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605 All-Star Band Chosen for the 2025 Rose Parade

605 All-Star Band members are from Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Gahr, John Glenn, La Mirada, Mayfair and Norwalk High Schools.

By Brian Hews

Students from eight ABC, Norwalk-LaMirada and Bellflower Unified School District high schools will march in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2025. The schools - Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Gahr, John Glenn, La Mirada, Mayfair and Nor-

walk High Schools total more than 400 musicians and color guard members.

The superband submitted an audition video to Tournament of Roses this past December and eagerly awaited for the call.

This week, students from all eight high school bands and color guards learned about the honor of performing in the 2025 Rose Parade.

The “reveal” of the acceptance video from Ed Morales, the president of the Tournament of Roses Parade, was timed so that

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THE 605 All-Star Band will have 400 members from eight schools and three districts, unprecedented in Rose Parade history.

Bellflower Man Who Led Large Drug Trafficking Organization Sentenced to Prison

LCCN Staff Report

A 35-year-old man from Bellflower, California who was a leader of a multi-state methamphetamine and fentanyl distribution ring was sentenced to 15 years in prison in U.S. District Court in Seattle for drug trafficking crimes, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Tessa M. Gorman.

At the sentencing hearing, U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour said, “I can’t remember a prior sentencing involving this quantity of methamphetamine.”

The man, identified as Jose

Maldonado-Ramirez, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and conspiracy to commit money laundering, in March 2023.

According to records filed in the case, Maldonado-Ramirez’s narcotics operation was moving drugs from California and distributing them in King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, and Kitsap counties in Washington.

The drug trafficking organization was also distributing drugs to locations in the southeastern United States, the Midwest, the Northeast and all the way to Fiji.

“Our office tries to combat the fentanyl crisis by identify-

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HAWAIIAN GARDENS HOLDS COMMUNITY EVENT

PARTICIPANTS at the start line in anticipation of the Fun Walk, Run and Bike Open Street Event on Sept. 23. Obstacle courses and bubble zones were just some of the fun of the community event.

By Stepheny Gehrig

On Sept. 23, Hawaiian Gardens held its Fun Walk, Run and Bike Open Street Event from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Civic Center Dr.

The event was filled with challenges and fun activities for all participants. From obstacle courses to a bubble zone, attendees had the option to participate in the challenges or to continue walking, running or biking.

Filled with fun and care-free activities, the event was joyous and focused on building community.

With inflatable jumpers, a rock climbing wall, a crafting booth and a station where staff tossed different color powder on participants, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The course took over Civic Center Dr. as the street was shut down between Pioneer and Norwalk which allowed for a safe car-free event. The street was set up for participants to walk, run, bike or rollerskate, while also accommodating those with strollers.

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Sup. Hahn Motion Secures \$15.6 Million Grant for Sheriffs to Fight Organized Retail Theft

By Brian Hews

This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Chair Janice Hahn and Supervisor Hilda Solis securing a \$15.6 million grant to fund the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s response to organized retail theft.

“The shameless smash and grabs need to be stopped,” said Supervisor Hahn. “These are not petty thefts -- these are organized violent operations that rob businesses of thousands

upon thousands of dollars in merchandise, physically damage stores, and traumatize retail workers. This is a priority and with this \$15.6 million grant, the Sheriff’s Department will have new resources to prevent these smash-and-grabs and root out the criminal organizations behind them.”

Supervisor Hahn’s motion secures a \$15.6 million grant awarded by the State to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to fight organized retail crime. LASD will use

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SHERIFF LUNA (left) presents his plan to combat theft in conjunction with Chair Hahn’s (center) motion to fund the program.

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The city of Cerritos honored Sergeant Tyler Rehbockrotunno, from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton this past Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Tyler Rehbockrotunno and his wife, Karolina, spent the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of several Cerritos companies.

After graduation, he attended Marine Combat Training (MCT) at School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California followed by the Combat Engineer Course at Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune.

In January 2021, L/Cpl Rehbockrotunno received orders to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California where he was assigned as a Combat Engineer in the Mobility Assault Company. He was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) two months later in March

2021. Once again due to his superior performance in his engineering duties, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal in July 2022. In September 2022, Cpl Rehbockrotunno was assigned to Alpha Company 1st Platoon as a Squad Leader for 3rd squad.

He is dedicated to the Marines in his charge and the missions to which they have been assigned.

Sergeant Rehbockrotunno has proven himself to be an excellent leader and proficient in his military specialty.

He diligently accomplishes whatever tasks are assigned to him. Sergeant Tyler Rehbockrotunno has distinguished himself through his high standards, work ethic, and performance in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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Over 1,000 Attend LA Opera Event in La Mirada



AREA RESIDENTS watch Don Giovanni remotely at La Mirada Regional Park last Saturday night. The event was sponsored in part by Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Cerritos to Acquire 'Moulding Our Future' Sculpture

The Cerritos City Council recently approved the acquisition of the award-winning "Moulding Our Future" sculpture by Colorado artist Denny Haskew for possible placement in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden.

It is the last remaining art piece in the limited edition of nine pieces. The total cost of the artwork, including shipping and insurance costs and contingency funding, is \$52,000. The cost will be charged to the City's Artwork in Public Places fund.

Standing 86 inches tall, the artwork captures a simple moment between moth-

er and child. Artist Haskew incorporates the themes of spirit, love, forgiveness, healing, relationship, endurance, the sacredness of the human spirit and the strength in each of us – the power of all that is natural.

The mold for "Moulding Our Future" was destroyed years ago, making it a limited edition because no other piece can be created without the mold.



Moulding Our Future will cost \$52,000.

Ron Wilkerson Appointed La Palma Chief of Police

Staff Report

Following the retirement of Chief Terry Kim, La Palma city Manager Conal McNamara has appointed Ron Wilkerson Chief of Police; Sergeant Joe Guerrero was named Captain.

Chief Wilkerson is a 27-year veteran of the La Palma Police Department, formerly serving as Captain overseeing the department's administrative functions.

During his employment, Ron has been assigned to the patrol division as a Watch Commander, served as a Sergeant, and has held several special assignments, including Administrative Sergeant, Corporal, Motor Officer, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Rangemaster. He also spent over six years as a Team Leader and Supervisor for the North Orange County SWAT Team. Chief Wilkerson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management and is a graduate of the Sherman Block Leadership Institute, the California Peace Officers Association Leadership Development Program, P.O.S.T. Executive Development Course, and possesses a Management Certificate from the California Peace Officers Standards of Training (P.O.S.T.). He has received several commendations, including the police department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor, and was named city of La Palma Supervisory Employee of the Year for 2015.

"Chief Wilkerson has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities, a deep understanding of the community's needs, and a commitment



Chief Wilkerson

to fostering positive relationships with residents and stakeholders," McNamara said.

"I extend my warmest congratulations to our newly appointed Chief Wilkerson. His many years of service and dedication to our community aligns seamlessly with our vision for a safe and thriving La Palma," said Mayor Debbie Baker.

Upon appointment to Chief, Wilkerson named Sergeant Joe Guerrero as Police Captain for the Operations Division, effective September 25, 2023. Captain Guerrero joined the Department in 1996 and has held several critical roles including most recently serving as the Supervisor of the Detective Bureau. Captain Guerrero holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University and is a graduate of the National Command & Staff College and Sherman Block Leadership Institute. In 2016, Guerrero was named city of La Palma Supervisory Employee of the Year.

The city will hold a reception and a formal swearing-in in October 2023 for both Chief Wilkerson and Captain Guerrero.

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Political Corruption

One Party Demands Resignation, the Other Enables

By Mark Z. Barabak

When New Jersey Democratic senator Robert Menendez was indicted for alleged bribery — a Mercedes, gold bars, envelopes stuffed with cash — the reaction from the state’s governor was swift and sure.

“These are serious charges that implicate national security and the integrity of our criminal justice system,” Democrat Phil Murphy said in a statement, which included an obligatory nod to every citizen’s innocent-unless-proven-guilty guarantee.

“The alleged facts are so serious that they compromise the ability of Senator Menendez to effectively represent the people of our state,” Murphy said. “Therefore, I am calling for his immediate resignation.”

Other Democrats followed suit, including California Rep. Adam B. Schiff.

“The allegations in the indictment of Senator Menendez are shocking,” he wrote on Twitter, er, X. “If accurate, they represent the most profound betrayal of his oath of office, the gravity of the matter demands his resignation.”

The condemnation from Menendez’s fellow partisans stand in stark contrast to the see-no-evil response of countless Republicans who not only excuse the serial indictments of former President Trump but also double-down in support.

“Menendez needs to switch parties,” cracked George Conway, the conservative attorney and co-founder of the Trump tormenting Lincoln Project.

In 2015, Menendez was indicted on federal bribery charges involving cash and lavish vacations received from a Florida eye doctor. The case ended in a mistrial after jurors failed to reach a verdict and the government decided to not retry him.

The latest case, rendered in a 39-page indictment, accuses Menendez and his wife, Nadine, of accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes to wield his political influence on behalf of the Egyptian government and business associates in New Jersey.

Authorities said a search of their home turned up more than \$480,000 in cash stuffed in envelopes and jackets embroidered with Menendez’s name, more than \$100,000 in gold bars and a Mercedes-Benz convertible parked in the couple’s garage.

From a cynical viewpoint, it’s easy to see why Democrats feel free to express outrage and cast aside the senator. They get a free pass. Murphy, after all, would surely exercise his power as governor and replace Menendez with another Democrat, thus maintaining the party’s control of the chamber.

Removing Menendez would also eliminate the possibility of putting his seat in play in 2024, when Democrats face a stiff

challenge keeping their tenuous majority, and reduce the risk of him dragging down Democrats in New Jersey’s legislative contests this fall.

“I understand personal loyalty and I understand the depths of friendship, but somebody needs to take a stand here,” former New Jersey Democratic Sen. Robert Torricelli told the New York Times. “This is not about him — it’s about holding the majority.”

Whatever the motivation, doing the right thing is still doing the right thing. (Notably AWOL from the Menendez-must-go movement is his fellow New Jersey senator, Democrat Cory Booker, whose silence has been thunderous.)

Not that Menendez is budging.

He lost his chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stepping down as required by Democrats’ Senate bylaws. But he made clear Monday at a news conference that he will ignore calls to resign, even as he strains credulity to the breaking point.

All that lucre secretly stashed around the house? A form of personal insurance, Menendez suggested, resulting from trauma he faced as the son of Cuban immigrants

It’s the second time he’s played the ethnic-victim card.

In his initial response to Friday’s indictment, Menendez claimed he was falsely accused because he is a “Latin American” who rose from humble origins — as if boot-strapping from modest means has been outlawed for the nation’s second-largest ethnic group.

It’s a cynical and pathetic ploy that, in and of itself, makes him worthy of condemnation.

Unsurprisingly, Menendez did not answer questions from reporters at Monday’s appearance, including whether in 2024 he would seek reelection and an extension of his nearly 50-year political career. Already he’s drawn an opponent, three-term New Jersey Rep. Andy Kim, a fellow Democrat, who said he’ll run against Menendez if he tries for another term. Others may jump into the race, and good for them.

The justice system will weigh Menendez’s guilt or innocence. But his party’s peers aren’t waiting for that to happen.

“Thanks to Democrats who are calling on Menendez to quit,” California’s former Democratic senator, Barbara Boxer, tweeted following his news conference.

“Sorry, it is not normal to have closets full of cash and BTW, just a couple of gold bars hanging around from ‘friends.’ Nobody’s indispensable & if we are to save America we better have people who won’t sell their souls.”

Republicans should pay heed and hold Trump to account.

Whitney High School Chinese Parents Association



DUAL ENROLLMENT: With Dr. Shin Liu, Cerritos College Board President, 3rd from left are parents and Whitney High Principal Dr. Tuesday Stoffers, far right.

By Linda J. Hernández

Dr. Shin Liu, Cerritos College Board President, recently attended a Whitney High School Chinese Parents Association event along with Principal, Tuesday Stoffers. They both enjoyed meeting many parents there and answering

questions regarding Dual Enrollment in the local community college’s Early College Program with the high school. Dr. Liu has also implemented numerous college student interchange programs, English and Chinese Language Instruction and other learning opportunities with her counterparts in Taiwan.

La Mirada’s Fall Festival Returns

Dust off your cowboy boots and best western attire for the annual Fall Festival to be held on Thurs., Oct. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center, located at 13810 La Mirada Blvd. The celebration includes line dancing, games, lunch, and dessert. This is a free event to attend.

Lunch is available through Café on the Green for a suggested donation of \$2.75. Lunch reservations must be made by Friday, October 6 by calling (562) 947-8787.

For additional information, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160 or visit cityoflamirada.org.

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Bellflower Civic Chorus Takes on Broadway



BROADWAY! On Sep. 16 and 17, the chorus performed two shows for their fall performance, "Nothing Beats Broadway." Next show, Happy Holidays, is December 9.

By **Stephany Gehrig**

The lights dimmed as the stage curtains were drawn, and the performance began; the voices of the Bellflower Civic Chorus filled the room as they started with "Steppin' Out on Broadway."

On Sep. 16 and 17, the chorus performed two shows for their fall performance, "Nothing Beats Broadway." Running about two and a half hours, including a 10-minute intermission, 20 songs were showcased.

The first half of the show was filled with classic Broadway medleys including "South Pacific" and "Guys and Dolls". The second half of the performance catered to more contemporary hits from Broadway-to-film shows like "Mama Mia!" and "The Greatest Showman".

With 33 members, 20 were able to snag a solo in the show, allowing for almost every member to share time in the limelight. Dressed in formal attire -- black and white suits -- some soloists were able to add spark to their performance as they changed into outfits that corresponded to their songs.

Entering the stage in a phenomenal red floor-length dress and dazzling jewelry, singer Alma Gamez strikingly performed "Don't Cry for Me Argentina". Singing in both English and Spanish, Gamez hit each

note with ease.

Robert Brooks, known for his Elvis-like voice, made his presence known on stage. Singing "Jailhouse Rock," Brooks took the stage with a black and white striped shirt as the audience roared with applause.

Soloists Cynthia Corona and Joel Slenk gave outstanding performances on stage. Corona sang "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun" with flair and personality. Her confidence was palpable as she took to the stage with a cowgirl hat, bandana and shining smile. Slenk charismatically performed an intimate and sincere rendition of "Try to Remember".

The chorus, directed by Joshua Beall, with Hani Yang, accompanist, and Jonathan Paxton, drummer, performed beautifully. The show was nothing short of fun and entertaining.

"The Bellflower Civic Chorus is comprised of singers of all ages and backgrounds," Beall said. "The chorus was established in 1965 and has withstood the test of time through generous donors, membership recruitment and music enthusiasts who attend the concerts.

Their next performance lined up is titled Happy Hollydays! It will be held at the William and Jane Bristol Auditorium on Dec. 9 and 10 at 2:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10.

What Makes a High School Great?

By **Brent Davis, PhD**

Professor of General Education, American University of Health Sciences, Signal Hill, CA.

Most parents want to send their children to a great high school. But what makes a high school great? A great high school is characterized by a combination of factors that contribute to a positive and enriching educational experience for students. Some factors are nearly universal: effective teaching, a student-centered approach, a caring attitude, character building, and college/career readiness. A great high school continually strives to provide a well-rounded and holistic education that prepares students both academically and socially, spiritually, and emotionally for the challenges and opportunities of adulthood. It promotes a culture of excellence and continuous improvement to empower students to reach their full potential.

When our children were starting school (some 30 years ago), one of our concerns, even 30 years ago, was to find a school where a caring attitude was prioritized. Since this was difficult to find in the region of the world we were in, one of the main motivations for a group of us, expatriate parents, was to start an international school. Another priority was to make sure that Christian beliefs and values were fostered. We were Christians in a country still run on atheist beliefs and values. Finally, most of our children would be going to universities in our home countries where English would be the language of instruction and high levels of skill in reading and writing English would be needed. So, we started a Christian, English-medium, international school.

While our situation more than 30 years ago was somewhat unique, these general concerns of caring, character, and skills are even more true today and are likely of concern to you as well. These are the reasons for establishing International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in general and American University Research Academy (AURA: an IB candidate school) in particular. IB schools prepare students for success in a rapidly changing world and promote values of inquiry, knowledge, empathy, and responsibility. The IB schools grew out of the need for a curriculum that

would be accepted for admissions at universities in many countries. But it was also fueled by a desire to foster respect and compassion among people from different backgrounds. Today, over 5000 universities in 100 countries accept the IB diploma, including UCLA, Brown, University of Chicago, University of Cambridge (UK), University College London, University of St. Andrews (UK), Macquarie University (Australia), McGill University (Canada), Free University of Berlin, University of Bologna (the oldest university in the world), and the University of Tokyo. Some universities will award college credit for high scores on IB examinations, including UCLA. Graduates of AURA Academy will be awarded substantial general education credits at the American University of Health Sciences (AUHS), leading to an accelerated Bachelor of Nursing or Doctor of Pharmacy degree. It is even possible that an AURA graduate could achieve a Nurse Practitioner MSN at AUHS at about the same time as most students are just completing a bachelor's degree at another institution (with a regular diploma from another high school).

However, IB schools are not just interested in academics; the IB learner profile stresses character as well: inquirers, knowledgeable thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective. Additionally, IB students are "more culturally aware through the development of a second language" and "able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world" (<https://www.ibo.org/benefits/benefits-for-students/>). For AURA, in particular, faith is an essential component, and weekly Bible studies are a critical extracurricular component of the school.

Caring, also, is not just an IB value but is demonstrated at AURA by our small class sizes, ensuring that every student is treated as an individual and listened to with respect. Our teachers are as compassionate as they are academically qualified. If you are looking for a caring, character-building school with high academics, look for an IB school. If you are also looking for strong Christian values and a well-rounded curriculum, including health sciences, consider AURA in Signal Hill, CA. They accept students year-round at the beginning of each quarter.

Cerritos Annual Parking Permit Renewals Begin November 6

Annual overnight parking permit renewals will begin on Monday, November 6. Please go to safercerritos.com to renew your permit online.

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Staff Report

McDonald's is releasing two sauces for a limited time only. The Chicago-based burger brand announced Tuesday the sauces will release Oct. 9.

The saucy additions are McDonald's Sweet & Spicy Jam and Mambo Sauce. The Sweet & Spicy Jam Sauce is a "jammy red pepper sauce with a tongue-numbing Szechuan peppercorn kick and extra heat from cayenne pepper; finished with apple cider vinegar." McDonald's

Mambo Sauce is a "tomato-based, sweet, spicy and vinegary sauce inspired by the regional Washington, D.C. area sauce staple."

"We get inspiration for the food our fans love by exploring the incredible tastes and flavors found in communities across the country," Tariq Hassan, chief marketing and customer experience officer at McDonald's USA, said in the release. "Sweet & Spicy Jam and Mambo Sauce live at the intersection of flavor and culture."

Seniors Invited to Health and Wellness Fair

The Cerritos Senior Center's annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, October 6 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. The fair starts at 8:30 a.m. for Cerritos residents and 9 a.m. for non-residents. The event ends at noon, and the Senior Center and Fitness Center will be closed at 1 p.m.

The annual fair links seniors to

resources that encourage a healthy, well-rounded approach to aging. Seniors age 50 years and older may participate in the screenings. A photo I.D. with current address is required to register and participate.

The Cerritos Senior Center is located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. For more information, call (562) 916-8550.

La Mirada Crime Summary

September 18- 24, 2023

Notable Arrests

- Ten suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- One suspect was arrested for weapons charges.
- One suspect was arrested for felony sexual assault.
- One suspect was arrested for felony assault.
- One suspect was arrested for burglary.

Aggravated Assault

• A daytime assault occurred on the 13500 block of Adelfa Dr. This incident is still under investigation.

• An assault was reported on the 13900 block of Ratliffe St. This incident is still under investigation.

Residential Burglary

• An afternoon residential burglary occurred on the 15000 block of Crestoak Dr. One suspect was arrested.

Other Structure Burglary

• An early morning burglary occurred on the 12800 block of La Mirada Blvd. No items were reported stolen from the incident.

• A morning burglary was reported on the 15900 block of Imperial Hwy.

Vehicle Burglary

• A vehicle burglary was reported on the 15300 block of Stamy Rd.

• A window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

• A burglary into a locked vehicle was reported on the 14700 block of Manecita Dr.

Grand Theft

• Tools were reported stolen on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

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• A late-night theft of a semi-truck occurred on the 14700 block of Northam St.

• A vehicle theft was reported on the 14300 block of Gannet St.

• A semi-truck was stolen on the 15500 block of Valley View Ave.

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Norwalk Mother Beaten in Home Invasion Attack

A Norwalk family is trying to recover from the trauma they endured after they said a man broke into their home, attacked a woman and kidnapped her son as she lay unconscious.

Surveillance footage on Aug. 2 captured a man breaking into a home on Studebaker Road through the back sliding door. After gaining access to the home, the man attacked a woman and then kidnapped her adult son.

"He broke the glass and attacked my wife with the same tool," said Frank Andrade.

Andrade's wife, Maria Romero, suffered a fractured skull, shattered left arm, broken wrist, fractured several facial bones and was left unconscious following the brutal assault. Romero said she and her loved ones still feel uneasy after the assault. So much so, that her son is staying with relatives until they increase security in their home.

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National WWII Museum: Commemorating Filipino American History Month

In 2009, the US Congress designated October as Filipino American History Month, a monthlong commemoration and appreciation for the Filipino experience throughout American history stretching as far back as 1587.

In recognition of Filipino American History Month, The National WWII Museum highlighted a small but important part of the Filipino American experience tied to World War II, the defense of the Philippines by Filipino soldiers who served under US military command.

The United States' involvement in the Philippines stretches back to before World War II with the commencement of the Spanish-American War in 1898. The Treaty of Paris, which concluded hostilities between Spain and the United States, surrendered Spanish control of the Philippines to the United States as a colony. In 1935, the Philippine Commonwealth was established as a US protectorate and was intended to be a fully independent nation after a 10-year transitional period. Because they resided in what was still US territory, Filipinos were US nationals by law but not afforded the same benefits, rights, and privileges as US citizens.

With Japanese-US relations deteriorating, President Roosevelt issued a Presidential Order on July 26, 1941, which nationalized the Philippine Commonwealth military and placed them under the command of General Douglas MacArthur in the newly formed US Army Forces in the Far East (USAFEF). This order stood for the remainder of World War II, and some 260,000 Filipinos served under US command in the Philippine Commonwealth Army, the Philippine Scouts, and even

JOSE CALUGAS at his Medal of Honor Ceremony, April 1945. Courtesy of the US Signal Corps.



guerrilla units during Japanese occupation. They played a critical role in the Philippines' defense and ultimate liberation.

Take for instance the example of Jose Calugas. Born in the Philippines, Calugas served in the Philippine Scouts and went above and beyond the call of duty in the face of Imperial Japan's aggression. Calugas helped defend the Philippines islands. He was captured by the Japanese and marched alongside Americans soldiers in the Bataan Death march. As a POW, Calugas joined a guerrilla cell to resist Japanese occupation. Calugas was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service following the Philippines' liberation.

Cecilia I. Gaerlan has written about the struggle faced by Filipino soldiers alongside regular US troops during the defense, occupation, and liberation of the Philippines.

She also writes of the struggles faced by Filipino veterans following the war with the First Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act of 1946, which denied Filipino veterans the benefits entitled to them for their WWII service in the Philippines, including full US citizenship.

Despite this, some Filipino WWII veterans still came to the United States and were able to eventually obtain full US citizenship through continued service with the US Armed Forces.

Jose Calugas, who continued to serve

GENERAL MACARTHUR, left, congratulates Philippine Air Force Captain Villamor, after awarding him the Distinguished Service Cross, December 22, 1941.



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MOLAA Builds Bridges Over Borders to Bring Communities Together in the Latinx Celebration of the Arts

By Lydia E. Ringwald

In the world where media often focuses on the conflicts and differences that separate, the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach focuses on the fusion of cultures and the enrichment of a heritage that binds the Latin American community with the American Southwest and our greater global culture.

The now classic historical Diego Rivera, Frieda Kahlo, Jose Clemente Orozco, David Siquieros and Rufino Tamayo art treasures, several donated by MOLAA founder Robert Gumbiner, are exhibited along with the contemporary art of living Latin artists who often appear in person at the museum for lectures, tours and presentations of their work.

Cultural events offered at MOLAA, including a festival on the MOLAA stage in the sculpture garden showcasing dance and music, classes and workshops for children and adults also contribute to the vibrant Latin cultural community that welcomes us all.

The annual museum Gala on September 23 was a highlight of LatinX Heritage Month and featured an inspiring speech by Peter Villegas, 2023 MOLAA Gala Chair, who emphasized the value of art as an empowering conduit for exploring human heritage and accessing our inner being for meaning and resonance in our individual lives.

MOLAA President Lourdes J. Ramos, Ph.D. graciously welcomed Gala guests and 2023 Co-Chair and Board of Directors member Robert N. Braun M.D. and 2023 Co-Chair and MOLAA Board of Directors member Michael Deovlet presented the LEGADO Awards honoring Chef Enrique Olvera for his achievement in creative Culinary Arts, blending contemporary and heritage Latin cuisine and the Yumano Tribes of Northern Mexico for safeguarding the cherished traditions and artistic heritage of Native American textiles and crafts.

An Honorary LEGADO Award was also bestowed on Mario Cordero of Jacobsen Pilot Services, a leader at the Port of Long Beach.

The LEGADO presentations were accompanied by an inspiring and informative documentary video about the Yumano Tribes on the sculpture garden screen to enlighten guests at the Gala event.

The evening included an auction of art and travel opportunities and culminated in a lively performance of 'Tocada Y Fuga de Sergio'.

LATINX events are now in progress as the month from September 15- October 15 unfolds with an exciting schedule that can be accessed on the MOLAA website.

Enlightening LATINX events include 45-60 minute 3-D zoom and webinar tours of historical art and photography in MOLAA's permanent collection.

The "Afro-LatinX Narratives" zoom and webinar event celebrates the influence of African heritage on the art and culture of Latin America exploring themes of race and identity in the selected artworks of Victoria Santa Cruz (Peru, 1922-2014), Alexandre Arrechea (Cuba, 1970), Patricia Encarnación (Dominican Republic, 1991), Carlos Martiel

(Cuba, 1989), and Liliana Angulo Cortés (Colombia, 1974), among others.

Other zoom and webinar presentations 'Guadalupe: Art and Activism' share insights into Chicana and LatinX culture and 'Dia De Los Muertos; explores the history and tradition of Day of the Dead pageantry.

Participants are encouraged to bring a pen and paper so that they can interact with the art with their own creative and visual response.

Intriguing also is the 3-D tour 'Foundations of Mexican Folkloric Performance', celebrating choreography and beautiful heritage costumes of the Ballet Folklorico.

In-Person Tours are also available on Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout the year. Please call the museum or check the website for specific docent guided tour times.

An online library of one-on-one interviews with pioneering Latinx and Latin American artists <https://molaa.org/molaa-zoom-project> is available on the MOLAA website all year at no charge.

MOLAA also has presence on Google Arts and Culture as the only museum



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in the United States dedicated to contemporary Latin American and Latino art: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/museum-of-latin-american-art>

Festivities are scheduled not only throughout LATINX Heritage month and also throughout the year.

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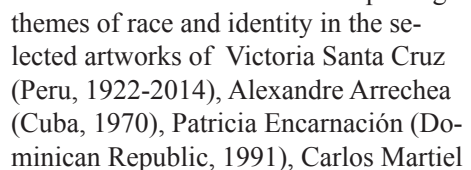
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WEEK FIVE FOOTBALL

INJURIES CONTINUE TO MOUNT AS GAHR LETS GAME GET AWAY IN SETBACK TO CREAN LUTHERAN

By Loren Kopff
 @LorenKopff on X/Twitter

The offensive struggles in Gahr High's blowout loss to Crean Lutheran High last Friday night can be traced back to the first play of its previous game at Santa Ana Valley High. Shortly after the opening kickoff in that game, senior wide receiver Evan Spurlin-Renfroe dislocated his left knee on a non-contact play.

Without the team's second leading receiver in terms of yardage, the Gladiators easily won 48-12, but it was a completely different story one week later as they were nearly stifled on offense in a 44-7 loss at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium. Gahr, which fell to 3-2 at the midway point of the season, was limited to under 100 yards of total offense, and senior running back Kalen Montgomery, who entered the contest averaging 161 yards a game, gained 48 yards on 17 carries.

"We found out tonight that we have to throw the football," said Gahr head coach Greg Marshall. "We just can't give it to Kalen all night. We're going to have to throw the football down the field."

But the injuries didn't stop with Spurlin-Renfroe as junior offensive line-

man Cameron Frossard left the Crean Lutheran game with an ankle injury four plays in. Another four plays later, senior quarterback Frank Williams was intercepted by Ben Byszewski at the Saints 17-yard line. Fortunately for the Gladiators, the Empire League opponent from Irvine couldn't cash in and they closed out the opening quarter on a nine-play drive. But on the third play of the second quarter, junior quarterback Noah Hernandez had his 43-yard field goal attempt blocked. This time, the Saints would capitalize and engineered a 16-play, 70-yard drive that ended with Taurian Nash scoring from a yard out with 3:38 left in the half.

That was the beginning of a series of events that told the story of the contest. Gahr was forced to punt after the touchdown but decided to go for a fake and Williams had his pass go incomplete, setting up Crean Lutheran at Gahr's 25-yard line. Four plays later, Connor Stephens was true on a 36-yard field

goal attempt. If that wasn't bad enough, junior Markell Slaughter's 35-yard return on the ensuing kickoff put Gahr at its 47-yard line. But a fumble on the next play was scooped up by Anthony Jones who went 42 yards the other way for a touchdown and a 17-0 halftime lead.



"They got the ball back and they got [one] fourth down play and then they scored," said Marshall of the long drive. "We got the ball back and kind of screwed it up. We went for a fake punt and didn't execute. There was a span of two or three minutes, and the game was over."

"They weren't knocking us off the ball, but they were keeping the ball," he later said of the long drive. "I think the problem was when the game was tied, and we could have punted it, and we went for the fake and we stopped them. They get the field goal, then we went for the pass, and we fumbled it and they scored."

Gahr ran 24 plays in the half and

gained 86 yards, but it would be completely different in the second half. Justin Dominguez ran on the first six plays of the second half, picking up 26 yards. But the hosts would immediately get the ball back at Crean Lutheran's 25-yard line when senior cornerback Ahmeer Barner returned an interception 62 yards.

The Gladiators would cash in on the miscue when Montgomery scored from a yard out with 5:14 left in the third quarter. However, they would run just seven plays the remainder of the game, gaining negative 10 yards, punting twice, and fumbling once. Marshall admitted that after Montgomery's touchdown, Gahr was not in sync.

"They did a good job of scouting us, and we didn't do a good job of adjusting to what they were doing," said Marshall. "They were taking our outside game away and we really didn't want to have one player on the cutback."

"We wanted them to run the ball," he later said. "We didn't load the box; we only had five guys, six guys in the box. So, we were playing pass defense. It was actually perfect because they weren't tearing us up on the run, but we took their short passing game away."

Crean Lutheran went up 24-7 on a five-yard touchdown pass from Jeremiah Finaly to Ben Buettell, then following a fumble on Gahr's first play of the ensuing drive, Dominguez made it 31-7 with a one-yard score. After the first touchdown by the Saints, their next 24 points came on a combined 15 plays, consuming 3:58 and involved the fumble return. Crean Lutheran ended the game with a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter, covering a combined 14 plays and 133 yards.

Besides Montgomery's season-low performance on the ground, Slaughter gained 29 yards on four carries while Williams was eight of 11 for 22 yards. On defense, junior linebacker Isaiah Portillo had seven and a half tackles while senior defensive end Myles Merchant had five and a half tackles and senior defensive back Gabriel Mariscal-Isleib added another three and a half tackles.

"The other thing is you have to realize, we didn't have Evan either," said Marshall. "Obviously, they were playing the run. Now, if we had Evan out there...you're going to leave Evan one on one out there? Because we only had Markell, they defended him, and they knew we didn't have another side. That

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NEWS & NOTES FROM PRESS ROW-WHITNEY BOYS, CERRITOS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TAKE FIRST 605 LEAGUE CLUSTER RACE

The first 605 League cross country cluster race was held on Sept. 20 and the Whitney High boys made it four straight league wins while the Cerritos High girls have won all 15 league races since the inception of the league. In the first race of the 2020 season, no team scores were kept, however the times of the runners were kept.

Whitney defeated Cerritos 30-44 on the strength of its first five runners all crossing the finish line from fourth place to eighth place. Leading the way was sophomore Cristian Ishiki (17:20), followed by senior Moises Reyes (17:24), sophomore Brendan Perry (17:32), junior Damian Moreno (17:34) and senior Arjun Harikrishnan (17:44).

Oxford Academy's Javier Luna was the overall winner with a time of a flat 17 minutes. Following him were Cerritos seniors Mattson Laraneta and Elliot Kim, with times of 17:01 and 17:04 respectively.

Cerritos sophomore Marlon Zarate (17:45) and Whitney junior Ethan Choi (17:48) rounded out the top 10. Oxford Academy came in third place with 62 points while John Glenn High, paced by junior Jacob Enriquez (15th place, 18:11) finished in fourth place. Pioneer High sent three runners to the race while Artesia High did not have a runner. There were 30 runners amongst the five schools.

For the girls, it was Cerritos once again winning a league race, picking up 29 points and defeating Oxford Academy by six points. Whitney was a distant third with 75 points while Glenn and Pioneer rounded up the race. Whitney's third place finish marked the first time since the 2019 league finals the Wildcats did not finish in second place.

Cerritos sophomore Dani Romero was the overall winner at 20:27 and her teammate, freshman Kalana Nguyen finished in third place with a time of 21:04. She was followed by two more freshmen-Whitney's Katherine Low (21:11) and Artesia's Genesis Flores (21:31). In fact, of the 33 runners, there were a dozen freshmen and four seniors.

Artesia junior Daniela Cardenas came in seventh place with a time of 22:10 with the third and final Artesia

runner, freshman Briana Remigio, came in 21st place with a time of 23:53. The only other area runner to place in the top 10 was Cerritos junior Daniela Cardenas, who finished in eighth place with a time of 22:13.

The 11th-13th spots were occupied by Cerritos runners-freshman Nandini Panchal (22:22), senior Akshara Adusumalli (22:35) and freshman Daisy Lee (22:45). Right behind her was Glenn sophomore Melanie Patino at 22:56.

Just like the boys, youth is the name of the game for the varsity girls. Of the 33 runners that competed, a dozen were freshmen and 10 were sophomores. There were just four seniors.

FOOTBALL

Viewpoint High (3-2)

@ Artesia (4-1)

Artesia's turnaround season continues as the Pioneers came off their bye week to knock off Los Amigos High 35-15 last Friday. Junior quarterback Charlie Lopez proves to be a double threat to opponents as he rushed for 240 yards and scored on runs of 11, 54, 19 and 95 yards last Friday. He also completed three passes for 22 yards. Sophomore running back Josue Flores scored the other touchdown as Artesia has won four games in a season for the first time since 2019.

To increase that total to five games, the Pioneers need to find a way to beat a tough Viewpoint team that has won two in a row, including a 24-13 decision over Carpinteria High last Friday. The Patriots, who hail from Calabasas, squeaked by Artesia 18-14 last season.

Prediction: Artesia 31, Viewpoint 21

Chino High (4-1)

@ Cerritos (2-3)

This game was played on Sept. 28.

For the second time in three weeks, Cerritos was shutout, this time to Westminster 27-0 last Friday. The Lions outgained the Dons 295-155. Cerritos has been blanked in two of its last three games.

Chino, which edged El Dorado High 35-34 last Friday, could give the Dons some problems as the Cowboys come in on a three-game winning streak, having scored at least 33 points in each of those three games. And even when Chino

lost to Diamond Bar High in the second game of the season, it put up 36 points. In contrast, Cerritos has not scored more than 27 points in any game.

Through their first four games, the Cowboys have rushed for just over 1,200 yards, led by Diego Ogata (602 yards on 56 carries, eight touchdowns) and Nathan Blanco (482 yards on 52 carries, seven touchdowns). Ogata has also thrown for 250 yards.

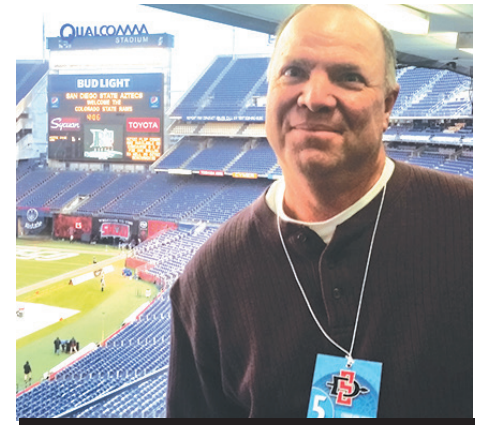
Prediction: Chino 35, Cerritos 13
Bellflower High (3-3) @ Gahr High (3-2)

See Crean Lutheran High/Gahr game story.

Prediction: Bellflower 38, Gahr 21
Godinez Fundamental High (3-3) @ John Glenn (4-2)

The Eagles gave Glendale High its first loss last Thursday night, 46-6, and a win on homecoming night against Godinez would make the Eagles a threat for the 605 League slate, which begins on Oct. 12. The Eagles have combined for 110 points in their last two games and against Glendale, junior running back Tuiono Tuifua scored on runs of 50, 84 and 67 yards. One more Glenn win will match the combined total from the last three seasons, including the shortened Covid campaign.

The Grizzlies blew out Century High 41-6 last Friday to end a two-game losing streak. In its other two wins, Godinez combined for 70 points, but in the three losses, it has been outscored 88-13. The Grizzlies love to run the ball and has gained over 900 yards on the ground, led by Yahir Ramirez (84 carries, 538 yards, three touchdowns) and Alexis Jimenez (40 carries, 287 yards, four touchdowns).



By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X/Twitter

Prediction: Glenn 42, Godinez 14
Dominguez High (5-0) vs. La Mirada High (1-4)

This game was played on Sept. 28 and at Norwalk High. La Mirada did not play last week in preparation for its Gateway League opener. Nothing has come easy for the Matadores, except for their 42-7 win over Baldwin Park High on Sept. 15. Now, it gets even tougher as the other five league teams have a combined record of 19-6.

Sophomore quarterback Santino Garcia has completed 81 passes for 984 yards and seven touchdowns. His favorite targets are junior wide receiver Isaiha Robbins (18 receptions, 270 yards, one touchdown), sophomore wide receiver Aaron Castro (13 receptions, 173 yards, one touchdown), and junior wide receiver Max Rankin (13 receptions, 126 yards, two touchdowns). Two other receivers have caught at least 12 passes. Senior running back Martin Aguilera is the leading ground gainer with 266 yards

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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. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

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Puzzle solution on page 14

Solution: 11 letters

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was the big thing, not having Evan.” Now that the non-league part of Gahr’s schedule is complete, having outscored their opponents 166-132, the Gladiators begin their defense of a shared Mid-Cities League title when they host Bellflower High on Friday. The Buccaneers, and Norwalk High, also shared the inaugural Mid-Cities League crown with Norwalk being promoted to the tougher Gateway League for this season.

Bellflower doubled up Gahr 40-20 last season for its second win in five games over the Gladiators since 2004. The Buccaneers enter this contest with a 3-3 mark and like Gahr, has a high-scoring offense. They outlasted Whittier High 44-29 last Friday night and two weeks before that, blasted Centennial High of Compton 84-0. Bellflower’s other victory was a season-opening 27-22 win over Garden Grove High, which edged Gahr 49-47 earlier in the season.

The Bucs run the double wing with success, led by Marvin Williams, who had 729 yards on 76 carries and eight touchdowns before the Whittier game. Through the first five games, Bellflower had rushed for 1,549 yards and 20 touchdowns and were averaging just over 350 yards per game. For all intense purposes, the winner of this game has the inside track of winning the league.

“Oh, it’s going to be another physical game,” said Marshall. “They’re going to run the double wing and if we can’t figure out how to throw the football a little bit, it’s going to be rough because you’re just not going to give the ball to Kalen 30 times, especially if our line is beaten up.”

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on 36 carries and five touchdowns. Last season, the Matadores defeated Dominguez 43-21 and before that, the teams last met in 2015, a 38-13 La Mirada victory. But this season, the Dons have averaged 42.2 points a game while yielding 61 points. The Dons posted a 36-33 win over Narbonne High last Friday, the most points they have allowed to anyone.

Prediction: Dominguez 48, La Mirada 14

**Downey High (4-1)
@ Norwalk (3-2)**

After sharing the Mid-Cities League crown with Bellflower and Gahr last season, the Lancers are now in the big boys league and will be tested early. Norwalk blasted Locke High 38-3 last Friday to increase its average to just over 41 points a game.

The Vikings are on a four-game winning streak, including a 17-7 win against St. Paul High on Sept. 15. It marked the first time this season Downey was held to under 20 points. However, the Vikings have given up 40 points in their four wins.

Quarterback Oscar Rios is 77 of 107 for 1,136 yards and 11 touchdowns and has gained another 258 yards on 30 rushes with three more touchdowns. As a team, the Vikings have rushed for 874 yards and 11 touchdowns, creating a problem for Norwalk’s defense. Speaking of defense, the Vikings have 10 sacks and three interceptions.

**Prediction: Downey 28, Norwalk 21
Valley Christian High (1-4)**

@ Heritage Christian High (4-1)

The Defenders were also off last Friday after getting into the win column on Sept. 15 with a 38-0 win over Sierra

Vista High. This will be the Ironwood League opener for both teams and the combined record of the other five league opponents for V.C. is 16-9.

Senior quarterback Joe DeYoung has passed for 443 yards but just a pair of touchdowns while junior signal caller Austin Abrahams is six of nine for 106 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore running back Lucas Witt leads in that department with 145 yards on 36 carries and two touchdowns while Abrahams is second with 114 yards on nine touches and a touchdown.

Heritage Christian, which blew out Taft High 56-6 on Sept. 15, has defeated V.C. just three times since 2004. But two of those wins have come in the last four meetings, including last season’s 29-21 contest. The Warriors have won four straight games, scoring at least 36 points each time out and have yielded 33 points during that time.

Quarterback Khanai Langford has completed 62 passes in 95 attempts for 837 yards and nine touchdowns, but their strength lies in the rushing department where the Warriors have gained nearly 1,200 yards. D.J. Cole leads the way with 682 yards on 68 carries and 11 touchdowns. Shaheed McCullough is next with 229 yards on 28 touches.

**Prediction: Heritage Christian 35,
Valley Christian 17**

**Last week’s predictions: 4-1
Season to date: 28-6**

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The second half of league play is upon us and with that, several area teams are already making plans for the post-season as there are two weeks remaining in the regular season. Artesia has won three straight matches to improve to 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the 605 League, good

for a second place with Whitney. The Pioneers visit league-leading Cerritos on Friday before hosting Whitney on Tuesday and going to Pioneer on Friday. Whitney, which swept Pioneer this past Tuesday, is tied for second place with Artesia and is 8-13 overall.

As for Cerritos, it was business as usual with another league sweep as the Dons remained undefeated in six league matches after a 25-10, 25-19, 25-12 win over Oxford Academy this past Tuesday. Overall, Cerritos is 16-5 as it will host Pioneer on Tuesday.

Gahr has not played since last Thursday and took its 14-9 record into its Sept. 28 home match with La Mirada. The Gladiators are 1-3 in the Gateway League, tied for third place with Downey and Paramount High. Gahr will then host Downey on Tuesday and travel to Warren High on Thursday.

La Mirada has only one match next week, but it’s a bug one as the Matadores (16-8, 3-1) visit first place Downey on Thursday while Norwalk, the top-ranked team in the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 poll, is sitting in second place in the Mid-Cities League with a record of 16-10, 3-1. The Lancers hosted Bellflower on Sept. 28 and will go to first place Mayfair High on Tuesday before entertaining Firebaugh High on Thursday.

V.C. Picked up a big 25-23, 19-25, 17-25, 25-21, 15-12 win at Whittier Christian High this past Tuesday to improve to 12-8 overall and 3-1 in the Olympic League. The Defenders are in second place as they host third place Maranatha High on Tuesday and go to league-leading Village Christian High the next night.

Find our paper at these convenient locations:

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Hahn’s, office/ Dr. De Kriek
11911 Artesia Blvd. | La Palma City Hall |
| ABC Adult School
12254 Cuesta Dr. | Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South St. | La Palma Community Center |
| ABC District Office
16700 Norwalk Blvd. | Cevitas Coffee
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12741 Towne Ctr. Dr. | Foggia Deli
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13926 La Mirada Blvd |
| Ave. 3
12612 South Street | Rec. Center, Library
21815 Pioneer | 11832 E Carson St |
| Bellflower City Hall | Holy Family Church, Artesia | Pico Rivera Chamber
5016 Passons Blvd |
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13243 South St. |
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| Cerritos City Hall | La Mirada City Hall, Library, | Tacos San Pedro
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all students were informed at once. “We have some of the most talented student musicians and performers in the area, and they so deserve this honor,” said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. “We can’t wait to see these amazing students perform to ring in the new year in 2025.”

Previous Rose Parade’s have seen collaboration between school marching bands, but the 605 All Star Band marks an unprecedented partnership between three separate school districts.

Robert Stearns, Band & Orchestra Director at La Mirada High School wrote, “So the big news is that we have officially been accepted to the 2025 Rose Parade as part of the 605 All-Star Band. We sent in an audition video with our combined students and were the first of 3 California bands accepted for the 2025 Rose Parade.”



ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL’S Band Director, Carlos Guzmán, is justifiably proud of his Pioneer Regiment that was chosen to march and perform in the 605 All-Star Band for the 1-1-25 Rose Parade.

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ing and prosecuting high-level operators of large-scale trafficking schemes. This case is a perfect example,” Gorman said. “Maldonado-Ramirez was bringing deadly drugs to communities all over the country. Thanks to our collaboration with agents and local police, we have interrupted his entire operation.”

Over the course of an 18-month investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration agents seized approximately 128 pounds of methamphetamine, 37,000 fentanyl pills and dozens of handguns.

Agents also intercepted a call between Maldonado-Ramirez and his girlfriend after a drug shipment was seized. They were discussing the identity of a local officer and plotting to kill him, according to the government’s sentencing memorandum.

A total of 18 people were arrested and charged in relation to this case, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

In asking for a sentence of 15 years, Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Andrew Colasurdo said in a statement to the court, “This (drug trafficking organization) was well-organized, well-sourced, and well-connected, and they were prepared to take drastic measures to protect what they had built as they openly discussed killing an officer during an intercepted conversation after a large shipment of drugs was seized.”

This case was part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces investigation. The organization identifies, disrupts and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

The investigation was led by the Drug Enforcement Administration and included assistance from local law enforcement agencies, including the Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team, Centralia and Chahalis police and the Washington State Patrol, among others.

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Lined with different booths, the fair offered participants the opportunity to check out food vendors, local resources like the Los Angeles Public Library, and even hosted a live DJ.

Participants were instructed to walk, run, skate through Civic Center Dr. and meet staff members at the finish line after the first lap to receive small towels, a bottle of Prime sports drink and a bingo card. The card encouraged participants to engage with the different vendors and booths to earn stamps. Upon completing the stamp card, participants were able to place their card into a raffle to win prizes.

Along with the event, there was a competition between the Hawaiian Gardens schools. Each participant who registered for the event was able to set their registration for a specific school. The local schools were competing with each other to see who could receive the most registrants. The winner of the competition would receive an ice cream day and paid equipment.

According to a newsletter posted by the Hawaiian Gardens City website, the event was sponsored by the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Metro. At the event, Metro had its own booth where those interested can enroll in the Low-income Fare is Easy program. The program gives 20 free rides each month and offers a free 90-day pass.

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this funding to support the department’s recently created Organized Retail Theft Task Force.

“These brazen organized retail theft sprees are hurting business communities across the county and retail companies are losing billions of dollars annually,” said Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna, who joined today’s Board of Supervisors meeting. “Our Retail Theft Task Force through our Major Crimes Bureau is focused on reducing these crimes by targeting these crews and aggressively pursuing not just those who commit the theft, but everyone in the criminal chain. This Organized Retail Theft Grant will allow us to continue to investigate retail theft crimes and provide dedicated staff and equipment necessary to continue to combat these thefts.”

A recent survey from the National Retail Federation found that organized retail crime has increased by 26% since 2000. Unfortunately, this trend holds true in Los Angeles County and includes an increase in smash and grab crimes that have alarmed business owners and the public.

In response, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department partnered with neighboring law enforcement organizations to create the Organized Retail Theft Task Force. Within LASD, this task force will consist of one lieutenant, three sergeants, and thirty detectives who are dedicated to preventing and addressing organized retail theft, including smash-and-grabs, catalytic converter thefts, and cargo theft. The Task Force, which will also be supported by civilian professional staff, will be divided into three geographic teams, and they will collaborate with other law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney’s Office, and local businesses.

PUZZLE SOLUTION: DANCING

West Nile Virus Confirmed in Cerritos

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed West Nile virus (WNV) in Cerritos.

WNV is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected

dawn and dusk.

- Cover up. Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors, particularly at times and in areas where more mosquitoes are present.



mosquito. One in five persons infected with the virus will exhibit symptoms, which can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea and a skin rash. Severe cases can lead to paralysis or even death. Adults over the age of 50 years old and people with chronic health problems are at higher risk of severe illness. There is no cure nor human vaccine for WNV.

To reduce the WNV threat, GLACVCD and County of Los Angeles Public Health (Public Health) recommend the following tips:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other containers weekly.
- Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.
- Avoid mosquito-infested areas at

- Wear insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD) or 2-undecanone. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; drain any water collecting on pool covers.
- Report neglected (green) swimming pools to the Public Health Environmental Health Bureau at (626) 430-5200 or to a local vector control agency.
- Use screens on windows and doors.

Check for and repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outdoors.

Dead birds may be reported by calling (877) 968-2473 or visiting westnile.ca.gov/report.php.

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 10/17/2023 at 11:00 AM.

Kailahi Leula Jr- Household Items
Nicole Costa- Surf boards, Wake Board, Weight Bench Etoya Dryver- Ladders, Cables, Desk, File cabinets Dean Raulston- Fridge, Freezer, Pool table, Boxes Taquana Redoux- Living Room Set, Boxes
Jessica Basua- 1 Bedroom Apartment
Dean Raulston- Recliner, Bed, Night Stands David Crigger- Bedframe, Boxes
Abigail Aquino- Beds, Frames, Boxes Chris Demery- General Merch
Nipon Nick Tuntariyanond- household items Martha Cibrain- Household items
Anthony Tipton- Rims, Arcade game, Boxes Karla Sanchez- Home Decorations and Boxes Tracy Smith- Boxes Clothing Misc items
Eduardo Santos- Household items
Nipon Nick Tuntariyanond- Household items Lisa Castruita- Garage items, boxes, totes Ehimy Namocatcat- Household items
Erik Johnson- Boxes of items, Love seat, Couch,
Princess Coleman- Clothing, Misc goods, Holiday / Seasonal items Marcella Barraza- Household items
Araceli Acosta- Clothes, Shoes, Computer Shin Lee- Household items
Paul Kiefer- Household items

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 SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
 Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code, 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Furniture, couches, dining chairs, dressers, side tables, coffee tables, console table, mirror, lamp, Christmas tree, Christmas décor, boxes, totes/bins, duffel bags/bags, wall art, throw pillows, basket, dishes, and packing tape.

NAME	UNIT
RIVERA, MARY ELLEN	A114

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562
 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
BRENDA VILLA AQUATIC CENTER (BVAC) MOVING SECTIONAL GLASS WINDOWS AND HEAVY-DUTY FANS INSTALLTION PROJECT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for BRENDA VILLA AQUATIC CENTER (BVAC) MOVING SECTIONAL GLASS WINDOWS AND HEAVY-DUTY FANS INSTALLTION PROJECT, a **Design-Build Project**, and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, October 24, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. The project. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

Working hours for are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The work shall be completed within 90 working days after the City's Notice to Proceed.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on October 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM in front of Brenda Villa Aquatic Center at 5600 Harbor St, Commerce, CA 90040. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive.

Each Bidder shall possess a valid California Class B General Building or adequate Contractor's License issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission for this project. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license before commencing work.

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids.

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 731 AMENDING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO GRAFFITI AND AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 731.

Summary of Ordinance No. 731

Ordinance No. 731 would make the following amendments to Title 9 of the LMMC:

- The proposed ordinance would amend Section 9.90.070(a) and make it unlawful for a private property owner or person responsible for maintaining the property to permit graffiti to remain for a period longer than 72 hours after written notification or documented verbal notification by the City that the graffiti must be removed.
- The ordinance would require the private property owner or responsible person to cover the graffiti with paint that is substantially similar in shade and color to the surface upon which the graffiti is placed.
- The ordinance would delete Section 9.90.090, which is no longer needed. The original ordinance adopted in 1993 included this section to reimburse cellular phone costs for people reporting graffiti.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 731 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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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **23rd day of October, 2023** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1630 Music Instruments

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the **Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents by calling Wendy Wall (562) 926-5566 x 21022.

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING RESCISSION OF A TIME EXTENSION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CU 22-08

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider rescinding a 90-day time extension previously granted for Conditional Use Permit Case No. CU 22-08 which allowed an automobile repair shop within an existing 6,675-square foot building located at 17115 Lakewood Boulevard within the General Commercial (C-G) zone.


Rescission of the previously granted 90-day time extension is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15060(c)(2); (2) there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3); and (3) rescission of CU 22-08, by itself, does not constitute a "project" as defined in the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378). Rescission of the time extension merely relates to the expiration date of CU 22-08. Accordingly, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2314. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the Planning Division's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at kbrun@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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County of Los Angeles
Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector
Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2023B)

Whereas, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell at online auction certain tax-defaulted properties.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on the last business day prior to the first day of the online auction, or Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 21, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles beginning Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the TTC at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.bid4assets.com and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

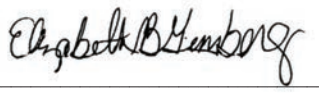
Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the property, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@ttc.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 11, 2023.



Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg
 Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector
 County of Los Angeles
 State of California

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

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE (SALE NO. 2023B)
 2959 AIN 7008-018-064 CERRITOS ENCORE MAIN-TENANCE CORP LOCATION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES \$1,669.00
 CN999797 538 Sep 29, Oct 6,13, 2023

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 10/19/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Andres Tristin Nieves; Norma Ysela Carrillo-Salinas; Benjamin Felix Soto; Nora Guadalupe Reaves; Saul Ismael Melendrez; Andres E Bautista; Kate Ashley Rubio; David Arthur Williams; Elizabeth Bernal Guzman; Adriana Revelez; Adeline Christlieb; Meneces Lorenzo Antonio; Maria de Los Angeles Mendez; Victor Hernandez; Jorge de Jesus Marcial Cordova/DISTRIBUIDORA 3 HERMANOS LLC. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 JOHN TSUEN LIU AKA JOHN T. LIU
 CASE NO. 23STPB10447

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN TSUEN LIU AKA JOHN T. LIU.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KRIS LIU in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KRIS LIU 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: 10/25/23 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.

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