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BIG CHECK: Artesia Mayor Monica Manalo holds a \$1.2 million check presented by Sup. Hahn. With Manalo is (l-r) Councilpersons Rene Trevino and Melissa Ramoso, Mayor pro tem Tony Lima (behind Hahn) and Councilman Ali Taj. Photo by Brian Chang.

Supervisor Hahn Delivers \$1.2 Million for Artesia's AJ Padelford Park

By Brian Hews

At this past week's Artesia City Council meeting, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn came through big-time for Artesia residents announcing that her office would provide \$1.2 million to the city for needed upgrades to AJ Padelford Park.

The 1.9-acre park is located at 11870 169th St. at the inter-

section of 169th and Clarkdale just north of the 91 freeway in Artesia.

"This \$1.2 million will fund upgrades to AJ Padelford Park's main building, replace the old computers for the youth program, refurbish the roof of the teen center, fund the construction of new outdoor restrooms, and pay for the installation of more lighting in the park to improve safety for

residents walking through the park in the evening," said Supervisor Hahn. "Our parks, no matter how small, are some of the most important assets in our neighborhoods. I know that this project was a priority for the City of Artesia, and I am so grateful that we can help make it happen."

The upgrades are vitally needed at the park. The main

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Gov. Newsom Signs Bill That Takes Revenue From Daily and Weekly Community Newspapers

All Asm. and State Senators voted yes, including Archuleta, Quirk-Silva and Pacheco.

By Brian Hews

Merry Christmas newspaper industry!

As if this business isn't hard enough, with Google taking community newspaper news - without paying and making money off it - while simultaneously taking advertising away from the industry, California Governor Gavin Newsom took a break from his hectic debate schedule dealing a body blow to the newspaper industry signing AB 542 into law.

Newsom signed the bill while state agencies such as the California Department of Health spend over \$100 million annually in advertising on billboards, top-ten radio stations, and online sites (not newspapers) all over the state.

Taking effect on Jan. 1, the AB 542 changes the options available to self-storage operators in the state when advertis-

ing a lien sale. It cuts the number of required newspaper ads from two to one if the operator also advertises on websites.

Raise your hand if you know or ever seen a storage facility auction website....

The sites do not have to be adjudicated in a court of law, like community newspapers who are affirmed by a judge as reaching the general population, and can be any rando-cheap website that receives scant views.

The bill was sponsored by first-term Asm. Juan "News Desert" Carillo in Lancaster.

Cold-heartedly and evidently not wanting residents to hold corrupt politicians accountable or allow constituents to be informed of what is going on in their communities, nearly all Los Angeles area Assembly and State Senate members voted yes to pass the bill including Sen. Bob Archuleta (D-30), Sen. Tom Umberg (D-34), Sen. Lena Gonzales (D-33) Asm. Blanco Pacheco (D-64), Asm. Sharon Quirk Silva (D-67), and Asm. Lisa Calderon (D-57).

The actions of these poli-

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Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA Elects Two Women to Lead Organization

By Dan Nino

The Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA recently elected two women to lead the non-profit charitable umbrella organization for the next two years.

Sue Ann Estrada-Tumakay, current president of San Carlenian Organization, and Ellen Rodriguez-Swing of Burgos town and president of Cerritos Chamber of Commerce, were unanimously elected as president and board chairperson, respectively of PB-USA. Both are also members of the Board.

The 52-year-old Ms. Tumakay, a certified physician assistant, succeeds her sibling Neil M. Estrada as president, while Ms. Swing, an accountant, succeeds Dan E. Nino as chairperson of the Board. The leaders are the first

[See PB-USA page 15]

Pico Rivera Launches Innovative Power Choice Program:

Residents will be able to enroll in solar program with no upfront cost and without requiring a credit check.

Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME) is announced the official launch of the Power Choice program, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at providing residents with the opportunity to harness the benefits of solar power and battery storage without the burden of installation and ownership costs.

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Two on La Mirada Council Will Run Unopposed

By Brian Hews

District 4 Councilman Steve De Ruse and District 5 Councilman Anthony Otero were the only two to file to run for their respective districts at the close of the nomination period this past December 8 for the Tuesday, March 5, 2024 city election.

Section 10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council: Appoint to the office the person

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NEW LEADERSHIP: from (l-r) PB-USA incoming president Sue Ann Estrada-Tumakay and incoming Board chairperson Ellen Rodriguez-Swing congratulate each other after their election.

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ABC Unified Board of Education Selects New Leaders



ABC UNIFIED'S EXECUTIVE CABINET congratulates outgoing Board President Mr. Brad Beach on a successful year. L-R: Dr. Carola Castro - Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services, Dr. Gina Zietlow - Superintendent, Mr. Brad Beach - Board Member, Mr. Toan Nguyen - Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Joseph Fraser - Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Photos ABCUSD.

From ABCUSD News

The ABC Unified School District Board of Education selected a new president, vice president, and clerk at its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. The board's "reorganization" takes place each December, where new officers are selected to serve the coming calendar year. This year, the board chose Mrs. Sophia Tse to serve as president, Mr. Ernie Nishii to serve as vice president, and Mr. Fransico Noyola to serve as clerk. All began their terms immediately after being selected.

"I am very honored to have the trust of my colleagues to lead the board in the coming year," said Mrs. Tse, who will be serving as president for the third time since she joined the board in 2007. "I would like to thank the outgoing president, Mr.

Brad Beach, who did a remarkable job. I hope to build on the success we have had in moving our schools forward in this new post-pandemic world."

Outgoing president Mr. Brad Beach was recognized for his year of service by elected officials and community leaders. During his year as president, he oversaw continued improvements to schools through Measure BB - the school improvement bond passed by voters in 2018, led the search for a new superintendent - resulting in the selection of Dr. Gina Zietlow, and visited every school in the district through his 30 schools in 30 weeks video series.

"It was a great year, full of unique and unforeseen challenges," said Mr. Beach. "I am so proud of all we accomplished and the direction we're headed. I know Mrs. Tse will do a fantastic job as president."

Building an ADU? State Offers Money to Cover Costs

By Brian Hews

State officials have started a grant program to help lower-income California homeowners build accessory dwelling units by covering some of the upfront costs.

The California Housing Finance Agency's (CHFA) ADU Grant Program offers up to \$40,000 to qualified homeowners to cover pre-construction costs of an ADU, including planning and permit fees for the structure.

Applicants have to meet the program's new income limits which must be less than 80% of the area median income; \$84,160 in Los Angeles County.

Applicants also need to work with a "approved lender" or "special financing participant" because the grants aren't paid to homeowners, they are paid to lenders.

The loan will cover the costs that the grants will reimburse, including designs, permits, soil tests, impact fees, property surveys, energy reports and utility hook-ups, the agency says.

These expenses can make up a sizable

portion of the cost of a new ADU, especially one built by converting a garage or other existing structure.

If you haven't started work on an ADU yet, you can still get in line for a state grant.

Neighborhood Housing Services, which provides construction loans for ADUs, says it will try to reserve a potential grant for anyone who emails two pieces of information: a current mortgage statement and one month's worth of pay stubs or other proof of income.

The information, which should be sent to admin@nhslacounty.org, should also include the person's legal name, address and Social Security number.

Grant applicants will have to sign and submit an affidavit to CalHFA attesting to several things about themselves and their plans, including that they are a U.S. citizen or legal resident and they own and have their primary residence on the property where the ADU is being built, among others.

For more information visit www.calhfa.ca.gov/adu/index.htm

605 Lane Closures Continue Through The Weekend

Daytime closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Dec. 15:

Expect northbound and southbound I-605 on- and off-ramps at South Street, Del Amo Boulevard, Alondra Boulevard, Rosecrans Avenue, and Telegraph Road to be closed to install K-rail and crash cushions.

Overnight closures Friday and Saturday night:

Starting at 7 p.m. - Northbound I-605 connectors to eastbound and westbound 91 Freeway closed.

Dec. 15 (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) and Dec. 16 (11 p.m. to 8 a.m.) - Northbound and southbound I-605 up to three lanes closed from South Street to just south of the 91 Freeway to replace concrete pavement slabs.

Alternate route: NB and SB I-710 or I-5. Detour signs will be in place. Lanes will re-open each morning.

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Eastwood Elementary Awarded CSBA Golden Bell Award



NORWALK-LA MIRADA School Board Members with Superintendent Dr. John Lopez and Eastwood Elementary Staff after the award of the Golden Bell Award.

LA MIRADA - Eastwood Elementary School has been awarded a Golden Bell Award from the California School Board Association (CSBA), a prestigious honor that celebrates outstanding education programs and governance practices.

This marks the seventh consecutive year that a District school or program has achieved a Golden Bell award.

Eastwood is one of 60 recipients of California's leading educational honor, having been recognized for its innovative and groundbreaking EastwoodTV (eTV) platform.

Principal Darryll Ramsey, Jr., along with Eastwood staff and the Norwalk-La Mirada Board of Education

and Superintendent Dr. John Lopez, formally accepted the award as part of CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show held from Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in San Francisco.

"It is a complete honor to be awarded the Golden Bell Award for the work we have accomplished at Eastwood," said Ramsey. "The students have worked hard building an innovative program and cultivating a culture of creativity and connectiveness. I am overjoyed that their hard work is being recognized in such a prestigious way. To say I'm proud is an understatement."

Conceptualized during the pandemic, eTV strengthened the school-home connection during isolation by becoming the digital storytelling and broadcasting hub of the school.

Since then, eTV has evolved into a student-led program focusing on multimedia storytelling, broadcasting, video editing, script writing, production, and design.

Through student-led content, eTV provides social-emotional learning resources, celebrates student and staff accomplishments, highlights pertinent information, and serves as a catalyst of innovation for partnering schools throughout the district.

"Congratulations to Principal Ramsey and the Eastwood community on joining the esteemed list of Golden Bell winners," said Dr. Lopez. "Their eTV platform is a testament to the hard work and dedication of students and teachers to build a truly amazing program that cultivates a culture of innovation and connects their community."

Eastwood's Golden Bell extends a run of recognitions dating back to 2017.

District programs were honored in 2017-2019 (Norwalk Education Alliance, Learning Initiative, Blended Learning Summit), followed by D.D. Johnston Elementary in 2020 (ExCel Intervention), Hutchinson Middle School in 2021 (STEM Magnet Program), and Norwalk High School in 2022 (Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School Counseling & Support Services.

Artesia Cemetery Chosen as an Official Location for the 2023 National Wreaths Across America Day

By Brian Hews

The cemetery will join the more than 3,100 participating locations across the country to Remember, Honor and Teach on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) announced today that Artesia Cemetery in Cerritos, CA will be joining in the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, as an official location for 2023. This is the first year that the cemetery will participate in this national program.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national, yearlong movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This year, there will be more than 3,700 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 - with more than two million volunteers coming together.

The goal for Artesia Cemetery is to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country never be forgotten and to bring the community together in patriotic commemoration.

"We are forever grateful for the thousands of supporters who dedicate their time, energy and resources to fulfilling our mission all year long," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. "These individuals and their communities know the value of remembering the fallen, honoring those who currently serve and teaching the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom every day, and because of their continued support, Wreaths Across America continues to grow and touch new people each year."

About Wreaths Across America
Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

All Wreaths Across America Day events are, non-political/religious events, open to all people. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

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Carver Holiday Market

Carver Academy invites residents to attend the school's Holiday Market on Wed., Dec. 20, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy beautiful holiday lights, shop for a perfect gift, eat delicious holiday treats, and take a photo with Santa. Make your plans now to attend. Carver Academy is located at 19200 Ely Ave in Cerritos.



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Cerritos Employees Donate Gifts to Families in Need



CERRITOS EMPLOYEES donated 150 gifts and \$260 worth of gift cards to help families this holiday season. Staff brought new, unwrapped toys or gift cards to the city’s employee holiday luncheon. The gifts will be distributed through the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree project and Toys for Tots, USMC.

La Mirada Offers Free Vacation Security Checks for Residents

Staff Report

La Mirada residents who are going away for the holidays can ensure the safety of their homes by signing up for free Vacation Security Checks. The La Mirada Public Safety Team performs daily security checks to determine if the home is secure while residents are away.

Residents who are planning to go on vacation can visit the La Mirada Community Sheriff’s Station or visit cityoflamirada.org to fill out a form. Requests can also be made through the “My La Mirada” smart phone application. All requests must be submitted

five business days in advance of leaving on vacation.

For additional information, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff’s Station at (562) 902-2960.



Lakewood Using Private Patrol to Assist Sheriffs

By Brian Hews

Last year, the Lakewood City Council passed a \$400,000 “Neighborhood Safety Enhancement Program” to address the rise in catalytic converter thefts and other property crimes that had been impacting communities across California and the nation.

Lakewood continued the this year and then added to it.

The Lakewood effort includes paying for more Deputy Sheriff patrol time in Lakewood to the maximum possible given the current limits on the number of L.A. County Sheriff’s personnel.

One feature of the package is paying for private security guards to patrol Lake-



wood neighborhoods every night to provide more public safety “eyes and ears” on the residential streets of Lakewood.

The guards, from Southwest Patrol, conduct highly visible patrols of neighborhoods, parks, schools and shopping centers, as well as targeting specific areas of concern from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. seven days a week.

Community response has been positive, with residents indicating they feel safer knowing the security patrols are keeping a watchful eye overnight.

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Important Dates:

- December 1, 2023 at 12:00 a.m. - Applications Open
- December 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. - Applications Close
- January 29, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. - Live Lottery
- February 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. - Notifications Begin
- March 6, 2024 at 11:59 a.m. - Schools of Choice Ends

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Casting Call for Pageant of the Masters



BE ON STAGE AT THE PAGEANT: The world-famous Pageant of the Masters is looking for volunteers to participate in the 2024 summer presentation of “À La Mode: The Art of Fashion.” Volunteers of all ages needed. No theater experience necessary.

Staff Report

Do you enjoy art, theater and music? Have you ever thought about posing on a stage? Do you enjoy being in the spotlight? And can you stand still for 90 seconds?

If so, you could be a volunteer cast-member in the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach.

The world-famous Pageant of the Masters is looking for volunteers to participate in the 2024 summer presentation of “À La Mode: The Art of Fashion.”

Volunteers of all ages needed. No theater experience necessary.

In addition to needing volunteers to pose in the Pageant, volunteers are needed for positions in the wardrobe, make up, and headdress departments, as well as cast area coordinators and refreshment servers, among other positions.

Casting call for volunteers will occur January 5 and January 6 from 7 PM to 9 PM and January 7 from 2 PM to 5 PM.

For more information on volunteering, contact the Pageant’s casting office by calling (949) 494-3663.

Cerritos Girls Wrestling Wins Tournament



CERRITOS HIGH wrestling is off to a great start for the season as ABCUSD Champions. The CHS Girls Team (above) won the Edison High Chargers Invitational on December 9.

Lakewood Gets \$110,000 For Water Efficient Irrigation

By Stephanie Gehrig

and the waste of water.

At this past Tuesday’s meeting, the Lakewood City Council received a state water grant that will provide \$110,000 to the city to install new irrigation devices in three Lakewood parks.

Currently, leaks can occur during the night when staff are not present and when the leak will not be detected for several hours.

The grant allows Lakewood to install weather-based irrigation controllers and flow-regulators in the large irrigation systems at Boyar, Del Valle and San Martin parks.

The grant, which is administered locally by the Central Basin Municipal Water District, is expected to reimburse Lakewood for 100% of the cost of buying and installing the irrigation devices. “This will be good for water efficiency, which is the goal of the state grant, and it will reduce Lakewood’s long-term costs for our water use, which is always a good thing. It’s definitely a win-win,” said City Manager Thaddeus McCormack.

The grant also will pay for automatic leak shutoffs that can detect when a leak has occurred and automatically shut off the water flow before flooding, damage



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Sweet and Savory Holiday Recipes

This is the season for sweet and savory favorites – from the mouthwatering desserts you crave each year to starters and snacks that hold over hungry guests. Elevate your holiday entertaining with the right combination of appetizers, main courses, sides, sweets and beyond that start with the same seasonal staple: pecans.

As a versatile nut that can be used throughout the holidays, pecans have you covered so you can cook and enjoy a myriad of dishes, add festive flair to decor, or provide a nutritious snack in the midst of season-long indulgences. This year, pick up an extra bag of pecans to create nutritious, delicious dishes to enjoy on-the-go or serve to guests.

To help celebrate the holiday season, the American Pecan Promotion Board in-

roduced a digital Pe-Calendar to highlight the many ways pecans can be enjoyed in and beyond a traditional pie. From Dec. 7-18, the interactive calendar will unveil tasty recipes for pecan fans to enjoy, along with fun games that can enter you in to win exciting prizes each day. From delicious Baked Brie with Pecans and Cranberry Orange Chutney to nutritious Pecan Snack Mix with Cranberries and Chocolate, along with prizes, the calendar provides an ultimate way to shell-ebrate with the must-have holiday nut.

To sign up for daily email reminders to open a new door for chances to win nutty prizes, or to find additional holiday recipes, visit EatPecans.com.

Baked Brie with Pecans and Cranberry Orange Chutney

Cook time: 24 minutes

Servings: 8

- 1 bag (12 ounces) fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup maple syrup, plus 1 teaspoon for garnish, divided
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 orange, zest and juice only
- 1 teaspoon freshly chopped thyme, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 1 teaspoon freshly chopped rosemary
- 1 tablespoon bourbon (optional)
- 1 round brie (13.4 ounces)
- 1/2 cup roasted pecan pieces
- crackers
- toasted bread
- apple slices

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line baking

Pecan Snack Mix with Cranberries and Chocolate



Baked Brie with Pecans and Cranberry Orange Chutney

sheet with parchment paper or silicone baking mat.

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring cranberries (reserving some for garnish), 1/2 cup maple syrup and water to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally, until cranberries pop and mixture thickens, 8-10 minutes.

Remove cranberry mixture from heat and stir in orange zest, orange juice, 1 teaspoon thyme, rosemary and bourbon, if desired.

Place brie on parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake 5-7 minutes, or until inside of cheese softens while outside remains intact.

Transfer brie to serving platter and top with chutney and toasted pecans. Drizzle remaining maple syrup over brie and garnish with remaining fresh thyme and reserved cranberries. Serve with crackers, toasted bread and apple slices.

Pecan Snack Mix with Cranberries and Chocolate

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes, plus 10 minutes cooling time

- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 cup rice squares cereal (wheat or cinnamon)
- 1/2 cup pretzels
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup dark chocolate chips

In large, microwave-safe bowl, add pecans, rice squares cereal and pretzels.

In small, microwave-safe bowl, add butter, brown sugar, maple syrup, salt and nutmeg. Microwave butter mixture 1-2 minutes until melted then pour over dry mix. Toss well to combine.

Microwave snack mix in 45-second intervals, about 4-5 intervals total, until mix is fragrant, golden and toasty.

Cool mix completely then stir in cranberries and dark chocolate chips.



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WHITNEY DUSTS OFF THE EARLY RUST AGAINST ROWLAND TO TAKE THIRD PLACE IN TOURNAMENT AGAIN

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Last season, the Whitney High girls basketball team breezed through its first two games of the Glenn-Norwalk tournament, then lost to Los Altos High by two points before easing past Whittier High to get third place. It was nearly the same scenario last week as the Wildcats slammed their first two opponents, before falling to champion Lakewood High 62-56 in one semifinal contest last Friday at Glenn High.

In the third place game last Saturday, Whitney trailed Rowland High by seven points early in the second quarter before outscoring the Raiders 39-16 over a 14-minute span to win going away 69-60, claiming third place in the tournament once again.

"It wasn't the outcome we wanted, but it was definitely something that we were a little disappointed in," said Whitney head coach Myron Jacobs. "Lakewood was a very good team, but I thought we were the better team. We just beat ourselves. Going into the fourth quarter, we were exchanging baskets, eventually going down by five, to going down by seven, and then before fight back."

Whitney had won its first seven games to begin the season, including a come from behind, quality 58-56 win at Crean Lutheran High. With the team practicing against the Whitney boys junior varsity team to prepare themselves against tough opponents like Lakewood and others, it still wasn't enough towards the end of the tournament to propel the Wildcats into a potential championship game meeting against runner-up Los Altos High.

Whitney trailed Rowland 15-9 at the end of the first quarter as it shot 33 percent from the field. Junior Haylie Wang was doing much of the damage with four points, four rebounds and an assist. She continued to dominate in the second quarter, scoring another eight points with four more rebounds, another assist and a blocked shot. But one of the bright, future stars of the Whitney program began to take over in the final half of the stanza.

Freshman Alyssa So, who scored 58 points in the tournament, made it a one-point game with a three-pointer with 3:50 left in the half, then put her team in front with another downtown basket with 3:16 left, taking a pass from Wang following an offensive rebound. So ended the half with her eighth point and just like that, the 'Cats had a 28-26 halftime lead.

"I think the message going into [the Rowland] game was to take care of business," said Jacobs. "We definitely didn't have Kylie Wang due to some personal issues. So, we had to go with what we had. Basically, it was let's take care of business and get out of tournament if anything, losing one game and get ready to focus on the next games coming up."

Rowland's Saray Castro began the second half with a pair of free throws before a three-pointer from Wang gave Whitney the lead for good. Then So would take over and was nearly a one-person show. She had three straight baskets, one coming off a steal and another coming from a steal from junior Allie Yamaguchi. An offensive putback from Wang completed an 11-0 run and later in the stanza, another steal from Yamaguchi, who fed the ball to So, began a mini 6-0 run as Whitney was up by 15 points. So



THE WHITNEY HIGH girls basketball team, which lost its first game of the season last Friday night, finished in third place of the Glenn-Norwalk varsity basketball tournament.

added one more basket in the fourth quarter after another steal and finished with a career-high 20 points. She was named to the All-Tournament team for her performances throughout the four games, and through the first 10 games this season, she has 124 points, goof for third on the team behind the Wang sisters.

"Alyssa is a great player, but she's still only a freshman," said Jacobs. "Alyssa, I thought, just needed a little bit of a motivative speech to get her going. Like I told her, don't force the game, let it come to her and remember what we went over in practice.

"I thought Alyssa played well," he later added. "I thought she played the way I want her to play every night and every

quarter in every game. She realized she didn't do anything in the first two games of the tournament, and she realized [tonight] was a big game. She had a sluggish start, but she stepped up and she did some things we couldn't get out of the other girls."

Wang scored a game-high 27 points and pulled down rebounds while sophomore Mady Macaraeg added 10 points, four steals, three rebounds and two assists. Whitney defeated Laguna Beach High 83-39 this past Monday and hosted Troy High this past Wednesday. The 'Cats will venture to the Valley of the Sun to play in the 26th annual Nike Tournament

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LA MIRADA FADES AT END OF THIRD QUARTER, FALLS TO HOST SCHOOL IN SEMIFINALS

By Loren Kopff
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BELLFLOWER-La Mirada High's boys basketball team has faced every challenge thrown its way this season and has done quite well for the most part. Heading into their semifinal contest against St. John Bosco High last Friday in the Braves Varsity Winter Classic, the Matadores had faced three CIF-Southern Section Division 1 teams, defeating two of them by a combined six points while falling to Harvard-Westlake High by 16 points.

But against the Braves, the fourth Division 1 opponent on La Mirada's schedule, the ninth ranked team in the division saw the contest get away late in the third quarter, and the Matadores fell 79-60.

"In that third, it kind of ballooned up a little bit," said La Mirada head coach Randy Oronoz. "Teams like that, we know you can't make too many mistakes and too many turnovers. We fouled a three-point shooter for a four-point play. It was just big mistakes for us."

The Matadores, who led once in the game, which came on the game's first basket 18 seconds in, clawed their way back to trail 46-45 on a pair of free

throws from freshman Gene Roebuck with 1:55 remaining in the third quarter. However, the Braves, thanks to the stellar play of Brandon McCoy Jr., closed the quarter on an 11-2 run with the backbreaker coming with 0.2 seconds left. That's when McCoy Jr. was fouled by junior Julien Gomez as he connected on his second three-pointer of the game and sank the subsequent free throw. Jack Turner would begin the fourth



quarter with a basket and just like that, the one-point deficit turned into a 12-point hole in a matter of 2:55.

"We have a resilient group," said Oronoz. "It was unfortunate it happened because we thought we would go into the fourth quarter

[down] single digits."

La Mirada trailed anywhere from a point to five points until St. John Bosco closed out the opening quarter on an 8-0 run to lead 21-11. Gomez was on fire early on, scoring seven points in the first quarter on just four shots taken from the field. La Mirada would go on a mini run late in the second quarter as junior M.J. Smith had a basket and sank a pair of free throws and senior Michael Torres added a free throw. But the Matadores ended the half connecting on one of their final five shots taken and were nine of 25 from the field in the half.

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of Champions in Mesa, AZ. Whitney will face (Summerlin, NV) Faith Lutheran High on Monday in bracket play with the winner facing either San Diego-based Francis Parker High or Mesa High on Tuesday. The Wildcats will have a game on Wednesday and another one on Thursday before returning home.

"I think it's really good for kids," said Jacobs. "You get tired of playing against the schools around you, whether you're beating them or losing to them. It's always a good experience to be able to give them a chance to go out and travel together and build more of a chemistry on the road and play against some of these teams that we would never get a chance to play against out here in California."

Elsewhere in the tournament, Norwalk High found out the hard way that it is not about senior Keilani Ganancial, who entered the week-long event scoring at least 20 points in seven of the team's first nine games. Ganancial scored 11 points, but the rest of the team was missing in action as the Lancers fell to Huntington Beach High 64-18. Norwalk went 1-3 in the tournament with its lone win coming against Workman High, 46-20, on Dec. 4.

Against Huntington Beach, the Lancers were outscored 17-2 in the first quarter without scoring from the field, and 18-1 in the third quarter. They missed all nine of their first quarter shots from the field and got their first true basket 50 seconds into the second quarter. In fact, Ganancial scored Norwalk's first two baskets and three of the four the team collected in the second quarter.

"Definitely low energy," said Norwalk head coach Ashley Baclaan. "We've kind of been on that same type of roller coaster since the start of our season. We're still trying to find our balance."

The Oilers, who led 33-11 at the half, scored the first 18 points of the third quarter before Ganancial made one of two free throws with 32 seconds left in the stanza. She and junior Anahi Rodriguez would each sink a three-pointer in the fourth quarter to account for the rest of the scoring.

"I could hear a little bit of the communication of what we're asking for," said Baclaan. "We do get into the lane, but we just can't drop an easy bucket. We're missing some opportunities that we should be capitalizing on. That third quarter slump seems like a norm right now."

Ganancial missed the first two games of the tournament and came off the bench in a 62-32 loss to Fountain Valley High last Friday but scored 15 points. Only two other players have reached double figures in scoring this season. Senior Rhean Pasqual scored 10 points against Workman and junior Janii Magarrah scored 14 at Santa Fe High on Nov. 30 and 13 at Montebello High on Dec. 1.

"One thing with our squad this year, it's very young, in my opinion," said Baclaan. "Out of our returners, Keilani is the only one that is returning with the experience and the minutes. Even the other returners...they played minimal last year. We're still trying to figure out how to get them into the level of intensity that we need."

This was Norwalk's only tournament of the season, and all 28 games are on the road as the school's soon to be new gymnasium is under construction. The Lancers (4-10) were defeated by Valley Christian High 54-40 this past Tuesday and went to Savanna High the next day. Norwalk will face Legacy College Prep on Friday and Bolsa Grande High on Thursday.

"We just have to refresh ourselves," said Baclaan. "I told them to clear the mind and we have to attack next week as a brand new week and hopefully chip

away at it as we start our practice first and prep for our next few games. But I hope that with the experience that we got [in this tournament] with those fast and pressed-type teams, we're going to channel that."

Another area team finding this season to be even rougher than Norwalk is its city rival and co-host of the tournament. John Glenn High, which has been injury plagued from the first game of the season and wasn't one of the 12 teams in the tournament, filled in last Saturday when Workman couldn't show up. The Eagles faced California Academy of Math and Sciences and were on the losing end of a 54-20 decision, dropping the team to 2-7.

"It was a good effort," said Glenn head coach Eric Peterson. "I give them an A for effort. But we just didn't have the talent to kick butt, having to [bring up] three junior varsity girls just to make [a team for today] put us at a disadvantage from the beginning. All my starters are mainly hurt, so, it's just rough. We're just not that deep."

Senior Rose Felix scored 14 points in the first game of the season, a 41-15 win over Magnolia Science Academy. She hasn't played since then because of an injury and senior Gianna Morales was another starter who missed the CAMS game because of an injury. Still the Eagles kept the game close early on as they trailed 12-10 after the first quarter. Glenn even went on a 6-0 run to take a 10-7 lead with 2:40 left in the quarter. But the Rebels went on a 13-0 scoring spree and the hosts would not get closer than six points the rest of the game.

Even down 26-15 at the break with the team shooting seven of 18 from the field and getting 13 rebounds, and turning the ball over 14 times, Peterson's half-time speech was simple and to the point, considering he had to call up a pair of junior varsity players and had seven for the game against CAMS.

"Just to keep moving forward," he said. "Just to build on something positive; not so much the wins and losses, but just being able to execute, let's just make good plays and let's just try to keep building and keep going forward."

One of the two junior varsity call-ups was sophomore Michelle Marin, who scored eight points. Senior Alex Rodriguez added four points and had half a dozen rebounds while three players combined for the other eight points.

"Michelle is excellent; I love her hustle and energy," said Peterson. "She's a very positive person, so I'm looking forward to her being on varsity next year."

While the Eagles scored 41 points in each of their two wins, they have managed only 109 points in their five losses. Glenn visited Collins Family High this past Wednesday and will host Rancho Alamitos High on Monday before going to Baldwin Park High on Thursday.

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Gomez and Roebuck would head into halftime with nine points each, but that's where things would change for both players. The former would be limited to four shots taken in the second half and scored just two points while the freshman sensation showed why he's one of the top ninth graders in Southern California. Roebuck was four of eight from the field and scored nine points in the third quarter and ended the game with 33 points, going 15 of 18 from the free throw line.

"He struggled a little bit [in the second half]," said Oronoz of Gomez. "Julien has been so consistent for us that when he has a game like that, it kind of makes everyone scratch their head. He's a heck of a player, so I'm sure he's on everyone's scouting report. But respect to Gene just being a freshman to be able to carry the load to keep us in it. We know if we can get both of those guys on the same page, we're capable of beating anyone."

While the Matadores were trying to make a comeback in the third quarter, the Braves were doing their part to hold onto their lead. Both teams went back and forth for the first five minutes as the La Mirada's deficit would be anywhere from five to eight points. But the final three minutes of the stanza would play a big part in how the game would finish.

"When you have a deficit like that, you can't just trade baskets," said Oronoz. "That's what they're hoping to do. Most teams don't have players like Gene or even Julien that can actually trade baskets with them. We were just hoping for a couple of stops to make a run. But shout out to their guard; they have multiple collegiate guards out there that made multiple collegiate plays when it was needed."

La Mirada was held to nine baskets again in the second half and had more free throws (24) than baskets (18). Smith had 10 rebounds and six points while Torres added five points and three boards. But the story continues to be on Roebuck and the start of his high school career. He finished with a career-high 33 points and has reached double figures in every game played.

"Special; he's special," said Oronoz. "I've been saying it since I've seen him in the summertime. The stuff he does is the next level, and I'm not just talking college. He does some stuff with his footwork, with his body, with his bumps. He works like he's hungry to get better and I'm just very excited. Even though it was a loss, he had a great game."

The Matadores would bounce back to defeat Long Beach Poly High 78-64 last Saturday to claim third place in the tournament and put them at 11-2 as they visit St. Pius X-St. Matthias High on Friday. This is the best start through 13 games that Oronoz has had as La Mirada's head coach. The 2008-2009, 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 teams won nine of their first 11 contests.

"We're just trying to play good competition and get better every game," said Oronoz. "We don't look at the next couple of games. We're trying to take it one game at a time. I don't do us any favors scheduling, but that's why these kids work so hard. I'm definitely disappointed with the loss today, but very excited with the way our team was fighting early on in the first 12 games. Hopefully, we can get our point guard back and just be whole as a team and really start going after some of these teams."

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By Loren Kopff

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SANTA ANA - It was a valiant effort by the Cerritos High girls basketball when it faced Cypress High in pool play action of the Segerstrom Tournament this past Tuesday. The Dons were down by 10 points nearly midway through the first quarter and again with 25.4 seconds left in the first half.

But Cerritos began the second half on a 17-7 run to take its first lead, and even trailed by two points with under three minutes remaining in the game before the Centurions pulled away for a 69-60 victory.

"I think if we didn't get off to a bad start, I think it would have been a little different as far as the outcome of this game," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "But this is what this team has. They'll keep fighting and fighting all the way until the end and that's all we can expect out of this team."

Cypress was up 14-4 three and a half minutes into the contest before senior Oneyka Nwanze scored consecutive baskets in a span of 37 seconds. After Isabella Caceres drained a three-pointer, junior Kishan Saberon answered with one of her one, followed by a basket from Nwanze off an offensive rebound to make it 17-13 with 1:40 left in the stanza.

Nwanze and Saberon would combine for all the 15 points Cerritos scored in the opening quarter, but the former would continue her stellar play in the second quarter. She added six more points and grabbed five rebounds as the Dons were down 34-25 at the break.

In the third quarter, the Dons came out with that fire and energy Chinen was looking for. Within the first 2:42, they went on a 12-5 run thanks to seven points from sophomore Cameron Lacorte, a three-pointer from senior Mia Rivera and another bucket from Nwanze. A three-pointer from Saberon gave Cerritos its first lead at 42-41 with 3:58 left in the stanza and it was 47-47 before the Centurions scored the last five points in the final 32.2 seconds of the quarter.

"It was a great game," Chinen told his team at halftime. "If we didn't dig ourselves in that hole early in the first, I think it would have been a different game. But it takes a lot of energy from the team to fight back in."

Cerritos scored three straight baskets just past the midway point of the fourth quarter and were still trailing 59-57 with 2:55 remaining before Cypress called a timeout. That's when the Centurions went on an 8-0 run to put the contest away. Nwanze posted a season-high 25 points and grabbed 18 rebounds while Lacorte and Saberon added 14 and 10 points respectively.

Nwanze, who missed the 2022-2023 season, didn't return to the team until late in the offseason, but hasn't missed a beat. She has scored at least 10 points in seven of the first eight games of the season, and at least 15 points five times.

"We're looking for...the shooters that we have on the team to pull through for us," said Chinen. "That's one thing I think they need to see. They need to see the ball go through the net. Once they see that, hopefully it will get our shooters fired up."

Cerritos faced Woodbridge High this past Wednesday and will have single games on Friday and Saturday before hosting North Torrance High on Dec.

22.

In other girls basketball action, Gahr High saw its eight-game winning streak snapped following a 47-43 loss to Millikan High this past Monday. The Gladiators went to Bolsa Grande High this past Wednesday and will host Valley Christian High on Friday, Lakeview High on Monday, and Mayfair High on Wednesday. V.C. is 6-5 after a 54-40 win over Norwalk High this past Tuesday and will host Bellflower High on Thursday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Artesia High defeated Santa Fe High 66-39 this past Tuesday behind 17 points from senior Zion Staples and 10 points from senior Isaac Brown. The Pioneers improved to 7-3 as they will face Poinciana High of Kissimmee, FL on Tuesday in the Osceola Holiday Tournament.

Cerritos dropped a 71-50 decision to Marina High this past Tuesday as its record is leveled after 10 games. The Dons host La Habra High on and Gahr on Wednesday while Gahr, which fell to California High 64-55 this past Tuesday, is 5-4 and hosted Rancho Dominguez Prep on Dec. 14.

John Glenn High began the week at 6-3 as the Eagles hosted Collins Family this past Wednesday and will go to The Seed School of Los Angeles County on Friday and Acaciawood Prep Academy on Saturday before hosting Norwalk on Tuesday.

Norwalk, which lost to Workman High 69-45 last Friday, began the week with a 3-6 mark as the Lancers are in the Loara Tournament this week. They will go to Avalon High on Thursday while V.C., which hasn't played since Dec. 2, will host Chaminade High on Friday and Kennedy High on Wednesday.

Whitney High is 8-3 as it hosted Santa Monica High this past Wednesday. The Wildcats will travel to Irvine High on Friday before hosting Los Amigos High on Wednesday.

BOYS SOCCER

Artesia blanked Lynwood High 2-0 this past Tuesday to improve to 4-0-1 as it went to Kennedy on Dec. 14 and will travel to Norwalk on Tuesday. The Pioneers will then host Baldwin Park High on Thursday.

Cerritos lost to North Torrance 1-0 last Friday to fall to 2-4 as it host Marina on Friday, Bellflower on Tuesday, and Esperanza High on Thursday while Gahr was blanked by Covina High 1-0 this past Monday, seeing its record fall to 1-4-2. The Gladiators hosted Santa Fe on Dec. 14 and will entertain Yorba Linda High on Tuesday.

Glenn ended the Warrior Invitational with a 3-1 loss to Crean Lutheran High last Saturday to fall to 4-4-1. The Eagles visited Santa Fe this past Wednesday and will go to Ocean View High on Friday and Whittier High on Thursday.

La Mirada High began the week at 3-4, having been shutout in every loss while posting a goose egg in all three wins. The Matadores will go to Norwalk on Friday and Brea Olinda High on Tuesday.

Norwalk dropped a 2-0 decision to Schurr High last Friday and was 1-4 entering its home game with Anaheim High this past Wednesday while V.C. earned its first win of the season after knocking off Santa Fe 3-1 last Saturday. The Defenders (1-6-2) went to Crean Lutheran this past Wednesday and

hosted Whittier on Dec. 14. They will entertain Pacifica High on Wednesday and Mayfair on Thursday.

Whitney lost to Whittier 5-1 this past Tuesday and is winless in eight games, having been outscored 38-7. The Wildcats went to Bolsa Grande on Dec. 14 and will go to Wilson High on Friday before welcoming California Academy of Math and Science on Monday and Samueli Academy on Wednesday.

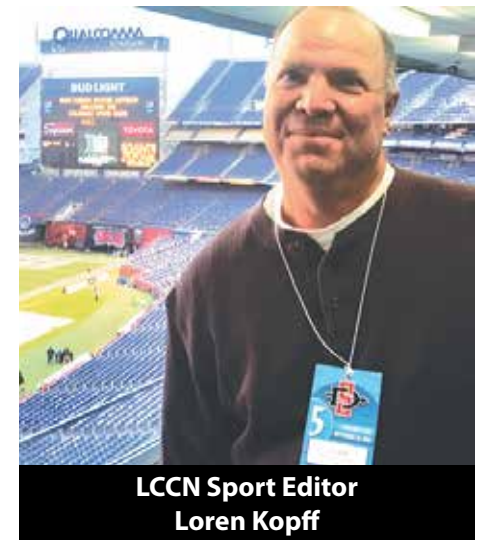
GIRLS SOCCER

Artesia fell to New West Charter High 2-0 before defeating Riverside Prep 2-1 last Saturday in the Best in the West Tournament. The Pioneers (5-1-1) will face San Gabriel High on Saturday in the first of two games in the tournament, then will visit Norwalk on Wednesday.

Cerritos beat Gahr 3-0 last Friday before losing to Sonora High 2-0 in the first game of the Best in the West Tournament last Saturday. The Dons (3-3) hosted La Serna High this past Wednesday and will face Crean Lutheran on Saturday in the first of two games in the tournament for their final games of the month.

Gahr, another team in the Best of the West Tournament, lost to Segerstrom High 3-0 and Bell Gardens High 2-0 last Saturday, then snapped a three-game skid with a 5-0 win over Norwalk this past Tuesday to improve to 3-6-1. The Gladiators will face Magnolia High on Saturday, go to Whittier Christian High on Tuesday and host Hawthorne High on Thursday.

Glenn (1-4-1) was blasted by



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Whittier Christian 11-0 this past Monday and hosted Santa Fe this past Wednesday. The Eagles will travel to Savanna High on Friday before hosting Paramount High Tuesday and visiting Bellflower on Thursday.

La Mirada, the fourth area team in the Best in the West Tournament, lost to Apple Valley High 2-0 but bounced back to nip Sierra Canyon High 2-1 last Saturday. The Matadores (1-2-3) visited Canyon High on Dec. 14 and will face Dana Hills High on Saturday in the first of two games. They will also host Yorba Linda on Wednesday.

Norwalk began the week at 1-5-1 and has been outscored 16-2 as the Lancers hosted San Gabriel High on Dec. 14 while V.C. blanked Westminster High 3-0 and Temple City High 2-0 last Saturday in the Best in the West Tournament and will face Flintridge Prep on Saturday with one more to come later in the day.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

GEORGE CHOE

CASE NO. 23STPB13570

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GEORGE CHOE (AKA GEORGE JINWOO CHOE)

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SAMUEL CHOE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION requests that SAMUEL CHOE be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 1/18/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 67, Room 614 in Stanley Mosk Courthouse 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.

PETITIONER SAMUEL CHOE

Self represented

47 BAMBOO, IRVINE CA 92620

562-667-6919

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to § 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California relating to the General Municipal Election in the City of La Mirada to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024:

As of the close of the nomination period on December 8, 2023, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected in District 4 and District 5.

The persons so nominated for District 4 and District 5 are: Steve De Ruse – District 4 Anthony A. Otero – District 5

That § 10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

- 1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
2. Appoint to the office any eligible elector (voter) if no one has been nominated.
3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

The City Council will meet on December 19, 2023, to either make the appointment or direct an election to be held. The person appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

If, by the 75th day before the municipal election, no person has been appointed to the office pursuant to (1) or (2) above, the election shall be held.

If the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to § 10229, Elections Code, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write in candidacy which is submitted after the appointment is made.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 2:00 PM on the 23rd day of January 2024 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1637 Haskell Middle School Modernization

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. There will be a mandatory jobwalk at 9:00 AM Sharp on December 19, 2023 at Haskell Middle School 11525 Del Amo Blvd., Cerritos. ABC Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place.

Los Cerritos News

December 8, 2023
December 15, 2023

Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 12/8 and 12/15/23

CITY OF LA MIRADA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Community Development Block Grant projects are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. The La Mirada City Council will consider approval of the projects on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

All persons wishing to comment, object, or otherwise be heard at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard at the time, date, and place of the public hearing. In addition, interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall prior to the public hearing.

Anne Haraksin
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN HENRY SMITH

Case No. 23STPB13369 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEVEN HENRY SMITH A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David Henry Smith in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David Henry Smith be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 3, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for petitioner: CATHERINE GRANT WIEDER ESQ SBN 105714 LAW OFFICES OF CATHERINE GRANT WIEDER 3223 E BROADWAY LONG BEACH CA 90803 LCCN 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Notice pursuant to UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. 09186654

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the seller are: PEN-SAR BIG, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 4200 CHINO HILLS PKWY #210, CHINO HILLS, CA 91709; 200 E. ORANGETHORPE BLVD, FULLERTON, CA 92832; 5935 SOUTH ST. LAKE-WOOD, CA 90713

Doing business as: EL POLLO LOCO All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), are: SONAR BIG INC, 146 SHOPPERS LANE, COVINA, CA 91723, CMH PROP-ERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, 146 SHOP-PERS LANE, COVINA, CA 91723 The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: 146 SHOPPERS LANE, COVINA, CA 91723 The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) are: W.K.S. RESTAURANT CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA COR-PORATION, 5856 CORPORATE AVE, SUITE 200, CYPRESS, CA 90630

The assets being sold are generally de-scribed as: MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, FURNITURE, POS SOFT-WARE, FIXED ASSETS, PERMITS, INVENTORY, GOODWILL, ASSUMED CONTRACTS, BOOKS AND RECORDS, LEASED EQUIPMENT and are located at: 4200 CHINO HILLS PKWY #210, CHINO HILLS, CA 91709; 200 E. ORANGE-THORPE BLVD, FULLERTON, CA 92832; 5935 SOUTH ST. LAKEWOOD, CA 90713 The bulk sale is intended to be consum-mated at the office of: COMMON-WEALTH LAND TITLE COMPANY, 4100 NEWPORT PLACE DR, STE 120, NEW-PORT BEACH, CA 92660 and the anti-cipated sale date is JANUARY 5, 2024

The bulk sale is subject to California Uni-form Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: COMMON-WEALTH LAND TITLE COMPANY, 4100 NEWPORT PLACE DR, STE 120, NEW-PORT BEACH, CA 92660 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 4, 2024, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date speci-fied above. Dated: 12/8/23 W.K.S. RESTAURANT CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buy-er(s) 2021229-PP LA LOS CERRITOS COM-MUNITY NEWS 12/15/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF TODD LEE aka TODD ERON LEE

Case No. 23STPB13298 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of TODD LEE aka TODD ERON LEE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brian C. Lee in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brian C. Lee be appointed as personal representa-tive to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtain-ing court approval. Before taking certain very im-portant actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or con-sented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 16, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 locat-ed at 111 N. Hill St., Los Ange-les, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-tions with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal rep-resentative 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 knowl-edgeable in Cali-fornia 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 pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: CATHERINE GRANT WIEDER ESQ SBN 105714 LAW OFFICES OF CATHERINE GRANT WIEDER 3223 E BROADWAY LONG BEACH CA 90803 CNI02152 LEE Dec 15,22,29, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOL-IC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 6707-EY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic bever-age license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Sell-er/Licensee are: RAGHAV OHRI AKA SAI LLC, 19430 PIONEER BLVD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The business is known as: CERRITOS SUPERMARKET AND LIQUOR AKA MS LIQUOR MARKET The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buy-er/Transferee are: TIMA MANAGEMENT INC, 19430 PIONEER BLVD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are:

The assets to be sold are described in gen-eral as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIP-MENT, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME, LEASE, TENANT’S IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, ABC OFF SALE GENERAL LICENSE #21-639421 and are located at: 19430 PIONEER BLVD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The kind of license. to be transferred is: ABC OFF SALE GENERAL LICENSE #21-639421 now issued for the premises located at: 19430 PIONEER BLVD, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JANUARY 12, 2024 at the office of: SAP-PHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701

The amount of the purchase price or consid-eration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the esti-mated inventory \$40,000.00, is the sum of \$270,000.00, which consists of the follow-ing: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$145,000.00; PROMISSORY NOTE \$125,000.00; TOTAL \$270,000.00

It has been agreed between the Sell-er/Licensee and the intended Buy-er/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the trans-fer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Date: NOVEMBER 13, 2023 RAGHAV OHRI AKA SAI LLC, Sell-er/Licensee TIMA MANAGEMENT INC, Buyer/Transferee 2017744-PP LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 12-15-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. 23-16761-TN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: EVIE THUY PHAM, 17842 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

Doing Business as: ELITE NAILS All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: ANH TUAN PHAN, 10211 MALINDA LN, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, INVEN-TORY, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 17842 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, INC., 13305 BROOKHURST STREET GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 4, 2024

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the last date for filing claims shall be JANUARY 3, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 12/04/2023 BUYER: ANH TUAN PHAN ORD-2018050 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 12/15/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GUADALUPE GOMEZ AKA GUADALUPE GOMEZ JAUREGUI AKA GUADALUPE JAUREGUE GOMEZ

Case No. 23STPB13370 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GUA-DALUPE GOMEZ AKA GUADALUPE GOMEZ JAUREGUI AKA GUADALUPE JAUREGUE GOMEZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GABRIELA BARAJAS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GABRIELA BARAJAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/10/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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Attorney for Petitioner JENNIFER A. LUMSDAINE, ESQ. - SBN 232751, TREDWAY, LUMSDAINE & DOYLE LLP 3900 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 240 LONG BEACH CA 90806, Telephone (562) 923-0971 BSC 224364 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/23 CNS-3764494# HAWAIIAN GARDENS COMMUNITY NEWS

La Mirada Recognizes Library Bookmark Contest Winners

Staff Report

The La Mirada branch of the LA County Library recently held its 44th annual bookmark contest. The contest motivates parents, educators, and librarians to encourage children to read and nurture the love of reading. Representatives from the La Mirada Arts Colony, the Friends of the La Mirada Library, and La Mirada City staff served as judges.

The winners of the contest have advanced to the County Library's system-wide contest. The Board of Supervisors will announce the Grand Prize winners from each District in February. The Grand Prize bookmark will be published on the County Library's website.

The following winners were selected among hundreds of entries:

- Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
Jhene Ponce – 2nd grade, Escalona Elementary School.
- 3rd – 5th Grade
Gabby Baldelomar – 5th grade, Homeschooled.
- 6th – 8th Grade
Naomi Kim – 7th grade, Homes-



LA MIRADA MAYOR Steve De Ruse pictured with second grade winner Jhene Ponce from Escalona Elementary.

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High School
Norma Buffinton Vargas – 12th grade, El Camino High School.

Whitney Students Win App Challenge



WINNERS: Gavin-kai Vida, Christopher Vu, and Angad Batra of Whitney High.

Three students from Gretchen Whitney High School took first place in the Congressional App Challenge sponsored by Congresswoman Michelle Steel. Gavin-kai Vida, Christopher Vu, and Angad Batra created the Eco Tracker, enabling users to track their carbon footprint, compare it to that of others, and find ways to reduce it. The first-

place app was determined by a panel of judges comprised of computer science experts from California State University, Fullerton, University of California, Irvine, and STARBASE Los Alamitos. The Congressional App Challenge was created by Congress to recognize the importance of developing STEM and computer-based skills.

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The program is made possible through a strategic partnership with Tesla and Participate.Energy.

“The Power Choice program is an innovative and equitable model for green energy adoption,” said Pico Rivera Mayor Andrew C. Lara. “It ensures that all Pico Rivera residents can enjoy the benefits of solar energy and backup power. We are proud to offer this program to our community as we take a significant step toward a more sustainable future.”

Through the Power Choice program, Tesla will install rooftop solar panels and Powerwall home batteries for existing PRIME customers who choose to enroll, all at no upfront cost and without requiring a credit check. The inclusion of Powerwalls allows homeowners to harness the renewable energy generated on-site, enhancing grid resilience and reducing transmission and delivery charges.

This pioneering program simplifies the entire process, handling everything from design and installation to ongoing maintenance, ensuring a hassle-free experience for participants. Customers will only be responsible for the energy produced by the system and a monthly battery payment. PRIME will continue to serve as the power provider, and participants will receive a consolidated monthly bill, mirroring their current billing process.

In addition to the environmental benefits of solar energy, enrolled customers will gain access to backup power during Public Safety Power Shutoffs or in emergency situations, guaranteeing that they can make the most of the solar energy generated by their home system.

To find out more about the Power Choice Program and to sign up for this innovative energy solution, residents are encouraged to visit Power Choice Program Website.

The Power Choice program represents Pico Rivera's commitment to creating a more sustainable and resilient energy future for all its residents, while also contributing to the global transition toward cleaner, renewable energy sources.

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ticians only speeds the decline of local news in the United States where the nation has lost one-third of its newspapers and two-thirds of its newspaper journalists since 2005.

A recent Northwestern University study found an average of 2.5 newspapers closed each week in 2023 compared to two a week the previous year, a reflection of an ever-worsening advertising climate.

Most are weekly publications in areas with few or no other sources for news, such as much of Los Angeles County.

“My concern is that the acceleration we're seeing is only going to worsen,” said Tim Franklin, who heads the local news initiative at Northwestern's Medill journalism school.

At its current pace, the country will hit 3,000 newspapers closed in two decades sometime next year, with just under 6,000 remaining, the report said. At the same time, 43,000 newspaper journalists lost jobs, most at daily publications.

And now the government is accelerating that pace in California.....thanks to myopic local politicians and Gov. French Laundry.

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building roof has multiple leaks which have caused damage to the building, the park currently has no public restrooms, and the computers in the teen center are over 15 years old.

“I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Supervisor Hahn and her dedicated staff for their unwavering advocacy on behalf of the City Council, City Staff, and the residents of the City of Artesia,” said Councilmember Monica Monalo. “Their successful efforts in securing these funds will greatly improve our City parks and enhance the quality of life for our residents and those visiting our wonderful parks.”

The \$1.2 million in funding from Supervisor Hahn's office comes from discretionary Community Program funds.

La Mirada Interact Students Help Kids in Need



SANTA'S ELVES – A group of La Mirada High School Interact students, sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada, helped more than 40 elementary school students purchase new clothing in Rotary's annual Clothes for Kids program at Marshalls Department Store.

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elected women to hold the organization's top two leadership positions.

Ms. Tumakay told her fellow Pangasinenses, “It is an immense honor and privilege to represent our wonderful organization as your next president. With profound gratitude, I humbly accept the appointment and responsibility to serve the organization. Thank you everyone for the vote of confidence and for entrusting me with this role.”

Ms. Swing commented, “In accepting the board chairperson role, I am both honored and humbled by the confidence given to me by the officers and members of this amazing organization. I look forward to collaborating with all sectors to fulfill our mandate. Thank you for trusting me with this responsibility.”

Following the election, the incoming chief executive appointed Josie Carayugan-Khoo, president of Bayambang Assn. of Southern California, as the executive vice president. At the same time, the Board elected Danny Tejada, president of Assn. of Mangatarem Overseas Residents of Southern California (AMOR) as vice chairman of the Board.

Other members of the Board who will

assume office on Jan. 1, 2024 include: Nieves Coquia of Dagupan City Club of Southern California, Pio Roque Coquia (Greater Dagupan City Assn. of California), Jann Doctor-Bergado (Santa Barbara), Marites Orenca-Bautista (San Fabian), J.R. Araquel (Alaminos City), Dean Mandapat (San Carlos City), Noemi Vilorio-Dumlao (Bani) and Henry Estrada (Calasiao).

The board members and executive officers were sworn in on Dec. 9, 2023 at the Cerritos City Performing Arts.

Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA, founded in 1978 by the late Ambassador Armando C. Fernandez and former consul general of Los Angeles, aims to preserve and promote its people's unique culture and tradition and engage in its native province. Among its past contributions to the upliftment of the Pangasinan and its people were providing relief goods during natural calamities, donating low-cost housing in partnership with the Rotary Club and Gawad Kalinga, donating books to the municipal library of Alaminos City, providing supplemental scholarship grants to deserving college-bound students, promoting local products and crafts of the province in Los Angeles, cooperative funds to some municipalities, educational workshops, among others.

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person has been nominated. The City Council will meet on December 19, 2023 to choose an option, sources are telling LCCN that the two will be appointed, avoiding the cost of an election.

who has been nominated; appoint to the office any eligible elector (voter) if no one has been nominated or hold the election if either no one or only one



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