



Combined Effort by County Agencies Lead to Launch of Fraud Alert e-Notification Program

By Laurie Hanson

Los Angeles County has come together to launch an innovative program that will keep homeowners advised when activity occurs on an individual's property by using registrants' email addresses.

The Property Owner e-Notification Alert (e-Notification) is an extension of the County's existing Fraud Notification Program, which informs property owners of recorded activity on their property.

The Los Angeles County Assessor's Office along with the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the County Dept. of Consumer and Business Affairs have joined forces to offer the tool. Owners can register at the Assessor's website at <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/>.

"Along with being notified

by regular mail within 5 to 30 days on activity on a person's property, now that property owner will be notified within 48 hours by email as long as they are registered," said Assessor Jeff Prang. "This is another tool to try and deter fraudulent activity by some unscrupulous individual trying to take advantage of a property owner."

Currently, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk mails fraud notifications directly to homeowners and renters within 30-days when a Grant Deed, Quit Claim Deed or Deed of Trust has been recorded on their chain of title, or, within 5-days, when a Notice of Default, or Notice of Sale is recorded to advise the property is subject to entering foreclosure. As of Jan. 5, in addition to receiving paper copies via

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Cerritos Drug Trafficker Sentenced to 22.5 Years

By Brian Hews

A Cerritos drug trafficker was sentenced this week to 270 months in federal prison today for narcotics and firearms offenses, including providing fentanyl to a victim who later ingested the powerful synthetic opioid and died from it.

Shaun Alan Rosa, 45, was sentenced by United States District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez.

Rosa pleaded guilty in July 2022 to one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and to maintain a drug-involved premises, one count of possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and one count of distribution of fentanyl. He has been in federal custody since September 2019.

According to court documents, from April 2015 to March 2018, Rosa directed a conspirator to rent and maintain an apartment in San Pedro for the purpose of storing

and distributing narcotics and firearms. Other conspirators, including the victim, provided illegal drugs such as cocaine, Ecstasy, and fentanyl to Rosa for further distribution.

Rosa then directed a co-conspirator to pick up narcotics from other members of the conspiracy, transport the drugs to the San Pedro apartment and later distribute the drugs to other conspirators and to pick up money from these conspirators as payment for the drugs.

Rosa admitted in his plea agreement that, in June 2017 in Long Beach, he knowingly gave pills containing fentanyl to a co-conspirator, identified in court documents at "M.E." The victim later ingested the pills, which led to his fatal overdose.

"Despite knowing about the tragic death of M.E. from a fentanyl overdose, defendant continued to distribute controlled substances, including

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DA' HAWAII SENIORS AT CERRITOS' FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

NA IPO HULA GROUP: Da' Hawaii Seniors Club was well represented at the annual Cerritos Festival of Friendship, sponsored by the Cerritos Let Freedom Ring Committee and the Los Cerritos Center. Members of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club performed with three different groups on two stages at the Los Cerritos Center Mall, the stage in front of Forever 21, and the stage in front of the Sears building. Pictured at the Cerritos Festival of Friendship are the Na Ipo Hula Group, wearing Pa'u skirts and orchid leis as they dance four hulas. Photo courtesy Edna Ethington.

La Mirada Hosted Sheriff Luna at Annual Youth In Government Event

Staff Report

The City of La Mirada held its annual Youth in Government Luncheon on Thursday, February 2 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Members of the La Mirada City Council, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District and

La Mirada Ebell were among those who attended. The City's Youth in Government program partners students from La Mirada High School with City Councilmembers and staff in an effort to engage local youth in City programs and services. The program provides students the opportunity to learn about local government operations,

develop their leadership skills, and become involved members of the community.

The Luncheon serves as an opportunity for the participants of the program to meet their counterparts in a formal setting and hear from an elected official. This year, newly elected Los Angeles County Sher-

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SHERIFF ROBERT LUNA, back row fifth from left, attended La Mirada's Annual YIG Luncheon, along with Mayor Anthony Otero, La Mirada Mayor Pro Tem Steve De Ruse, and La Mirada Councilmembers Ed Eng and John Lewis. Photo courtesy city of La Mirada.

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Day of Remembrance Presentation at Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club

By Norma Williamson, M.Ed.

The founder of the 4th Annual Day of Remembrance at ABC Unified School District, ABCUSD School Board Member and Clerk of the Board, Ernie Nishii will be the Program Speaker at the General Meeting of the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club (HHHDC) on Feb. 20 at a local Cerritos Restaurant from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Email the address below to reserve a seat.

On February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, ordering persons of Japanese ancestry to report for incarceration. Over 120,000 people were imprisoned in American Incarceration Camps. The ABCUSD program hosts 90-year-old survivors of these incarceration camps as speakers to answer questions from students regarding their experiences and feelings in World War II. This program is broadcast live to the middle and high schools in the district. There will be an in-person live event on February 17, at Whitney High School in the Grace Hu Center at 9:30 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. The Cerritos High in-person event will be at Brewer Theater on February 21 at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m., and finally at 2:30 p.m. There will also be live sessions for middle schools in the district. This is part of the ABC curriculum and a student-focused event - no special speeches from dignitaries.

Mr. Ernie Nishii created this event because 79 years ago, his mom, at 4 years old, was incarcerated as an "enemy of the state." She, along with the entire family, were citizens of the United States and were only given a moment's notice to reduce their worldly possessions to a suitcase. The Sixth Amendment of the Bill of Rights, which guarantees the right to a public trial for the accused, was conveniently ignored. The purpose of this program and this presentation at HHHDC is to enlighten the public that civil rights are only as valuable as those who enforce these rights and truly believe in these rights. In times of extremism, even a 4-year-old child and her innocent family can be sacrificed in the name of expediency.

HHHDC is hopeful that this program will inspire the public, and especially the next generation, to speak out against injustice.

Please email marytcerca@aol.com for program information and to make a reservation.

Presidio of San Francisco, California
May 3, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY Living in the Following Area:

All of that portion of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, within that boundary beginning at the point at which North Figueroa Street meets a line following the middle of the Los Angeles River; thence southerly and following the said line to East First Street; thence westerly on East First Street to Alameda Street; thence southerly on Alameda Street to East Third Street; thence northwesterly on East Third Street to Main Street; thence northerly on Main Street to First Street; thence northwesterly on First Street to Figueroa Street; thence northeasterly on Figueroa Street to the point of beginning.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 33, this Headquarters, dated May 3, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Saturday, May 9, 1942.

No Japanese person living in the above area will be permitted to change residence after 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Sunday, May 3, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Southern California Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at:

Japanese Union Church,
120 North San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of uniting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency.

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and livestock.
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

The Following Instructions Must Be Observed:

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Monday, May 4, 1942, or between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday, May 5, 1942.

2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:

- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
- (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
- (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
- (d) Sufficient knives, forks, spoons, plates, bowls and cups for each member of the family;
- (e) Essential personal effects for each member of the family.

All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

3. No pets of any kind will be permitted.
4. No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.
5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.
6. Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center or will be authorized to travel by private automobile in a supervised group. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.



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West Coast Warriors Cross Country Team Honored by Council



THE WEST COAST WARRIORS 9-10 age division boys is led by Head Coach Anthony Ossa and Division Coach Ralph Perez. The team includes Aiden Bello, Evan Cabanes, James Charlton, Jamie Gutierrez Jr., William Moran, Jude Purunjian, Andrew Renteria, and Michael Zuniga.

Staff Report

The La Mirada City Council recognized the West Coast Warriors Cross Country Running Team for its achievements at the 2022 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Champions at the January 24 City Council meeting.

West Coast Warriors is a running team for youth ages 6 to 14 who train and compete in track and cross-country events. The team includes athletes from La Mirada and surrounding cities. The West Coast Warriors 9-10 age division boys completed its 2022 season undefeated in all competitions. The team placed first in the USA Track and Field (USATF) Southern California Association Cross Country Championships in Santa Clarita and the USATF Region 15 Junior Olympic Championships in Las Vegas.

In December, the boys participated at the 2022 USATF National Junior Olympic

Cross Country Championships in College Station, Texas. The event was a 3k race that consisted of the fastest athletes and 23 of the best teams in the nation. West Cost Warriors placed first and were crowned USATF National Champions.

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The Achievement Recognition program recognizes individuals who live, work, or attended school in La Mirada, and have achieved state, regional or national acclaim for outstanding accomplishments.

For additional information regarding the Achievement Recognition program, contact the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

Teacher Grant Program Offered by CA. Credit Union

California Credit Union invites all Los Angeles County teachers who have a dream class project idea to apply for a credit union grant through its bi-annual Teacher Grant program.

The California Credit Union spring grant program is available to full-time teachers in Los Angeles and Orange County, or credit union members teaching in California, looking to fund special learning opportunities for their students. The project should have clearly defined learning objectives tied to students’ academic needs, display creativity, and benefit a significant number of students. Ten California Credit Union grants of \$500 each will be awarded to area teachers in the spring program.

“We encourage any teacher who has a dream program to apply for a grant and look forward to funding these inspiring projects said California Credit Union President/CEO Steve O’Connell.”

Interested teachers can find more information and apply online at ccu.com/teachergrant. The application deadline is February 28, 2023.

Since the creation of the program in 2012, California Credit Union has awarded \$165,000 in teacher grants to benefit students across Southern California. Last year’s grant program funded a wide range of projects, including building solar powered ovens, starting a school radio station, hatching chicks, building a genetics lab, and creating a mariachi music program, among others.

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Live tutors are available 24 hours a day via any device that connects to the

internet. Brainfuse tutors are familiar with California content standards and curriculum frameworks.

Brainfuse offers assistance in math, science, language arts and other core K-12 subjects in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Tagalog.

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Help the Planet, Buy a Tree From Whitney High School Ecology & Wildlife Club

Whitney High School’s Ecology and Wildlife Club is partnering with the non-profit organization Tree-Plenish to host a local tree sale, with the goal of replenishing the school’s paper usage.

Last year, Eco Club’s students were very successful with their Gala apple tree planting campaign.

In this year’s event, residents will be able to choose and order from three tree species: Red Haven peach, Newtown Pippin apple, and Benton cherry trees.

Since 1998, Cerritos has boasted the honor of being named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the National Association of State Foresters, and the USDA Forest Service.

The honor is given to select cities throughout the country for outstanding community forestry programs.

The students of Eco Club are aiming to sell at least 110 trees to offset Whitney High School’s paper usage and build a greener local community. The sale will last until February 13th and customers will be able to pick-up their tree(s) at a socially distanced drive-thru pick-up at Whitney High School on Sunday, March 13th. Each tree costs \$10 but the first 50 trees ordered will be free of cost, so request one now.

To order a tree, visit:
<http://tpevents.org/school/2153>.

Tree-Plenish is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to create more sustainable schools by replenishing the number of trees used to satisfy each school’s paper requirements.

Central Basin Director Garza Sworn in as MWD Director



SWEARING-IN: CB Director Juan Garza with from (l-r) Nicholas Santos, Representative, LiUNA Local 1309; La Verne Councilmember Meshal Kashifalghita; Lakewood Vice Mayor Ariel Pe; Coalition for Responsible Communities Development Chief Business Development Officer Ricardo Mendoza; Paramount Councilmember Brenda Olmos; League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager, Kristine Gurrero; State Senator Bob Archuleta who swore Garza into office; CA Speaker Anthony Rendon Rep. Jose Ugarte; Director Garza; Lakewood City Manager Thaddeus McCormack; Bellflower Councilmember Victor Sanchez; Gary Townsend, Partner, Englander Knabe & Allen; Leadership Expert & Speaker Janine Hamner; Board Vice Chair: Climate Action – Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors Heather Repenning; Montebello Community Development Director Joe Palombi, and Michael Gagan – Water Policy Expert & Adviser.

AM 570 Team Broadcasts From BJ's Restaurant



PETROS AND MONEY, a.k.a. Petros Papadakis (l) and Matt Smith, visited Cerritos at the BJ's and gave away raffle prizes including gift cards and sporting event tickets. The two broadcast from 3-6 p.m. every weekday on AM 570. With the duo is Cerritos City Councilman Frank Yokoyama.

Staff Report

Petros and Money joined Cerritos City Councilman Frank Yokoyama this past Tuesday afternoon at BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse in Cerritos.

They gave Yokoyama a microphone and they talked about how great a city Cerritos is. Immediately after, Petros

donned the Cerritos hat and Money put on Cerritos pin that I gave them. The two raffled away BJ’s gift cards and Clippers, Kings and UCLA Bruins basketball tickets to their many fans in attendance.

Yokoyama stated, "they were the coolest guys bringing their show to Cerritos, and I will forever be a fan."



Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos’s 28th Annual Monte Carlo Fundraiser Gala

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Downey's Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Claudia M. Frometa

Hello Downey,

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor once again. In the first month alone of 2023, our city experienced significant changes. First, the first recall election occurred in Downey's history. The residents from District-3 sent a strong and clear message to all and that is, the character still counts in Downey. Second, my council colleagues and I were tasked with choosing Downey's next City Manager. We were fortunate to have a remarkable field of candidates for the City Manager position, demonstrating Downey's reputation as a high-quality community with a long tradition of a stable and good government. The chosen candidate, Roger Bradley, impressed us with his strong local government background, commitment to customer service, thoughtful approach to leadership, and insightful analysis of Downey's future needs. We will be voting on his selection at next week's council meeting. I am optimistic about the direction of our city, and I can tell you brighter days are coming! Our city staff continues to work diligently to improve our city and complete the goals we have set for this year.

Here are some updates for this month. On Infrastructure:

The Public Works Department continues to make headway on its extensive list of projects to improve our city's infrastructure. Currently, six active areas are in construction and design under the Residential Streets Pavement Rehabilitation Project. With the city's conservation and environmental efforts, work continues to be completed in an efficient and sustainable matter. While sustainability has yet to become a legal mandate, our city has voluntarily created practices to take action and do our part. Decisions on capital



MAYOR FROMETA with a Downey PD volunteer at the Downey Police Station.

practices like these save our planet and provide positive results for our neighborhoods.

CalTrans and Clean-Up Efforts:

As part of Clean California, Caltrans District 7 is partnering with the city for a Free Dump Day event on February 11th from 8 am to 1 pm at the Downey Park & Ride Lot, 12775 Lakewood Blvd. Caltrans staff will be on-site to accept any household waste and approved debris at no charge!

Downey's anti-litter campaign #BINIT, this campaign started during my first Mayoral year in 2021 and continues strong. Residents may call CalMet/Athens services at 562.259.1239 to arrange a bulky item pick up. To report illegally dumped items, please call 562.904.7194 or report it through the Downey App.

The Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Ups continue to bring together residents who want to make a change and help beautify our city. The next clean-up is scheduled for 9 am on Saturday, February 18th, 2023, at the Firestone Complete Auto Care, 9030 Cecilia Street. Thank you to Stonewood Center for sponsoring

our monthly cleanups.

Community Development:

Businesses and residential developments continue to flock to our city. Currently, there are seventeen (17) businesses and nine (9) residential projects in the design, development, or expansion process. With most projects anticipated to be completed this year, our city continues to grow and prosper. As Mayor, I am engaged, working with staff looking to attract new businesses and/or developments to empty spaces. Staff will continue to work with our business community to bring quality developments to our city that will contribute to our local economy.

Citywide Fiber Optic Network System:

This was one of my goals as Mayor in 2021, and the work continues. Plans are underway for a pilot program to begin in a project area this coming Spring.

Public Safety, Community

Engagement & Speed Enforcement:

The Downey Police Department recently welcomed students to its 23rd Citizens Academy. This 10-week program is designed to expose business and residential community members to various aspects of law enforcement and the daily operations of the Downey Police Department. To find out more information or to apply, please contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Stephanie Arroyo at (562) 904-2374 or sarroyo@downeyca.org. Also, if you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood, you will join over 230+ active groups in our city. Contact Ms. Arroyo.

Just last Friday, I joined our PD on a ride-along throughout our city. Thank you to Officer Reyes for the vest and Corporal Bassi for the ride. I am grateful to all the men and women of our police department for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and attention to our residents. I look forward to more frequent rides with our officers.

We will continue working on speeding enforcement and patrols around our

parks for after-hours illegal activity along with parking lots and empty spaces conducive to donuts and racing. Vehicle impounds will continue.

Update on Fire Station #4:

We were informed the current contractor uncovered a need for additional mold remediation, and the roof sustained more significant damage from the recent rains, now needing to be replaced entirely. Unfortunately, this will delay the reopening. I was informed timeline for completion of all repairs is late April. I am frustrated, along with our residents about this extended closure and added delays. I will continue to share updates.

Community Engagement:

The city is proud to host the TLC 5K as it returns in person at Apollo Park on Saturday, February 25th. Registration can be made online, by mail, and in person at the TLC Family Resource Center or the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. TLC provides invaluable services to our city's youth, and I hope you will join me to support this great event.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 49th Mayor. I will continue to work diligently for our city in 2023. Please contact my office with any questions or concerns at 562-904-7274 or email me at cfrometa@downeyca.org. I welcome appointments for in-person visits. You can also follow my Facebook page for regular updates at Claudia M. Frometa Mayor, City of Downey, along with our City's Facebook page, City of Downey Government Agency, for regular updates. Please also download the Downey App on your mobile device. Through this App, you can immediately report illegally dumped items, street repairs, trash, graffiti removal, neighborhood light repairs, etc.

#DowneyStrong, #EngagedCommunitiesAreStrongCommunities, #ThisIsDowney, #CityofDowney, #OperationRestoreOrder #MayorFrometa

Claudia M. Frometa
Mayor of Downey

La Mirada Seeks Judges for Spring Beautification Program

Staff Report

La Mirada's annual Spring Beautification program recognizes property owners for enhancing the beauty of our neighborhoods.

Judging takes place Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 14.

Volunteer judges are needed to canvass neighborhoods throughout La Mirada looking for the most outstanding homes.

For more information or to become a

volunteer judge, contact the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

No Trash Delay For EDCO Customers

There will be no delay in waste and recycling collection services on Monday, February 20, 2023, and all customers will be serviced on their regularly scheduled service day. EDCO's customer service offices, including its public disposal site in Signal Hill, will also remain open. This includes Park Waste and Recycling Services and Signal Hill Waste and Recycling Services

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2023 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors



GIRL POWER! This week, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn unveiled the Board’s official photo for 2023. First row (l-r) newest member Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair Hahn, First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. Back row (l) Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. The photo was taken at the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion. Photo by Dave Franco for Los Angeles County.

Cerritos Library Book Sale Set for Feb. 25 & 26

Staff Report

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26. The sale will be held inside the library, near the Craftsman Area. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign

languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25. On Sunday, February 26, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

Volunteers Help With Bellflower Homeless Count



KINGDOM CAUSES BELLFLOWER staff, partners, and volunteers participated in the annual LA Homeless Count for the city of Bellflower. The data collected from the Count addresses homelessness by helping the county and homeless service providers understand who our unhoused neighbors are, their needs, as well as the programs needed to continue to support their journey to housing.

La Mirada Crime Summary

January 30, 2023 - February 05, 2023

Notable Arrests

- Nine suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. • One suspect was arrested for burglary.
- One suspect was arrested for grand theft auto.
- Residential Burglary**
 - An overnight residential burglary to a garage was reported on the 16400 block of Fitzpatrick Ct.
 - A residential burglary to a garage was reported on the 14500 block of Bora Dr.

Other Structure Burglary

- An early morning burglary was reported on the 14200 block of Imperial Hwy.
- A burglary was reported on the 12700 block of Lake Park Way.
- A morning burglary occurred on the 12700 block of Valley View Ave.
- Vehicle Burglary**
 - An overnight smash and grab vehicle burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Rosecrans Ave.
 - Two vehicle burglaries were reported on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
 - A vehicle burglary occurred on the 11900 block of La Mirada Blvd.
 - An overnight vehicle burglary was reported on the 14500 block of Stage Rd.
 - A morning smash and grab vehicle burglary occurred on the 15800 block of Alicante Rd.
 - An overnight vehicle burglary occurred on the 14700 block of Bay St.
 - A vehicle burglary was reported on the 13900 block of Estero Rd.
- Grand Theft**
 - A purse and wallet were reported stolen on the 14200 block of Rosecrans Ave.
 - Tools were stolen on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.
 - A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 14800 block of Jacana Dr.
 - A tailgate was reported stolen on the 13700 block of Biola Ave.
 - Two thefts were reported on the 13800 block of Biola Ave.
 - Copper wire was stolen on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd.
- Grand Theft Auto**
 - A SUV was reported stolen on the 14300 block of De Alcala Dr.
 - A pick-up truck was reported stolen on the 14000 block of Rosecrans Ave.

La Mirada CERT

If you are a graduate of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, volunteer to help your neighbors! Quarterly CERT meetings and trainings will be held on May 11, August 10, and November 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Resource Center. CERT members are needed to teach their neighbors the basics of the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP). *For additional information on upcoming CERT classes or NEPP, call Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres at (562) 902-2986.*

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US mail, an email will be sent within 48 hours to the E-Notification registrant of a recordation of an aforementioned document and will include a statement advising about the recording on their property.

“We are excited to be in partnership with the Assessor and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to provide direct digital notice to e-Notification Registrants when a transaction has been recorded on a property,” said Dean C. Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

“Providing notification to e-Notification Registrants when a recording takes place ensures they remain informed and can take immediate action, if needed, to protect against malicious or fraudulent activity.”

To enroll for e-Notification, you will need to create a profile on the Los Angeles County Assessor’s portal at assessor-portal.assessor.lacounty.gov and opt-in for e-Notification. Most important, if a property owner has any questions about the notification received, or believes a recorded notice is suspicious, they should contact the Dept. of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222, or by email at homehelp@dcba.lacounty.gov.

“We are excited to partner in the launch of the e-Notification program to ensure that registered property owners are quickly alerted via email whenever a foreclosure, transfer of title or mortgage is recorded on their property,” said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal.

“Contact us if you have any questions about the program, need foreclosure assistance, or if you suspect fraudulent activity. We are here to help.”

Find our paper at these convenient locations:

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Free Imaginology STEAM Event April 15-16 at OC Fair & Event Center

Kids of all ages can power their imaginations at Imaginology while learning about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) at the free event April 15-16 at OC Fair & Event Center.

This exciting exploration of STEAM-related topics is open Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free and most activities are included. Parking is \$12 and some food options will be available for purchase.

Imaginology is where curious kids and families go to discover and learn by doing at a variety of exhibits and activities and is OC Fair & Event Center's largest community give-back event.

Family-friendly activities and competitions for Imaginology include:

- NOW OPEN! Youth competitions: Students can showcase their talents this year with a mural project and cardboard engineering. The competitions are free to enter and open to Orange County students. The deadline for online entry submissions is March 29 and projects will need to be dropped off April 7. For more information, visit ocfair.com/steam.
- Centennial Farm: Imaginology visitors can check out the amazing animals and California crops on the three-acre working farm and enjoy an oxen exhibit, blacksmithing, chicken education, radish-seed planting, terrarium-making and the OC Beekeepers exhibit and other hands-on activities.
- Free activities: Learning about STEAM while having fun is the aim of



Imaginology and exhibitors will offer things to do and see. Fort Blisters Boot Camp, located near Heroes Hall, is returning so kids can enjoy fun physical activities. Demonstrations, make-and-take projects and unique experiences await.

• Family-friendly entertainment: Local talent will be on display on the Imaginology stage and Dia del Nino, presented by Arts OC, will return with cultural performances and hands-on activities.

• 4-H competitions: Local youth are judged on their abilities to raise livestock, their understanding of animal and veterinary sciences and their projects on a variety of topics. Judging will take place at Imaginology.

The OC Fair & Event Center-produced event began as Youth Expo and was later renamed Imaginology and focused on STEAM, offering a weekend of free family activities.

Health and safety note: All OC Fair & Event Center visitors must follow current state and local health & safety protocols at the time of the event.

For more information, visit ocfair.com/steam.

SHIRLEY ELAINE KELLER

August 22, 1934 – January 6, 2023

Shirley went home to meet her Savior on January 6, 2023. She passed peacefully with her family by her side. Shirley had a God-given gift of musical talent.

As a young girl she learned to play accordion, piano, and organ.

She played the organ at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in La Mirada for over twenty years. She enjoyed playing music, golf, ping-pong, polka dancing, playing cards, and loved her family.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Elizabeth Haberstock, and brother Warren Haberstock. She is survived by her children Jeffrey (Gwen) Keller, Jill (Joe) Meraz, Jacqueline (Brian) Bergeron, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Crescendo Senior Liv-



Shirley Elaine Keller

ing in Placentia and Legacy Hospice for their loving care of their mother.

A Memorial Service for Shirley will be held at White Emerson Mortuary in Whittier on March 3, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

Bed, Bath & Beyond to Shutter More Stores

Bed Bath & Beyond has revealed the locations of 149 stores it's closing; the new list of closures comes just a week after it announced it was shuttering 87 other stores. Over the past several months, it has closed or in the process of closing about 400 locations

The company, which is teetering dangerously close to bankruptcy, has avoided Chapter 11 for now by completing a complex stock offering that will give it an immediate injection of \$225 million in funds and a pledge for \$800 million in the future to pay down its current debt load.

Local closures include the BB in the Downey Landing Shopping Center in Downey, at 3900 South Bristol Street in Santa Ana and at 23041 Savi Ranch Parkway in Yorba Linda.

Cerritos' Presidents' Day Closures

The following will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day: Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office.

All park facilities will maintain regular hours. Trash collection schedules will not be affected.

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The survey will be open until
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

abcusd.info/survey



Cheese Sauce Not Made from Cheese



RUNNY POTATOES? If your mashed potatoes turn out to be a gluey, sticky mess fear not, it can be the perfect base for a cheese-like sauce using this recipe.

A good cheese sauce can be used in many ways: poured over tortilla chips, smothered on roasted vegetables, or even slathered on a burger if you're feeling saucy. The possibilities are endless.

But say you don't eat cheese. Do you just forgo the magic of a melty cheese sauce forever? Fear not. Test cook Nicole Konstantinakos set out to solve the mystery.

And boy did she solve it. You'll never believe that this "cheese" sauce, featured in our Complete Plant-Based Cookbook, is vegan.

Nicole experimented with many different ingredients during development but ultimately settled on something surprising and untraditional: she boiled potatoes and then blended them.

This is a perfect example of what not to do if you're making mashed potatoes, but this gluey, sticky mess ended up being the perfect base for a cheese-like sauce.

The Complete Plant-Based Cookbook is your one-stop guide to preparing delicious plant-based meals. Featuring 570+ plant-based recipes, this cookbook offers delicious meals for vegans, vegetarians, and omnivores alike.

Next was the question of how to make it look like cheese. Nicole blended in carrots, which helped contribute color. Nutritional yeast, a staple in vegan cooking to add savory flavor, was also essential here. The addition of mustard powder added to the depth of the flavor profile.

After adding some vegetable oil for texture and vinegar for tang, we had a vegan "cheese" sauce that looked like

cheese; smelled like cheese; and most importantly, tasted like cheese. No foolin'.

You can use this sauce like you would any regular cheese sauce, but some of our suggested ways to use it include adding it to our plant-based Double Smashie Burgers or in our Loaded Meaty Nacho Dip, which you can also find in the book.

Vegan Cheese Sauce

Makes about 2 cups

- 12 ounces russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 small carrot, peeled and cut into ½-inch pieces (⅓ cup)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1½ tablespoons nutritional yeast
- ½ teaspoon distilled white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- ⅛ teaspoon mustard powder

Bring 2 quarts water to boil in large saucepan over high heat. Add potatoes and carrot and cook until tender, about 12 minutes; drain in colander.

Combine cooked vegetables, 1/3 cup water, oil, nutritional yeast, vinegar, salt, and mustard powder in blender. Pulse until chopped and combined, about 10 pulses, scraping down sides of blender jar as needed. (You will need to stop processing to scrape down sides of blender jar several times for mixture to come together.)

Process mixture on high speed until very smooth, about 2 minutes. Serve. (Sauce can be refrigerated in airtight container for up to 3 days; reheat in microwave, stirring every 30 seconds, until glossy and pourable. Adjust consistency with hot water as needed.)

Danielle Lapierre writes for Americastestkitchen.com

17th Annual Belmont Shore Chocolate Festival Saturday Feb. 11

By Brian Hews

Belmont Shore is once again ready to show off the city's sweet tooth this Saturday during the 17th annual Belmont Shore Chocolate Festival.

Belmont Shore Businesses will be offering an array of chocolate treats for chocolate lovers, along with other sweets to satisfy the whole family. There is no entry fee for the event, only the cost of tickets used to purchase the dessert items.

Visitors can buy samples with tickets books of 12 tickets are \$15.

The chocolate tasting will run until 3 p.m., ticket books can be purchased beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at Chase Bank, Shore Business Center, The Beach on 2nd, Blue Windows and Salon Soma.

In addition, there will be two contests during the festival. Home bakers and confectioners can show off their skills like bakers on the British Baking Show during the Homemade Chocolate Dessert Contest. Contestants will compete in four chocolate-only categories: cookies and brownies, unique treats, cakes and pies, and overall best chocolate dessert.

To participate, sign up on the day of the event at the contest area in front of Chase Bank. The contest is free to enter.

Entry costs \$10 a dish but is free for students and minors. Judging will occur from noon to 1 p.m. in front of Chase Bank at Second Street and Corona Avenue.

At 3 p.m., the Hoff's Hut chocolate pie eating contest will begin.

For more information, go to belmontshore.org.

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L.A. Dodgers Donate \$10,000 to Whittier High School



BIG CHECK: Nomar Garciaparra (left), Fernando Valenzuela (right) present Whittier High School principal Tim Liggett (center left) a \$10,000 check to benefit Whittier High and its students during a pep rally event on Feb. 3.

Whittier High’s 1,700 students had the opportunity to meet Dodger athletes during a pep rally, which was part of the team’s Love LA 2023 Community Tour sponsored by Bank of America.

The pep rally ended with a special surprise for Whittier High School students, teachers and staff as legends Fernando Valenzuela and Nomar Garciaparra presented WHS Principal Liggett with a \$10,000 check on behalf of the Dodgers organization to support Whittier High and its students.

“It was very special to have the Dodgers here on campus today,” Whittier High School senior and baseball player Cameron Palomo said. “The Dodgers could have gone to any high school and we are very honored that they chose us. It was amaz-

ing to see how each of the players carried themselves. They were a great example of how to represent an organization and as a student-athlete, that is very important to me.”

“Thank you to the Dodgers organization and Bank of America for bringing the Love LA 2023 Community Tour to Whittier High School and surprising our students,” Superintendent Dr. Monica Oviedo said. “Whittier High School is rich in school pride and culture, a driving force behind the continued success and achievement of our students. We know that this pep rally event with the Dodgers gave our students a boost and excitement to finish off the second semester strong and continue to ‘Achieve and Maintain Excellence.’”

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605 LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Whitney Girls Get Revenge, Hold Off Pioneer to Claim Share of 605 League Title

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Since the 605 League was formed to begin the 2018-2019 school year, the Whitney High girls basketball program had lost seven of eight games against Pioneer High. That lone victory came on Jan. 17, 2020, the first season that head coach Myron Jacobs took over the helm.

The Wildcats would tie for second place and advance to the CIF-Southern Section quarterfinals. Since then, his teams would finish in second place and last year, the Wildcats were in a three-way tie for first place with Pioneer and Cerritos High. Now, Jacobs and Whitney can call themselves league champions again as the Wildcats clawed their way to a 56-50 win over Pioneer last Thursday night, catching the Titans for first place in the regular season finale. Whitney entered its Feb. 9 Division 3AA first round the playoff game against Walnut High with a 16-12 overall mark, 9-1 in league action.

“It’s a great feeling; it’s senior night,” said Jacobs. “Like I told my seniors before they left, [it’s been] four years that I’ve been with those same four girls. I told them, it’s senior night and if anything, this is the best game you can get at home for revenge. I thought the first time we played Pioneer the referees weren’t really for us. Pioneer still played hard, but I thought the refs decided the outcome of that game instead of letting a team decide the outcome.”

On Jan. 18, Pioneer came away with a 45-37 win, leaving the Titans at 5-0 as

the first round came to an end. This time around, the Wildcats weren’t going to be satisfied with finishing in second place. Whitney would start off slow, falling behind 10-2, then 13-4 and finally 17-8 about six minutes into the contest.

But a basket from freshman Mady Macaraeg and a free throw and basket from junior Kylie Wang made the score 17-13 a minute into the second quarter. After a free throw from Daysia Almendarez, Whitney turned up the heat even more by going on an 8-0 run. The first half ended in a 25-25 tie and when senior Layla Lacorte and Macaraeg began the second half with consecutive three-pointers, the momentum shifted into the host’s favor.

“We just made some adjustments,” said Jacobs. “No excuses, but we did have a senior, Anika [Kasula], who is not used to starting, put on the floor. When you get thrown into the fire like that, it kind of throws off the rhythm of the starting five. But we also wanted to support her as a senior. After I called a timeout [late in the first half] and talked to them and set a fire under [them], I thought we were ready to go.”

Sarah Ramos scored Pioneer’s first

points of the second half at the 6:32 mark but the Wildcats continued their pressure, going on an 8-4 run to hold a 39-31 advantage with 3:28 remaining in the stanza.

Whitney would outscore Pioneer by two points in the quarter but still wouldn’t allow the Titans to tie or take the lead. And, after getting two points, five rebounds, two steals and a block in the first half, sophomore Haylie Wang was dominant in the second half, collecting eight points, three rebounds, two steals and another block. She was one of three starters to score and the only starter to reach double figures.

“She was feeling a little under the weather, but she still battled,” said Jacobs. “She did start off slow, but then she picked it up. I had a couple of conversations on the side, gave her a couple of pep talks and I thought those worked. She started kicking it into gear.”

One of the reasons why Whitney was able to hold its serve in the fourth quarter was the defensive performance put on Aryanna Reyes. She scored 10 of her team’s 17 points in the opening quarter, nothing in the second, seven more in the third and nothing in the fourth. The Ti-

tans would score eight points in the final stanza, none coming in succession.

“After the first quarter, we thought that she had a couple of open looks,” said Jacobs. “We knew that she’s not strong going to the rim, and that we knew she was looking for that three ball. The adjustment was to faceguard her; keep someone on her at all times and she wouldn’t score.”

Also having great games were Macaraeg, with 20 points and five rebounds and junior Kylie Wang, who added 16 points, six rebounds and two steals.

“Mady is the future, along with Haylie, of this program,” said Jacobs. “As a freshman, she showed that she has poise. She shows that she has grit. She plays with heart, and I hope that any other [colleges] out there that’s actually coming to a game rather than seeing another player play...that kid is ready to go. Yes, she still has a little bit more to learn, but the kid plays with nothing but heart. She loves the game, she respects the game, she puts the time in at working out and it shows on the court.”

Jacobs is 58-38 during his time at Whitney and is the third coach in the past 26 seasons to have taken the Wildcats to the playoffs in his first four years with the program. Recently, Jeff Day took Whitney to the playoffs in all six seasons he was the head coach of the varsity team, winning two league titles and reaching the quarterfinals three times. From 2001-2008, David Garcia guided the ‘Cats to the postseason each season, tying for the league crown twice and advancing to the quarterfinals once. The program has never been to the semifinals.



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“Let me just say this,” explained Jacobs. “I’ve been here for four years. I’ve worked my ass off, I’ve built this program better than what it was before I got it and today shows the fruits and labor that I’m reaping from it, as in hey, Whitney is known for an academic school, but now we’re also known for girls basketball. We’re here to stay.”

Following the game, the Whitney boys went wire to wire in its 52-37 win over Pioneer, building a 10-2 lead and never looking back. The Wildcats, who finished the regular season at 18-8 overall, 5-5 in league, are advancing to the playoffs for the first time since 2015 and the 18 wins are the most for the program since 2010-2011 when that squad finished with an 18-7 mark and advanced to the second round. No Whitney boys team has won more than 18 games in over 26 seasons. The boys, ranked seventh in Division 5AA, drew Savanna High for its first round opponent in a game played on Feb. 8.

The Titans were able to make a late first quarter surge to end the stanza down 12-10. But a three-pointer from junior Sakeef Sekender, a two-pointer from sophomore Morgan Marks and a three-point play from junior Joseph Whittaker began the second quarter and the Wildcats were off and running again.

Whitney’s defense was stingy in the middle portion of the game, allowing six points in the second quarter and five points in the third quarter. By the time the fourth quarter had starter, Whitney was in complete control at 42-21.

Sekender and junior Justin Wahyudi each scored a dozen points with the latter pulling down six rebounds. Senior Ethan Wong, who entered the game with 955 points in his high school career, scored eight points and had five rebounds, three steals, two assists and a blocked shot.

CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Area to be Well-Represented With Pair of 20-Win Ranked Team

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Of the area’s eight boys basketball teams, six have advanced to the CIF-Southern Section divisional playoffs with half of them being ranked, two coming off regular seasons of at least 20 victories. Here’s a look at the Feb. 8 first round matchups with second round games slated for Friday, quarterfinals for Tuesday and semifinals for Feb. 17.

Division 2A
Bishop Amat High (16-12) @ #3 La Mirada High (20-8)-

Last season, La Mirada hosted the Division 2A championship game where it lost to San Juan Hills High. This season, the Matadores have a great opportunity to go deep again, but just like last season, head coach Randy Oronoz knows the division is stacked.

“The division is so well-balanced that we knew no matter where we ended up, it’s going to be tough,” he said. “Anyone can beat anyone in this division, I feel like. Just getting Bishop Amat as the first draw, it’s going to be a challenge for us just because when you’re in Division 2A, most of these teams are winning teams. I’m happy with our draw right now, but definitely a bracket that has a bunch of teams that have the

potential to win the whole thing.” La Mirada was in a great shape to win the Gateway League outright up until the final week of the season when it lost to Dominguez High 45-44, bounced back to knock off Mayfair High 61-42 before falling to Downey High 48-47 on the final day of the regular season. That left the Matadores and Downey sharing the league crown.

Of the eight losses, the last three have been by one point, another one earlier in the season was a one-point defeat and one has been by three points. The other three losses have been by no more than 10 points. At one point in the season, the Matadores were on the CIF-SS Open Division watch list and more recently, they were ranked second in the division.

“Rancho Christian was flirting prob-

ably more with the number one spot,” said Oronoz. “They were the number one team all year in our division. They have the pedigree and have some big time wins. The two close losses in league...I don’t know if that hurt us. My thing is everything balances out. Last year, we lost eight close games before we hit league and then we won a lot of close games from league to playoffs.”

La Mirada’s heart and soul has been sophomore Julien Gomez, averaging 26 points a game with a career-high 44 points coming against St. Anthony High in the fourth game of the season and nine other games of at least 30 points. Seniors Sean Cervantes and Athan Sierra complement him well but the secret weapon, especially defensively, is sophomore Mor-

gan Smith, according to Oronoz. “Sean has done a great job stepping up for us,” said Oronoz. “Our shooters have to get going; they kind of struggled in league, Athan and [junior] Isiah Valenzuela. But my ace in the hole that no one really talks about is our other sophomore, M.J. Smith. He’s been our best stop ball defender, he’s [had] game-winning blocks and he’s actually turning the corner right now. I think he had 10 rebounds in a half against Mayfair. So, he’s like our Swiss army knife.”

Bishop Amat finished in third place in the Camino Real League with Cathedral High and has played a common opponent with La Mirada, that being St. Paul High, which beat Bishop Amat and La Mirada by a combined 11 points. For La Mirada to get back to the title game, Oronoz states it has to be a team effort.

“Julien is not going to do it on his own,” said Oronoz. “If we’re making shots, we’re going to win a lot of games. Offensively, with the way Sean distributes the ball, and the shooting we have, when we’re making shots, it makes it easier on our defense because defensively, this is my best defensive team I’ve had.”

The winner of this game faces the winner of the Arcadia High-#14 Shalhe-
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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Trio of Area Teams to Face Ranked Teams in Opening Round, Gahr is Third in Division 5AA

By Loren Kopff
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It will be a tough road through the playoffs a pair of 605 League teams, which will see ranked teams in the opening round of the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, played on Feb. 9 while two teams from the Mid-Cities League advanced with Gahr High ranked third in Division 5AA. The second round of the playoffs will be on Saturday with the quarterfinals slated for Wednesday and the semifinals for Feb. 18.

Division 2AA

Cerritos High (12-15) @ #5 San Clemente High (21-7)-Through all the obstacles that Cerritos had to face this season, i.e., injuries, illnesses, tough non-league schedule, the Dons managed to finish in third place in the 605 League. But for the team to advance to the championship game like it did a season ago, it will be tougher. Cerritos faces a Tritons squad that won a Dec. 14 game 58-20, the second fewest points the Dons have scored this season. It was the beginning of six-game losing streak that sent the team from four games above .500 to two games under. The Dons wouldn’t get back to .500 the rest of the way.

“It didn’t go our way during that game,” said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. “Hopefully we’ll be able to give them a good game this time. We have pretty much almost everyone back to good health.”

Senior Kaitlyn Sugita scored 11 points in that meeting and has been one of three consistent starters this season, along with juniors Mailee Dizon and Mia Rivera. Freshman Cameron Lacorte has also started a lot of games with the fifth starter being shared by senior Francine Carrillo and sophomore Ambar

Multani. Common opponents between Cerritos and San Clemente are Troy High, which beat Cerritos but lost to the Tritons, Canyon High, which lost to the two schools, Santa Margarita High, which defeated the Dons but lost to the South Orange County school and Peninsula High, which was Cerritos’ season-opener.

Chinen said that San Clemente is a bigger team than his and they’re ‘pretty fast on the run’, which means the Dons have to find a way to slow the Tritons. For the Dons to win, he added that his team needs to shoot and rebound well.

Should Cerritos come away with the upset, it will face the winner of the La Serna High-#12 Ventura game.

Division 3AA

#14 Walnut High (13-10) @ Whitney High (16-12)-The co-champions of the 605 League get to host the 14th-ranked team in the division, which was a streaky 4-3 over the past seven games. Meanwhile, the Wildcats have been a solid team since coming back from Idaho, where they lost all three games played in the Timber-Lion Tournament. Whitney is 8-2 in its past 10 games and is a team divided by a solid starting five, and an experienced bench of five players.

“First off, let’s just say I’m happy we have a home game instead of having to travel,” said Whitney head coach Myron Jacobs. “I don’t know too much about Walnut High School, but I already have film and we’re going to do our best to prepare for them and get ready for Thursday.”

Last season, Whitney finished in a three-way tie for first place and had seven players whereas this season, the Wildcats had to knock off Pioneer High

on the last game of the regular season just to tie the Titans for the top spot in league.

Walnut, which averages nearly 52 points a game, has one player scoring in double figures-Jolleen Olia (18.1 ppg.). In contrast, junior Kylie Wang, sophomore Haylie Wang and freshman Mady Macaraeg have been the three solid scorers for the Wildcats and have combined to reach double figures over 55 times.

“I think this year is a little more special because not only are we playing for the seniors, I have a really good freshman that works out with my core that I’ve had for the last two to three years,” said Jacobs.

Both teams lost to Brea Olinda High, which is the only common opponent and the winner of this game will face the winner of the El Dorado High-#3 San Bernardino High contest on Saturday.

“The first thing we wanted to do was not lay on the side [of the bracket] as Los Osos,” said Jacobs. “We got that. I don’t look at records anymore; I just look at straight action of how other teams play. That’s the thing when you go into playoffs. Your mindset has to always think, hey, this team is better than us, so we have to work hard. We have to use the practice time to get us to where our kids understand, hey, you have to work hard in order to win the game.”

Division 3A

Norwalk High (16-11) @ #11 Anaheim High (22-6)-The Lancers will be put to the test with a road game against a ranked team. Norwalk wound up in third place in the Mid-Cities League but has gone through the season with ups and downs. Norwalk won six of its first seven games, then went 4-7 in the middle portion of the schedule before

winning six of its last nine contests.

The heart and soul of the team is junior Keilani Ganancial, who reached at least 20 points in 14 games. Four other seniors-Julietta Castellanos, Areli Gonzalez, Rizzelle Pasqual and Amanda Rangel round out an experienced starting lineup.

The Colonists are on fire, having won 11 of their last 12 games after beginning the season splitting their first four games. Common opponents were Santa Fe High, which gave Norwalk its first loss of the season but lost to Anaheim, Montebello High, which lost to the two, Whittier High, which split with the two, Bellflower High, which lost three games against the two, and Savanna High and Western High, league opponents of Anaheim which lost four times to the Colonists and twice to Norwalk.

If Norwalk can upset Anaheim, it will face the victor of the #6 Hesperia High-Lancaster High matchup on Saturday.

Division 5AA

Channel Islands High (10-9) @ #3 Gahr High (21-6)-If there is one area team to go to the championship game, it would be Gahr, which is returning to the playoffs for the first time since 2017. It was one season ago when the Gladiators finished 5-23. Now, the program has its best record since 2012-2013 when it went 22-10. In addition, the Gladiators shared the Mid-Cities League title with Dominguez High, making it the first time since 1999 that the program has won a league crown.

The Gladiators have been led by seniors Kameryn Mitchell, Alyssa Miyake and Lauren Teramoto, plus sophomores
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iff Robert Luna served as the keynote speaker for the Luncheon. Sheriff Luna spoke about the importance of public service and encouraged the students to stay involved in their community.

“This year’s luncheon was well received by the students,” says Senior Administrative Analyst Jorge Orozco. “The students enjoyed hearing from Sheriff Luna about his career at the Long Beach Police Department and to now commanding the largest Sheriff’s Department in the United States. Sheriff Luna also urged the students to remain active leaders in their communities and to continue to find ways to give back.”

The Youth in Government program

concludes with the students presenting their proposals during the City Council meeting on March 14.

This year’s participants include Sofia Alonso, Natalie Buenrostro, Hannah Cantrell, Elisa Castro, Amy Cifligu, Arnold Dela Rea, Sebastian Garcia, Allyian Guloy, Mina Karim, Alexa Martinez, Cambria Martinez, Andrew Morales, Salma Morsey, Omar Ordonez, Ethan Revere, Bella Reyes, Julianna Rossi, Ethan Salazar, Kattia Saucedo, Julianne Souza, Aaron Twombly, Roma Vashi, and Faith Yang.

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the exceedingly dangerous drug of fentanyl,” prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memorandum.

In March 2018, at the San Pedro apartment, Rosa possessed approximately 233.4 grams (0.5 pounds) of fentanyl, 3.97 kilograms (8.76 pounds) of Ecstasy, two firearms, 49 rounds of ammunition, and drug paraphernalia, including digital scales and a pill press.

The FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department investigated this matter. The Long Beach Police Department provided assistance.

Assistant United States Attorneys Jenna W. Long of the Terrorism and Export Crimes Section and Jena A. McCabe of the General Crimes Section prosecuted this case.

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vet High contest.

#15 Valley Christian High (17-10) @ Dana Hills High (18-8)-A tough non-league slate and even a tougher Olympic League schedule was enough for V.C. to be one of the top 16 teams in the division. The Defenders and Heritage Christian High were tied for third place in the league, two games behind both Maranatha High and Village Christian High. All four of those teams had winning records and won at least 15 games.

Valley Christian is led by juniors Jacob Bayla and Myles Harvey, both of whom combined to score at least 20 points 14 times.

Dana Hills won the four-team Sea View League but went 6-3 while the other three teams tied for second place with a 4-5 mark. Collin Haugh leads the Dolphins with a scoring average just under 24 points a game while two others have averaged over a dozen points. Neither team has played a common opponent. The winner of this game will face the victor of the #2 Pacifica Christian High (Orange County)-Portola High game.

Division 3AA

#16 Newbury Park High (14-14) @ #13 Artesia High (21-7)-For the second straight season, Artesia went undefeated in the 605 League and are scorching hot entering the playoffs. The Pioneers are riding a 15-game winning streak and have matched last season’s total in the loss column. In contrast, the Panthers enter the contest on an 11-game losing streak and went winless in the Marmonte League, which did not have any of its six members finish the regular season under .500. The only common opponent the two teams had was Downey High, which defeated Artesia 42-35 and Newbury Park 61-29.

“Once I watch film, I know we’re going to have a tough task on hand,” said Artesia head coach Jeff Myles. “We didn’t get any easy games; I know that for sure.”

Of the seven losses the Pioneers had, six were by 10 points or less, including a one-point overtime setback to Canyon Ridge High out of Twin Falls, Idaho on Dec. 21. That was the last time Artesia has tasted defeat. That was also the last game played without four transfer players. Half of them, senior Caleb Brown-Stanton and junior Joshua Martinez have been in the starting lineup the last 14 games making the Pioneers even more dangerous than they were when the season began. In fact, Myles believes his

team is better than the record shows.

“Before our transfer kids came in, all the games that we lost, we were actually winning those games by at least six points or more,” he added. “The only game that we lost wire to wire was the Woodbridge game, which was the [second] game of the season, and the Indio game, in which we had some issues off the court. I think we are a little bit better than 21-7 and your record is what it is and we just have to play the team that we get and hopefully our guys will be ready to compete on Wednesday.”

Juniors Aaron Banks (16.3 points per game) and Zion Staples (13.1 ppg,) are at the top of the leaderboard in that department, but Myles warns not to sleep on senior Steven Anderson, Jr., who averaged just under 10 points a game.

The winner of this contest will take on the survivor of the #4 Buena High-Pasadena Poly High game in the second round.

“3AA Division is a monster,” said Myles. “We have St. Pius, who has one of the top-ranked kids in America. You have Orangewood Academy, which is pretty good and you have La Serna, who is having a really good year. A lot of people are already talking about that they could be a sleeper and win the whole thing. Our division is tough and we’re going to take it one game at a time. Newbury Park is tough and if we’re fortunate to get past Newbury Park, Buena is also tough.”

Gahr High (14-13) **@ #10 Tustin High (19-9)-**In a battle of third team representatives from their respective leagues, it’s the Gladiators out of the Mid-Cities League making the trek to Orange County. Gahr had an up and down season playing a tough schedule with a team loaded with no seniors, eight juniors two sophomores and two freshmen. Gahr began the season with three straight and at one point was 2-8 and its last two league losses were by four points to Warren High and 10 points to league champion Lynwood High.

The Tillers, just like Gahr in the Mid-Cities League, went 6-4 in the Empire League including a five-point loss to Cypress High and a seven-point loss to Crean Lutheran High. There were no common opponents between Gahr and Tustin and the winner will face the winner of the #7 South Pasadena High-Camarillo High game in the second round.

Division 3A

Cerritos High (13-15) @ Ocean View High (16-12)-It may have taken a little longer than head coach Jonathan Watanabe would have preferred, but his Dons turned a 1-10 start into a second place finish in the 605

League and his 20th trip to the playoffs in 21 seasons as head coach, or co-head coach for Cerritos. But this one will be tough against a team with six seniors, one of whom is Peyton Guerrero, who leads the Seahawks with just a smidge over 20 points a game. Ocean View finished in second place in the Golden West League, three games behind Segerstrom High.

“They’ve got a guy; I think Guerrero is good,” said Watanabe. “They have a big; Tyler Pham, who is going to give us problems inside. They have a good supporting cast with a lot of experience. But we’re ready for the challenge. We knew coming in, with the way [the CIF-SS] does the divisions, that you’re going to face a quality opponent. Regardless of the pairings, our goal is to win the whole thing. Regardless of if we’re playing the number one team or in between, we have to win five games in order to win the whole thing. We’re just trying to win one game so we can play another one.”

Cerritos counters with only four returning players, one of whom is three-year varsity veteran Dominic DelaCruz. He is one of three seniors, but the Dons are built around five juniors and five freshmen for the future. Because of that, only DelaCruz and junior Tobeanna Ozoagu are the only players to have scored at least 20 points in a game.

Besides last season’s shorted league season in which only five games counted towards the league record, this is the eighth straight season Cerritos has won at least eight league contests. Neither team has played a common opponent and the winner of this tilt will face the winner of the #6 Newport Harbor High-Laguna Hills High game in the second round.

“We’re just trying to beat Ocean View,” said Watanabe. “Everything else will take care of itself. The coaches will plan for [the second round]. But we need to focus in. One of the keys to playoff basketball is you can’t overlook your opponent. If you do, you get sent home early.”

Division 5AA

#7 Whitney High (18-8) @ Savanna High (12-13)-The best story coming from is the area is the job done by head coach Joseph Webber and his Whitney Wildcats. For the first time since 2015, Whitney is in the playoffs and for the first time since the 2010-2011, the Wildcats have won 18 games. The irony to this matchup is the teams were supposed to play on Dec. 16 at Savanna. However, due to a head coaching change and a miscommunication on Savanna’s part, the game was never played.

“I am happy to have my team in the playoffs and wherever [the CIF-SS] wanted to send us, we kind of had to be prepared for,” said Webber. “Savanna has [Dontey and Paul Henderson], who are really good. Of course, we are doing our due diligence right now and we’ll be doing it over the next couple of days. We’re really looking forward to our first playoff game in a long time.”

The Henderson brothers lead the Rebels, the second place team out of the Orange League, with a 16.5 and 13.4 points per game average. But, the sophomore-laden Wildcats got a lot of game-time experience this season and with the help of veteran seniors David Song, Justin Wahyudi and Ethan Wong, have played like this isn’t their first trip to the playoffs. Nine of the 14 players had at least one game of scoring in double figures and the ‘Cats managed to be ranked seventh in the division.

Any of the top 10 players on the team, including junior Sakeef Sekender and Joseph Whitaker and sophomores Christian Carreon, Morgan Marks and Peter Poitras could have huge games as far as Whitney is alive in the playoffs.

“When I was brought back to Whitney last year, I just made a simple feeling of it’s my mission to get Whitney back in the playoffs and back to where I felt that they can be,” said Webber. “Mission accomplished, and now it’s just one game at a time and whatever happens, we’re going to leave it out on the floor 100 percent.”

Both teams played Oxford Academy with Whitney splitting the two league games with the Patriots while the Rebels lost by one point. The two also played Katella High with Whitney winning by three points while Savanna lost by three points. And, both teams faced Loara High with Whitney winning the season opener while the Rebels lost to the Saxons by 18 points. The winner of this game will face either Bloomington High or Rim of the World High in the second round.

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Jody Colbert and Christine Ho and are a high-scoring unit. Gahr has scored 50 points or more in 13 of its past 15 games.

Channel Islands finished in third place in the Citrus Coast League and because of the distance between the Gladiators and Raiders, there were no common opponents. Barring a major upset, Gahr is slated to play either Hesperia Christian High or #16 St. Joseph High in the second round.

CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE RESIDENTIAL CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, PROJECT NO. 20303, BID NO. 1490-23. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: RESIDENTIAL CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, PROJECT NO. 20303, BID NO. 1490-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of removal and replacement of deficient concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalk panels, driveway aprons, wheelchair access ramps, parkway tree removal; stump grinding; removal of all roots; and replacement of trees required for the construction of concrete improvements and other items identified in the bid schedule. **Bids will be opened: 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 10, 2023. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“RESIDENTIAL CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, PROJECT NO. 20303, BID NO. 1490-23.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), only if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A”**. The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. This is a federally assisted construction contract. Federal labor standards provisions outlined in HUD-4010 form, including the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), will be enforced. The applicable federal wage decision is the one in effect ten (10) days prior to bid opening; it is online at <http://www.wdol.gov/wdol/scafiles/davisbacon/ca.html>. In the event of a conflict between Federal and State wage rates, the higher of the two will prevail. The State wage rates are available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD/index.html>. Lower State wage rates for work classifications not specifically included in the Federal wage decision are not acceptable. This is a HUD Section 3 covered construction contract and requires compliance with the hiring goals outlined in Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act. A bid preference may be given to a bidder who provides a reasonable bid and is determined to be a qualified Section 3 Business. A Section 3 pre-bid meeting will be held at **9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2023**, to explain the Section 3 bid preference and hiring goals. The project manager will email a participation link. In order to receive consideration for the Section 3 bid preference, a bidder must complete, sign, and submit the following forms with its bid proposal: a) Section 3 Business Certification form; and b) Section 3 Resident Certification form(s). A reasonable bid must be within the Zone of Consideration factored at the time of the bid evaluation. Direct all questions to Jane Freij, Section 3 Coordinator, at jfreij@willdan.com. Additional federal requirements, as detailed in the Information to Bidders, apply to this project. Apprenticeship Program: Attention is directed to Sections 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 of the California Labor Code and Title 8 of the California Administrative Code, Section 200, et seq., to ensure compliance and a complete understanding of the law regarding apprentices. Conflict of Interest: No employee, officer, or agent of the sub-recipient shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. The conflict of interest provisions in 24 CFR 85.36, OMB Circular A-110, and 24 CFR 570.611 shall apply. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

Community Development Block Grant Program
Announcement of Citizen Participation
Notice of Fund Availability
Request for Proposals

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Bellflower is initiating its citizen participation and application process for the **2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded program**. The City is an entitlement community and is expected to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. A maximum of fifteen percent (15%) may fund Public Service activities. Funding will be contingent on availability from HUD.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of community development and housing activities, including public services, social services, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and residential code enforcement and housing improvement projects. A complete list of the eligible activities is available at City of Bellflower Economic Development Department webpage.

CDBG applications are available now. A Public Services Technical Assistance Workshop will be held on via zoom on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, to address any questions potential applicants may have.

Applications must be received by the City of Bellflower **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023**. Please mail applications to: Economic Development Department located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706. Late applications will not be accepted.

Community residents are invited to complete an online community survey by visiting the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bellflower>

Those desiring an application and/or wanting to participate in the Technical Assistance Workshop should contact:

Contact: Karla Pineda, Management Assistant

Phone: (562) 804-1424 Ext. 2013

Email: kpineda@bellflower.org

The City will evaluate proposals for CDBG eligibility. After the proposals are evaluated, the staff will make recommendations for the total amount of CDBG funds which should be allocated. The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the funding allocation recommendations. The Bellflower City Council approves final CDBG allocations.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **11:00 AM** of the **17th of February 2023**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1612 Calshape Ventilation Services

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents by request to Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218. This work is subject to DIR Registration, prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class B OR all three License Class C-7, C-10, C-20 (must have all three Class C or be disqualified) and DIR Registration will be required will be required. Additional requirements stated in the bid documents

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Proposal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **9:00 AM** on the **15th day of February 2023** proposals for:

RFP 1613 Expanded Learning Program Services

All proposals shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Proposals submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Contact Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218 for a copy of the RFP. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

SHARON CASTRO

CASE NO. 23STPB01265

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SU N. GIPPAIK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SU N. GIPPAIK 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: 03/14/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner

GARY E. MUNGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW - SBN 68474

7920 SERAPIS AVE.

PICO RIVERA CA 90660

2/17, 2/24, 3/3/23

CNS-3668788#

LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

CITY OF CERRITOS CITY'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS REPORT SUMMARY AND STATISTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022		
Fiscal Year: 2022 SUMMARY	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Revenues	\$ 100,132,007	\$ 18,565,709
Expenditures/Expenses	80,799,644	23,096,584
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions, Transfers, and Special and Extraordinary Items	\$ 19,332,363	\$ (4,530,875)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,358,132	-
Capital Contributions		26,324
Proprietary Fund Transfers In (Out)	-	2,241,868
Special and Extraordinary Items		
Change in Fund Balance / Net Position	\$ 20,690,495	\$ (2,262,683)
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 205,868,053	\$ (10,726,515)
Adjustments (Specify)	-	
Specify Governmental Fund Adjustments		
None		
Specify Proprietary Fund Adjustments		
Restatement		
Total:	\$	-
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Fiscal Year	226,558,548	(12,989,198)
Statistics		
Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate		12%
Effective Date of Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate		3/5/15
Current Utility User Tax Rate		-
Appropriations Limit	\$	219,226,939
Total Annual Appropriations Subject to the Limit	\$	60,430,393
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF JOSEPH BROWN aka JOSEPH R. BROWN aka JOSEPH ROBERT BROWN
CASE NO. 23STPB00990
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-
ested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOSEPH BROWN aka JOSEPH R. BROWN aka JOSEPH
ROBERT BROWN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CYNTHIA LANCY in the Superior Court of
California, County of Los Angeles.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CYNTHIA LANCY 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 with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, how-
ever, 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 03/6/2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N.
HILL ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90012 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.
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 representa-
tive, 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 (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: Jason R. Ekk #290987
Darling & Wilson, PC
3924 W. Caldwell Ave., Ste B
Visalia, CA 93277
LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER
2/10, 2/17 AND 2/24/23

T.S. No. 096856-CA APN: 7028-017-031 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE
IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/28/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY
BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU
SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/7/2023 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of
Trust recorded 4/6/2005 as Instrument No. 05 0793023 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of
CALIFORNIA executed by: JENNIFER T. LA, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH,
CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS
BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE
FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to
and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON
SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13138
HEDDA DR, CERRITOS, CA 90703-6146 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other
common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession,
condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining
principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be
sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$453,917.90 If the Trustee
is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the
successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a
written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused
said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:
If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be
bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear owner-
ship of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you
are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are
encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's
office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should
be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale
date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g
of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a
courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and
date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number
assigned to this case 096856-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale
may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to
attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction
pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last
and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and
highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale,
you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 096856-CA to find
the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written
notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the
trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you
should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR
SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

BRENDA VILLA AQUATIC CENTER POOL FILTRATION
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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, March 2, 2023**, at which time they will be
publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder’s
responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City’s portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Bid Documents are available for download on the City’s portal on PlanetBids.

The work shall be done from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday thru Friday. The work shall consist of
furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment as shown in BID DOCUMENTS.

The work shall be completed within 20 working days after City’s Notice to Proceed, this does not
include lead time for procurement of materials. Work shall commence on or after November 20, 2023
and completed by end of January 2024.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:00AM** at
5600 Harbor St, Commerce, CA 90040.

Estimated cost is in the range of \$530,000.

Contractor shall have a valid Class A OR Class B and C-53 California Contractor License for this
project.

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.

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BOZENA SOWINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
BOZENA SOWINSKI TO BOZENA BIELAK. 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 3/29/23, 10:30 am, Dept C, RM 312. Published at Los Cerritos
Community Newspaper 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24/22. Case number 23NWCP00031.

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at loca-
tion indicated: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 02/21/2023 at 11:00 AM.**

Universal Copy, Viola Lisa Yruegas-desk, furniture
Norman Galindo-Household items
Monica Gutierrez-Household items
Jay P Foster III-Household items
Jayne Denny-2 BR Apartment Contents
Maria Hilario, Hilario Maria-Household Goods
Michelle Esera-Cultural Mats
Tomas Casiano, Casiano Tomas-household goods
Shamae Gurule-paperwork
Trenton Stephens-Household items
Kathryn Brady-Household Goods
Derrick Garcia-3 bed, stove, k table, fridge, couch, clothes, bbq pit, dresser, W/D

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

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

FY 2021-2022 STREET REHABILITATION, PROJECT 101

CDBG PROJECT NO. 602525-21

Public Notice is hereby given that City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids pertaining to the
item(s) listed below:

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON:	Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.
BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:	Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON:	Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
PLACE OF BID RECEIPT:	Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the FY 2021- 2022 Street Rehabilitation,
Project 101, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard,
Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 28, 2023**,
at which time they will be publicly opened.

This project is a HUD Section 3 covered/CDBG Funded and required compliance with the hiring
goals outlined in Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act. First preference will be
given to a bidder who provides a reasonable bid and is a qualified Section 3 Business Concern.
Second preference will be given to a bidder who provides a reasonable bid and commits to achieving
the Section 3 employment, training and subcontracting opportunity goals by submitted a written
commitment (Economic Opportunity Plan). A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
February 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, to discuss the project and Federal
Section 3 and labor standard provision requirements.

The project will include cold milling existing AC pavement, ARHM overlay, remove and replace
driveway approach, sidewalk, curb and gutter, cross-gutter, curb ramp, alley approach, signing and
striping, and all other items not mentioned but indicated in the Plans and Specifications. The project
duration for construction shall be Thirty-Five (35) working days.

Electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the City
of Hawaiian Gardens. Bidders must submit their request for receiving the plans and specifications
via email to Neema Ghanbari at nghanbari@hgcity.org. Should you have any questions regarding the
project please contact the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562)420-2641 ext. 206.

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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: **17701 Ibbetson Ave, Bellflower CA, 90706 on
2/28/2023 at 12:30 PM**

Tamya Woods-Clothes

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

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