in the city of Orange



**THE ICONIC** indoor eating area prior to the sale in 2015. This newspaper publisher spent many eating hours at Watson's, one of the best breakfasts around, and put a lot of dollars in the jukebox.

rant in 2015, and is closing its doors.

At the time of change, Watson's was one of the top ten breakfast places in Orange County, but the new owners thought they knew better, com-

for more than 100 years. The establishment has been around since 1899 and is a California landmark as California's original soda fountain, and the tradi-

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# Norwalk Recognizes Parks and Rec Month

By Tammye McDuff

Since 1985, July has been celebrated across the nation as Parks and Recreation Month. The City of Norwalk and the National Recreation & Park Association [NPRA] recognize the power of parks and recreation to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities.

“Just to see our Teen Alliance kids out there setting up and breaking down for events is amazing,” said Mayor Rick Ramirez. “A large part of our budget is Parks & Recreation services and they are constantly busy with quality pro-



**MAYOR RICK RAMIREZ** (center) with the City Council and the city's Parks & Recreation Staff at Norwalk City Council chambers.



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grams, and staff deserves this recognition.”

Parks & Recreation departments help to build strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. “This July, we are bringing attention to how important it is to rise and support our field because every day, park and recreation professionals rise for their communities in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being,” continued Ramirez.

A study conducted for the National Recreation and Park Association found that three in ten adults do not spend time outdoors daily. Parks and recreation services are vital for communi-

ties battling the obesity epidemic and chronic disease.

Taking advantage of your local public park is a simple and economical way to improve your physical fitness. Parks offer children and adults an opportunity to engage in moderate to vigorous physical activity during their visit. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, having access to parks and playgrounds can initiate other healthy lifestyle choices.

“Parks are where we gather with friends and family making memories,” added Ramirez,” Our Parks & Rec department serves our community all year long. Our staff works hard to keep our residents healthy.”

## Passings: Beverle 'Bev' Kae Ray

Beverle Kae Ray (Schmelzer) passed away on July 7, 2022 in Los Alamitos, California. She was born on August 28, 1941 and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania.

She graduated from McDowell High School in 1959. In 1963, Beverle married her one true love George Ray. They settled in Cerritos, California in 1969 and have lived in the same home ever since. She had an amazing life.

She and George enjoyed many years together filled with hard work, sacrifice, friendship, but most of all LOVE.

She was a loving mother to two daughters: Michelle and Heather. She worked at LeFiell Manufacturing Company for 27 years.

She was also involved in many service organizations and volunteer programs in her community.

Beverle donated countless hours to her girls' schools, the Cerritos Public Library, The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, The First CEB Marines Program, as well as local food drives. She enjoyed playing Bunco with her friends, monthly, for the last 39 years.

Most of all, she loved to travel. She looked forward to her annual family vacations to places all over the country and, with George, she traveled the world. Her favorite place to visit with George, daughters, son-in-laws, and grandchildren, was Hawaii.

Reading, "counting the waves/I, and watching the remarkable sunsets were what she enjoyed most.

She had an incredible life filled with so much love and laughter which, in

**Beverle 'Bev' Kae Ray**

turn, created life-long memories.

She is loved by her son-in-laws; Jake and David and by her grandchildren: Haley, Makena, Kylee and Trevor. She was their grandmother, but they called her "Nana".

Beverle was extremely proud of her family and they were her world. She continually guided them by passing along her life-lessons. She was an example of class, grace, and selflessness.

For her, it was not the grandiose gestures, it was the subtle acts of kindness. The phone calls to family and friends, the cards for every holiday and birthday or text messages of thoughtfulness to quietly impart encouragement, support, and love will be greatly missed.

She made everyone feel loved, special, and appreciated. Bev is survived not only by her family in California, but her Pennsylvania family.

Beverle's wishes were to have her body cremated with the ashes to be spread at sea amongst the waves.

*Condolences can be sent to [GeorgeRay2022@gmail.com](mailto:GeorgeRay2022@gmail.com). Donations in Bev's memory can be made to your favorite local charity.*



## Man Dead, Firefighter Injured in Lakewood YMCA Fire



**THE ENTRANCE** to the burned out Lakewood YMCA located at South St. and Lakewood inside a strip mall. Firefighters found a body inside the building. The victim's name was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

### Staff Report

A man was found dead and a Los Angeles County firefighter was hospitalized after a two-alarm blaze ignited inside the YMCA Gymnastics Center in Lakewood early yesterday morning.

The fire was reported around 1:30 a.m. at the building located near the intersection of South Street and Lakewood Boulevard. Fire authorities said the flames were knocked down within an hour.

Officials with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said a man was seen going into the YMCA and then there was a flash before the fire.

While fighting the flames, a firefighter became trapped in the smoke-filled gymnastics center. Part of the firefighter's rescue was caught on video as he was pulled

out of the smoking building before he was taken to the Long Beach Medical Center in stable condition. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Our biggest concern is our brother or sister inside. We have a close bond with these individuals as if they were our family members," said Capt. Chiyoshi Hasegawa with LA County Fire. "We always train for the worst-case scenario and we do everything in our power, so they can go back to their family."

Once the fire was knocked down, firefighters found a body inside the building. The victim's name was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

No further information was immediately available and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Bellflower Adds More Programs for City Businesses

By **Tammye McDuff**

The city of Bellflower's Economic Development Business Assistance Plan will add three additional programs to attract and assist property owners and tenants who want to create a new business, improve an existing business or modernize an existing building.

The new programs are: the Designated Block Downtown Façade Improvement Program; the Downtown Artisan Rental Assistance Program; and the Small Business Microloan Program.

The Designated Block Downtown Facade Improvement Program is being added to the existing Commercial Facade Improvements plan. City Council will designate specific blocks in the downtown area to be eligible for this plan to improve the aesthetics of the block. Owners will enter into a Grant of Façade Easement with the city, who will authorize to construct and maintain improvements to that area. Initially, this program would be funded with \$175,000 from the Economic Development Fund. Suggested area for improvements are structures at the northwest corner of Bellflower Boulevard and Oak Street.

The Downtown Artisan Manufacturing Rental Assistance Program offers rental assistance for 24 months, beginning at 60 percent of the starting monthly rent amount. The amount given will be reduced each month over the 24-month period. The assistance will not exceed more than \$1,000 per month.

The program is designed to help home-based or start-up businesses and move them into brick-and-mortar storefronts.

The Small Business Microloan Program will be available beginning at \$5,000 up to \$30,000 for working capital, equipment, machinery, inventory, start-up capital, and direct business expenses. Interest rates are pegged at prime plus two percent for a term loan of ten years.

The Economic Development Department will select applications based on the completion of the application and required attachments, along with an essay on how the proposed improvements meet the goals and objectives of each plan. All applications require final approval by the city council.

Over the next two years, the marketing of these programs will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

## Cerritos' Crumbl Cookies Holds Soft Opening



**CERRITOS COUNCILMAN** Frank Yokoyama attended the soft opening of Crumbl Cookies located in the Cerritos Promenade at 11417 South St. Suite C-2, Cerritos, 90703, near Dicks Sporting Goods. Their menu rotates weekly to give customers five different specialty flavors to taste and enjoy. But don't worry, their famous milk chocolate cookies are always available.

## La Mirada's 4th of July Round-Up

By **Tammye McDuff**

The City's Independence Celebration event took place on Sunday, July 3, and this year an estimated (record) 20,000 people were in attendance for the fireworks display.

A shuttle service was provided by Biola University to the Park, with approximately 1,200 residents utilizing the service. Public Safety indicated no incidents occurred.

On July 4, La Mirada's Public Safety Team enforced regulations. The deployment consisted of seven deputies, eight Public Safety Officers and four Code Enforcement Officers. Seven vehicles were deployed with one Deputy and two City staff each for safety purposes.

The city received 59 calls relating to fireworks violations versus the 72 calls that were received in 2021. This year public safety issued 43 administrative citations for fireworks violations. All of the citations were issued for the possession or discharge of illegal fireworks. Calls for service were consistent throughout the evening, subsiding around 10:00 pm.

## Cerritos Asphalt Improvements

The Cerritos City Council awarded a \$424,000 contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. to perform asphalt improvements on residential streets in Cerritos.

The Anaheim-based company will remove and replace asphalt concrete for the application of slurry seal in the **neighborhood bordered by Norwalk Boulevard, Del Amo Boulevard,**

**Bloomfield Avenue and Viarna Street.** The work is expected to be completed in September.

The project is funded in part through the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), which was created as a result of Senate Bill 1 (SB1). SB1 funds are allocated to eligible cities and counties for road maintenance, rehabilitation and critical safety projects necessary for local streets and roads.

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AAUW Member Publishes

Children's Book

By Edna Ethington

When Maria Cecilia Borja-Van Zitter sent me an e-mail on June 21,2022, I was



Maria Cecilia Borja-Van Zitter with her book *One Joyful Scoop at a Time*.

El Rancho Unified Hires

New Superintendent

Staff Report

The El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education announced the selection of Dr. Marco A. Villegas as the next Superintendent of the El Rancho Unified School District following Dr. Francis Esparza, whose contract expired in June. The Board of Education was unanimous in its selection of Dr. Vil-



Dr. Villegas

Hot Wheels™ Legends

Tour to Host Free

Live Event on July 30

The Hot Wheels™ Legends Tour is heading home to the company's headquarters.

Hot Wheels invites fans and automotive enthusiasts of all ages to enjoy one of the biggest events of the year – complete with a variety of on-site experiences including designer meet 'n greets, die-cast displays and collections, photo opportunities, kid-friendly activities, tasty eats from some of Los Angeles' best food trucks, along with Hot Wheels® Garage of Legends life-size vehicles.

The event will be held at Hot Wheels' headquarters in El Segundo located at 2031 E Mariposa Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Now in its fifth year, the Hot Wheels Legends Tour spans five continents and 16 countries, making it the largest traveling car show in the world.

The winner of the El Segundo event will advance in the Hot Wheels Legends Tour for a chance to compete in the Global Grand Finale later this year. Once chosen, the 2022 champion will have their one-of-a-kind car immortalized as the next 1:64-scale official Hot Wheels die-cast vehicle sold in more than 150 countries around the world.

To learn more about the Hot Wheels Legends Tour, visit [www.HotWheels.com/Legends](http://www.HotWheels.com/Legends).

surprised to learn that she had published a children's book and was ready to launch it on Amazon in June. She told me that the book was called, "ONE JOYFUL SCOOP AT A TIME!" and that it was about her grandson Bowman, who is called "Bo" in the story. She said that in the book, Bo had a problem at a swimming lesson and had to miss out on his favorite activities until he learned to follow rules.

The book sounded interesting, so I ordered the book from Amazon and read it.

I only knew Maria Cecilia Borja-Van Zitter as "Ceci Borja-Van Zitter" when she became Hospitality Chairman for our La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW). After I read her book, I learned more about her. According to her book, Ceci came to Los Angeles, California, in 1966 from Tulcan and Quito, Ecuador. She said she attended Franklin High School in Highland Park where she met her future husband, Peter. She became a citizen of the United States of America on April 4,1986. Ceci and Peter Van Zitter were married for 33 years from December of 1986 until his passing on March 2020 from lung cancer. I did

not know about Peter's death and did not attend his funeral because of all the restrictions at that time during the Covid-19 pandemic that discouraged gatherings.

When I asked Ceci why she wrote the book about Bo, she said that she wanted to fulfill one of her husband's last wishes, to "take good care of Bowman." Bo was two years old at that time. Ceci took a Zoom class entitled, "Personal Development: Re-Ignite Your Life!" by Jack Canfield. At this class, she met Miriam Laundry, who is a Children's Book Author and Teacher. She decided to challenge herself and took two classes from Miriam to learn how to write a Children's Book.

Her book is easy for young people to read and is colorfully illustrated by Sara Nieto. Abuelita Ceci said that she hopes to write more books about Bo as she helps him to grow up.

Maria Cecilia Borja-Van Zitter's book is available from Amazon in English as "One Joyful Scoop at a Time!" Spanish as "Una Alegre Porcion de Helado a la Vez!" <https://tinyuri.com/unaaalegraportionUS>

**More information, contact Ceci at [borjavan@yahoo.com](mailto:borjavan@yahoo.com).**

legas as the next Superintendent. Many factors were taken into consideration of his hiring, especially from the community.

Dr. Villegas comes from Pasadena Unified School District, where he most recently served as Associate Superintendent for the past two years.

He also served as the Regional Director for the Ontario-Montclair School District in San Bernardino County, and as a site principal in Monrovia Unified and Ontario-Montclair school districts from 2000-2015.

Dr. Villegas received a Ph.D. in Urban Educational Leadership from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California, and master's and bachelor's degrees from California State University, Los Angeles.

Dr. Villegas has a successful track record in helping underperforming schools achieve academic success.

The schools under his direction have earned numerous awards for outstanding academic achievement.

Among the awards his schools have received are the California Distinguished Schools Award, the Title I Academic Achievement Award (3 times), the California Business Education Excellence Award, the Gold Ribbon Award, and the State and National Schools to Watch Award.

Earlier this month, the District hosted a meet-and-greet opportunity for students, parents, staff, and community members to meet the new Superintendent.

Swim-In Movies at

Splash! La Mirada

Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center will be hosting swim-in family-friendly movies featuring "Cars" on Sunday, July 31, and "Encanto" on Sunday, August 28.

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Admission is \$9.00 per person. Space is limited, register today at [splashlamirada.com](http://splashlamirada.com)

Celebrate National

Night Out in La Mirada

La Mirada's annual National Night Out against Crime event is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park during the Concert Under the Stars event.

Representatives from the L.A Sheriff's Department, La Mirada Public Safety Team, and Neighborhood Watch Program will be in attendance.

Neighborhoods throughout La Mirada are also invited to join more than 38 million people across the country to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

The La Mirada Public Safety Team will be visiting as many neighborhood celebrations as possible. Any resident that would like the Public Safety Team to stop by their gathering, contact

Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres at (562) 902-2986 or email [mcipres@cityoflamirada.org](mailto:mcipres@cityoflamirada.org) to provide time and the location.

Free Emergency Response Training

The Cerritos Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering disaster and emergency training on Friday, August 26 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, August 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants must attend all three sessions to receive the CERT certification. Classes will meet in the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center at 18135 Bloomfield Avenue.

The CERT program is designed to help residents in the event of a disaster or other emergency. Participants will receive training in disaster preparedness, CERT organization, disaster medical operations, disaster psychology, fire safety and utility controls, light search and rescue, terrorism and disaster simulation. When emergencies occur, CERT members are able to provide support.

To register for the course or for more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1252 or email [emerina@cerritos.us](mailto:emerina@cerritos.us). Participants are required to wear closed-toed shoes and long pants for safety purposes. Participants younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



## BREAK-IN AT PO BOX: ARTESIA USPS DOOR ASSAULTED



**BROKEN WINDOW** on the side entry door to the Artesia Post Office located on 183rd. The attempted theft occurred sometime last week, USPS officials at the office were tight-lipped about the incident...but the repairmen were not.

## Supervisors Want To Educate Students on Using School Threat Response Teams

### Staff Report

Los Angeles, CA – Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger have proposed a new education campaign that would inform local students about how to report potential threats of school violence. The School Threat Assessment Response Teams (START) program was created in 2009 as a way to prevent school violence. In 2019, Supervisors Hahn and Barger championed expanding the START team members from 10 to 42. The teams consist of mental health professionals who respond to reports about students who may be a threat to themselves or others.

“The START program has become an important resource for schools across the County, and I believe it has helped us prevent tragedies,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “But up until now, this program has mostly responded to calls from teachers and school administrators – not the students themselves. Students are often the first to notice concerning behavior by one of their classmates and we need to make sure they know what START is and how to contact them.”

Anyone can contact START and make a referral when they see warning signs by emailing [START@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:START@dmh.lacounty.gov) or calling (213) 739-5565. Today, the Board of Supervisor unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Hahn and coauthored by Supervisor Barger instructing the Department of Mental Health to implement an education campaign aimed at informing students about what START does, how to make a referral to START if they see concerning behavior from a peer, and examples of warning signs and behavior to report.

“We need to do everything in our power to stop school violence in its tracks as early as possible,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. “I am a proud co-author of this motion because that’s exactly what it’s about – decreasing the odds that an active shooter or another act of violence will impact our county’s youth by being proactive about providing mental health services. Our youth deserve to be in a safe, secure environment that fully supports their learning and healthy development.”

The education campaign should be launched during the 2022-2023 school year.

## Rummage Sale at Cerritos Senior Center

### By Tammy McDuff

The Gadabouts Senior Club located in the Cerritos Senior Center will be holding a rummage sale August 15 from 9:00 - 11:00. The Gadabouts are a group of senior residents in Cerritos that promote friendship and sociability. They meet the first and third Monday of the month at 9:00 am in the Cerritos Senior Center. Since 1994, the beautiful Cerritos Senior Center has been a place for senior citizens and those in surrounding communities to socialize participate in educational and recreational programs and receive social services and resources. Since its opening, over 526,910 daily nutritional lunches have been served; more than 22,500 seniors have

attended special event dances and 1,118,702 seniors have attended exercise classes and Senior Center volunteers have contributed more 215,643 hours of service. The Cerritos Senior Center is built on the grounds of the Pat Nixon Park. The four acre park occupies the site of the former First Lady's childhood home and truck farm, where she lived from 1914 until 1931; the original buildings were destroyed by a fire in 1978. Please join the Gadabouts and rummage through vintage and gently used items, to help them raise funds for their outings. The Center is located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. **For more information contact Virginia Harmon at 562.867.2049 or Lea Stern at 562.596.1545**

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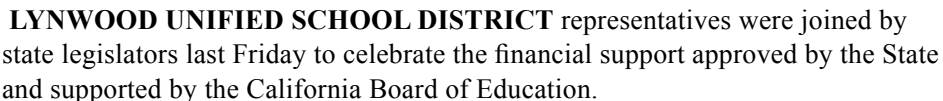
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## Lynwood USD Receives \$250 Million for High School

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*Visit the new Virtual City Hall at [pico-rivera.org](http://pico-rivera.org), and download the Virtual City Hall app, available on both Apple and Android platforms.*



With buildings at Lynwood High School campus deemed unsafe, the district quickly enabled an alternate temporary

"We are confident that the approved budget will help us create the changes we need at our schools," said Gregory Fromm, LUSD Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. "We look forward to receiving these funds to start construction immediately."

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PICO RIVERA from page 1

ment condition was poor and would require \$12 million annually to bring the roads to good condition.

Of this, only about half, or \$6 million, can be funded through existing funding sources such as Los Angeles County Metro’s Local Return Funds.

So city administration began looking at ways to generate additional local funds, and it looks like they found a big nugget.

In January of this year, Pico Rivera contracted with HdL Companies to analyze its current Business License Tax structure; the city’s current code has not been amended since December of 1967.

The goal was to generate additional local funds and potential efficiencies from modernizing the outdated business license code.

The current code includes a fee structure based on the business type and sets flat dollar thresholds - on some businesses as low as \$10 - businesses that have been paying \$10 since 1967.

HdL’s report stated, “the city’s current business license structure is not reflective of the businesses that comprise it. Large-scale light to semi-industrial businesses are grouped together with retailers, gardeners, and physicians. Such a broad category masks the different contributions to and [most importantly] impacts on the city that different types of businesses leave.”

The city had instructed HdL to address the impact some businesses have on city

streets, especially those companies that utilize large trucks with heavy loads that impact the quality of those streets.

Focusing on this goal, HdL separated businesses into their own category – Industrial, which combined Warehouse/Distribution, Manufacturing, Wholesale, and Mining businesses.

In its report, HdL created five tax models with the goal of ensuring “simplification and equitability,” but in reality only two were feasible.

Of the two models, one set a rate of \$5 per thousand dollars of taxable gross receipts; the second model used the same structure, \$5 per thousand dollars of taxable gross receipts and added a layer based on the business’ square feet.

Based on the best information available to HdL through sales tax receipts, the company estimated that the two tax structures modeled in the report would generate between \$4.5 and \$5.8 million annually.

Pre-pandemic, the city collected about \$1.2 million annually in business license tax revenue.

But would the voters approve such a tax?

Recently, a survey by FM3 Research commissioned by the city showed 54% percent in favor, 33% opposed, and 13% undecided.

An additional question also boded well for passage with one asking residents if the city has a great need for additional funds; 80% said yes.

Four hundred twenty residents participated in the survey.

WATSON'S from page 1

tion will be missed.

Located in Old Town Orange at the Historic Plaza on Chapman Avenue, Watson's is a product of the golden age of American history.

John Kellogg, a physician at the Battle Creek Sanitarium and his brother, Will Keith Kellogg developed wheat flakes in 1894 to create a more digestible bread.

The cereal, along with ‘water treatments’ was such a success that people came to the sanitarium from all over. In 1895 Charles Post was one of the patients. He took some of Kellogg's ideas and developed Postum, a malt beverage and Grape Nuts and this is where the foundation for a drugstore and soda fountain emerged. The American Drugstore began with the introduction of scientific fact into pharmacy and medicine.

Watson's Drug Store opened in 1899 as K.E. Watson's. Around this time, many parts of the United States prohibited the selling of soda water on Sunday. As an alternative, local soda fountains began selling ice cream sodas, minus the soda, which left only the ice cream and syrup. That became the recipe of what we know today as the ice cream sundae. In 1915, Watson's opened a soda fountain with ice cream soda, sundaes, and phosphates. In 1971 the store was bought by a pharmacist named Scott Parker took over the business. Parker and his family managed

the business until 2015, and kept the nostalgic atmosphere. Upon Parker's retirement, the business passed to Bill and Laurie Skeffington, who were passionate about bringing back historical restaurants. The inside of the storefront received a complete remodel, which included Rockwell's Bakery where the original Van de Camp's bakery once stood.

The spot will begin transitioning into a Mexican restaurant in August.

The current owners always struggled to make a profit when they made changes that to make Watson's more modern.

The changes were not met with enthusiasm by the community and the soda shop never recovered.

Orange Councilwoman Arianna Barrios, represents the district that includes Old Towne Orange. She stated that much needs to be done to preserve the historic district calling Old Towne Orange a ‘jewel in terms of public places. The city council can stipulate new businesses coming into the area, keeping the circle's heritage.

The store front has been in numerous films; notably, the Tom Hanks movie "That Thing You Do" and "The Bench Warmers" used Watson's as a set. There is a long history of movies such as the Barbara Eden film "The Stepford Children", and Burt Reynolds "Gumball Rally". Even President George W. Bush has stopped by for one of their famous malts.

LAKWOOD RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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Final Days of Summer at Buccaneer Bay

Get the most out of the final days of summer by visiting Buccaneer Bay at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center.

The pirate-theme waterpark is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Friday, August 5 and week-ends through Sunday, September 25. Single day admissions are available for purchase at \$23, with seniors and those less than 48 inches tall priced at \$20.

For more information, contact Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center at (562) 902-3191 or visit [splashlamirada.com](http://splashlamirada.com).

Lakewood Nat'l Night Out

Join the City of Lakewood, Lakewood Sheriff’s Station, L.A. County Fire Department and Lakewood neighbors in celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bolivar Park.

Enjoy an evening of family friendly fun, including games, bounce houses, a display of emergency vehicles and more at the park located at 3300 Del Amo Boulevard, Lakewood

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## CMSC Receives \$800K to Restore Shuttle Mock-Up



**THE INSPIRATION** mock-up is considered the first space shuttle ever built and was constructed by Rockwell at its Downey facility in 1972. Once restored, it will be on exhibition for the public once the new Space Center facility is completed.

By **Tammye McDuff**

The Columbia Memorial Space Center [CMSC] received news that they had been granted \$800,000 from the state of California General Fund Grant to begin restoring the space shuttle mock-up Inspiration.

The Inspiration mock-up is considered the first space shuttle ever built and was constructed by Rockwell at its Downey facility in 1972. It is a significant artifact of cultural history of Downey and Southern California. Once restored, it will be on exhibition for the public once the new Space Center facility is completed.

After sitting in storage for many years, the owners decided to refurbish Inspiration. A 2009 grant proposal estimated the cost of refurbishment and housing at \$1.9 million, with about half going to restoration efforts and half to the construction of

a permanent facility.

Deterioration processes are already underway as the outer skin of the shuttle, made of plywood on a wooden frame, is buckling slightly and showing signs of internal delamination.

Delicate plastic components also appear to be degrading slightly. Clear plastic, prismatic ceiling panels have fine crazing cracks and are starting to become detached at their fasteners.

Inspiration was housed in a tent outside the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center in Downey, California. Despite receiving a \$3 million federal loan in May 2013 to build a community center to house the mock-up, the Downey City Council voted to place Inspiration into storage until an executive director was hired to oversee the project. In March 2014, the replica was disassembled and moved to the city's maintenance yard.

## WATER from page 1

Board to develop regulations by Dec. 31, 2023.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the city of Los Angeles is preparing once the regulations are passed.

The Headworks Reservoir just north of Griffith Park probably will be the state's first approved direct potable reuse project, scheduled to come online soon after the regulations are in place.

There is also the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant that treats wastewater released into Santa Monica Bay. Still, it must be converted to produce water clean enough to drink and can produce enough for 2 million people.

According to the Times, the DWP plans to take the water produced by Hyperion and inject it underground in the southern part of Los Angeles County and the San Fernando Valley.

The city is also working with the Water Replenishment District, the biggest groundwater agency in the region, on a plan to find locations for injecting recycled water into aquifers.

Detecting chemicals in real-time is not yet possible, so water treatment operators measure how many contaminants are removed from the water during the "log removal" process, not how many contaminants remain in the water.

According to the state, three log removals take out 99.9% of the contaminant; the state requires up to 20 log removals for certain viruses.

Experts say that once SWB regulations are in place and the bigger agencies have projects going, the "smaller" agencies will follow suit, with full use in 2040.

## STADIUM from page 1

LMHS Athletic Director Christine Mead. "Going without a stadium has been tough on sports here at LMHS. We have had to travel not only to all games but practices as well. It is taxing on both the players and coaches. I am so happy that we are seeing progress and anxiously await the grand opening of a fabulous stadium for all our athletes here at LMHS."

Upon completion, the new stadium will include:

- New Home and Visitor bleachers
- New concessions and restrooms
- A new field house for Home and Visitor sides
- A new ticket booth
- New stadium lighting
- New accessible ramp

"It's so exciting to attend this groundbreaking for the new La Mirada stadium," says Norwalk-La Mirada USD Superintendent Dr. John Lopez. "I'd like to thank the community for their patience and the Board for their vision to provide the best for our community. We look forward to attending events in the stadium beginning in August of 2023. Congratulations to the Matadores community for this long-awaited day."

The groundbreaking featured members of the Board of Education, La Mirada High School staff, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District staff, and other dignitaries and members of the community. It featured remarks from Principal Webster, Superintendent Dr. Lopez, and Board of Education President Norma Amezcua.





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## Rescue 4,000 Beagles! Animal Rescue Groups Across the U.S. Band Together to Save Dogs Bred for Research

(NPR) Several animal rescue organizations across the U.S. are racing against the clock to rehome approximately 4,000 beagles from Virginia.

Envigo, which bred these beagles for pharmaceutical research and testing, was found to be in violation of several federal regulations. The beagles were found this year in horrendous condition, according to U.S. Agriculture Department reports.

The Humane Society of the United States is working with the U.S. Justice Department in spearheading the effort to transfer these dogs from their current home to shelters in a matter of weeks.

At least two inspection reports revealed that the facility "performed unnecessarily painful medical procedures on dogs and puppies — including euthanasia without a sedative." Authorities intervened, and last week a federal judge ordered thousands of these remaining dogs to be released. Federal authorities now have just 60 days to rehome these animals.

Rescue organizations from California, Wyoming, Virginia and elsewhere are preparing to take the first batch of dogs next week. Each organization is taking on a monumental level of work and expenses.

"It's one of the most daunting rescues that I've ever heard of or have had the privilege of being involved in," said John Ramer, the executive director of the [Kindness Ranch Animal Sanctuary](#) in Wyoming. "When I carry one dog out of a facility, I can tap it on the head and give it a hug and tell him that everything's gonna be OK," he said. "But pulling 4,000 out ... it's an inconceivable number of dogs."

[Homeward Trails Animal Rescue](#)



in Virginia has been working with other beagles rescued earlier this year from the Envigo facility.

Homeward Trails signed an agreement with Envigo earlier this year to take in 500 "surplus" beagles that the company could not properly care for because of COVID-19, according to Sue Bell, the executive director of Homeward Trails.

The group was able to take those dogs in and find foster or adoptive homes for them by May.

Bell says a number of people heartbroken by these dogs' story and interested in taking them in have contacted her.

Aside from the younger pups that will likely be ready to be adopted sooner, older dogs from the facility will be more undersocialized. This means everything in their environment could be new and really overwhelming to them, Ramer said. Even the sound of a vacuum cleaner or TV is something these dogs have to get used to.

"It takes a little bit of time to condition them to get used to home life environment," Ramer said.

## Pico Rivera Graduating Students Get a Big Surprise



**FIFTH GRADE** Rivera Elementary students received a send-off that they weren't expecting when the PTO secured ticket to a game at Dodger Stadium. The Los Angeles Dodgers were kind enough to donate tickets for all students to attend, a great way to end the year.

### Staff Report

The fifth graders at Pico Rivera's Rivera Elementary received a send-off that they weren't expecting, thanks to a group of volunteer parents, the school's Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO had been working to ensure that this year's fifth grade class got recognized for all of their hard work and dedication during the pandemic.

The PTO was persistent and their efforts paid off in spades.

Contacting several local organizations and corporations for donations, they managed to secure a big donation

from Chick-fil-A, who came through with a huge food donation for the fifth-grade carnival that was held during the last week of school.

But what came next surprised everyone. The school's principal delivered the news to all the fifth graders that the PTO had arranged a special field trip to a baseball game at Dodger Stadium.

The Los Angeles Dodgers donated tickets for all the fifth graders to attend the Dodgers versus Pirates game in early June.

Certainly, a great way to end the year, thanks to the generous donations and the hard work of the school's PTO.



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PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Artesia Punishers Gold Team Lacks Offense in Three Bracket Games of Prestigious Tournament



**ARTESIA PUNISHERS** 18 Gold travel softball team went 1-2-1 in pool play action of the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships over the weekend, then won their first bracket game this past Monday before losing two straight this past Tuesday.

By Loren Kopff

IRVINE-What started out as a promising start for the Artesia Punishers 18 Gold travel softball team on the first day of bracket play in the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships turned out to be a quick exit by the end of the next night. The Punishers were shutout in their only two games played this past Tuesday and were eliminated from the tournament.

“It was pretty good to get their first win,” said Punishers head coach Leo Amaya of winning this past Monday’s game. “They competed yesterday; they really did. Today, in the beginning, different personalities came in.”

The Punishers faced the [Upland] Easton Preps this past Monday afternoon at the Orange County Great Park and despite getting just one hit, held on to win the game 3-2. The Punishers scored twice in the top of the second inning as designated player Kayden Lopez (Garces Memorial High) was hit by a pitch, moved to third on a one-out single from pitcher Anissa Vital (Mary Star of the Sea High/Chaminade University) and came home when right fielder Kamryn Lopez (Garces Memorial High) reached on an error. She would steal second and Brianna Garcia walked left fielder Jocelyn Solorzano (St. Paul High) to load the bases. On an 0-2 count, catcher Sophia Arvizu (St. Paul) would groundout to Garcia, plating courtesy runner Isabella Ordaz (Bellflower High).

Easton Preps would cut the lead in half when Tati Pisa reached second on an error to begin the bottom of the second. With two outs, she came home on a triple from Ella Noble.

In the next inning, Garcia walked shortstop Kaila Yniguez (Bellflower) to lead off the frame, stole a pair of bases and came home on a groundout from Kayden Lopez. Even with the team get-

ting one hit, it had numerous chances to score as four players were walked, three were hit by a pitch and one reached on an error. The Punishers would strand half a dozen runners.

Easton Preps made it interesting in the bottom of the sixth when Miquela Leopoldo doubled to the left field corner with one out, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single to the right field gap from Nichole Donahue. But Vital, who was replaced by Kamryn Lopez with two outs in the fifth, returned to the circle to retire the last four batters of the game.

“Our defense was really good, and our pitching was awesome, to be honest,” said Amaya. “It was anybody’s game and if we would have got a hit, we could have opened it up. Or, if they would have had one more hit, they could have opened it up as well. But I believe our defense was really good and our pitching as well.”

The Punishers would face the [Phoenix] AZ Hotshots early this past Tuesday morning and were mercy-ruled 11-0 in a contest that lasted four innings. The only baserunners for the Punishers would be a leadoff single from Mikala Jacobsen (Cypress High) in the bottom of the first and a one-out single from Alicia Amaya (Bellflower/Chaminade University). After that, Hotshots pitcher Autumn Kunze would retire the next 10 batters she faced, striking out four.

Later in the evening in an elimination game, the bats would be silent again as the Punishers mustered only three hits in a 4-0 loss to the [Portland] Northwest Bullets. Yniguez in the top of the second with none out, Solorzano with one on and none out in the third and Alicia Amaya with two outs in the sixth were the only ones to record a hit. The Punishers would not have a runner reach third and would strand five on the basepaths. The Bullets would score solo runs in the first and second innings and two in the fourth to put the game away. They collected seven hits and their pitcher, Ryan Grace, struck out 11 batters

“With runners on first and second, Kaila was up, and I was going to give her the bunt sign,” said Leo Amaya. “I decided not to because I wanted her to get a good, little double, she gets doubles most of the time.”

Prior to bracket play, the Punishers played in four pool play games which had no bearing on the bracket games. Last Saturday, the Punishers fell to the [Farmingdale, NJ] Jersey Intensity KOD Cerchio 6-2 as Jacobsen has two of the team’s four hits and scored both runs, and the [Chino] USA Athletics-Karrer 8-2 with Nathaly Ochoa (Santee High) and Alicia Amaya collecting the lone hits.

This past Sunday, the Punishers defeated the [Plano, TX] American Freedom 6-2 and tied the Sacramento Hitterz-Abar 2-2.

2022 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

ARTESIA’S LATEST HEAD COACH FACES NEW CHALLENGES

By Loren Kopff

ARTESIA PIONEERS

2-9 overall last season, 2-1 in the 605 League, second place, lost to Rialto High 40-28 in the Division 14 first round  
20-27 overall last five seasons  
Head coach: Nate Hollister (first season)  
Lost 12 seniors out of 40 players from 2021 roster  
Last time missed the playoffs: 2017  
2022 schedule

Aug. 19	BYE
Aug. 26	Garden Grove (7-4)*
Sept. 2	@ Santa Paula (4-6)
Sept. 9	Marquez (5-5)
Sept. 16	Valley Christian (7-3)
Sept. 23	@ Los Amigos (4-6)
Sept. 30	@ Viewpoint (4-5)
Oct. 7	Westminster (8-3)
Oct. 13	@ Cerritos (5-6)
Oct. 20	@ John Glenn (3-7)
Oct. 27	Pioneer (1-9)

\*Team's last year record.

After five seasons at the helm of the Artesia High program, former head coach Don Olmstead, gives way to Nate Hollister, who was the quarterback coach and passing game coordinator at Wilmington-based Banning High last season. This will be the second time Hollister has been a head coach at the varsity level. In 2019, he was at Rancho Dominguez Prep where the Lobos went 1-8. But then COVID-19 hit and wiped out the entire program completely. He added that to this date, RHP still doesn’t have a football program. Hollister has also been the junior varsity coach at Banning and Mary Star.

While Hollister isn’t completely knowledgeable of the Artesia program, he has kept an eye on the Pioneers.

“It is a challenge,” said Hollister. “Artesia is not notoriously known for football, especially coming from Banning where football is king, and at Artesia, basketball is king. Some of the challenges out there facing these kids is getting the kids to kind of buy in to the new culture. We’ve cut a few kids just because they said the work was a little too hard and they’re not used to it. But I still have a great group of young guys [who are here] that will show up every day.”

When one looks at the 2022 Artesia football team, it will notice the team is very young. While the Pioneers have 19 returning players from last season, they will have five freshmen and five sophomores out of a squad of 26 players.

Hollister remembered having 18 players on his Rancho Dominguez Prep team when the season started and when the season had ended, there were 32 players. He believes he will be picking up players throughout the season and will always welcome those who are interested.

His expectations for this season are to win at least five games but believes the Pioneers are an eight-win team. If the team can stay healthy, Hollister says Artesia can make a deep run in the postseason.

OFFENSE

Artesia struggled to score in its 2-9 campaign of last season, losing its first six games and never scoring more than 20 points until the 605 League opener against John Glenn High which resulted in a 32-14 victory. This season, Hollister says he is going to run a spread offense, but maybe not as up tempo as a lot of teams run and admitted that Cerritos High will have an idea of what to expect because Cerritos faced Banning last season.

While the program is in its dead period, senior Elijah Johnson seems to be the frontrunner for the starting quarterback job. But also competing for the position is junior Pablo Cruz, who caught 19 passes last season for 259 yards and scored two touchdowns. He also gained 59 yards on

the ground with another touchdown. Hollister says he will use a two-running back offense with senior Foxx Redd and sophomore Julius Padilla as the two who will be asked to carry the load. When he is not playing quarterback, Cruz will be one of the top wide receivers along with senior Raymel Muldrew and junior Ezequiel Kyle Hilario.

The offensive line figures to be one of the strengths of the team with junior left tackle Jonathan Martinez, freshman left guard Gerson Juarez, junior center Chase Adams, senior right guard Daniel Aguilar and either sophomore King Johnson or freshman Maximus Garcia locking down the right tackle spot.

“I know they huddled last year; we’re a no huddle offense now,” said Hollister. “As far as the learning curve, it’s not easy to learn but the speed at which these kids have picked it up...we’ll definitely ready to go week one. I definitely like it; I believe we’ll still be able to put up a good amount of points week in and week out. As long as we stay healthy, we’ll be a really strong offense.”

DEFENSE

The Pioneers allowed 401 points last season and yielded at least 35 points during their opening-season losing streak, then allowed 40 points in their playoff loss. Artesia will run a 4-2-5 defense and anchoring the middle of the defensive line will be senior Da Juan Turner (30 tackles last season) along with Aguilar and Johnson, the latter also spending some time in the secondary.

Muldrew and Redd will be the lone linebackers with juniors Amaree Davis and Jordan McGruder Cruz and Padilla as the defensive backs. Junior Kevin Herrera and freshman Kamari Westley, a transfer from Mississippi, will be at the safety position.

Hollister believes his defense is stronger than his offense right now, but if he had to pick one negative, it would be the lack of depth on the line. However, that problem would be fixed by adding his skilled players at defensive end as opposed to more lineman, he added.

SCHEDULE

The Pioneers will spend their bye when most schools will be playing their first game but will be put to an early test against Garden Grove High, which tied Segerstrom High for the Big 4 League title last season. The Argonauts are also young, and Hollister says his players are treating that game as a revenge game because of last season’s 48-0 loss. After that, Artesia goes on its longest road trip of the season when it faces Santa Paula High before hosting Marquez High. The Pioneers have already seen Marquez this summer in seven on seven competitions.

The first three opponents are the same as last season, including Valley Christia

After a pair of road games against new opponents for the Pioneers, they will wrap up the non-league portion against a tough Westminster High team.

Circled on its calendar is the 605 League opener against Cerritos, which defeated the Pioneers 26-13 last season.

The winner of that game figures to have a leg up on capturing the league title.

HOMECOMING

The practical opponents would be either V.C. or Westminster, and if it were up to him, Hollister would like it will be the latter. The Pioneers defeated John Glenn High 32-14 last season for its homecoming game and has won seven of the past eight homecoming games. The only loss in that stretch came four years ago against Western High, marking the second time since 2002 that Artesia faced a non-league opponent on homecoming night. Since 2002, Artesia is 11-8 in such games.

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25 YEARS.... from the back page

place in the Suburban League, stunned fourth-seeded St. Margaret’s High 60-48 in the first round of the Division 4 AA playoffs. The season would see the Lancers play over 75 percent of their games on the road.

The Glenn boys soccer team advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 2012 after finishing in second place in league while the Cerritos boys squad ended even a longer playoff drought, this one dating back to 2000. The Dons lost a heartbreaking 2-1 contest to Charter Oak High in which it was decided in penalty kicks, 4-3.

The Gahr girls soccer team, getting to the playoffs for the first time since 2003, fell to San Dimas High 1-0 in the Division 5 second round that was also decided in penalty kicks, 4-3. The team finished with a 15-8-2 record, the best for the program since going 14-4-3 in the 2001-2002 season.

A few weeks into the spring season, the world was immediately hit by an unprecedented roadblock as the Coronavirus pandemic was upon us. All high school athletics, as well as college and professional athletics, were immediately stopped in the middle of March with area baseball and softball teams playing anywhere from five to 11 games.

During the upcoming months, I would interview athletic directors on the tough task of putting together a fall schedule without knowing what was going to happen several months out. I also did a series of ‘State of (fill in the high school) Athletics’, which looked back at each school’s athletic programs of the past 20 years and the immediate future of them.

With no more athletics going on, including travel softball in the summer, I did more features, including Whitney’s guru of aquatics, Mark Johnson, former Gahr football standout Dwayne Washington as the newest million-dollar man for the New Orleans Saints and his high school teammate Joshua Perkins, who was now playing for the Philadelphia Eagles, the Gahr baseball program continuing to be one of the Southland’s top programs and La Mirada native Chase De Leo playing for the Anaheim Ducks, his favorite team growing up.

I interviewed Wigod on all possibilities for the 2020-2021 season, which included compacting the fall, winter and spring seasons into a fall and spring season, which meant moving several sports into temporary new seasons.

I did a feature on the passing of former Cerritos United Soccer Club president Ben Prado and a commentary late in the summer on the return of professional sports while high school athletics was still dealing with unanswered questions. When it was all said and done, the first high school athletics would be scheduled for Dec. 12 beginning with boys volleyball, normally a spring season sport.

I did a feature on former Gahr and UCLA baseball standout Mikey Perez on his experience playing in the San Diego League, also interviewing the vice president of marketing and public relations, Mark Rogoff.

Although California was shut down for youth activities, I went to St. George, Utah to cover the Punishers 16-Under team as it played in the American Fastpitch Association Southwestern Nationals. The Punishers were one of 32 teams to make it to Utah, where the mask mandates were not as strict as California’s.

In November, I covered the Punishers Gold team as it went to Las Vegas to play in the Surf City Tourney’s Las Vegas Showcase. Early in October, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak had opened the state for youth activities.

During the fall, I talked to all the athletic directors again on putting together an

abbreviated schedule for the fall and spring seasons. V.C. was the first area school to bring athletes back for practices.

Late in the year, I did a feature on former Cerritos softball star JadyN Nielsen on her verbal commitment to the University of Hawai’i and on La Mirada softball head coach Brent Tuttle winning \$50,000 from Harbor Freight Tools as part of the Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence program. Tuttle is also a welding teacher at La Mirada.

I would also do a two-part series on the demolition of what was once San Diego/Jack Murphy then Qualcomm, then San Diego County Credit Union Stadium. The new Snapdragon Stadium would be built yards away to the west and is the new home for the Aztecs football team.

My last features of December would be on former Whitney diver Alex Mo, who was going to take his talents to Northwestern University and former Gahr baseball pitcher Jake Faria, who was coming home to play for the Los Angeles Angels, which was his childhood dream as a kid.

Once January 2021 arrived, it was clear that any football in the near future was going to be an abbreviated season and it would start in the middle of March. Some teams in the CIF-SS would play anywhere up to six games with no playoffs. The CIF-SS also announced it would not crown any divisional champions for the fall sports and in fact, none of the area schools had a girls volleyball season.

The first sporting event I covered in 2021 was V.C. hosting the Olympic League cross country cluster meet both teams winning. I would do a few more features on area athletes choosing their respective colleges to pursue their athletic dreams, as well as academic dreams. One of them was on Cerritos resident Kelly Chen, who did her high schooling online but played tennis before going to Duke University where she became the school’s third player to have earned All-American honors in all four years at the institution.

My first football game I covered came in the second of those six weeks and was Norwalk visiting Downey High. But now came the challenge of also covering the winter and spring sports at the same time while navigating through the shortened football season. For the first time since 2001, Cerritos won a league title in football, winning all three league contests while the rest of the 605 League played one league game. Gahr would play four games, losing all three SGVL contests while Norwalk went 1-4.

In boys basketball, Cerritos went 10-0 in league for the second straight season and won a league title for the third straight season but was bounced out in the first round of the playoffs while most of the area teams played anywhere from 10-24 games.

It would be more of the same for area soccer teams, playing anywhere from eight to 18 games. Whitney would also not field a girls soccer team and has gone two seasons without a girls program. However, a few of those girls played with the boys and the Wildcats advanced to the Division 7 finals where they fell to Sierra Canyon High 3-2 in overtime.

In the middle of the spring season, I did a feature on Punishers president and coach Bob Medina, who became the newest addition to the Chaminade University softball coaching staff. I would also do a feature on longtime Cerritos boys basketball head coach Jonathan Watanabe, and co-head coach of a few seasons, Kevin Enomoto, stepping away from the varsity ranks. Watanabe would stay with the program as the head coach of the freshman team.

Gahr’s softball team would see its streak of six straight SGVL championships stopped while Cerritos would go 22-2 and advance to the semifinals where the Dons fell to Sultana High 4-3.

The V.C. boys volleyball team was swept by Marina High in the Division 4 championship match, marking the first time all season it had been swept. Another successful season came from the Glenn softball team where the Eagles advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1990, going 10-6 overall and getting to the Division 7 quarterfinals.

In late April, I did a story on the passing of Rich Day, father of former Whitney athletic director and girls basketball head coach Jeff Day, who was a longtime high school basketball assigner. After a one-year absence because of the pandemic, the PGF National Championships were back for its 11th season. The Punishers 18 Gold team would have an early exit, not recording a win in bracket play for the third time in eight trips to the organization’s top summer tournament.

The high school fall season started on time and while some things looked the same, others were not. Stricter rules were being put in place on the fields and inside the gymnasiums when it came to wearing masks. Girls volleyball returned but there would still be some unanswered questions.

The season would see Norwalk’s football team returning to its dominance over Glenn in the annual Mayor’s Cup, winning 51-7. I would cover my first La Mirada-Mater Dei High football game in which the Monarchs won in convincing fashion, 58-7. Cerritos won its second straight league title with Artesia finishing in second place and five of the area’s seven football programs advanced to the playoffs. La Mirada, though, would be the only team to post a first round win. The Cerritos football community would lose one of its own as offensive line coach Webster Peters passed away from a heart attack.

In girls volleyball, Artesia made its way back to the playoffs for the first time since 2010 before falling to La Mirada in a Division 7 wild card match while Cerritos made it 30 in a row as far as league victories.

My 25th year would begin the Cerritos girls basketball team claiming third place in the Corona Del Mar Tip-Off Tournament while navigating through some early season challenges while the top boys soccer game in December was old Suburban League rivals meeting as Norwalk hosted Artesia. The Lancers got a goal from Antonio Bautista in the 79th minute to nip Artesia 3-2.

And the Artesia boys basketball team would begin the season with 11 wins in its first 13 games as the Pioneers headed to San Diego to play in the prestigious The Holiday Classic.

With still more uncertainties with the pandemic and the postponements and/or cancellations of basketball and soccer games, the 605 League decided to count the first of the two league contests only in the event teams weren’t able to complete the customary home and home series. Artesia boys basketball won its first league title since 2007, but still won all 10 league games while Cerritos, Pioneer and Whitney girls basketball were tri-champs, all going 4-1.

Gahr boys basketball missed the playoffs for the third straight season while the girls made it five straight non-playoff seasons. However, the biggest boys basketball story came out of Glenn, which had its first winning season (14-13) in over 25 years and advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 2014. For added measure, the Eagles advanced to the quarterfinals

Despite a streaky season that saw the V.C. girls basketball team lose its first 11 games, then win the last three games of the Garden Grove Tournament, the Defenders would finish in a three-way tie for third place in the Olympic League for the third straight season and advance to the playoffs

In soccer action, it was status quo with league champions coming from the Artesia,

Norwalk and V.C. boys and the Cerritos, La Mirada and V.C. girls. All six would not lose a league contest. Then, for the first time in school history, the Artesia boys program claimed a divisional championship as the Pioneers defeated Quartz Hill High 1-0 in overtime for the Division 5 title. Artesia ended the season 23-2-1 and won its fourth straight 605 League crown.

The Cerritos boys soccer team ended with a 7-9-3 mark and was tied for third place, but advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time where the Dons lost to Geffen Academy 1-0 while its girls basketball team was playing in the program’s first divisional championship game where it fell to La Salle High 64-51 in the Division 3-AA finals.

Meanwhile, the La Mirada boys basketball team hosted San Juan Hills High in the Division 2A championship game where it lost 59-49 in front of a packed crowd at the school’s renovated and roomy gymnasium.

In the spring. Cerritos was celebrating the school’s 50th anniversary and the festivities began with a time capsule from 25 years ago being removed from inside the walls of the gymnasium. Martin Rodriguez began his first season as the Cerritos baseball coach, replacing Brooks Walling who resigned a few months earlier.

Shortly before the softball season started, the Norwalk and softball community mourned the passing of Vic Juan, who was to have been the head coach of the Lancers. Fred Perez replaced him and coached the team to a 20-8 season, the program’s first 20-win season in over 25 years.

In late March, I did a feature on Genera (Chaminade University) and former Cerritos softball star Jennifer Morinishi (Biola University) as their teams faced each other for a pair of doubleheaders at Biola.

The first week of May would see the area’s two powerhouse baseball teams, Gahr and La Mirada, meet in what would be a preview of what to expect for a long time as the schools will now be league rivals of the new Suburban Valley Conference. It’s a merger of the SGVL and Suburban League with the 11 charter members to be divided into the Gateway and Mid-Cities Leagues based on CIF-SS power rankings on a sport by sport basis.

The playoffs would see Artesia and Norwalk baseball advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2007 and 2013 respectively with the former getting to the second round. Cerritos baseball won its 26th straight 605 league game while Gahr posted its fewest wins, 12, since the 1998 campaign when that team went 13-12. Still, it was good enough for second place in the SGVL.

In softball playoffs, Gahr went to the Division 1 semifinals before losing to Roosevelt High 3-0 while Norwalk fell in the quarterfinals to El Toro High 4-3 in Division V action.

On tennis courts, the Cerritos boys edged Nordhoff High 10-8 to win the Division 4 championship while in Division 3 action, Whitney lost to Flintridge Prep 15-3 in the title match.

Not much went on this summer except for the Artesia Punishers program staying busy, culminating in the 18 Gold team losing a pair of games this past Tuesday in the PGF National Championships after winning 3-2 in the first game of bracket play a day earlier.

Wow, that’s a lot over the past 25 years, and more, at the Los Cerritos Community News. I know I probably missed a key story here and there, but I look forward to covering more events, championship games and interviewing new athletes, coaches, school personnel and community residents.



CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS  
OFFSITE RECYCLED WATER PUMP STATION  
IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO  
PROJECT NO. REO 1008  
SPECIFICATION NO. CB-07-22  
  
BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**  
2:00 P.M.  
  
**LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:**  
CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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 OFFSITE RECYCLED WATER PUMP STATION IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO, PROJECT NO. REO 1008, up to, but not later than, **September 8, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.** (“Bid Submission Deadline”) at **5800 S. Eastern Ave, 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 new offsite Recycled Water Pump Station.  
  
WORK SITE: The project area is located at 1400 N Montebello Blvd, Montebello, California 90640.  
  
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The DISTRICT will conduct a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at the Construction site, located at **1400 N Montebello Blvd, Montebello, California 90640**. The pre-bid conference and site visit is expected to take less than 1 hour.  
  
Prospective bidders are to attend a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference with the DISTRICT’s Representatives at **10:00 A.M. on August 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 September 8, 2022** at the above-mentioned office of the DISTRICT.

COMPLETION OF WORK: The Work must be completed within **150 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 requested via email by contacting John Robinson at jrobinson@johnrobinsonconsulting.com.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Contract Documents may be obtained by contacting Engineering Manager, John Robinson at jrobinson@johnrobinsonconsulting.com. 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 **2:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 12, 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 Engineering Manager, John Robinson at jrobinson@johnrobinsonconsulting.com.

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 calendar days** after the date of Bid opening.

CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE: The Contractor shall possess a valid **California Class “A” Engineering License or the Combination of all of the following Contractor licenses, C-7, C-8, C-12, C-27, C-31, and C-34** 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.

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: 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: John Robinson at jrobinson@johnrobinsonconsulting.com.

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: 7/28/22

OWNER: Central Basin Municipal Water District

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA  
  
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a Special Planning Commission Meeting pertaining to the items listed below:

<b>HEARING BODY:</b> <b>DATE OF HEARING:</b> <b>TIME OF HEARING:</b> <b>LOCATION OF HEARING:</b>	Planning Commission August 3, 2022 6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter. City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 <b>Limited Members of the Public will be permitted to attend</b>
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PUBLIC HEARING: **Case No. CITY2021-0001 (6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE)** - The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a special public hearing to review, discuss and consider recommending approval to the City Council of the Draft 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element.

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING AND IN PERSON MEETING.**

**Zoom:** Members of the public may participate via Zoom by logging on via the information below:  
  
**Meeting Link:**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9643544069?pwd=UWtQamNIaElxYnlwdjlSUcTlNEhQodz09>**  
**Meeting ID:** 964 354 4069 Passcode: HG1

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641 Ext 244. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641.

Maryann V Marks, AICP, Interim Community Development Director

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RESOLUTION NO. **7204**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF BAYBAR ROAD AND DISPOSITION TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER**

**WHEREAS** the City of Pico Rivera is considering vacating an 888-foot-long, 0.93-acre portion of Baybar Road, as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS,** the process for said proposed vacation is and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the Streets and Highways Code Sections 8320, et seq.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Pico Rivera does hereby declare its intention to vacate an approximate 888-foot-long, 0.93-acre portion of Baybar Road, as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

**SECTION 2.** A public hearing is hereby set for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at the City of Pico Rivera located at 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660 to consider the proposed street vacation. All persons interested in the vacation are invited to attend (in person or online) and give testimony if desired or provide testimony to the City Clerk regarding the public hearing.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk of the City of Pico Rivera is hereby directed to cause notices of said proposed vacation to be conspicuously posted along said strip of land for at least two (2) weeks before the date of said hearing. Said notices shall be posted not more than 300 feet apart, but in no event shall there be fewer than three (3) notices posted. Said notices of public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of said hearing.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this resolution and it shall thereupon be in full force and effect.

**APPROVED AND PASSED this 28th day of June, 2022.**

Dr. Monica Sanchez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

**AYES:** Camacho, Elias, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com) on 8/18/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Antoinette Cox-Nicholson; Arturo Ravago; Andrew Anthony Magana; Lexus Princilla Lopez; Maurice Parker Jr Jones. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage-reasures.com](http://www.storage-reasures.com) on 8/18/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Ma Guada-lupe Ayala Mendoza; Cesar Lopez; Ruben Rodriguez Martinez; Arcelia Esparza; Melinda Misty Briones; Helyn Mabell Sanchez; Israel Navarro; Jasmine Marie Duran; Sandy Michelle Andrinno Camey; Eugene Maldonado; Jaylene Brianna Rea; Adeline Christlieb; Micheal Antonio Slaughter; Meneces Lorenzo Anto-nio; Carolina Ortiz; Azucena Gomez; Brenda Laura Ortiz; Roxanne Herrera; Georgina Nunez. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF GAMBLE, LAKESHA D.  
Case No. 22STPB06645

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of GAMBLE, LAKESHA D.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Davis, Maurice D. II in the Superior Court of Califor-nia, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Davis, Maurice D. II be appointed as personal rep-resentative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 29, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D 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 rep-resentative 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.

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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 Re-quest for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:  
TEDDIE J RANDALL ESQ  
SBN 91433  
RANDALL & ASSOCIATES  
3701 STOCKER ST STE 405  
LOS ANGELES CA 90008  
CN988858 GAMBLE Jul 29, Aug 5,12, 2022

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 142304

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: AKIRAHIN JEWELRY, 283 W. RADCLIFFE DRIVE, CLAREMONT CA 91711. Registered Owner: THE EMPIRE INC., DBA EMPIRE JEWELRY, 283 W. RADCLIFFE DRIVE, CLAREMONT CA 91711. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/22. 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/ MICHELLE HAMILTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/28/22. 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

CITY OF PICO RIVERA CITY COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMIT NO. 751, MAJOR VARIANCE NO. 192 AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 83619

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to consider the approval of the following: Conditional Use Permit No. 751, Tentative Tract Map 83619 and Major Variance No. 192, a request by Warmington Residential to develop a 45-unit townhome development on a 2.5 acre lot located at 4820 Durfee Avenue (Assessor Property Number 6375-014-011). The project features three-story attached townhomes in clusters of three units, ranging in size from two and three bedrooms (1,379-1,668 square feet). The project includes a total of 90 vehicular parking spaces within attached two-car enclosed garages and seven unenclosed guest parking spaces. Access to the project site will be located on the southeast portion of the site from Stephens Street via a two-way driveway and gated controlled entry.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption (In-Fill Development Projects) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15332 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** wishing to observe the meeting may do so in the following ways:


(1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;  
(2) City’s website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>  
(3) Email public comments to [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;  
(4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City’s **website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/current-projects/>**. Please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director at 562-801-4447 for additional questions.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications 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 written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Project Location

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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 A 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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CITY OF PICO RIVERA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE A PUBLIC ROAD

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Pico Rivera City Council pertaining to an application to vacate a public road in accordance with the State of California’s Streets and Highway Code. The proposed section of public roadway under consideration is located at the northern terminus of Baybar Road and is adjacent to 3900 Baybar Road (AIN 8125-013-020). Exhibit “A” indicates the approximate 40,500 square foot section of public roadway that would be vacated if the application is approved by City Council. The section of roadway identified for vacation has been deemed nonessential for traffic circulation in the vicinity of the subject location. If the Street Vacation is approved by City Council, the relinquished section of Baybar Road will be purchased by a private developer to facilitate the construction of a new 40,000 square foot transloading warehouse facility.

**WHEN:**  
**WHERE:**

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers (Open to the public)  
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

**MAIL:**  
**TELEPHONE:**

P.O. Box 1016  
(562) 801-4332

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, an Initial Study was prepared to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project may have a potential significant effect on the environment, which can be mitigated to a level that is less than significant. As a result, a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Monitoring Plan was prepared by the applicant in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15097. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public review for a period of not less than 20 days pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(b). Following the 20-day public review period, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) was approved by the Zoning Administrator and determined as adequate in mitigating the environmental impacts to a level of less than significant, based on the findings included in the environmental document.


Certain Provisions of the Brown Act are temporarily waived pursuant to Governor Newsome’s Executive Order N-25-20, N-29-20 and AB 361. City Council meetings can be attended in person or viewed live on CTV3 and the City’s website at [www.pico-rivera.org](http://www.pico-rivera.org)

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** are invited to attend this hearing to express their opinion about the project. The application and maps relevant to the proposed project may be reviewed at City Hall in the Community and Economic Development Department-Planning Division. If you challenge the proposed Street Vacation 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 delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Michael L. Garcia  
Community and Economic Development Director  
**Hrg:** August 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
Street Vacation No. 22-01  
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Exhibit “A”



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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) ending on or after Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: carpet cleaning machine, sandblaster, vending machines, oxygen tanks, soap dispenser, speakers, refrigerators, pictures, air condition unit, boxes, totes, cabinet, air compressor tank, tools, cash box, switch, art, amp, medical equipment, ashtray pillar, buckets, bike rims, bike tire, milk crate, ice chest, mirror, bags, clothes, shoes and purse belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
MARY JANE DOMINGO 075	
KEITH GREGORY THOMAS B10	

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.  
**Publication Dates: 7/22/22 AND 7/29/22**

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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.

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Attorney for Petitioner

JOSEPH G. DAVIS - SBN 76197

1100 W. TOWN & COUNTRY RD., #1250

ORANGE CA 92868

7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

CNS-3603398#

LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MARSHALL D. LIAS

CASE NO. 30-2022-01268807-PR-PW-CJC

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FIRST FOUNDATION BANK in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FIRST FOUNDATION BANK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/14/22 at 1:30PM in Dept. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

NOTICE IN PROBATE CASES

The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange ([occourts.org](http://occourts.org)) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.

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Attorney for Petitioner

MICHAEL R. MORRIS, ESQ. - SBN 96771, VALENSI ROSE, PLC

1888 CENTURY PARK EAST #1100

LOS ANGELES CA 90067

7/29, 8/5, 8/12/22

CNS-3607595#

LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: CIPANGO WESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC., 13918 EQUITABLE ROAD, CERRITOS CALIFORNIA 90703

Doing Business as: ED LUCE PACKAGING

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

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: O.BERK WEST LLC C/O O.BERK COMPANY, LLC., 3 MILLTOWN COURT, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, SUPPLIES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, WEBSITES, INVENTORY and are located at: 13918 EQUITABLE ROAD, CERRITOS CALIFORNIA 90703

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC., 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 16, 2022

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

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC., 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the last day for filing claims shall be AUGUST 15, 2022, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 7-22-2022

BUYERS: O.BERK WEST LLC C/O O.BERK COMPANY, LLC.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) ending on or after Tuesday , August 9th, 2022, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: boxes, totes, table linens, tarps, shelving racks, pots, dishes, books, desk, chair, car seat, pictures, baskets, bikes, bike pump, bike parts, dog crate, golf clubs, baseball bat, tools, vacuum, outdoor turkey fryer, helmet, clothes, shoes, blankets, mattress, bags, basketball, sports memorabilia, wall art, and TV.

NAME	UNIT
JOSE R GARCIA	B410
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485
LOYD VERNIS	A180

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562

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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.

Attorney for Petitioner

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ORANGE CA 92868

7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER



NOTICE OF HEARING  
PLOT (SITE) PLAN NO. 1000

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a hearing on a Plot (Site) Plan No. 1000 to consider a development review to allow the construction of two new industrial buildings, each measuring 46,391 square feet (92,781 square feet total) on a 3.86 acre site in the City’s M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district, at 6027 S Eastern Ave, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.39 Division 10 (Site Plan Review) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), a Plot (Site) Plan Review is required for any new building or structure in excess of 25,000 square feet in area. The project will also involve the demolition of nine structures on the project site that total 80,326 square feet, which were built in between the years of 1944 and 1965.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during the Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m, at which time proponents and opponents of Plot (Site) Plan No. 1000 will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

**Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128**  
**Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928**  
**Password: 838914**

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Plot Plan in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the hearing.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), 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.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings telephonically. 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](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us) Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

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 scoping 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.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Jose D. Jimenez

(Publish: Los Cerritos Community News, July 22, 2022)

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
COMMERCE WAY PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM SHEILA STREET TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, PROJECT NO. 2019-04

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as “CITY”, invites sealed bids for COMMERCE WAY PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, August 11, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidders responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City’s portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City’s portal on PlanetBids.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment as shown in the PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Estimated cost is in the range of \$655,000.

Contractor shall have a valid California General Contractor License, Class A, General Engineering Contractor.

This is a Federally Funded Project (FTA, Federal Transit Administration funded).

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City’s portal on PlanetBids

By order of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
TERESITA SANTIAGO  
CASE NO. 22STPB06864  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TERESITA SANTIAGO.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH SANTIAGO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH SANTIAGO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/17/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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.  
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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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REUNIÓN DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE PICO RIVERA  
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA CONSIDERAR LA APROBACIÓN DEL PERMISO DE USO CONDICIONAL NÚM. 751, VARIACIÓN MAYOR NO. 192 Y MAPA DE TRACTO TENTATIVO 83619

**POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA** que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública antes el Concejo Municipal de Pico Rivera para considerar la aprobación de lo siguiente: Permiso de Uso Condicional No. 751, Mapa Tentativo del Tracto 83619 y Variación Mayor No. 192, una solicitud de Warmington Residencial para desarrollar casas adosadas de 45 unidades en un lote de 2.5 acres ubicado en 4820 Durfee Avenue (Tasador Numero de Propiedad 6375-014-011). El proyecto cuenta con casas adosadas de tres pisos en grupos de tres unidades, que varían en tamaño de dos y tres habitaciones (1,379-1,668 pies cuadrados). El proyecto incluye un total de 90 espacios de estacionamiento para vehículos dentro de garajes adjuntos cerrados para dos autos y siete espacios de estacionamiento no cerrados para invitados. El acceso al sitio del proyecto estará ubicado en la parte sureste del sitio desde Stephens Street a través de un camino de entrada de dos vías y una entrada controlada.

**CUÁNDO:** martes, 9 de agosto de 2022

**HORA:** 6:00 P.M.  
**DÓNDE:** Cámara del Consejo (Pico Rivera City Hall)  
6615 Passon Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Este proyecto ha sido evaluado de acuerdo con la autoridad y los criterios contenidos en la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA por sus siglas en inglés, Código de Recursos Públicos, Secciones 21000 y siguientes), las directrices de la CEQA del Estado (Código de Regulaciones de California, Título 14, Secciones 15000 y siguientes), y la normativa ambiental de la Ciudad. Tras la revisión, el proyecto califica para una Exención Categórica de Clase 32 (Proyectos de Desarrollo de Relleno) de acuerdo con los requisitos de la Sección 15332 de las Directrices Estatales de CEQA.

**LAS PERSONAS INTERESADAS EN ESTE ASUNTO** que deseen observar la reunión pueden hacerlo de las siguientes maneras:


(1) Sintonce su televisión al Canal 3;  
(2) Sitio web de la ciudad en <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>  
(3) Enviar comentarios públicos por correo electrónico a [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) antes de las 4:00 p. m. el día de la reunión;  
(4) Asistir personalmente a la Audiencia Pública

Las copias de todo el material relevante, incluyendo las especificaciones del proyecto, están disponibles para el público para su revisión en el Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario en el Ayuntamiento, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Se puede encontrar información adicional en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/current-projects/>. Comuníquese con Julia González, subdirectora llamando al 562-801-4447 si tiene preguntas adicionales.

Si tiene una objeción a la consideración o adopción de las solicitudes propuestas en el tribunal, es posible que se limite a plantear solo aquellas cuestiones que usted u otra persona hayan planteado en la audiencia pública descrita en este aviso, o la correspondencia escrita entregada a la secretaria municipal de Pico Rivera en o antes de la audiencia pública.

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De acuerdo con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990, la Ciudad de Pico Rivera se compromete a proporcionar adaptaciones razonables para una persona con discapacidad. Comuníquese con Anna M. Jerome llamando al (562) 801-4389 si se necesitan adaptaciones especiales del programa y/o si se necesita información del programa en un formato alternativo. Las solicitudes especiales deben hacerse en un periodo de tiempo razonable para que se puedan organizar las adaptaciones.



Ubicación del Proyecto

Publicado en LCCN el 22/7/22 y el 29/7/22

CITY OF ARTESIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold the Regular City Council Meeting at the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarksdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022, to conduct a Public Hearing concerning proposed solid waste overflow and contamination fees and delinquent solid waste charges.

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: [jalderete@cityofartesia.us](mailto:jalderete@cityofartesia.us), prior to the start of the public hearing,. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed fees and charges, please contact the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.

**PUBLISHED:** July 29, 2022

Jennifer Alderet  
Acting City Clerk

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703 on August 17th, 2022 at 11:00am.

Kailahi Leula Jr-household items  
Steven Stolle-household goods  
Kristol Werth-3 bed sets, 2 headboard, couch, refrigerator, TV’s, totes,  
Frank Luna-1 bed rm and garage items  
Charles Patterson-household items  
Eva Hoffman- Household items and toys  
Maria Shaw-household items  
Jaimila Seward- Household items  
Daniel Martinez, Household items  
Tekiyah Dodd-refrigerator, TV’s, toys, king sized bed, crib, dishes, couch, recliner chair, table and electronics  
Love Alfonso Hernandez -Bags, clothes, and miscellaneous  
Terence Hartfield-totes  
Recquel Thurman-items  
Susana Mejia-boxes with clothes, personal items and kitchen dishes  
Jose Bernal-household items, etc  
James Williams-house items  
Tyidesha Hughes-household items  
Tamika Taylor-appliances, boxes,  
Donald Brown, Household items , Brown Donald, Household items  
Francisco Ortiz- 2 sectional sofas, 2 desks, safe, minibar and paintings  
Henrietta Catching-couches, 3 bedroom house  
Francisco Ortiz, Household items  
Tiffany Harrison-couch, living room set, tv  
Greg Paquin- items from 1 bedroom  
Leopoldo Cibrán - full size mattress and 10 boxes  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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## LOREN KOPFF CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT THE LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

# 605 LEAGUE IS FORMED, ANOTHER IS CREATED LATER AND A GLOBAL PANDEMIC ROCKS THE ATHLETIC SCENE

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

*Editor's note: This is the fifth and final part of a series looking back at the past 25 years as a member of the Los Cerritos Community News*

In early January 2018, ground was broken on the new athletic fields at John Glenn High, thanks to the Measure G bond in which the school received \$25 million out of the \$375 million that was given to the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Glenn's first-ever on-campus football field was built, and new baseball and softball fields were put in. All athletic fields at the school have field turf surfaces. A few years later, Norwalk High would get all new athletic field turf facilities.

On the court, the Cerritos High girls basketball team won its second straight, and what would be its final Suburban League title with a 56-46 win at Mayfair High, giving the program its first undefeated league season since the 1997-1998 campaign when the school was in the Mission Valley League. Cerritos, under head coach Marcus Chinen, who was in his fourth season, went to the CIF-Southern Section quarterfinals before ending a 24-5 campaign with a 60-47 loss to Flintridge Prep High.

The Cerritos boys team won 20 games and lost less than 10 games for the first time under my time covering the program but finished in second place and were bounced out in the second round.

Staying with Cerritos, a trio of girls wrestlers were making news at the CIF State Championships as the Dons finished in 19th place out of 258 schools. Desiree Estrada finished in second place in the 126-lb. class while Nile Jernigan, at 131 lbs., and Chimura Cooper, at 160 lbs., both finished in the top 12.

The Cerritos softball team hosted West Albany High out of Oregon as the sister of its head coach, Ryan Borde, connected with Cerritos head coach Kim Ensey two years prior about putting a non-tournament game together. Cerritos would win the game 3-1 and then later win its second straight league title before being ousted by Edison High, 2-1, in the first round of the playoffs.

For the second time in three seasons, Norwalk's softball team, which would finish with a 13-11 record, advanced to the quarterfinals where it would lose to Sonora High.

Gahr High's softball team posted a rare blowout win against league nemesis Warren High, 15-3, as the first round of San Gabriel Valley League action ended. The Gladiators, who finished 24-6 overall, would go all the way to the Division 1 finals where it fell to nationally ranked Norco High 8-2.

In baseball, Glenn was making waves as the Eagles went 20-9, finished in second place in the Suburban League and advanced to the second round of the playoffs. The only thing stopping the team from a league title was La Mirada High, which posted a 3-2 victory at La Mirada. The strength of that team was the pitching tandem of Joseph Angulo and Humberto Chiquito.

On April 26, former Norwalk and San Diego State University star Rashaad Penny, in the 27th pick, was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks while in track and field action, Valley Christian High's Gavin Fua had the top discus mark in Division 4 with a throw of 177-1 and Jake Leue was the top shotput thrower at 51-3.50 at the CIF-SS championships. As a team, V.C. came in second place

in the division with 68 points. Fua, along with Norwalk's Misty Diaz (1600-meter run) would move on to the state preliminaries.

My top feature of the summer was on Artesia Punishers 18 Gold pitcher Yamila Evans, who was disrespected and ridiculed by her former coach and other personnel at San Marino High but bounced back to be a major force in the circle for the Punishers. I followed that feature with one of former Gahr softball slugger Alyssa Kumiya, who missed most of her senior season, only to have instant success at the University of South Carolina once she was 100 percent ready to play as a freshman.

The Cal A's travel softball program, headed by Brian Iseri, was expanding to Hawai'i with a pair of teams while the Punishers program was staying busy with late summer major tournaments at the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships (18 Gold), the 12-Under and 16-Under teams playing in the United States Specialty Sports Association Far West National Championships and another 16-Under team participating in the Triple Crown Sports World Series in Reno. The Gold team would have its best success at the PGF National Championships, finishing in third place in the Platinum Division.

As the fall season was approaching, I interviewed CIF-SS Commissioner Rob Wigod again with the main topics being competitive equity and divisional realignment, an earlier start of the school season in August and new championships. Another change was taking place at V.C. where the school changed its mascot name from the Crusaders to the Defenders.

The season would also mark the inauguration of the 605 League with charter members Artesia, Cerritos, Glenn, Oxford Academy, Pioneer High and Whitney High. With competitive equity being the reason why the league was formed, the Artesia football team went 10-4, won all three league contests and advanced to the Division 12 championship game where it lost to Linfield Christian High 70-32. Glenn would finish in second place and advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 2002 along with defeating Norwalk 48-7 to snap a 15-game skid to its city rivals. Norwalk would lose all 10 games for the first, and only time in my 25 years covering the program.

In girls volleyball, Cerritos began a stretch of what would be three straight 10-0 league marks and three straight seasons of at least 24 victories. Gahr, with Gerryn Claxton taking over as head coach, had the first of consecutive 18-win seasons and SGVL championships while Whitney benefited from the new league and came in second place in Ole Nervik's final season as head coach of the program.

At Norwalk, the Lancers lost the last five matches of the season and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2010. Their 5-11 record was the program's worst since that same season when that team won one match.

The winter season would begin with the Whitney girls basketball team defeating Paramount High 52-35 for the consolation championship of the Glenn/Norwalk Tournament while the Artesia girls basketball team fell to Desert Hot Springs High 40-37 in the championship game of its own tournament.

For the first time as non-league members, both Norwalk basketball teams showed they were still the dominant programs in the city as the boys defeated Glenn 68-44 for the 18th time in the past 21 meetings while



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the girls won 44-29 for the program's 15th straight win over the Eagles.

One of the 605 League openers for girls basketball was already proving to be a nifty city rivalry for years to come as Whitney rallied to defeat Cerritos 46-44 while one night later, both Gahr basketball teams would lose to Dominguez High in the SGVL opener. It was the first time in a decade the Gahr girls had fallen to Dominguez.

When the winter season had concluded, it was all about Cerritos in most of the sports. The boys basketball and girls soccer teams won league titles while the Cerritos girls basketball team went to the quarterfinals for a second straight season despite a 7-3 league mark.

The girls soccer team went 10-0-0 in league and to this date, still has not lost a league contest. Its 2018-2019 season came to a shocking halt in the Division 4 second round as three minutes into overtime, Kaci Holliday of Palm Desert High scored on a corner kick that never touched a player or the ground.

The softball season began with Whitney pitcher Taylor Genera striking out a school record 19 batters in a 3-2 loss to Dominguez while the V.C. baseball team began the new campaign winning four of its first five games.

On Feb. 17, I ventured to San Diego again to cover the San Diego Fleet of the Alliance of American Football as it was hosting the Atlanta Legends. That league was very short lived as it couldn't complete a 10-game season and had to fold.

Later in the softball season, Gahr High had a ribbon-cutting ceremony as upgrades were made to the baseball and softball facilities courtesy of Major League Baseball's 'Baseball Tomorrow Fund'. Both teams would win the SGVL and for the baseball squad, it would be its fifth straight title while the softball team, with Rey Sanchez the new head coach, advanced to the semifinals before losing to Great Oak High 12-4. The Gladiators finished the season at 22-6.

Whitney would end a 15-9 season, one of the best in two decades, with a 2-1 setback to Westridge High in the Division 7 quarterfinals. In the game, Genera, who not only was the ace in the circle, but also the team's leading hitter, was intentionally walked all three times she came up to the plate.

I would do a story on the unfinished work done on Glenn's new baseball field, which was to have been completed before the official opening ceremony for its football stadium, which was held on May 14.

The summer began with the inaugural Los Angeles/Orange County Southern California Prep Bowl, which was once known as the 605 All-Star Game. Glenn had five players represented while Artesia had four players.

Jon Nielsen, who seems to do everything and then more, was now in charge of his own travel softball team, the 14-Under Athletics while I did a feature on Kieren Lopez of the Punishers 18 Gold team who puts the travel into travel softball as she hails from Bakersfield.

As the team was preparing for another trip to the PGF National Championships, I



did a feature on the 10-year anniversary of the organization, interviewing co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Dan Hay. He talked about where the PGF began and where it's going as it keeps expanding in many ways.

The PGF High School All-American Game followed the championship games and Gahr's Jazmine Hill, who is attending Arizona State University, took home the MVP award as she went two for three and drove in two runs as the West defeated the East 6-3.

Dean Gray would return for his second stint as Norwalk football's head coach, re-inventing the double-wing offense. The Lancers won three games overall and went winless in the four-member Suburban League, marking the first time since 1999 Norwalk did not win a league game. V.C. football also had a new coach, albeit for one season, as Bill Garner guided the team to a 7-4 overall mark and a 4-0 Olympic League campaign.

But the highlight of the football season came from Glenn where, in his sixth and final season as head coach, Vince Lobendahn guided the Eagles to a 6-5 record and the program's first league title in 30 years. Glenn also defeated Norwalk 20-7 to post consecutive wins over its city rivals for the first time since winning four in a row from 1999-2002.

V.C. girls volleyball captured the Division 4 championship with a four-set win over Norco for the program's first title since 1998 to wrap up the busy fall season.

In boys basketball, V.C. won its own tournament, defeating La Mirada 67-49 in the championship game while the Whitney girls squad fell to Paramount 49-44 in the consolation championship contest of the Glenn-Norwalk tournament. The V.C. boys would end 1999 by capturing the San Pedro Pirate Shootout Tournament and entered 2020 with a 16-1 record.

Prior to its 605 League opener against Artesia, the Cerritos boys basketball program honored former star Evan Leonard, who at the time was a senior at the University of California, Irvine. Leonard is the program's all-time leader in points scored (1,806), three-point baskets made (222) and steals (243). Cerritos would go on to win the second of three straight league titles and went as far as the quarterfinals for the third time in the past 10 seasons.

League champions were also crowned for the Cerritos girls basketball and soccer teams, the Artesia and Norwalk boys soccer teams and both V.C. soccer teams. But the biggest, and unexpected story coming from the basketball season came out of Artesia where the girls basketball team, which went 3-7 in league and finished in fourth place, powered through the playoffs to win the Division 5-AA championship for the program's first title since 2003. The Pioneers knocked off San Jacinto Valley Academy 46-39 but was upset to learn they had drawn a road game in the Southern California Regionals where they lost to Lancaster High 66-40. The team's 26 wins were the most since going 26-6 in the 2001-2002 season,

Norwalk's boys basketball team which went 16-12 overall and finished in third

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