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Artesia Cemetery Hosts Memorial Day, Unveils 'Space Force' Plaque

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE: Gathering at the Artesia Cemetery are from (l-r), General Manager Tony Mendoza, Ms. Greater Lakewood Kamilie Gonzalez, Ms. Artesia Teen Candice Mitchell, WRD Director John Allen, Trustee Allison Stewart, Vice Chair Mike Wada, Trustee Linda Gonzalez, Chair Mike Laughlin, Supervisor Janice Hahn Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo, Senator Janet Nguyen District Representative Michelle Do, & Trustee Osvaldo Palhinha.

UNPRECEDENTED

Cerritos Begins Spending Taxpayer Dollars to Move Council Election

A Cerritos Republican Club member was overheard at a meeting saying they moved it so ABC Pres. Brad Beach can run in 2025.

By Brian Hews

Last week, Cerritos residents received an "important voter notice" in the mail regarding the controversial Cerritos election date change the City Council recently approved 3 to 2, moving the election from 2024 to 2025 and adding another year to all elected official's terms.

The election move was unprecedented in Los Angeles County municipal politics.

Republicans Bruce Barrows, who was appointed, Chuong Vo, who is a police officer sworn to uphold the law, and Naresh Solanki all voted yes. In contrast, Councilpersons Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama

voted no.

The move is particularly galling as far as Barrows is concerned; the current Mayor was not elected and would have been out in 2024.

Los Cerritos Community News presented evidence that the election change was illegal under Fair Political Practices Commission rules, given the fact that everybody on the Council is going to get an extra year of health benefits.

City Attorney Bill Ihrke, who works for Rutan and Tucker, one of the most expensive law firms in So Cal., argued that the health payments were not illegal, ignoring what to any casual observer would be a conflict of interest.

Ihrke did not recuse himself and seek outside counsel.

Ihrke relied on the Political Reform Act Section 82030(b) which states, [income is not illegal] "Salary and reimbursement for expenses or per diem, and social security, disability, or other similar benefit payments

received from a state, local, or federal government agency."

Ihrke told LCCN that health payments are included under "other similar benefit payments," but unless health payments are made after the City Councilperson leaves the Council or retires, the payments are not comparable to social se-

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LCCN EXCLUSIVE

WEB OF LIES AND COVER-UP MARK LA SERNA HIGH SCHOOL VANDALISM INCIDENT

By Brian Hews

This week, Los Cerritos Community News first reported that over forty-five La Serna High School students, most of them graduating seniors, took the idea of a senior prank far past the extreme, vandalizing the campus and spray-painting classroom walls; La Serna is part of Whittier Union High School District.

A high-level source at WUHSD told LCCN that several students were among the vandals, children of "influential people in the community," and that Superintendent Monica Oviedo was attempting to influence disciplinary decisions for certain students.

Emails from parents describe a harrowing tale of vandalism, [the students] "tagged the walls inside classrooms and outside, damaged school property, slashed the tires of school vehicles, and shattered car windows.

They also described a targeted campaign by the students aimed at certain teachers and classrooms; they stole computers, destroyed property and spray painted sexually explicit images on the walls."

The students allegedly entered the campus using keys that the son of an employee of La Serna stole from his parents.

Parents alleged some students were "being protected based on economic, political, and academic status. Some students have been suspended while others remain undisciplined due to their family's status, political connections to the Whittier City Council, or the fact that the student's parents work for the District."

They also alleged that some students are being allowed to fully participate in next week's graduation ceremony while others were excluded and suspended.

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Meta Threatens to Pull News Content in California if Bill to Pay Publishers Passes

LCCN Staff Report

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, threatened to remove news from its social media sites in California if the state passes a bill requiring big tech companies to pay news outlets for their content.

[See **META** page 11]

CA. Governor and Statewide Leaders Say Hands Off School Reading Materials

SACRAMENTO – Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, and State Superintendent Tony Thurmond sent a joint letter to all county school superintendents, district school superintendents, and charter school administrators cautioning against book bans.

The letter outlines pertinent educational civil rights and corresponding legal mandates school administrators are required to follow to preserve freedom and ensure access to

diverse perspectives and curricula.

"In the first half of this school year alone, 1,477 books were banned nationally, with teachers and librarians threatened with prison time for shelving the wrong book," said Newsom, Bonta, and Thurmond. "As state leaders elected to represent the values of all Californians, we offer our response in one shared voice: Access to books – including

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Gov. Newsom (top), Bonta, and Thurmond said hands off.

Janice Hahn

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Cerritos' 1st CEB Honor Meritorious Marine on Memorial Day



MEMBERS from the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard with members of the 1st CEB Adoption Committee at the Memorial Day event in Cerritos. The 1st CEB Meritorious Marine for the month, L/Cpl Brandon W. Allbrooks, is third from left.

Cerritos honored Lance Corporal Brandon Allbrooks, from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023.

Soon after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States and began recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA.

Follow-on training included Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, NC and the Basic Electrician course as his military specialty.

He was promoted to Private First Class (PFC) in February 2021. At the completion of his training, he reported to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion

and assigned to the Engineering Support Company. On October 1, 2022, he was promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl).

L/Cpl Allbrooks earned a meritorious distinction for himself during an extended training exercise at MC Base Twenty-Nine Palms in early 2023. L/Cpl Allbrooks and his 1st CEB unit were attached to provide engineering support to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

Due to L/Cpl Allbrooks distinguished professionalism, he received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for implementing innovative emission reductions throughout the exercise, preventing the aggressor forces from detecting the location of the Regimental Operations Center.

L/Cpl Allbrooks successfully provided sustained power generation to the Regimental Forward Command and Control Center, while continually rendering the power generation site nearly invisible to thermal imaging and preventing the targeting of the command node.

Upon his return to Camp Pendleton from Twenty-Nine Palms on February 28, 2023, L/Cpl Allbrooks was assigned the position of Assistant Records Non-commissioned Officer in the Utilities Platoon. During this time, Lance Corporal Allbrooks assisted the section in achieving a 99.6% readiness rating during a recent Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office Inspection.

L/Cpl Brandon Allbrooks has proven himself to be an excellent leader and proficient in his military specialty.

La Mirada's Summer Lineup of Activities

La Mirada is planning many events and activities for the community this summer with music, dancing, and delicious food.

The **Concerts Under the Stars** series kicks off another season on June 8 at La Mirada Regional Park. Ten summer concerts featuring different musical genres, including Top 40 hits, 80's music, Country, and a U2 tribute band will be offered through August 24. Entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m.

Market vendors will be selling tasty dishes, fresh produce, and creative crafts beginning at 5 p.m.

Bring tents and camping supplies for an evening of campfires, crafts, and an outdoor movie for a special **Father's Day camp out** on June 16 at Neff Park. For more information, call the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

La Mirada's popular **Independence Celebration** will be held on Monday, July 3 from 4 to 9:30 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. Enjoy live music from country tribute band Silver Lining and party band Elemental Funk, along with a variety of food and treats sold by food vendors. The celebration will conclude with a patriotic program and exciting fireworks display at approximately 9 p.m.

One of La Mirada's most popular summer events is the annual **Stroll in the Park at Creek Park** on Thursday, July 27 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Live bands playing a variety of music can be enjoyed as attendees stroll through the park or choose favorite bands and sit back, relax, and enjoy the music.

Splash to Buccaneer Bay. The pirate-themed water park is open daily from June 6 through August 4 and weekends through September 4. Enjoy the six-lane mat-rider slide or grab an inner tube and relax in the lazy river. Don't forget to purchase a season pass and enjoy Buccaneer Bay all summer long.

In celebration of Parks and Recreation Month, a special **"Shake, Rattle, and Roll" dance** will be held at the La Mirada Activity Center on Friday, July 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. Seniors ages 50 and older are invited to enjoy ice cream, light refreshments, and live musical entertainment. The dance is free of charge and registration is not required.

Join your neighbors during the **National Night Out** being held alongside the summer concerts on Thursday, August 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The National Night Out event brings the community and law enforcement together to heighten crime awareness and drug prevention in our community.

Please visit cityoflamirada.org for additional information on these events.

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Officials Raise Progress Pride Flag over Hall of Administration



FLYING HIGH: Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn was joined by Supervisors Lindsey Horvath, Hilda Solis, Kathryn Barger, and County Assessor Jeff Prang to raise the Progress Pride Flag over the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration for the first time in the County's history. Hahn also invited Sister Tootie Toot of the L.A. Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to give a blessing ahead of the flag raising. **Photo courtesy Los Angeles County.**

Yesterday, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn was joined by Supervisors Lindsey Horvath, Hilda Solis, Kathryn Barger, and County Assessor Jeff Prang to raise the Progress Pride Flag over the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration for the first time in the County's history.

"By raising this flag today, we are sending a bright and beautiful message to every one of our LGBTQ residents that we are proud that you have chosen LA County to be your home," said Supervisor Hahn, who initiated the flag raising. "While some try to tear down your community, we choose to lift you up. And while other counties and states are choosing to take away and deny your rights, in LA County we not only protect your rights-- we celebrate them."

Hahn also invited Sister Tootie Toot of the L.A. Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to give a blessing ahead of the flag raising.

"May this flag fly high and proud over our home, the County of Los Angeles," said Sister Tootie Toot. "May it be a lantern to bring light for those who suffer in the dark. May it be a beacon of hope to those who feel marginalized or forgotten. May this flag honor all those who have fought for equal rights. And may this flag forever be a sign that everyone is welcome in Los Angeles County."

In March, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a motion authored by Chair Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath to raise the Progress Pride Flag over the Hall of Administration this June and explore how the Progress Pride Flag can be flown over all County facilities for future Pride Months. The LA County Department of Public Social Services held a similar ceremony to raise the Progress Pride Flag over their headquarters as well.

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Hawaiian Gardens Holds Memorial Day Ceremony



HONORED: The Hawaiian Gardens City Council honored Barney Felix who served in the Cost Guard. From (l-r) Councilmember Luis Roa, Mayor pro tem Victor Farfan, Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio, Felix, & Councilmembers Dandy De Paula and Ernie Vargas. **Courtesy City of Hawaiian Gardens.**

Hawaiian Gardens honored those that have served our country in a ceremony held on Monday at the city's Veterans Memorial. Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country.

It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than

20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday.

By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday.

After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May.

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Whittier Mayor Recognizes Los Nietos Students



RECOGNITION: Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri, Councilmember Jessica Martinez recognized the Students Run LA (SRLA) program, the Chess Club programs throughout the District, and the Science Olympiad team for their accomplishments. Mayor Vinatieri and Councilmember Martinez presented recognitions from the City of Whittier.

By Brian Hews

Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri, Councilmember Jessica Martinez and the Los Nietos School District recognized the achievements of its students at the May 25th LNSD Board meeting. The event, held at the Los Nietos STEAM Middle School, recognized the Students Run LA (SRLA) program, the Chess Club programs throughout the District, and the Science Olympiad team for their accomplishments. Mayor Vinatieri and Councilmember Martinez presented recognitions from the City of Whittier.

The SRLA students impressively completed the Los Angeles Marathon earlier this year.

Members of the various Chess Clubs were recognized for their exceptional skills and strategic thinking, which they have consistently demonstrated in local and regional competitions.

Finally, he Science Olympiad students were commended for their performance in various scientific disciplines. Their knowl-

edge, and teamwork have earned them accolades and showcased their potential for future scientific endeavors.

"Our student's achievements both in and out of the classroom are a testament to the remarkable partnership between our district, our educators, city leaders, and the families within our community," said Superintendent Dr. Ramiro Rubacalba. "I want to express my deepest gratitude to the parents who go above and beyond, providing their children the necessary support, guidance, and encouragement throughout their educational journey."

Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri commended the honorees and emphasized the impact of their achievements. "I can certainly say that Whittier is on the move having witnessed the dedication and talent displayed by these remarkable students, who have not only inspired me, but so many in our community. Their accomplishments reflect the commitment to excellence fostered by the Los Nietos School District and the support provided by their families and teachers."

Cerritos Library Hosts Geographic Literacy Writing Workshop

Poet Mike Sonksen will present information about the California State Parks and lead a writing workshop focused on geographical spaces at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room.

Other speakers include prize-winning poet Jamie Asaye FitzGerald and Califor-

nia desert literature scholar Ruth Nolan.

The event is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

This free program is for ages 13 and older and does not require registration.

Journalist-historian and tour-guide Sonksen is the author of the book "Letters to My City." His essays and poems have been published in numerous outlets, including "L.A. Weekly," "O.C. Weekly," "Los Angeles Review of Books" and "Cultural Weekly."

FitzGerald's poems have appeared in "The American Poetry Review," "Works & Days" and "Mom Egg Review." Her work has also been anthologized in "Accolades: A Women Who Submit Anthology," "Coiled Serpent: Poets Arising From the Cultural Quakes & Shifts in Los Angeles" and "Wide Awake: Poets of Los Angeles & Beyond." She was awarded the Academy of American Poets College Prize and the Edward Moses Poetry Prize.

Nolan's poetry book, "After the Dome Fire," won a first runner-up award for the Hilary Gravendyk regional poetry book award and Distinguished Book Award in the Independent Press Book Awards. Nolan curates community-inclusive writing workshops throughout the Mojave Desert for the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park and the Native American Land Conservancy, and is co-founder of the Inlandia Institute community writing workshop program. She currently serves as Mojave Desert Literary Laureate.

USPS Will Raise Cost of First Class Stamp

LCCN Staff Report

In April, the United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect July 9, 2023.

The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 63 cents to 66 cents.

If approved by the PRC, the proposed increases will raise first-class mail prices approximately 5.4 percent to offset the rise in inflation.

The price for 1-ounce metered mail will increase to 63 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 51 cents.

A 1-ounce letter mailed to another country would increase to \$1.50. There will be no change to the single-piece letter and flat additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents.

The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products including Certified Mail, Post Office Box rental fees, money order fees and the cost to purchase insurance when mailing an item.

The USPS is citing the rise in operating expenses fueled by inflation and the effects of a previously defective pricing model

"The price adjustments are needed to provide the USPS with much needed revenue to achieve the financial stability sought by its Delivering for America 10-year plan. The prices of the U.S. Postal Service remain among the most affordable in the world."

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at prc.gov/dockets/daily.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.



PRESENTERS: (top) Poet Mike Sonksen, amie Asaye FitzGerald and California desert literature scholar Ruth Nolan.

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Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence Awarded \$10,000 Grant

Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence, a leading domestic violence shelter serving the Long Beach area for over 40 years, is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant of \$10,000 from the Women's Foundation of California. This grant will be instrumental in supporting the organization's critical programs and supportive services aimed at combating domestic violence in our community.

The Women's Foundation of California is a renowned nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a just and equitable society by investing in women-led organizations and initiatives. Their grant program aims to support nonprofits that address gender-based issues and work tirelessly to improve the lives of women and girls across California.

With the support of this significant grant, Su Casa will be able to enhance its programs to further its mission of ending domestic violence. The funds will benefit Su Casa's core programs, including Su Casa's short term Emer-

gency Shelter which provides safe and secure shelter; counseling and supportive services providing survivors with access to trauma-informed therapy, individual and group counseling, legal assistance, and case management. This support will also benefit the longer term Transitional Housing Shelter which survivors use to develop the life skills to reintegrate into their communities. This comprehensive approach aims to empower survivors on their journey towards healing and self-sufficiency.

Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence has been a pillar of support for survivors and their families in the Long Beach area for over four decades. This grant from the Women's Foundation of California reinforces their commitment to eradicating domestic violence and ensuring that survivors receive the necessary assistance and resources to rebuild their lives. More information is at sucasadv.org.

The Women's Foundation of California is a leading nonprofit organization committed to advancing gender equity and justice in California. Through their grantmaking, advocacy, and leadership development programs, they support women-led organizations and initiatives that address the unique challenges faced by women and girls across the state.

Residential Curb Ramps and Sidewalk Repairs in Cerritos

Cerritos has awarded a \$651,000 contract to Kalban, Inc. for curb ramps and sidewalk repairs.

The Santa Clarita-based company will replace 12,000 square feet of sidewalk; 3,000 linear feet of curb and gutter; 5,000 square feet of driveway approaches; and 20 curb ramps.

Work will also include removal of 83 parkway trees, including stump grinding

and root removal, along with planting of 47 trees in existing parkways.

The project will take place in the neighborhood located south of College Place, west of Studebaker Road, north of the Artesia Freeway and east of the San Gabriel River.

This project is funded in part by CDBG funds and is scheduled to conclude by July.

Soroptimist Int'l of Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Donates \$1,000 to State Transition Program



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs \$1000 donation for educational support. From (l-r) Gina Ayala, Soroptimist President; Lisa Robledo, CCTRP Counselor; Liliana Rivas, CCTRP Program Director and Brenda Nickelson-Cain, CCTRP Assistant Director.

Norwalk, CA—Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs' club President Gina Ayala, donated a club check for \$1,000 to Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP) to fund General Educational Development, the alternative to a High School diploma otherwise known as GED testing, bus transportation to community college classes, and other educational support for their clients. L.A. CADA-CCTRP program, funded by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, allows eligible female individuals with serious and non-serious crimes committed to State prison to serve their sentence in the community at a designated CCTRP, in lieu of confinement in State prison. The CCTRP will provide a range of rehabilitative services that assist with alcohol and drug recovery, employment, education, housing, family reunification, and social support.

Female participants who volunteer for CCTRP will be placed into the program with a minimum of 45 days and a maximum of 32 months to participate prior to their release date. All of the participants

receiving services through the CCTRP will be required to reside at the CCTRP program. CDCR will have the final decision regarding program placements and retains the right to remove participants from the program at any time.

Soroptimist President Gina Ayala said, "This donation is part of a continuing partnership between Soroptimist and CCTRP because we want to invest in the educational dreams of CCTRP women in transition."

Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs has been serving the community for 70+ years, since 1952. Between 2021-2031, Soroptimists worldwide have set a Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education. This audacious goal will increase Soroptimist International's collective impact by helping women and girls facing obstacles to economic empowerment. For information about Soroptimist membership, email sinorwalksantafesprings@soroptimist.net For more information about empowering women and girls, visit www.liveyour-dream.org

Entries Sought for Cerritos' Kids Poster & Poetry Contest

Cerritos is hosting a Kids Poster and Poetry Contest with the theme "4th of July - All American Blast." 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" x 17", and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. All poems should be up to 50 lines and typed on 8.5" x 11" paper.

Include the entrant's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or poem or use the official entry form available at cerritos.us. Submit entries to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 16.

Winning posters and poems will be displayed at cerritos.us for the month of July, starting Wednesday, July 5. The poetry winner will be recognized at the City's 50th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration on Tuesday, July 4. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

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Hutchinson Middle School Hosts Exit Interviews With Students



PANELISTS individually interviewed Hutchinson MS eighth grade class on May 25. The exit interviews are complete with a portfolio demonstrating the students' work throughout the year.

By Stepheny Guehrig

As summer quickly approaches, students are preparing for their three-month break. For eighth graders, that means preparing for high school and growing into young professionals. Arlie F. Hutchinson Middle School, located in La Mirada, takes professionalism among its students to the next level as students must participate in a school-mandated exit interview in order to complete their final year of middle school.

On May 25, Hutchinson Middle School held exit interviews for their outgoing eighth grade class in their school's library. This year was host to the first exit interviews held since the COVID-19 pandemic moved schooling to an online forum. Compared to previous years when students were allotted up to two weeks to

prepare, this year's class had much longer to prepare themselves.

"Last year was our first year back in school," said Ileana Istamboulian, the English Language Arts teacher at Hutchinson. "We gave them a month this time."

The exit interviews are complete with a portfolio demonstrating the students' work throughout the year, including subjects that they seek to improve, and subjects that they thrive in. Over the course of a month, students were able to complete their portfolios, practice answering questions and prepare with family and friends for the exit interviews.

"We've been practicing how to interview — what to do and what not to do — for about five days," Istamboulian said.

The panel of interviewers was composed of eighth graders' parents, active

La Mirada community members and even professors and staff from local universities. With about 20 interviewers, each eighth grader began their day by participating in a four-minute, one-on-one interview.

"It's going to be a very short real world experience," Istamboulian said. "All of them are required to do it; it's just a requirement for Hutchinson."

Interviewers were given a grading rubric and a list of nine questions. Each interviewer was able to select any questions they desired, and grade the student accordingly. The students were graded on a scale of one to four, one being least prepared, and four being most prepared. The interviewers were given instructions to give feedback on what each student did well in and how they can improve in their interview skills.

"We create a portfolio of their eighth grade year for their core subjects, so math, language arts, history, science, and PE. We model how to do a portfolio entry," Istamboulian said. "They had multiple times to practice and I encouraged them to practice with their friends and with their families at home."

Exit interviews for Hutchinson Middle School serve the purpose of preparing the students to enter the working world, whether it is for their first jobs in high school or entering internships. For most of these eighth graders, the exit interviews held were their first introduction to what an interview might look like in the future. Students were given the resources to prepare and succeed in their exit interviews, but were also given the resources and feedback to grow and succeed in their future endeavors in professionalism.

"I want them to get a taste of what it is. I'm not here to scare them," Istamboulian said. "But I want them to get a taste of what it's like in the real world because they will have to interview for any job."

Disneyland's Splash Mountain Shutting Down for Yearlong Renovation

(CNS) - Splash Mountain, the Disneyland flume ride that came under fire for its roots in a 1946 film criticized for racist and stereotyping undertones, will officially close at the end of the day Tuesday to begin its renovation into an attraction based on the more modern film "The Princess and the Frog."

According to Disneyland officials, the renovation project is expected to last more than a year. The re-imagined ride, which will be called "Tiana's Bayou Adventure," is scheduled to open in late 2024.

The move followed rising criticism of the original attraction that increased during nationwide protests against police brutality and in support of racial equality.

Splash Mountain is based on the 1946 animated film "Song of the South," which critics have assailed for racist undertones and stereotyping portrayals of Black characters.

"Tiana is a modern, courageous and empowered woman, who pursues her dreams and never loses sight of what's really important," a Disneyland spokesman said in 2020 in announcing the planned renovation. "It's a great story with a strong lead character, set against the backdrop of New Orleans and the Louisiana bayou."

Actress Anika Noni Rose, who voiced Tiana in the movie, will lend her voice to the revamped ride, as will actress Jennifer Lewis, who voiced Mama Odie. Also reprising their roles for the ride will be Bruno Campos as Prince Naveen and Michael Leon Wooley as Louis.

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In response to LCCN emails asking for information, WHUHSD Superintendent Oveido and the District sent out a statement to LCCN which read, "No classrooms were accessed by students, and teachers were not targeted. Moreover, there were no incidents involving defecation or urination on the campus and no instances of landscape damage or stolen property. During the incident, air was deliberately let out of the tires of a District vehicle and the windows were shattered. The District and WPD are actively working to address this matter and ensure appropriate actions are taken."

Now, additional information has emerged that shows the allegations concerning a cover-up by WUHSD Superintendent Monica Oveido, La Serna High Principal Griselda Castro, and other administrative personnel at the District.

LCCN received a call from a parent whose child was involved in the incident;

the parent forwarded a number of emails between him and Castro and Oveido.

The emails directly contradicted the statement Oveido and the District sent LCCN describing the vandalism as an inconsequential event.

Superintendent Oveido wrote in the email below, "This event, which in no way would we consider a tradition, resulted in thousands of dollars in damage to the school and district property. It also diverted our already short-handed and hard-working custodial staff numerous hours to clean up the damage, some of which will take weeks and months to repair. Some of the damage, I fear, will be permanent."

Another email from the same parent had a May 26, 2023 follow-up letter attached from La Serna Principal Griselda Castro after a meeting between Ms. Castro, Assistant Principal Marco Ramirez, and the parent.

The letter (above) was three days prior to Oveido's statement to LCCN, "In assessing the events of Sunday, May

Dear Mr. and Mrs. ...

It is with a heavy heart and sadness that I am notifying you that your daughter, ... will be denied the privilege of participating in the La Serna graduation ceremony on June 7, 2023.

This decision was not made lightly. In assessing the events of Sunday, May 21, the actions of the students that night resulted in thousands of dollars in damage and many hours of clean up by our maintenance staff. This went well beyond what a reasonable person would consider a harmless prank. Moreover, it is our determination that your daughter's social media post calling students to "bring shit from home" and "bring whatever you want and do whatever at school" encouraged numerous students to engage in trespassing, vandalism, and a generally unsafe environment. It is our finding that these actions merit such a significant consequence.

In accordance with Board Policy 5127, I am also notifying you that should you desire to appeal

INCONSISTENT: May 26 letter from La Serna Principal Griselda Castro to the same parent also describing the damage in the "thousands of dollars." The letter directly contradicted the statement sent to LCCN citing "little damage."

21, the actions of the students that night resulted in thousands of dollars in damage and many hours of clean up by our maintenance staff. This went well beyond what a reasonable person would consider

a harmless prank."

Then LCCN received an email from Lisa Barnes, Intervention Specialist at La Serna High, who vilified LCCN's article calling it "80% misinformation."

Like Oveido, Barnes belittled the vandalism writing, "The vandalism was a few messages in spray paint and a slashing of tires of a service vehicle as well as some damage done with eggs and chocolate sauces. Students who participated in vandalism or invitation to the prank or opening of campus were punished more strictly than ones who TPD [toilet papered] or used sidewalk chalk, etc."

LCCN then sent Barnes Superintendent Oveido's email "describing thousands in damage" asking for response, Barnes has not responded at time of publication.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 10:15:27 AM PDT, Monica Oveido <monica.oveido@wuhsd.org> wrote:

Mrs.
Thank you for reaching out to us to share your thoughts about the unfortunate events that occurred at La Serna over the weekend. This event, which in no way would we consider a tradition, resulted in thousands of dollars in damage to the school and district property. It also diverted our already short-handed and hard working custodial staff numerous hours to clean up the damage, some of which will take weeks and months to repair. Some of the damage, I fear, will be permanent.

The meeting of which you speak is not open to any members of the public, but rather is to bring our district leadership up to speed on the extent of the damage and repairs to date, the students involved and their specific actions (per the investigatory efforts of the school administration), and to determine the progressive disciplinary consequences recommended by Mrs. Castro and her team.

After that meeting, Mrs. Castro will communicate a confirmation or revision of consequences as well as the next steps in the process to all of the students; per our [Board Policy 5127](#), each of the affected students will have the opportunity to respond

Sincerely,

Monica M.Oveido, Ed.D.

COVER UP? May 24 email from Superintendent Oveido to a parent whose child was involved in the vandalism. The email directly contradicted the statement sent to LCCN citing "little damage."

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JOHN GLENN'S UDENGWU STRUGGLES IN CIF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, FAILS TO REACH MEDAL ROUND

By Loren Kopff

After throwing a 179-9 in the CIF state preliminaries last Friday in Clovis, the sixth best mark out of 25 competitors, John Glenn High senior Mikel Udengwu couldn't repeat the same success the next day in the finals. Udengwu had one positive throw amongst his first three and was unable to stay in the top nine required to move on to the next three throws.

Udengwu faulted on his first two attempts, then threw a 159-07 on his third attempt, which put him in 11th place. JSerra High's Brandon See, who has been one of Udengwu's top rivals, threw a 196-04 on his first attempt, then faulted on his other five throws. He still took home the state championship with three other CIF-Southern Section competitors receiving medals.

SOFTBALL

In just its third season of existence, the CIF had its Southern California Regionals for softball. Normally, it's for the CIF-SS division champion, runner-up and sometimes a semifinalist from each division. However, because of the popularity of travel softball and the demands and

expectations that come with it, a lot of teams that went deep into the playoffs opted not to play in the regionals. On Friday, May 19, the assistant commissioner of the CIF-SS offered La Mirada High head coach Brent Tuttle an invitation to the team because Norco High and Pacifica High were backing out regardless of the outcome of their Division 1 championship game.

"My thing was I put it out on a group text, and I told the girls they needed to give me an answer within the hour or so and they were buzzing on [that] Friday," said Tuttle. "Then once they realized the travel ball implications and all that, there was some hesitancy. We lost a couple of girls after that, but we were going to put together whatever we can and try to be competitive."

The Matadores hosted Torrance High this past Tuesday in the first round of the regionals, a 16-2 win by Torrance. Both teams won their respective leagues in the regular season but were knocked out at home in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs. Tuttle said he didn't know what the criteria was that allowed La Mirada to be invited to the regionals after the champi-

onship game opponents backed out. La Mirada ended the regular season ranked seventh in the division.

"It was just a fun game for us to play," said Tuttle. "Now next year if we're in it...CIF really needs to fix it. I didn't realize it was going to be as strenuous as it was as far as strict [rules]. I sent an email asking if kids could play and stop playing travel ball at that point and they said, 'no, they've already played a game', which I understand. Rules are rules. But for these kids, it's just another game."

La Mirada had not played since its May 4 loss to Pacifica High in the first round and since then, there have been several travel games, plus an All-Star game that the invited La Mirada players were told they could not play in both that game and the regionals. On top of all that, La Mirada had its graduation this past Tuesday night, some four and a half hours after the Torrance began, which was moved from 4:00 to 2:30. Four seniors were on the La Mirada team, three of whom played against Torrance and left before the game was over.

"I think they need to fix it," said Tuttle. "I think all the [CIF]



JOHN GLENN HIGH discus thrower Mikel Udengwu is flanked by throwers coach Ray Neimann and Glenn HS track and field head coach Andy De La Torre. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

sections need to be ending at the same time and the tournament needs to happen before Memorial Day, whether everybody starts the softball season a week earlier or...but that's something that all the sections in Califor-

nia are going to have to come in agreement. Because, when you have teams that just finished Thursday and you're waiting and waiting, and these kids want to go out and play travel ball. It's a big thing for them."

CIF-SS CALIFORNIA DIVISION I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LA MIRADA'S SEASON ENDS WITH CRUSHING DEFEAT TO TORRANCE

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

Brent Tuttle and his La Mirada High softball team thought the season was over following a 6-5, eight inning loss to Pacifica High back on May 4 in the first round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 playoffs. Fast forward to May 19 when the head coach accepted an invitation to the CIF Southern California Regionals and just like that, the Matadores season wasn't quite over.

La Mirada hosted Torrance High this past Tuesday in the first round of the regionals, just hours before four seniors were graduating, and an early lead turned into a romp by Torrance, which battered and bruised the Matadores 16-2. Not only did three of the four seniors depart the game before it was over so they could get ready for the graduation ceremonies at Whittier College, sophomore pitcher Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas left the game after two innings because of a little discomfort in her knees, according to Tuttle. He said she twisted her knee during a bullpen session on Sunday.

"For travel ball, she has to be 100 percent; this is a big recruiting year for her," said Tuttle. "She wanted to go back out there, and it just wasn't worth it. I not going to risk a kids' future over a game."

Reyes-Cardenas threw 15 pitches in a perfect top of the first inning, striking out the first two batters. In the bottom half of the frame, Emma Hayashida walked sophomore shortstop Amanda Urbina, who went to second on a sacrifice from sophomore center fielder Alyssa Avila. That was followed by a double to the left field gap from sophomore third base-

man Angelyna Conde. Later in the inning, sophomore catcher Angelie Kennedy reached on an error, allowing Conde to score the second run.

But Kennedy would be the last baserunner for the Matadores, who collected a season-low one hit and surrendered a season-high 16 runs. On Feb. 18 in the last game of the Savanna Showcase, La Mirada fell to Edison High 16-11. "We did what we had to do," said Tuttle. "We came out, tried to field a team and after that third inning, we were kind of deflated a little bit."

Torrance, which had winning streaks of six, four and 13 games in the season before losing to Huntington Beach High 12-1 in the first round of the playoffs, also on May 4, scored once in the second. In the third, the Tartars scored seven times, then another six in the fourth inning before closing the game with two in the fifth.

The first senior to leave the game was second baseman Kaylee Giron, who struck out in the second inning for the first out. Next was first baseman Natalie Craig, who sent a deep fly ball to the left field fence in the third inning. Craig left the game in the middle of the fourth inning and the last senior who played was Cambria Martinez, a replacement for Giron. Pitcher Elisa Castro, who didn't play, is the other senior for the Matadores.

"We tried to get the game moved to Wednesday," said Tuttle. "[Torrance] said they wouldn't have enough players because they're in the same boat. They only have 10 players and they said if we played tomorrow, they would have eight. So, we moved it up as early as

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD.

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Answer at bottom right of page 11.

Solution: 8 letters

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curity or disability.

Despite the Ihrke ruling, in recent weeks, Vo and Solanki have, due to LCCN's exposé on the vote debacle, voted to give up their benefits at a public meeting.

The election move is not going to be cheap. A staff report indicated the election move would cost the city \$200,000, but the last time the city was forced to move an election – due to a bill passed in the legislature - it cost nearly \$300,000.

It is \$300,000 the city did not need to spend - on top of the extra year of pay and benefits the Council members will receive.

Ulterior Motive and Brown Act Violation

Several sources have told LCCN that the City Council moved the election to give current ABC Unified School District President Brad Beach the opportunity to run for City Council without having to resign his ABC seat; Beach's ABC term ends in 2024.

That should get the attention of the FPPC to initiate a possible Brown Act Violation investigation of Barrows, Solanki and Vo.

As evidence of possible collusion, at a recent Cerritos Republican Club meeting, one member was overheard saying that they moved the election because "Democrats don't vote in odd years and we want Brad Beach in there."

LCCN sent emails to Beach but has yet to receive a response.

Most residents on both sides of the aisle are unhappy with the election date move. When given a chance to comment at a City Council meeting, over 40 people spoke against the move, while only

two approved.

During the meeting, in a characteristic move, Barrows moved the election agenda item back so that those who wanted to speak had to wait longer.

Many residents think the election move will backfire when it comes to election time in 2025; there will three seats open, Barrows and Solanki are termed out while Vo is up for reelection. Democratic voters outnumber Republicans nearly two to one in Cerritos.

"That's why they moved the election," said one resident who did not want to be identified, "it is an off-year election with usually low turnout, that's how the Republicans roll in Cerritos. But not this time, we are going to rally in 2025 and vote them out."

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we possibly could. You never know. Today at 4:00 or 4:30, if we're still playing, I may have three or four seniors jumping in their cars and getting over they could shower and get ready for graduation." After throwing 33 pitches in the first inning, Hayashida combined for 40 over the next four innings. Every Torrance starter reached base and eight of them had at least one hit and scored at least one run. The top four in the lineup-Kaitlyn Wynia, DaCosta, Emily Schepp and Mazee Martinez-combined to go eight for 15 with 12 runs batted in and eight runs scored.

Despite the loss and everything going on leading up to the game, Tuttle said he still welcomed the fact that his team participated in the program's first state regional, which is in its third year. "It doesn't matter, I'll put them up against anybody in the state," said Tuttle.

"We're not scared of anybody, but some of their minds were on graduation, the injuries, the illness...and they still came out here and played. They didn't have to, but they did."

La Mirada wraps up another great season at 18-9, winning the inaugural Gateway League with a 7-1 record. The Matadores went 4-4 against Division 1 teams from the Southern Section and 2-1 against Division 2 teams. They went 2-2 in the Savanna Showcase at the beginning of the season, 3-2 in the Dave Kops Tournament of Champions and 3-1 in the La Mirada Showcase. The pitching staff posted six shutouts and had eight more games in which it allowed either one or two runs. However, the Matadores lost at home to Pacifica after blowing a four-run first inning lead. Pacifica scored three times in the top of the seventh to take a 5-4 lead.

"I couldn't have been happier with this season," said Tuttle. "We lose Natalie, and that's a big thing. But there's some good kids coming. I know, as far as freshmen coming up. You never know who else is going to come into our program. But we know we have some local kids that are really good coming up. So, with that addition, and then the core coming back, it's going to be a fun season. This was just a taste. "Losing that Pacifica game was a learning curve for these girls," he continued. "And now they know that hey, you score your four and you have to more on the board. You can't put five zeros on the board [after that]. I can't wait to get back on the field with this group. They're going to go off and do great things in the summer and when we come back [in the fall], I can't wait to get in the weightroom, do what we have to do and prepare them for next year."

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books that reflect the diverse experiences and perspectives of Californians, and especially, those that may challenge us to grapple with uncomfortable truths – is a profound freedom we all must protect and cultivate."

The joint letter sent today highlights case law and constitutional precedent that restricts the removal of books from libraries and schools; the responsibilities of school administrators to provide students exposure to various world views; and the legal mandates that require school administrators to provide an unbiased curriculum to students and preserve freedom of speech.

Additionally, the joint letter informs local educational agencies that if they remove or ban instructional materials from classrooms or libraries, they may be requested to provide information to the Attorney General's Office for analysis.

While other states ban books, California is improving education outcomes and investing tens of billions of dollars to improve literacy.

California outperformed most states — including Florida and Texas — in mitigating learning loss during the pandemic, and through historic levels of school funding, the state is building a cohesive structure of support for educators and students that reflects a focus on equity, inclusion, and academic success.



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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 23204, BID NO. 1508-23. 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: CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 23204, BID NO. 1508-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of installing new security doors within the City Hall building, which consists of installing new doors and sidelights, providing electrical supply to doors, etc. as required per plans and specifications. Also, modify existing handrails at the exterior ramp per ADA guidelines. **Bid Opening: Wednesday, June 21, 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: "CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 23204, BID NO. 1508-23." 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. 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," "B," and/or "D-28." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. 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. 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. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 06/20/2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

Rafael Urbino- Furniture
Aaron Reid - boxes of clothes, bedframe, mattress and dresser Hermelinda Monroy- Tools
Kyle Ward- furniture, boxes and tools Antonia Dagostaro - Household items
Linda Iheanetu- shoes, clothing, tables, household items Paul Kiefer- Household goods
Martha Cibrian- Household items
Maggie Ross - clothing, electronics, furniture James Williams - House items
Michelle Perez - Household items, future Michelle Alaniz - Household items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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 PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA
ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-25 BIENNIAL BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described below:

WHEN: Tuesday, June 13, 2023
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: City of Pico Rivera, Parks & Recreation Community Room
6767 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
TELEPHONE: (562) 801-4389

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: City Council is to conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation Community Room for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2023-25 Biennial Budget.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER may do so in the following ways:

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City's website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live> .
- (3) Email public comments to publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
- (4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3381

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3381 through 3385, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

- 1. Nonresidential commercial parcels, as defined in R&TC Section 3691, which will have been defaulted for three or more years;
2. Parcels on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded, which will have been defaulted for three or more years;
3. Parcels that can serve the public benefit and a request has been made by the County of Los Angeles, a city within the County of Los Angeles, or nonprofit organization to purchase the parcels through Chapter 8 Agreement Sales pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.4, which will have been defaulted for three or more years.

The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Friday, June 30, 2023, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the tax collector's power to sell, but it terminates at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the last business day before the scheduled auction of the property by the Tax Collector.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit our website at tcc.lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have

accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of Friday, June 30, 2023.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 6th day of April, 2023.

Signature of Keith Knox, Treasurer and Tax Collector, County of Los Angeles, State of California

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The real property that is the subject of this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

- PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2020 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
2734 \$9,184.25
IBS ACQUISITION CORP C/O LESTER ROMANO
SITUS:14405 ARTESIA BLVD LA MIRADA CA 90638-5804
AIN: 7003-012-019
2735 \$1,741.89
MISSION PLAZA PROPERTIES LTD SITUS:16401 BERWYN RD CERRITOS CA 90703-2440 AIN: 7003-013-008
3038 \$5,023.51
SAREGA, ION AND ANETA AIN: 8087-015-018
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2018 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
3019 \$4,626.80
DEL ORBE, CHRISTIAN AND RUTH SITUS:14365 TEDFORD DR WHITTIER CA 90604-2938 AIN: 8031-026-014
3020 \$22,972.00
MORGAN, H M TR H M MORGAN TRUST SITUS:12027 EDDERTON AVE WHITTIER CA 90604-3044 AIN: 8032-004-004
3022 \$29,019.11
RIGGINS, LLEWYN W SITUS:16540 GREYSTONE DR NO 123 LA MIRADA CA 90638-6269 AIN: 8037-047-140
3023 \$16,036.65
PLASCNECIA, DONNA M SITUS:15016 GREENWORTH DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-2333 AIN: 8038-017-006
3032 \$47,680.45
THOMETZ, CRAIG S AND PATRICIA L SITUS:14020 MARQUARDT AVE SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670-5019 AIN: 8059-028-038
3039 \$4,841.66
RAHMANY, JABER A SITUS:15024 CRESTOAK DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-4547 AIN: 8088-001-019
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lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all de-faulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of Friday, June 30, 2023.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 6th day of April, 2023.

Signature of Keith Knox, Treasurer and Tax Collector, County of Los Angeles, State of California

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The real property that is the subject of this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

- PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2020 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
2740 \$219.06
MORA, EDUARDO CO TR MORA AND ZULUAGA TRUST
AIN: 7034-022-107
2741 \$31,298.51
KOKA, VENKATESH ET AL KOKA, SATYA P SI-TUS:18621 PIONEER BLVD ARTESIA CA 90701-5629 AIN: 7039-011-009
2742 \$41,735.24
KOKA, VENKATESH R SITUS:18616 PIONEER BLVD ARTESIA CA 90701-5630 AIN: 7040-020-020
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2018 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
2739 \$7,841.86
MADDOX, NICHOLAS AND TENAY TRS MADDOX FAMILY TRUST SITUS:17909 SAN GABRIEL AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-2618 AIN: 7034-021-016
2744 \$7,778.90
RIOS, EARLINE J TR RIOS FAMILY TRUST SI-TUS:11652 GONSALVES ST CERRITOS CA 90703-7453 AIN: 7050-018-005
CN996844 538 May 26, Jun 2, 2023

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, June 13, 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:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Unit #. Rows include Wellington Tilley, Jr (132), Angela Norris (110), and Angela Norris (F58).

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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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

At the Board Meeting of June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom-16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the LCAP and the Budget of the District for the fiscal year 2023-2024, prior to Final Adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103. The proposed budget will be on file and available for public inspection at the following location should members of the public wish to review the budget prior to the public hearing.

Location: ABC Unified School District 16700 Norwalk Blvd. Cerritos, Ca. 90703

Date(s): June 2 - 5, 2023 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF RICHARD CHAN Case No. 23STPB04654

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD CHAN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William Chan in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William Chan be appointed as personal representa-tive to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 6, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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 rep-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: W STEVEN CHOU ESQ SBN 202412

LAW OFFICES OF W STEVEN CHOU PLC 6 CENTERPOINTE DR STE 700 LA PALMA CA 90623 CN996643 CHAN May 19,26, Jun 2, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SCOTT DELANE WILLESON CASE NO. 23STPB05062

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SCOTT DELANE WILLESON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAMI SOBER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TAMI SOBER 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. (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: 07/31/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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: C. TRACY KAYSER - SBN 230022, KAYSER LAW GROUP, APC

1407 N. BATAVIA ST., SUITE 103 ORANGE CA 92867 BSC 223360 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/23 CNS-3700344# LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-610

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 32, FIRE CODE, OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2022 EDITION, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 15.20 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2023, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced for first reading, Ordinance No. 2023-610, which proposes to adopt the 2022 Edition of the California Fire Code, as adopted by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on January 31, 2023, with certain local changes (Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 2023-0008). The proposed Ordinance will amend Chapter 15.20 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code.

A copy of Ordinance No. 2023-610 is on file with the Office of the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Second reading and adoption of the ordinance are scheduled for June 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

Posted: June 1, 2023 Published: June 2, 2023

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In a statement posted on Twitter, Andy Stone, Meta's communications director, called California's Journalism Preservation Act "a slush fund that primarily benefits big, out-of-state media companies under the guise of aiding California publishers."

"The bill fails to recognize that publishers and broadcasters put their content on our platform themselves and that substantial consolidation in California's local news industry came over 15 years ago, well before Facebook was widely used," Stone said.

The bill, sponsored by Assembly-member Buffy Wicks, D-Oakland, requires digital companies such as Google and Facebook to pay local news publishers a "journalism usage fee" whenever their news content is used or posted on those platforms. The bill also requires news publishers to invest 70% of usage fee profits into journalism jobs.

"This threat from Meta is a scare tactic that they've tried to deploy,

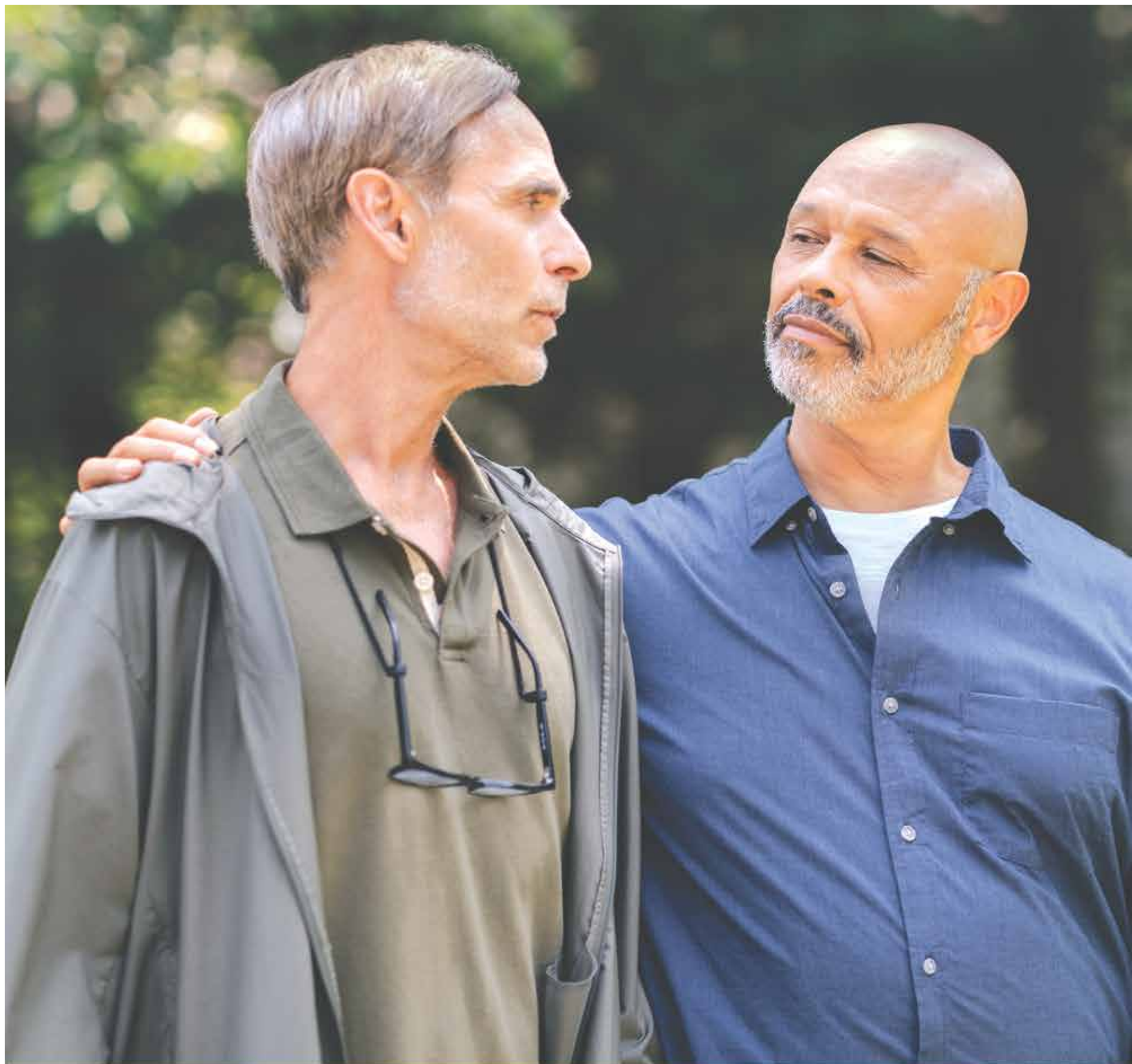
unsuccessfully, in every country that's attempted this," Wicks said in a statement. "It's egregious that one of the wealthiest companies in the world would rather silence journalists than face regulation."

According to a spokesperson for Wicks, the bill is due for a vote in the California State Assembly on Thursday.

The bill has garnered praise from some of the largest journalism unions in California, including Media Guild of the West and Pacific Media Workers Guild. In a joint letter, the two unions called Meta and Google "powerful landlords overseeing an ever-expanding slum of low-quality information, happy to collect advertising rents from struggling tenants while avoiding paying for upkeep."

However, the bill also has its detractors. Free Press Action, a non-profit media advocacy organization, has criticized the bill as doing "nothing to support trustworthy local reporting and would instead pad the profits of massive conglomerates."

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