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Photo by Brian Hews

MARCH ON NEWMAN'S OFFICE: Over one hundred protesters marched on State Senator Josh Newsman's Fullerton office protesting a head-scratching bill that would cost the state nearly \$500 million and thousands of local residents' jobs. The bill was passed in the Senate under an education bill then "gutted and amended" by Newman to read like Proposition 26, which California voters rejected 2-1 in 2022.

Sen. Newman's Bill Would Severely Impact Cardrooms, City Budgets and Thousands of Employees

By Brian Hews

Last year, California voters rejected Proposition 26, a ballot measure that would have allowed tribal casinos to run roulette and dice games while dictating the kinds of games the California cardrooms could offer.

The proposition would have likely driven the state's cardrooms, such as The Gardens

Casino in Hawaiian Gardens and The Commerce Casino in Commerce, out of business.

California cardrooms provide a significant source of tax revenue for city and county general funds; vital tax revenue to the cities for education, public safety, public health, infrastructure, and homelessness.

If Prop. 26 had passed, some cities would be forced to implement draconian cuts or

get pushed into bankruptcy. In Hawaiian Gardens, the Gardens Casino provides 78% of the city's revenue; in Commerce, the Commerce Casino provides 50% of the city's revenue.

But California voters are smart and rejected Prop. 26 by a two-to-one margin. But evidently State Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) is not one of the smart ones.

Despite the severe econom-

ic consequences, Newman is sponsoring and pushing a bill similar to Prop. 26, Senate Bill 549, the Tribal Declaratory Relief Act of 2023, a hurried gut and amend bill that would give sovereign tribal governments a new Private Attorney General Act (PAGA.)

SB 549 began as a measure dealing with education, but in

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Pico Rivera Considering Social Host Ordinance to Stem Underage Drinking

Shockingly, state law does not prohibit underage use of alcohol on private property.

By Brian Hews

It has become an epidemic in the United States; according to studies, underage drinking accounts for nearly 4,000 deaths annually.

A U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse study found the proportions of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who reported drinking at least one alcoholic beverage in just the 30 days before the study were 14%, 29%, and 41%, respectively. Binge drinking rates, defined as consuming five or more drinks, were 7.2%, 16.3%, and 23.2% for the same grades, respectively.

The harms associated with underage alcohol use are ex-

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Rotary's 'Clothes for Kids' Project Helps La Mirada Children in Need



VOLUNTEERS with the Sheriff and Fire Departments and Interact Club members from La Mirada High School after the Clothes for Kids project event. Forty kids purchased some \$140 in warm clothing for the winter months during the holiday spree sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada. Photo courtesy LM Rotary Club.

By Tom Robinson

More than forty La Mirada children and scores of volunteers came together Dec. 6 for the annual Clothes for Kids event sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada at Marshalls Department store.

Rotary members and volunteers escorted each child participating in the Clothes for Kids project as they purchased some \$140 in warm clothing for the winter months during the holiday event.

The volunteers, including Sheriff and Fire Department personnel as well as Interact Club members from La Mirada High School, assisted the children with shopping for pants, dresses, shirts, blouses, sweaters, jackets, shoes, socks and other new cloth-

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Sup. Hahn Attends Pico Rivera Tree Lighting



SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN presented a check for \$10 million that the Supervisor is providing for the new Aquatic Center at Smith Park. With Sup. Hahn is (l-r) Mayor Erik Lutz, Councilpersons Dr. Monica Sanchez and John R. Garcia, and Mayor pro tem Andrew C. Lara. "Public pools, like the one at Smith Park, make for great neighborhoods," said Hahn. I know Pico Rivera residents have missed their pool and with this funding we will be able rebuild a bigger and better aquatic center for the community to enjoy."

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Area Residents Stepping Up for Toy Drive



LOS CERRITOS CENTER is once again hosting the “Spark of Love Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive Event” on **Friday, December 15** in partnership with ABC7, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, and Southern California firefighters. Join residents in the parking lot near Gridley Road and South Street from 4 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to stuff the bus with new, unwrapped toys and sporting equipment. The gifts will be distributed to underserved children and teens in the surrounding area.

Cerritos City Hall to Undergo Security Improvements

LCCN Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded an \$87,050 contract to Southern Cal Construction in Beverly Hills for security improvements at City Hall.

The project will consist of construction and installation of various storefronts (window and door framing and glazing), security doors and other facility

security enhancements. The company will perform security improvements on the third floor of City Hall at the entrance to Human Resources and administration offices and on the first floor in the City Clerk’s Office. Carpet replacement will be done as needed.

CWA AIA, Inc. completed the design for the first phase of the project, which includes the installation of two new storefronts, upgrades to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and carpentry and electrical work.

The work is expected to conclude by June 2024.

EV Rebates Hit January 1 for Qualified Buyers

The best part is you don’t have to wait until tax time to take advantage you get the rebate at the dealer.

LCCN Staff Report

New rules kick in Jan. 1 that will allow your down payment on an EV to be paid with free money from the feds.

The rebate depends on your income and price of the car but if you qualify you can get up to \$7,500 for a new vehicle, or up to \$4,000 for used for both EVs and plug-in hybrids.

The best part is you don’t have to wait until tax time to take advantage you get the rebate very quickly.

When you buy a car at a registered dealer, you negotiate how much of the tax credit you’ll use for a down payment, and how much cash you’ll get back as a credit on your credit card. Who qualifies?

The income limit is fairly high \$300,000 for joint filers or for a surviving spouse; \$225,000 for a head of household and \$150,000 for everyone else.

There’s a price limit, which takes into account sticker price and all options: \$80,000 for a SUV, a pickup truck or a van; \$55,000 for all other cars

The vehicles that qualify must be assembled in the United States, with a certain percentage of materials from the United States or from a trade agreement partner, and a certain percentage of battery components made in North America.

The tax credit is available for non-qualified vehicles if a car is leased. It’s the dealer that actually gets the leasing tax break, and it’s up to the dealer how much to apply to a customer’s lease deal.

The credit is available for used EVs purchased from a licensed dealer. The car must cost \$25,000 or less. 30% of the vehicle’s price is available, with a maximum rebate of \$4,000. The income is different: \$150,000 for joint filers or surviving spouses; \$112,000 for heads of households; \$75,000 for everybody else. The car must be over two years old.

California rebates will now be focused on getting lower-income car buyers to replace their gas cars with electric vehicles.

Under the program, income-qualified buyers can get up to \$12,000 to scrap and replace their internal combustion vehicle with an EV.

Don’t fear if you do not have a trade-in; buyers can receive up to \$7,500 in “purchase grants,” that will be applied to the cost of the new car.

Rebate amounts will be determined by household size. For a single individual, the annual gross income cap is \$43,740; for a two-person household, \$59,160; three, \$74,580; four, \$90,000; five, \$105,420; six, \$120,840; seven, \$136,260; and eight, \$151,680.

Rebates are available from some utilities and local governments too, and in some cases you can get money back for a home charger.

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June Newman substituted verbiage - lifted almost word for word from Prop. 26 - giving tribes a three-month window in 2024 to take legal action against the cardrooms related to poker games.

Newman is on a mission to drive cardrooms out of business even though California voters and the courts rejected Prop. 26.

PAGA would allow wealthy gaming tribes to sue the state and cardrooms seeking to stop thousands of approved card games from being played at cardrooms throughout the state.

In a time of deficits, SB 549 would cut \$500 million in tax revenue statewide; California and local communities would lose \$5.6 billion in economic output generated by cardrooms and 32,000 good-paying jobs that generate \$1.6 billion in wages annually.

According to the California Cardroom Alliance, the economic harm will happen quickly, before the litigation is resolved. Filing the lawsuits under PAGA will disrupt banking services while litigation is pending contending that the games are not legal, impacting cities, 30,000 cardroom employees and the large and small business owners who sell goods or provide services to cardrooms.

On top of the economic impacts, the bill raises serious legal questions about the separation of powers and the role of the courts concerning determinations made by the Attorney General.

The cardrooms in California legally operate games approved by the Attorney General; many variations of traditional poker and California games are played. Each game is different, and each one is

approved separately.

SB 549 would allow any or all these games to be challenged in court; every game would have to be adjudicated, meaning the judge would have to analyze the rules and implementation of the game, which could take years and clog the courts

Keith Sharp, President of the California Cardroom Alliance, told Los Cerritos Community News, "SB 549 is a thinly veiled attempt to close down cardrooms by the same few wealthy tribes who have failed in their repeated attempts to shut us down for years. Cardrooms have been lawfully operating under federal, state, and local laws for decades and are highly regulated by the California Gambling Control Commission and the Attorney General's Department of Justice. Furthermore, SB 549 was already overwhelmingly rejected by voters as it contains language and intent similar to last year's Prop 26. More than one thousand cardroom employees live in Senator Newman's District. We are asking him to support his constituents and drop his bill that will negatively impact their jobs and communities."

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tensive and include youth-drunk driving crashes and other unintentional injuries such as drownings, falls, alcohol-related suicides, risky sexual activity, rapes, and longer-term physical and emotional impairments resulting from alcohol abuse.

Local regulations and enforcement to stem underage drinking are some of the best tools available to municipalities. Policies such as increasing fines levied on young people for obtaining, possessing, and consuming alcohol and on adults for providing party locations and alcohol to minors can put a dent in underage drinking.

One of the tools the Pico Rivera City Council is considering implementing to deter underage drinking is a Social Host ordinance, a law that will hold non-commercial property owners responsible for underage drinking at parties on their properties.

There is a need: a 2021-2022 California Healthy Kids survey of 11th graders in the El Rancho Unified School District reported that 23% of students found it "very easy" to obtain alcoholic beverages, while 19% indicated "fairly easy."

And underage house parties where excessive alcohol, marijuana, and other illegal substances are consumed can lead to loud and unruly behaviors on private property, which disrupts neighboring residents.

Shockingly, state law does not prohibit underage consumption of alcohol on private property. The Pico Rivera City Council wants to establish the Social Host ordinance that can fill the gap in state laws by providing Sheriffs an enforcement tool to help address the problem of underage drinking at parties.

The Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station received 853 calls for service for loud parties or music disturbing the peace

between October 2022 and October 2023. Many of the calls were the result of parties promoted on social media.

The Sheriffs stated that the make-shift clubs are promoted to patrons of all ages but focus on underage youth. The promoters charge admission, serve alcohol, and sometimes offer illicit drugs. In addition, these events lack supervision or security and have recently led to violent and often deadly outcomes for participants in this community.

If the City Council approves the ordinance, it will be a misdemeanor for any individual to host or allow a noisy or disorderly gathering at a private residence or property.

The law will allow for cost recovery from the responsible party by law enforcement or emergency service providers.

The ordinance will also allow the city to impose fines: \$2,500 for the first violation; \$3,500 for the second violation within a 12-month period of the first; \$5,000 for the third violation within a 12-month period.

If approved, the ordinance will be placed on the agenda for adoption at a regularly scheduled Pico Rivera City Council meeting, and the ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the adoption.

Pico Rivera Secures \$6 Million Grant for Smith Park Aquatic Center

LCCN Staff Report

California State Parks this week announced recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS) for \$35.6 million in Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants for 16 local park projects.

Funding would provide public agencies with the ability to acquire land and/or develop recreational amenities such as playgrounds, sports fields and courts, exercise stations, dog and skate parks.

Locally, Pico Rivera's Smith Park Aquatic Center will received \$6 million to construct a new pool deck, competitive pool lanes, diving board, racing platforms, fixed interactive water features, bleachers with shade structures, turf seating, scoreboard and clock, perimeter fencing, storage and chemical room, and lighting.

The city had previously set aside \$6 million for the repair of the pool, with the grant, that money will now go back into the city's General Fund.

Santa Ana will get \$2.2 million to build a new neighborhood park at 10th and Flower Street. The park will include a playground with shade, exercise area with shade, walking path, skatepark with lighting, half basketball court with lighting, picnic area, gathering area, fencing with landscaping and lighting throughout the park.

State Parks evaluated more than \$154 million in LWCF funding requests, for the available \$35.6 million in this application cycle. The recommended applicants will proceed with post-selection federal requirements prior to the projects being forwarded to NPS for review and federal funding approval.

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La Mirada Holds Chili Event at Splash! Center



LA MIRADA kicked-off the holiday season at its annual Chili Holiday event this past Saturday at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. The festivities included live entertainment, holiday crafts, and of course, chili! Families enjoyed snow sledding, riding the holiday train through a winter wonderland, and photos with Santa. Residents brought non-perishable food items and unwrapped for the Holiday Toy and Food Drive.

Cerritos Center Lighting System to be Replaced

LCCN Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$359,000 contract to Barbizon Lighting Company to upgrade the lighting control system at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Barbizon will replace outdated dimmer control modules throughout the facility. The new platform is designed to extend the life of the existing dimming

system, simplify backup and repairs, and remove networking barriers.

The project also includes replacing the existing house and work light control systems with Paradigm processors and control stations to unify control of the theatrical lighting elements under a single network.

The updated control modules are expected to extend the operational life of the system, improve reliability and save energy.

To minimize disruptions, the work will be scheduled around shows and events. The project is expected to conclude in summer 2024.

'Cocoa with a Deputy' and Support Project Shepherd's Toy Drive

LCCN Staff Report

Join the City of Lakewood's Public Safety Department for their annual Cocoa with a Deputy and Project Shepherd Toy Drive on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at Panera Bread at Lakewood Center, featuring:

- Free hot cocoa and coffee.
- Free cookie decorating.
- Free crafts for kids.

Meet Deputy Sheriffs from the Lakewood Sheriff Station and Lakewood's Public Safety Team, who will answer questions about public safety, offer crime prevention tips, or just say "hello" and "happy holidays."

For those who are able to, please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Lakewood Project Shepherd for local Lakewood children enrolled in the holiday program.

Panera Bread is located at Lakewood Center, south of Target on the Lakewood Blvd. side, 135A Lakewood Center, Lakewood, CA 90712



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- 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

More Children Identified in Outbreak of Lead Poisoning



THREE APPLESAUCE PRODUCTS have been recalled: Wanabana brand applesauce pouches sold nationwide and online and Schnuck's and Weis brands of pouches sold regionally at grocery store chains. The Schnucks brand of pouches were sold individually and in variety packs.

LCCN Staff Report

There are now at least 64 children sick with lead poisoning in WanaBana outbreak, according to the FDA. All of these patients are under the age of six. They live in 27 states.

The patient case count by state is: Alabama (1), Arkansas (1), California (1), Connecticut (1), Florida (1), Georgia (2), Iowa (1), Illinois (3), Kentucky (3), Louisiana (4), Massachusetts (3), Maryland (6), Michigan (3), Missouri (1), North Carolina (5), Nebraska (2), New Hampshire (1), New Mexico (1), New York (8), Ohio (3), Pennsylvania (1), South Carolina (2), Tennessee (1), Texas (3), Virginia (2), Washington (3), and Wisconsin (1). The report date ranges are from October 17, 2023 through December 1, 2023.

Three applesauce products have been recalled: Wanabana brand applesauce pouches sold nationwide and online and Schnuck's and Weis brands of pouches sold regionally at grocery store chains. The Schnucks brand of pouches were sold individually and in variety packs.

The Wanabana recall impacts markets outside of the United States. Customer information provided by the firm shows that product was also distributed to Canada, Cuba and the United Arab Emirates.

The FDA investigation has found that cinnamon from Ecuador was used in the production of the implicated applesauce products.

"The FDA is continuing to coordinate with Ecuadorian authorities on the investigation of the source of elevated lead levels in cinnamon apple pouches. In addition, the Ecuadorian authorities report that Negasmart's cinnamon had higher levels of lead than allowed by Ecuador and that Negasmart, the supplier of cinnamon to Austrofoods, is currently under

an Ecuadorian administrative sanctions process to determine the responsible party for the contamination," according to the FDA's outbreak update.

An import alert on cinnamon products from Ecuador has been initiated by the FDA and is blocking the entry of such products at U.S. ports of entry.

The FDA's investigation began after public health officials noticed and reported children with elevated blood levels of lead. Those public health officials found all of the children had consumed applesauce that was later recalled.

Federal testing showed that the recalled applesauce contained 200 times the amount of lead considered safe to consume. Elevated levels of lead have been reported as much as three months after children ate the applesauce.

Lead is toxic to humans and can affect people of any age or health status, but children are particularly susceptible to lead toxicity. Lead poisoning can result in several long-term problems, including developmental disorders and brain damage.

"These products have a long shelf life. Consumers should check their homes and discard these products. Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms of lead exposure," according to the FDA. "If there's suspicion that a child may have been exposed to lead, parents should talk to their child's health-care provider about getting a blood test."

Short-term exposure to lead can result in the following symptoms: headache, abdominal pain, colic, vomiting, and anemia. Longer-term exposure could result in additional symptoms: irritability, lethargy, fatigue, muscle aches or muscle prickling/burning, constipation, difficulty concentrating, muscular weakness, tremors and weight loss.

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Blue Shield Customer Information Hacked

Blue Shield of California has announced a cyberattack that stole vision plan member's information.

The data may have included names, dates of birth, social security numbers and information related to vision health care.

Hackers stole the data from a Blue Shield server managing vision care data on May 28 and May 31.

In response to the breach, the vendor immediately took the server offline, launched an investigation into the incident, engaged a cybersecurity firm and reported the matter to the FBI.

The attack was part of a broader wave of cybersecurity breaches by a ransomware group known as Clop, which exploited a vulnerability of an enterprise digital

file-moving software known as MOVEit, which allowed hackers to steal data. Following the breaches MOVEit creator Progress Software reportedly issued a patch.

Same old BS from the company. "When we discovered the vulnerability in MOVEit Transfer and MOVEit Cloud, we worked quickly to provide initial mitigation strategies, deployed a patch on May 31 that fixed the vulnerability and communicated directly with our customers so they could take action," a MOVEit spokesperson said.

In response to the attack, Blue Shield says it has opened a dedicated call center to answer questions—it can be reached at 1-866-983-2632 M-F from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Blue Shield also offers free credit monitoring with identity restoration services for anyone impacted by the data breach.

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California Science Center Completes Solid Rocket Booster Stack

The California Science Center reached a major milestone toward its future display of Space Shuttle Endeavour in ready-to-launch configuration with the completed installation of the massive display's two Solid Rocket Boosters (SRBs). With the Forward Assemblies installed this week to top off the SRBs, the finished Boosters are the latest achievement in the Science Center's ambitious Go for Stack operation — the unprecedented, multi-phase process of constructing the world's only complete, authentic

space shuttle system display. Each SRB is made up of three main components: An Aft Skirt, which forms the base of the 149-foot-tall SRB; the Solid Rocket Motor, which makes up the largest part of the SRB; and the Forward Assembly, the cone-shaped top of the SRB.

When fully installed, California Science Center's space shuttle stack will tower 200-feet tall and include the orbiter Endeavour, the two Solid Rocket Boosters, and ET-94, the last remaining flight-qualified External Tank. The exhibit will be the star attraction in the future Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center, a major expansion to the Science Center, which will be completed around the full shuttle stack.

This Go for Stack achievement comes just weeks before the current Endeavour exhibition in the Science Center's Samuel Oschin Pavilion is set to close. December 31, 2023 will be the last chance to see Endeavour on exhibit until the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center opens to the public in a few years. While Endeavour is off exhibit, the California Science Center remains one of the largest science centers in the nation, with multiple hands-on exhibit galleries, special exhibitions, and IMAX movies for guests to experience.

"I am thrilled to announce the completion of a significant Go for Stack mile-

THE FORWARD ASSEMBLIES (cones) lowered onto the SRBs



THE FINISHED BOOSTERS are the latest milestone in the Science Center's Go for Stack operation — the multi-phase process of constructing the world's only complete, authentic space shuttle system display.

stone marked by the successful installation of the two space shuttle Solid Rocket Boosters," said Jeffrey Rudolph, President and CEO of the California Science Center. "This achievement underscores our commitment to advancing science learning and creating opportunities for inspiration. We look forward to the continued progress on the vertical installation of Endeavour and to sharing this awe-inspiring display with guests when we open the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center in a few years."

The roughly six-month Go for Stack process began in July with the installation of the Solid Rocket Booster Aft Skirts. The two Solid Rocket Motors were installed in November, and the Forward Assemblies were lifted into place Monday and Tuesday of this week, completing the Solid Rocket Boosters. The next step in Go for Stack will be the move and lift of the External Tank, ET-94, anticipated in January, followed by Space Shuttle Endeavour's move across Exposition Park and lift into place. The final step is the

intricate mating of the orbiter with the rest of the space shuttle stack later that month.

The future Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center is a 200,000 square foot expansion that will double the Science Center's educational exhibit space, adding an impressive collection of 100 authentic artifacts integrated with 100 new hands-on exhibits. Guests of all ages will be encouraged to investigate scientific and engineering principles of atmospheric flight and the exploration of the universe in three major galleries—the Aviation Gallery, Shuttle Gallery, and Space Gallery. As the third phase of the California Science Center's three-phase, three-decade master plan to develop one of the world's leading science learning centers, the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center will provide a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity for our Los Angeles community and guests from around the globe. Building construction is underway with artifact and exhibit installation to follow.



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CIF STATE DIVISION 6-AA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONALS

CERRITOS OVERPOWERED BY WASCO'S DOUBLE WING OFFENSE IN LOW-SCORING AFFAIR

By Loren Kopff
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In Cerritos High's magical 2023 football season, it was shutout twice and held to under 20 points two other times, including its 19-13 thrilling overtime victory over Yucca Valley High on Nov. 25 for the CIF-Southern Section Division 12 championship. With two more wins needed before claiming the ultimate top prize, a CIF State championship, the Dons picked the worst time to have one of their worst performances of the season.

The Dons haven't faced too many teams that operate the double wing offense, but last Friday in the CIF State Division 6-AA Southern California Regionals, their dreams of playing for a state title were dashed as they were clipped by Wasco High 7-6. Cerritos concludes its best season in the history of the program at 9-6.

"They executed and we didn't," said Cerritos first-year head coach Demel Franklin. "That's it; it's as simple as that. We could not move the ball; we could not get first downs. Dumb penalties that we stubbed our toe and dropped passes...everything that could go wrong went wrong. Other than us turning the ball over, we could not move the ball. And then our defense was on the field all night. It was the offense that lost the game."

"It's a huge moment for the school," said Wasco head coach Chad Martinez. "Wasco is a football town. It's a huge moment, not just for myself, not for the team, but the

town and community. They give us so much support and it just means it's going to mean a whole lot bringing the first ever regional championship back home."

Cerritos had half a dozen first downs in the first half, but two in the second half. It was limited to 161 offensive yards, the third fewest yards this season and sixth time it had been held to under 200 yards. After beginning the game with a three and out and holding the Tigers to 20 yards on seven plays in their first possession of the game, the Dons had their best drive of the game, ending the first quarter on an eight-play, 67-yard drive that consumed 4:31. Senior running back Josh Park then began the second quarter with a pair of five-yard runs, the second accounting for the team's only score of the night. However, the extra point would be blocked. Up to that point, Cerritos had gained 80 yards, but would be limited to 81 yards on 23 plays in nearly 35 minutes of game action.

"They caught us in a scheme that was advantageous to them, and they were able to just run it down," said Martinez. "We didn't have an answer. We were able to circle the wagons and make it to the second half by just allowing them to score once."

The Cerritos defense, which has been spectacular more times than not this season, especially in the playoffs by getting timely stops in key moments, was doing its part in the second quarter, even though the Tigers were putting together a long drive following Park's touchdown. Mike Dominguez, Noah Lopez, Ramiro Lopez and Amaiez



CERRITOS HIGH senior running back Josh Park scores from five yards out in last Friday's CIF State Division 6-AA Southern California Regional contest. The Dons would fall to Wasco High 7-6, ending their season at 9-6. **Photo by Dave Ky.**

Marquez combined to run the ball 11 times for 53 yards. However three times, the Dons stopped them for no yards, including fourth and two from the Cerritos 27-yard line.

After the Dons were stopped on downs with 1:42 left in the first half, the Tigers were hoping to get something going before halftime. But David Manzo was sacked on consecutive plays by sophomore linebacker Bailey Crawford for a four-yard loss, then by senior linebacker Jeremiah Bagaygay for an eight-yard loss.

"It was going our way defensively," said Franklin. "Offensively, it still was [going our way]. We put up six points; they blocked the extra point. That's not in our plan. In the second half, we were going to try to do some things; throw the ball a little bit. But trying to overcome [the penalties] was a lot. We just weren't able to stay ahead of the chase."

However, teams can only slow down a double wing offense for so long and Wasco upped its game to begin the second half.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

WHITNEY RALLIES IN FOURTH QUARTER TO STUN CREAN LUTHERAN

By Loren Kopff
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IRVINE-When the season began, Whitney High's girls basketball team was nowhere to be found on the CIF-Southern Section's Division 2A watch list. But after rallying from a deficit that reached 12 points late in the first half, there's a reason why the Wildcats are now ranked sixth in the division.

Whitney outscored host Crean Lutheran High 19-12 in the fourth quarter and nipped the Saints 58-56 on junior Haylie Wang's driving lay-up with 12.3 seconds left to play. After the Saints called a timeout with 10.7 seconds remaining, Jane Hewitt's desperation three-point attempt did not fall in, giving Whitney a signature victory over the 13th-ranked team in Division 2AA.

"We had two fouls to give and there were 10 seconds left," said Whitney head coach Myron Jacobs. "Our thing was to play a 2-2-1 full court. [Senior] Kylie [Wang] had four fouls, so she got put on the opposite side and we were going to foul. Luckily [junior] Rachel Moyher poked the ball loose and they got put in a situation where they picked it up and put up a desperation shot."

Whitney entered the fourth quarter down 44-39 and after both teams traded baskets, the 'Cats began their comeback. Haylie Wang sank a pair of free throws and sophomore Mady Macaraeg and Kylie Wang had baskets in a span of 41 seconds, the latter as she was falling down. Kylie Wang's basket marked the first time since late in the first quarter Whitney had a lead.

But Crean Lutheran came back on the strength of three-pointers from Jane Moyer and Savannah Brawley to take a 53-49 lead. Moments later, another trifecta from Moyer made it a 56-52 contest with 1:20 left to play.

But in a span of half a minute, Haylie Wang took a pass from her sister and scored, then tied the game with 34.5 seconds remaining.

"With having only one day to prep, I think we responded well," said Jacobs. "Let me say this; we haven't had a practice for a week. Our last game was against Northwood on Monday, and I knew, playing that game, we were sluggish because we came out sluggish. We are a 60-point team; we can put up 70, but we are a 60-point team. With the freshmen that we have that really played but didn't show up today, I really think that in the future, they'll be better. But I thought today, we showed a little bit of resiliency, and we overcame adversity and battled back and fought hard."

The game began on an auspicious start as Haylie Wang collected three fouls within the first five minutes of the game and junior Allie Yamaguchi matched her in fouls before halftime. Neither would collect another foul, but with Haylie Wang on the bench for much of the second quarter, the 'Cats found themselves trailing by as many as 12 points with 2:17 left in the half following a steal and basket from Brawley.

"I trust Haylie and like I tell everybody, my big three, whether they get three or four fouls, are staying in the game," said Jacobs. "As a coach, if you don't have any trust in your players and give them that chance to go out there and make that decision, then they're not going to know how to do it later down the line. This is a big game; it wasn't the time to play conservative. It was the time to go out there and get it."

The sisters would have nine points each in the first half with Macaraeg accounting



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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

GAHR BOYS BASKETBALL COME OUT FLAT AGAINST FAIRMONT PREP, LOSING SKID REACHES THREE GAMES

By Loren Kopff
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BELLFLOWER-The Gahr High boys basketball, which saw the 2022-2023 season end in a 29-18 loss to Tustin High in the CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs, began this season scoring 53, 68

and 49 points in its first three games. But tough times are hitting the Gladiators lately, and it reached the boiling point at halftime when they faced Fairmont Prep this past Tuesday in pool play action of

the St. John Bosco Braves Varsity Winter Classic. Girley's stern message to his team at halftime, facing a 29-10 deficit, could be heard throughout the lobby of the gymnasium. There was some response in the third quarter, but eventually, Gahr was trounced by the Huskies 49-24.

"I wish I could blame it on the early start, but to be honest with you, our mental fortitude is not worthy to be right now," said Girley. "We're lacking a consistent leader; there's no one to provide us with that umph. I think...things need to go well for our kids to start believing in themselves and believe in our concepts. I'm at a loss for words on that one. That's two games in a row where as soon as we start the game, there's no energy. There's no focus; there's no communication. For whatever reason, we're coming out in a

reactionary position instead of being proactive."

Fairmont Prep scored the first seven points of the game before Gahr finally got on the board nearly halfway through the opening stanza when junior Uchen-na Okoli scored consecutive baskets. A three-point play from senior Miles Merchant with 2:09 left in the third made it a 10-7 contest. After that, the Huskies went on a 13-0 run before Okoli scored at the 3:45 mark of the second quarter.

As Okoli was saddled with four fouls before halftime, the Gladiators were deplorable in the shooting department, connecting on four of 20 shots from the field in the half and seven of 40 for the game. No other Gahr player had two made field goals and Okoli, who still played most of the second half with foul trouble, wouldn't foul out.

"He was the only one playing," said Girley. "He was the only one giving me some effort. A closer, tighter game; a game that's later in the season with something on the line, sure, I would manage his minutes a lot better. But in this situation, unless a miracle fell out of the sky, it was going to be tough for us to come back. I just wanted to reward the kid for his effort."

Okoli led the Gladiators with eight points and seven rebounds while Merchant and freshman Julian Cabral each had six points. Merchant also added half a dozen boards as Girley and his squad search for answers while in this tough tournament as Gahr was slated to face Rancho Dominguez Prep on Dec. 7.

"I think a little bit of [our scoring slump] is the talent has increased," said Girley. "More so, it's a mental thing. I

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Case No. 23STPB13369

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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.) 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 3, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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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. Bidders may obtain Bid Documents by written request to esthela.perez@abcusd.us. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments. License Class B will be required.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
EK LIANG LIM
CASE NO. 23STPB12705

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of EK LIANG LIM

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDREW KUANGSUNG LIM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION requests that ANDREW KUANGSUNG LIM be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests ANDREW KUANGSUNG LIM AS ADMINISTRATOR with FULL AUTHORITY 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 bond will not be required. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/26/23 at 8:30AM in Stanley Mosk Courthouse Dept. 79 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.

ANDREW KUANGSUNG LIM
Self represented
562-309-3306
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 551
6311 E. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 551 to allow a double-lane drive-through facility in conjunction with the operation of a new 3,822 square foot fast food restaurant (Chick-fil-A) in the City’s C-2 (Unlimited Commercial) zone. Pursuant to Chapter 19.09, Table 19.09.010A of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), eating places with drive-through service require the review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The project site is located at 6311 E Washington Boulevard in the City of Commerce.

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, on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit No. 551 will be heard. Any comments, objections, or other information may be offered in person at the time of the hearing or in writing, prior to the hearing.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Conditional Use Permit 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 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 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.storagetreasures.com on 12/21/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Rizza Goodus; Gloria Estefany Oseguera; Kimberly Dawn Migliaccio; Adriana Irazleth Cook; Jon Gilbaugh; David Edward Ramirez. 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 AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-948
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 9, ARTICLE 13.5 TO AMEND CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INCIDENTAL OUTDOOR USES AND INCIDENTAL OUTDOOR SEATING**

Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2023, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-948 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to Incidental Outdoor Uses and Incidental Outdoor Seating. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- The City of Artesia currently permits Incidental Outdoor Uses and Incidental Outdoor Seating in the Municipal Code. The amendments address the limitations of the City’s existing code related to Incidental Outdoor Uses and Incidental Outdoor seating. The amendments are more relevant in terms of Permit Timeframe, Clearance Space for Pedestrian Traffic, Placement, and Maximum Number of Outdoor Seats.

Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.
Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk Date: December 8, 2023

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Starting at its own 20-yard line, Wasco used short runs to move the ball downfield, converting on fourth and one from the 29-yard line, then getting a 10-yard pass play from Manzo to Daniel Hulsey on third and eight from the 33-yard line. Later in the drive, Dominguez picked up eight yards on third and one from the Cerritos 36-yard line. When it was all said and done, the Tigers had put together an 18-play, 79-yard drive that lasted 9:18, ending when Noah Lopez cashed in from two yards out.

"I'm looking at them and I'm watching them, and they were just driving," said Franklin. "Everything was four-down territory. We just couldn't get it right tonight."

"We changed our defensive alignment," said Martinez. "We worked on the fronts specifically for them and it didn't work. So, when something doesn't work, you go back to the basics, and we went back to our base defense. We just played fast and lights out."

"That's Wasco football," he later added. "That's what we preach here at the University of Wasco, as we call it. We're used to drives like that and it wears on you. We say we're like a heavyweight boxer who just throws body punches."

To add insult to injury, the Dons went three and out on their next two possessions, gaining a mere three yards on three running plays, coupled with three incomplete passes from sophomore quarterback Justin Sagun. While that was going on, the defense forced two punts despite gaining 30 yards on a dozen plays to still keep the offense in the game.

Cerritos would get the ball back at their own 10-yard line with 2:01 left in the contest and on the third play of the drive, got a huge 16-yard reception from junior wide receiver John Lim on third and eight. After an unsportsmanlike penalty on Wasco, junior wide receiver Dikshanta Adhikari caught a five yard pass and after a timeout with 66 seconds left, Lim hauled in a 10-yard pass play, putting the Dons at the Wasco 44-yard line. But Sagun threw three straight incomplete passes and a fumble on fourth down ended the game.

Noah Lopez led Wasco with 77 yards on 21 carries while Ramiro Lopez added 41 yards on eight carries and Dominguez another 39 yards on a dozen touches. The Tigers rushed 46 times for 178 yards and controlled the clock for nearly 35 minutes. Park had a game-high 87 yards on 13 carries while Sagun was six of 15 for 51 yards. On defense, junior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford had six and a half tackles while sophomore linebacker Tyler Ky added six tackles. Senior linebacker Gabe Gaudi and senior cornerback Ruben Ligorria each chipped in with five and a half tackles.

"He's a great kid; amazing," said Franklin of Park. "I wish he still had another year. He give us everything he has on offense, defense and special teams. He always wants the ball; he always wants to block, and he wants to do everything. I'm so sad he's leaving."

"[Sophomore tackle Kris Ozoagu] is an absolute dude," said Martinez. "Their big running back, [junior Josiah Ungos] is a dude. We knew their quarterback was shifty. [Adhikari] was a big concern for us and they have athletes. They have size and they have speed. There's just so many things they do well, and we were concerned. I was sweating all day."

Now that the Dons have put those winless league seasons and fifth and sixth place league finishes behind them, they can look forward to bigger and better things, knowing that they are not only a threat in the 605 League, but contenders to make deep runs in the playoffs, regardless of what division the CIF-SS puts them in.

"Oh, it's bright," said Franklin of the future. "As you can see, we're really young; we had probably five seniors that played a significant amount of time. I have a ton a sophomores, and a ton of juniors. So, we're going to be back stronger next year."

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for the other six points as Whitney was down by 10 points at the break. Only one other Whitney player would score, and that was from freshman Alyssa So, whose three-pointer with 4:46 left in the third quarter made it 39-31.

"I thought the 3-2 zone was working against them," said Jacobs. "When we watched tape [on them], we noticed that they had two games. One was close against Pioneer; they won by two, and one they lost to Flintridge Prep by one, and they both played similar zone defense."

"We decided to play a 3-2 zone, something that we never play," he continued. "We always play man. We thought that would help us win the game, and therefore we did."

Haylie Wang led Whitney with 23 points, 10 rebounds and three steals while Kylie Wang had 18 points, six rebounds and four assists. Macaraeg pitched in with 14 points and three rebounds as the 'Cats remained undefeated through their first five games.

"That's that offseason work I told you about," said Jacobs. "[Haylie] and Kylie did whatever they can in the offseason to come back and not only help this team win but teach and mentor the younger kids that step up from [junior varsity] and incoming freshmen to show them this is how Whitney does it. It just wasn't Haylie or Kylie. I think it was a solid all-around effort."

Whitney faced Norwalk High this past Tuesday in pool play action of the Glenn-Norwalk Varsity Classic and slammed the Lancers 80-19. Kylie Wang outscored Norwalk by one point, getting a dozen points in the first quarter. So had 13 points, Haylie Wang 12 points and Macaraeg 11 points in the rout. The Wildcats played Workman High this past Wednesday and will have two more games in the tournament before visiting Laguna Beach High on Tuesday and hosting Troy on Thursday.

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think sometimes we play the jersey instead of the opponent. That's where the confidence and the leadership comes into play. We don't have anybody that's able to rally the troops yet."

In other boys basketball action, Artesia High is 5-3 as it visits Segerstrom High on Friday and goes to Santa Fe High on Tuesday while Cerritos High, which dropped a 64-56 overtime affair to Sunny Hills High this past Tuesday, went to Kennedy High on Dec. 7 and will host Orangewood Academy on Saturday before travelling to Marina High on Tuesday.

John Glenn High took its 5-2 mark to Samuelli Academy this past Wednesday and the Eagles visited Carson Magnolia Science Academy on Dec. 7. They will also welcome Collins Family on Wednesday.

The hottest team in the area is La Mirada High, which improved to 10-1 with pool play wins over Rancho Dominguez Prep (65-37) and Hesperia High (74-54) this past Tuesday and Wednesday respectively in the St. John Bosco Braves Winter Classic. The Matadores will face the host school on Friday in a semifinal contest, then either play for the championship or third place on Saturday.

Norwalk High was 2-4 entering this week with road games at Segerstrom and Workman High before playing in the Lora Tournament next week while Valley Christian High is 4-5 and Whitney High sporting a 6-2 record after an 75-34 win against Calvary Chapel Downey High in the Grizzly Classic this past Tuesday. The Wildcats faced Hawthorne High on Dec. 7 and will host Santa Monica High on Wednesday.

ABC Unified Receives New Natural Gas Powered Buses

From ABCUSD

ABCUSD students will soon be riding in more fuel-efficient, environmentally friendly buses thanks to a state grant that helped the District purchase three new compressed natural gas vehicles.

"It's great to have these new busses that will not only save taxpayers money through better fuel economy but emit less greenhouse gases," said Board of Education President Mr. Brad Beach. "To top it off, the buses are much safer for students. They are a huge win for our District!"

Fueling the new buses costs about 60 percent less than fueling a comparable diesel bus, and they run much cleaner than diesel buses. The California Air Resources Board estimates that natural gas vehicles can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by over 20 percent compared to diesel-fueled vehicles.

"These new buses are great additions to our fleet," said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. "We get efficient, clean, and safe buses that will be busy taking kids to school and on field trips across the region."

The new buses seat 80 students and are equipped with the latest safety enhancements to help when traveling in the mountains. They have automatic



ABC UNIFIED is adding three compressed natural gas buses to its fleet, which are not only better for the environment, but also have the latest bus safety features.

snow chains and an engine retarding system that helps to keep brakes cool when descending a steep grade. The new buses were the last compressed natural gas buses to come off the Blue Bird assembly line to be used in California. Two of the three buses are already in service, with the remaining bus set to go into service soon.

23andMe Data Hack

LCCN Staff Report

Some 6.9 million 23andMe customers had their data compromised after an anonymous hacker accessed user profiles and posted them for sale on the internet earlier this year, the company said on Monday.

The compromised data included users' ancestry information as well as, for some users, health-related information based on their genetic profiles.

Privacy advocates have long warned that sharing DNA with testing companies like 23andMe and Ancestry makes consumers vulnerable to the exposure of sensitive genetic information that can reveal health risks of individuals and those who are related to them.

In the case of the 23andMe breach, the hacker only directly accessed about 14,000 of 23andMe's 14 million customers, or 0.1%. But on 23andMe, many users choose to share information with people they're genetically related to — which can include distant cousins they have never met, in addition to direct family members — in order to learn more about their

own genetics and build out their family trees. So through those 14,000 accounts, the hacker was able to access information about millions more.

The exposure of such information could have concerning ramifications. In the US, health information is typically protected by what's known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA. But such protections only apply to health-care providers.

There have been other high-profile hacks of DNA testing companies. But 23andMe is the first breach of a major company in which the exposure of health information was publicly disclosed.

The hacker appeared to use what's known as credential stuffing to access customer accounts, logging into individual 23andMe accounts by using passwords that had been recycled and used for other websites that were previously hacked. The company said there was no evidence of a breach within its own systems.

Since the hack, the company announced that it will require two-factor authentication in order to protect against credential-stuffing attacks on the site. It has said it expects to incur \$1 million to \$2 million in costs related to the breach.

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ing on lists prepared by their parents.

Rotary would like to thank the major sponsors which included Eagle Plaza LLC, operators of ARCO AM/PM on Valley View; TJX Marshalls and Chick-fil-A La Mirada.

Rotary works with local schools and other institutions each year to identify children in need of assistance. In some cases, there are multiple children from the same family.

Following the shopping portion of the morning, the children went by bus to the La Mirada Activity Center for a holiday party. Each child received a gift from Santa Claus.

"The Clothes for Kids project pays a special tribute to the memory of Eileen Wade, a longtime member of the Rotary

Club of La Mirada, who championed the project for many years," says Russell Hall, a local financial advisor who worked with Wade for years on the project. "All of our members are committed to continuing to help local children in this very special way."

"Clothes for Kids shows Rotary's unique ability to bring people in the community together to have fun while assisting others in need," says La Mirada Rotary President Tom Garcia. "We appreciate the generous support our community has provided to this project for decades."

Donations to help fund Clothes for Kids, the largest annual project of the Rotary Club of La Mirada, can be made by local businesses and residents throughout the year. Donations may be sent to Rotary Club of La Mirada at P.O. Box 248, La Mirada, CA 90637.



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