



ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL AT BIOLA UNIVERSITY

PRACTICING READINESS: from (l-r) Jon O’Brien L.A. County Deputy Fire Chief, Matthew Hall Biola University Provost and Senior Vice President, Michael Thompson Chief at Arizona State University, John Ojeisekhoba Biola University Associate Vice President and Chief of Campus Safety, Melvin Murdock Chief at Tulsa Community College, Oklahoma, and John Lewis La Mirada City Councilmember.

By Stepheny Gehrig

Shots firing, students running, and smoke in the air were part of the scene this past Tuesday in La Mirada as Biola University held an active-shooter training exercise.

First responders, including multiple local police and fire departments, were on site and participated in the training.

A statement released by Biola University listed an impressive list of participants, which

included personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Tactics and Survival Training Unit; Norwalk Sheriff’s Station Personnel; Biola University Department of Campus Safety; President of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators; Cerritos College Police Department; the Office of Protective Services Metropolitan State Hospital; Whittier Police Department; Brea Police Department, and Personnel from

the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The training took place on Biola’s Metzger Lawn and library but was closed to the public, including Biola students and staff who were not volunteers and those that were.

Students and staff of Biola who volunteered to participate in the training as role players evacuated the buildings or were injured. Makeup was used to complete the artificial but realistic

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La Mirada Mayor Otero Delivers State of the City Address

Edited by HMG-CN

With over 150 business and community members in attendance, La Mirada Mayor Anthony Otero served as the keynote speaker opening the event by expressing his appreciation to local community organizations, religious organizations, youth sports leagues, schools and businesses, for their contributions to the community.

He extolled the importance of providing quality service and positive leadership.

The State of the City was marked by presentations from Congresswoman Linda Sánchez and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, both who highlighted their support for projects and programs they have helped move forward in La Mirada.

Dr. Gary Lindblad, Dean of Biola University’s Crowell School of Business, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Norwalk Sheriff’s Station Captain Christopher Johnson provided updates on City projects and public safety items, as did City Manager Jeff Boynton.

Boynton stated that La Mirada remains in a strong financial position, ranked in the top 10 per-

cent of California cities with low financial risk by the state auditor.

Just like in past years, the city continues to adopt balanced budgets and maintains sufficient reserve funding to respond to economic uncertainties.

Boynton listed the many capital projects in started or completed in recent years with the city scoring high on the street pavement management index.

New programs include the

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Cerritos HS Football, Baseball Coaches Resign Within Days of Each Other

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

A pair of Cerritos High varsity coaches, both of whom were instrumental in building their respective programs into 605 League champions, resigned in early February for different reasons. Martin Rodriguez resigned from his post as the baseball head coach on Feb. 3 under pressure of alleged allegations from parents of people on the team while Brad Carter resigned on Feb. 7 from his post as the football head coach, as well as his AVID and physical education teaching position.

“There were a couple of issues that some of the parents were concerned about,” said Cerritos co-athletic director Robert Adams. “I can’t elaborate on those.”

He continued to say that he couldn’t comment on any complaints or concerns from players or parents about Carter during the season and added that at the end of every season, the school always does its postseason evaluations but had not completed any of them at the time.

“I’m not going to go into the

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Crime Rises 24% on LA Metro System

By Brian Hews

The incidents of violent crimes and other miscellaneous crimes increased 24% in 2022 on the L.A. Metro transit system prompting board members to say that the trend should be treated as an emergency.

Metro also saw a 99% increase in complaints from riders saying passengers possessed or used drugs while waiting or riding on Metro transportation.

Deaths are rising too. In 2022, there were 21 fatalities reported; 2023 has already

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Rep. Sánchez First Woman to Lead Congressional Hispanic Caucus BOLD PAC

By Brian Hews

This week, CHC BOLD PAC, the campaign arm of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus – announced the election of Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-38) as the organization’s next Chair. The announcement comes on the first day of Women’s History Month. Incoming Chairwoman Sanchez will be the first woman ever to lead the organization.

“It’s an honor to be elected as the first woman ever to

lead BOLD PAC,” said Sánchez. “Last cycle, BOLD PAC made history by electing the largest Democratic CHC ever. And while this Congress is the most diverse in history, there is so much work left to be done. Though Hispanics account for nearly 19% of the population, we make up only 10% of Congress. The same is true for women – we represent just over 28% of Congress, far less than our share of over 50% of the US population. As we continue our fight to increase diversity in Congress, my top priority will be to ensure that the Latino community is central to the political process. That means defending our incumbents and making sure that Latino, and

especially Latina, candidates are encouraged to run for office nationwide and have the resources they need to win. That’s the only way to ensure that Congress represents all Americans.”

Sánchez has led the Democrats in helping working families, protecting Social Security and advocating for resources to improve the lives of all Americans. She supported both the Dream and Promise Act and a pathway for Dreamers to become citizens. Sánchez introduced the Gender Equality in Health Premiums Act, a plan that prohibits health insurance providers from charging women higher prices than men, passed as part of the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

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The World in Pictures: Earthquake in Turkey



A BUILDING COLLAPSED on parked vehicles when the February 6 earthquake hit in Adiyaman, Turkey, seen on February 12, 2023. Rueters.

SoCalGas Seeks Rate Hike After Sticker Shock Bills

Staff Report

SoCal Gas quietly filed its application with the California Public Utilities Commission in May as part of a regular rate-setting process a few months ago.

The request comes as many customers face huge bills because of surges in the wholesale price of natural gas.

This next meeting, which will also include public input, will determine the total amount SoCalGas is authorized to collect from customers in 2024-27.

A company fact sheet stated, “the average residential monthly bill using 36 therms per month would increase by approximately \$8.62 per month in 2024 compared with 2023.”

The application also asks for additional increases through 2027.

The PUC will hold two virtual forums at which SoCalGas customers can offer input and feedback, on March 6 and 15.

The CPUC is also taking virtual public comments on its website, where many have already criticized the proposed rate increases and the salary of SoCalGas CEO who received nearly \$25 million in total compensation in 2021 despite net income being down for the year.

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MERITORIOUS: Corporal Preston Beverly and his guest with former Cerritos Mayor George Ray at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

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The City of Cerritos honored Corporal Preston Beverly, from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton on February 25, 2023.

Corporal Preston Beverly and his guest will spend the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of local businesses

Beverly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2021. In December 2021, PFC Beverly reported to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, and promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) in January 2022. L/Cpl Beverly's engineer-

ing platoon was deployed to support the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine, Lima Company, as part of the Marine Expeditionary Unit, Marine Rotational Force Darwin, promoted to the rank of Corporal (Cpl) in January 2023.

Upon his return Cpl Beverly was reassigned to Charlie Company, HQ platoon, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion as an instructor where he was entrusted to share his knowledge and experience with his peers. Cpl Beverly was recently transferred to the Mobile Assault Company (MAC).

Arbor Week Poster Contest Entries Sought in Cerritos

Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme “Healthy Trees, Healthy People.” The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters.

Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form available at cerritos.us.

Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

First place winners' artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.us starting Monday, April 17 through Monday, May 29.


For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

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U.S. Senate Candidate Holds Meet and Greet in Westminster



AAPI COMMUNITY MEET-AND-GREET with candidate for U.S. Senate Rep. Adam Schiff this past Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Asian Garden Mall in Westminster. With Rep. Schiff is Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama; also attending was former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido. Yokoyama told HMG-CN, “I am proud to officially endorse the Honorable Adam Schiff for United States Senate.”

ABCUSD Student-Athletes Recognized by the City of Lakewood

The City of Lakewood recognized nine ABC Unified School District student-athletes at this year’s Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame Awards.

Lakewood has been honoring youth athletes at this event since 1981.

The Awards recognize outstanding athletes, teams, boosters, athletic achievements, and the Athlete of the Year and Performers of the Year for over a dozen different sports.

“I’m extremely proud of these students who continue to perform well both academically and athletically,” said Interim Superintendent Toan Nguyen. “I congratulate all the winners and nominees on a job well done.”

The ABCUSD students recognized as Performers of the Year were:

- Aaron Banks,** Artesia High School - Basketball
 - Hyacinth Hernandez,** Artesia High School - Golf
 - Raul Pantoja,** Artesia High School - Soccer
 - Maya Torres,** Artesia High School - Softball
- Special Achievement Awards went to: **Elise Chung,**

Artesia High School - Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Jeff Myles (Boys Basketball Coach), Artesia High School
Joe Esquivel Coach of the Year

ABCUSD also had many Distinguished Nominees for several sports:
Dominick Martinez, Artesia High School - Soccer
Adrian Palacios, Artesia High School - Soccer
David Ramirez, Artesia High School - Soccer
Richelle Shriver, Artesia High School - Wrestling

The City also recognized the Artesia High School Varsity League Championship teams in boys basketball and boys soccer for their outstanding achievements.

“We truly have gifted students, who not only achieve in the classroom but also on the field of play,” said Sergio Garcia, Principal of Artesia High School.

“A big thank you goes out to all of the coaches, teachers, and families who support these students. Their success doesn’t happen without you.”

The ABC Unified School District has five schools in the City of Lakewood.

Cerritos Modifies 91 Freeway Agreement with Caltrans

Staff Report

The City Council has approved modifications to the existing agreement for the 91 Freeway between the City and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

To increase capacity, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and Caltrans plan to widen parts of the SR-91 by adding lanes.

The expansion is funded by LACMTA’s Measure R and M sales taxes and supplemented by other transportation funding, including state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program grants.

Under the program, an extra westbound lane will be added between Shoemaker Avenue and the SR-91/1-605 interchange.

Caltrans is requiring an update to the existing SR-91 Freeway Agreement between Cerritos and Caltrans, which covers the entire length of SR-91 from the western City limit to the eastern City limit.

This requirement is triggered by the access change at the SR-91 and Norwalk Boulevard interchange, where the two westbound on-ramps are being merged into one. Upon completion, the single westbound on-ramp will be located to the east of Norwalk Boulevard and be accessible to both northbound and southbound traffic. Portions of the existing westbound on-ramp serving southbound traffic will be converted into additional landscaping.

Under the Agreement, the City consents to construction affecting City streets and agrees to assume responsibility for the maintenance of City roads that are relocated or reconstructed as part of the project.

Norwalk Will Allocate Budget Surplus for Public Safety, Economic Development and Infrastructure

By Brian Hews

Norwalk announced this week a financially healthy budget and that it will invest in the community. Investments will include:

Enhancing meal delivery services for Norwalk seniors 60 years and older, which currently delivers to 225 seniors Monday through Friday; Expanding childcare service provider funding to more qualified families; Improving availability and coverage of public safety officers to address quality of life issues; Expanding local arts and culture by increasing operational hours of the Cultural Arts Center’s Mary Paxon Art Gallery; Ensuring high-quality Norwalk Transit System service by establishing pay parity in bus operators; Improving local development support by adding a building inspector to Community Development

According to the city's report, the revenues were higher than projected by \$5 million, while expenditures were lower by \$6.9 million. This has resulted in an audited fund balance of \$25 million, which is \$2 million higher than anticipated.

"Our community's well-being is our top priority, and we are thrilled to have achieved positive financial results in 2022 and continue to operate with a healthy budget,” said Mayor Ana Valencia. “We are excited to invest in areas of Norwalk that will improve public safety, social services, infrastructure, and our local economy."

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Medi-Cal Works Great for Some and Not-So-Great for Others

In a new series, California Healthline will shed light on Medi-Cal’s successes and failures through the experiences of its enrollees.

California’s Medicaid program, called Medi-Cal, serves a whopping 15.4 million people, offering care from cradle to grave: Half of all births are covered by Medi-Cal, as are more than half of all stays in nursing homes.

Everything about Medi-Cal is massive, from its upcoming fiscal year budget of \$139 billion to the expansive list of benefits and services it offers. The way the program works — or doesn’t — could spell life or death for many enrollees.

“It’s critical, from the single pregnant mom, to the extremely frail elderly population that needs a nursing home,” said Jennifer Kent, former director of the state Department of Health Care Services, which administers Medi-Cal. “If it weren’t for Medi-Cal, so many people would either be dead or would be severely compromised.”

In a new series, California Healthline will shed light on Medi-Cal’s successes and failures through the experiences of its enrollees. Medi-Cal is at a critical juncture as it attempts to serve the needs of a diverse patient population with a dizzying array of medical needs — from childhood vaccinations and cancer screenings to state-of-the-art care for rare genetic disorders. Roughly half of enrollees are Hispanic, and, next year, California will become the first state to expand eligibility to all immigrants who qualify, regardless of their legal status.

Medi-Cal is also undertaking several new initiatives that aim to save taxpayer money and improve quality. State officials are demanding that the 23 health insurers that serve most Medi-Cal patients provide better care — or face significant penalties, including potential expulsion from the program.

The state is also adding innovative social services that fall outside the traditional realm of medicine, including helping some enrollees pay for rent and buy groceries.

“People are watching California,” said Cindy Mann, who served as federal Medicaid director under former President Barack Obama. “What the state is doing is ambitious and very aggressive.”

But only a sliver of enrollees will get the new social services, even as many patients struggle to obtain basic care or get in to see their doctors. In reality, the type of care you get in Medi-Cal depends on

where you live and which insurer provides your benefits.

That means the program is working for some, but failing for many others.

‘I Just Don’t Go to the Doctor Anymore’

When Stephanie Lammers leans over to put on her shoes, it feels as if she’s squishing something inside her abdomen, she said.

Her gastroenterologist wants to perform diagnostic procedures, but Lammers doesn’t have a working car and can’t readily get to the clinic — which is 50 miles away.

For Lammers, like many Medi-Cal enrollees who live in rural areas, lack of transportation is a major impediment to obtaining care. The problem is particularly acute for patients who need to see specialists.

Medi-Cal is supposed to provide free transportation to enrollees who can’t otherwise get to their appointments.

Lammers said her health plan is California Health & Wellness, owned by Centene, the nation’s largest commercial Medicaid insurer and the drivers just didn’t show up and she did not receive the reimbursement she was owed for arranging her own rides.

California Health & Wellness contracts with Modivcare, a Denver-based medical transportation company that is no stranger to patient complaints and lawsuits.

Before she gave up on the ride service, Lammers said, she would call California Health & Wellness to try to resolve the issue, only to be told that Modivcare “was a separate company.”

Courtney Schwyzer, a member of a legal aid team representing Lammers on various Medi-Cal matters, said the failure of medical ride services is a systemic problem.

In late February, Schwyzer and her fellow attorneys filed a petition in court that she hopes will force the state Department of Health Care Services to address the problem.

‘It’s a Blessing’

Medi-Cal helped save the life of Carolina Morga Tapia, a 30-year-old, full-time mother of five who lives with her family in Fresno.

Nine years ago, a bacterial infection triggered premature labor during the 25th week of her second pregnancy, and Morga Tapia almost died. She spiked a fever, bled profusely, and needed immediate transfusions and emergency surgery. After several days in critical care, she fully recovered.

But the doctors could not stop the premature birth, and her baby came out weighing just 1 pound sadly dying four days later.

In each of her subsequent pregnancies, Medi-Cal paid for Morga Tapia to get shots of synthetic progesterone, intended to prevent another preterm birth. Those shots — one a week for about 20 weeks — can cost an average of more than \$10,000 per pregnancy.

Morga Tapia and Nuñez, a construction worker, signed up for Medi-Cal when she was pregnant with her first child more than a decade ago. They’ve been on the same Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal plan ever since.

“It saves a lot of money, and it’s a blessing to have that extra help.”

The plan paid for prenatal care through all six of Morga Tapia’s pregnancies, and it has provided all the medical and dental care the family needs, she said.

The kids, all in good health, get routine checkups, vaccinations, and other preventive care. Tapia gets appointment reminders via text and cards in the mail notifying her when it’s time for the kids’

vaccinations and wellness checks, as well as her Pap smears, she said.

Her family’s experience contrasts sharply with the state’s assessment of their health plan issued late last year.

The report, which evaluated Medi-Cal health plans on pediatric care, women’s health, and chronic disease management, put Anthem Blue Cross in the lowest tier, and below par on multiple measures in numerous counties, including Fresno.

Another state report, released in late January, detailed how quickly insurers provide appointments for their patients, with the Anthem Blue Cross’ Medi-Cal plan landing at the low end.

Anthem Blue Cross spokesperson Michael Bowman said in a statement that the period covered in the reports coincided with the covid-19 pandemic, “when our safety net providers dealt with significant challenges with workforce and appointment availability.”

Morga Tapia doesn’t give the insurer low marks. “I have a good healthy family, and what Medi-Cal covers is really fortunate for us,” she said.

‘I Don’t Want to Die Yet’

In late 2021, doctors gave Norwalk resident Lucas Moreno Ramirez a few months to live.

Struggling with diabetes and late-stage lung cancer, his doctors recommended that he stop treatment and start hospice care.

He felt as if they were giving up on him. “I told them I don’t believe in that. I don’t want to die yet.”

Over the next few months, Moreno Ramirez pushed the program and his doctors to keep battling his cancer, using a different treatment with fewer side effects than chemotherapy.

Moreno Ramirez is one of the roughly 1.6 million Californians enrolled in both Medicare, which covers people who are 65 and older or have disabilities, and Medi-Cal, which kicks in to cover the costs and benefits that Medicare doesn’t.

He also relies on his Medi-Cal insurer L.A. Care, the largest Medi-Cal plan with nearly 2.6 million members,

L.A. care connected him with a care manager who worked with him to identify a different treatment called Tagrisso and advocated for him to get it.

Even with the new medication, Moreno Ramirez’s coughing fits returned last year. He asked to see his pulmonologist but was told the first appointment would be in June 2023.

So he switched doctors and scored an appointment nearly six months sooner. “My old doctor didn’t help me. I didn’t trust him,” Ramirez said.

Having taken his care into his own hands, he says he’s not in pain, his cough has subsided, and he feels hopeful for the future. “Now I feel good,” he said.

He has also sought more attention for his diabetes and received a continuous glucose monitor to measure his blood sugar. It’s better controlled now than it has been in decades, he said.

“You have to stand up for yourself and advocate,” said Joann Pacelo, the care manager who helped Ramirez change doctors, get quicker referrals to specialists, and get approved for in-home nursing visits.

“A lot of times it’s difficult with Medi-Cal because the doctors are busy and the reimbursements are so low, but no one should be denied the care they deserve.”

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reached 21; Metro said the majority of deaths are drug-related.

The number of crimes in 2022, broken down by train line are as follows: A Line (Blue), 388; B Line (Red) 687; C Line (Green) 202; E Line (Expo) 261; G Line (Orange) 52; J Line (Silver) 21, K Line 1; L Line (Gold) 192.

Metro will present an enhanced safety patrol system at the next board meeting, a plan that should add more officers,

One problem is that of the 109 L.A. Sheriff deputy patrols, only 16 get out of their cars and ride the trains or buses.

“If they are not riding, what are they doing in their cars?” asked Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor and Metro board member Kathryn Barger.

Metro will implement new patrols us-

ing a 24/7 presence, with a combination of police and deputies, Metro security, and Metro Transit Ambassadors, who report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

The other safety elements will include adding swing gates to prevent people from jumping the turnstiles and using closed circuit T.V. to beam images to law enforcement or Metro transit officers.

Supervisor Janice Hahn told HMG-CN, “People’s drug use started long before they boarded a metro train. We have an opioid crisis in this country. However, this problem has now spilled into our Metro system, and we need to address it. That starts with more transit ambassadors and law enforcement riding our trains and buses, but I want them all to be armed with Narcan which can save someone who has overdosed.”

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BELLFLOWER-BASED Kingdom Causes Homeless Liaison Volunteer Lead, Deemarie, is all smiles after receiving bags full of winter jackets and blankets for the unhoused who attend its Saturday morning breakfast and showers. Kingdom Causes is located at 16429 Bellflower Blvd, Bellflower, CA 90706.

La Mirada Farmers Market Continues Through Spring

The La Mirada Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every first Saturday of the month, the the Market will feature live music, crafts for children, and giveaways.

The Farmers Market features over 20 vendors in the City Hall parking lot. La Mirada businesses interested in becoming a vendor should contact VenaVer Events at venaverevents@gmail.com. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

Cerritos Community Outreach for Broadband Needs

The Citywide Fiber Optic Feasibility Study/Master Plan community outreach meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 9 a.m. and Monday, April 17 at 6 p.m. in the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room. Both meetings are open to residents and businesses, however, the first meeting will be tailored to the local business community. A broadband survey online will be avail Monday, March 6.

Suicide Rates Among Youth Continue to Increase

More than half of all high school females (57%) reported that they felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least two weeks in a row.

Jason Foundation, Inc., a nationally recognized leader in suicide prevention and awareness, shared data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that show an increase in suicide rates, deaths, and suicidal behavior in our nation’s youth.

The CDC released a preliminary report regarding changes in suicide rates “...in the context of overall suicide rates, they are returning to their 2018 peak after two years of declines.”

The survey includes national, state, and local school-based representative samples of 9th through 12th grade students.

The purpose is to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States.

The surveys are conducted every two years to determine the prevalence of these health risk behaviors.

Behaviors that contribute to unhealthy lifestyles and those that indicate possible depression and/or suicidal ideation are included.

In 2021, suicide was the second leading cause of death for middle and high school-aged youth (12 – 18).

The following figures highlight results from the high school questionnaire

focused on mental health and suicidality from the report.

Unless noted, the questions are in reference to the previous 12 months prior to the survey.

- More than half of all high school females (57%) reported that they felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least two weeks in a row that they stopped doing their usual activities
- 29% experienced poor mental health during the past 30 days
- Almost 1 in 4 (22%) reported seriously considering suicide in the past year
- Females (24%) were twice as likely to make a plan on how to attempt suicide than male students (12%)
- 1 in 10 high school youth attempted suicide one or more times within 12 months of the survey

The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the resources to identify and assist at-risk youth.

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Community Gardens, Farmer’s Market, and Traffic Signal Utility Box Art Contest.

Boynton highlighted planned projects at Behringer Athletic Fields, Creek Park, Neff Park, the Theatre for the Performing Arts and the Civic Center that will ensure the community continues to have quality recreational and cultural amenities.

Captain Johnson provided a public safety update and mentioned that La Mirada continues to experience the lowest number of crimes among cities in southeast Los Angeles County.

He stated community involvement is a valuable component of keeping La Mirada safe and encouraged attendees to get involved in Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs.

He added the Sheriff’s Deputies will continue to enhance their visibility as a proactive measure to prevent property crimes and watch for criminal activity.

Dr. Lindblad closed the event by showing a brief video highlighting local businesses and other points of interest in La Mirada.

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tic injuries the role players obtained.

The simulation began promptly at 9 a.m. The training consisted of two portions; both parts began in the same fashion and contained flashbangs, which emit a loud noise and bright light, along with simulated gunfire and smoke machines.

However, the second portion saw the arrival of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Special Enforcement Bureau by helicopter and other vehicles. The helicopter circled the campus perimeter before paus-

ing as a first responder propelled down to the scene.

"The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Special Enforcement Bureau (equivalent to a SWAT unit) will respond via helicopter and bearcat armored vehicles," according to a statement released by Biola University.

With recent active shooter tragedies in California and across the United States, maintaining preparedness is crucial. Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna emphasized the significance of intricate training.

"In the wake of recent active shooter tragedies that we have unfortunately encountered ourselves here, local or in Monterey Park, north of us in Oakland and Half Moon Bay, it is important that law enforcement in Los Angeles County, along with our law enforcement partners, work together communicate and coordinate to ensure safety on all of our campuses across Los Angeles County," Luna said.

Occurring every five years, this detailed active shooter training is imperative for all first responders as it provides a method of learning, gives the opportunity to reassess their responses and, primarily, allows the first responders to maintain their preparedness.

"When you look at this crisis, you wonder 'Is it more people with cameras, better reporting by the media?' Although all that could be true, at the end of the day, we have more shootings," Luna said. "This is where we do challenge our leaders at a national level to do more about guns, to do more about mental health so that we don't have to do this over and over, but here we sit ready to respond to anything that may come our way anywhere we're called."

2 Million Air Fryers Recalled After Catching Fire
By Fatima Durrani

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled about 2 million Cosori air fryers on Feb. 23 because of fire and injury risks.

Cosori is now offering replacement for affected models.

The agency informed consumers that they received 205 reports of air fryers melting, burning, catching fire and smoking. There have been multiple reports of burn injuries and minor property damage.

The air fryers have been sold from June 2022 through December 2022 at multiple retailers such as Amazon, Target and Best Buy.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission said that “consumers should immediately stop using the recalled air fryers” due to a wire connection in the air fryers posing hazards.

Rebecca Sim, a mother of two, warned air fryer owners to look after their appliance after her own nearly burned her house down.

“Thank God I didn’t leave it,” Sim said about the air fryer being caught in flames. “I couldn’t believe how quickly it burnt up and there was so much noise.”

Manufactured in China, recalled Cosori fryers across the world have an issue with their wire connection in the fryers that causes it to overheat.

“I know that with the cost of living crisis many people are trying to reduce costs and have bought air fryers,” Sim said.

Factors that have led people to own air fryers include a decrease in oil take, removal of moisture from food and lower levels of fat.

Residential segments of the air fryer market continue to increase as it’s conveniently offered online and in stores.

"After a thorough investigation, we determined that in extremely rare circumstances, the closed-end crimp connectors within the recalled air fryers



Cosori Air Fryer

— which are responsible for establishing electrical connections between certain wires — can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards," Cosori said in a statement.

Since last year, there has been a growing number of air fryer recalls. Newair’s Magic Chef Air Fryers and Insignia Air Fryers have also been recalled due to concerns of the device burning or catching fire.

One lawsuit has even been filed against defects in Emeril air fryers with similar concerns to the recalled products.

The list of the Cosori air fryer model numbers that are being recalled are on the website. Cosori is urging consumers to “stop using the appliance immediately.”

“Cosori is committed to the safety of those who use and love our products, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience,” Cosori said in a statement.

Cosori air fryers have been a best-selling product on Amazon selling over ten thousand products to consumers. Manufacturers of recalled air-fryers have been launching continuous investigations.

“It was a really nasty experience that could have been far, far worse without my quick-thinking,” Sim said.

Online Fitness
Classes Hosted
by CareMore

Next class will be March 8, all classes are free.

By Stepheny Gehrig

On Feb. 8, CareMore Health hosted a free online fitness class, Online Care-Move Fitness Class. The hour and thirty minute class focused on aerobics and meditation, while also encouraging the continuation of staying active.

CareMore Health is a medical plan that offers care delivery services and specializes in “managing complex and chronically ill patients,” according to the CareMore Health website. Despite being a medical plan, the online course was available to anyone interested in participating, including all ages.

Hosted through Zoom, in collaboration with Nifty After 50, the course demonstrated various exercises that were accessible to all. Every stretch, work-out and meditation were completed while seated, however, they could be modified if participants experienced mobility limitations.

The first half of the class was focused on aerobics, as it worked out the upper body, core and legs. Each of the exercises

presented were also given an explanation for the use of the movements in daily life, such as mimicking the movements of entering and exiting a car. Following a routine of 40 seconds of work, 15 seconds of break and 2 minute bursts, the workouts were designed to get blood pumping and energy flowing — including the playlist that accompanied the course.

Beginning with ‘50s and ‘60s music to get the warm-ups going and then gradually getting more upbeat with EDM remixes of Michael Jackson songs, the music suited the activities and matched the energy that was needed to get through the workouts.

After 30 minutes of the aerobic exercises, the class shifted to focusing on mindfulness, meditation and stretching. During this section, testimonials were given by those who are members of CareMore, and encouraged staying active no matter the age.

Upbeat and high energy, the fitness course provided motivation to stay consistent with exercise through the instructor and the testimonials. The chat feature on Zoom also brought together participants as they cheered each other on through text.

The online courses, which are available nationwide, can be found through the CareMore website at www.caremore.com. The next online fitness class will be held on March 8, at 10 a.m. and participants are encouraged to bring guests to join in on the Zoom class.

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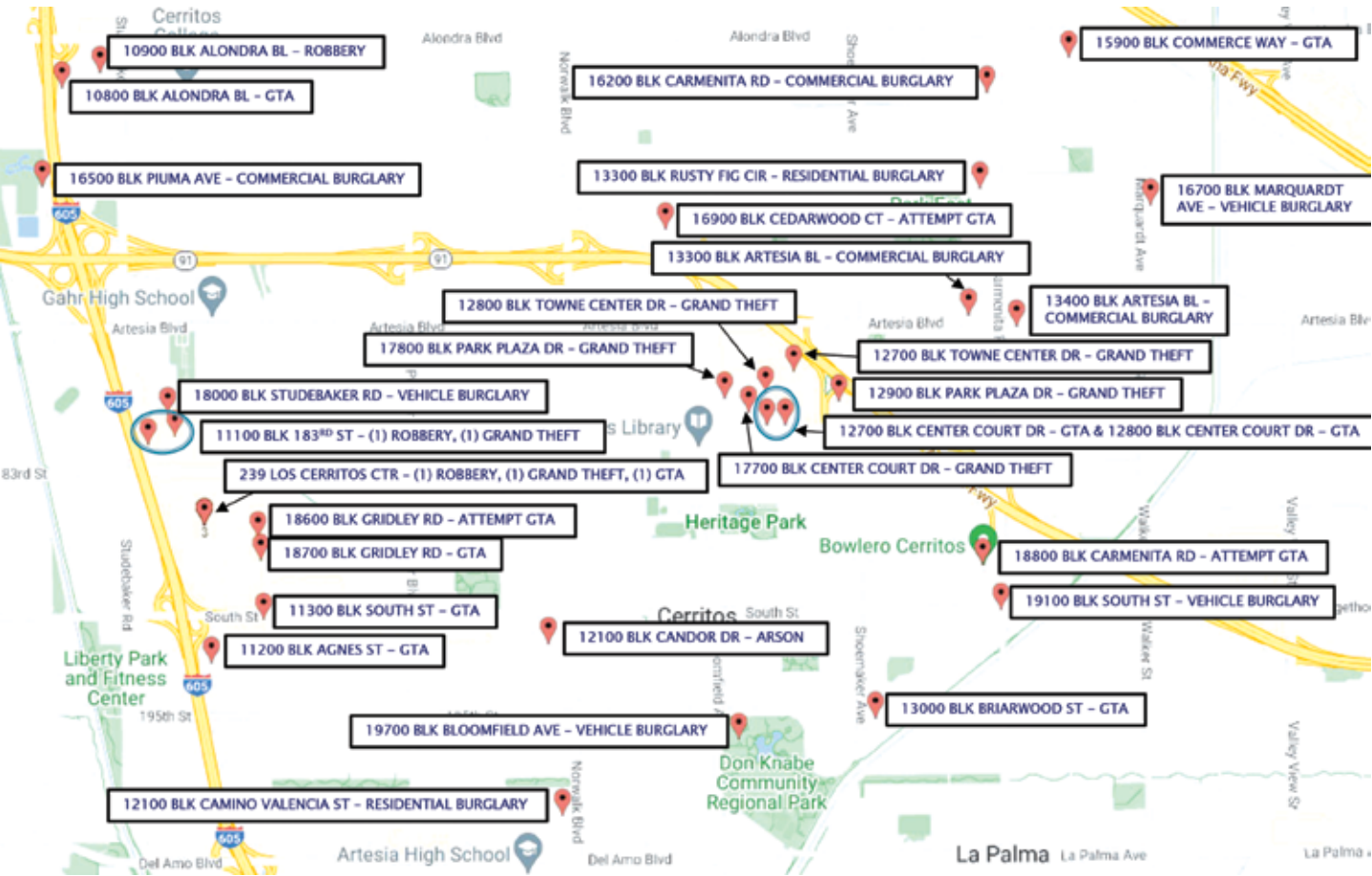
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Cerritos Crime Map February 20-26, 2023



He was seen driving a white 2004 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx.

Chavez also has a number of tattoos, according to authorities, including an “Aries” symbol on his left forearm, the letter “M” on his right hand along with the words “Long Live Them.” He also has a tattoo on his face and on his left bicep.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

Man Shot and Killed Prompting Closure of Gahr High Parking Lot

A deadly car-to-car shooting early Monday morning led investigators to a Gahr High School parking lot, prompting the school to close the campus.

A County sheriff’s investigators believe a car-to-car shooting ended with a fatality. The shooting occurred under the 605 Freeway overpass of Artesia Blvd. at about 2 a.m.

Someone in an unidentified vehicle reportedly fired shots into a gold Toyota Corolla, according to the sheriff’s department.

Crime Summary La Mirada

February 20-26, 2023

- Notable Arrests**
- Six suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
 - One suspect was arrested for forgery.
 - One suspect was arrested for grand theft.
 - One suspect was arrested for grand theft auto.
- Robbery**
- An afternoon robbery was reported on the 15000 block of Rosecrans Ave. This incident is currently under investigation.
- Aggravated Assault**
- An assault was reported on the 14900 block of Gagely Dr. This incident is currently under investigation.
- Vehicle Burglary**
- A vehicle burglary was reported on the 14900 block of Imperial Hwy.
 - A window smash burglary was reported on the 15000 block of Northam St.
- Grand Theft**
- A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 11700 block of Monticello Dr.
 - A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 13600 block of Valley View Ave.
 - An early morning catalytic converter theft was reported on the 13800 block of Mansa Dr.
 - A backflow regulator was stolen on the 12000 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave.
- Grand Theft Auto**
- A cargo container was stolen on the 16300 block of Phoebe Ave.
 - A sedan was reported stolen on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd.
 - A trailer was stolen from the area of Firestone Blvd and Knott Ave.

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There was a rash of vehicle thefts this week, 16, highest weekly total for the year. 3 were attempted, 4 were recovered and 5 were not recovered.

In addition, alarm calls increased to 68, the highest weekly total for the year.

On Wed. Feb. 22, a person was held up at gunpoint at the Los Cerritos Center. The victim cooperated and gave the suspect jewelry.

PART 1 CRIMES were 48 for the week, up from 35 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 43.3, 2022 YTD average is 37.6, an increase of over 18%.

MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES were 8 for the week, down from 14 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 12, 2022 YTD average is 11.1, a 8% increase.

ALARM CALLS were 68 for the week, up from 48 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 46, 2022 YTD average is 45.4, an increase of 1%.

CALLS FOR SERVICE were 341 for the week, up from 316 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 319.3, 2022 YTD average is 322, negligible decrease.

Man accused of sexually assaulting young girl in Bellflower

Investigators said the suspect “forcefully pushed” a young girl into his vehicle on Feb. 16 at a convenience store.

Staff Report

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is seeking the public’s help in finding anyone who may have been victimized by a man accused of sexually assaulting a young girl.

Detectives with the sheriff department’s Lakewood station are seeking potential victims of 42-year-old Mario Luis Chavez.



Mario Luis Chavez.

Investigators said Chavez “forcefully pushed” a young girl into his vehicle the night of Feb. 16 while she was standing in front of a convenience store in the 17600 block of Bellflower Boulevard in Bellflower.

Chavez then proceeded to sexually assault her while in the vehicle, the sheriff’s department said. A description of Chavez released by LASD lists him as a 5-foot-9 Hispanic man, weighing about 200 lbs.

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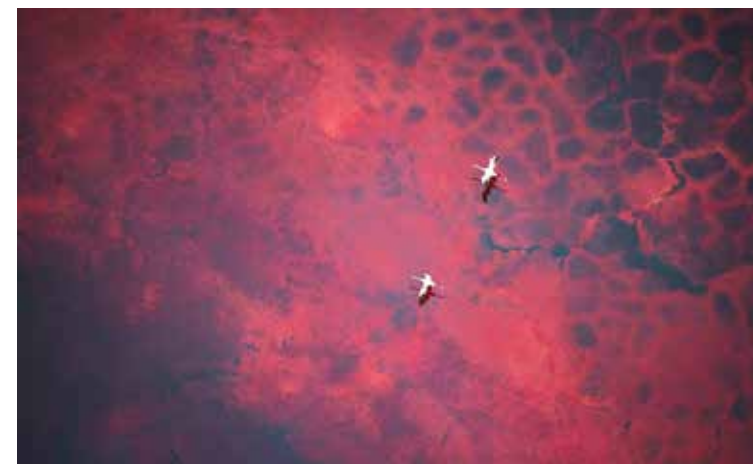
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FIRST PLACE, *Animal portraits, and Grand Prize Winner.* A crocodile's head is just visible in a mud pool in Mana Pools National Park in Zimbabwe. # **Jens Cullmann.**

SECOND PLACE, *Animals in their habitat.* A leopard climbs a tree in Kenya. # **Thomas Vijayan.**



THIRD PLACE, *Nature art.* A pair of flamingos fly over Lake Magadi in Kenya. # **Silke Hullmann.**

SECOND PLACE, *Behavior-Birds.* A red-billed oxpecker rests on a warthog in Zimanga, South Africa. **Tamas Aranyossy.**



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THIRD PLACE, *Animal portraits, (center).* A seaweed blenny, photographed near Blue Heron Bridge in Florida. **Andre Johnson.**


FIRST PLACE, *Behavior - Mammals.* Japanese macaques, photographed on Japan's Awaji Island. # **Hidetoshi Ogata.**



SECOND PLACE, *Urban wildlife.* A buffy fish owl steps on netting, photographed in Singapore. **Partha Roy.**


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in the final 2:34 of the half.

Gahr trailed 18-17 at the break but the focal point was on Mitchell, who was nearly a one-person show. Held to a combined 12 points in the previous two playoff games, Mitchell matched that in the first 16 minutes against St. Margaret's, going six of 11 from the field and collecting four rebounds. Mitchell said she felt like she wanted to take control as the rest of the team went a combined two of 18 from the field in the half.

"Of course, I mean it's the CIF championship [game]," said Mitchell. "Who wouldn't want to take control? This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I was given as a senior. So, I felt like this was it. I just felt like I had to push myself to my fullest capacity."

"The kid is tough," said St. Margaret's head coach Josh Markum. "Today in our pregame shootaround, our coaches were saying, and our girls were saying, too, that [Mitchell] is their X-factor. We know what we're going to do on [Teramoto] and we know what we're going to do on [sophomore Christine Ho]. We need to contain [Mitchell] as best as we can, and she sure made that tough in the first half."

Whatever game plans Howard had for his team went out the window in the second half as the Tartans began with a 10-0 run, highlighted by a three-pointer from Kaitlin Tam, who would later add three free throws after being fouled on a three-point attempt. St. Margaret's owned the stanza in the scoring department, 16-6, but of greater importance was the lack of rebounding from Gahr in

the second half.

After getting 18 rebounds in the first half, the Gladiators could muster just nine in the second half and for the game, the Tartans owned a huge 45-27 advantage in that department.

"Okay, I didn't know it was that bad, but we've been the smaller team all year, so our girls are really scrappy," said Howard. "We came in as a small team again, today, and fought as hard as we could. We just couldn't come up with the rebounds tonight."

"I think our third key of the game was rebounding," said Markum. "I'm pretty sure in all of our timeouts in the second half, the majority of what was talked about was rebounding and helping out defensively; trying to rotate a little bit."

Mitchell had one of her three steals, leading to a basket to end the third quarter scoring with 1:14 left, making it 34-23 and helped sparked Gahr's final rally of the night. Six seconds into the fourth quarter, Teramoto had a free throw and nearly a minute later, another steal and basket from Mitchell made it 34-26.

Following a basket from Taylor Francois, Teramoto scored with 5:56 left in the game, then hit a three-pointer nearly halfway through the stanza to make it a five-point game. But the Gladiators went one of five the remainder of the game.

"I was thinking we could get back into this and we were trying to pick up some momentum," said Teramoto. "So, I felt really good thinking we could come down and start doing what we normally do."

"Tonight was a tough night for us offensively," said Howard. "We've been

preaching defense all year; I'm really strong about the defense. Once the ball wasn't going in, we just tried talking about defense. We still held them to under 50 points; under 45 points. We still had a good defensive effort. But tonight, the ball wasn't falling for us."

For the 18th straight game, and 28th time in 32 games this season, Gahr held an opponent to less than 45 points. Tam led St. Margaret's with 12 points and had nine rebounds while Francois added 11 points while grabbing 10 boards. But those two players weren't of Howard's initial concerns. It was Harper Gideons, who finished with two points, which came in the third quarter.

"We were worried about [Harper Gideons]," said Howard. "So, [when we talk about the defensive effort, that was our focus. We knew [Tam] could shoot it and as a matter of fact, they all can shoot it. But [Gideons] on film and on paper, was the best thing in this division. But [Tam] and [Francois] came out under the lights and they played a great game. All respect to them as players."

Markum admitted his concern was Ho, whose three-pointer with less than half a minute in the semifinals against Marina High sent Gahr to the finals. As it turned out, Ho shot the ball twice and scored just two third quarter free throws. Mitchell led all scorers with 16 points and had half a dozen rebounds while Teramoto added seven points, five assists, three rebounds and three steals.

"I was given the assignment of don't let [Ho] touch the ball," said Tam. "So, she didn't touch the ball. I don't think she touched the ball until she got free throws."

Gahr's path to the finals is one that

could pass for a Hollywood movie. Before this season, the program had reached 20 victories five times in the past 25 seasons. This season, the Gladiators entered the CIF Southern California Division 5 Regionals with a 25-7 record. Over the past 26 seasons, the program has now reached the quarterfinals four times and the divisional finals twice. And the program went a combined 18-77 over the past four seasons. With a less than desirable track record for the program, the thought of getting this far wasn't on the players' minds.

"It's something that I didn't think we would ever get," said Teramoto. "Like coach said, coming off last season, we had [five] wins and an empty gym. But now, every single game, we have a packed gym. People cheering us on; people last year who wouldn't even look our way. So, it's just amazing to be able to have this opportunity and just get something we never thought we would every get."

"Absolutely not," said Mitchell. "As a senior coming into this season, I felt that we had a really good chance to make it to the playoffs. To say that I expected to get to this highest point that we would ever reach...I'm extremely grateful to be working with the people we have to get to this point."

On top of that, since the 1997-1998 season, Gahr has had 12 winning seasons and been to the playoffs 16 times under six coaches.

"These two ladies [pointing to Mitchell and Teramoto] right here are a testament to that," said Howard of the season's success. "[Teramoto] is one of the players that I signed up to coach. Watching her compete like she did on a team with [five] wins...looking at her [former] coach saying, 'yes coach, no coach' and going out there giving it her all, even though the score was 70-3 at the time, she was still going as hard as she could. She's one of the reasons why I wanted to coach the girls basketball team."

"Kameryn Mitchell coming back to the team was the icing on the cake," he continued. "I told them both, with those two, we can't lose. In the last [21] games [before tonight], we lost one game. So hey, they played better than the boys."

While St. Margaret's, which won the school's first girls basketball championship, got bumped up to Division 4 for the regionals and had to go on the road, the Gladiators are the top-seeded team in Division 5 and hosted Lindsey High (21-12) this past Tuesday. Lindsey won the CIF-Central Section Division VI championship with a 53-37 win over Madera-based Torres High. Gahr could be set up for a rematch against Marina on Mar. 2.

"It's like we've been doing all year, we respond," said Howard of his approach for the regionals. "It's been a long time since we've lost. The last time we lost, the team that plays after that had a nightmare. We'll respond."



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exact details, but I'll definitely say I made a mistake," said Carter. "But I don't think it was handled properly by the admin and the district, and unfortunately, it led to me wanting to resign. I wish it didn't come down to that, but my hands were kind of tied at that point."

Carter went on to say that there were minor issues that came up during his three years at Cerritos, but the bigger issue involved paperwork concerning a weightlifting camp he was trying to put on in the winter. He couldn't put on a weightlifting camp in the winter of 2020 because of the pandemic and it wasn't until 2022 that a camp did happen.

"I was trying to do a same camp again for the 2023 year," said Carter. "We did one prior, a strength camp before the issue with the camp in 2023 came about."

In three seasons with the Dons, Cerritos went 13-13 overall, undefeated in nine league contests and advanced to the playoffs twice (the other season was the Covid-shortened spring season of 2021). Both times, the Dons lost first round games by two points and one point respectively. Carter also became the first Cerritos football coach to have at least a .500 record three straight seasons since Kurt Bruich did it from 1999-2001 when he guided the program to a 22-10 record during that time with a pair of playoff appearances. Between the time Bruich left and Carter took over, eight coaches failed to reach the postseason.

"He did a tremendous job organizing that group and keeping them together while at an on campus-off campus situation," said Adams. "He did a great job with all that. The wins and losses will speak for themselves and the perfor-

mance of the team increased. But the organization of the team and the participation level and things like that, we're very appreciative of what he did with the team while he was the coach.

"We're going to look for the best candidate, but we are flying the job," Adams later said. "We are offering the job as football coach that could include the teaching positions that coach Carter was teaching."

"I put my heart and soul into the program for three years," said Carter. "I'm really proud of what the kids and the staff have accomplished. I told the school before I left we undid decades of losing in three years. We won league championships, won a district championship, made the playoffs and had very successful seasons. I'm proud of everything we did."

"I wanted to still be at Cerritos," he later continued. "The fact is I fought really hard to make it a workable marriage, but unfortunately, one booster club member and one head of the CHS admin team felt differently. It's sad; I wanted to continue my job at Cerritos, but unfortunately, that's how the cookie crumbles. This is not something I wanted to do; this is not something I foresaw. I had every intention of being at Cerritos moving forward. But a couple of people saw it differently and they had the final say."

In the case of Rodriguez' resignation, he said he had a lot on his plate which included going back to school where he is wrapping up a master's degree in education. He continued by saying he is going through his portfolio phase of that and didn't feel he could give enough time to either that and being the head coach of the baseball program.

"Right now, finishing my degree is obviously at the forefront," said Rodriguez. "I made the athletic directors aware of that early in the winter and tried to ride it out as long as I could. It corresponded with the end of the semester at Cerritos High, then I decided to step down."

Rodriguez added that he has accepted a coaching position as an assistant at Buena Park High working on his own time, being there when he can based off his schedule with his pursuit of his master's degree.

However, Adams cited a different reason for the resignation as complaints from parents began to surface during the first week of January. Before that, Adams said there were no indications of something wrong within the baseball program.

"Under the parent allegations, coach Rodriguez made the determination that it was in his personal best interest to resign from the [ABC Unified School] district," said Adams. "Obviously, he has been a big part of our baseball community for quite a long time in the youth area and things like that. We're extremely appreciative of all the work that he has done with our kids successfully; helped build the baseball program up to where it's at."

Rodriguez, who was an assistant under former head coach Brooks Walling, took over the head coaching duties prior to the 2022 season and went 22-6 overall, won all eight 605 League games and lost in the first round of the playoffs. Cerritos has won all 26 league games and the program has advanced to the playoffs in five of the last six seasons, not including the 2020 season that was halted because of the pandemic. Before that, the last post-season trip for the program came in 1998.

"I'm doing a master's with a credential and the requirements to complete the degree, in addition to schoolwork, I'm having to put a portfolio together for the state of California, which requires student teaching," said Rodriguez. "It's just

a lot of hours and I found myself having to miss practice or leave practice early and miss some fall and winter ballgames because of it.

"The direction that Cerritos was going in and what we were able to build up over the last few years, I didn't want it to suffer with my schedule," he continued. "I just felt like it was as good a time to leave."

BASKETBALL REGIONALS

The La Mirada High boys and Gahr High girls won their first round games this past Tuesday in the CIF Southern California Regionals. In Division 2 action, La Mirada (25-9), the fourth-seeded team, defeated Bakersfield Christian High 76-59 to advance to the second round, where a Mar. 2 game against fifth-seeded Oxnard High awaits the Matadores. Sophomore Julien Gomez led La Mirada with 21 points and 19 rebounds while senior Athan Sierra and junior Isaiah Valenzuela added 14 and 12 points respectively.

In Division 5 action, top-seeded Gahr (26-7) had no problems with Lindsay High 51-24 to set up a rematch with eighth-seeded Marina High on Mar. 2. Those two teams met on Feb. 18 in the CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA semifinals with Gahr winning 39-38 on a late three-pointer from sophomore Christine Ho.



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NOTICE OF HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO CITY OF ARTESIA, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-1 (SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 1)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 17, 2023, the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Artesia (the “City”) adopted Resolution No. 23-2913 (the “Resolution”), declaring the intention of the City Council to annex territory to the City of Artesia, Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services), County of Los Angeles, State of California (the “Community Facilities District”), and fixing the time and place of a public hearing thereon for 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on March 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701 or via teleconference as directed by the City due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, at which time the City Council will hear the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of said territory to the Community Facilities District or the levying of special taxes within such territory to pay the costs of providing certain services which are necessary to meet increased demands placed upon the City as a result of the development of said real property.

The Resolution provides in summary as follows:

1. The City Council declared its intention to conduct proceedings for the annexation to the Community Facilities District of the territory described in Exhibit “B” to the Resolution. The City Council determined that the public convenience and necessity require that such territory be annexed to the Community Facilities District.

2. The territory which is included in the Community Facilities District is described on the map of the Community Facilities District recorded in Book 194 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, pages 54 and 55 in the office of the County Recorder for the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The territory proposed to be annexed to the Community Facilities District is described on the map thereof entitled “Annexation Map No. 1, Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services), City of Artesia, Los Angeles County, State of California,” which is on file with the City Clerk of the City (the “City Clerk”).

3. The types of public services to be provided within the Community Facilities District are as follows:

- (a) Police protection services.
- (b) Fire protection and suppression services, and ambulance and paramedic services.
- (c) Flood and storm protection services, including, but not limited to, the operation and maintenance of storm drainage systems.
- (d) Maintenance and lighting of parks, parkways, streets, roads, and open space.

The services shall include the estimated and reasonable costs of providing the services including, without limitation: (i) the costs of contracting for services, (ii) the salaries and benefits of City staff, if the City directly provides services, (iii) the expense related to equipment, apparatus, and supplies related to these services and authorized by the Mello-Roos Community Facilities District Act of 1982, and (iv) a proportionate share of City overhead costs associated with providing such services within the Community Facilities District.

4. Except where funds are otherwise available, special taxes sufficient to pay the costs of the services provided above and the annual administrative expenses of the City and the Community Facilities District in determining, apportioning, levying and collecting such special taxes, shall be annually levied within the Community Facilities District. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the California Government Code, the special taxes shall be collected in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure, sale, and lien priority in case of delinquency as is provided for ad valorem taxes. However, under no circumstances shall the special tax levied against any parcel subject to the levy of the special tax pursuant to the rates and method of apportionment be increased as a consequence of delinquency or default by the owner of any other parcel or parcels within the Community Facilities District by more than ten percent (10%). The rate and method of apportionment of said special taxes shall be as set forth in Exhibit “C” of the Resolution.

The maximum amounts of special taxes which may be annually levied are as follows:

LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

Each Fiscal Year, each Assessor’s Parcel within the boundaries of CFD No. 2017-1 shall be classified as Taxable Property, Public Property or Exempt Property. Each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property shall be classified as Residential Property or Non-Residential Property.

MAXIMUM SPECIAL TAX RATES

Table 1
Fiscal Year 2017/2018
Maximum Special Tax Rates

Land Use Class	Description	Maximum Special Tax
1	Residential Property	\$721 per Unit
2	Non-Residential Property	\$721 per EDU

Escalation of Maximum Special Tax

Each Fiscal Year following the Base Year, the Maximum Special Tax shall be increased by two percent (2.0%) of the amount in effect in the prior Fiscal Year.

Multiple Land Use Classes

In some instances an Assessor’s Parcel of Developed Property may contain more than one Land Use Class. The Maximum Special Tax levied on an Assessor’s Parcel shall be the sum of the Maximum Special Taxes for all Land Use Classes located on that Assessor’s Parcel. For an Assessor’s Parcel that contains both Residential Property and Non-Residential Property, the Residential Property shall be taxed on a per Unit basis and the Non-Residential Property shall be taxed on the EDU basis. The Special Tax of such Assessor’s Parcel shall be allocated to each type of property based on the building permit or by reference to the site plan approved for such Assessor’s Parcel. The CFD Administrator’s allocation to each type of property shall be final.

METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

For each Fiscal Year, commencing Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the CFD Administrator shall determine the Annual Costs and calculate the Special Tax so that the amount of Special Taxes equals the Annual Costs. The Special Tax shall be levied on Taxable Property each Fiscal Year as follows:

First: Calculate the available Special Tax revenues by setting the Special Tax on each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property at 100% of its Maximum Special Tax. If revenues are greater than the Annual Costs, then reduce the Special Tax proportionately against all Assessor’s Parcels until the tax levy is set at an amount sufficient to cover the Annual Costs.

Second: Levy on each Assessor’s Parcel of Taxable Property the amount calculated above. No Special Tax shall be levied on Exempt Property.
The City shall make every effort to correctly assign the number of taxable units and calculate the Special Tax for each Assessor’s Parcel.

The Resolution contains other provisions that are not summarized above. A copy of the Resolution may be reviewed or obtained at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Artesia located at 18747 Clarkdale Ave, Artesia, CA 90701.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the time and place of said hearing, all persons interested for or against the annexation of said territory to the Community Facilities District or the levying of special taxes within such territory to pay the costs of providing certain services within the territory proposed to be annexed to the Community Facilities District, and establishing an appropriations limit therefor, will be heard. At the hearing, protests against the proposals described in the Resolution may be made by any interested person. Any protests pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities or defects to which objection is made. All written protests shall be filed with the City Clerk prior to the

time fixed for the hearing. The City Council may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written protests and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

If the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory included in the existing district, or if the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be annexed to the Community Facilities District file written protests against the proposed annexation of such territory to the Community Facilities District, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protest to less than a majority, no further proceedings shall be undertaken for a period of one year from the date of decision of the City Council on the issues discussed at the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time, but shall be completed within 30 days. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council may abandon the proceedings or may, after passing upon all protests, submit the questions of levying the special tax within the area proposed to be annexed to the Community Facilities District and establishing an appropriations limit therefor to the qualified electors of the area proposed to be annexed.

DATED: March 3, 2023

/s/ Jennifer Alderete
Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk
City of Artesia, County of Los Angeles

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following item:

THE CITY OF LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND A SITE PLAN REVIEW TO INSTALL AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14447 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, WITHIN THE FREEWAY COMMERCIAL (C-F) ZONING DISTRICT AND FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15303.

At the hearing, the City Council will consider staff’s report, the Planning Commission and staff recommendations, as well as all testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City’s Community Development Department offices located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning this item. The proposed Development Agreement and Site Plan Review were previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing held on February 16, 2023.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the City of La Mirada, Community Development Department, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638.

Please notify the City Clerk’s office at (562) 943-0131 at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g. sign language interpreter).

IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Eric Garcia
Senior Planner

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 729 APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 18 TO INSTALL AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD AT 14447 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, LA MIRADA, AND FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT UNDER CEQA.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 14, 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 Ordinance No. 729.

Summary of Ordinance No. 729
Ordinance No. 729 would approve Development Agreement No. 18 to install an electronic billboard at the property located at 14447 Firestone Boulevard, within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) Zoning District.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 729 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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ond half. It’s happened time and time again with these guys and they have always addressed it.”

One of the heroes of the second half was sophomore Christian Carreon, who came off the bench to score 13 points on five of six shooting from the field. His second three-pointer of game made it 40-34 nearly two minutes into the fourth quarter and he added another one at the 4:42 mark to make it 44-36. For the game, Whitney was seven of 17 from beyond the arc.

“Those three-pointers kept us in the game when they wanted to space it out,” said Webber. “And that’s what Christian does. As we talk about it, he comes off the bench and hurts you.”

Marks and Song each had 11 points with the former collecting three rebounds and three steals while the latter had five rebounds and two assists. The 11 points were the most for Song since scored a season-high 12 points against Pioneer High on Jan. 18 while Marks

had his best scoring performance since Dec. 9 when he had 14 points against Wiseburn-da Vinci.

“Usually, it’s someone stepping up and tonight it was our stars stepping up,” said Webber. “All those guys came out and played so hard and finished strong. It was really impressive.”

Next up for the Wildcats is a second round tilt at third-seeded Ramona High, the San Diego Section Division III runners-up, on Mar. 2. The Bulldogs (22-10) defeated Tarbut V’ Torah High 75-38 this past Tuesday. The winner of this game will face either seventh-seeded Littlerock High or second-seeded Pacifica Christian/Santa Monica High on Saturday in the semifinals.

On a side note, the Wildcats need one more win to match the school record for most playoff victories in the same season. Whitney won all five playoff games in the 1985-1986 and 1986-1987 seasons on its way to capturing titles in the Southern Section Small Schools division.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ANNUAL SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Project Number: **50080**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California (“City”) invites sealed Bids for the Project. Bids will be received prior to **2:00 p.m. on March 16, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Clerk at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660. Bidders are required to submit all items listed in the BIDDER’S CHECKLIST including acknowledgement of all addenda. A bid received after the time set for the bid opening shall not be considered.

All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and identification number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

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LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess either of (a) a valid Class “A” Contractor’s license (b) a valid Class “B” Contractor’s license and combination of Class “C8” specialty licenses held by subcontractors as applicable (d) any of the above stated “C” licenses held by the prime and combination of the remaining state “C” specialty licenses held by the subcontractors as applicable issued by the California State Contractors License Board necessary for the performance of all Work to be performed at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023. All potential bidders are encouraged to meet in the Public Works lobby by 11:00 AM (6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660).

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials to the City Project Manager online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials asked by email or by telephone will not be answered. Materials substitutions or questions will be accepted until 4:00 pm on or before Thursday, March 9, 2023. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials submitted after March 9, 2023 will not be answered. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by March 13, 2023 as an addendum. Any addenda and/or supplemental information, as applicable will be posted online and available at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to check online for any addenda that are released. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: Nadia Carrasco
Contact Number: 562-801-4221
E-mail address: ncarrasco@pico-rivera.org

By: Noe Negrete
Public Works Director

2/15/2023
Date

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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1494-23.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1494-23.**

Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents, including but not limited to, selective removal and replacement of asphalt concrete (AC); selective cold milling of 2” of existing AC; including the construction of 2” AC overlay; crack sealing the existing AC; installation of a Type II Slurry Seal; the re-stripping of stop bars, curbs, and markings; and other items identified in the bid schedule. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1494-23.”**

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall.

Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A”** or **“C-12.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract.

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

C. ROBERT LEE ROOF REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 102

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

PRE-BID MEETING ON:

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON:

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF BID RECEIPT:

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall,
21815 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the C. Robert Lee Roof Replacement, Project 102, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 21, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at C. Robert Lee Center located at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716, to walk through the site and go over the scope of work.

The project will include the removal and replacement of the existing roof including roofing materials, air ducts, rain gutters, and all other appurtenances, miscellaneous replacement of structural plywood, some electrical work, and all other items not mentioned but indicated in the Plans and Specifications. The Contractor shall complete all work in every detail within Thirty (30) working days after the date of the "Notice to Proceed". All work shall be completed between May 22nd to July 7th, 2023.

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

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

LEE WARE HEALTH CLINIC RESTROOM RENOVATION, PROJECT 104

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

PRE-BID MEETING ON:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON:

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF BID RECEIPT:

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall,
21815 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the Lee Ware Health Clinic Restroom Renovation, Project 104, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 22, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Lee Ware Health Clinic located at 22310 Wardham Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens, to walk through the site and go over the scope of work.

The project will include the removal and replacement of the existing plumbing fixtures, toilet accessories, toilet partitions, access panels, restroom doors, wall, and floor tiles, light fixtures, exhaust fans, wall grilles, and all other items included in the plans and specifications. The project includes without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and other incidental work necessary to renovate the restrooms to comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **11:00 AM** of the **24th of March 2023**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1615 Artesia High School Gym HVAC and Marquee

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. Prospective bidders must attend a mandatory jobwalk on March 13, 2023 9:00 AM Sharp, to meet at Artesia HS by the flagpole at 12108 E Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents by request to Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218. This work is subject to DIR Registration, prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class B and DIR Registration will be required will be required. Additional requirements stated in the bid documents

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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE TO BIDDERS PRINTING OF THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 2023-2024 SEASON BROCHURE, BID NO. 1493-23.

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023**, for the printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2023-2024 Season Brochure, Bid No. 1493-23. Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2023**. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **“Bid for the Printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2023-2024 Season Brochure, Bid No. 1493-23.”** Please contact the City of Cerritos Communications Division at (562) 916-1320 to obtain specifications and contract documents. No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label. The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law. Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
AGUSTIN G. MORAN
CASE NO. 23STPB01864
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of AGUSTIN G. MORAN.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MATTHEW S. MORAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MATTHEW S. MORAN 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: 03/28/23 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.
Attorney for Petitioner
JUVENTINO B. CASAS JR. - SBN 44445,
LAW OFFICE OF J.B. CASAS JR.
2520 WEST BEVERLY BLVD.
MONTEBELLO CA 90640
3/3, 3/10, 3/17/23
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 23021-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: JEFF SCHRAER, 14214 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90709
Doing Business as: TAM'S PIZZERIA
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: MAGHDID HAMID SALEH, 174 PENFIELD ST, POMONA, CA 91768
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: 14214 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90709
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 22, 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 21, 2023, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: 2-22-2023
BUYERS' MAGHDID HAMID SALEH
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Proof of Publication of
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023011484 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: M. Y. STUDIO, 18010 1/2 ALBURTIS AVE., ARTESIA, CA., 90701, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: GRACE LIU, 18010 1/2 ALBURTIS AVE., ARTESIA, CA., 90701. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/GRACE LIU, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/18/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
(UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 12029-JH
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: M.D. TOFU, INC., 17631 PIONEER BOULEVARD, ARTESIA, CA 90701
Doing Business as: MYUNG DONG TOFU HOUSE
All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: JINHEE OH, 1500 HICKORY AVENUE, APT 209, TORRANCE, CA 90503
The assets being sold are generally described as: EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES AND FURNITURE, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and is/are located at: 17631 PIONEER BOULEVARD, ARTESIA, CA 90701
The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: 41-ON-SALE BEER & WINE EATING PLACE #578528. And are now issued for the premises located at: SAME
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TIME ESCROW INC, 3055 WILSHIRE BLVD, # 1150, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale/transfer is MARCH 30, 2023
The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$305,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$5,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION/AMOUNT CASH \$91,500.00; DEMAND NOTE \$213,500.00; ALLOCATION-SUB TOTAL \$305,000.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$305,000.00.
It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/applicant(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
Dated: 2.25.2023
M.D. TOFU, INC., SELLER(S)/LICENSEE(S)
JINHEE OH, BUYER(S)/APPLICANT(S)
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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

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1424 is summarized as follows:

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.

Ordinance No. 1424 had its first reading on February 13, 2023, its second reading on February 27, 2023, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023, 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 29, 2023. 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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Proof of Publication of
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023027858 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SC MORTGAGE GURU, 716 W 83RD ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: LUIS ANTONIO GUEVARA, 716 W 83RD ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/LUIS ANTONIO GUEVARA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 2/07/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3/23

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 –1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.
The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com ending on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Michelle Warren	A40

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

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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 03/14/2023 at 12:30 PM**

James Boror
Alana Cabrera
Miesha Stanford

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

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



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GAHR HIGH SENIOR Alyssa Miyake drives around Natalie Roby of St. Margaret’s High in the second half of last Saturday night’s CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA championship game. Gahr lost 44-33 but is the top-seeded team in the CIF Southern California Division 5 Regionals, which began on Feb. 28.

CIF-SS 5AA GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS

Third quarter the difference as Gahr unable to rally past top-seeded St. Margaret’s

By Loren Kopff
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HUNTINGTON BEACH- All season long, Gahr High has been able to rally in the fourth quarter to pull out some victories that would have been losses. This time, playing on the brightest stage of the season, Gahr couldn’t put together another fourth quarter rally. Down by 13 points with

1:59 left in the third quarter, the third-seeded Gladiators went on a 10-2 run but ran out of gas as they fell to top-seeded St. Margaret’s High 44-33 in the CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA championship game last Saturday night at Edison High. The 33 points were the sixth fewest the team has scored all season, all resulting in six of the seven losses the Gladiators have.

“It’s tough; it’s tough when you don’t come out with a win and you put in the work all year to win,” said Gahr first-year head coach Al Howard. Gahr was seeking the program’s second CIF-SS divisional title in school history with the only championship coming in 1992, and early on, it was business as usual for Gahr. It fell behind by seven points with 2:15 left in the first quarter before going on a 9-0 run. The rally began with a consecutive baskets from sophomore Jody Colbert and senior Kameryn Mitchell to end the quarter. After a free throw from senior Lauren Teramoto 10 seconds into the second quarter, senior Kayla Kodua and Mitchell added baskets and for the third time in the game, the Mid-Cities League co-champions held a two-point lead. The game would go through five straight lead changes to end the half, although there was no scoring [See **GAHR** page 10]

GAHR HIGH SENIOR Lauryen Teramoto & Kaitlin Tam of St. Margaret’s High battle for a rebound in last Saturday night’s CIF-SS Division 5AA championship game. St. Margaret’s won 44-33, as Tam scored a team-high 12 points. Teramoto scored seven points, had five assists, three rebounds and three steals.



CIF SOCAL BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Whitney Rallies in Third Quarter, Continues Momentum go Get Past Sotomayor

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LOS ANGELES-The joy of the current system put in place for the CIF State Regionals for basketball is you can lose in a Southern Section divisional semifinal game and know your season is not over. Such was the case for the Whitney High boys basketball team, which was blasted by Lynwood High 93-46 on Feb. 17 in a Division 5AA semifinal game. Knowing that the Wildcats still had at least one more game in their season, head coach Joseph Webber made sure his team stayed focused, kept their eyes on target while crediting the coaching staff for everyone staying balanced and doing a slow build up to what was next. That target was Sotomayor High, the CIF-Los Angeles City Section Division IV champions, which proudly displayed its trophy on the scorer’s table. Despite a sluggish first half, the Wildcats came out with a ven-

Trailing 29-26 midway through the third quarter, Sekender’s basket was the beginning of an 8-0 run to close out the stanza. Included in that rally was a rebound by Marks who went coast to coast to score the eventual game-winner with 2:15 left in the third quarter. Less than a minute into the fourth quarter, senior David Song drained a three-pointer off the glass to make it 37-32 and the Wildcats kept pushing and pushing. Then with 4:01 remaining in the contest, Sekender hit a pair of free throws to put the ‘Cats up by 10, their largest lead of the game. But the story of the game was the defensive performance by Whitney, which allowed a combined 13 points in the second and third quarters, forced seven turnovers in the second quarter and limited the Wolves to six attempts from the field in the third quarter. Whitney, the 11th-seeded team in the division for the regionals led for the first 3:06 of



THE WHITNEY HIGH team on February 14 when they defeated Compton Early College, the team is headed to the state tournament.

geance in the third quarter, turning a two-point halftime deficit into a five-point lead heading into the fourth quarter. From there, Whitney built its lead to go on for a 52-46 win over the Wolves this past Tuesday night in a Division 5 first round regional game. Whitney improved to 22-9 as it continues to enjoy one of the best seasons in the program’s history. “We talked about at half-time how they were trying to pressure us to speed up what we were doing,” said Webber. “We made a plan to be more poised; attack the pressure instead of swinging the ball, and that’s what we did. That’s why [sophomore] Morgan [Marks], [junior] Sakeef [Sekender] and all those guys got big buckets for us in that third quarter run.”

the game until Bryan Hernandez gave Sotomayor its first lead. The teams would trade the lead four more times in the first half and when Freddy Lopez sank the second of his consecutive baskets, the sixth-seeded team had its largest advantage of the contest at 25-18. But Sekender had his lone three-pointer and Marks scored on the second, and last, offensive rebound the team would get to conclude the half. “We told the boys, they played the very best they could and we haven’t played our best yet,” said Webber. “And when we go up there in the second half, it’s a great game and this is how a great game should be, but we’re going to show them what we’re made of in the second half.” [See **WHITNEY** page 13]