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~ Rep. John Lewis



## REP. SÁNCHEZ DELIVERS \$2.2 MILLION TO NORWALK-LA MIRADA USD.

**NEEDED FUNDS:** Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources, Dr. Michael Gotto; Superintendent Dr. John Lopez; Rep. Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA); NLMUSD Board of Education Member Dr. Robert Cancio; NLMUSD Board of Education President Chris Staples; Asst. Superintendent, Ed Services (Elementary), Dr. Kristine Cvar; Asst. Superintendent, Business Services, Estuardo Santillan; Chief Technology Officer Tim Scholefield; Asst. Superintendent, Ed Services (Secondary), Dr. Jessica Medrano.

By Brian Hews

This past Tuesday, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) delivered a check in the amount of \$2.2 million to the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, funding Sánchez she secured as part of President Biden's Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

The funding Sánchez secured will be used to help NLMUSD build a virtual learning environment, providing students in the Career Technical Educa-

tion (CTE) pathways, Dual Enrollment, and other programs with access to remote educational materials on demand.

The Act 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. Congresswoman Sánchez secured a total of \$28.5 million for 15 community projects in her district.

"The pandemic showed us just how critically important

remote learning is for our students. As we continue to invest in California's education system, we must ensure those tools are available to every student, not just those who can afford them," said Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez. "These funds will be used to expand access to virtual curriculum and resources. 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."

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## ABCUSD Trustee Soo Yoo Spouted Racial Memes During Interview With Falun Gong

By Brian Hews

Los Cerritos Community Newspaper has exclusively learned that ABCUSD Board Member Soo Yoo interviewed with the right-wing misinformation, anti-China, pro-Trump media empire of Falun Gong on the NTD channel -



which also publishes the Epoch Times newspaper - spouting racist right-wing talking points in her effort to be elected as the Vice-President of the California Republican Party.

It is yet another set of rants by the acerbic trustee, which includes bashing Latinos for having Quinceaneras and telling African Americans "to get over the slavery thing."

The video interview started off slowly but then built to a crescendo of racist memes often used by the right-wing to drive a wedge between school parents, teachers and staff.

The Epoch Times and its affiliates have a considerable presence in right-wing media,

with tens of millions of social media followers and an online audience that rivals those of The Daily Caller and Breitbart News, with a similar mission to feed the online misinformation swamps of the far right.

The organization became popular when it began supporting Donald Trump in 2014, treating him as an ally in Falun

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## La Mirada High Football Family Mourns Loss of Beloved Fan

By Hetty Chang

When it comes to winning, sometimes the MVP of a team isn't the one who scores the most points but instead the one who inspires the most.

"Not showing up to a game was not an option. He had to be there for the team, the team had to do well for him," said Sol Angulo, his brother.

Former football coach Mike Moschetti credits the 28-year-old La Mirada High School alum for leading them to two CIF championships wins.

"If you were an average player you become good, if you were a good player you became great," Moschetti said.

His inspiration was even documented in a short film. Even though Dante was wheelchair bound and couldn't play, he could still be found on the field.

"We found out he had autism later on when he was 11 or 12, then we found out that eventually he was going to be in wheelchair," Chaya said. "That's how this horrible disease progresses and robs us of the people we love."

Dante was only given a life expectancy of several years. He lived until he was 28-years-old, passing away on Saturday due to complications with muscular dystrophy and leaving a huge hole in everyone's heart.

Moschetti recalled why he made Dante an honorary player years ago.

"He was always smiling and laughing," Moschetti said. "I just couldn't believe this kid, at



## Bomb Threat Placed Whitney High on Lockdown

By Brian Hews

Yesterday at 1:48 p.m., Los Cerritos Community News learned that Whitney High School officials sent out a memo saying, "they received a threat via phone call. We called the sheriffs and they immediately arrived at the campus to ensure the student safety. Under the di-



**STUDENTS** reunited with parents at Cerritos Park East.

rection of the Cerritos sheriffs, they placed the school on lockdown."

Minutes later LCCN obtained a memo from to the Cerritos City Council stating,

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## South Coast Botanic Garden Celebrates New 3.5 Acre Garden



**3.5 ACRE START:** From left, South Coast Botanic Garden's Board of Trustees Chair Mike Molina; Vivian Long; John Long; Marilyn Long; Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn; Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Norma Edith García-Gonzalez, and South Coast Botanic Garden's CEO Adrienne Nakashima ceremoniously break ground on the Garden's new 3.5-acre Marilyn and John Long Children and Family Garden. Photo by Chuck Bennett.

By Brian Hews

South Coast Botanic Garden hosted a groundbreaking Ceremony for its new 3.5-acre Marilyn and John Long Children and Family Garden.

The event included the announcement of the largest gift in the Garden's history and the

launch of a new \$16 million fundraising campaign

The South Coast Botanic Garden provided a first look at plans for this new multi-million dollar project and marked the kick-off to the Cultivate the Future campaign, the largest fundraising campaign in the Garden's 62-year history.

The ceremony was held Wednesday, March 15, and featured the Garden's Chief Executive Officer Adrienne Nakashima announcing an extraordinary \$3 million philanthropic gift from the Long Family Foundation - the largest private

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## La Mirada Youth in Government Propose Projects



**LA MIRADA MAYOR OTERO** (3rd from left) .with the La Mirada City Council with La Mirada students after their final presentations.

### Staff Report

The City of La Mirada’s Youth in Government students concluded this year’s program at the City Council meeting held on March 14.

La Mirada High School students participated in the award-winning program and made their final presentations to La Mirada City Council.

The students proposed two projects, including a Cruising with Santa event and a Community Olympics.

The students first proposed a Cruising with Santa event that would feature a vehicle with Santa that would drive along a designated route throughout the city. Students mapped out specific routes around the city and suggested 30-minute stops at local parks. Each stop would include games and giveaways for everyone to enjoy, and a chance to see and meet Santa.

The second proposed project was a Community Olympics. The Community

Olympics would bring youth participants from across the city to compete against each other in running, swimming , and other athletic events.

The Students suggested partncering with the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District to use newly renovated facilities.

The Community Olympics would also use city facilities to hold competitions and use La Mirada Regional Park for additional games.

Youth in Government project proposals have often been implemented including the creation of Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, the renovation of the La Mirada Library, La Mirada College Banner program, and the Farmers Market.

The presentation marked the conclusion of the program, which has been in place for 63 years.

*For additional information, contact the La Mirada City Hall at (562) 943-0131.*

## Olympic gold medalist Pat McCormick passes away at age 92

### Staff Report

Former Lakewood resident Pat McCormick recently passed away. Pat won a total of four Olympic gold medals in the 3-meter and high platform dive in both the 1952 and 1956 Games, becoming the first male or female “double-double” diving gold medalist.

In honor of her achievements, the Lakewood City Council dedicated the new pool at Bolivar Park in her name in 1958, and Pat gave a diving exhibition at

the pool’s grand opening, documented in this short historical film.

Pat became active later in life as an advocate for children and the importance of education. She ran a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children in challenged areas of the country find success through sports and education.

Pat was living in Seal Beach at the time of her passing. She was born in Seal Beach and raised in Long Beach, but moved to Lakewood with her husband Glenn in the 1950s.

## Assessor Offers Relief to Those Hit By Storms

### Staff Report

L.A. County Assessor Jeff Prang is reminding property owners in the path of the recent torrential rainstorms that they may be eligible for tax relief.

“I want to remind property owners that you may be eligible for property tax relief that could save you money on your taxes as you move forward,” said Prang

By filing a claim for Misfortune & Calamity relief within one year of the incident, properties that have sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage or destroyed entirely may be eligible for a refund of taxes already paid and lower annual tax bills. until the property is repaired.

Claim forms for relief can be accessed by calling the Disaster Relief Hotline at 213/974-8658 or online at assessor.lacounty.gov/disaster-relief.

### Penalty Cancellation Relief

The LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector is aware that property owners impacted by the storms and first responders may not be able to pay their second installment of their 2022-23 Annual Secured Property Taxes by the delinquency date of April 10, 2023, and will be subject to a 10% penalty. Those constituents may file for a penalty cancellation at <https://ttc.lacounty.gov/penalty-cancellation-request-2/> or submit a paper request by calling (213) 974-2111, TTY (213) 974-2196 or (888) 807-2111.

Also, Assessor Prang encourages residents to use the County’s general information phone number of 211 or online at <https://lacounty.gov/recovery/> to get information about other services offered during the recent slate of heavy storm weather.

## Supervisor Hahn Works to Rename Light Rail from Artesia to Downtown

This week, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn made headway in her effort to rename the “West Santa Ana Branch” rail line project.

The Metro Board of Directors Executive Management Committee unanimously passed Hahn’s motion.

“This name has held this project back,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “This is a rail line that will mean long-overdue reliable transit for millions of residents in the Gateway Cities and Southeast Los Angeles communities – but its name makes it difficult for people to understand, connect with, and get excited about this project.”

The motion directs the Metro CEO to work with city managers, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the Eco Rapid Transit Powers Authority, local elected officials, community-based organizations, schools, colleges, and residents along the corridor to rename and rebrand the “West Santa Ana Branch” project. The project will be renamed no later than January of 2024.

The planned 19-mile rail line will stretch from Artesia to Downtown Los Angeles connecting the cities of Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, South Gate, Downey, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Vernon and unincorporated Florence-Firestone. Of the 1.4 million people who live along this route, roughly 18% of them do not own a car.

The motion to rename the West Santa Ana Branch will be heard by the full Metro Board of Directors on March 23rd.

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## Texas Takes Over Houston Schools Ala Cristina Garcia's Failed Attempt at Central Basin Water

An annual Census Bureau survey of public school funding showed Texas spent \$10,342 per pupil in the 2020, more than \$3,000 less than the national average,

### Staff Report

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas officials on Wednesday announced a state take-over of Houston’s nearly 200,000-student public school district, the eighth-largest in the country, acting on years of threats and angering Democrats who assailed the move as political.

The announcement, made by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott’s education commissioner, Mike Morath, amounts to one of the largest school takeovers ever in the U.S.

It also deepens a high-stakes rift between Texas’ largest city, where Democrats wield control, and state Republican leaders, who have sought increased authority following election fumbles and COVID-19 restrictions.

The takeover is the latest example of Republican and predominately white

state officials pushing to take control of actions in heavily minority and Democratic-led cities. They include St. Louis and Jackson, Mississippi, where the Legislature is pushing to take over the water system and for an expanded role for state police and appointed judges.

In a letter to the Houston Independent School District, Morath said the Texas Education Agency will replace Superintendent Millard House II and the district’s elected board of trustees with a new superintendent and an appointed board of managers made of residents from within the district’s boundaries.

Morath said the board has failed to improve student outcomes while conducting “chaotic board meetings marred by infighting” and violating open meetings act and procurement laws. He accused the district of failing to provide proper special education services and of violating state and federal laws with its approach to supporting students with disabilities.

He cited the seven-year record of poor academic performance at one of the district’s roughly 50 high schools, Wheatley High, as well as the poor performance of several other campuses.

Most of Houston’s school board members have been replaced since the state began making moves toward a takeover in 2019. House became superintendent in 2021.

He and the current school board will remain until the new board of managers is chosen sometime after June 1.

The new board of managers will be appointed for at least two years.

The Texas State Teachers Association and the American Civil Liberties

Union of Texas condemned the take-over. At a news conference in Austin, state Democratic leaders called for the Legislature to increase funding for education and raise teacher pay.

“We acknowledge that there’s been underperformance in the past, mainly due to that severe underfunding in our public schools,” state Rep. Armando Walle, who represents parts of north Houston, said.

An annual Census Bureau survey of public school funding showed Texas spent \$10,342 per pupil in the 2020 fiscal year, more than \$3,000 less than the national average, according to the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University in Houston.

Schools in other big cities, including Philadelphia, New Orleans and Detroit, in recent decades have gone through state takeovers, which are generally viewed as last resorts for underperforming schools and are often met with community backlash. Critics argue that state interventions generally have not led to big improvements.

Race is also an issue because the overwhelming majority of students in Houston schools are Hispanic or Black. Domingo Morel, a professor of political science and public services at New York University, said the political and racial dynamics in the Houston case are similar to instances where states have intervened elsewhere.

“If we just focus on taking over school districts because they underperform, we would have a lot more takeovers,” Morel said. “But that’s not what happens.”



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## Rep. Sánchez Delivers \$1.05 Million to Pico Rivera



**PICO RIVERA** Mayor Erik Lutz with Mayor pro tem Andrew Lara and Councilpersons John Garcia and Dr. Monica Sanchez with Rep. Sánchez at the check presentation.

In a check presentation ceremony held last month, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-38), presented Pico Rivera officials with a check for \$1.05 million to go towards the City's Pedestrian Active Depot Project.

The Passons Active Depot Project, or the PAD, is the city's plan to transform the dilapidated Montebello Bus Lines Terminal, located at the corner of Passons Boulevard and Jackson Street, into a passive use park.

Plans include 14 new canopy trees and drought resistant native landscaping, a grassy knoll and performance amphitheater, decorative fencing, creative solar panel shade structures, community based

artwork, children's play areas, free Wi-Fi hotspot and architecturally designed shipping containers to be used as flexible community space. The PAD will offer new green space for residents and visitors alike. Families and seniors will be able to take walks with a new small walking path, and there will be relief stations for man's best friend. Local bikers will also have an opportunity to use this space as a resting spot and tune up station. Last year, the City received a \$1 million grant from the LA County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire the property. The acquisition process is currently in progress with the Montebello, with construction set to begin within a year.

## Lifetime Learning Center Spring Tours

Visit the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Center and see "Under the Sea", Tuesday, April 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. along with a tour the of Marine Mam-

mal Care Center  
Lunch included at the 22nd Landing Seafood Grill; the cost is \$129.  
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## Make Daylight Savings Time Permanent

When you find yourself yawning at your desk after losing an hour of precious shut-eye, you may wonder why we have Daylight Saving Time in the first place.

Every March, it's the same old routine; training the body for one less hour of sleep.

On the second Sunday, we set the clocks forward an hour and then try to adjust.

Germany became the first country to implement Daylight Saving Time in May 1916.

The rest of Europe followed shortly, and the United States hopped on board in 1918.

Many of us have heard it started to help farmers who wanted to use the extra Xhour in the fields, but the opposite is actually true.

The change caused them to lose an extra hour of light in the morning, meaning they had to rush their crops to market. And for dairy farmers, the time change throws off the cows, too

There are those that welcome the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, but the start of the annual ritual leaves many of us feeling sluggish and tired.

It's time to stop the madness and call on elected officials to end daylight savings time.

The good news is that many of our leaders in Washington have already voted in favor of ending the switch.

Last March the U.S. Senate unanimously (yes, unanimously) passed the Sunshine Protection Act that would have kept the U.S. on permanent daylight saving time.

But then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi did not bring the legislation up for a vote; shame on her

The bill was reintroduced last week and a Florida Republican is carrying the House version.

Maybe this is the year? Would George Santos vote for it? Margy Taylor Greene?

There's no guarantee that all Democrats will approve, but voters from states, including California, have shown strong support for passing the law so they should pay attention.

Remember in 2018, 60% of California voters approved Proposition 7, wanting to end the switch.

And at least 18 other states, including Florida, have passed resolutions indicating they want to end the madness also.

And two states in the U.S. long ago stopped the madness of daylight saving time.

Arizona is the only continental U.S. state that refuses to join the time shift, making it the only state where outsiders don't know the actual time; Hawaii doesn't observe the shift either.

There's a growing call to end the switch for health reasons, as moving the clock back and forth upsets our sleep cycles with some studies indicating the lack of shut-eye increased traffic accidents and other major health issues.

The U.S. adopted daylight saving time more than a half-century ago "to conserve energy," which didn't happen. Let's stop the madness.

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
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## Holy Week Labyrinth Walk at St. Irenaeus Church



**ALL ARE INVITED** to experience the peace of the Holy Week Labyrinth Walk at St. Irenaeus Health Ministry on Tuesday, April 4th. Photo by Monica Kovach.

By Rosemary Lewallen

Would you like a prayerful escape from the distractions and noise of everyday life? All are invited to experience the peace of the Holy Week Labyrinth Walk sponsored by St. Irenaeus Health Ministry on Tuesday, April 4th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress. The Labyrinth is a full-body prayer in which you walk and pray following a circular floor path. Walking the labyrinth can enrich your inner Lenten journey and help you to prepare for the joy of Easter. This is a free event. All are welcome.

The Holy Week Labyrinth Walk allows you to quiet your mind, center yourself, and find a quiet respite from daily issues.

As the Bible states, "Draw near to God and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8). It only takes about 20 – 30 minutes to walk the labyrinth. Give yourself the opportunity to meditate in quiet serenity, pray, and listen to God’s voice. There is no one “correct” way to experience the Labyrinth Walk. We each have our own blessings for which to be thankful, concerns, and crosses to bear.

Let the Holy Week Labyrinth Walk deepen your Lenten journey through PRAYER (quiet, sacred time with God), FASTING (from distractions) and ALMSGIVING (acts of kindness revealing God’s Light and Love to others). If you have questions, please contact Monica Kovach, Labyrinth Ministry Chair, at 310-490-6113.

## Bulk Dumping Day in Pico Rivera



**THE EVENT IS FREE** proof of residency is required, a utility statement or ID must be shown. The event is at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena at 11003 Sports Arena Drive.

The City of Pico Rivera, collaboration with Cal Trans, and the Clean California initiative, will be hosting a Bulk Dumping Day on Saturday, March 25, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena.

The Bulk Dumping Day is for City residents only, and it gives residents an opportunity to do some Spring cleaning and get rid of some bulky items laying around their homes. Items accepted for this event include furniture, small household appliances, and other solid,

dry, bulky items around the house. Not accepted at this event are items such as e-waste, green waste (stumps, logs, lumber, palm frond, dirt, etc.), hazardous materials, batteries, paints, oils, liquids, tires, and construction materials.

This event is free, proof of residency is required, a utility statement or ID must be shown.

The Pico Rivera Sports Arena is located at 11003 Sports Arena Drive. For more information, call 562.942.2000.

## Long Beach Symphony Presents Best of Broadway

On Saturday, March 25, the secret power of storytelling through music comes to the Long Beach Arena as Long Beach Symphony presents Bravo! Broadway.

Audiences will be transported to a different place and time by the glitz and raw emotions of the best of Broadway’s iconic musical pieces, performed by those who have commanded the New York and London stages--and accompanied by the grandeur of a symphonic orchestra.

There is something for everyone: From Funny Girl, to The Wiz, Sweeney Todd, Lion King, Rent, Cabaret, Chicago, Westside Story, Les Misérables, and Phantom of the Opera, to Dreamgirls, Hello Dolly, and The Tina Turner Musical.

The lights will shine bright as Grammy-winning conductor Dr. James Bass leads the amazing Long Beach Symphony and the stage is transformed by Scarlett Strallen

(currently Gwendolyn on Broadway’s production of Travesties and who played Mary Poppins in London’s West End), LaKisha Jones (known as an American Idol finalist and for her role in Broadway’s The Color Purple), and Hugh Panaro who played the title role in Broadway’s The Phantom of the Opera over 2000 times! Enjoy the best compositions by Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, John Kander, Bernstein, Elton John, and many, many more. Bravo! Broadway will perform on Saturday, March 25 at 8:00 pm at the Long Beach Arena (300 E. Ocean Ave.). Doors open at 6:30 pm for the famous indoor picnicking as audiences bring their baskets with food, sweets, libations, and even costumes and table decorations. Tickets and savings are available by calling (562) 436-3203, ext. 1 or at LongBeachSymphony.org

## Community Resource Fair Coming to Cerritos College

Cerritos College will host the 14th annual Community Resource Fair on Wednesday, March 29. Attendees can learn about resources in the community such as child care, health care, legal aid, emergency shelters, social services, treatment programs, credit counseling, legal

aid, and many more.

Occurring from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Cerritos College Library Sidewalk 11110 Alondra Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650

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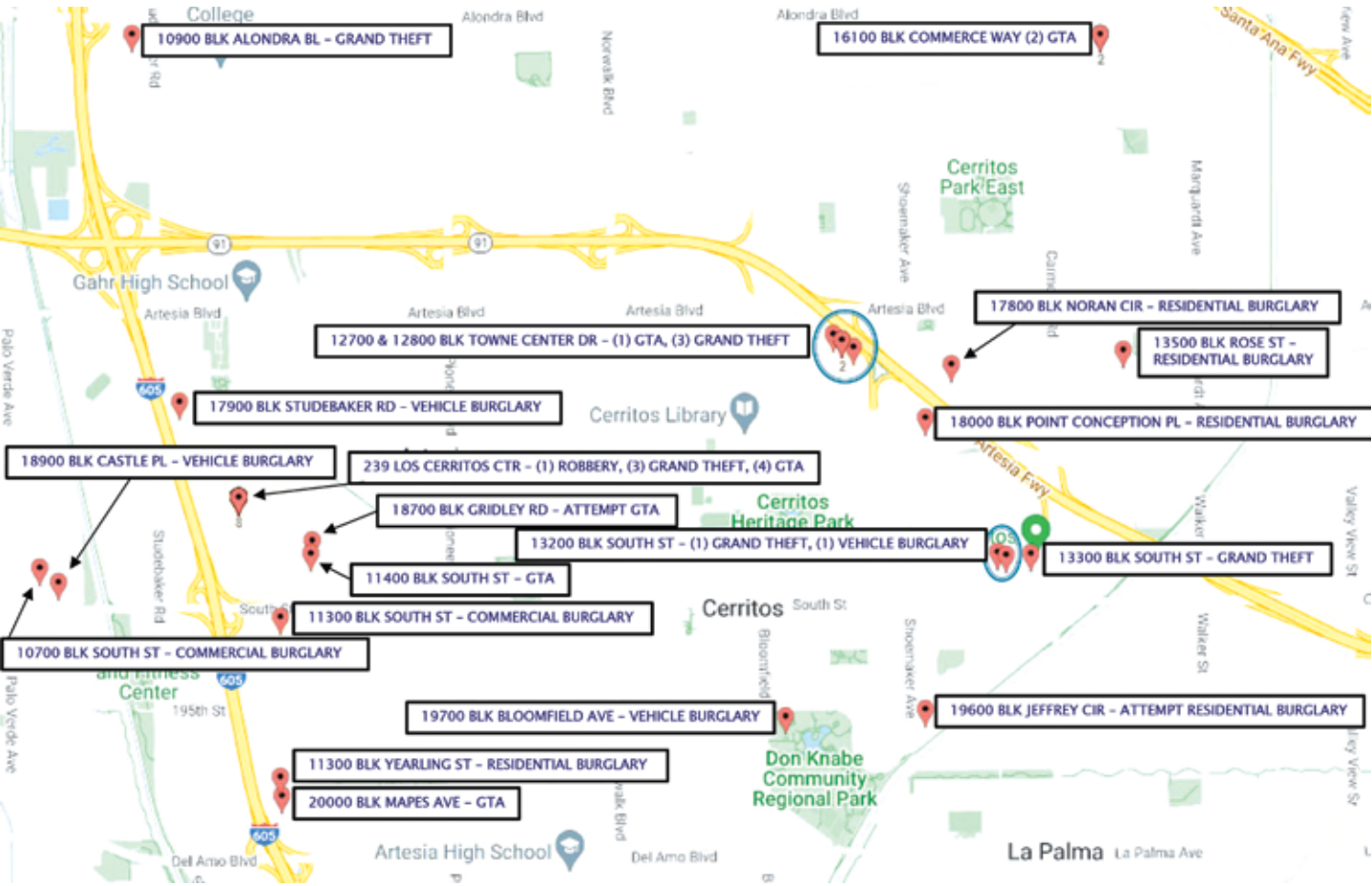
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## Cerritos Crime Map March 6-12, 2023



**Grand Theft**

- A theft was reported on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy. The exact loss is yet to be determined.
- A theft from an unlocked vehicle was reported in the area of Alicante Rd. and Hillsborough Dr.
- An overnight theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 15000 block of Manzanares Rd.
- A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 14500 block of Stage Rd.
- A theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 13100 block of Cheverton Dr.

**Grand Theft Auto**

- A trailer was reported stolen on the 15000 block of Northam St.

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There was a rash of vehicle thefts this week, 13, second highest weekly total for the year. 2 were attempted, 4 were recovered and 4 were not recovered, the remaining were burgalled.

**PART 1 CRIMES** were 37 for the week, down from 65 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 44.7, 2022 YTD average is 37.6, an increase of over 19%.

**MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES** were 10 for the week, down from 16 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 12.2, 2022 YTD average is 11.1, a 6% increase.

**ALARM CALLS** were 43 for the week, up from 39 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 45.1, 2022 YTD average is 45.4, an decrease of .05%.

**CALLS FOR SERVICE** were 321 for the week, down from 393 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 319.3, 2022 YTD average is 322, negligible decrease.

## Hahn Praises Pres. Biden's Executive Order on Gun Violence



**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN** with LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn (right) and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass after President Biden landed at LAX. Photo by Mayor Bass and sent to Los Cerritos Community News.

### Staff Report

This week,, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn was among officials on the tarmac of Los Angeles International Airport welcoming President Joe Biden to Los Angeles. President Biden will visit Monterey Park to discuss his new executive actions to address gun violence with background checks.

Supervisor Hahn released the following statement applauding the President's executive order: "Even while Congress refuses to act to pass the most basic gun violence prevention legislation, President Biden

is doing everything in his power to save lives. He is focusing on the most effective tools we have right now, strengthening our background check system so that we can keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and making our 'red flag laws' more effective so loved ones can be empowered to prevent a tragedy when a gun owner becomes a danger to themselves or others."

## Crime Summary


**La Mirada**  
**March 6-12, 2023**  
**Notable Arrests**

- Four suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. Aggravated Assault
  - An evening assault was reported on the 15700 block of Doyon Pl.
  - An assault was reported on the 15700 block of Formby Dr.
- Arson**
- An arson was reported on the 16600 block of Valley View Ave. A vehicle was burned and there were no

- injuries sustained from the incident.
- Other Structure Burglary**
- An overnight burglary was reported on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.
- Vehicle Burglary**
- An evening vehicle burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.
  - A window smash vehicle burglary was reported on the 14700 block of Beach Blvd.

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## Fountain at Orange Circle Injured in Crash



**THE HISTORIC** fountain at fountain in Plaza Park at the Orange Circle was hit by a thief who stole a car nearby. The driver suffered moderate injuries.

On March 13, at around 5:00 a.m., Orange Police observed suspicious activity near the Orange Circle. A Hyundai Sonata left the area with no headlights and the officer attempted to stop the vehicle.

The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed. The suspect, later identified as 24-year-old Raymond Salazar Felix, collided into

the historic fountain in Plaza Park at the Orange Circle; Felix was then taken into custody. Felix was transported to a local hospital with moderate injuries and will later be booked at Orange County Jail.

The City of Orange officials stated restoration work and repairs will be scheduled soon.

## Eating Well's Eight Best Snacks from Trader Joe's

### 1. Almond Butter-Filled Pretzel Nuggets

Pretzels are a beloved food for many. And pairing a carb food with a protein source makes your snack more satisfying. So pretzels paired with almond butter make for a pretty great snack. The serving size of this snack is eight nuggets, providing 2 grams of fiber and 4 grams of protein. Also, it's relatively low in added sugar (3 g per serving) and sodium (240 mg per serving).

### 2. Organic Popcorn with Olive Oil

You can't beat popcorn as a nourishing snack, and Trader Joe's gets it right with their Organic Popcorn with Virgin Olive Oil. The serving is a generous 3½ cups and provides 4 grams of fiber, 0 grams of added sugar and 3 grams of protein. The popcorn is lightly salted and is great on its own.

### 3. Chomps Turkey Jerky

The serving size of this turkey jerky is 1.15 ounces. It has no added sugars and packs a whopping 9 grams of protein per serving. The single-serve packaging is perfect for throwing into lunch boxes, bags or luggage.

### 4. Gluten-Free Norwegian Crispbread

Perfectly crunchy for a perfectly satisfying snack, this Trader Joe's crispbread is loaded with seeds and other goodies and holds up even when topped with cheese, nut butter and fresh fruit. One cracker

(which is the serving size) delivers 3 grams of fiber and 4 grams of protein.

### 5. Veggie and Flaxseed Tortilla Chips

These tortilla chips are tasty on their own or great paired with one of Trader Joe's delicious salsas. A 1-ounce serving is about seven chips, comes in at 35 mg sodium, and serves up 2 grams of fiber and 2 grams of protein. Dip them in low-fat cottage cheese to make it a more complete snack.

### 6. Dried Fruit Bars

These are basically dried fruit in bar form and make for a quick, easy snack. Some flavors include apple + banana, apple + mango, apple + strawberry and apple + coconut. Since they're a little on the small side and don't offer protein, you can pair them with a handful of nuts or a slice of cheese.

### 7. Contemplates Inner Peas

Reminiscent of other vegetable puff snacks, these have a more nutritious profile. They make the perfect dippers for hummus, tzatziki or salsa! Each serving (22 pieces!) offers 4 grams of fiber and 5 grams of protein. Plus, this snack is low in sodium (75 mg per serving) and has no added sugar.

### 8. Everything But the Bagel Nut Duo

The craze for everything bagel seasoning carries over into the nuts section at Trader Joe's, and if you're a fan, you'll love these. This delicious mix tastes just like many people's favorite bagel. No added sugars here, and you'll get 5 grams of protein in a ¼-cup serving. Paired with a piece of fruit, it makes for the perfect snack.

## Metropolitan Water District Rescinds Rule Limiting Outdoor Watering

### Staff Report

With recent storms helping alleviate severe drought conditions that were plaguing the state, the MWD announced Wednesday it is rescinding emergency outdoor watering restrictions imposed last year.

The MWD's Board of Directors voted Tuesday to rescind the restrictions, which affected six local water agencies in Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties that are heavily dependent on supplies from the State Water Project.

The affected agencies cover roughly 6 million people: Calleguas Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

MWD officials noted that though it is lifting the restriction, the state's water supply remains limited, so residents should continue to conserve wherever possible. The wholesaler also noted that its member agencies can continue to impose watering restrictions at their discretion.

"We know these last nine months were a sacrifice for the dozens of communities under mandatory restrictions," MWD board Chair Adán Ortega Jr. said in a statement.

"On behalf of Metropolitan, I want to express our deep appreciation to all those who helped us stretch our available water supplies to get us through the acute emergency. We needed a 35% reduction in use, and through your remarkable efforts, you achieved that. Thank you."

Restrictions on water use were imposed in the face of dwindling reserves at the state level. At the beginning of December, the state Department of Water Resources announced that water agencies throughout the state would be receiving only 5% of the allocations they requested from the state.

But as winter storms began hitting the region and rain and snow replenished supplies, the state announced in January that it would deliver 30% of requested allocations. That figure increased to 35% in February.

The federal government has directed California and six other states to develop plans to cut their reliance on Colorado River water beginning next year.

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## Charity for Charities Event by Norwalk High Students



**CHARITY FOR CHARITIES** is a campaign by Lancer juniors and seniors to raise money for local, national, and international charities. Each charity received a check for \$523.24 in front of a group of 500 students during the assembly.

Norwalk High School held one of its signature events on March 9, the Charity for Charities assembly.

Staged in the NHS gymnasium, Charity for Charities is a grassroots campaign by Lancer juniors and seniors to raise money for local, national, and international charities. Students chose and researched the selected charities, then sold custom hooded sweatshirts to raise funds.

In all, 25 charities were chosen by 24 different social studies classes. Some of the selected charities were: Alzheimer’s Los Angeles, American Cancer Society, PIH Health Foundation, The Trevor Project, American Heart Association and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

“Charity for Charities has become a part of the culture at Norwalk High School,” said Principal Dr. David Olea. “A civic-minded culture that creates a climate of caring, both locally and globally. Under Mr. [Dean] Gray’s leadership, this pro-

gram has become a tradition at NHS that students anticipate and enjoy.”

Each charity received a check for \$523.24 in front of a group of 500 students during the assembly. Representatives from the charities also addressed the crowd, heaping praise on the students for their generosity and excitement. The school also made a generous \$2500 donation to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. In all, over \$15,000 was raised by the students.

An annual event since 2013, Lancer students have now raised over \$165,000 for over 140 charities through the project. Gray, a NHS teacher who organizes the event with the students, is quick to give all the credit to the students over the years who have made the event such a success.

“Our Norwalk High School seniors and juniors continue to inspire us by supporting numerous charities through their fundraising and extraordinary act of kindness.”

## FDA Recommends Two RSV Vaccines for Approval

Food and Drug Administration advisers recently recommended that the agency approve two RSV vaccines for older people, one from Pfizer and another from GlaxoSmithKline.

The next step is for the FDA to approve each vaccine, which could take several months, even though the agency usually follows the advisory committee’s recommendations.

After FDA approval, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must recommend the shots before they become available to the public.

If all of that happens, the shots would be the first vaccines for respiratory syncytial virus to get approved in the U.S.

The FDA advisers’ recommendations came in separate meetings on consecutive days.

The single-dose shot was shown to reduce the risk of illness from respiratory syncytial virus by as much as 86% among people ages 60 and up, according to Pfizer.

Trial data published this month for GSK’s vaccine in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that the shot lowered the risk of symptomatic illness by 83% and of severe illness by 94% in people ages 60 and up.

RSV causes lower respiratory illness, although for most healthy adults the symptoms are mild. In serious cases, however, RSV can lead to bronchiolitis, which inflames airways and clogs them with mucus, or pneumonia.

Older people and infants are particularly vulnerable to such outcomes. RSV kills more than 10,000 people ages 65 or older and around 300 children under

5 every year in the U.S. Cases spiked dramatically among infants this winter, which overwhelmed children’s hospitals — a reminder of the virus’s threat.

Some advisory committee members seemed to have more hesitations about Pfizer’s shot than GSK’s.

Several of the experts expressed concerns that not enough participants in Pfizer’s trial got infected with RSV to adequately assess the shot’s efficacy.

In terms of its safety, some advisers worried about the Pfizer vaccine’s potential association with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a rare neurological disorder that damages nerve cells and causes muscle weakness or paralysis.

One man in Pfizer’s trial developed Guillain-Barré syndrome, or GBS, after he received the vaccine, and a woman developed Miller Fisher syndrome, a rare nerve disease related to Guillain-Barré.

“It was a 1 in 9,000 risk of GBS, which is concerning,” said Dr. Hana El Sahly, the FDA advisory committee chair.

The FDA has asked Pfizer to conduct another study to evaluate the risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome after its vaccine is approved.

In GSK’s trial, meanwhile, the FDA identified one case of Guillain-Barre potentially related to the vaccine, as well as a higher number of incidences of atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm) among vaccine recipients relative to the control group.

An illustration of a person with long dark hair, wearing a black turtleneck and light blue pants, holding a white cat. They are holding a large, tilted sign that says "WORLD PREMIERE!". The background features a stylized cityscape with a suspension bridge and buildings.

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plated Lara and that was followed by a single from sophomore catcher Alianna Calderon. Both would steal their respective bases and Cerritos increased its lead following a base hit from sophomore shortstop Katherine Villegas. Two batters later, a groundout from Baca concluded the scoring with Calderon touching home plate.

The game began with Norwalk junior pitcher Jalynn Banda striking out a pair of batters. But in the middle of the inning, Banda complained of having a sharp pain in her knees. According to head coach Fred Perez, he said she felt something during the warmups before the game and let the coaches know but told them she wanted to try to go out there. After the top of the first inning, she informed the coaches it was a little too much than what she could take.

Still, the Lancers batted around in the bottom of the inning and put up four runs. On the second pitch of the inning, Nakano blasted a home run over the left field fence. Senior shortstop Leilani Juan then singled on a full count and senior third baseman Cerise Cervantes doubled down the left field line. With one out, junior first baseman Itzel Hernandez drove both in with a single to the left field gap, and following a single from senior left fielder Kasarey Lotts, would make it 4-0 when senior second baseman Sasha Gonzalez was safe on a throwing error.

The Dons (5-1) would cut into their deficit in the top of the second when junior third baseman Toafaolii Pua reached on an infield knock and Nakano walked Baca. A single from senior left fielder Catherine Quibrantar brought

in Pua and sophomore courtesy runner Anaya Granflor came home on a wild pitch. Norwalk added two more runs in its half of the inning when Cervantes launched a two-run home run deep into the Norwalk night with one out. However, after sophomore second baseman Julie Vega singled and stole second after the home run, the Lancers (5-4) would collect two singles and have two runners reach on walks over the next four innings with no one getting to second base.

“Yeah, it seemed like that,” said Perez when asked if he felt the game was getting away after the second inning. “It just seemed like we were probably chasing that big hit. We started going away from just placing the ball. Pretty much that’s what happened [after the second inning].”

Meanwhile, the Dons chipped away in the third as Lara and Gardea scored on a two-out throwing error, then tied the game in the fifth when Gardea singled, Calderon reached on a fielder’s choice and Villegas was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Three pitches later, Pua singled to center to tie the game. She

**CERRITOS HIGH** junior third baseman Toafaolii Pua makes a play early in last Thursday evening’s game at Norwalk High last Thursday. Pua went two for five and drove in a pair of runs as the Dons rallied for a 9-6 win that went nine innings.

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would be stranded at third, but Cerritos continued to keep the pressure on. Lara doubled with two outs in the sixth, Calderon led off the seventh with a single, stole second and would be out when a ball hit by Villegas hit Calderon as she was heading to third base.

But one of the stories on the evening continued to be Baca, who threw 128 pitches in seven innings, giving up 11 hits, walking five and striking out two. Most of that damage, of course, came in the first two innings.

“Every inning she came out...she

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one point walking normal and the next thing you know he's in a wheelchair his body failing him."


He says Dante inspired until the very end, both on the field and off.

The coach hopes to create a scholarship in Dante's name so that his legacy lives on.


"As long as I live, I'm going to use him as a motivation," Moschetti said.



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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Baseball, Softball Teams Adjusting to Inclement Weather Throughout First Month

By Loren Kopff  
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The spring season for CIF-Southern Section athletics began on Feb. 11 and just over a month in, all the area baseball and softball teams have been affected by the recent rains. It’s been an athletic director’s nightmare trying to reschedule games, knowing that league play has either begun for most teams or is on the horizon. Here’s an update how the area teams have done and what’s on tap in the next week or so.

ARTESIA

After posting a winning record and going to the playoffs for the first time since 2007, the baseball team has struggled thus far, winning just twice in its first seven games and averaging two runs per game. The Pioneers, who were rained out against Bellflower High and Godinez High last Wednesday and Friday respectively, will host Westminster High on Friday and St. Anthony High on Wednesday.

The softball team began the season with three straight wins but have lost three of its next four games. The most recent loss was a 3-1 setback to Legacy High this past Monday in a makeup from Feb. 28. The Pioneers begin 605 League action on Friday against Whitney High, then face Montebello High on Saturday in the first of two games in the Santa Fe Tournament, rained out from Mar. 11. Artesia High, ranked 10th in Division 6, will host also host Pioneer High on Tuesday and make up a home game with Mayfair High on Wednesday. That game was rained out on Feb. 23.

CERRITOS

It’s been a roller coaster of a season so far for the baseball team, which has been a game above .500 once and saw a two-game winning streak snapped by Los Alamitos High this past Monday in an 8-4 loss. The Dons, who are 4-5, were scheduled to host Los Altos High this past Tuesday, will visit Valley Christian High on Saturday, then host Pioneer on Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series to start 605 League action.

A softball game at Paramount for this past Tuesday was rained out, so

the Dons kicked off league action this past Thursday against Pioneer and will welcome John Glenn High on Tuesday. Cerritos High also has a makeup game at Redondo High on Monday. That game was originally scheduled for Feb. 23.

GAHR

Despite being washed out in the last two games of the Perfect Game West Coast Showdown last Friday and Saturday at Great Park in Irvine, the baseball team is sporting a 4-2-1 record and is ranked second in the Division 2 polls. The Gladiators were to open Gateway League action this past Tuesday at Downey High with a second game against the Vikings slated for Mar. 16. Instead, the two will play a doubleheader on Saturday. Gahr High will then host Bellflower on Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series with the second game on Thursday at Bellflower.

Gateway League play has already begun for the softball team as the Gladiators knocked off longtime nemesis Warren High 14-8 last Thursday to improve to 7-4-1 overall. Gahr, which won four of five games in the Torrance National Tournament with all four victories coming in shutout fashion, was slated to visit South Hills High this past Tuesday and host La Habra High on Mar. 16. On Tuesday, the Gladiators will welcome in Mayfair before facing La Mirada High on Thursday in a game to be played at Glenn. Gahr began the regular season on Feb. 11 with an 8-7 win over La Habra in the Savanna Showcase.

JOHN GLENN

From 2020-2022, the baseball team went a combined 2-29-1 but through five games this season, the Eagles have won a pair of games. Glenn was scheduled to host Bosco Tech this past Wednesday night, then begin 605 League action on Tuesday with a home encounter against Oxford Academy. The only rained out games for Glenn, which was on Feb. 28 against Hawthorne Math and Science Academy and Mar. 7 against Firebaugh High, will be made up on Mar. 27 for the latter and Apr. 12 for the former.

After going to the Division 7 quar-

terfinals two seasons ago, the softball team missed the playoffs last season despite a 15-13 campaign. Now, the Eagles are soaring again at 5-0-1 and are ranked ninth in Division 6. Glenn has yielded five runs while scoring 64 with the latest victory coming this past Monday against Bishop Conaty High, 7-1. The team will host Oxford Academy on Friday before going to Cerritos on Tuesday. A rescheduled game with Bell Gardens High, which was cancelled on Feb. 28, is slated for Apr. 11.

LA MIRADA

The baseball team, just like Gahr, had a pair of games washed out in the Perfect Game West Coast Showdown, but is sitting at 5-2 and being considered for top 10 status in Division 1. The Matadores haven’t played since last Thursday and had a Gateway League meeting at Bellflower rained out this past Tuesday. Instead, the two were scheduled for a doubleheader on Mar. 16 at Glenn. Then on Monday, La Mirada will participate in the Lions Tournament and face Douglas High out of Nevada, followed by a Tuesday game against Sunny Hills. Looking ahead to Mar. 25, the Matadores will make up a Feb. 25 rained out game against El Modena High to complete action in the Loara Tournament.

There was no rain on Bullhead City, AZ where the softball team made its yearly trek to play in the Dave Kops Tournament of Champions. The Matadores improved to 6-4 by winning four of five games, the last two coming last Saturday against El Toro High (6-0) and Gallup High, out of New Mexico, 2-0. La Mirada, with no rained out games so far, was scheduled to visit Cypress High on Mar. 16 and will go to Warren on Tuesday before its big game against Gahr on Thursday.

NORWALK

One of the hottest teams, but not an earth-shattering surprise, is the baseball team where the Lancers completed the first third of Mid-Cities League action with a 1-0 win at Mayfair this past Wednesday. Norwalk High improved to 9-2 overall and has won all five league games by a 55-3 margin. The team will visit Paramount High on Friday with the last meeting against the Pirates

slated for Wednesday at home. Last season, Norwalk ended an eight0year playoff drought and finished with its first winning campaign since 2013.

Following its 9-6, nine-inning loss to Cerritos last Thursday, the softball team had its home meeting with Artesia rained out this past Tuesday along with a pair of games in the Santa Fe Tournament last Saturday. Norwalk (5-4) hosted Redlands High on Mar. 16 and will be home to Beverly Hills High on Friday before making up those tournament games on Saturday against Downey and San Dimas High. The Lancers will open Mid-Cities League action against Firebaugh on Tuesday and go to Paramount on Thursday.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN

The baseball team edged Village Christian High 4-3 in eight innings this past Monday to improve to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in the Olympic League. The eighth-ranked team in Division 5 was to have hosted Whittier Christian High this past Tuesday, but will go to Heritage Christian High on Friday, then make up that Whittier Christian game on Saturday ahead of a scheduled tilt against Cerritos. The Defenders bounce back into league action on Tuesday with a rematch against Maranatha High.

A very light season schedule has limited the softball team to only three games played with nine more left. The Defenders lost to Cerritos 10-3, then slammed Peninsula High 11-1 and Ocean View High 8-1. V.C. hosted Mayfair on Mar. 16 and will welcome league foe Maranatha on Tuesday before the rematch two days later the road.

WHITNEY

For the third straight season and fourth time since 2016, the school doesn’t have a baseball team, but the softball team, which went 1-14 last season, is off to a 4-1 start in 2023 with 79 runs already scored. The Wildcats had home games against Laguna Beach High (last Friday), Firebaugh (this past Monday) and Katella High (this past Wednesday) rained out. Whitney will visit Artesia on Friday and host Oxford Academy on Tuesday.

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just got better and better as the game went on,” said Denhart. “You can see her grow.”

“It’s just that their plate approach probably changed a little bit from the first two innings,” said Perez of his hitters. “When they went out there in the first two innings, I know they were just trying piece it the ball; try to put it into play. Once they pieced it up, and they saw a few of them did, I think everyone was trying to hit the ball a little bit too harder than they should have.”

Norwalk had opportunities to end the game in the seventh and eighth innings. Senior pinch hitter Alicia Anguiano led off the seventh with a first-pitch single to left, but on the next pitch from Ceron, Hernandez popped up to Calderon, who doubled up Anguiano at first for a double play.

In the next inning with one out, freshman center fielder Nayeli Sanchez

reached on an error and went to second on a wild pitch. An infield single from Nakano put runners at the corners, but Juan struck out on a 2-2 count and even though Ceron walked Cervantes, the rally died when Anguiano popped out to Pua.

“I know she was trying to go [opposite] with it; she was trying to push it to the right side,” said Perez of Juan’s last at-bat. “She really even tried to get that outside pitch to move it out there. It just didn’t happen.”

Gardea collected three hits while Calderon and Pua each had a pair of hits as the Dons, who have 18 on the team but came to Norwalk with 10 players and ended the game with nine. Quibrantar exited the contest in the bottom of the second when she fell down hard on a foul ball hit in the left field corner.

“All of them, with the exception of the two freshmen, have been practicing with us since their freshman year, and that’s part of the reason,” said Denhart.

“I knew, when taking over the program, after the first year, I’m going to lose some quality kids. After my second year, I’m going to lose some quality kids. These kids need to be ready. So, they’ve practiced with us...just the speed of it, the intensity of it...so they know what to expect. [Natalie] was slated to compete for an outfield spot. I needed a first baseman [and asked], ‘Nat, can you do it’? She’s doing a great job over there and is just coming along.”

Cerritos began 605 League action on Mar. 16 against Pioneer High and will make up a rained out game at Redondo High on Monday before hosting John Glenn High on Tuesday.

“I think it can be a huge catalyst for us, or I’ve seen it go the other way too,” said Denhart of the win. “Hey, we rallied, and we beat a very good team [and] we don’t have to work very hard [next time]. But then now, that’s my job to make sure that that little lull doesn’t come into play. But it’s always there

in the back of their mind that they can draw off it because they’ve done it. It’s not like we’re asking them to do anything they’ve never done before.”

For the Lancers, who got three hits from Nakano and two each from Cervantes and Juan, they hosted Redlands High on Mar. 16 and make up a pair of rained out games against Downey High and San Dimas High on Saturday to wrap up the Santa Fe Tournament. Norwalk will then entertain Firebaugh High on Tuesday in the Mid-Cities League opener. Norwalk will also travel to Paramount High on Thursday.

“You’re going to have games like this,” said Perez. “The thing is, is when you come back [for] the next game, what’s going to be your response? That’s all it is. During the season, you’re going to have a game like this that slips away. I know it happened to us last year. This is probably going to be the one for this year.”



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Gong's fight against China's ruling Communist Party. Its coverage of U.S. politics became more partisan, with more articles explicitly supporting Mr. Trump and criticizing his opponents.

An investigation by The New York Times found that the organization grew by relying on questionable social media tactics and pushing dangerous conspiracy theories, creating a global-scale misinformation machine that has repeatedly pushed fringe narratives into the mainstream including Spygate and QAnon theories.

But apparently, the right-wing slanted misinformation did not matter to Yoo, or how her colleagues and constituents might react, interviewing with Falun Gong's TV affiliate NTD on March 10, the piece entitled "Asian-American GOP Candidate Wants to Stop California's 'Lawlessness and Chaos.'"

Interviewer Steve Lance immediately showed he knows little about California politics stating at the beginning, "Ms. Yoo, you have your finger on the pulse of conservative Republican politics in California, what is the state of Republican politics in California."

The closest Yoo has come to state politics was her run for the newly drawn 67th Assembly District in 2022, losing to Sharon Quirk-Silva by 7%.

Yoo answered, "California currently has 46% Democrat and 23% Republican with 23% no party preference...but I feel.... as far as California politics goes, we really don't have a plan.

"It's a crime to do nothing when we know what's happening to our next generation: indoctrination, consensual sex, and public safety falling. We all know that drug dealers are coming over the border. We are allowing all the drugs and chaos into our own home."

Lance then asked, "If you want to become the dominant party, you're going have to get a lot of Democrats to vote for you. How are you going to do that?"

Yoo picked up a brochure to illustrate her point, clumsily turning the pages while saying, "I was able to overcome the 17% difference (between her and her winning opponent Quirk-Silva) with a message about the truth and what's happening in our schools because of the liberal policy, allowing pornography, pedophilia, and sex education in our schools."

"Academic levels are in decline due to common core; the math level is sharply declining, and there's no incen-

tive to work hard, especially if you are Asian. It's inconvenient racism; even if you get a perfect score, you can't get into higher colleges if you're Asian. True patriots have to step up and fight this culture war."

Lance then cited the crime rate in Chicago and how it affected the mayor's race and asked, is that what's happening here?

"45% of California is Latino 15% is Asian, that's 60%. They are actually more conservative than they think; they don't know that they're actually Republican."

Yoo proceeded to go on a rant about progressive liberals and how they have "taken the party way left and left its people behind."

"I talk to Democrats all the time, I explain to them that they are homeless. The party left you guys; look at the result, all of a sudden, they wake up and their 16-year-old wants to change. You are God do whatever you want with your body, the liberals say, you want to be a male, be a male. Parents will panic over this, and it will drive change."

Indicating she could be leaving the school board seat she recently won in 2022, Yoo said, "State party leadership needs me, I will be their asset, be that

compass to redirect the party, people need direction. 'Hundreds' of grassroots people are coming out, when we the people rise up, I think we can beat them.

"California Democrats are using union money, using our tax dollars, and corporate America is colluding with government, this has to stop."

And in a homage to the 3 percenters and other right-wing groups, Yoo finished, "We (the Republican party) don't have the money [to win], but when we the people rise up, they are going to take out this government and install a new government that will serve the people."

Ray Gaer, President of the ABCFT told LCCN, "The ABC Federation of Teachers finds it increasingly disturbing Mrs. Yoo continues to portray hardworking educators in a negative light. The employees of ABC work in a collective effort to provide the best educational opportunities for our students and their parents. The mischaracterization of our efforts by Mrs. Yoo is disheartening but as professionals, we cannot let the misinformation detract from our mission to help our students achieve and thrive. We are opposed to the type of divisive language that misrepresents the contribution and dedication of thousands of ABC employees."

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gift in the Garden's history. Nakashima also announced the official name of the new area - the Marilyn and John Long Children and Family Garden - which will include a canopy walk over the Banyan Grove, a marine fossil dig, a plant maze, and more. The new space was designed by Russell Mills Studios and construction is being handled by Sperber.

“This is a monumental moment in the Garden’s history for many reasons,” says Nakashima. “The Marilyn and John Long Children and Family Garden will bring a new dimension to South Coast Botanic Garden and will bring in families and visitors from throughout the L.A. area and beyond. The space will have features never before seen in children’s gardens, and we have the Long Family Foundation to thank for that, particularly Marilyn and John Long for their gracious support.”

Marilyn and John Long are longtime Palos Verdes residents and Garden supporters, with Marilyn having served on the board since 2018.

“I am so excited that South Coast Botanic Garden is building a World Class 3.5 acre Children and Family Garden,” declared Marilyn Long. “Children are curious spirits; they are our future. This Garden will allow them to play outdoors, get their hands dirty, and stimulate their senses. My family and I are proud to support the Garden’s continued success and thrilled for many generations to experience and enjoy this new amazing addition.”

South Coast Botanic Garden has raised 95% of the funds necessary for this new space from a variety of public and private sources, including the Long Family Foundation's gift. Now, the Garden is launching the Cultivate the Future campaign, a \$16 million initiative in support of the Marilyn and John Long Children and Family Garden to help bridge the gap.

"While we've had many generous donations so far, we need additional support to ensure the Garden can continue to thrive for generations to come," says Nakashima. "We are constantly striving to enhance our space with new collections and exhibits that will make South

Coast Botanic Garden a landmark in California."

To learn more about the Cultivate the Future campaign and the Garden’s new children and family garden, see our new website here.

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" Cerritos station deputies responded to Whitney High School regarding a bomb threat. A preliminary investigation revealed that an unknown male suspect called Cerritos station and threatened to detonate a bomb at Whitney High School unless he received \$10,000. The suspect provided a vehicle decryption. Multiple Cerritos deputies responded to Whitney to investigate the threat. A LASD helicopter was orbiting the school. Whitney was placed on lock down. A command post and family reunification Center was established at Cerritos Park East."

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**La Mirada Reviews City Budget and Finances**

**La Mirada News Service**

After several years of COVID-related impacts, Fiscal Year 2022-23 marked the return of more typical city of La Mirada operations.

A recent mid-year budget review revealed that city finances have continued to hold strong.

Total General Fund revenues are projected to be \$48.71 million and expenditures are forecasted at \$42.65 million yielding a budget surplus of more than \$6 million.

Most revenue sources are meeting expectations and expenditures are less than planned.

La Mirada’s property values have grown in recent years, including an increase of 7.4% last year, and the total city-wide assessed valuation is \$8.45 billion.

Property tax revenue remains among the city’s most stable revenue sources and is forecasted to be \$8.85 million. Sales tax revenue is conservatively projected at \$12.47 million. Brick-and-mortar retail sales, online purchases, and the business-to-business sector continue to be positive contributors to the sales tax base. Hotel tax revenue has also rebounded considerably.

Community Services programming and Theatre productions continue to be popular. The Theatre’s recent production of Grease was the second-highest revenue generating show in its history.

Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center generated \$3.8 million due

largely to admissions to Buccaneer Bay. Total program revenue from city recreational and cultural activities is expected to reach \$11.13 million.

“The city remains committed to its prudent fiscal management practices and conservative forecasting,” said city Manager Jeff Boynton. “Given recent economic challenges, we are pleased the city’s finances remain sound.”

The city has continued efforts to update its infrastructure with special attention given to maintaining local streets and roads.

La Mirada’s current pavement management index received a high rating due to extensive improvements to neighborhood streets completed in recent years. Total capital improvement expenditures are expected to reach more than \$16.5 million.

Projects include residential street improvements in the neighborhood north of Biola University, energy conservation and efficiency upgrades at city facilities, and various improvements at city parks and facilities.

“Budget savings will be set aside for future community projects and to further reduce city liabilities,” says Finance Manager Melissa Pascual. “The city has sufficient savings available to provide programs and services should the need arise due to changing economic conditions.”

***For more information on the city’s budget, call city Hall at (562) 943-0131 or visit cityoflamirada.org.***

**La Mirada Remains Among Region’s Safest Cities**

La Mirada experienced one of the region’s lowest crime rates and remained among the safest cities in L.A. County in 2022. The city’s low crime rate is attributed to a strong partnership between the Public Safety Team and the community.

In 2022, there were 936 Part 1 crimes reported compared to 813 in 2021. Part 1 crimes include homicide, rape, larceny, burglary, auto theft, robbery, assault, and arson. Of the 936 Part 1 crimes reported, 883 were property crimes. This accounts for 94 percent of Part 1 crimes reported

in 2022. Violent crimes remained low and crimes against persons decreased from 56 incidents in 2021 to 53 in 2022.

La Mirada’s Special Assignment Officers (SAO) Team served a key role in keeping the community safe. The SAO Team prevented and suppressed criminal activity and nuisance issues in the community, conducted directed patrol and enforcements, served search warrants, conducted probation-related searches, and gathered intelligence.









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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
SHIRLEY YOSHIE NAMBU  
CASE NO. 23STPB02431  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SHIRLEY YOSHIE NAMBU.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VANETTA NINA MOSBY AND TIM M. NAMBU in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VANETTA NINA MOSBY AND TIM M. NAMBU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited 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 in this court as follows: 04/21/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**NORWALK HIGH** junior pitcher Kendall Nakano was a complete workhorse in a 9-6, nine-inning loss to Cerritos High last Thursday evening. After pitching nine innings against Hacienda Heights Wilson High on Mar. 7, Nakano worked eight innings against Cerritos, throwing 124 pitches. At the plate, Nakano was three for five, scored twice and hit a one-pitch home run to begin the bottom of the first inning.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Cerritos Rallies, Knocks Off Norwalk In Extra Innings Behind Two Freshmen Pitchers**

By Loren Kopff  
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As members of the defunct Suburban League, Cerritos High dominated Norwalk High, especially in the later years, winning 15 of the last 16 games from 2011-2018. The two have met once as non-league members, a 10-0 Cerritos win in 2021. However, after the first two innings last Thursday, it looked as if Norwalk would own this game.

But in sports, adversity is always on everyone’s mind and talked about by all. That was true for Cerritos, which found itself down by four runs twice in the first part of the game before two freshmen pitchers stymied the Norwalk bats over the past seven innings. The Dons scored three times in the top of the ninth inning and freshman pitcher Ava Ceron worked the last two innings, including a perfect bottom of the ninth inning, throwing nine pitches and getting three groundouts in

a 9-6 win.

After the game, Cerritos head coach Todd Denhart preached to his team that one word that once again is on everyone’s mind in sports.

“That’s what we talked about; just compete,” said Denhart. “You’re not going to win every game. But if you go out and compete, we’ll accept whatever happens. We haven’t done a good job of that so far this year. [Norwalk] is a good squad. We played them two years ago when they had that good group of freshmen and we handled them pretty well.

“It’s a different team; they’re two years older, stronger, more experienced,” he continued. “That’s a good team. When I was watching them warm up, I was like, uh oh, we might be in trouble because they had two good pitchers and we just battled. We haven’t been in that situation, but we responded like I wanted them to.”

Coming into the season,

junior Kylie Manibusan was slated to be the leader in the circle as last year’s starter, Erin Gibbs, graduated. Denhart admitted he didn’t know about freshman pitcher Danielle Baca coming in but knew a little about Ceron because her older sister, Haley, is a senior on the team. But as it turned out, Manibusan had surgery last Wednesday on a partial tear in her left knee. The doctors told Denhart normal recovery is two to three weeks but for softball players, add another few more weeks.

That meant Baca got the starting gig against the Lancers and after a rocky start, settled down and didn’t allow a runner to get to second base until the bottom of the eighth. The top of the ninth inning began with junior pitcher Kendall Nakano walking senior center fielder Camille Lara, who would steal second. A base hit from junior first baseman Natalie Gardea

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