



HAWAIIAN GARDENS EAGLES WIN 2023 CALIF. STATE CUP

**CHAMPS:** The California State Soccer Association is the official association of the U.S. Soccer Federation, U.S. Youth Soccer, and the U. S. Adult Soccer Association. The organization has teams from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. The tournament included participation from over 40 teams.

Earlier this month, the Boys 2014 Hawaiian Gardens Eagles participated in the 2023 California State Soccer Association-South (Cal South) State Cup Championship in Lancaster, winning in dramatic fashion taking the final game in double overtime.

The tournament included participation from over 40 teams

from Southern California.

The California State Soccer Association is the official youth and adult state soccer association of the United States Soccer Federation, US Youth Soccer, and the United States Adult Soccer Association.

The organization, with teams from San Luis Obispo to San Diego, provides rewarding rec-

reational and competitive opportunities for players of all ages, genders and skill levels.

“We are very proud of our local soccer stars,” said Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio, “This was a new team that included players with limited or no playing experience. This is another great

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Rep. Linda Sánchez Delivers Over \$15 Million to Local Cities to Fund Projects

Cerritos not on list, was it the City Council snub at a meeting a few years ago?

By Brian Hews

WHITTIER, CA – This past Monday, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) delivered a check in the amount of \$2.5 million to Water Replenishment District (WRD), funding she secured as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

The funding Congresswoman Sánchez secured for WRD will help ongoing efforts to deliver clean, safe drinking water to the region.

But monies secured by Rep. Sánchez did not stop there.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 was signed by President Biden in December and included funding for community projects that were requested by residents, organizations, and local partners in the 38th Congressional District. In addition to this project, Congresswoman Sánchez delivered funding for the following com-

munity projects:

\$3 million for the City of Artesia. The funding will be used to transform an unused parcel of land at the Artesia Botanical Gardens into usable park space for residents to enjoy. The City of Artesia will maintain the existing forest area and enhance it with educational features to teach children and families about caring for plants and trees, California's climate, and

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New Bill Would Extend Controversial Calif. Homebuilding Law

By Brian Hews

SB 35 forces cities to approve certain developments with affordable units.

This past Monday, Sen. Scott Wiener announced plans to expand a controversial state law that forces cities to approve specific housing projects in an effort to get much-needed affordable housing approved across California.

Senate Bill 35 led to a seismic shift in the state's building process when it was passed in 2017 and sparked intense push-back from some city leaders, including in Cerritos, who said it gave Sacramento too much control over what kind of housing is allowed in their neighborhoods.

But the bill did cause thousands of new homes to be constructed, and now Wiener wants to make the changes permanent while proposing changes that would expand the law's reach.

SB 35 mandates that cities must grant quick approval to specific projects, including affordable housing, making them immune from environmental lawsuits used by opponents to

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Eight Middle Schools in Local Districts Named 2023 Schools to Watch

By Brian Hews

Eight high-performing middle grade schools in the ABCUSD, Bassett Unified, El Rancho Unified and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified have been recognized this year by the California Schools to Watch program.

“Congratulations to these high-achieving schools for creating programs that promote

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Sup. Hahn Gives Norwalk \$90,000 to Update Homeless Plan



**SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN'S** office presents a check at the February 7 meeting. From left, Councilmember Tony Ayala, Councilmember Jennifer Perez, Hahn's Field Deputy Ivan Sulic, Vice Mayor Margarita Rios and Councilmember Rick Ramirez. Mayor Ana Valencia was attending via Zoom.

Staff Report

Norwalk continues its commitment to help homeless with the recent funding of \$90,000 from Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Janice Hahn.

The \$90,000 will fund an update to the city's Homeless Plan.

“Norwalk councilmembers and I continue to take a proactive approach to our homeless population,” said Mayor Ana Valencia.

“Thanks to Supervisor Hahn's support, this check is a significant start to update

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**CERRITOS COUNCILMAN** Frank Yokoyama with the owners of newly opened Simply Salad in Cerritos. Simply Salad offers build-your-own salads and wraps in addition to pre-set meals. Simply Salad is located on South Street and Gridley Road.

## Mylar Balloons Outlawed

By Brian Hews

Metallic balloons, like the foil or mylar balloons often given for celebrations, will soon be harder to find in California; by 2028, the state will begin phasing out sales of the balloons with a goal to make them illegal contraband by 2031.

They were outlawed in recent legislation that was passed unanimously and then signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom back in September. Why? They pose a massive risk for power outages.

If lost, the metal coating on the balloons can cause an explosion if they come into contact with power lines.

SCE says metallic balloons caused over 800 outages and nearly 100 explosions in 2022.

The total number of incidents has been decreasing over the years due partly to public information campaigns and the rising cost of helium.

Some cities in California have already banned them due to public safety risks, but if you want a foil balloon, the new law doesn't get rid of all metallic balloons, just those that conduct electricity.

Manufacturers will have years to develop and create balloons that meet this new requirement. One of the largest balloon manufacturers has already successfully developed a promising non-conductive metallic balloon.

And if you need any other reason to end the practice of releasing balloons into the air, the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife says many animals can mistake them for food or get tangled in the strings. Balloons are responsible for hundreds of animal deaths yearly, many of which can be violent deaths.



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## Cerritos Regional Chamber Monthly Breakfast




**ATTENDEES** at the Cerritos Chambers' Business Over Breakfast "BOB" on February 8th at the Cerritos Library, sponsored by Athens Services. The networking breakfasts are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. Chick-fil-A in Cerritos will be hosting next month's event. Information: [Chamber@Cerritos.org](mailto:Chamber@Cerritos.org) or 562-467-0800.

## Help ABCUSD in the Search for Our Next Superintendent!

The ABC Unified School District Board of Education needs the community's help in selecting our next superintendent. This is a collaborative process, and the Board is asking that you complete an anonymous online survey. Please take a few moments to share your input about the qualities and qualifications you think are important for the District's next superintendent.

The survey will be open until  
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## Norwalk High School Opens New Dream Resource Center



**LA VS. HATE DREAM** Resource Center officially opened on Norwalk High campus, the center provides a safe, welcoming space for high-need students with services such as immigration assistance, youth leadership development, social emotional wellness, and community and civic engagement.

### Staff Report

Norwalk High School held a special celebration on February 3 as its new LA vs. Hate Dream Resource Center officially opened on campus.

A joint venture between NHS, LA vs. Hate, 211LA, and Helpline Youth Counseling, the Dream Resource Center provides a safe, welcoming space for high-need students. The first of eight Dream Resource Centers in Los Angeles County to open their doors, Norwalk High School was chosen to house a Center by LA vs. Hate, using data from of the LA County Public Health Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), as well as OVP’s Trauma Prevention Initiative which is now working in Norwalk to build community safety teams.

The Center provides resources such as immigration assistance, youth leadership development, social emotional wellness, and community and civic engagement. In addition, the Dream Resource Center will provide community cupboards with free snacks, school supplies, hygiene supplies, mentoring, tutoring, study halls, and peer tutoring. LA vs Hate partners will also be able to bring additional resources such as peer to peer counseling, peer mediation, restorative practices, activism, access to computers and printers, and after-school access to WiFi for low income households. Students will play a vital role in the services along with Helpline Youth Counseling, making the Dream Resource Center a collaboration of grassroots initiatives.

Norwalk High School held the opening in its quad, attended by partner dignitaries, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education members and staff, with principal Dr. David Olea serving as host of the festivities. The NHS

student body witnessed the grand opening festivities, attending the ribbon cutting of the Center and receiving free items to commemorate the event.

“To be able to open the Dream Center to us is really a dream. We are excited to open it for the community of Norwalk High School,” said Jeff Farber, Executive Director, Helpline Youth Counseling.

“The Dream Center gives everyone an opportunity to have a safe place to discuss the fears, anxiety, struggles they may have, but most importantly a place to discuss the dreams they may have. I have total faith the young people sitting here will take this Dream Center and run with it.”

“It really is an honor to be of service to the students of Norwalk High School and their families, said Maribel Marin, Executive Director, 211LA. “We are bringing support services directly to the community because we know when you need help, it needs to be there. We want to thank Norwalk High School for their work in putting this together. It’s a beautiful space that’s really inviting and that the students had input in designing. These Centers are so special because of the partnership with the students, and I hope we see even more of these in LA County.”

John M. Lopez, Ed.D, Superintendent, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District said, “This opportunity for the community to have services such as mental health, homework support, and giving them the opportunity to learn about leadership. What is truly unique about the Dream Resource Center is that it is truly a grassroots effort between the staff, the community, but most importantly the students. We look forward to working with to help-develop these students’ leadership skills and watching them help one another.”

## F.D.A. Advisers: Narcan is Safe to Sell Over the Counter

Two federal panels of addiction experts on Wednesday unanimously recommended that Narcan, the overdose-reversing nasal spray, be made widely available without a prescription, a significant step in the effort to stem skyrocketing drug fatalities.

Making Narcan an over-the-counter drug has been urged by doctors, advocacy groups and the Biden administration.

The unanimous vote by the committees, which advise the F.D.A, makes it highly likely that the F.D.A. will approve an over-the-counter version of the drug, next month. It could potentially become available in vending machines, schools, convenience shops, big box stores and supermarkets by summer.

As the overdose crisis worsened in recent years, the use of Narcan has become commonplace, but the millions of doses have been administered largely by outreach workers, health care providers and emergency responders. For people who use drugs as well as their friends and relatives, ready access to the prescription medication has been elusive.

Many public health experts believe that if more people were to have the spray readily available, in their pockets or knapsacks, many fatalities could be averted.

The Biden administration has made expanding access to the medicine a priority in its efforts to combat the overdose crisis. In recommending naloxone, the 19 voting panelists determined that it is abundantly safe and effective even in infants, with almost no potential for misuse or abuse. And, the panels concluded, naloxone does not require medical training to use.

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## Cerritos Folk Dancers to Host Lunar New Year Folk Dance Festival



**THIS IS THE ELEVENTH** Lunar New Year Festival for Cerritos Folk Dancers after skipping the event for two years because of the pandemic. The Cerritos Folk Dancers festival will take place Feb. 25, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center.

On February 25, the Cerritos Folk Dancers will host its Lunar New Year/ East meets West event. The annual festival celebrates the lunar new year and uses international folk dancing to unite people of both eastern and western cultures. The Cerritos Folk Dancers festival will take place from 1 PM to 5:30 PM at the Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South Street in Cerritos.

This is the eleventh Lunar New Year Festival for Cerritos Folk Dancers after skipping the event for two years because of the pandemic. The event will begin with the Chinese Lion Dance; before the party is over, each of the first 100 people to arrive will receive the traditional red envelope with a crisp, new dollar bill inside. There will be a few random envelopes with other lucky amounts also. Many dancers come wearing costumes from different countries. The Folk Dancers invite a master instructor to teach some folk dances

from their country of national origin; this year, they will feature Tom Bozigian and Sheree King presenting Armenian dances. Tom Bozigian is an internationally recognized dance instructor, and his wife, Sheree King, is also a talented dancer/ teacher herself. Tom's expertise covers the dances of the Armenian Diaspora and newer Armenian folk dances. He has been commissioned to set suites of Armenian dances for dance ensembles of many different countries, and his teaching has taken him all over the world.

In the Los Angeles metropolitan area there are many folk dancers from both eastern and western cultures. For many years Cerritos Folk Dancers has been promoting the interaction between the two groups. They host two festivals annually to encourage dancers of different backgrounds to meet under the same roof. This year they are expecting 100 or more dancers to attend. The public is welcome to

come and see the festival.

The venue will be held in the big ballroom in the Cerritos Senior Center. Participants usually pay a \$15 donation at the door. Doors open at 12:55 PM with the traditional lion dance and warm-up following, with some of the better-known international folk dances for a half hour.

The featured teachers will begin a dance workshop at 1:30, with a review after a break for refreshments.

There will be a variety of exciting finger foods and beverages with an international flair, along with additional recreational folk dancing.

Attendees are not allowed to make recordings during the teaching and reviewing sessions; however, the material is usually available from the teachers. We require masks and follow the Covid-19 regulations set by the City of Cerritos.



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### ARTESIA LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Artesia Library will be having a book sale on Saturday, March 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The sale will be at the library at 18801 Elaine Avenue. Come by and check out our selection of novels, children's books, and non-fiction. We currently have quite a few children's books and DVDs and a selection of antique books (priced separately) that have been donated to the Friends. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardbacks are \$1.00, and DVDs are \$1 a disc or buy a bag for \$10 and fill it up with books and DVDs.

As an extra treat, starting at 9 a.m. there will be a pancake breakfast for \$10 at the community center in conjunction with baseball's opening day at the park.

### Bulldog Beauty Contest Returns to Long Beach

Justin Rudd's Bulldog Beauty Contest returns to Long Beach this weekend, a big event that brings out tv crews, hundreds of spectators and more than 200 dogs.

The 18th annual Bulldog Beauty Contest is set to run from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Granada Launch Ramp, next to Rosie's Dog Beach.

There are 12 contests in all. The National English Bulldog Beauty Contest kicks things off at 9 a.m., French Bulldogs walk the red carpet at 10:30 a.m. and the Best of Show follows at around 10:40 a.m.

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**BEFORE AFTER**



# Cerritos Adds New Commercial Enforcement Deputy



DEPUTY ALVIN TOMPKINS will work commercial truck routes in the city.

## Staff Report

Cerritos welcomed Alvin Tompkins as the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station’s new commercial enforcement deputy this week. This new position was created in response to complaints received from residents regarding commercial vehicles routinely traveling off designated truck routes throughout the city.

Deputy Tompkins is a Cerritos native and graduated from Cerritos High School. He began his career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in 2008, where he worked for eight years at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

In 2016, he transferred to the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station where he patrolled the city and investigated traffic collisions. He received training for Advanced Traffic Collision investigation, Standardized Field Sobriety testing, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement and Drug Recognition Expert. He recently completed a course for Commercial Enforcement at the California Highway Patrol training facility in Sacramento.

In addition to a new commercial enforcement deputy, the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station has designated a 2022 Ford SUV patrol vehicle to serve as the designated commercial enforcement vehicle. The vehicle has “Commercial Enforcement” displayed on both rear-side doors, and will be equipped with portable scales, inspection tools and other equipment to facilitate the inspection of commercial trucks on public streets.

# 5 Freeway to Close for Overnight Work in La Mirada

California transportation officials announced Tuesday that parts of the Golden State (5) Freeway in the La Mirada/Buena Park area will be closed overnight on certain evenings this week and next week to re-stripe and shift traffic lanes.

The closures are scheduled from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the following nights:

**Tuesday, Feb. 21; and Wednesday, Feb. 22:**

All northbound I-5 lanes will be closed from Artesia Boulevard to Carmenita Road on-ramp. Motorists should detour on westbound Artesia Boulevard to north Carmenita Road to I-5.

Northbound Valley View Avenue and Artesia Boulevard on-ramps will be closed. The westbound 91 connector to northbound I-5 will be closed.

**On Thursday, Feb. 23:**

All northbound I-5 lanes closed from Beach Boulevard to Valley View

Avenue. Motorists should detour north on Auto Center Drive, north on Western Avenue, west on Artesia Boulevard and north on Firestone Boulevard to the Valley View Avenue on-ramp. Northbound Beach Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard on-ramps will be closed. Westbound 91 connector to northbound I-5 closed.

**On Friday, Feb. 24:**

Three right lanes of the northbound 5 will be closed from state Route 91 to Artesia Boulevard.

The westbound 91 connector to northbound I-5 will be closed.

Beach Boulevard on- and off-ramps will be closed.

The northbound lanes will be shifted to the right (east) into their final configuration and in alignment with lanes on the Orange County side of the county line. The effort is part of the I-5 Valley View Avenue interchange reconstruction, which in turn is part of the I-5 freeway widening project between I-605 and the Orange County line.

Caltrans suggests an alternate route of westbound 91 to northbound I- 605 to northbound I-5.

Caltrans noted that the closures are subject to change.

*Updates can be found at [twitter.com/CaltransDist7](https://twitter.com/CaltransDist7), or [twitter.com/My5LA](https://twitter.com/My5LA).*

# 55 Freeway Bridge Construction Ramps Up

The first construction of a project to widen the 55 Freeway between the 405 and 5 freeways is getting bigger.

Crews have finished demolition work around the freeway’s bridge over MacArthur Boulevard, which made space for adding another southbound lane and a new foundation for the expanded section of the bridge is expected to start soon.

The nearly half-billion project will add a second carpool lane and a new regular lane in both directions to the headache portion between the 405 and the 5.

Existing lanes are expected to remain open, and there will be only a few overnight closures, Orange County Transportation Authority officials have said.

18 bridges spanning the roadway are being rebuilt.

Completion is expected in 2026.

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delay construction.

The law applies only in cities that have not approved enough housing to meet state guidelines — which includes most California cities; between 2018 and 2021, the law caused 11,000 housing units to be approved.

Under the law, developments must: be on land zoned for residential use; designate at least 10% of units as below-market housing if located in localities that did not meet above-moderate income; designate at least 50% of units as below-market housing in localities that did not meet low income; not be constructed in an ecologically protected area; be multi-unit housing and not single-family homes; pay construction workers union-level wages.

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the academic performance and healthy development of young people,” said Dr. Debra Duardo, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools. “They engage their communities in supporting all students’ learning and growth and have developed organizational structures that ensure that students leave middle school prepared for success in high school.” The schools are:

**ABCUSD**

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**Bassett Unified**

Torch Middle School

**El Rancho Unified**

The STEAM Academy @ Burke

**Norwalk-La Mirada**

Arlie F. Hutchinson Middle School, Los Alisos STEM Magnet Middle School

ABCUSD Board President Brad Beach told HMG-CN, I’m very proud of the four ABC middle Schools that were redesignated 2023 California Schools to Watch. These high-performing model schools demonstrate academic excellence, and I want to congratulate the students, parents, teachers, staff, and Principals for their dedication to student achievement. Keep up the great work!

The California Schools to Watch program is sponsored by the California Department of Education, the California League of Educators, and the California Middle Grades Alliance in association with The National Forum. To earn this designation, schools must complete an extensive application and host a site visit by middle grades experts.

The 2023 schools will be recognized at the California Schools to Watch Celebration in Monterey on March 9, 2023.

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example of why youth sports and activities are such a high priority for our city.”

The Hawaiian Gardens 2014 team has been together for a little over a year. The final game, held in Lancaster, was an intense back-and-forth contest between Hawaiian Gardens and a Santa Barbara team. After a strong performance by both teams, the game went into double overtime, where Eagles team member Roman Marquez scored the winning goal. The City of Hawaiian Gardens has been a longtime supporter and promoter of safe and fun recreational opportunities for local youth and the broader community.

# California Expands Mortgage Relief to Help Homeowners

## Staff Report

It happened to many Americans during the pandemic; a new career then a lay-off putting many at risk of losing their homes.

In California, a \$1 billion California Mortgage Relief Program enabled some to pay off delinquent mortgage debt, with most relief lowering monthly payments for the long term.

The fund was created in December 2021 using federal dollars from President Biden's American Rescue Act.

Last week, state officials announced they are expanding who is eligible for the program, including some who took second mortgages.

Over \$700 million worth of aid remains available for borrowers who qualify.

California foreclosures remain at one of their lowest rates over the last two decades, with only 0.12% of homes in foreclosure as of last November, the most recent monthly data available, according to housing data firm CoreLogic.

Eligible homeowners who have already used the program and are in need of additional assistance can reapply for as much as \$80,000 in total grants.

Homeowners can use the program to pay off second home loans, or loan deferrals, that they negotiated in the midst of the pandemic.

The program will also be available to homeowners who have properties of up to four units, as long as those small landlords live on those properties.

While the program was previously only available for people who had missed at least two mortgage payments and at least one property tax payment before last summer, it will now be available to those homeowners until March 1. The program includes income and wealth restrictions.

# Buy a Tree at Whitney

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 25th and customers will be able to pick-up their tree(s) at a socially distanced drive-thru pick-up at Whitney High School on Saturday, March 25th. Each tree costs \$10 but the first 25 trees ordered will be free of cost, so request one now! To order a tree, visit:

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## Rep. Sánchez Delivers \$2.5 Million to WRD



**BIG CHECK:** (l-r) Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, WRD Board President John Allen, and WRD General Manager Stephan Tucker at the WRD Albert Robles Center in Pico Rivera.

**By Brian Hews**

This past Monday, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) delivered a check in the amount of \$2.5 million to Water Replenishment District (WRD), funding she secured as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

The funding Sánchez secured for WRD will help ongoing efforts to deliver clean, safe drinking water to the region.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 was signed by President Biden in December and included funding for community projects that were requested by residents, organizations, and local partners in the 38th Congressional District.

“You can’t have healthy communities if you don’t have access to clean, safe drinking water. That is why the work WRD does is so important,” said Sánchez. “This check represents the incredible partnership between WRD and the federal

government. Together, with our partners in local and state government, we remain committed to ensuring that our communities not only have access to clean water today, but are set up for a healthy future, too.”

“Rep. Linda Sánchez is a true a water warrior. She understands the importance of making every drop of water count,” said WRD President John D. S. Allen. “We are grateful to Rep. Sánchez for selecting WRD’s well remediation project for funding. This project will keep water wells online and help protect the region against droughts.”

Sánchez continued: “This funding will be used to remove harmful chemicals from our water supply and ensure WRD can provide safe, clean water for residents. I am proud to be here today to deliver this funding, and I will keep fighting to ensure our communities get the resources they need and deserve.”

## Senator Bob Archuleta's Second Term Swearing-In Ceremony



**SEN. ARCHULETA** is sworn in by Rep. Grace Napolitano, looking on is Archuleta's wife Rose, Supervisor Janice Hahn and Rep. Adam Schiff.

**Staff Report**

Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), in front of over 200 family, friends, and local and federal elected officials, was sworn in this past Saturday, February 11, marking his second term representing the 30th Senate District.

U.S. Senate candidate and current Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Pasadena) emceed the event held at the Albert Robles Water Replenishment Plant, in Pico Rivera, and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-El Monte) gave the oath of office.

“Serving our region has been one of the greatest honors of my life,” said Senator Archuleta. “Looking around this room, I am reminded of all the support I received when I first made the decision to run for State Senate. So many of you spent countless hours making calls, knocking on doors, talking to friends and neighbors about my campaign and why I am the best person to

represent our communities. Without your support this would not be possible.”

During the ceremony, Congressman Schiff, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Pico Rivera Mayor Erik Lutz and Pico Rivera Councilmember Gustavo Camacho and Pico Rivera Sheriff’s Station Captain Jodi Hutak spoke about many of the senator’s accomplishments during his first four years, their working relationship, and about the future of the District.

Senator Archuleta, a former Presidential Appointee and Pico Rivera Mayor, has dedicated his life to serving his community and his country proudly. He was first elected in November 2018 to the California State Senate to represent portions of Los Angeles County and Orange County. Senator Archuleta is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and is the first Latino Army Veteran named to the position.

## La Mirada Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres Recognized



**HONORED:** Mary Cipres with La Mirada Mayor Anthony Otero. In addition to being recognized as Officer of the Year by the VFW Post 9148, Officer Cipres was also named Officer of the Year for District 4, California Department of VFW posts.

**Staff Report**

The La Mirada City Council recognized City of La Mirada’s Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres for her distinction as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9148 Officer of the Year at the City Council meeting held on February 14.

In addition to being recognized as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the VFW Post 9148, Officer Cipres was also named Officer of the

Year for District 4, California Department, which consists of VFW Posts in Apple Valley, Avalon, Carson-Torrance, Compton, Gardena, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Inglewood, La Mirada, Lomita, Redondo Beach, and Wilmington. Her nomination has advanced to the California Department for judging with VFW’s State Headquarters.

Officer Cipres has served on the La Mirada Public Safety Team for more than 24 years. Over the years she coordinated several Public Safety programs

including teaching Positive Alternatives to La Mirada students. The lessons she taught included stranger danger, building self-esteem, conflict resolution, decision making skills, the importance of making good choices, and gang and drug prevention. Officer Cipres has conducted more than 200 Red Ribbon assemblies and coordinated the Every 15 Minutes program at La Mirada High School from 2001 to 2017.

Mary is visible on school campuses, as she works with the School Resource Deputy, School District Campus Safety Officer, School Administrators, and the Juvenile Probation Officer to keep students safe and maintain a positive learning environment. Officer Cipres is involved with efforts to identify at-risk youth and offers intervention, education and prevention to students, parents, and teachers.

Officer Cipres also coordinates the Neighborhood Watch program and is vital to its success. She coordinated several neighborhood meetings to educate residents on crime trends, safety tips, and emergency preparedness.

Officer Cipres has the ability to get the community actively involved with the Public Safety Team’s programs and services. She coordinates the Public Safety Poster Contest, Holiday Home Decorating Contest, National Night Out, Red Ribbon Week, the Summer Safety Series at the City’s Summer Day Camp, and Popsicles with Public Safety.

Mary also volunteers her time in the community. She held a leadership role for five years on the Gardenhill Elementary School PTA. She served as the Hutchinson Middle School PTA President and currently serves as the La Mirada High School PTA President. She is also a member of La Mirada Ebell.

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the city’s homeless plan and show that we remain committed to the health and safety of our community.”

The City of Norwalk has taken an active approach to homelessness in recent years.

- As part of the Public Safety Department, the Homeless Operation Prevention and Engagement (H.O.P.E.) team, formed in 2018, continues to connect homeless individuals to resources.
- In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the city enhanced services for the H.O.P.E. team and social service department by increasing the operating budget by nearly \$500,000. An additional \$4.8 million was allocated to enhance homeless services and resources through the L.A. County Sheriffs’ Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET).
- In June 2022, the City Council voted to have ample homeless support service seven days a week by enhancing City services under the Social Services Department.
- In February 2023, Norwalk began construction of the “Veteran Villas at San Antonio Drive,” a 60-unit affordable, quality residential development. This is the first veteran housing project in the Gateway Cities region to curb veteran homelessness.

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## Pico Rivera City Hall to Undergo Renovation



**THE IMPROVEMENTS** will address ADA deficiencies that were identified in portions of the public restrooms, lobbies, paths-of-travel, and parking lots at City Hall, and City Hall West. The ADA Project will begin in early February, with anticipated completion in April.

### Staff Report

Pico Rivera City Hall will soon be closed to the general public as City Officials begin work on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to both City Hall and City Hall West.

Last year, City Officials approved the ADA Project with funding coming from the Community Development Block Grant.

The improvements will address ADA deficiencies that were identified in portions of the public restrooms, lobbies, paths-of-travel, and parking lots at City Hall, and City Hall West.

The projected work on City Hall and City Hall West includes behind-the-scenes work such as the reconstruction of partitions, plumbing, interior finishes, electrical and HVAC modifications, doors, flooring, ceilings, and millwork.

The City Hall parking lot will also receive new asphalt, sidewalks, and curbs. Most of the improvements that residents will be able to take advantage of will include an ADA wheelchair lift located on the west side of City Hall facing the parking lot, ADA railings, and new curb-ramps.

The ADA Project will begin in early February, with anticipated completion in April.

While City Hall will be closed due to the ongoing indoor construction, outdoor services will be offered on the grounds of City Hall.

In addition, residents are encouraged to take advantage of the services offered on Virtual City Hall at [pico-rivera.org](http://pico-rivera.org).

*For more information about this project or the closure, call City Hall at 562.942.2000.*

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brothers, we're family and we pulled it together. We hit shots and we just played hard."

Rim of the World began the second half on a 6-0 run to lead 31-26 with 5:31 remaining in the third quarter. But a basket from sophomore Christian Carreon and a three-pointer from Sekender made things interesting. Wong, who had one of his worst shooting performances of the season, put the 'Cats in the lead for good with 2:02 left in the third quarter. Then with his team up 37-34 following Song's trifecta, a fade-away three-pointer from Wong with five seconds left gave Whitney that extra burst of momentum as the third place representatives from the 605 League led 40-34. Wong scored five points but grabbed five rebounds and had four steals. That basket from Wong was a confidence booster, according to Webber, as Rim of the World would score five points in the first four minutes of the final quarter while Whitney padded its lead to 11 points with 4:36 left in the game.

"Definitely, definitely," said Webber. "He's the spark plug. As soon as he hits that, everyone is confident. Not only that, we know we're going to grind it out on defense. So, the defense gets better. Then all of a sudden, I'm sure we turned them over a lot in the fourth quarter."

"It was just all heart," said Sekender. "Our team is built around defense and each and every guy has a role and our team is more defense than offense. We win our games with defense no matter what."

The first basket of the fourth quarter was just like the last one of the third quarter in that Carreon nailed a three-pointer as the shot clock had expired. The Wildcats then maintained leads of nine to 12 points the remainder of the game.

Sekender led Whitney with 11 points and Carreon added 10 points as both would foul out in the final half of the fourth quarter. Junior Joseph Whitaker, who picked up three fouls in the first quarter, ended the contest with nine rebounds and eight points. But lost in the mix was the fact that Rim of the World's starting lineup stood anywhere from 5'9" to 6'2" and the Fighting Scots had eight of their 13 players at 6'2" or taller. With all that going on, Whitney allowed less than 45 points for the 16th time in 28 games.

"I just told the boys, 'good, I'm glad you saw them in warm-ups; now you see how big they are, let's show them how quick we are,'" said Webber. "And that's what happened. We turned the ball over a lot because [of their arm] length. But at the same token, we got a lot of tips and steals."

"Every game for us is a defensive challenge," said Sekender. "Whenever we play big teams like Rim, it's always a defensive challenge. But we pulled together."

The Wildcats, ranked seventh in the di-

vision, would host Compton Early College this past Tuesday and came away with a 69-57 win, advancing to Friday's semifinal contest at top-ranked Lynwood High. The Wildcats will be seeking the program's first trip to a divisional championship game since 1987 while Lynwood fell to Santa Barbara 75-65 in the 2016 Division 2A title game. In the other semifinal game, second-ranked North Torrance High hosts third-ranked Don Bosco Tech.

"I tried to prep them because the deeper you go, the tougher it gets," said Webber. "The refs are going to let it play to a certain point. And we really answered it."

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assignments and I think that gave up that corner three. That's a hard-fought team and like I said, they have a whole bench. When you have 5'1", 4'9", 5'3", 5'9", 5'7" versus six feet, 5'10", 5'11", not only does it wear you down, but it puts you in a situation where now you have to do whatever you can that you haven't tested."

Whitney had defeated Walnut High 57-44 in the first round last Thursday while El Dorado smashed San Bernardino High 71-22 thanks in part to some key players from the Cardinals being suspended. Still, Jacobs liked the matchup he was presented with and felt his team could stay close enough to where the 'Cats could prevail.

"I thought the assignments were perfect," said Jacobs. "The matchups were fine. They went on a run; basketball is a possession of runs. They went on a run, and we went on a run."

Lacorte led Whitney with 16 points and four three-pointers while Wang had 10 points, four rebounds and two steals. Junior Kylie Wang pitched in with nine points, six rebounds and five steals and Macaraeg added seven points and two steals. Song would have the other two points as all of Whitney's points came from its starters.

"Layla is not just a player of mine, she's like a goddaughter to me," said Jacobs. "Layla, Kayla, Rachel Song...these kids helped build this program stronger. They play hard, they've been through a lot together. I think that kid played phenomenal today. She had 16 points and she just left it on the floor. Last game, what the hell? Do what you can and win, and if it doesn't happen, at least you know you walk out of here knowing you gave everything you had."

Whitney graduates four seniors but figure to be a force next season with the returners and some up and coming prospects from the junior high level.

Division 3A-Anaheim 85, Norwalk 25

ANAHEIM-Very little went right for the Lancers last Thursday in this first round loss to the Colonists. After junior Keilani Ganancial tied the game 67 seconds into the contest, Anaheim went on a 21-0 run and just like that, the game was virtually

over. It also didn't help that the Lancers turned the ball over 19 times in the opening stanza. By the time the game had ended, Norwalk had turned the ball over 48 times and attempted 40 shots from the field.

"It's a solid squad," said Norwalk head coach Ashley Baclaan of Anaheim. "We already knew what we were coming up against. We knew they were going to be fast; they're going to be shooters. But I think with all the energy and emotions, obviously [they] got rattled and there it was...turnovers."

Norwalk scored one other basket in the first quarter, which came from senior Julietta Castellanos with 1:13 left in the stanza. The Lancers nearly tripled their scoring production in the second quarter but when the game had reached halftime, it was 51-15. Because of the 30 turnovers in the half, Norwalk attempted 23 shots with Ganancial connecting on four of seven shots for nine points. However, she picked up two fouls in the first quarter and Baclaan had to be cautious with her on the court. She would end the game with a team-high 11 points.

"I think with the limitations on that one, there's your 19 turnovers," said Baclaan. "We can't really get the ball up the court. It is what it is. We prepped all week for certain things, but obviously, with the way the energy and atmosphere can be sometimes, things flip. But it's all good."

Norwalk's first basket of the second half didn't come until the 4:51 mark and came on an offensive putback from sophomore Janii McGarrah. After that, Anaheim went on a 15-0 run.

"Regardless, just like any other game, there is nothing to lose," said Baclaan of her halftime speech to her team. "You have to go out, play hard and keep trying to do what you've been doing all season and some."

After grabbing 10 rebounds in the first quarter, the Lancers (16-12) would get 19 the remainder of the game. Castellanos and senior Amanda Rangel, two of seven seniors on the team, each scored four points.

"I think it's still a good season; a good solid season for the girls," said Baclaan. "They played every day, practiced, whatever they had to do. I think they learned and grew. It's just sometimes you still fall short."

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goals all season, would be tested for the first time in the 28th minute when Eden Ramirez found herself with an open net opportunity, but her shot clanked off the left post. The Q's ended the shutout bid two minutes later on a goal from Jordyn Beidler.

The eventual game winner would come in the 37th minute when Oliveria took a pass from Mijares and launched a shot that went through just under the

crossbar. The fact that the Dons scored that third tally was somewhat significant because no team had scored more than two goals against the 605 League champions all season.

"I was thinking that the girls were playing in a really good rhythm for us and as long as we could attack and keep moving forward like that; if we could grab another goal, we could start getting some of our players off the field and get some other players on the field," said Adams.

Even though Ramirez redeemed herself in the 67th minute to make it 3-2, Cerritos continued to keep the heat on. The speed of the Dons is what helped them pepper Mangini for 24 shots on goal, 13 of them she saved.

The one-goal decision was the second of the postseason and third of the season and Cerritos has now scored 126 goals. In contrast, El Rancho (17-5) has scored 73 goals, given up 28, posted eight shutouts and been involved in five one-goal decisions. The winner of this game will face the winner of the Serrano High-Western Christian High contest.

In other girls soccer action, Valley Christian High fell to Serrano High 2-1 in another Division 4 quarterfinal game. The Defenders, who won another Olympic League title, conclude the season at 19-5-1.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Artesia High, which entered the playoffs on a 14-game winning streak, then knocked off Newbury Park High in the Division 3AA first round, lost to fourth-ranked Buena High 66-56 last Friday, ending its season at 22-8.

Cerritos, on the heels of a 51-40 win over Ocean View in Division 3A action, came up short against Newport Harbor High in a 51-46 defeat last Friday. The Dons wrapped up their season at 14-16.

La Mirada High, the third-ranked team in Division 2A, beat Walnut High 79-69 last Saturday to advance to Friday's semifinal home game against Pacifica Christian High/Orange County. Both teams enter the contest with 23-8 records.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Gahr High went to Coachella Valley High this past Wednesday and knocked off the 11th-ranked Mighty Arabs 61-41 in a Division 5AA quarterfinal game. The third-ranked Gladiators (24-6), in the semifinals for the first time since 2013, will host 10th-ranked Marina High on Saturday. Sophomores Jody Colbert and Christine Ho each led the way with 12 points while senior Lauren Teramoto pitched in with 11 points.

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**\$1.420 million for the City of Hawaiian Gardens.** The funding will be used to upgrade athletic facilities, fields, and concession stands at parks and sports fields across the City of Hawaiian Gardens. The goal of these upgrades is to provide safe recreational facilities for the community to enjoy.

**\$2.5 million for the City of La Mirada.** The funding will be used to construct landscaped median improvements in the City of La Mirada, which will improve traffic safety, enhance the aesthetics of the streetscape, and provide ecological and environmental benefits.

**\$2.2 million for the City of Montebello.** This funding will be used to upgrade radio systems used by the City of Montebello's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and public safety agencies. Better radio communications will help ensure first responders, fire, and law enforcement professionals can communicate effectively in situations that often mean the difference between life or death.

**\$977,000 for the City of Norwalk.** This funding will be used to upgrade radio systems used by the City of Montebello's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and public safety agencies. Better radio communications will help ensure first responders, fire, and law enforcement professionals can communicate effectively in situations that often mean

the difference between life or death.

**\$2.2 million for the Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School District (NL-MUSD).**

One of the cornerstones of NLMUSD is the Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways and Dual Enrollment access to college-based curriculum for college credit. This funding will help NLMUSD build a virtual learning environment so that students in CTE pathways, Dual Enrollment, and other programs can have remote access to educational materials on demand.

**\$1.050 million for the City of Pico Rivera.** The funding will be used to transform an underutilized and blighted bus depot into a colorful and vibrant neighborhood park that features 14 new canopy trees and drought resistant native landscaping, a grassy knoll and performance amphitheater, decorative fencing, creative solar panel shade structures, a butterfly garden, community-based artwork, children's play areas, free Wi-Fi hotspot, and more. The PAD Park will also commit space dedicated to incubating small, home-grown businesses such as galleries, cafés, bakeries, and other vendors.

**\$2.2 million for the City of Santa Fe Springs.** The funding will be used to bring Water Well No. 12 into operation and provide safe, affordable drinking water for residents and businesses. Water Well No. 12 was constructed in 2015 but has never been in operation due to its inability to pass state and federal drinking

water standards.

**\$750,000 for the City of Whittier.** The funding will be used to convert eight acres of underutilized property at Whittier Union High School's Sierra Education Complex into shared community recreation space. When complete, the space can be used for youth sports programs that serve more than 2,000 young people annually.

**\$2,500,000 for Water Replenishment District of Southern California.** The funding will be used to treat three PFAS-affected wells, helping to ensure residents of Whittier, Montebello, and La Habra have access to clean drinking water.

Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio commented, "We are truly grateful that Congresswoman Linda Sanchez requested and secured federal funding to improve parks and sports fields in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. As a result of her efforts, the city will have much needed resources to upgrade local parks and schools and to provide safe and fun activities for our youth and the broader community."

Artesia Mayor Monica Manalo told HMG-CN, "The City of Artesia is extremely grateful to our former Congresswoman Linda Sanchez for obtaining funding for our Botanical Garden. We are also eager to work with our new Congresswoman Michelle Steel to implement the project. Though we did receive federal funds for the garden, we still need additional funding to complete the

project."

Artesia City Manager Aldo Schindler added, "We'll be seeking state and additional federal funds. We're excited to work on a unique park that will feature a themed nature walk including native and drought-tolerant plants with educational signage, a trail through the existing forested area with a deck, a driveway for emergency and ADA access and drop-offs, a new 3,000 square foot community building, with an attached 1,500 square foot open pavilion for events, construction of a new community stage for theater productions and special events, and new turf in front of the stage area; entry plaza and central plaza between the forest area and turf; small maintenance shed; planting of trees and native, drought-tolerant plants throughout the property."

Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona told HMG-CN, "The city council and residents are extremely grateful for Congresswoman Sanchez leadership in bringing this funding to our community. We are very excited to being work at the park and create an entertainment hub in the community."

La Mirada City Manager Jeff Boynton commented, "Leffingwell Road is one of the few remaining arterial streets in La Mirada without median landscaping. We appreciate the funding secured by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez to assist with this key project, which will provide safety and aesthetic improvements for the benefit of motorists and our community."

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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 interested 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, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 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 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 (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

LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
ORDINANCE NO. 1423

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE (ZC 22-02) FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO R-1 PD (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT) ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10343-10351 MAPLEDALE STREET AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1423 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1423 would approve a Zone Change (ZC 22-02) from R-1 (Low Density Residential Zone) to R-1 PD (Low Density Residential Planned Development Overlay District) on the property located at 10343-10351 Mapledale Street and amending the zoning map.

Ordinance No. 1423 had its first reading on January 23, 2023, its second reading on February 13, 2023, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of February 13, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:** Council Members – Dunton, Koops, Sanchez, and Mayor Santa Ines

**ABSENT:** Council Members – Mayor Pro Tem Hamada

Effective Date: March 14, 2023. For a copy of Ordinance No. 1423, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 804 1424.

Approved as submitted above:  
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:  
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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CITY OF COMMERCE  
CITY COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITYWIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment request to amend and modify 19.21.130 (LOADING AND UNLOADING REQUIREMENTS) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC). The purpose of the amendment is to establish loading regulations for any Manufacturing (M Zoned) Properties that are located within 300 feet of all R-Zoned properties within the City of Commerce.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City Council of the City of Commerce in the Public Safety Conference Room, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance will be heard.

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

CITY MANAGER  
Edgar Cisneros

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
YODHIN ANAVIL  
CASE NO. 22STPB12782  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of YODHIN ANAVIL.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SARITA ANAVIL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SARITA ANAVIL 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: 03/09/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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  
BERT Y. KAWAHARA - SBN 108422  
LAW OFFICE OF BERT Y. KAWAHARA  
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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
FOR THE THOMPSON PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
SPECIFICATIONS NO. 22/23-07

The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk’s office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:00 a.m. on:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**

at which time they will be publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier’s check or bidder’s bond payable to the order of the City of Bellflower or cash for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price submitted, and the check, bond, or cash deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the City if such bidder fails to enter into the contract to perform the work within ten (10) days after written notice of award. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project (“Project”) which consists of construction of the THOMPSON PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City’s Public Works Department. The Engineer’s Estimate of cost is \$430,000. Bids will be publicly opened on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. At the time of contract award, the contractor shall possess a Class A or B Contractor’s License or a combination of Class C-8, C-32 and C 61/D34 Contractor’s License. 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 Business and Professions Code of the State of California at the time the bid is submitted. Following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the contractor shall have sixty (120) working days to complete the work.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. 22/23 07 as adopted by the City’s City Council on February 13, 2023 which is filed with the City’s Public Works Department. Copies of these plans and specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non refundable fee of \$35.00. Plans and specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

Mandatory jobsite walk will be held at **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 11:00 AM** at 14001 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, CA 90706. Prospective bidders will have opportunity to examine the project site and are encouraged to raise any questions associated with the project and site. Attendance of the jobsite walk is mandatory for parties wishing to submit a bid as the Prime Contractor.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Bidding Instructions which can be found at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code (“PCC”) § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor’s request.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2023.

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA**

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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
ORDINANCE NO. 1424

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3.24 AND SECTIONS 3.36.020 AND 3.36.060 OF THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3.40, ENTITLED “DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES” TO TITLE 3 OF THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPOSING FEES ON APPLICANTS SEEKING TO CONSTRUCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

The City Council of the City of Bellflower introduced Ordinance No. 1424 at its Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023.

If adopted, Ordinance 1424 would repeal Chapter 3.24 and Sections 3.36.020 and 3.36.060 of the Bellflower Municipal Code, and add a new Chapter 3.40, entitled “Development Impact Fees” to Title 3 of the Bellflower Municipal Code for the purpose of imposing fees on applicants seeking to construct development projects.

For a copy of Ordinance No. 1424, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 804 1424.

Approved as submitted above:  
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:  
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 03/07/2023 at 11:00 AM.**

La Shaun Mitchell-household items  
Tekiyah Dodd-Refrigerator, TVs, Toys, king size bed, crib, dishes, couch, recliner chair, table and electronics  
Michael D Wilson-House hold items Michael Yniguez-Tool boxes  
Charles Desmond Jr-clothes and shoes Gregory Fernandez-house hold item and tools  
Charlene Willis -twin beds, washer, boxes, freezer, couches, TVs Tasha Salazar-Misc  
Nichole Weston- Household items Janel Maylas-Household items

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

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The City Council of the City of Bellflower introduced Ordinance No. 1423 at its Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023.

If adopted, the Ordinance would approve a Zone Change (ZC 22-02) from R-1 (Low Density Residential Zone) to R-1 PD (Low Density Residential Planned Development Overlay District) on the property located at 10343-10351 Mapledale Street and amending the zoning map.

For a copy of Ordinance No. 1423, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 804 1424.

Approved as submitted above:  
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:  
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 728  
ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 55, ADDING LAND USE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO MICRO-BREWERY FACILITIES, TO TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING ORDINANCE), AND TO TABLE 6.1 OF THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN; AND APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 728.

Summary of Ordinance No. 728  
Ordinance No. 728 would make the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Title 21 of the LMMC:

a. Amend Subsection 21.20.020, of Chapter 21.20, Commercial Zoning Districts, by adding “Micro-brewery – Ancillary to bona fide restaurant” and “Micro-brewery – Stand-alone” to the list of permitted uses within the Commercial Zoning Districts (C-O, C-1, C-4, C-F);

b. Amend Subsection 21.20.020, of Chapter 21.20, Commercial Zoning Districts, by adding Footnote 13 to reference applicable provisions in Section 21.20.057;

c. Add Section 21.20.057, “Micro-brewery standards,” to create development standards for the Micro-brewery land use;

d. Amend Subsection 21.22.020, of Chapter 21.22, Industrial Zoning District, by adding “Micro-brewery – Ancillary to bona fide restaurant” and “Micro-brewery – Stand-alone” to the list of permitted uses within the Industrial Zoning District (M-2);

e. Amend Subsection 21.22.020, of Chapter 21.22, Industrial Zoning District, by adding Footnote 8 to reference applicable provisions in Section 21.20.057; and

f. Amend Table 6-1, Permit Requirements, of the Imperial Highway Specific Plan (IHSP), by adding “Micro-brewery – Ancillary to bona fide restaurant” to the list of permitted uses with the Planning Areas of the Imperial Highway Specific Plan (IHSP).

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 728 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KENNETH G. McMAHON aka KENNETH GERARD McMAHON  
Case No. 23STPB01042  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KENNETH G. McMAHON aka KENNETH GERARD McMAHON  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Theresa Marie Timko Kelley in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Theresa Marie Timko Kelley be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 7, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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:  
PAUL HORN ESQ  
SBN 243227  
PAUL HORN LAW GROUP PC  
11404 SOUTH STREET  
CERRITOS CA 90703  
CN993944 McMAHON Feb 17,24, Mar 3, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 23016-HY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: TRI LAUNDRIES, INC., 16835 ALGONQUIN STREET, #344 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649  
Doing Business as: SPARKLEAN LAUNDRY  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: ZUBIN LAIWALLA AND OR ASSIGNEE, 11723 PARLIAMENT DR. RANCHO CU-CAMONGA, CA 91730  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, SUPPLIES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS and are located at: 5976 SANTA FE AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 9, 2023  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the last day for filing claims shall be MARCH 8, 2023, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: 2/13/23  
BUYERS: ZUBIN LAIWALLA  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 234748-CS  
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: 8ONE8 GROUP, INC, 18001 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: MARIO SOTELO GALDERON AND MARIA FELIZ AGUILAR GONZALES, 12630 BLOOMFIELD AVE. #9, NORWALK, CA 90650  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 18001 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: TRIBOS PERI PERI CHICKEN  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 8, 2023, at the office of R ESCROW, 1205 E CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866  
Escrow No. 234748-CS, Escrow Officer CANDICE SILVA  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above.  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: MARCH 7, 2023  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.  
DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2023  
TRANSFEREES: MARIO SOTELO GALDERON AND MARIA FELIZ AGUILAR GONZALES  
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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **9:00 AM** on the **17th day of March, 2023** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1614 Roofing at Various Sites

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. Only Bidders participating at the **mandatory jobwalk** on March 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Adult School, 12254 Cuesta Dr., Cerritos will be emailed the bid documents. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class C-39 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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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.

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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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](http://www.storage treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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CIF-SS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Whitney Battles Adversity to Reach Pair of Rare Feats Within Program, Holds Off Rim of The World

By Loren Kopff  
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Moments after its CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA second round game last Friday night, Whitney High head coach Joseph Webber was still in shock after witnessing one of his team’s best performances of the season. Facing a tough Rim of the World High squad, the Wildcats, no pun intended, scratched and clawed their way to a victory despite key players getting injured throughout the game.

The Wildcats program, once somewhat of a laughingstock as members of the Delphic League and Academy League are opening a lot of eyes these days, No one is laughing now after Whitney defeated the champions of the Skyline League 54-42 and advancing to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1987. Whitney, ranked seventh in the division, improved to 20-8 following the win, marking the first time the program had won at least 20 games in over 26 seasons.

“I’m just trying to prepare them an hour at a time, one practice at a time, one quarter at a time,” said Webber. “I was ready to accept either way tonight because the 19 wins was a mission accomplished to me. But we just wanted to make it to the playoffs. Then we beat Savanna [in the first round] at Savanna. Wow, crazy. Then these giants walk in the gym. I’m in shock and I’m elated.”

The Wildcats built a 10-point lead with 1:18 left in the first quarter on a three-pointer from junior Sakeef Sekender. But the Fighting Scots responded with a 12-0 run and the hosts would not score again until midway through the second quarter. Over the final 4:08 of the first half, the lead would change hands seven times with neither team leading by more than two points.

But the half would come at a steep price for Whitney as sophomore Morgan Marks, who missed a good chunk of the season with an injury, went down in the first quarter and would not return. Senior David Song injured his left leg with 2:56 remaining in the half but managed to return in the second half. Then senior star Ethan Wong pulled up with a cramp with 1:07 left in the contest. Still the Wildcats battled through and found a way to win.

“Story of the season, right,” he questioned. “Guys go down, guys step up, guys go down, guys step up. Since the beginning, I’ve told the parents, I’ve told my wife, I’ve told the principal, I love this team. As soon as we had the banquet last year, these guys wanted to start working out. It was just a carryover from last year; our first year here.

“Who would have thought that when those giants walked in the gym that we were going to win,” he continued. “These guys have the heart of a lion; every single one of them. I’m so proud of them.”

“It’s amazing,” said Sekender. “The first half was tough, but we pulled together as a team. With Morgan going out, it was tough and with David getting injured early, it was tough. But we’re a team, we’re

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Whitney Runs Out of Steam in Fourth Quarter, Season Ends With Loss to El Dorado



**NORWALK HIGH** junior Keilani Ganancial drives around Ashley Guzman of Anaheim High in last Thursday’s CIF-Southern Section Division 3A first round game. Ganancial scored 11 points as the Lancers were crushed 85-25. Photo by Armando Vargas, contributing photographer.

By Loren Kopff

PLACENTIA-Whitney High head coach Myron Jacobs stacked his schedule in November and December so his team could be prepared for the CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs. The co-605 League champions were battle tested throughout the season, although they went 7-11 outside of league play, including three tough losses to some of the best teams in Idaho.

Against third-ranked El Dorado High in a second round game last Saturday, the Wildcats were at a disadvantage in the size department but trailed by two points a dozen seconds into the fourth quarter on a steal and basket from freshman Mady Macaraeg. After that, it was all Golden Hawks as the third place representatives from the Crestview League went on 16-9 run that left Whitney on the short end of a 53-44 decision inside Joe Raya Gymnasium. The Wildcats conclude their season at 17-13.

“That’s all we had in the tank,” said Jacobs. “Playing against a team that’s bigger than you, you only can do what you can. I think for us, it’s hard when we have a bench full of young kids that we want to put in the game, but then we have experienced seniors who have been here before. I don’t regret any of this. El Dorado beat us fair and square; they worked hard [and] we worked hard.”

Whitney had trailed by as many as eight points twice in the third quarter, the last time with 2:41 remaining after 5’9” senior Avery Shirling hit the first of two free throws. That’s when the Wildcats had their best stretch of the game, going on a 6-0 run but getting one basket in the process. Then after Macaraeg’s steal, El Dorado got a three-pointer from Shirling, a two-pointer from 5’8” sophomore Bianca Carter and a trifecta from Kaylee Shimoda to stretch the lead to 45-35 with 5:10 left in the game.

Both teams would trade three-pointers and when Shirling scored with 2:48 remaining, the Golden Hawks had their largest lead of the game at 12 points. Whitney would get three baskets in the final 2:33 on five attempts from the field.

Although Whitney never led in the first quarter until sophomore Haylie Wang’s free throw with 38.4 seconds left made it 12-11, it never trailed by more than four points and were able to tie the hosts three times. The largest lead for Whitney increased to 17-13 thanks to a three-pointer and a two-pointer from seniors Layla Lacorte and Rachel Song respectively. However, the Golden Hawks ended the half on a 12-2 run.

“I thought we started off slow,” said Jacobs. “I thought we picked up momentum. Shots were falling from Layla. I just thought we blew a couple of defensive

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Cerritos Girls Soccer End Semifinal Drought to Edge Don Lugo, Advances to Rare Semifinal

By Loren Kopff

For the longest time, the knock on the Cerritos High girls soccer program was that it could not get past the first round of the CIF-Southern Section divisional playoffs. The Dons had lost 16 consecutive playoff games until 2019 when they fell to Palm Desert High in double overtime in the second round.

Now, Cerritos has done something the program had not achieved since 1992. Backed by a tenacious defense that bent a little but did not break, the Dons held on to defeat Don Lugo High 3-2 this past Tuesday in a Division 4 quarterfinal game. Cerritos will visit El Rancho High on Friday for the right to play in its first divisional championship game since 1992.

“This group of kids has figured out a way to just gut out the really tough wins in between competitive games,” said Cerritos head coach Robert Adams. “We did a really good job through league, making it through that, and our non-league contests towards the end of league season really helped out.”

“It’s a really good feeling knowing that I’m a part of this and being able to be a part of this team just means a lot to me,” said senior midfielder Kristin Mijares. “I definitely felt the connection better throughout the years. I feel once we started to get comfortable with each other, we just started to progress on the field and off the field.”

Top-ranked in the division, Cerritos improved to 22-0-2, the most wins for the program in over 26 seasons. In fact, the last time Cerritos had won 18 games was during the 1997-1998 season.

The Dons dominated the eighth-ranked Conquistadors from the beginning and through the first 25 minutes of the game. Three minutes in, sophomore forward Denise Gutierrez got loose on a breakaway but saw her shot stopped by Kyra Mangini. In the next minute, she did the same to junior midfielder Cayla Oliveira.

The constant pressure continued, even when junior midfielder Tatianna Chavez appeared to have been tripped in the penalty box, but no call was made. Chavez would get that first goal three minutes later with the assist going to Mijares. In the 19th minute, Gutierrez would have another shot stopped, but she would make it a 2-0 contest five minutes later with her 22nd goal.

“I think what’s happening is that we’re very fortunate we have very good players and they’re very athletic, and our athleticism, because it’s not in one or two spots, it’s very difficult to mark us on one or two positions,” said Adams.

Cerritos’ stout defense, which had posted 16 shutouts and yielded nine

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