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## Metro Will Expand South Street Offramp on 605

By Brian Hews

At yesterday's meeting, Metro voted to move closer to adding a second right turn lane to the South Street offramp, which currently has two left and one right turn lane, adding a new retaining wall with an approximate length of 1,570 feet along the west shoulder-embankment of the ramp, along with new traffic signs and signals.

The project is an initial phase to set up future widening of the 605 freeway.

Metro said that "reconfiguring the South Street southbound offramp, the project will improve public safety, enhance mobility, and improve regional traffic flow."

Metro indicated that no residential or business displacements or property acquisitions are necessary for the project.

The project is funded through a combination of federal and Metro local funding, and Metro will be responsible for managing and identifying any

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## Fast Food Chains Radically Changing the Drive Through Concept



**NO DINING ROOM:** Taco Bell recently opened 'Defy' just north of Minneapolis. The innovation aims to redefine the drive-through for the digital age. The store does not have a dining room, the kitchen is on the second floor, below the kitchen is four drive through lanes. Cerritos banned drive-throughs years ago.

Cities that have banned drive-throughs must seriously reconsider the decision.

By Kim Severson

The pandemic sent people into the comforting isolation of their cars to get tested for Covid, celebrate birthdays, and even vote. And now, it seems, they don't want to get out. At least to eat.

Drive-through traffic rose 30 percent from 2019 to 2022, according to a report from the food

service research firm Technomic. Meanwhile, the number of people eating inside fast-food restaurants in the first half of 2023 fell by 47 percent from the same period in 2019. According to a September report by Revenue Management Solutions, Drive-throughs now account for two-thirds of all fast-food purchases.

Why the new wave of drive-through love? Because the experience has become faster and smoother, industry executives say. The pandemic turbocharged upgrades that were already under-

way, including better mobile ordering, streamlined kitchens, and smarter traffic management.

Others point to cultural shifts like the growing popularity of coffee shop drive-throughs among Generation Z and young millennials, and even pet ownership, which skyrocketed during the pandemic.

"People don't like to leave their pets at home," said Diana Kelter, associate director of consumer trends for Mintel, a global market-intelligence agency. "And

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## More Wet Weather to Hit Southland Friday and Saturday

Staff Report

Residents shouldn't put their umbrellas away just yet as more rain is expected today and Saturday.

The dark clouds and rain that moved across much of the Southland will return, with wet weather expected to persist into the weekend.

Forecasters said the rainfall amounts could vary widely due to the changing nature of the storm system.

Rain bands are expected, and totals by late Saturday are projected to be anywhere from 1 to 3 inches.

Strong, gusty winds and slick roads will create dangerous driving conditions for commuters.

According to the National Weather Service, wind gusts from 30 to 50 miles per hour are expected, with the strongest winds at higher elevations.

Showers and thunderstorms are also expected across L.A. County, bringing frequent lightning and potential showers of small hail.

Higher elevations can expect around 2 to 2.5 inches of snow in areas over 7,000 feet.



## CERRITOS HIGH BAND DIVISION 4A CHAMPIONS

**THE CERRITOS HIGH** School Regiment of Gold after winning Division 4A in the California State Band Championship on November 11. CHS also brought home High Music, Visual, and General Effect Awards.



## GAHR HIGH MARCHING BAND DIVISION 5A CHAMPS

**THE GAHR HIGH** Marching Gladiators after winning Division 5A in the California State Band Championship on November 11. GHS also won High Music, Visual, Effect, Percussion and Auxiliary awards.

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# Area Cities Honor Veterans



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**STATE, COUNTY, NORWALK OFFICIALS:** from (l-r) Vice Mayor Margarita Rios, Mayor Ana Valencia, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Senator Bob Archuleta, Cerritos College Trustee Mariana Pacheco, Asm. Blanca Pacheco, Norwalk La Mirada School District Trustee Norma Amezcua and Norwalk Councilman Rick Ramirez.



**HAWAIIAN GARDENS** recognized Corporal Javier Santos Ortiz and honored its Veterans. Attending is from (l-r) Councilpersons Dandy De Paula, Luis Roa, and Ernie Vargas, Ortiz, Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio and Mayor pro tem Victor Farfan.



**LA MIRADA OFFICIALS** from (l-r) Mayor Steven De Ruse, and Councilmen Ed Eng and John Lewis salute the flag in front of the city's Veterans Monument.

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# Fire Guts Home in La Palma, No One Injured



**FIREFIGHTERS** putting out hotspots and cleaning up after the fire was contained. The Los Angeles County Fire Department, Anaheim Fire Department, and Fullerton Fire Department assisted the Orange County Fire Authority.

By **Brian Hews**

A fire broke out in a two-story home in La Palma this week, gutting the home and forcing firefighters to take a “defensive” position.

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) responded quickly to control the fire and protect their firefighters as roaring flames and dense smoke consumed the house.

According to the OCFA, the residents had evacuated before OCFA arrived.

The fire was so intense the OCFA prioritized containment of the fire, with help from the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACOFD), Anaheim Fire Department, Fullerton Fire Department, and the La Palma Police Department.

The house was reduced to ashes; an investigation is underway. No injuries were reported.

## La Mirada Symphony Free Concert

Staff Report

The La Mirada Symphony is offering a free concert, the La Mirada Chamber Music Recital. The recital will play at

the La Mirada Activity Center – 2nd Floor Library 13810 La Mirada Boulevard. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The program begins at 6:00 p.m. Reception to follow. Stay and meet the musicians.

On February 18, 2024 the Symphony will hold another fee concert, The Great Germans at the La Mirada Theater.

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# Area Cities Crime Summary - November 4 - 11, 2023



Map created by Los Cerritos Community News, cities include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood and Norwalk. Source: Crimemapping, two mile circumference from Artesia.

# La Mirada Crime Summary

- Notable Arrests**
- Four suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
  - One suspect was arrested for organized retail crime.
- Robbery**
- A robbery was reported on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd. No injuries were sustained from the incident and is still under investigation.
- Other Structure Burglary**
- Items were stolen from an open unattached garage on the 15000 block of Badlona Dr.
- Grand Theft**
- A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 12700 block of Cherryvale.
  - Two catalytic converters were stolen from the area of Biola Ave and Stage Rd.
  - A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 14100 block of Adoree St.
- Vehicle Burglary**
- An afternoon window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 15600 block of Imperial Hwy.
  - A purse was stolen during a morning window smash vehicle burglary on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.
  - A vehicle burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave.
  - A purse was reported stolen on the 14600 block of San Bruno Dr.
- Grand Theft Auto**
- A sedan was reported stolen on the 14600 block of Los Fuentes Rd.



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### Drive-Through Car Wash Company Applies for Norwalk Location



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### Local Councilmen Attend Lakewood State of the City



**REPRESENTING** Southern California Association of Governments at the event was Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama. Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon was the keynote. With Yokoyama is (l-r) Lakewood Councilman Jeff Wood and David Arellano.

### OFFRAMP from page 1

future funding if required.

Nearly \$16 million is coming from the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) along with a Metro local funds match from tax measure Measure R - Highway, Interstate 605 Corridor "Hot Spot" Interchanges program.

Metro indicated that the project should only take about a year, but since it is so close to the Cerritos Auto Square and the Cerritos Mall, "the project warrants a robust community and business engagement plan."

Metro said they already reached out to local jurisdictions, stakeholders, residents, businesses, and the public, including outreach to two major stakeholders in the area, the Cerritos Auto Square auto mall, and Los Cerritos Center shopping mall.

The construction costs include approximately \$1.1 million for California Highway Patrol, which will pay for traffic control.

The Project Invitation for Bid was released on June 23, 2023, and 4 bids were received on August 28, 2023. Metro indicated the bids are currently being validated for responsiveness.

Powell Constructors was the apparent low bidder at \$ 15.6 million; CA Rasmusen's bid was \$16.4 million; Granite Construction Company's bid was \$ 19.1 million; and Griffith Company's bid was \$ 20.2 million.

The project is expected to start in a few weeks.



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## BizFed Event Recognized New State, County and Local Officials



**FRESHMAN POLICYMAKER RECEPTION:** Pictured (front l to r) are: Brissa Sotelo Vargas, Valero and BizFed PAC Co-Vice Chair; Whittier City Councilmember Octavio Caesar Martinez; Long Beach City Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie; Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna; Long Beach Councilmember Megan Kerr; Los Angeles City Councilmember Imelda Padilla; Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) Founding CEO Traci Hernandez; Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco; Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur; Long Beach City Councilmember Kristina Duggan; Mary Rosas, Starbucks; Pasadena Vice Mayor Felicia Williams; Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo; and Artesia Councilmember Ali Taj. Top row (l to r) are: BizFed President David Englin; Montebello City Councilmember Georgina Tamayo; Jerard Wright, Greater Los Angeles REALTORS; Caroline Torosis, Santa Monica City Council; Aaron Taxy, Building Owners & Managers Association of Greater LA and PAC Chair; West Hollywood City Councilmember Chelsea Byers; Yesenia Monsour, Kaiser Permanente; South El Monte City Councilmember Rudy Bojorquez; Optimum Seismic Founder and COO Ali Sahabi; John Musella, 2023 BizFed Chair and Musella Group; Redondo Beach Councilwoman Paige Kaluderovic; and Palmdale Councilwoman Andrea Alarcon; Todd Vradenburg, National Association of Theater Owners; San Gabriel City Councilmember Eric Chan; and Downey City Councilmember Hector Sosa.

### Staff Report

Optimum Seismic, Inc. sponsored a special event recognizing the newest elected officials in L.A. County recently at the historic Union Station in L.A.

“Optimum Seismic was very honored to serve as the Title Sponsor for the fifth year in a row of this unique Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) and BizFed PAC program,” said Optimum Seismic Co-Founder and COO Ali Sahabi.

Among the Southeast area cities

represented at the event by members of their City Councils included: Artesia, Bell Gardens, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Pico Rivera, South Gate, and Whittier.

The Freshman Policymakers event brings together a newly elected State, County and City government officials and business leaders from throughout the county tasked with shaping the future of the economy in L.A. County. In all, more than 200 people attended the event.

## Donate to Community Holiday Programs in Cerritos



Photo by Brian Hews

**DONATE TOYS:** New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off now through Wed., Dec. 13 in the Toys for Tots bins around the city, like the above at the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station.

Cerritos residents can donate to community programs this holiday season.

The annual Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps and Cerritos, provides gifts to local underprivileged children. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off Mon., Nov. 6 through Wed., Dec. 13 in the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East and Cerritos Sheriff’s Station.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program helps brighten Christmas for needy children. To participate, pick up one or more tags at the Cerritos Senior Center between Monday, November 6 and Friday, December 8. Each tag will list the child’s age, gender, clothing size and toy request. Submit your donation, along with the original tag, to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Wednesday, December 13.

For more info., call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.

## Cerritos College Virtual Forum on 166th/Studebaker Lot

### Staff Report

Cerritos College will host a virtual forum to update residents about changes to the lot located at 166th Street and Studebaker Road. The Cerritos City Council approved the college’s Temporary Use Permit (TUP) and 2021.

The TUP authorizes the college to

convert the property at 166th Street and Studebaker Road into an automobile storage facility. Issues raised by residents and the city, including dust and light mitigation, hours of operation, loading of vehicles, security, and landscaping. The college continues to work closely with the City of Cerritos to meet the requirements outlined in the TUP.

The forum will occur Monday, December 11 5:30 p.m. virtually, YOU CAN RSVP by emailing [grijalva@cerritos.edu](mailto:grijalva@cerritos.edu) to receive the Zoom information.

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**La Mirada Theater**

**'Beautiful: The Carole King Musical' Hits All the Notes**

By Stepheny Gehrig

With a remarkable cast, the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts hosted "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," a musical biography of Carole King's life as it examines her process of creating songs, her personal life and her rise to fame.

With outstanding actors and singers, the musical is an exceptional show worth seeing. Running around 2 hours, with a 15 minute intermission, the show was utterly captivating, keeping the audience engaged with a whirlwind of emotions and nostalgic tunes.

In the thorough depiction of King's rise to fame, the musical delves into the obstacles she faced as she persevered through hardship. Examining King's relationships with her spouse, job, and friendships, "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" perfectly depicts all aspects of life while incorporating notable tracks written and performed by Carole King,



SARA SHEPERD is outstanding as Carole King.



THE COMPANY of 'Beautiful: The Carole King Musical,' directed by David Ruttura and now playing at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

played by Sara Sheperd.

Sheperd took the stage as Carole King and amazed the audience with a stunning voice and an emotional portrayal of the character. Sheperd effortlessly emulates the humble nature of Carole King while evoking passionate renditions of her music. Sheperd's performance is overall both outstanding and impressive throughout the entire performance.

On stage, Miles Jacoby gives a believable and intense performance of Carole King's husband Gerry Goffin. The dynamic between Jacoby and Sheperd makes for a poignant performance that explores the difficulties of the entangled life of two people who have grown apart. They both easily capture love and hardship and showcase the emotional turmoil of navigating a relationship that is falling apart.

The charismatic nature between characters Barry Mann (Trevor James) and Cynthia Weil (Sara King) creates a counter to the tension of the other characters on stage. Despite portraying the reality of

hardship in their own relationship, James and King allow their characters to ease tensions and give the audience a glimpse of joy.

Specifically, the relationship between Cynthia Weil and Carole King is exceptionally significant in the show as it defines the role of friendship in Carole King's life. Sheperd and King bring to the stage an air of relief as the characters highlight the importance of friendship.

With Barry Mann in attendance for the Nov. 11 show, the musical closed with a well-earned standing ovation from the audience. "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" is one of the best shows so far for the 2023 La Mirada Theatre season, and is a must-see for those interested in music history and those who enjoy nostalgic and emotional performances.

*The musical runs until Dec. 3; tickets range from \$19 to \$90. Tickets can be purchased online at [Lamiradatheatre.com](http://Lamiradatheatre.com).*

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## Gift an Amaryllis for Colorful Winter Blooms

By Melinda Myers

**T**his holiday, give a gift that keeps giving and requires no dusting. Gift friends and family a beautiful amaryllis that is sure to generate smiles as they watch the bulb transform into beautiful blossoms.

Select unique varieties for the avid gardeners on your list. Double Dancing Queen has 8" blooms with layers of ruffled snow-white petals adorned with brushstrokes of scarlet red. The flowers of Evergreen amaryllis feature mint green petals, and Wild Amazone has long, recurved petals in a blend of brick-red, maroon, ivory, and pale green. Simply nestle the bulbs into decorative bags, as the recipients are likely to have their own containers and potting mix.

Consider gifting the DIYers on your list with a growing kit that includes all the essentials: pot, potting mix, decorative moss



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to cover the soil, and bulb. It's everything they'll need to plant, watch and grow an amaryllis. New gardeners and those who claim to have a brown thumb will appreciate receiving a pre-planted bulb. You will enjoy the selection and planting process, and the recipient will get to enjoy the satisfaction of growing this no-fuss gift.

Plant the bulbs in a quality potting mix with the top half above the soil surface. Grow a single bulb in a pot that is seven to eight inches deep and five to six inches across with drainage holes. Or group several bulbs together in a larger container. After planting, water the potting mix thoroughly and place the container in a cool sunny location. Water sparingly until the bulb sprouts, which can take several weeks to a month or more.

Amaryllis may also be grown without any soil at all. Place several inches of pebbles in the bottom of a glass vase or watertight container. Cover the pebbles with water. Set the bulb on top of the pebbles, adding more stones around the bulb to hold it in place, but leaving the top one-third of the bulb exposed. Add water as needed, keeping it just under and not touching the bottom of the bulb.

Look for unique containers, baskets, or other items to showcase these beauties. Check out Longfield Gardens' free downloadable Winter-Blooming Bulbs Inspiration Book for creative ways to display and decorate your home with amaryllis.

Grow a few extra bulbs so you can enjoy the long-lasting blooms as cut flowers. Wait until the buds are fully formed and soft to the touch. Cut the stems to the desired length and place them in a clean vase with fresh water. Secure the stems in place with colorful stones, ornaments, faux berries, or use a vase with a narrow opening. Create a gift that lasts even longer with a



**DOUBLE DANCING QUEEN** has 8" blooms with layers of ruffled snow-white petals adorned with brushstrokes of scarlet red.

selection of amaryllis bulbs that bloom at different times. Include early blooming bulbs grown in the southern hemisphere, such as Alaska with its double white flowers, Opal Star with its single sun bleach red blooms, and Cape Horn with jumbo rose pink flowers. Plant these bulbs in early November so your recipient has colorful blooms for the holidays.

Keep the color coming by gifting amaryllis from Holland and other areas in the northern hemisphere. These bulbs bloom from January through March, depending on the variety and when they are plant-

ed. Three or more varieties will provide months of midwinter flowers.

Remind your gift recipient to relax while waiting for their amaryllis to start growing. The bulbs don't sprout until they're ready, and it's impossible to know exactly when that will be. Once the bud begins to emerge, the daily transformation is thrilling to watch.

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## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 11 FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

### GAHR'S OFFENSE SHUT DOWN IN SECOND HALF BY TOP-SEEDED QUARTZ HILL

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

UPLAND-It takes one play to put a charge in a team for the rest of the game and for Cerritos High, that one play came on the opening kickoff of its CIF-Southern Section Division 12 quarterfinal game at Western Christian High. Junior Dikshanta Adhikari returned the kickoff 53 yards and after being pushed back five yards on a false start infraction, the Dons scored on the next play.

After that, Cerritos stunned the home crowd, scoring on its next possession, then getting a defensive touchdown and a special teams touchdown in a matter of eight seconds late in the stanza. When the dust had settled, Cerritos pulled off a 55-44 win last Friday at Dr. Harold K. Sider Field, sending the Dons into the semifinals for the first time in school history.

"For a change, we took the ball," said Cerritos first-year head coach Demel Franklin. "We normally defer the kick and put it on our defense. But we knew they had an electric offense, and I didn't want to give them a chance to go in and score, and then it's on us. We are very physical, and we wanted to challenge them to see how we would do. I think we did pretty well."

"I'm speechless," said senior Josh Park. "Who would have thought we would go to round three this year, especially in my last year? So, it was very exciting."

Western Christian entered the game having scored 437 points through 11 games and finished the season gaining close to 472 yards a game. But it was the Cerritos offense that was putting up



**CERRITOS HIGH** junior cornerback Ruben Castro is off to the races late in the first quarter against Western Christian High as he intercepts a Jared Doolittle pass and returns it 50 yards to the house. Cerritos led 21-0 after the pick six and went on to stun the Fighting Lancers 55-44 last Friday in a CIF-Southern Section Divisional 12 quarterfinal game. **Photo by J.B. Quibrantar.**

off was scooped up by junior Nathaiel Crawford, who went a mere 16 yards for a shocking and surprising 28-0 lead before the quarter had reached the 10-minute mark. To put that into perspective, the Fighting Lancers had not allowed 28 points in the first quarter all season. The most they had allowed in the first quarter was 23 against Maranatha High on Sept. 15.

"Our defense set the tone in the first quarter," said Park. "That's what we like, and then our offense fed off that energy and we just scored a lot in the first quarter,



**WITH GREAT** blocking up front, Cerritos High junior running back Dikshanta Adhikari finds a hole where he scores from five yards out in the fourth quarter of last Friday's 55-44 win at Western Christian High in a CIF-Southern Section Division 12 quarterfinal game. Adhikari gained 80 yards on 13 carries and was one of three Cerritos running backs to gain at least 70 yards. **Photo by J.B. Quibrantar.**



**TACKLE:** From (l-r), Cerritos High sophomore linebacker Tyler Ky, sophomore cornerback Michael Quibrantar and sophomore linebacker Jacob Hoosac team up to tackle Jeffrey Jackson of Western Christian High in last Friday's CIF-Southern Section Division 12 quarterfinal contest. Cerritos pulled off a 55-44, advancing to the semifinals for the first time in school history. **Photo by J.B. Quibrantar.**

the points early and often. With the 605 League champions starting at the Western Christian 19-yard line, sophomore quarterback Justin Sagun went around the left side and scored just 17 seconds into the contest. After the defense forced three incomplete passes by Jared Doolittle, it took three plays for Cerritos to make it 14-0 as Sagun again went to his left and scored on an eight-yard run.

With 3:28 left in the quarter, the Fighting Lancers got ball back after recovering a fumble and following an incomplete pass and a four-yard run from Doolittle, he had his seventh pass of the game tipped and land in the waiting hands of junior cornerback Ruben Castro, who scampered 50 yards for a touchdown.

The early scoring barrage didn't stop there as a fumble on the ensuing kick-

too."

Western Christian got its first points just over two minutes into the second quarter when Doolittle, who had thrown for 37 touchdowns on the season entering the contest, hooked up with J.J. Hooper for a 35-yard connection. On the next drive, the Dons (7-5), chewed up 6:03 off the clock by gaining 89 yards on 10 plays, ending with a three-yard score from junior running back Josiah Ungos. With nearly four minutes remaining in the half, Cerritos was up 35-6, however, considering what type of offense Western Christian had, Franklin knew the game was far from over.

"I didn't expect it to go that way," said Franklin. "I thought there would be fireworks from the beginning. The fact that we stopped them on the first drive of the

game gave our offense more confidence, and then we went out and scored again and we were on fire. In the second half, they figured out some things and defensively, we were on our heels the whole second half. It was very surprising and shocking, but I'll take that surprise."

Sagun completed the only two passes he would throw for 20 yards while senior Julian Morales had a 29-yard pass to Castro as all three passes came in the first

half. But the extent of the Cerritos offense would lie in its running game as Adhikari, Park, Sagun and Ungos combined for 117 yards on 22 carries in the half while Western Christian had picked up 122 yards with Doolittle completing seven of 19 passes for 90 yards.

Even with the score 35-6 with two minutes remaining in the half, Franklin

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# NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

## ARTESIA FOOTBALL KEEPS RUNNING AND RUNNING, ADVANCES TO DIVISION 14 SEMIFINALS

By Loren Kopff  
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The top-ranked football team in the CIF-Southern Section's Division 14 has not been a part of the upset bug as, for the second time in six seasons, Artesia High is in the semifinals. The Pioneers knocked off Santa Rosa Academy 21-12 on the road last Friday, improving to 8-4 as they travel to Bell Gardens High on Friday.

Artesia, the second place team from the 605 League, advanced to the Division 12 finals in 2018 losing to Linfield Christian High 70-32. The Pioneers have already exceeded their combined win total of the past four seasons and are one of eight top-ranked teams in the 14 divisions to still be alive. Junior quarterback Charlie Lopez completed one pass, which went for four yards to junior wide receiver Ahkil Sampson. But he rushed for 124 yards on 14 carries and scored all three touchdowns-one yard and 14 yards in the second quarter and 40 yards in the third quarter. He leads the team with 1,778 yards and 23 touchdowns while junior running back Julius Padilla, who gained 203 yards on 28 carries, has gained 739 yards with nine touchdowns to his season resume.

The Pioneers have won four of their past five games, scoring at least 21 points in those four victories and have reached the 20-point mark in all their wins while their four setbacks have all been within 20 points and by a combined 55 points.

Bell Gardens enters the game with a 7-5 mark and defeated fourth-ranked Ocean View High 28-21 last Friday. The Lancers finished in third place in the Almont League and have a point differential of eight points. Common opponents for Artesia and Bell Gardens are Mark Keppel High and Pioneer High. Mark Keppel was dominated by the Pioneers, 41-0 on Aug. 25, and by the Lancers, 70-6, in regular season finale, while Pioneer fell to Artesia 37-19 on Oct. 12 and to Bell Gardens 46-30 on Sept. 1.

When the Lancers have fallen this season, they have lost bad. They were shutout twice, scored a touchdown each in two other losses and was on the short end of a 34-16 decision to San Gabriel High. Complete statistics were not made available.

The winner of this game will face either third-ranked Hawthorne High or Lynwood High. If Artesia wins, it will host the championship game.

**Prediction: Artesia 35, Bell Gardens 20**

**DIVISION 12**  
**#1 Coachella Valley High (10-2) @**

**#13 Cerritos High (7-5)-See Cerritos/Western Christian High game story.**

Cerritos has never been to the semifinals and has won seven games for the first time since 2001 when that team finished at 9-2. Coachella Valley, which finished second in the Desert Valley League, is seeking the program's fourth trip to a divisional championship game. The last time occurred in 1968 when it lost to St. Bonaventure High 27-20 in the 'A' finals. Coachella Valley has eight straight winning seasons after five straight losing campaigns.

A Cerritos win means the Dons will host either Santa Fe High or Yucca Valley High in the championship game.

**Prediction: Coachella Valley 56, Cerritos 49**

**Last week's predictions: 2-0**  
**Season to date: 52-16**

### CROSS COUNTRY

The CIF-SS preliminaries took place last Friday and Saturday at Mt. San Antonio college and none of the area teams had enough points to move on to the finals.

On the boys side in Division 2 action, Cerritos finished with 403 points and in 14<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams in its heat. The top five Cerritos runners were sophomore Marlon Zarate (18:20, 78<sup>th</sup>), seniors Elliot Kim (18:39, 83<sup>rd</sup>), Ben Giordano (18:55, 87<sup>th</sup>) and senior Preston Yi (19:15, 90<sup>th</sup>) and junior Howard Lee (19:26, 94<sup>th</sup>).

Norwalk High finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place in another heat with 270 points as sophomore Leonardo Diaz was its top runner (16:01, 12<sup>th</sup>). The next four Norwalk runners were junior Erick Gallardo Barrios (17:12, 54<sup>th</sup>), sophomore Angeldavid Anaya (17:28, 57<sup>th</sup>) and juniors Diego Lopez (16:13, 79<sup>th</sup>) and Ethan Meza (18:38, 85<sup>th</sup>).

On the girls side Cerritos finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place in its heat with 286 points. The top five Cerritos runners were freshman Kalana Nguyen (20:56, 43<sup>rd</sup>), sophomore Dani Romero (21:42, 55<sup>th</sup>), juniors Anna Field (21:43, 56<sup>th</sup>) and Zilian Liu (22:29, 71<sup>st</sup>) and freshman Daisy Lee (23:23, 80<sup>th</sup>). Also in the division, but in a different heat, Norwalk placed 8<sup>th</sup> with 273 points, led by senior Vanessa Felix (20:32, 32<sup>nd</sup>). After her were juniors Isabella Reyes (21:58, 52<sup>nd</sup>) and Jazmin Gallegos (22:14, 55<sup>th</sup>) and sophomores Aaliyah Taylor (23:36, 73<sup>rd</sup>) and Daniela Raya (23:43, 76<sup>th</sup>).

In Division 3 action, sophomore Amanda Palomino represented La Mirada High and finished in 55<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 22:16 while the Gahr girls came in 11<sup>th</sup> place in its heat with 298 points. It's top five runners were seniors Ananya

Patel (22:25, 55<sup>th</sup>), Elena Windsor (23:17, 59<sup>th</sup>) and Katherine Ante (24:05, 73<sup>rd</sup>), junior Desiree Garcia (24:46, 78<sup>th</sup>) and senior Sylin Thai (26:08, 85<sup>th</sup>).

In Division 4 action, the Whitney High boys finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place in its heat with 269 points as the top five runners for the Wildcats were sophomore Cristian Ishiki (18:22, 48<sup>th</sup>), junior Ethan Choi (18:28, 53<sup>rd</sup>), senior Moises Reyes (18:37, 56<sup>th</sup>), sophomore Avery Chen (18:52, 60<sup>th</sup>) and junior Damian Moreno (18:57, 61<sup>st</sup>).

The Whitney girls finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place in its heat and picked up 338 points as freshman Katherine Low came in 35<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 21:48. Her next four teammates were seniors Amanda Ang (25:39, 74<sup>th</sup>) and Kasmine Brar (26:12, 76<sup>th</sup>), freshman Mohana Sai (27:24, 88<sup>th</sup>) and sophomore Alyson Kang (27:45, 91<sup>st</sup>).

The Valley Christian High boys team had the best finish of any area team, coming in seventh place in its heat, racking up 166 points. The Defenders fell 15 points shy of qualifying for the finals. Junior Jack Gisler was the top V.C. runner as his time of 17:24 was good for 16<sup>th</sup> place. Sophomore Carter Wegman was the next V.C. runner (17:55, 32<sup>nd</sup>) followed by seniors Caleb O'Conner (18:09, 36<sup>th</sup>), Brandon Teng (18:28, 45<sup>th</sup>) and Matthew Vreeke (18:44, 51<sup>st</sup>).

The V.C girls piled up 272 points, good for ninth place in its heat, but 149 points away from qualifying. The top five V.C. runners were freshman Lauren Sampson (24:30, 52<sup>nd</sup>), junior Karla Ramos (24:31, 53<sup>rd</sup>), sophomore Brianna Ramirez (24:39, 54<sup>th</sup>), freshman Madeline Maillet (25:47, 65<sup>th</sup>) and junior

Grace Najarian (26:55, 77<sup>th</sup>).

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Artesia had no problems with Calvary Chapel Downey High in its 79-33 season-opening win this past Tuesday. The Pioneers go to Sylmar High on Friday before hosting its own tournament where it will face Downey High on Monday, St. Anthony High on Tuesday, and Paramount High on Wednesday.

Cerritos will face St. Monica High on Saturday at St. John Bosco High and hosts Orange High on Tuesday while John Glenn High fell to Magnolia Science Academy 44-43 in overtime this past Monday and hosted Vista Meridian High this past Wednesday and will be home to Amino Pat Brown High on Friday.

La Mirada defeated Torrance High 79-49 this past Monday and El Segundo High 67-49 the next day in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rumble for Rosecrans Ave. Tournament. The Matadores faced Los Altos High this past Wednesday in a quarterfinal tilt and will play wrap up the tournament on Friday and Saturday before facing Villa Park High on Tuesday.

Norwalk went to Rancho Alamitos High this past Wednesday in its season opener and will travel to Bassett High on Friday before going to Santa Fe on Wednesday.

V.C., also in the Rumble for Rosecrans Ave. Tournament, defeated Quartz Hill High 65-49 this past Monday but lost to Los Altos 72-71 in triple overtime this past Tuesday. The Defenders squared off against El Segundo this past Wednesday and will visit Marina High on Wednesday.

Finally, Whitney squeaked past Loara

[ See NEWS AND NOTES, page 13 ]

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** 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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Solution to puzzle on page 14.

**Solution: 8 letters**



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High 59-57 this past Tuesday and will go to El Rancho High on Tuesday.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Artesia travels to Gahr on Saturday in its season opener and goes to Fountain Valley High on Wednesday while Cerritos is in the Corona Del Mar Tournament next week where the Dons will play Murrieta Valley High on Monday and Westwood High on Wednesday in pool play action.

Gahr defeated Lawndale High 54-36 this past Monday in its season opener and hosted Compton High on Nov. 16. The Gladiators will be home to Mountain View High on Friday before its contest with Artesia.

Glenn defeated Magnolia Science Academy 41-15 this past Monday and hosted South El Monte High this past Wednesday before going to Gardena High on Nov. 16. The Eagles will host Workman High on Saturday and Blair High on Monday.

Norwalk lost to Millikan High 65-31 this past Monday and travelled to Wiseburn-Da Vinci High this past Wednesday and Western High on Nov. 16. The Lancers stay on the road for Friday's meeting with Loara and Katella High on Monday.

V.C. fell to Santa Fe 54-24 this past Monday to kick off the season and will go to St. Joseph High on Saturday before hosting Long Beach Wilson High on Monday and Oxford Academy on Tuesday.

Whitney went to Walnut High this past Wednesday and will host Covina High on Friday before going to Mayfair High on Monday.

**BOYS SOCCER**

Artesia hosted Paramount this past Wednesday in its season opener while Cerritos hosted La Serna High on Nov. 16 and entertains Mayfair on Tuesday.

Gahr tied V.C. 1-1 this past Monday and was home to Oxford Academy on Nov. 16 while Glenn shutout Mark Keppel High 1-0 this past Tuesday and went to V.C. on Nov. 16. The Eagles will also travel to Lynwood on Tuesday.

Norwalk hosts Montebello High on Tuesday while V.C. welcomes California High on Tuesday and Whitney is home to Calvary Chapel Downey on Friday before travelling to Tarbut V' Torah High on Monday.

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Artesia begins its season at Santa Fe on Wednesday while Glenn entertained Rancho Alamitos on Nov. 16 and will go to Buena Park High on Monday.

Norwalk edged Pioneer 1-0 this past Tuesday and went to Bell Gardens on Nov. 16 before venturing to Montebello on Tuesday

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was concerned with the penalty situation where the Dons were hurting themselves, being flagged nine times for 75 yards, including consecutive personal foul penalties before a snap was taken that took the ball from the Western Christian 27-yard line to the Cerritos 46-yard line right after Ungos scored. The Fighting Lancers were forced to punt on the drive, but Franklin was still displeased with the yellow laundry all over the field, forcing him to send a stern message during his halftime speech.

"I told them to clean up the penalties," said Franklin. "We had a lot of dumb penalties; holding, false start and we're talking, which I hated. I yelled at them and used some choice language to have them shut their mouths. That was my speech."

Western Christian had two possessions in the third quarter, the first lasting 3:12 and resulted in a Doolittle to Darryl Booker 25-yard touchdown pass. After Cerritos answered with a four-yard score from Park exactly four minutes later, the hosts, who play on a field that gives the visiting team, and the chain crew just three and a half yards from the sideline to the back of a fence to maneuver through, were stopped on downs. At the Cerritos 49-yard line, Doolittle was looking for Hooper, but the ball was knocked down by sophomore cornerback Michael Quibrantar on fourth and 16.

With the Dons up 41-12 with 11:04 remaining, the game would move in a faster mode, compliments to Doolittle and his receiving corps of Booker, Hooper, Jeffrey Jackson, and Elijah Vasquez. Through the first three quarters, Doolittle was 12 of 29 for 174 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but in the final 11:04, he had better numbers.

It started with a 69-yard touchdown pass to Hooper and with a two-point conversion from Doolittle, it was 41-20 with 10:18 left. Cerritos came back with an Adhikari five-yard score. But Booker's 38-yard kickoff return helped set up a Doolittle to Hooper 18-yard touchdown play and with another two-point conversion, it was 48-28 with 7:14 left in the game. The Fighting Lancers would recover an onside kick, which led to a 32-yard scoring pass from Doolittle to Vasquez four plays later.

But Cerritos refused to lift the foot off the gas pedal as a failed onside kick gave the Dons a short field where Adhikari's 10-yard gain led to a 20-yard touchdown run from Park and with 5:59 left in the game, it was 55-36. The final touchdown of the game came with 2:17 remaining, a short two-yard pass from Doolittle to Vasquez, plus a two-point conversion from the signal caller who began the game with close to 3,000 yards through the air.

"We wanted to push and keep scor-

ing because we want to go to that round three," said Park. "So, we kept driving and we kept scoring. [Our approach] was to keep moving and not get your guard down. It was close towards the end, but our defense stayed in, and our offense kept pushing."

"We knew they score in the blink of an eye," said Franklin. "They were just scoring left and right, left and right and we were playing the clock. One thing I knew, they couldn't stop us. I had that confidence that they were not going to stop us all night. I knew that."

Doolittle finished the game 25 of 47 and had career-highs with 434 yards and six touchdowns while Hooper caught eight passes for 220 yards. For the Dons, Park gained 96 yards on 14 carries while Adhikari had 80 yards on 13 carries and Ungos another 71 yards on 16 touches. Senior linebacker and safety Gabe Gaudi led the defensive charge with a dozen tackles while Crawford had 11 tackles and junior Devyn Chantha another five tackles.

"I go into no game thinking we're going to lose," said Franklin. "I breed confidence and I want the kids to feel that. We've done a lot of hard work and I know what we have. A lot of people will look at our record, but you have to look at the score of those games. We were in every one of those games."

Now, Cerritos will face a tougher task on Friday when it hosts Coachella Valley High for the right to play for the program's first divisional championship. The Mighty Arabs (that is their official mascot as approved by the Coachella Valley Unified School District in 2014), who defeated Don Lugo High 52-35 last Friday, are 10-2 and the top-ranked team in the division. They have won five straight games and have scored 513 points this season. Coachella Valley's lone losses were to Xavier Prep (14-7) in the first

game of the season and to Yucca Valley High (69-45) on Oct. 5.

All 10 regular season opponents have been against desert teams, including one against Las Vegas-based El Dorado High on Sept. 8. Coachella Valley's travels during the regular season in the state have been to Blythe, Cathedral City, Indio, Palm Desert, and Yucca Valley.

The heart and soul of the Mighty Arabs offense lies in Aaron Ramirez, who has rushed for 1,979 yards and scored 29 touchdowns. The only other player to reach triple digits on the ground is Ivan Camargo, who has gained 504 yards in 60 carries with eight touchdowns.

Quarterback Derek Calderon is 116 of 200 for 1,874 yards with 23 touchdowns but has been picked off seven times and his top targets are Miguel Rodriguez (55 receptions, 890 yards, 13 touchdowns), Ramirez (25 receptions, 506 yards, four touchdowns) and Ernesto Rocio (14 receptions, 247 yards, four touchdowns).

The team is averaging over 400 yards a game but on defense Coachella Valley has allowed at least 20 points in eight games, has sacked opposing quarterbacks 15 times from nine players and has a dozen interceptions from seven players.

The seven victories are the most for the Dons since 2001 when they went 9-2 overall and were tri-champions of the old Suburban League. The message from Franklin as far as his team's approach this week in practice is the same one as his halftime speech last Friday. Cerritos ended up with 13 accepted penalties for 120 yards while Western Christian had 14 accepted penalties for 120 yards.

"That killed us," said Franklin. "In a tighter game, we lose the game, and probably get blown out. So, that's what we're going to clean up on Monday. I'm going to penalize them myself on Monday and we're going to run a lot."

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you can't bring your dog into Starbucks.”  
As momentum builds, the \$113 billion fast-food industry is leaning in. Popeyes executives are cutting the size of dining rooms in half. Taco Bell is experimenting with eliminating them altogether in favor of more car lanes. Chick-fil-A plans to open a two-story, four-lane drive-through in Atlanta next year that can handle 75 cars at a time and delivers food from the kitchen on a conveyor belt.

Restaurants are tailoring mobile menus to individual customers based on their past purchases. Some are experimenting with artificial intelligence that can take orders in Spanish or English, depending on the first words from a guest's mouth.

Witness the Taco Bell behemoth that recently opened in Brooklyn Park, just north of Minneapolis; the company calls it Defy, an innovation that aims to redefine the drive-through for the digital age. It has no dining room. The kitchen is on the second floor. Below, three of its four drive-through lanes are reserved for delivery drivers and people who order through an app. Bags of food zip from the kitchen to the customer on a round tray a little smaller than manhole cover that travels up and down a system of plastic tubes.

Companies like Starbucks and Biscuitville are getting more creative, building smaller restaurants that create fewer traffic snarls and fit better into neighborhoods.

In October, McDonald's said in its quarterly earnings report that 40 percent of its sales came from customers ordering digitally. It opened its first drive-through restau-

rant without a dining room late last year in Fort Worth.

Even fast-casual restaurants that once shunned drive-through culture and targeted urban customers willing to pay more for fresher, less-processed ingredients have jumped on the train.

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California's first drive-thru Denny's opened this past Monday in the city of Kernan in Fresno County.

Shake Shack, which started as a hot-dog stand in a Manhattan park in 2001 and now has more than 500 restaurants around the world, opened its first drive-through in December 2021 in Maple Grove, Minn. Now it has 22. Sweetgreen, a company built on custom-made salads whose ethos includes being less carbon-intensive, opened a Sweetlane last year in Schaumburg, Ill.

“Drive-through culture has really been one thing, and we are happy to help make it something else,” said Nicholas Jammet, who co-founded the chain.

Plenty of independent restaurant owners opened drive-through lanes to get through the pandemic- and they kept them open.

Danny Klein, the editorial director of QSR magazine and author of its annual Drive-Thru Report, calls this “the era of drive-through optimization.”

The quality — and the price — of drive-through food are both rising as wait times get shorter. “The drive-through is no longer a trade-off that is just fast and cheap,” Klein said. “Now it's really about the technology. It's about being accurate and being a good experience.”

**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CITYWIDE WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, RFP NO. 1511-23. Project Identification: CITYWIDE WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, RFP NO. 1511-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary for, but are not limited to, preventative monthly maintenance of all Water Features in the City of Cerritos. Work also includes professional consulting services, as needed on a time-and-materials basis, related to the efficient and effective operation of the City's water features. **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** Sheriff's Station Conference Room, 18135 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. **The City will not review proposals from Contractors who do not attend the pre-proposal meeting. Proposals must be received on or before: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Place of proposal receipt:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Cerritos, California 90703. **Proposals must be marked: "CITYWIDE WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, RFP NO. 1511-23 - DO NOT OPEN."** Request for Proposal details are available by visiting the Public Works Department at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA, 90703, or by calling (562) 916-1220. The City's final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis: Completeness of proposal; Contractor's demonstrated understanding of the scope of work; Feedback received from references listed on Reference Sheet; The total fee for the proposal; Qualifications of contractor. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. No proposal will be received unless it is made on the official forms in the Contract Documents that include the Proposal Cost Schedule/Non-Collusion Affidavit. Failure to properly execute the Proposal Cost Schedule/Non-Collusion Affidavit will render the proposal non-responsive and the proposal will not be accepted. No proposal will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. 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 and C53 and D35, or B and C53 and D35"** is required. The proposer's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code. Contractor must have in its employ, staff including County of Los Angeles Public Environmental Health Certified Swimming Pool Service Technicians. Certification must be current with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health during the full term of the contract. Please provide Technician contact number(s) and Name(s) of Certified Swimming Pool Service Technicians. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1776, et al. of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of Industrial Relations for the State of California 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. Rates are available on the Internet at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>. In addition, the information can be obtained by calling the Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, or by faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771, or by writing to: California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. 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, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **17701 Ibbetson Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706 12/06/2023 at 11:00am.**

Lisa Edwards - Furniture and electronics  
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Glen Sutherland - Household items

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

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS  
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Notice is given that the City of La Mirada hereby invites sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new Chevrolet Silverado 6500 Heavy Duty Truck, 4x2 Chassis, 6.6L Turbo Diesel V8 with dual rear wheels and Rugby dump bed or approved equivalent, which in the opinion of the City, best meets or exceeds the specifications and offers the best value to the City.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk on or before Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Notice Inviting Bids on file in the City Clerk's Office located at La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, 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 12/05/2023 at 11:00 AM.**

Patrick Kimble - Books, Bikes, Tent  
John Escobedo - furniture. china cabinet is the biggest thing  
Raymond Vasquez - couches, boxes, and tools  
Michael Yniguez - Tool boxes  
Nichole Weston - Household items

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

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

TAE HUI JO  
CASE NO. 23STPB12311  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TAE HUI JO  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAE SON PAK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION requests that TAE SON PAK be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests FULL authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) A \$330,000 bond will be fixed. 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: 12/8/23 at 8:30AM in Stanley Mosk Courthouse Dept. 79 located at 110 N. GRAND AVE., 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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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at **13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California** to consider the following items:

**GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2023-1: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15074 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES SUBJECT TO MINOR MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD).**

At the hearing, the City Council will consider the environmental assessment, staff report and recommendations, as well as all testimony and public input, prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. These amendments were previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a duly public hearing held on November 16, 2023.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing, or you may submit your comments in writing to the city prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the Community Development Department, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. Comments may also be emailed directly to the project planner, Manuel Muñoz, at [manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org](mailto:manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org). Emailed comments must be received by Tuesday, November 28, 2023, by 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Manuel Muñoz  
Community Development Director

**Dated: November 17, 2023**

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