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“House Republicans want to leverage the funding to Israel by helping individual and corporate tax cheats.”
 ~Senate Majority Leader
Chuck Schumer



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION AT ARTESIA CEMETERY

OVER 150 ATTENDED the event sponsored by Sup. Janice Hahn. The community gathering featured food from Rosewoods, a costume contest and a showing of Pixar’s *Onward*. From (l-r) is Cemetery General Manager Tony Mendoza, Artesia Mayor Monica Manalo, Board Chair Mike Laughlin, Miss Artesia Princess Ashley Hernandez, Trustee Allison Stewart, Trustee Linda Gonzalez, Miss Artesia Teen Princess Miranda Cadena, Vice Chair Mike Wada, Hahn Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo, Trustee Osvaldo Palhinha.

Artesia’s Mayor Manalo Delivers State of the City Address

By Brian Hews

Artesia recently held its State of the City event at the Artesia Portuguese Hall DES, with current Mayor Monica Manalo welcoming attendees and thanking local, state, and national politicians for supporting Artesia, including Congresswoman Michelle Steel, Assemblywomen Sharon Quirk Silva, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and the Artesia City Council.

Angeles County Fire Department, the L.A. County Sheriffs, Cerritos College, the ABC Unified School District, the Artesia Chamber of Commerce, and the Artesia Historical Society.



Mayor Monica Manalo

Former mayor Sally Flow-

Manalo also acknowledged representatives from the Los

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Corporate Greed: Over 600 Lose Their Jobs at Smart and Final in Commerce and Riverside

Employees are forced to reapply for jobs in Rancho Cucamonga, some have worked at facilities for 30 years.

Final from private equity owner Apollo Global Management for approximately \$620 million plus debt in 2021.

The company plans to close two warehouses in Commerce and Riverside and say they will fire 600 workers from those facilities, forcing them to “reapply” for their jobs at a Rancho Cucamonga warehouse expected to open next year.

By Brian Hews

Smart & Final warehouse workers began their strike today in Commerce and Riverside against their employer, Bodega Latina Corp., the owner of the Fiesta Market and El Super chains.

Workers at the two plants voted to join the Teamsters in May of this year, the union said. The Teamsters say the company is trying to bust the nascent union.

Workers and the Teamsters Local 630 union are protesting the Commerce-based company to push for a contract that includes job protections and better wages.

Some of the workers have been at the facility for 30 years. One worker told KTLA, “We

Bodega acquired Smart &

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TV Show to Document the Murder of Deputy and Operation Takedown in Hawaiian Gardens

By Brian Hews

The killing of Jerry Ortiz, a 15-year veteran of the L.A. County Sheriff’s Department who worked on gang suppression, rocked the city of Hawaiian Gardens in 2005. After a massive door-to-door search, Jose Luis Orozco, a 27-year-old reputed gang member with devil horns tattooed on his head, was arrested in Hawaiian Gardens.

Now, a T.V. show airing next Tuesday will document “Operation Knockout,” the most extensive anti-gang operation in U.S. history spurred by the murder of Ortiz.

After the murder of Ortiz by the Latino gang Varrio Hawaiian Gardens, the FBI

formed a task force made up of over forty federal, state, and local enforcement agencies in Operation Knockout, the most extensive anti-gang operation in U.S. history.

At the time, Varrio Hawaiian Gardens waged a racist campaign to eliminate black people from the community via attempted murders and other crimes.

Almost 1,400 law enforcement officials converged on Hawaiian Gardens in a series of raids in 2009 as part of Operation Knockout.

The indictments charged 147 members and associates of the gang, while federal, state, and local law enforcement officials arrested 88 people.

The indictments detailed murder, firearms possession, narcotics, and other charges related to attacks by the gang, which was predominantly

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Second Dengue Virus Reported In Southern California

By Stepheny Gehrig

Long Beach health officials confirmed the city’s first case of locally-acquired dengue fever this past Wednesday.

Dengue (break-bone fever) is a viral infection that spreads from mosquitoes to people. It is more common in tropical and subtropical climates.

Most people who get dengue won’t have symptoms. But for those that do, the most common symptoms are high fever, headache, body aches, nausea and rash.

Most will also get better in 1–2 weeks. Some people develop severe dengue and need care in a hospital.

In severe cases, dengue can be fatal.

Long Beach’s case marks the state’s second locally-ac-

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STRIKING WORKERS at the Smart and Final distribution facility protest their loss of jobs this past Wednesday.

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Cerritos Recognizes October as Filipino American History Month



FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH: (l-r) front row: Marissa Pulido, Planning Commissioner Gloria Pulido, Filipino American Chamber Ambassador Mark Alipio, Kaitlin Venice Casica, Madeline Jean Miranda and Raphael Arriola - president, internal vice president and co-treasurer of Magkaisa Club of Cerritos High School respectively. **Second row:** (l-r) Former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, Councilwoman Lynda Johnson, Vince Casica and Filipino American Chamber Ambassador Aimee Bondoc Casica. **Back row:** (l-r) Demeven Quirino, Johnny Itliong, Councilman Frank Aurelio Yokoyama, Lee Natividad, Let Freedom Ring Committee member Dan E. Nino, Mayor Bruce Barrows and Councilmen Naresh Solanki.

By Dan E. Nino

At its last meeting, the Cerritos City Council presented a proclamation to the Filipino community represented by the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Cerritos and Magkaisa Club of Cerritos High School.

The City Council recognized October as Filipino American History Month to celebrate the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their contributions to the United States.

With a population of approximately 4.5 million, the Filipino-American community is the third-largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States,

California is home to nearly 2 million Filipinos, 30,000 of whom live in California's 45th District.

Reading a portion of the House Resolution 744, Cerritos Mayor Barrows told the gallery of mostly Filipino-Americans clad in their Filipiniana costume, "From the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, Filipinos and Filipino Americans have a long-standing history of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States."

Over 250,000 Filipinos fought as USAFFE forces and guerrillas under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend U.S. interests in the Pacific Theater.

The resolution read, "Filipino Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that may be bestowed on an individual serving in the Armed Forces, and continue to demonstrate a commendable sense of patriotism and honor in the Armed Forces.

"Filipino Americans play an integral role in the healthcare system of the United States as nurses, doctors, first responders, and other medical professionals, and approximately 1 in 4 working Filipino adults in the United States is a frontline healthcare worker.

"In 2009, Congress first recognized October as Filipino American History Month for their many contributions, including music, dance, literature, education, business, hospitality, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the United States. For

the many contributions of Filipino Americans, it is fitting that we join with our nation and celebrate the month of October as Filipino American History Month and honor our Filipino community members."

Accepting the proclamation were Ms. Ellen Rodriguez-Swing, President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Cerritos; vice chair, Mr. Lee Natividad; and Miss Kaitlin Casica, President of Cerritos High School Club Magkaisa.

"On behalf of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFAA) Greater Los Angeles Region and our constituent members, we welcome the American community as a whole to help us celebrate Filipino-American History Month during October each year," said Noel S. V. Omega, President of NaFAA Greater Los Angeles Region. "This celebration reminds us to work together to break cultural barriers and create a climate of inclusivity, harmony, and compassion towards all. We invite everyone to learn about the history and contributions of Filipinos in America. Together, we can build bridges across communities to secure a stronger future as we learn from each other."

The earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" arrived in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship.

The Filipino-American National Historical Society recognizes 1763 as the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was established in St. Malo, Louisiana.

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Staff Report

Spread holiday cheer to those in need by taking part in the La Mirada Holiday Toy and Food Drive beginning Wed. Nov. 1 thru Mon. Dec. 11. Donations of new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items will be collected and distributed to local organizations. Bring donations to any of the designated drop off locations and help make this a season of giving.

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Activity Center: 13810 La Mirada Blvd.
City Hall: 13700 La Mirada Blvd.
Community Sheriff's Station: 13716 La

Mirada Blvd.

Community Gymnasium: 15105 Alicante Road

La Mirada Library: 13800 La Mirada Blvd.

Resource Center: 13710 La Mirada Blvd.
Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center: 13806 La Mirada Blvd.

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Lottery to Ride on Cerritos Holiday Float

Staff Report

Santa's Holiday Float returns this year to spread seasonal cheer throughout Cerritos neighborhoods. This year residents can enter a lottery for a chance to ride with St. Nick. Residents can enter the Santa's Holiday Float Rider Lottery at cerritos.us through Sunday, October 29.

Offered on seven nights in December, the popular holiday attraction features a festive float with holiday music and Santa traveling through the residential areas of Cerritos.

Santa's Holiday Float will travel through the City starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 4 through Wednesday, December 6; Monday, December 11 through Wednesday, December 13; and on Friday, December 15.

Maps showing the float's route each evening will be posted on the City's website at cerritos.us by early December. A GPS tracker will be placed on the float to allow residents to track its location through a link on the City's website.

If it rains, the float will be canceled for that evening and the route will be rescheduled to another night.

Parents are asked to supervise their children to keep them from running into the streets while the float is passing.



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ABC Teacher's Family Hosted Two Students from Japan



BRAGG KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Ms. Moreno and family, had a very positive experience hosting two Japanese Middle Schoolers in their home recently. They enjoyed introducing the boys to many aspects of American Culture.

By **Tiffany Stratton Moreno**

My family and I had a great opportunity through my ABC School District to host two middle school students from Kakamigahara, Japan for three nights. What an amazing experience we all had!

From an evening in Redondo Beach, to a tour of my husband Dan's Torrance Police Department, trick-or-treating and my son Sam's baseball game, we kept very busy.

It was enlightening for me to see how independent they are. One is an avid soccer player & woke up every morning

at 5:30 am to run on the treadmill to "keep up his conditioning."

He initially wanted to run the neighborhood, but the mom in me said absolutely not unless I go with you. So he settled for the treadmill.

They wanted some "cool American hats" and American Pokémon cards. It was honestly a seamless transition thanks to Google translator.

We were a bit sad upon drop-off and even made an American Breakfast of pumpkin pancakes, eggs, sausage for their last morning. My sons, Sam and Ben were thrilled.

City of Hawaiian Gardens Veterans Day Ceremony to Honor U.S. Veterans

The City of Hawaiian Gardens is pleased to announce its annual Veterans Day Ceremony, a tribute to the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This free event will be held at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center, 21815 Pioneer Blvd, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716, on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

The Veterans Day ceremony is a day of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices made by veterans to protect our nation and its values. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites all community members and the press to join us on November 11, 2023, as we come together to honor and remember our veterans for their unwavering commitment to our nation.

Event Highlights:

- Continental Breakfast: The ceremony will commence with a complimentary continental breakfast, symbolizing the City's appreciation for the service of our veterans.
- Honoring Our Heroes: The event will be filled with solemn pride as we honor the heroism of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

President Woodrow Wilson declared that the first celebration of this day would be called Armistice Day, a time to express gratitude for the victory that freed us and allowed America to champion peace and justice worldwide. In 1954, Congress amended this day to be known as Veterans Day to honor all veterans who have selflessly served our nation.

For the latest updates and event details, please visit the official City of Hawaiian Gardens website at www.hgcity.org.

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Honoring Our Heroes: A Veterans Day Message from La Mirada Mayor Steve De Ruse

On Veterans Day, we come together to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in our nation's Armed Forces. This annual occasion



Steve De Ruse
City of La Mirada Mayor

stands as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices our veterans have made and provides an opportunity to honor their unwavering dedication to our country. Honoring our veterans is an important tradition in La Mirada and I encourage the community to attend

upcoming events to recognize our local heroes.

A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the La Mirada Civic Center Plaza. The ceremony will feature guest speakers, patriotic presentations, and a planned military flyover.

Additionally, the City's annual Salute to Veterans event will be held on Monday, November 13 at 6 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. This event will include displays of military memorabilia, information on veterans' resources, and a patriotic ceremony with memorable presentations, guest speakers, and musical entertainment.

The City will also honor local vet-

erans with special recognition on the City's marquee located in front of City Hall from November 7 through 14. La Mirada residents are encouraged to submit names of family members who have served in our nation's military and reside in La Mirada. To be part of this special recognition, please submit their name, the branch of service they served, proof of La Mirada residency, and proof of their veteran status. All entries must be submitted by Friday, October 27 to vandrade@cityoflamirada.org. You can also call City Hall for assistance.

The City of La Mirada continues to honor active members of the Armed Forces through various programs. The Blue Star program provides flags to be displayed at the homes of families who have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces. The Military Banner program proudly displays the names of local service members along Rosecrans Avenue. Military Banners from those who have recently completed their service will be retired soon. We appreciate Eric L. Coger, Steven Gunritz, Richard Hutchins IV, Jacob Ledesma, Patrick Leonard, Isaak Olson, Jacob Olson, Eric Plumlee, Mckenna Ritto, Dakota Sun, and Troy Taylor for their service!

To honor La Mirada residents who gave their lives in service to our county, the names of 28 veterans are proudly engraved in the Eternal Flame Memorial located within the La Mirada Civic Center Plaza. The flame burns continuously above the names of those we honor in remembrance of their ultimate sacrifice.

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, thank you to all veterans for your sacrifice, bravery, and service. Happy Veterans Day!

Sincerely,
Steve De Ruse
La Mirada Mayor

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quired case without travel. The first-ever case was confirmed in October 2023 after a Pasadena resident contracted it and was hospitalized.

Both the Long Beach and Pasadena residents had no history of traveling to a region where dengue is common, officials said. Both patients have since recovered and no other suspected cases have been identified, health officials said.

Although there are no specific medications for the disease, healthcare providers can recommend treatments for recovery including fluids, rest, and medication for pain or fever.

Tips to avoid mosquito bites and to reduce mosquito populations include:

- Use a mosquito repellent with DEET, IR3535, picaridin or products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (do not use oil of lemon eucalyptus on children younger than 3 years old).

- Wear loosely fitted, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

- Eliminate standing water around clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs, and anything that holds water for over a week; Aedes mosquitos can breed in a very small amount of water, including a bottle cap.

- Keep weeds, vines, hedges and grass trimmed; adult mosquitos like to rest in vegetation.

- Change water in pet dishes, bird-baths and other small containers weekly.

- Ensure that swimming pools, spas and ponds are properly maintained.

- Report neglected swimming pools in your neighborhood to the Health Department's Vector Control Program.

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La Mirada City Council Elections

The next General Municipal Election for Districts 3, 4, and 5 will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

All candidates must be 18 years of ages, a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter residing within the City limits at the time nomination papers are issued. Candidates must also reside in Districts 3, 4, or 5.

The nomination period for candidates is November 13 through December 8. During this period, candidates must make an appointment with the City Clerk to file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers.

If you have general questions about the election or wish to make an appointment to file nomination papers, contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 943-0131.

La Mirada VFW Veterans Day Ceremony

All are invited to honor local veterans during La Mirada VFW Post 9148's Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the La Mirada Civic Center Plaza. The Veterans Day Ceremony will feature guest speakers and patriotic presentations. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

Cerritos' Veterans Day Ceremony

The community is invited to attend the City of Cerritos Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11 near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center. The program

begins at 9:45 a.m. with prelude music and the ceremony is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. The event is being held in honor of those who have defended our nation's freedom by serving in the United States Armed Forces.

For more information about the Veterans Day Ceremony, contact the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.

Reset Your Clocks on November 5

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 5, when clocks should be set back one hour. Also check batteries in smoke alarms and make sure the devices are working properly. (Smoke alarms typically have a lifespan of approximately 10 years.) A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce the risk of being injured or killed in a fire.

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Latino.

In the show, FBI agent Kirst Kottis will talk to several agents about their part in one of the most extensive anti-gang operations in history, including:

25-year veteran, former Special Agent Maureen O'Connell, who worked in violent street gangs; homicide investigator and gang detective for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Gary Sloan and Michael S. Lowe, prosecutor for Central District of California in Los Angeles.

The show will air next Tuesday, November 7; check your local listings for time.

Lakewood's Award of Valor Luncheon Nov. 7

Keynote speakers are Sheriff Robert Luna and Fire Chief Anthony Marrone; the master of ceremonies is KTLA'S Ginger Chan.

Staff Report

Every November, the City of Lakewood invites residents and community leaders to take time to recognize deputy sheriffs, firefighters and fellow residents who have demonstrated heroism and outstanding service to the community at the Award of Valor luncheon.

This year will follow that tradition, starting at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at The Centre.

The master of ceremonies this year is Ginger Chan, traffic anchor for KTLA 5 weekday mornings from 4 to 10 a.m.

You can also hear Ginger on the radio every weekday morning as part of the "On-Air with Ryan Seacrest" team on KIIS-FM, the station where she got her start as an intern while in college.

Ginger was born and raised in Los Angeles and graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in broadcast journalism and political science.

Ginger is married to Sky5 helicopter pilot and reporter Mark Kono. They have a son and a set of twin girls.

She says one of the first words her son could say was "helicopter."

Ginger also has a Lakewood connection, as early in her career she worked

for Lakewood CityTV.

At this year's Award of Valor luncheon, over 45 deputy sheriffs, firefighters and Lakewood residents will be honored.

Sheriff Robert G. Luna will speak and represent the Sheriff's Department, and Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone will speak and represent the Fire Department.

"This event is a great opportunity to say thank you to the deputy sheriffs and firefighters who work hard every day protecting and serving us, and to the community volunteers who have gone above and beyond in the cause of public safety in Lakewood," said Mayor Ariel Pe.

"If you are able, I hope you can join us at this wonderful and meaningful annual city event."

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are the backbone of this company, we helped build it, they bought it for really cheap, and now they are firing us."

Another employee who sits at the table for negotiations said, "The attorney for the company has no interest in negotiating a fair contract; he told us both verbally and in writing that we're all fired, including management and employees, and they will integrate us into the new facility. They want to cut all costs."

The Teamsters said a few workers crossed the picket line, but according to the union, the facility is experiencing a significant slowdown.

It is an open-ended strike, so the workers could be on the picket line for weeks.

Bodega declined to comment.

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Second Harvest Food Bank Get Outdoors, Get Some Sun, and Help the Harvest Solutions Farm Feed Families

By Laurie Hanson

Compassion turned into action at Second Harvest Foodbank in Orange County on their 40th anniversary with the Great 24-Hour Nutrition Mission on Oct. 24.

On that single day, they raised \$159,412 with the generosity of a \$40,000 matching gift donor.

“We’ve set ourselves a goal of raising \$200,000 in 24 hours which could help us buy an additional eight truckloads of milk for children, families and seniors in our community,” said Director of Marketing & Public Affairs Sara Bazant.

In collaboration with their partners, the mission of the nonprofit is to provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, creating a foundation for community health.

Second Harvest Food Bank in Irvine exclusively serves Orange County particularly children, working families, college students and seniors. Last fiscal year, they served an average of 393,000 individuals each month, and distributed 36.3 million pounds of nutritious food.

“Our ultimate purpose is to achieve our vision of an Orange County with food and nutritional security for all,” Bazant said. “Our greatest need is to continue to address nutritional insecurity, not just food insecurity.”

“Many in Orange County continue to feel the impact of inflation and the rising cost of food,” Bazant explained. “Oftentimes, they are forced to make difficult tradeoffs between paying for rent, medical

bills etc. and buying nutritious food for themselves or their families.”

Founded in 1983, the Second Harvest Food Bank was known as the Food Distribution Center through the Council of Orange, Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In 1997, it was rebranded and named Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, and moved from Orange to Irvine in 2013.

Though Second Harvest Food Bank no longer accepts individual’s food or food drive donations directly, they are committed to providing the highest levels of food nutrition and quality for those they serve. They do this through processing donations of bulk pallet and truckloads of food from local and national commercial manufacturers and distributors that meet the current high volume of need.

In August 2021, Second Harvest started Harvest Solutions Farm on 45 acres in Irvine. Each week, it provides 55,000 pounds of fresh produce for those in need. The Farm is made possible through a partnership between Second Harvest Food Bank, University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center, and Solutions for Urban Agriculture.

The Harvest Solutions Farm is pivotal in Second Harvest Food Bank’s ability to provide access to fresh protein, produce and dairy—rather than relying on situational nutrition driven solely by donations. In a roundabout way, the Harvest Solutions Farm allows them to raise their own crops, and thus be more able to purchase weekly bulk donations, while overcoming pandemic-induced inflated food prices and supply chain disruptions.

Harvest Solutions Farm is 3.6 miles from Second Harvest Food Bank, located at SCREC, a 100+acre agricultural research center in Irvine. Throughout the year, it encompasses up to 40 acres. Crops are selected based on soil and weather, availability, partner network interest, wide appeal among various cultures and ethnicities,



IN AUGUST 2021, Second Harvest started Harvest Solutions Farm on 45 acres in Irvine. Each week, it provides 50,000-60,000 pounds of fresh produce for those in need.

and availability from bulk donation sources. Fall and winter crops include cabbage, broccoli, broccolini, cauliflower and spaghetti squash, while spring and summer include zucchini, bell peppers, watermelon, honeydew melon, yellow squash, and green beans. Delivery trucks quickly move it all to their distribution center, and the those in most need receive nutrient -dense produce directly from “farm to plate.”

Harvest Solutions Farm relies heavily on volunteerism. Shifts are open to participants 7+ years of age (volunteers 7-17 years old must be accompanied by an adult chaperone). There are usually about 170 volunteers a week at the Farm.

“I love volunteering at Harvest Solutions Farm because I love being outside,” said Steve Z. “It’s nice to be outdoors in the quiet and experience the peacefulness of the farm. And it’s an opportunity to see firsthand how our efforts are going toward

feeding people with every piece of produce we harvest.”

For individuals interested in giving food, many of the Second Harvest Food Bank partners and pantries accept direct donations, as well as give out food to those in need. They include houses of worship, schools, after-school programs, colleges and universities, senior centers, shelters for the unhoused, soup kitchens and transitional housing facilities. For a list of those nearby, please visit online at www.yourfooddrive.org/food_donate.php. To find out how to create a virtual food drive, please visit online at www.yourfooddrive.org/home.php.

Second Harvest Food Bank in Orange County is a 501©3 nonprofit organization, and tax-deductible donations are accepted at their website www.feedoc.org/donate/. If you need food, a list of pantries is also available on their website or by calling 2-1-1.

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Consider this full-fledged menu of flavor to give guests a memorable holiday experience from beginning to end and find more festive recipe ideas at Culinary.net.

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Fresh Flavors for Holiday Festivities

With the festive season arriving, bring together family and friends for a delicious feast you can feel good about serving. One standout recipe is this Cornish Game Hen with Kale Sweet Potato Salad that pairs fresh, leafy kale with roasted sweet potatoes and tender Cornish game hens for a truly elegant meal.

Elevate your cooking during the holidays with inspiration from Fresh Express and its more than 100 varieties of fresh, healthy and convenient ready-to-eat salads like the Sweet Kale Chopped Kit. It's a perfect blend of a nutrient-dense salad mix of leafy kale, green cabbage, shredded broccoli and Brussels sprouts, as well as crunchy pumpkin seeds and dried cranberries, topped with a tasty poppyseed dressing.

Visit FreshExpress.com to discover more fresh, easy and healthy recipes for the holiday season.

Cornish Game Hen with Kale Sweet Potato Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 package (6 ounces) stovetop stuffing
- 2 cups chopped apples, divided
- 4 Cornish game hens (20 ounces each)
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, divided
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 package (10.9 ounces) Fresh Express Sweet Kale Chopped Kit

Heat oven to 350 F.

Prepare stuffing according to package directions. Add 1 cup apples and fluff stuffing with fork; cool 15 minutes.

Remove anything inside hens, rinse cavity with cold water and pat dry.



In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, paprika, 1 teaspoon salt, garlic powder and pepper; mix well. Remove from heat.

Fill cavity of each hen with apple stuffing.

Place hens in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Tie legs together and tuck wings under. Baste with butter mixture.

Bake 50-60 minutes, or until thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh reads 165 F and stuffing temperature reads 165 F. Baste with butter mixture every 15-20 minutes.

In bowl, toss sweet potatoes with remaining Italian seasoning and olive oil. Arrange in single layer on sheet pan. Sprinkle with salt, to taste.

Bake with hens 25 minutes, or until tender. Remove from oven and cool. Tent hens with foil and let rest 10 minutes.

Place greens from salad kit in large bowl. Add remaining apples and sweet potatoes; mix well. Toss with salad dressing. Add toppings; toss to combine.

Serve Cornish game hens with sweet potato kale salad.

A Festive, Everyday Side Dish

While the busy holiday season can be loads of fun, you still need to get dinner on the table between parties. When you find yourself in a pinch this holiday season, squeezed for time and searching for a quick solution for dinner, turn to an easy side dish that can appease everyone. Potatoes are a nearly unanimous favorite.

Make putting dinner on the table a breeze with a solution like little potatoes from The Little Potato Company, which can help bring holiday happiness to mealtime. Ready in as little as 5 minutes, they come pre-washed and require no peeling or cutting, making them the perfect time-saving solution for the holiday season.

Ideal for this Perfect Roasted Little Potatoes recipe, these little potatoes are a tasty, fresh whole food that you can feel good about serving. Ready in half an hour with minimal prep and a few simple ingredients, it's a perfect side dish for any occasion.

Visit littlepotatoes.com for more information and holiday inspiration.

Perfect Roasted Little Potatoes

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 pounds The Little Potato Company Little Potatoes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In large bowl, toss little potatoes with oil, salt and pepper until coated.

Spread potatoes in single layer on rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake 30 minutes, or until tender.

Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Tip: For extra holiday flavor, add paprika, garlic and fresh herbs.



Get Creative with Delicious, Decorative Cookies

A decadent holiday meal isn't complete without a sweet dessert to cap off the evening. When in doubt, go with a traditional treat that's perfect for sharing: cookies.

These Ornament Cookies can be shaped any way you like to celebrate the holidays. The royal icing adorning these festive favorites is made with powdered sugar and meringue powder; just use food coloring to add a personal touch.

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Ornament Cookies

Prep time: 25 minutes plus 1 hour to decorate
Cook time: 20 minutes
Yield: 2 dozen cookies

Cookies:

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Royal Icing:

- 4 cups Domino Powdered Sugar
- 3 tablespoons meringue powder
- 1/3 cup, plus 2-3 tablespoons, warm water, divided
- desired food coloring

To prepare cookies: In large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and

egg; beat until well combined. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add flour and salt; beat until just combined.

Dump mixture onto lightly floured surface and divide in half. Shape each half into disks and wrap with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Working on lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/2-inch thick. Cut cookies using ornament-shaped cookie cutter. Place cookies on prepared pans and bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool at room temperature.

To make royal icing: In large mixing bowl, combine powdered sugar, meringue powder and 1/3 cup water. Beat on low speed until combined. Increase speed to medium-high and beat 8-10 minutes, adding 2-3 tablespoons warm water, as necessary. Icing should be stiff enough to hold peak when tested.

Color royal icing with food coloring and decorate cookies.



Mini-Pitch Opens in Lakewood's Palms Park



A **MINI-PITCH** is a colorful acrylic-coated court about 40 feet by 84 feet with side panels that keep the ball in constant play. Mini-pitches usually feature games of five on five or seven on seven on seven players.

Staff Report

A soccer field is called a pitch by those who play the game, and a popular new way to play soccer with small groups of players and limited space is on a mini-pitch, about the size of a basketball court.

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A new mini-pitch recently opened in Lakewood, donated by the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the LA Galaxy professional soccer team and their corporate partner Herbalife. The inspiration for the donation to the city came from a rising young star with the LA Galaxy—Jalen Neal—who grew up in Lakewood.

Jalen, the Lakewood City Council and representatives from the donating organizations were on hand in October at Palms Park for the ribbon-cutting to officially open the new mini-pitch. Joining them were a number of youth soccer players of all ages from Lakewood, including members of the Artesia High School boys soccer team, fresh off a CIF soccer victory. After the ribbon-cutting, the Lakewood youth joined Jalen Neal in a soccer clinic on the new pitch.

“The mini-pitch will be a great addition to our city’s recreational offerings and a wonderful place for youth to have fun and develop their soccer skills,” said Mayor Ariel Pe. “A huge thanks goes to Jalen Neal for giving back to his hometown of Lakewood, and to the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the LA Galaxy and Herbalife for bringing this exciting

new athletic court to our city. This is a great way to help our city’s youth and is the essence of ‘One community, one family, live, love Lakewood,’ which is my motto.”

Humbi Calleja, vice president and general manager of Herbalife, North America commented, “We are committed to building mini-pitches that allow kids to have fun in a safe environment while adopting a healthy and active lifestyle at a young age.”

“Being part of these programs is special,” said LA Galaxy soccer player Jalen Neal. “My elementary school is around the corner, and growing up, we all used these parks to kick around a soccer ball and have fun. Now, as an adult, it’s great to see the improvements made to create a safer place to play, as this is incredibly important for the next generation.”

“Most of our players started playing soccer at a young age, and this program helps encourage future stars to pick up a ball and grab some friends to have some of the best times of their childhood,” said Tom Braun, president of business operations and chief operating officer of the LA Galaxy.

“The new mini-pitch will be open to the public daily during normal park operational hours on a first come, first served basis similar to all park game courts,” said Lakewood Recreation & Community Services Director Valarie Frost. “We also plan to make the mini-pitch available to youth soccer organizations for scheduled play, and we are excited that Jalen Neal has offered to hold youth soccer clinics at Palms Park, including at least one major event per year with him and other LA Galaxy players.

New Restaurants Coming to Downtown Disney

Staff Report

Disney recently announced a handful of new restaurants coming to Downtown Disney area, including Korean fast-casual and a fried chicken sandwich joint.

Seoul Sister will serve bibimbap bowls with a California twist. Look for rice bowls with marinated meats and vegetables, will include a breakfast fare, drinks and more.

The popular LA-based Sip and Sonder coffeehouse-eatery was lauded as one of the best cafes in Los Angeles.

In addition to serving coffee and roasting their own beans, Sip and Sonder also prepares Caribbean-inspired fare. “We’ll be joining a team of incredible restaurateurs to create an amazing, diverse food and beverage experience, all in one new spot,” the owners wrote in an Instagram post announcing their upcoming Disney location. “We can’t wait to take you on a journey of JOY with us.”

Making its West Coast debut, GG’s Chicken Shop, famous for its chicken dishes, will also join the Downtown Disney phalanx of restaurants.

Most notably, the Chicago-based restaurant offers a series of chicken sandwiches, ranging from fried to roasted.

While its Disney menu has yet to be announced, say a little prayer for them to bring their chocolate dirt pudding and oatmeal cream pie to Anaheim.

Once construction finishes, Din Tai Fung, known for its soup dumplings and noodles, Gaytán’s Paseo and Céntrico, and Porto’s Bakery and Cafe are all slated to open in the newly revamped district.

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IRONWOOD LEAGUE FOOTBALL

VALLEY CHRISTIAN FADES IN SECOND HALF AS VILLAGE CHRISTIAN GRABS LAST AUTOMATIC PLAYOFF BERTH

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Last season, Valley Christian High finished the regular season at 3-7, won just one game in the inaugural season of the Ironwood League, but was given an at-large berth in the CIF-Southern Section Division 12 playoffs where it eventually played for a championship. This season, the Defenders entered last Friday's contest with Village Christian High with three wins but found themselves playing for third place and an automatic spot in the playoffs.

The task at hand: upset the league's second leading scoring team, dropping the Crusaders to fourth place and making them wait about 36 hours to learn of their playoff fate. For two and a half quarters, Valley Christian hung around with the Crusaders, keeping it a one-possession game. But in the end, Village Christian scored 25 unanswered points and clinched third place in the league with a 45-12 victory. It's the third time since 2018 that the Defenders have concluded the regular season at 3-7.

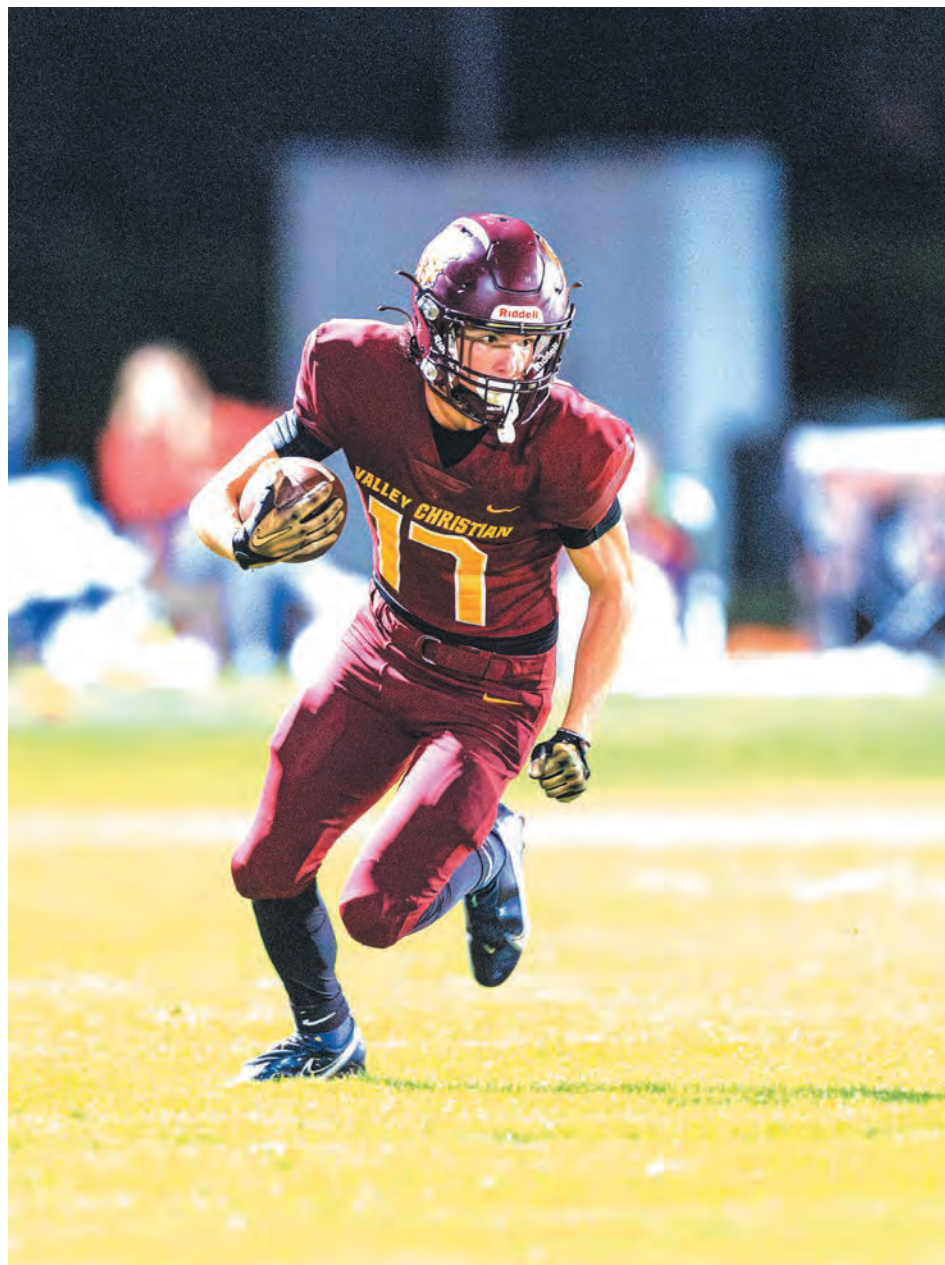
Valley Christian got off to a fast start as four plays and 2:02 into the game, senior quarterback Joe DeYoung tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Dylan Teays. The extra point was no good, but at least the young, hometown squad was showing it wasn't going down without a fight.

Three and a half minutes later, Village Christian tied the game as their

leading rusher, Zavontae Flournoy-Trice scored on a two-yard run. Sophomore Lucas Witt blocked the extra point and from that point on, the rest of the first half would be all about the defenses. The next three combined drives would end in an interception from Tyes McCondichie, a fumble recovery from sophomore linebacker Cole Hefner and a 10-yard interception return for a touchdown by Ben Donnelly, all in a span of 70 seconds. The two-point pass attempt from Chase Everett would be unsuccessful and the score remained 12-6 the rest of the half.

"We were pretty happy at halftime to be down 12-6," said V.C. first-year head coach Brendan Chambers. "To have that many turnovers and just not the greatest offensive performance, and to still be in the football game was huge for us. Obviously, losing Joe definitely hurt us offensively being able to move the ball. [Junior] Austin [Abrahams] has done some great things for us; definitely an athlete. We were trying to get the ball in his hands, but it's a little bit different of an offense."

DeYoung dislocated left shoulder a couple of weeks ago, but still started against the Crusaders. He took a hit to the shoulder sometime late in the second quarter and Chambers decided to shut him down. Baseball is DeYoung's main sport and Chambers said he wanted to make sure he is as healthy as possible for the 2024 baseball season. He was seven of 10 for 37 yards in the half but had two interceptions.



VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH sophomore wide receiver Dylan Teays catches one of his two passes during last Friday night's Ironwood League contest with Village Christian High. Teays caught both of his passes from senior quarterback Joe DeYoung in the first half, one going for a 20-yard score as the Defenders fell 45-12. **Photo by Steve Fericean.**



VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH junior cornerback Jayce Shields is ready to tackle Ryan Dellutri of Village Christian High after a first quarter reception in last Friday night's Ironwood League game. Valley Christian lost 45-12 as Shields had four and a half tackles in the contest. **Photo by Steve Fericean.**

Village Christian thought it had another touchdown late in the half, as Dylan Worrell blocked Witt's punt and returned it 26 yards for a score. But the Crusaders were called for an illegal use of the hands infraction and four plays later, Witt picked off Everett at the 20-yard line.

Whatever momentum Valley Christian thought it had heading into the second half was immediately wiped out as senior John Montoya's onside kickoff attempt was returned 50 yards by Ryan Dellutri for a touchdown. Still, the Defenders responded and went on their longest drive of the game, a 10-play, 48-yard trip down the field that lasted a little over five minutes. It ended when Abrahams found senior wide receiver Isaiah Jordan for eight yards and despite a two-point pass attempt not going the right way, Valley Christian was still within a possession of tying the contest.

"That was a tough one," said Chambers. "We practiced it all week [and] we talked about us being unaggressive when they did the onside kick. We didn't talk about them being aggressive. We thought, at worst case, they get the ball at the 50 and we throw our defense out there. But we kept competing; we kept competing all the way through to the very end and I'm proud of the guys for doing so. It just shows their heart and their character."

The Defenders would run three plays the rest of the quarter and 10 more in the fourth as Village Christian's defense helped put the game away. Following a 23-yard field goal from Jakob Santiago, Dreon Lewis recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff which led to Flournoy-Trice scoring from a yard out

with 2:36 left in the third quarter. Then early in the fourth quarter, and after Santiago booted a 32-yard field goal, Worrell picked off Abrahams at Valley Christian's 15-yard line and returned it for a score, making it 39-12 with 8:26 remaining in the game.

"When they got up by three scores, we kind of realized our offense is still a little bit limited and we were going to be able to score so many times," said Chambers. "It kind of got deflated a little bit. But we were just exhausted."

Abrahams went 12 of 18 for 96 yards and Jordan caught eight passes for 69 yards while junior Jayce Shields hauled in four for 22 yards. Abrahams and DeYoung kept Valley Christian in the game because the running game was non-existent. The Defenders rushed 24 times, gained 11 yards, and had nine plays of negative yardage. Shields also had four and a half tackles, followed by Witt (four), sophomore cornerback Oliver Boateng (three and a half) and sophomore linebacker Cole Hefner (three, plus a fumble recovery).

"We thought we had a chance," said Chambers. "But they came out; they're a very physical team. But I'm still proud of our defense and how they played. To see where we came from [the Gahr game] and all those missed tackles and missed assignments...to be able to make stops in our own red zone was just a progression that we've had for this season."

Valley Christian, which was shutout three times and held to six points in two other games, but scored over 35 points in two of its three victories, will miss the playoffs for the first time since 2018 and the fifth time since 2006.

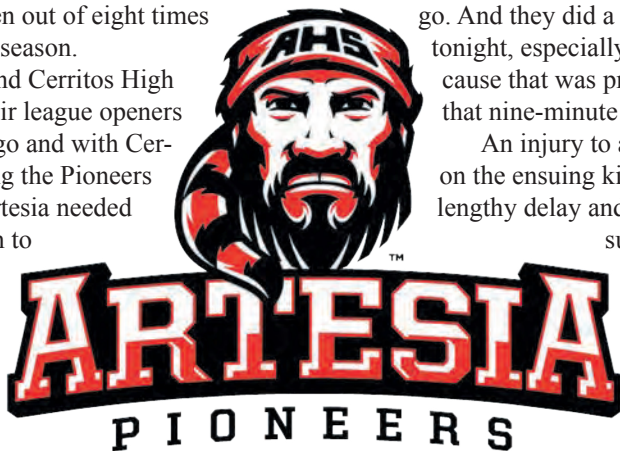
605 LEAGUE FOOTBALL

FLORES, PADILLA GUIDE ARTESIA'S FOURTH QUARTER SURGE OVER GLENN AS PIONEERS GET SECOND PLACE

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

The numbers were on the side of Artesia High when it hosted John Glenn High last Friday in the regular season finale, with second place on the line in the 605 League and an automatic berth in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs at stake. In the brief history of the league, not including the 2020 season, teams that had won their league opener had reached the playoffs seven out of eight times entering this season.

Artesia and Cerritos High both won their league openers two weeks ago and with Cerritos defeating the Pioneers last week, Artesia needed to beat Glenn to



grab second place, and that's what happened as junior running back Julius

Padilla and sophomore running back Josue Flores scored touchdowns in a span of 3:54 in the fourth quarter as the Pioneers rallied for a 28-20 win. Artesia (6-4, 2-1) enters the playoffs as the top seed in Division 14 and will host Temecula Prep on Friday. After missing the postseason in 2022, it's the fourth time in five seasons the Pioneers have reached the playoffs since the inception of the league.

"I'm just really happy for the kids; they deserved it," said Artesia first-year head coach Connor Crook. "During spring, it was rough because there was the [coaching] change and we're trying to start something new. But they persevered and they battled all summer and got better, and they worked very hard for this. So, I'm really proud for the kids."

"Oh man, it feels good," said junior quarterback Charlie Lopez. "It feels good, especially to the seniors. It's a team sport, so everyone has to do their part, and that's what it's all about."

Lopez, who tweaked his left ankle a few weeks ago and missed the Oct. 5 game at Garey High, gained over 100 yards on the ground for the seventh time in nine games.

With the score tied 14-14 at the half, the Pioneers forced a three and out to begin the second half, then closed out the final 9:27 of the third quarter on a long 14-play, 81-yard drive that took them to the three-yard line. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Lopez gained two yards, then was stopped inches short of scoring just 42 seconds into the final stanza.

With no margin for error, Glenn got out of trouble when sophomore quarterback Luis-Manuel Vergara tossed a 74-yard touchdown pass around the left side to junior running back Tuiono Tuifua. The two-point conversion rush attempt was unsuccessful, and with 8:27 remaining in regulation, the Eagles (6-4, 1-2) were in control.

"We definitely felt like we had the momentum," said Glenn first-year head coach Elijah Penny. "But again, I'm just going to keep on harping on this. I know we're deep into the season, but the ball didn't bounce for us. That's about it. But what I'm glad about tonight is just these kids...they're so tough. They showed a lot of resiliencies.

"Again, we felt like we had the momentum," he continued. "But on defense, we let a couple of big plays crack right after the injury. We could blame those things as to why we got cold; lost the momentum or whatever. But that's a part of the game

and it happens." "It's tough when you have a drive like that and it doesn't end in our way for whatever reason, sometimes reasons outside of our control," said Crook. "But I told the guys we were driving on them all night and we can't let that get us down. They picked me up too because I was frustrated.

"We have this motto, 'hold on to the rope'," he continued. "That [means] when things get tough, hold on and don't let go. And they did a great job of that tonight, especially on offense because that was pretty rough after that nine-minute drive."

An injury to an Artesia player on the ensuing kickoff led to a lengthy delay and when play resumed, the Pioneers grabbed the momentum away from Glenn that it had built following the goal line stand

and go-ahead touchdown. On the first play after the delay, Padilla had a 46-yard gain, followed by runs of 15, six and five yards from Lopez, leading to a 15-yard touchdown run from Flores.

The Eagles would be stopped on downs at their own 40-yard line and Padilla took over, gaining six yards, then 31 more and finally scoring the insurance touchdown from three yards out with 2:37 remaining in the contest. Glenn's last chance for a potential tie was turned away by Lopez, who broke up a pass at the six-yard line with 23.5 seconds left.

"That was huge by those guys," said Crook. "You never know what it's going to be like coming out of long delay like that. But Charlie, Josue and Julius... those guys have been our playmakers all year and when we relied on them to make plays, they did it. That's what it takes, and that's why I'm pretty confident going into the playoffs, that those guys are going to continue to make plays for us."

Both teams were off and running in the first quarter as Padilla's four-yard run gave the Pioneers a 7-0 lead just over four minutes into the contest. But Glenn came right back and after a combination of runs from Tuifua and sophomore Da'Ron Walker, the Eagles were facing third and goal from the 18-yard line. That's where Vergara tossed an 18-yard score to junior wide receiver Jacob Ramirez. Tuifua added the two-point run and with 2:05 left in the first quarter, Glenn had an 8-7 advantage.

After an Artesia punt, the only one of the game for the hosts, the Eagles engineered a 15-play, 73-yard drive that ended when Vergara scored from two yards out. The two-point conversion was missed, and Artesia took advantage when Lopez got loose for a 51-yard scamper, tying the game with 82 seconds remaining in the half.

"We have to be 100 percent prepared for everything," said Lopez. "We put our best players in; our best 11 on the field and we just balled out. Keep going until the whistle is blown."

After seeing the Eagles get 139 yards on 28 plays in the first half, the Artesia defense put the clamps on the double wing offense in the second half, limiting Glenn to negative yardage in the third quarter and 22 yards on 11 plays in the fourth quarter, not including Glenn's final touchdown or its final drive of the game.

"The defense battled their butts off tonight," said Crook. "This is a new offense

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS DONE FOR AREA TEAMS WHILE REST OF THE FALL SPORTS PLAYOFFS UNDERWAY

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on X/Twitter

The girls volleyball season may be over for the six area teams who made it to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, but the postseason for girls tennis and boys water polo began this past Monday and the football playoffs begin on Friday. Here's a look at what's on tap.

FOOTBALL DIVISION 14

Temecula Prep (5-5, 4-2 in the Manzanita League) @ #1 Artesia High (6-4, 2-1 in the 605 League)-An up and down season for Artesia, which was hit early on with an injury to one of its top senior wide receivers, ended with the Pioneers grabbing the top seed in the division. Still a young team, there were many questions concerning how the Pioneers would fare this season, especially with a new head coach, Connor Crook, though he was at Artesia's lower levels in the past, and a pair of unproven quarterbacks at the varsity level.

But Artesia found a way to power through and finish in second place in league after its 28-20 win over John Glenn High last Thursday. This is the first time school history the Pioneers have been the top seed in any division for football. In 2018 when Artesia went to the Division 12 finals as the third-seeded team, it knocked off second-seeded Laguna Beach High 48-6 in the semifinals before falling to No. 1 Linfield Christian 70-32 in the finals. Crook said he didn't initially know where his team would be seeded after defeating Glenn or even how results of other games last Friday would turn out.

"On Saturday, we had a coach, Matt Soriano. [who] was going through all the rankings and seeing who we could potentially

match up with and where we would fall," said Crook. "We were either going to end up at the bottom of [Division] 13 or at the top of 14. So, we had some idea about that. But it was a pleasant surprise when we got the brackets this [past Sunday] morning."

When healthy, Artesia is dangerous on the ground as junior quarterback Charlie Lopez has rushed for nearly 1,500 yards and scored 17 times. When not rushing, he has thrown for just under 300 yards. His side-kick partner on the ground is sophomore running back Josue Flores, who has gained 729 yards and found the end zone eight times. Junior running back Julius Padilla has come on strong lately and almost has 300 yards while scoring five touchdowns.

Junior Ahkil Sampson has caught 15 passes for 179 yards and a score and is the top wide receiver. But look for others to catch a pass here and there, like senior wide receivers Joshua Campbell and Jordan McGruder.

When everything is clicking, the Pioneers can score; they have reached at least 35 points five times and at least 20 points two other times. In three of their four losses, they combined for 19 points.

Senior lineman and linebacker Chase Adams leads the Pioneers with 52 tackles and has three sacks while Padilla is next with 42 tackles. Sophomore tackle Maximus Garcia is solid as well with 33 tackles and four sacks while senior cornerback Pablo Cruz and Campbell have four and three interceptions respectively. In seven of the 10 games, Artesia has allowed 20 points or fewer and have one shutout on its resume.

"We run the ball a lot, so continuing to run the ball and finding their weak spots

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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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on the defense...if we want to run a weak or strong and figuring out which way to go with it," said Crook on the keys to success in the game. "

The Patriots, who finished in 3rd place in the Manzanita League, played a lot of their games against teams from the Inland Empire, two from San Diego and one from Yermo, just north of Barstow and the combined record of their opponents is 47-44.

"I think it can [a challenge], because there could be some teams that you're not familiar with and you don't know where their skill level is," said Crook of facing the unknown. "To be honest, I wasn't really familiar with Temecula Prep before. But you start looking at their schedule and you see some of the teams that they play, and then you look at those teams' schedules and you kind of figure out where their skill level lies."

Temecula Prep has gained nearly 2,500 yards on offense and to put that in comparison, Artesia's rushing attack alone has amassed over 3,000 yards. Aidan Fritts is Temecula Prep's top contributor, rushing for 1,203 yards and scoring seven touchdowns. He also leads the Patriots with 70 tackles. Quarterback Vince Warren has completed close to 60 percent of his passes for 629 yards and 11 touchdowns, but on defense, has intercepted opposing quarterbacks four times. One thing to note: Temecula Prep has scored over 100 points fewer than the Pioneers and one of their victories was a forfeit over Nuview Bridge.

"He's a tough, little runner just by watching him on film," said Crook of Fritts. "He runs around and plays hard. So, [Fritts] is definitely their guy on both sides of the ball. We were talking about him all morning figuring out ways to stop him on both sides of the ball."

If Artesia comes away with a win, it will travel to either Rancho Alamitos High or Santa Rosa Academy for one of four quarterfinal games. The Pioneers have gotten past the first round six times, but just once since 1995.

Prediction: Artesia 38, Temecula Prep 17
DIVISION 12

Cerritos High (5-5, 3-0 in the 605 League) @ #4 Fillmore High (7-3, 4-0 in the Citrus Coast League)-This will be a tough contest for the three-time defending league champions who will make the two-plus hour drive to Fillmore. The Dons ended the regular season on a three-game winning streak which came after a three-game losing streak, and over the past five games, Cerritos outscored its opponents 144-76. It whitewashed Pioneer High 58-0 last Friday to end the regular season at 5-5 for the third straight season.

"Initially, I was thinking we would be a high seed in [Division] 13, possibly a low seed in 12," said Cerritos first-year head coach Demel Franklin. "There was no way they were going to put us in 14, especially after seeing who had done what in the division. I'm accepting of being in Division 12."

"Briefly, I looked at the film [on Fillmore] and I've seen what they do and it's going to be a challenge," he later said. "It's definitely going to be a challenge. We have to play a great game to come out victorious."

Last season, the Dons were clipped by Arlington High 22-20 after holding a 13-0 lead for most of the first half. In 2021, Cerritos was on the short end of a 42-41 affair to Colton High. Both playoff losses were at home and the Dons have not won a first round game since 2001.

Cerritos has struggled all season with its quarterbacks, senior Julian Morales and sophomore Justin Sagun. Both have combined to complete 53 percent of their passes and throw for 870 yards with nine touchdowns. But the two have been picked off 14 times. The strength of the offense lies in the rushing department where junior Dikshanta Adhikari (429 yards, four touchdowns), junior Josiah Ungos (385 yards, three touchdowns), senior Josh Park (370 yards, six touchdowns) and Sagun (216 yards) are the key players for a team that has gained 1,650 yards. Junior wide receiver Ruben Castro is the top target of either Morales or Sagun, catching 39 passes for 507 yards and scoring five touchdowns. Adhikari has also caught 19 passes for 117 yards.

"The number one thing we have to do is protect the football," said Franklin. "[Last week] was the second game in a row we had zero turnovers, and that's huge. If we protect the football and block up front, hey, anything is possible."

Defensively, the players to focus on will be sophomore linebacker Tyler Ky (78 tackles), junior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford (70 tackles) and senior linebackers Jeremiah Bagaygay (66 tackles, four sacks) and Gabe Gaudi (60 tackles).

Fillmore enters the game on a six-game winning streak that could have been seven as its last loss was on Sept. 8 against Burbank High in a 42-41 outcome in which it had a 35-34 lead entering the fourth quarter. The Flashes are a scoring machine, averaging nearly 31 points a game and only twice have they been held to under that average.

While Fillmore has more yards on the ground than through the air, quarterback David Jimenez has passed for over 1,300 yards with 19 touchdowns while the leading ground gainer is Josiah Cruz (956 yards, eight touchdowns).

"A balanced attack definitely gives you a much harder task because you just can't load up with [defensive backs] and stop the pass or just load the box and stop the run," said Franklin.

If Cerritos pulls off the upset, it either host Victor Valley High or travel to Western Christian High for the quarterfinals. Both teams were 6-4 in the regular season and were both at-large representatives from their respective leagues.

Prediction: Fillmore 31, Cerritos 28
DIVISION 11

Gahr High (7-3, 3-1 in the Mid-Cities League) @ #1 Quartz Hill High (7-3, 6-1 in the Golden League)-After missing the playoffs last season despite ending in a three-way tie for the top spot in the Mid-Cities League, Gahr is back in the playoffs for the first time since 2019. The seven wins are the most since 2017 since that team also went 7-3 before splitting a pair of playoff games. The Gladiators enter the playoffs on a four-game winning streak and also had a three-game winning streak the first half of September.

Last Friday, Gahr blasted Lynwood High 38-0 and this season has had nine games in

which it has scored at least 21 points, six games of at least 32 points and four games of over 40 points. A lot of the offense can be attributed to the rushing of senior running back Kalen Montgomery, who is one of the top running backs in the area with 1,339 yards and 25 touchdowns. The only other Gahr running back to reach triple digits is junior Markell Slaughter at 425 yards and four scores.

Senior Frank Williams and sophomore Roman Acosta have combined to throw for 716 yards, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions with Slaughter the top receiver with 455 yards on 28 catches and five touchdowns. The defense has been solid the last three games, allowing only two fourth quarter touchdowns. However, in all three losses, the Gladiators have yielded at least 44 points.

Even though the Gladiators will be facing the top seed in the division, the Royals have scored fewer points than Gahr and were involved in a three-way tie with Highland High and Palmdale High for supremacy in the Golden League.

Quartz Hill scored over 40 points three times, but against the bottom three in league. In the other seven games, it combined to score 125 points. Defensively, the Royals are solid and have held six opponents to single digits. The most they have given up was 36 points in a one-point overtime loss to Golden Valley High.

Quartz Hill also loves to run the ball as Jaden Graham leads the way with 1,107 yards and 11 touchdowns while Dylan Merchant and Brody Larey have combined to throw for 1,178 yards, 10 touchdowns and nine touchdowns. Adonyss Currie is the top receiver with 36 catches, 638 yards and half a dozen touchdowns.

If Gahr pulls off the upset, it will host Linfield Christian High or Hillcrest High in the quarterfinals.

Prediction: Gahr 35, Quartz Hill 32

Last week's predictions: 5-1

Season to date: 49-14

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

A trio of area teams saw their seasons end last Wednesday in quarterfinal action. In Division 6, seventh-ranked Gahr (22-12) was swept by Glendale High, ranked second, 25-23, 25-15, 25-23. The 22 wins tops the 1988 squad that went 21-1 and won the 4A Division championship.

Norwalk High, which just completed its best season in program history, lost a thrilling 19-25, 25-21, 16-25, 25-23, 13-15 decision to seventh-ranked Loma Linda Academy. The Lancers, who were ranked second in Division 7 and tied Mayfair High for the top spot in the Mid-Cities League, wrapped up their season at 24-12. It's the first time a Norwalk girls volleyball team reached the quarterfinals.

In Division 4 action, Valley Christian High (17-11) was swept by Capistrano Valley Christian High 25-15, 25-12, 25-8. The Defenders were the second place team out of the Olympic League.

GIRLS TENNIS

The first round of the playoffs began on Wednesday and four area teams are participating, highlighted by Cerritos, the third-ranked team in Division 3. The 605 League champions (14-3-1) hosted Saugus High, the fourth place team out of the Foothill League which finished the regular season at

12-7.

In Division 2 action, Whitney High, the second place team from the 605 League at 11-4, visited #10 Crescenta Valley High, which was second in the Pacific League and had a mark of 14-4.

In Division 5 action, sixth-seeded V.C. hosted St. Joseph High, a wild card winner against NordHoff High this past Tuesday. The Defenders (10-6-1) claimed second place in the Olympic League while St. Joseph (10-4) finished third in the Del Rey League. In Division 6 play, La Mirada High (9-6-1), which took second in the Mid-Cities League, hosted Yeshiva High (8-3-1), the fourth place representative from the Liberty League.

BOYS WATER POLO

The only area teams that are in the playoffs are high seeded teams in Division 6. La Mirada (11-7), the third place representative from the Gateway League, is ranked second and travelled to San Bernardino High on Wednesday. The Cardinals finished in second place in the Mountain Valley League. Cerritos (10-3), which placed second in the 605 League, is ranked fourth and hosted West Valley High, the third place representative out of the Mountain Pass League.

CROSS COUNTRY

In the 605 League finals, held on Oct. 25 at Glenn, it was a sweep by the Cerritos boys and girls team, the second time that has happened in the same season for the program while members of the 605 League. Sophomore Dani Romero and freshman Kalana Nguyen took the first two spots with times of 19:33 and 19:56 respectively as the Dons garnered 26 team points. Oxford Academy picked up 46 points while Artesia and Whitney tied for third place with 84 points.

Fourth place went to Artesia freshman Genesis Flores, with a time of 20:22, followed by Cerritos junior Anna Field (20:51), Whitney freshman Katherine Low (20:59) and Cerritos freshman Daisy Lee (21:26). The top 12 runners out of the field of 38 were all underclassmen and there were six seniors. The last three Cerritos runners to cross the finish line, from 12th to 14th, were junior Zilian Liu (22:22), senior Akshara Adusumalli (22:50) and freshman Nandini Panchal (23:12). Glenn's top runner was sophomore Melanie Patino, who finished in 11th place at 22:07.

It was a closer race for the boys where Cerritos was five points better than Whitney, 30-35. Oxford Academy came in third with 64 points, followed by Glenn (128), Pioneer (148) and Artesia (150). After Javier Luna of Oxford Academy won the race with a time of 16:22, the next 11 spots were held by either a Cerritos or Whitney runner.

Cerritos senior Elliot Kim got third with a time of 16:43, followed by a pair of teammates-sophomore Marlon Zarate (16:46) and senior Mattson Laraneta (16:53). Sixth place went to Whitney junior Moises Reyes (17:03) and one second behind him was junior Ethan Choi. The next five spots went to Cerritos senior Ben Giordano (17:09), Whitney junior Damian Moreno (17:32), Cerritos junior Howard Lee (17:25) and Whitney sophomores Brendan Perry (17:32) and Avery Chen (17:37).

Glenn junior Jacob Enriquez came in 14th with a time of 17:47 and junior Maverick Crawford was Artesia's top runner with a time of 19:29.

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that we don't see a lot. A lot of teams don't really run the double wing anymore. So, they prepared for only a few days, and they battled. It was tough, but they battled, and it was great."

Penny admitted he took his older guys out of the game following the 20-14 lead because they go both ways, and they needed a breather. That could have been attributed to the Pioneers cutting through Glenn's defense for the last two touchdowns.

Tuifua, who had eight games of over 100 yards rushing this season, was limited to a season-low 39 yards in 18 carries. But Vergara picked up the slack by completing 11 of 18 passes for 218 yards with Tuifua catching three for 92 yards and Ramirez another two for 33 yards. On defense, Ramirez and sophomore linebacker Josiah Alcalá each had five tackles.

"I just can't think of anyone else but Eli Manning when I see him," said Penny of Vergara. "Just because in practice, he's not going to wow you. He's not going to make big time throws. He's not going to make big time runs. But he's definitely a

gamer; he's a baller and he shows up to work every day. He's ready to do whatever."

For Artesia, Lopez had 169 yards on 16 carries and completed all three of his passes to junior tight end Ahkil Sampson for 37 yards. Padilla added 126 yards on 13 carries while Flores pitched in with 21 yards on five touches.

"His ankle was bothering him a little bit," said Crook of Lopez. "But he battled all night and never asked to sit out. He was ready to go all night. Not too much to complain about."

"It feels good to have your teammates

support you in every way," said Lopez.

Since advancing to the Division 12 championship game during the inaugural season of the league, the Pioneers had combined to go 7-25-1 entering this season. One more win for Artesia will mark the fifth time since 2005 that the program will have posted at least seven wins in a season.

"No one would have thought that," said Lopez. "But fortunately, we did do that. We fought back from last year. Last year was something else, but we came back. We proved a lot of people wrong."

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ers, Victor Manalo, and Tony Mendoza also attended.

After Father Matthew from Artesia's Holy Family Church gave the invocation, Mayor Manalo began her address, "I am proud to say that Artesia is stronger than ever; despite the challenges we have faced, Artesia has remained resilient.

"Through our collaborations with local and state politicians, we have secured over \$3 million and are working to secure another \$7 million.

"The city's financial stability has always been at the forefront of our strategic vision; containing expenses and exploring new revenue streams has

always been at the top of the list."

Under the leadership of City Manager Aldo Schindler, who was hired in October 2022, Manalo indicated that the city has completed two past-due audits and will have the current audit completed by January 2024.

"We are growing revenues too; the city began its cannabis licensing process, which will significantly increase revenue, while the success of the Artesia Town Center, which just a few months ago was losing money, is now grossing over \$200,000."

The city implemented its RAVE Emergency Notification Program, with Manalo stating that over 400 cell phone users have voluntarily registered with the system, enhancing the city's ability to reach residents in the event of an

emergency.

"Couple that with our concentration on Public Safety and the allocation of \$4 million to enhanced safety measures, the city has seen a decline of 24% in major crimes," Manalo said.

During her forty-minute speech, Manalo also cited other accomplishments, including Human Services delivering over 7,000 meals to Artesia seniors and the Artesia Clean Campaign launched this year focusing on the aesthetics and health of the community.

The light rail, currently called the West Santa Ana Branch, that will travel 19.5 miles from Artesia to Union Station will "seamlessly connect the city to downtown Los Angeles and broaden our reach and accessibility."

"We want to create a vibrant tran-

sit-oriented community surrounding the station, setting the stage for a more connected Artesia," Manalo stated.

In terms of economic development, Manalo said the city initiated a hotel feasibility study to bring a hotel property to the city on Pioneer north of 91 freeway and that the city is in talks with developers for the properties on Pioneer and 176th and Pioneer and South Street.

Manalo also announced that in cooperation with the US Soccer Federation, Artesia Park will have a new mini pitch in mid 2024.

Mayor Manalo finished by saying, "Everything that we have accomplished would not be possible without our dedicated city manager and city staff committed to improving the quality of life for all Artesia residents."

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 11/21/2023 at 11:00 AM.

Nichole Zellmer - Furniture, boxes, fabric
Desiree Cumpian - Clothes in bags, small cabinet
Eddie Ramirez - Furniture, boxes, household items
Madhouse Creative Studio Inc - Justin Cayco, - Boxes
Elizabeth Lizarraga - household items, clothing
Tanya Fuller - Fridge, washer, dryer, stove, patio set, twin mattress
Gentle Hands Inc., Eduardo Santos - Boxes
George Encisco - tools, bed, boxes
Rizza Goodus - Personal Items
Albert Penn - Stove, refrigerator, shoe boxes

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

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 784
RELATED TO APPLICATION NO. 18-069**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on November 15, 2023, before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce for the consideration of an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 784.

Project Description: At the request of the applicant, the Planning Commission will consider making a recommendation to the City Council to repeal Ordinance No. 784 in relation to Development Agreement 784 and Application No. 18-069. This action would purge the City's records of an ordinance related to Development Agreement 784 and application No. 18-069. The termination of Development Agreement No. 784 shall eliminate any further obligation of the Owner and will no longer be a part of the City's Commercial Cannabis Program.

Project Location: 6100 Bandini Boulevard, Commerce, CA 90040.

Environmental Determination: The request for an Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 784 has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(9); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Ch. 3, § 15321 [Class 21, "Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies"]). This section specifically applies to actions by regulatory agencies to enforce or revoke a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use issued, adopted, or prescribed by the regulatory agency or enforcement of a law, general rule, standard, or objective, administered or adopted by the regulatory agency. In this case, the action is to repeal an Ordinance related to a Commercial Cannabis Permit Application.

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Public Safety Conference Room, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA 90040, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 784 will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this repeal of ordinance 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 Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Viviana M. Esparza

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
KIYOKO MIYABE
CASE NO. 23STPB11332
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KIYOKO MIYABE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHIGEYUKI MIYABE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHIGEYUKI MIYABE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/16/2023 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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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 Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, November 16, 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 PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL 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 Planning Commission 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.

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. Emailed comments must be received by Thursday, November 16, 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 1, 2023

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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-613**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.97 TO TITLE 5 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPOSING REGULATIONS ON MOBILE FOOD VENDING

Notice is hereby given that on October 24, 2023, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced for first reading, Ordinance No. 2023-613, to set parameters for the operation of mobile food vending operations (also called food trucks) within the City by adding Chapter 5.97 of Title 5 of the HGMC.

Ordinance No. 2023-613 proposes to provide responsible companies and individuals who engage in the operation of mobile food vending with clear and concise regulations to prevent safety, traffic, and health hazard, as well as to preserve the peace.

The proposed Ordinance will require a business license to operate a mobile food vending business in Hawaiian Gardens, as well as any and all permits for mobile food vending required from the Los Angeles County Health Department. The operation of a food truck will be allowed Monday through Sunday between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 pm. A food truck may not park in one spot in the public right-of-way for more than two (2) hours. Similarly, a food truck cannot remain in the same place for more than one (1) hour unless the food truck is located within two hundred (200) feet of a restroom to ensure that these facilities are available to an operator and its employees.

A copy of Ordinance No. 2023-613 is on file with the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. Also, a copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available on the City's website at www.hgcity.org.

The City Council will hold the second reading and adoption of the ordinance on November 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2023 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2023-16: The City Council will consider Ordinance No. 23-948, an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of Title 9, Article 13.5 to amend certain regulations for incidental outdoor uses and incidental outdoor seating and making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location: Citywide.

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the City Clerk, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: PublicComments@cityofartesia.us until 12:00 PM the day of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed action, please contact the Artesia Community Development Department at (562) 865-6262.

If you challenge any action related to this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 234851-CS
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and address of the Seller/Licensee are: O'CONNORS LAKEWOOD LLC, 4130-34 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The business is known as: O'CONNORS IRISH PUB
The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: OM MAYA PUB INC., 4130-34 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT and are located at: 4130-34 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE now issued for the premises located at: 4130-34 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is DECEMBER 1, 2023 at the office of: R ESCROW CORPORATION, 1205 E. CHAPMAN AVE., ORANGE, CA 92866
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$460,000.00 which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT:
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: OCTOBER 19, 2023
OM MAYA PUB INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
O'CONNORS LAKEWOOD LLC., Seller/Licensee
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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

C. ROBERT LEE HVAC REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 103

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

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, At 10:00 AM

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, At 10:00 AM

BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, At 10:00 AM

PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall,
21815 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the C. Robert Lee HVAC Replacement, Project 103, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened.

The Project scope of work includes furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals as required by the Contract Documents for removing, furnishing, and installing Fourteen (14) new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units including all the appurtenances needed for the proper and complete operation of the new HVAC, and all other items not specifically mentioned but indicated in the Plans and Specifications.

Electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens and the CIPLIST website. Bidders must submit their questions regarding the project via email to Neema Ghanbari at nghanbari@hgcity.org no later than Thursday, November 16, 2023. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562)420-2641 ext. 206.

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Notice 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 11/16/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Roberto Gonzalez; Isidro Lira Parga; Christine Carole Wells; Gil Joseph Lopez; Miriam Deisi Barrera (2 units); Valery Monic Vega; Sandra Cortez Carrion; Alicia Espinoza; Mireya Anna Yanda; Roselani Lozano (2 units); Marleen Alamilla; Rene Flores; Paul Jr. Garcia; Andrea Elizabeth Paul; Francisco Torres; Edgar Israel Luna Cedeno; Jacqueline Vk Long; Eduardo Alberto Espinosa; Christina Leiva; Brendon Angel; Carolina Genesis Alvarez; Socorro Garcia Diaz; Patricia Bernal-Gomez; Maria Sanchez; Adriana Corona; Israel Navarro; Gloria L Angulo. 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 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, November 14th, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Furniture, storage shelving unit, nightstands, glider chair, table, golf clubs, toolboxes, boxes, totes/bins, storage/shelving racks, duffle bag/bags, workout bench, weights, printers, rocking horse, doll house, tricycle, bedding, wreaths, shoes, crutches, kid's toys, mattresses, brooms, microwave, packing tape, TV, pots/pans, Canon printer, pitcher, vase, kitchen items, stuffed animals, home décor, wall art, purse, pillows, wrapping paper, rugs, picture frames, cabinet, bikes, bike pump/parts, dog crate, baseball bat, football, tools, vacuum, outdoor turkey fryer pot/burner, helmets, clothes & shoes, baskets, buckets, subwoofer, TV Stand, dining room chairs, wall sconces, statues, ladders, drywall tape, blower, folding table, storage drawers, faux plant, lamp, curtains, boogie board, crib mattress, bed spring, ironing board, stuffed animal, wine bottle holders, Halloween Decor, games, ss refrigerator, side table, chairs, bench, stroller, rolling basket, extension cord, wood crate, milk crates, cross, decorative pillars, baking pan, wok, dishes, snow sleds, car battery, birdhouse, bed frame, trash cans, kayak, tires, shop vac, camping stove, gas can, luggage, car engines, car bumper, treadmill, and wall heater belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT
ULLOA, ABEL S	B408
SEVILLA, UNISIA TRUDY	B433
RENDON, JEANETTE	B482
LOPEZ, JOSE LUIS	B500
JONES, CHARLES JERMAINE	B485
FLORES, RICARDO JR	B113
CRUZ, BRIAN	B479

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 of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 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 11/16/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Alfredo Rodriguez Cuevas; Antoinette Cox-Nicholson; Latanya Reed; Yolanda Vega Arguello; Earl Jameel Howard; Karoline Guadalupe Castellon; Jacqueline Marie Oliver. 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 LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600–1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com ending on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Rudy Ortiz	I06
Bryce Tubbs	F60

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 27th day of October 2023 and 3rd day of November 2023.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life 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 11/21/2023 at 12:00pm.**

Laura Ashley – 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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