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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT FOR LOADED BACKPACKS!

THE KIND ACTS FACTORY held a treasure scavenger hunt. Over 100 painted rocks were hidden inside SteelCraft with really cool prizes from school supplies to tickets to Hollywood Sports Park and even cash prizes. The Kind Acts Factory is a California non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting local youth and communities by helping to provide services and address local needs.

By Tammye McDuff

The Kind Acts Factory held a treasure scavenger hunt on Saturday, August 13 as part of their Youth Outreach Programs. The event was hosted by Steel-Craft Bellflower and was free to children and their families. Over 100 painted rocks were hidden inside SteelCraft with really cool prizes from school supplies to tickets to Hollywood Sports Park and even cash prizes. Sponsors included dozens of local businesses and City Council members with the all of the school backpacks and supplies being donated by Gabriel Vatin Allstate Insurance. The Kind Acts Factory [TKAF] is a California non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting local youth and communities by helping to provide services and address local needs. Whether it is the senior residents, children, animals or environmental issues, TKAF partners with your business or organization to spread kindness within the community.

“We want to enlighten, inspire, and spread joy through the sincere kindness of our hearts and actions,” said founder Carlos Lopez. “The Kind Acts Factory aspires to create a culture

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Nearly \$4 Million in Street Rehabilitation to Move Forward in Norwalk

City Council expands street repair project to other sectors of the City, work to commence in late September 2022

Staff Report

This past Tuesday, August 16, 2022, the Norwalk City Council approved the contracts

for the northwestern part of the City, and Zone 19 is in the eastern part of the City. This project continues to implement the Streets Master Plan.

The project will consist of concrete repairs of curbs and gutters, cross gutters with slots being updated to meet current standards, updates to sidewalks, and accessibility



REHABILITATION areas, clockwise from right zones 8, 3, & 19.

for concrete work in Zones 3, 8, and 19 as part of the Local Streets Rehabilitation Project. The project areas are as follows: Zone 3 is in the northern part of the City, Zone 8 is in

ramps at intersection corners will be upgraded to meet current American with Disabilities (ADA) standards. In Zone 8, the neighborhood alley along

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HMG-CN Investigation

Bellflower Unified Paid P/R Firm \$5,000 per Month, Allowed Expenses Without Approval

By Brian Hews

When HMG-CN exclusively reported in late June the results of a Bellflower Unified School District audit by the state of California that found complete incompetence and negligence by the BUSD administration, many were shocked, but not surprised.

The blame lay inside the BUSD superintendent's office with the audit finding:

The superintendent did not clearly communicate its financial position, which caused the board to spend less and amass an unheard of \$83 million reserve, failing to meet student needs.

The district did not provide mandated services to students

with disabilities and did not adequately mitigate disruptions to students' education during the pandemic.

The district did not consistently comply with transparency laws. Failing to respond to public records requests in a thorough and timely manner, thus limiting transparency and the public's

opportunity to address the board when it did not disclose required information about its closed sessions.

The article led to Superintendent Tracy McSparran's release.

Two days after the report, HMG-CN received a massive 2,209-word statement defending the actions of Bellflower Unified from the Blaine Group and owner Devon Blaine.

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Central Basin Leticia Vasquez' Lawsuit Leaves Her Liable for Her Actions

By Brian Hews

With her husband-attorney Ron Wilson firmly behind her like a dog on a leash ready to strike, Central Basin Water Director Leticia Vasquez will file a lawsuit against most anyone, and she will slander and defame her perceived enemies because Dog-Ron will also defend her in court.....just ask CB GM Alex Rojas.

Her latest foray into the absurd occurred when she shot a video claiming Downey and Pico Rivera Water District's water "was undrinkable."

Yes, Vasquez said in a published video that a city's water was undrinkable.

The per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as PFAS or "forever chemicals" were high

but, like most wells in L.A. County, were within California's alert range at the time and completely drinkable.

In the video, Vasquez-Wilson identified herself as a Central Basin Water Director, exposing the Commerce-based water agency to defamation litigation.

But Vasquez had the Crime Dog waiting in the dog-house.... and he does not cost anything... maybe a biscuit or two.

According to CB officials, once the video was published on YouTube, the District received several phone calls and in Downey's case, a cease and desist letter advising that the District could face litigation for the false claims that Vasquez-Wilson was making in her communications.

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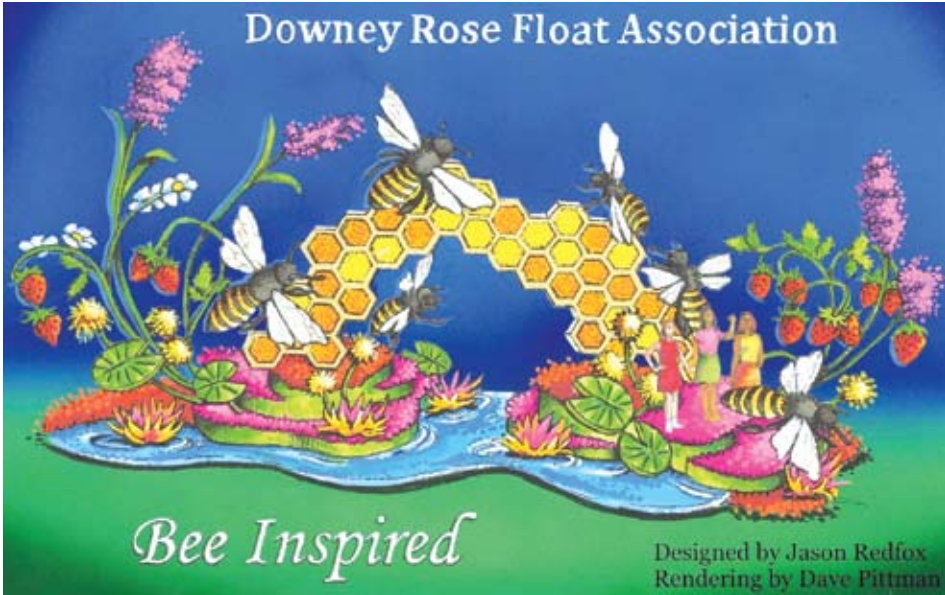
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Downey Debuts Float for 2023 Parade



THE DOWNEY ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION, DRFA, has a long history with the Tournament of Roses, beginning with the first entry in 1913 and the first award received in 1920. The group was incorporated in 1954 and has continuously participated in the parade each New Year's Day. Downey is classified as a 'self-built' entry. This exclusive classification is one of six floats that is entirely built, decorated and financed by volunteers

By **Tammye McDuff**

Since 1890, the Tournament of Roses has produced "America's New Year Celebration," bringing the traditions of the Rose Parade to Pasadena and the world for nearly 130 years.

It was recently announced that the 2023 Rose Parade theme will be "Turning the Corner."

2023 Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott said the theme celebrates the unlimited potential that each New Year brings.

"The 2023 theme celebrates turning a corner; whether that corner is actual or figurative, like the unlimited potential that each new year brings, we all enjoy the opportunity of a fresh start," said Wainscott. "Turning a corner means rising above.... whether alone, with family, friends or community. As we turn the corner together this year, we share the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring."

Inspired by their beehives, Monica and Jason Redfox said, "We have all been turning the corner after these last few years, but we also have to turn the corner with our bees."

Bees play an essential part in our eco-

system by pollinating most of the world's flowering plants, including our fruits and vegetables. The large comb on the float is modeled after a honeycomb, which bees make with perfect hexagons. The large purple flower is catmint, a fragrant flower that attracts many pollinators, including native bees and honeybees. The bottom of the float is water which bees need plenty to drink. The float will be decorated with a variety of flowers and plants that pollinators love.

The Downey Rose Float Association, DRFA, has a long history with the Tournament of Roses, beginning with the first entry in 1913 and the first award received in 1920. The group was incorporated in 1954 and has continuously participated in the parade each New Year's Day.

Downey is classified as a 'self-built' entry. This exclusive classification is one of six floats that is entirely built, decorated and financed by volunteers, making the float an honest community endeavor. Jason Redfox designed the float, and the rendering of the float was completed by Dave Pittman.

Honda and 109th Rose Bowl Game present the 134th Rose Parade, which will return on January 2, 2023.

Compton Tests Street Takeover Deterrent



BOTTS' DOTS: Installed at an intersection in Compton. Botts' Dots are used, along with reflective raised pavement markers, to mark lanes. A car hits them and flies up and down, discouraging takeover activity.

By **Brian Hews**

Everyone knows what street takeovers are; neighborhoods are barraged with screeching tires and oftentimes, it is accompanied by gunshots. Sometimes hundreds of people gather to watch daring drivers, who at every turn get closer and closer to the crowds, some have even been hit and injured.

Law enforcement, already stretched thin, break up these street takeovers, making numerous arrests, impounding vehicles, and assessing damage done to the street. Its hard to stop, but the police and deputies do thier best.

But there might be an answer, and it is right under everyone's...tires.

Botts' Dots, also known as turtles or street buttons, are round non-reflective raised pavement markers. In many parts of the United States, Botts' Dots are used, along with reflective raised pavement markers, to mark lanes on highways and arterial roads. They provide tactile and auditory feedback to drivers when moving across designated travel lanes, and are equivalent to rumble strips.

Botts' Dots are named after Elbert Dysart Botts, a California Department of Transportation engineer for Caltrans, credited with overseeing the research that led to the development of the markers.

The City of Compton has a problem with takeovers and has identified intersections that are most used by the rogue drivers for installation of the Botts' Dots.

The Botts Dots will theoretically pre-

vent tires from spinning and burning rubber, which won't allow cars to do donuts and tear up the streets and the surrounding property.

A car hits them and flies up and down, discouraging takeover activity; it also forces the drivers to slow down. If the Botts are effective, then the City will explore placing them in other intersections.

Compton Councilman Andre Spicer commented," This was a team effort, the community made the suggestion, the city manager pushed for the idea, the city council passed it, and public works installed them, now we'll see if they work."

Drought Now Affecting Tomato Production and Prices

Ketchup, salsa, pizza sauce, marinara and more...consumers may be seeing the price of these favorite staples change for the worse due to the availability of their main ingredient.

This month, tomato farmers are finding their yields in danger as California faces its worst drought in over a millenia.

In fact, according to a recent study in the environmental journal Nature, the time period of 2000 to 2021 was the driest 22-year period since at least 1,200 years ago. That's right — the last time the West Coast was this dry was in the year 800.

California is responsible for 25% of the world's output of tomatoes and leads the world in the production of processing tomatoes.

The drought's slowing of the yield and production of tomatoes, coupled with rising fuel and labor costs are all having an impact on the price.

Tomato supplies have dropped drastically leading experts to warn that vendors reaching out to suppliers for tomato-based items might find supplies are either prohibitively expensive or simply out of stock. That eventually will make its way to the everyday tomato lover and their dinner table.

Because there's no substituting the taste of a real tomato, folks will typically pay more for the wonderful things made with them — in fact, they already have been: the price of tomato sauce has risen 17% from that same time period a year ago, while ketchup is 23% higher and salsa is up 13%.



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Dr. Mary Sieu Retires Thank You ABC Students, Parents, Staff and Board

Dear ABCUSD Community:

After serving the students, families, and staff for over 30 years, the last ten as Superintendent, today [Tuesday August 16] is my last day with the ABC Unified School District.

To say that I have loved my time here is an understatement. As a child, I knew I wanted to be an educator. I have been inspired by so many great educators, including my kindergarten teacher, Ms. King.

I never forgot the impact they had on me, and I always made sure to do the same for my students. Although I have served in many roles here at ABC, I truly treasure my time as Superintendent.

Our District has been through so much over the past decade, the end of the Great Recession and a global pandemic. Through it all, I have seen heroic acts by our teachers, staff, and administrators to serve students. I will

always be proud to have worked with a team dedicated to serving students.

My main focus has always been on student achievement. During my time as Superintendent, the District has worked hard to ensure every student has the tools and resources to succeed.

With support from the Board of Education, we now have a team of mental health professionals at every school and two at our comprehensive high schools.

Every school in ABC has been recognized for its outstanding work with students, and we even have the top-ranked high school in California. None of this happens if our focus is not on our students.

As I leave, I will always remember the many student performances I attended. Seeing families beam with pride while watching their children perform truly touched my heart. But the thing I will miss most will be seeing students. Your children have been my motivation for over 30 years, and I will miss seeing their smiles.

It has been an honor to serve as your Superintendent, and I thank you all for your kind words and wishes as I move into the next chapter of my life.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent

Assessor's Office Reports on 2022 Assessment Roll by City

By Jeff Prang

It's that time of year again that my Office undertakes its most important function of the fiscal year that lays the ground work for the very property taxes that pay for our vital public services: The Assessment Roll. In fact, it's a Constitutional mandate.

The Roll for 2022 has been closed as of June 30 and it reflects growth for all cities.

First off, let me say this comprehensive tally values more than 2.5 million real estate parcels in Los Angeles County and results in the very tax dollars that goes to pay for vital public services, such as healthcare, police, fire, schools, and even librarians, to name just a few. As I mentioned, I am constitutionally mandated to close the Roll by the end of the Fiscal Year on June 30. As a point of reference, my Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30.

I am pleased to announce that the 2022 Assessment Roll has a total net value of \$1.89 trillion, indicating the 12th year of consecutive growth. The 2022 Roll also grew by \$122.38 billion (or 6.9%) over 2021. That value places nearly \$19 billion to be used for those public services I just mentioned.

Artesia for 2022 came in at \$2.06 billion for taxable values, which is a 6.2% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 3,243 single-family homes, 264 apartment complexes, 517 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 4,024 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$2.06 billion.

Lakewood came in at \$11.72 billion for taxable values, which is a 6.1% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 23,156 single-family homes, 486 apartment complexes, 482 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 24,124 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$11.72 billion.

La Mirada came in at \$8.45 billion for taxable values, which is a 7.4% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 13,517 single-family homes, 62

apartment complexes, 470 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 14,049 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$8.45 billion.

Hawaiian Gardens came in at \$1.12 billion for taxable values, which is a 8.8% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 1,795 single-family homes, 478 apartment complexes, 335 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 2,608 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$1.12 billion.

Cerritos came in at \$11.32 billion for taxable values, which is a 4.0% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 15,278 single-family homes, 24 apartment complexes, 625 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 15,927 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$11.32 billion.

Bellflower came in at \$6.67 billion for taxable values, which is a 6.2% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 10,189 single-family homes, 1,870 apartment complexes, 1,488 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 13,547 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$6.67 billion.

Santa Fe Springs for 2022 came in at \$10.00 billion for taxable values, which is a 6.4% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 3,825 single-family homes, 58 apartment complexes, 1,967 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 5,850 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$10.00 billion.

Some basics: The Roll, as it is known, contains the assessed value of all real estate and business personal property in the County's 88 cities along with the unincorporated areas. It also breaks down the number of single-family residential homes, apartments and commercial-industrial parcels.

This year's Roll comprises 2.58 million real estate parcels as well as business assessments countywide. That includes 1.89 million single-family homes, 250,000 apartment complexes, 248,000 commercial and industrial properties and more than 165,000 business property assessments.

Cerritos Honors 1st CEB Marine

Cerritos honored Meritorious Marine, Corporal Jesus Arvizu, from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp



CORPORAL ARVIZU accepts his proclamation with his girlfriend Karen.

Pendleton this past Saturday, August 13.

Corporal Arvizu was presented with a proclamation honoring him for his exemplary service.

Corporal Arvizu and his guest spent the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of Cerritos' 1st CEB sponsors.

In Jan. 2019, Arvizu enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, graduating with a rank of Private First Class.

His subsequent training included Marine Combat Training at School of Infantry at Pendleton, and Basic Combat Engineer School at Courthouse Bay, North Carolina.

In August 2019, Arvizu reported for his first duty station with the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion.

After a lengthy preparatory training period and a promotion, Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) Arvizu deployed with his 1st CEB platoon in support of the 1st Battalion 4th Marine Regiment (BLT 1/4), and deployed on the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) from October 4, 2020 to May 13, 2021. Based on his exemplary performance during his deployment, L/Cpl Arvizu was promoted to Corporal on January 1, 2021, and upon completion of the MEU.

During January and February of 2022, he led his squad in support of the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in training exercises, providing engineering integration and leading missions in route reconnaissance, route clearance, and basic demolitions.

BUSD Searches for New Superintendent

The Bellflower Unified School District has retained Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA) to conduct a search for a new Superintendent. "We look forward to engaging with the school community to learn about the needs of the district to identify a strong and visionary leader," said Valerie Pitts, Ed.D., Associate, HYA.

BUSD is currently embroiled in a financial scandal exposed by a state audit.

Columbia Space Center's Annual Rocket Festival



VOLUNTEERS set up their own booth to help families build different rockets. Photo by Jaelyn Delos Reyes.

By Jaelyn Delos Reyes

Downey hosted its annual rocket festival on Aug. 13 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Columbia Space Center.

Downey residents and visitors made their own rockets and then launched them throughout the whole day.

There was no entrance fee to attend this festival, however, visitors who wanted to build a rocket were required to pay a small fee for the rocket engine.

“All of those rockets are real rockets,” said Benjamin Dickow, President and Executive Director of Columbia Memorial Space Center, “There’s an engine in it, a rocket motor in it that launches like a real-world rocket.”

Many people from different areas came to explore the rocket festival with their families.

“This is a free event. This is supposed to be an open house event so we really don’t keep track. It’s about 1500 people over the course of the day,” Dickow said.

The rocket launches were sold out due

to the number of people that came to participate in building their own rockets.

700 rockets were given away for free and around 300 rockets were launched throughout the event.

The annual rocket festival has been hosted for over 10 years but when the pandemic hit, they made this festival go online and then hybrid.

“2020, we did it all online, said Dickow, “We sent all those rocket kits out to LA and the first 300 that came back to us, we shot them up here and streamed out.”

There were other activities including a live feed from JBL to talk about solar system exploration, kid-friendly plastic rocket launchers and food trucks.

The main goal of this event is to get children and families to experience building a real rocket and watch it launch and perhaps influence a possible career choice.

"Let's get them into science and engineering," said Dickow, "we need more engineers."

Bellflower Symphony Orchestra Concert Aug. 20

By Tammye McDuff

The Bellflower Symphony Orchestra will present a Concert Under the Stars Saturday, August 20, at 7:00 pm, at the Bellflower Town Center Plaza.

The Symphony's 2022 Young Artist winner violinist Aaron Liu will play his winning movement from Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole with the orchestra. The work was written in 1874 for violinist Pablo Sarasate, and premiered in Paris on February 7, 1875. Although called a "Spanish Symphony", it is considered a violin concerto by musicians today. The piece has Spanish motifs throughout and launched a period when Spanish-themed music came into vogue. The Symphonie Espagnole is one of Lalo's two most often played works. Come and enjoy familiar music from Bizet's Carmen and Strauss' Gypsy Baron.

With thanks sponsorship from the City of Bellflower, L.A. County Arts Commission and Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn, this concert is free to the public.

Bring a picnic dinner, or patronize one of the delicious Bellflower restaurants, all within walking distance of Town Plaza. Face masks are still recommended.

The concert will be held at Bellflower Town Center Plaza, 16521 Adenmoor Avenue in Bellflower.

Annual memberships are welcomed. Membership includes a card that will admit members to the season's concerts. Patrons and sponsors are also welcome.

Advertising space is available in the program for business contributors.

For more information, visit www.BellflowerSymphony.org

College & Career Fair Returns Sept. 10

Asm. Lisa Calderon's office is hosting the annual 57th Assembly District College & Career Fair, in partnership with the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District and the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley and Eastside. This annual event is set to return in-person* next month, on Saturday, September 10.

This is a great opportunity for students and families to attend and meet

one-on-one with admissions representatives from over 50 colleges, universities, and career/technical programs. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in live workshops, offered in English and Spanish, on Financial Aid, Community Colleges, CSU and UC Applications, and much more. Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., William Workman High School, 16303 Temple Avenue, Industry, CA 91744

New Principals for Downey Unified School District



NEW DIGS: from (l-r) two principals moving to new elementary schools: Ms. Calvo, new principal of Imperial Elementary School and Ms. Meehan to Price Elementary School. Making the move from staff to principal Ms. Barrios, at Williams Elementary School and Ms. Diaz, at Ward Elementary.



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American History Comes to Life at the Autry Museum

PICTURES FROM THE AUTRY MUSEUM

Educating people is at the heart of what the Autry Museum does best. Whether it is by experiencing exhibits up close in person now or through online distance learning, they strive to inspire a shared future among us all.

The Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles's Griffith Park brings the past to life with the vision of making history relevant in today's tumultuous times.

The whole idea of the museum being alive among people is the aspiration and accomplishment that President and CEO W. Richard West, Jr., has held throughout his nearly 10-year tenure. Though retiring at the end of June, he still clearly sees this as central to the museum's future.

"My guiding philosophy is that a museum should serve as a public forum, a

civic space where people from diverse communities of interest gather to discuss important and even sometimes controversial issues—not just a house of collections and static objects," said West, who also is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Oklahoma.

Educating and bringing people together is at the heart of what the Autry Museum does best. Whether it is by experiencing exhibits up close in person now or through online distance learning.

"The Autry's Distance Learning website features educational resources in a variety of different learning modalities," said Director of Education Sarah Wilson. "[We offer] self-paced lessons, digital gallery tours, live webinars, educational videos, and fun activities. Each resource includes relevant state standards, links to associated education resources, teaching tips for different learning environments and levels of interaction, fillable student response sheets, and Spanish translations."

Historically relevant today is one of their most popular self-paced lessons, *Civil Rights for African Americans in Early California*. For high school students, the it shows the discriminatory policies toward African Americans in early California (1849-1865) and how African Americans fought against those policies is covered.

AUTRY EXHIBITION:
When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California, "History of California Indians," (c. 1990) hand-colored lithographs, collection of the Artist Frank LaPena.



Another popular self-paced lesson, *Who Lives in the American West?* provides a comprehensive geographic background of the western part of our country complete with mapping activities and analysis for grades K - 5.

As far as digital tours, their most popular is the *Ethnobotanical Garden Digital Tour* viewed some 5,881 times. It explores the Autry's garden and celebrates the importance of California's native plants for students of all ages. It is also available in video format as well.

The Autry Museum's most popular live, facilitated webinar is the *Animals of the American West Webinar*. Facilitated by museum teachers, webinars are designed to be interactive through chats and polls while the students analyze objects from the Autry's collection. This particular webinar is intended for students grades 3-6.

"Some of our lessons are also included in the new *Educating for American Democracy Roadmap*, which is incredibly exciting," added Wilson. "It is a wonderful, national tool for classroom teachers looking to incorporate civics

learning and engagement."

Want exhibitions? Two of their most current and popular ones which patrons can check out in person or online are *When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California* and *What's Her Story: Women in the Archives*.

Featuring contemporary art by the First Californians and other Native American Indian artists is *When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California*, an exhibit which spans five decades with strong ties to the state. It showcases more than 65 works of art which transcends borders and utilize cultural resistance to renew and heal communities. This exhibit was conceived by and is dedicated to Nontipom Wintu artist Frank LaPena (1936-2019), a renowned artist, writer, curator, poet, traditionalist, and professor at Sacramento State University for 40 years. It was organized by the Crocker Museum in Sacramento with support from the United Auburn Indian Community and is made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities, according to www.

THE AUTRY MUSEUM
of the American West located in Los Angeles's Griffith Park offers thought provoking online and onsite resources which brings history to life.

BERTHA PARKER CODY
at Southwest Museum expedition, 1929. Photograph by Mark Raymond Harrington. Part of the Autry exhibition, *What's Her Story: Women in the Archives*.



theautry.org.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of women garnishing the right to vote, *What's Her Story: Women in the Archives* celebrates women's history as found in the Autry Museum's collections. Their compelling stories are preserved as a legacy given in their own voice during the 20th to the 21st centuries. Some are about the Assistance League of Los Angeles, Caroline Boeing Poole, Gladys Knight Harris, the Native Voices theatre ensemble, and stories of the Women's March movement, according to www.theautry.org.

The Autry Museum of the American West was established in 1988 by Jackie and Gene Autry and Joanne and Monte Hale. Named after co-founder, actor, and businessman Gene Autry, it offers a wide variety of exhibitions and programs which include lectures, film, theater, festivals, family events, and music while conducting scholarly research and educational outreach. The museum has two sites in Los Angeles which comprehensively explore the cultures of the American West. Normally, the museums attract nearly

150,000 visitors a year.

"As with most cultural institutions, COVID-19 has been very tough on museums," said Director of Communications and Marketing Chris Dzialo. "Thanks to the leadership of our president, Rick West, as well as the leadership and generosity of our Board of Trustees, the Autry was lucky to fare a bit better than most."

They survived by making what Dzialo calls a "very quick pivot," to the digital by encouraging everyone across all aspects of the Autry Museum to bring as much as they could online. This meant creating virtual tours of several exhibitions including their popular *Masters of the American West Art Exhibition and Sale*.

"Our mission is to tell the diverse stories of the American West, and the job of my team is to get those stories in front of as many people as possible," said Dzialo who has been with the Autry Museum since June 2017. "It is a gift and incredibly rewarding work to promote these important and relevant cultural moments and activations to wider and wider audiences."

Having both an online and onsite presence that continues to serve the greater Los Angeles community is the vision President and CEO W. Richard West, Jr., holds long term for the Autry Museum even after his tenure ends. He said, "More selfishly, I cannot wait just to be a 'civilian' myself at the museum, able to simply revel in Autry exhibitions and programs for the sheer pleasure of the experience as a visitor." It is his hope that others will also revel in the museum bringing history to life open for discussion even if the world finds itself in turbulent times again.

The Autry Museum of the American West in Griffith Park is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at 4700 Western Heritage Way in Los Angeles. Their Historic Southwest Museum Mt. Washington Campus is currently closed until further notice. The museum is a nonprofit and welcomes individuals, businesses, and corporate donors through membership. For more information, please visit www.theautry.org.



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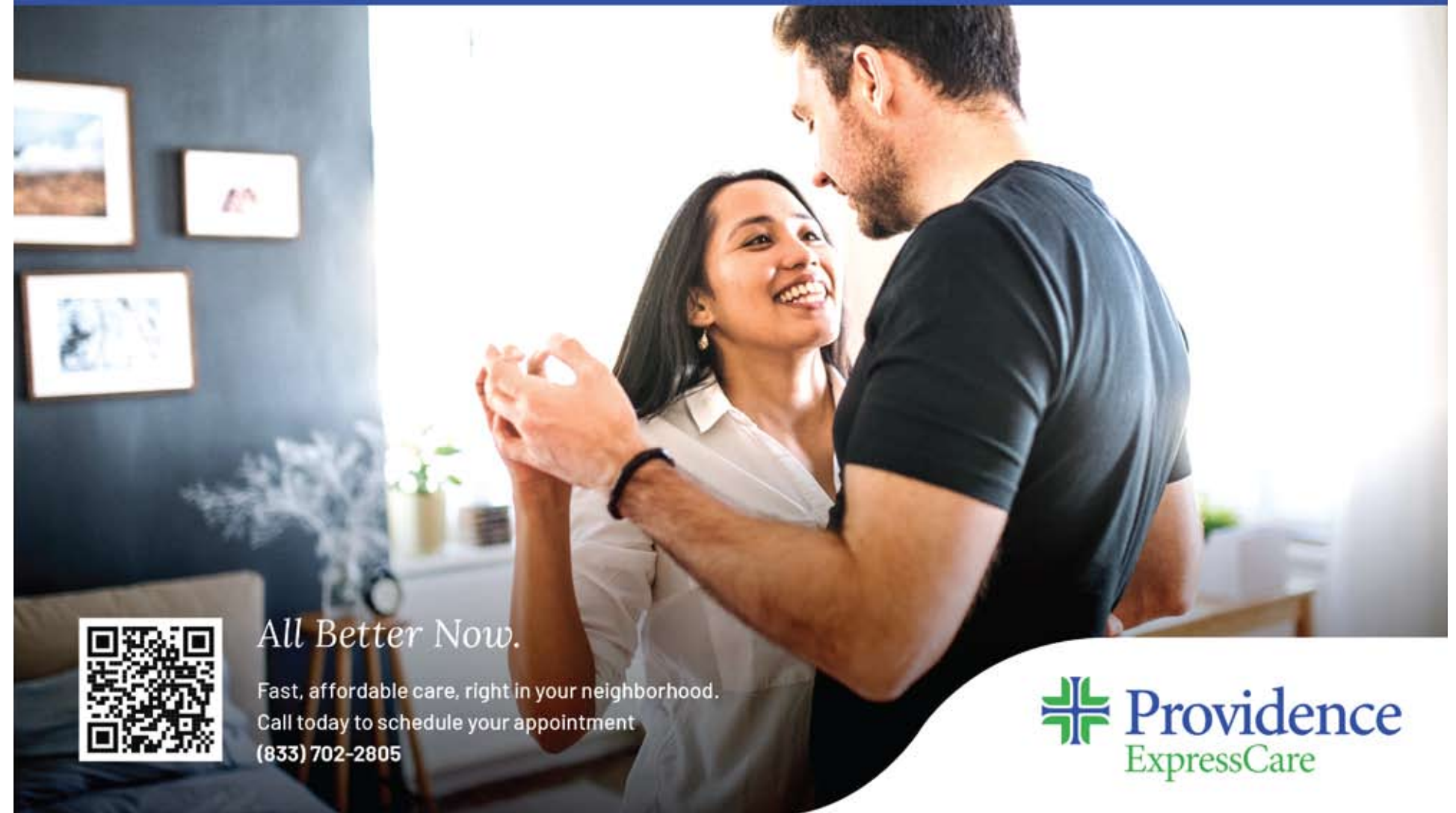
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Gahr Hopes That Its New Field, League Will Bring Brighter Days To Program

By Loren Kopff
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GAHR GLADIATORS
1-9 overall last season, 1-4 in the San Gabriel Valley League, fifth place
16-31 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Greg Marshall (20th season, 91-101)
Lost 11 seniors from 2021 roster
Last time made the playoffs: 2019
2022 schedule
Aug. 19 BYE
Aug. 26 Valley Christian (7-3 overall last season)
Sept. 2 Heritg Christian (5-6)
Sept. 9 Garden Grove (7-4)
Sept. 16 Santa Ana Valley (2-8)
Sept. 22 @ Crean Lutheran (1-9)
Sept. 30 @ Bellflower (2-7)
Oct. 6 @ Cerritos (5-6)
Oct. 14 Firebaugh (1-9)
Oct. 21 @ Norwalk (6-5)
Oct. 28 Lynwood (3-7)

It goes without saying that the pandemic hurt everyone in one way or another. For the Gahr High program, it hit pretty hard last season when the Gladiators had to cancel a home game against Mayfair High to begin the season, then cancelled road games against Heritage Christian High two weeks later and Warren High late in the season. While Gahr was able to play an unscheduled contest with Valley Christian High to conclude the season, very little went right for head coach Greg Marshall and the team he assembled in his 19th season.

“It was a Covid season,” he said. “We never really even got started because of Covid. We had 17 kids the first week of practice. So, everybody is out, then we get them back and then we get Covid again. We shouldn’t have even played the Garden Grove game because we had some kids come back that day.”

After the cancellation of the Mayfair game on Aug. 20, Gahr hosted North Torrance High the next week before cancelling the Heritage Christian contest. Six days later was the trek to Garden Grove High. Marshall says he has a much healthier team now than he did at this point a year ago, but the program has lost some players who have moved out of the area or for academic reasons.

“We had a lot of sophomores playing last year,” he added. “We have some holes that we’re trying to fill here. But the numbers are good and we’re just going to be inexperienced. We just are.”

But that was last season and this season, the program can look for what it thinks can be better days ahead as the Gladiators are in the Mid-Cities League of the new Suburban Valley Conference, a merger of the San Gabriel Valley League and Suburban League. Then, the school is getting field turf installed at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium along with a new all-weather track surface. While the team will play the first couple of “home” games on the road, Marshall can finally smile at what he sees in the near future for his program.

OFFENSE
Gahr had its worst season since going

winless in the 2001 campaign and was shutout bad in its first five games. The Gladiators only scored against Lynwood High on Oct. 14 and against V.C. in a 34-14 contest. Junior Ethan Whiteman, who played the first few games last season at the lower levels before blowing out his knee, has been tabbed the team’s starting quarterback with senior Tyvon McGirt as his backup. Gahr was planning on someone else to be the starter, but because of grades, Whitman, who is more of a running quarterback, won the job by default, according to Marshall.

Juniors Kalen Montgomery (running back) and Noah Taylor, who will be used more of an H-fullback, are slated to be the top ground gainers while McGirt, who will also see some carries, and Evan Spurlin-Renfroe will be the top two receivers. Marshall has also moved some down linemen down to the tight end position, including senior Anthony Rodriguez and junior Calvin Thomas.

The rest of the offense rounds out with senior left tackle Tristen Contreras, junior left guard Giovanni Orona, junior center Izaya Samonte, senior right guard Marcell Frazier and senior right tackle Jason Jackson.

“I think the offense is going to be better,” said Marshall. “They’ll have a better opportunity because we’re playing more equal competition, I think. I think that our games, whoever we’re playing, are going to be like us, look like us; probably will have similar issues.

“I just think we’ve had practice time and we’ve had the same system,” he later said. “When you put something in and it stays in, you can adjust a little bit without revamping the whole thing [and] the kids understand it. It has to be better

because it can’t get any worse.”

Despite the offensive struggles of last season, Marshall wasn’t disappointed at all, citing that his starting quarterback transferred out the week before camp started, plus the two weeks of the Covid issues.

DEFENSE
In the seven games played on the field, Gahr allowed over 50 points three times and over 40 points two other times. Less than two weeks before Gahr’s season opener, Marshall didn’t know which way he was going to go when talking about his defensive line. He did say Rodriguez and senior Tuini Mataele will start at the end positions with Contreras and Frazier, the latter being a nose guard, also being two-way players.

Contreras, when he’s not on the line, will be one of the linebackers along with junior Brendan Martinez and Taylor, who will split time at weak inside linebacker and Thomas, who will occupy the outside strong position. The secondary will be handled by safeties McGirt and Montgomery and cornerbacks Spurlin-Renfroe and sophomore Markell Slaughter.

“We lost some guys off the defense last year, and I think these kids have been working really hard,” said Marshall. “I think Tristen will probably end up being a true linebacker; I think he’ll make a lot of plays. And the corners with Markell and Evan...they’re going to be legit corners. Once again, everyone has an opportunity to know what they’re supposed to be doing and why they’re there. They have a position, and they understand the scheme.”

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Volleyball tournament kicked off fall season while football begins for five area teams

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

For some football programs, the season begins this weekend (Aug. 18-20) as they play their Week Zero games, including five of the seven area teams. Others have decided to use their bye week now, then play 10 straight regular season while girls volleyball started last Saturday with three area teams participating in the Tae Kim Lakewood/Molten Classic.

FOOTBALL
Cerritos High (5-6 last season) @ Buena Park High (0-10)-The Dons should not have any problems getting a win in this game as the Coyotes scored only 79 points last season while allowing 441. In last season’s opener, Cerritos scored a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter and defeated Buena Park 24-14. It was the closest game last season the Coyotes played in as they were blanked three times.

Prediction: Cerritos 35, Buena Park 10.

John Glenn High (3-7) @ Rowland High (3-7)-Glenn began

2021 with two straight wins and if the Eagles want to show people that they can compete, this should be a favorable contest. Of Rowland’s three victories last season, one was a shutout, one was by eight points and the other was by three points. Key returning playmakers for the Raiders will be quarterback Ryan Hindi, who completed 22 passes and threw for 199 yards and running back Eric Egere, who gained 742 yards on 133 carries and scored five times. Senior Emmanuel Enriquez makes his first start as Glenn’s quarterback

Prediction: Buena Park 24, Glenn 23.

La Mirada High (7-5) @ El Toro High (7-4)-This should be a good opener for both teams as they want to prove they can be contenders for winning their respective leagues. The Matadores came in second place last season in the Suburban League, which is no longer exists, while the Chargers finished in a three-way tie for first place in the Sea View League. La Mirada trailed El Toro 17-7 in last season’s opener and scored 14 fourth quarter points only to fall 24-21. In that game, senior quarterback Nehuel Garcia went 20 of 32 for 211 yards, two touchdowns and an interception while El Toro’s Blake Miller was 15 of 26 for 213 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 78 yards on 12 carries.

The Chargers lost their last two games of 2021, including a 22-21 overtime affair to Summit High in the

CIF-Southern Section Division 5 first round playoffs.

Prediction: La Mirada 31, El Toro 27.

Norwalk High (6-5) @ San Marino High (3-6)-The Lancers could be using this as a revenge game as San Marino came into Norwalk’s stadium and posted a 34-22 victory. Norwalk led 22-20 at the half before allowing two third quarter touchdowns. Senior running back David Herrera rushed 21 times for 145 yards and scored twice in that contest.

After winning their first two games, the Titans lost three in a row before blanking Temple City High 52-0 followed by a season-ending three-game losing streak. The last two games were decided by three points each.

Prediction: Norwalk 35, San Marino 24.

El Dorado High (8-4) @ Valley Christian High (7-3)-It’s a new beginning for the Defenders as Nick Walker begins his first season as the team’s new head coach. Although V.C. shutout Santa Rosa High 45-0 in its home opener, the game was later ruled a forfeit and the Defenders would have to wait until Sept. 10 before getting its first true victory.

The Hawks won their first five games of 2021 by an average of 23.2 points and after eliminating Orange Vista High in the first round of the Division 8 playoffs last season, El Dorado lost to Buena High 24-20. All four losses were by eight, 14, eight

and four points. Leading rusher Isaiah Quintero (147 carries, 954 yards, five touchdowns) returns for the Hawks.

Prediction: El Dorado 28, Valley Christian 20.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Artesia High, Cerritos and V.C. competed in the Tae Kim Lakewood/Molten Classic and will return to tournament action on Saturday. Before that, Artesia hosts Gahr High today, Cerritos visited Bellflower High on Aug. 18 and will go to Gahr on Tuesday before hosting Warren High on Thursday and V.C., losers in its two pool play matches last Saturday, rebounded to defeat Downey High in four sets this past Tuesday. The Defenders visited California High on Aug. 18 and will entertain Pacifica Christian High and Millikan High on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

Glenn began its season on Aug. 18 against Paramount High and will visit Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High on Tuesday before welcoming Rancho Dominguez High two days later while La Mirada hosted El Rancho High on Aug. 18 and will to the same to Whitney High on Tuesday and Sonora High on Thursday.

Norwalk will be busy the remainder of the month, beginning with its road match at Whittier High on Aug. 18, today’s visit to El Rancho, a trip to Santa Fe High on Tuesday and a home match against San Gabriel High on Thursday while Whitney hosted North Torrance High on Aug. 18.

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For Gahr not to duplicate the defensive woes of allowing over 40 and 50 points, Marshall said the offense has to score early and keep the ball moving so the defense isn’t on the field as much.

SCHEDULE
Thanks to the merger of the SGVL and Suburban League, there are four schools the Gladiators don’t have to worry about for the time being. Gone from the schedule are games against Downey High, whom Gahr went 1-18 against since 1998. Don’t expect to see Dominguez High anytime soon, as the Dons won 15 of 20 games against Gahr since 1998. For added measure, scrapped from the docket are former league rivals Paramount High and Warren, who combined to defeat the Gladiators 27 out of the past 38 meetings.

Now, Gahr is in its best comfort zone, at least on paper, in a long time playing the likes of Firebaugh High and old SGVL holdover Lynwood. Mix in newcomers Bellflower High and Norwalk High and the Gladiators have a chance to finish in the middle to the top of the Mid-Cities League.

“I’ve got to believe we have a great shot versus Lynwood and Firebaugh,” said Marshall. “Rather than having to play up for five games, I think we’re really going to be challenged for two and we need to play well for two. We can go 3-1 [in league], 2-2 [or] 4-0 if we’re lucky. It would be really tough for us if we were in the San Gabriel Valley League this year.”

The first four games of the season are home games however the Valley Christian and Heritage Christian contests will be on the road as Gahr’s new field turf surface won’t be ready in time.

“I’ve got to believe the Valley and Heritage games will be whoever plays

best, wins,” said Marshall. “It’s not going to be like, ‘we might be over our heads’. I think all our games are going to be just football games. Garden Grove might be a little bit of a step up. I know Santa Ana Valley has a pretty good running back. But once again, is it like the schedules we’ve had in the past? No. If we stay healthy and have consistent quarterback play, I think we can be in all those football games.”

Since 2002, Gahr has a 6-1 record against V.C. and the program won three games against Norwalk from 2003-2005 when it was a freelance team. A week after the league opener against Bellflower, whom the Gladiators have won three straight games against, the city rivalry with Cerritos High is renewed. The Gladiators have won 14 of 20 meeting since 1998 including the last 13 against their ABC Unified School District rivals. The last time they faced each other was in 2017 and Gahr easily handled the Dons 48-0. During the 13-game winning streak, Gahr posted seven shutouts and held Cerritos to just one touchdown in five other games.

“The kids are excited about that; everyone is excited about that,” said Marshall. “It’s just a shame we haven’t done that for a couple of years. Win or lose, you want to play your rival. They were losing [to us] but they were still good. Was there a better game for them to play? I don’t understand. But that’s their choice.

“The problem is our kids don’t even know what that game is like,” he continued. “I think it’s going to be good for [the city of] Cerritos kids. They have a game where the city is interested in, and a lot of people are going to come out and see it. How could you not have that game?”

Marshall believes that with the team he has this season, a 5-5 record would

be a good season, but a 6-4 mark would be great. If the Gladiators can sweep Firebaugh and Lynwood and get at least a win against either Bellflower or Norwalk, both of whom run the double wing offense, that would put Gahr in a great position to claim second place.

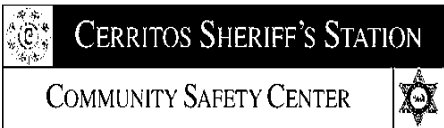
HOMECOMING
In a rare occasion for high schools, Gahr’s homecoming game will be its last home game of the season. Out of all the old SGVL opponents, Gahr has had the most success against Lynwood, going 13-6 against the Knights since 1998, including the last six in a row. Gahr’s homecoming game last season was against V.C. and the Gladiators have lost their last three homecoming contests and seven of the last eight. This will be the fourth time since 2008 Gahr has had Lynwood for its homecoming opponent, winning every outing.



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CITY OF CERRITOS
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Project Identification: CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY, RFP NO. 1471-22. Project Description: The City of Cerritos invites interested qualified, professional consulting firms to submit written proposals to evaluate, analyze and prepare a citywide classification and compensation study. The City seeks to evaluate the compensation of all full-time and all part-time classifications for the City and identify adjustments necessary for market competitiveness and internal equity. The selected consultant firm shall work closely with the Personnel/Risk Manager, who will administer the project to ensure that City’s objectives are met. **Project Specifications:** A brochure describing the specifications for this Request for Proposals process is available on the City’s website at: www.cerritos.us. Questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to: Patricia Leyva, Personnel/Risk Manager, 562-916-1321, pleyva@cerritos.us **Proposals must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 9, 2022. Place of proposal receipt: The bid submission must be received in the: Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. Proposals must be marked: **“PROPOSAL – CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY RFP NO. 1471-22 - DO NOT OPEN”** **Final selection criteria:** The City of Cerritos will select a consultant on the basis of qualifications, experience, timeline and cost. The following are the minimum qualifications that will be used to evaluate responses: Compliance with the RFP. Each consultant will be interviewed. Each consultant will be required to present their proposal and provide an in-depth review of their study analysis. A joint recommendation will be submitted to the City Manager. The City Manager will then make his recommendation to the City Council. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following project:

Project Description: The City of Artesia is noticing a Special Meeting to hold a scheduled public hearing for the Planning Commission to consider recommending a zone text amendment to the City Council which amends Article 44 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Artesia Municipal Code regarding commercial cannabis use and cultivation. Among other things, the amendments establish that retail commercial cannabis may be a permitted use subject to the review and approval of various entitlements within portions of the commercial general and commercial planned development zones, as well as in portions of the Artesia Boulevard Specific Plan, Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, and South Street Specific Plan areas. Commercial cannabis use will be prohibited throughout all other zones in the City. All other commercial cannabis uses, such as commercial cultivation, manufacturing, testing, distribution, and transportation are still prohibited within the City. Additionally, the amendments will move existing provisions related to cannabis cultivation to another chapter in the Code and make minor changes, such as eliminating certain cannabis definitions in Title 9.

Applicant: City of Artesia

Location: The regulations will apply citywide.

CEQA Determination: The zone text amendments are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3). The activity is not subject to CEQA because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Hearing Date: The Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on August 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701.

This Planning Commission meeting is in-person. The public has the option to attend the meeting in person to provide comments or to provide comment before the meeting. Written public comments can be submitted via email to PublicComments@cityofartesia.us or US Mail (submit early) to the Community Development Department, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 provided that the comments are received prior to the time of the public hearing. Comments received prior to 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting will be posted as an addendum to the agenda. Challenge to the action in court will be limited to issues raised at the public hearings or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the close of the public hearing. The project staff report will be available for review on the City’s website (<https://www.cityofartesia.us/AgendaCenter>) on the Friday preceding the hearing. If you have any questions or have trouble accessing the staff report, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 865-6262 or via email at Planning@cityofartesia.us.

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Case No. 22STPB07922
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KAZUO OTOMO
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Myles Otomo in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Myles Otomo be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 13, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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: ROBERT H PALMER ESQ SBN 92040 KRISTEN B DAMON ESQ SBN 290494 LAW OFFICE OF ROBERT H PALMER 3812 SEPULVEDA BLVD STE 300 TORRANCE CA 90505
CN989725 OTOMO Aug 19,26, Sep 2, 2022

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
VICTORIA HUMENIK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: ROSCOE BEST CREIGHTON TO ROSCOE BEST HUMENIK. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 10/03/22, 10:30 am, Dept C, RM 312. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2/22. Case number 22NWCPO0315.

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA

Unclaimed Deposits

This is a public notice that the City of Pico Rivera (“City”) is in possession of certain unclaimed monies. A specific list of unclaimed monies and individual names of potential claimants is available on the City's website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/unclaimed-property/> and at the Administrative Services Department.

Anyone who has a legal claim to the Unclaimed Property must file a written claim at the address below within 45 days from the first publication date of this notice, or else funds will become City property.

City of Pico Rivera, Administrative Service, Finance Division
6615 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera CA 90660
www.Pico-Rivera.org
Ph: 562-801-4392 or Email: FinanceDepartment@Pico-Rivera.org

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Unknown to many, and highly unusual for a public school district, BUSD, authorized by Associate Superintendent Sulema Holguin, had retained Blaine's company, a pricey Beverly Hills public relations firm with a small client list and a corporate address near Rodeo Drive.

But no one knew how pricey, until now.

HMG-CN submitted a public records request for the Blaine Group's contract with the BUSD on Jul. 26, 2022, informing the district, per the Freedom of Information Act, that it had ten days to respond, with an additional fourteen days, for a total of 24 calendar days.

BUSD did not answer that it had received the request and took past the ten-day window to send the contract, and only after HMG-CN sent two emails and a left voice message on Friday Aug. 5 with BUSD attorney Eric Bathen; the document was later sent at 9:30 pm that night.

The contract was dated Dec. 20, 2021, signed by Blaine and Associate Superintendent Sulema Holguin, and read more like a retainer agreement with an attorney than an agreement with a communications company.

BUSD agreed to pay Blaine \$5,000 per month, and, if that was not enough, Blaine would charge an unheard of \$350 per hour in addition to the retainer for "urgent needs." Blaine would also charge \$350 for any of her other employees that worked with the BUSD.

If that was not enough, the contract allowed Blaine to submit expenses "without prior approval" for postage, mileage, long distance telephone calls, publications, copied materials, and other "individual expenses under \$100."

But it was the next paragraph that seemed to indicate McSparren and Holguin knew the incriminating audit results were due to be released, and they were preparing to handle the "urgent needs" that was outlined in the contract.

The unusual paragraph, with wording that would not likely stand up in court, stated that Blaine "anticipated working with BUSD Counsel Eric Bathen who may request certain assistance on matters involving claims, potential claims, or disputes of other kinds."

The contract then classified those anticipated discussions as attorney-client privilege and that Blaine would "segregate that work from other communications and mark as attorney-client privilege."

The attorney-client relationship affords a client the right to have communications protected from compelled disclosure to any third party, including business associates and competitors,

Fall Festival at St. Irenaeus, Bid on Silent Auction Items

By Edna Ethington

Community members are invited to come to the St. Irenaeus Fall Fiesta on the weekend of September 16-18, 2022 on the church grounds at 5201 Evergreen Avenue

New items for the Silent Auction this year include “Swag Bags” from all the local Catholic High Schools, including Mater Dei High School, Servite High School, Rosary Academy, Saint Joseph High School, and St. John Bosco High School.

Sports enthusiasts will also be able to bid on memorabilia from the Los Angeles Rams, Los Angeles Dodgers, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Joe Montana, Dan Marino, John Elway, Troy Aikman, and Magic Johnson. There will also be an opportunity to bid on a special NASCAR driving experience.

The Fall Fiesta Committee has partnered with a company that will be sending some Star Wars Memorabilia to auction off. The details of these items are not known at this time, so interested parties are asked to come to the Fiesta and check out whatever Star Wars items are sent.

Lisa Sambrano is still collecting donations for the Silent Auctions, so if any individuals or businesses would like to donate items for the Silent Auctions, please contact Lisa Sambrano at lsambrano@sticypress.org or call St. Irenaeus Church office at 714-826-0760.

HOURS WILL BE: Friday, September 16, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 18, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m

government agencies and even criminal justice authorities.

It is highly unusual for a communications firm working for a public agency to claim attorney-client privilege when discussing client matters unless those matters are somehow criminal or expose the BUSD to potential lawsuits.

In addition, it is questionable whether those communications are even privileged.

Bathen's client is the BUSD, not Blaine; the Blaine Group has no personal right of confidentiality over any communications between Blaine and the BUSD because the BUSD is Bathen's client.

It is analogous to a BUSD school board member communicating with Bathen on an issue; those communications are not privileged because the school board member is not Bathen's client.

Finally, buried in the agreement's wording was a sentence, "it is further agreed that if the agent receives a payment from client, but not a signed contract, such payment will be deemed as acceptance of said contract."

Were McSparren and Holguin attempting to keep the Blaine contract hidden from the board until McSparren reached her spending limit?

Even though the contract was signed in December, a purchase order, which is a legal document that a buyer creates (BUSD) and sends to a seller (Blaine) to confirm their intentions, was not approved by the board until its April meeting, with Blaine racking up nearly \$20,000 in fees.

Several email into Blaine Group owner Devon Blaine have gone unanswered.

ABCUSD Board Approves Interim Superintendent, New Director of Secondary School, and Principals

Staff Report

The ABC Unified School District Board of Education approved new appointments at the August 16, 2022, meeting.

With the retirement of Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, the Board announced they would conduct a search for a replacement and named Mr. Toan Nguyen, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer, as the Interim Superintendent. Mr. Nguyen has served under three Superintendents during his 21 years with the District.

His leadership and understanding of public education enabled the District to operate without layoffs during the Great Recession and helped drive the pivot to online learning during the lockdown portion of the pandemic.

“I am very grateful to the Board for having the confidence and trust in me to oversee the District,” said Mr. Nguyen. “My promise to the Board is that I will continue to build on the accomplishments of Dr. Sieu with a focus on student achievement.”

The Board approved **Dr. Ricardo Lois as the next Director of Secondary Schools.**

Dr. Lois has been with the District for 18 years and most recently served as the Principal at Gahr High School. In his new role, he will oversee all ABC



THE ABCUSD BOARD named Toan Nguyen as Interim Superintendent this week. Mr. Nguyen has been with the district for over two decades and most recently served as the Deputy Superintendent.

middle and high schools, ABC Adult School, and the Child Welfare and Attendance Department.

The Board also announced three principal appointments:

● **Ms. Tuesday Stoffers is the new Principal at Whitney High School** and most recently served as the Principal at Tetzlaff Middle School.

● **Dr. Paul Delgado is the new Principal at Aloha Elementary School.** Mr. Delgado comes to the District from Slauson Academy where he most recently served as Principal.

● **Mr. Jeffrey Hernandez is the new Principal at Gahr High School.** Mr. Hernandez most recently served as Assistant Principal at Portola High School in Irvine.

All positions will take effect immediately. The District will share more information about the search for a new Superintendent throughout the process.

Find our paper at these convenient locations:

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