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Cancer-Causing PFAS Cleanup Continues for Navy Around Burnt-Out Hangar in Tustin

The Navy, Irvine Water District and Tustin Water say “everything is under control.” But is it?

By Laurie Hanson

With hanger fires out at the former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Tustin, and a massive cleanup going on around homes nearby the hanger, local media is not reporting on the U.S. Navy’s ground-water cleanup of carcinogenic contaminants; a cleanup that is likely to continue for many years to come.

The Navy and two local water districts say they have everything under control.

According to Navy subject

matter experts, the Navy has known that certain PFAS are present in ground-water associated with former MCAS Tustin for over 6 ½ years.

Currently, the Navy is investigating the nature and extent of the cancer-causing chemicals and their impact on the soil and ground-water associated with the military base. The Navy is gathering information to help determine what additional actions besides continuing to operate the existing ground-water treatment systems may be necessary.

Peer-reviewed scientific studies have shown that exposure to certain levels of PFAS may lead to increased risk of some cancers, including prostate, kidney, and testicular cancers.

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SCOTUS to Hear Case on Legality of Homeless Camps on Public Property



THE U.S. SUPREME COURT agreed last Friday to decide whether homeless people have a constitutional right to camp on public property when they have no other place to sleep.

By Brian Hews

In a decision that could come down right around the same time the 2024 Los Angeles County homeless count is released, the Supreme Court agreed last Friday to decide whether homeless people have a

constitutional right to camp on public property when they have no other place to sleep.

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals two years ago held it was cruel and unusual punishment for cities to deny home-

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SUP. HAHN DONATES TO LOS NIETOS SCHOOL DISTRICT

BIG DONATION: Supervisor Janice Hahn with staff from LNSD donated \$20,000 to supply the STEAM Academy Cyber Security Program program with brand new computers. The program won the prestigious Golden Bell Award. Photo courtesy Supervisor Hahn’s office.

By Brian Hews

Last week, the Los Nietos School District came together with local officials and community members to commemorate its recent achievement – the prestigious Golden Bell Award for the Los Nietos Middle School (LNMS) STEAM Academy Cyber Security Program.

Six years ago, the LNMS STEAM Academy launched the groundbreaking Cyber Security Program and later partnered with Rio Hondo College and the Whittier Union High School District to expand the program.

The initiative is now teaching essential cybersecurity skills to students, including coding, operating systems, critical thinking, problem-solving, and vital collaboration and communication abilities.

During the celebration, Supervisor Janice Hahn announced she would be donating \$20,000 to the Los Nietos School District to supply this program with brand new computers.

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of the Los Nietos School District, expressed his enthusiasm for the accolade,

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83 Unit Mixed-Use Development and Restaurant Proposed in Artesia

Built at the open lot on corner of Pioneer and 179th, a public meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22

By Brian Hews

Hacienda Heights based Atlas Development is propos-

ing an ambitious mixed-use development called Pioneer Place on the long-vacant lot on southeast corner of Pioneer

Blvd. and 176th St. As proposed the development will have two options, one with 83 apartment units and a rooftop restaurant, another with 91 apartment units with street retail businesses.

The property will offer amenities including a fitness center, conference room, a sky lobby, a sitting area centered in the amenity deck, and a Skydeck



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ing an ambitious mixed-use development called Pioneer Place on the long-vacant lot on southeast corner of Pioneer

on the rooftop area. Dallas-based Humphreys & Partners Architects has been

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Fedde Academy Redesignated as California School to Watch and National School to Watch

ABC School News

Fedde Academy, a distinguished magnet middle school, has proudly earned both California School to Watch and National School to Watch in the 2024 re-designation. This exceptional recognition, bestowed by a collaboration of leading education organizations, highlights Fedde Academy's unwavering commitment to nurturing the whole child.

Fedde Academy's dedication to academic excellence, social equity, student development, and a culture of innovation has once again shone through, earning the school a dual honor. This achievement marks a significant milestone in Fedde's educational journey as they reclaim their California School to Watch designation and attain the prestigious National School to Watch status.

This is not the first time Fedde Academy has received such acclaim. The school earned its initial School to Watch recognition in 2015 and has consistently reaffirmed its commitment through redesignations in 2018, 2021, and 2024.

"I commend the entire Fedde family – students, teachers, staff, and families – for their unwavering efforts. Fedde's collaborative spirit and unwavering focus on individual student success have earned them the prestigious California School to Watch and National School to Watch designations and positioned the school as a shining beacon of educational excellence within California and nationwide, said Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio.

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Solidarity Walk and Prayer Vigil to Honor Human Trafficking Victims and Survivors at St. I's



ST. IRENAEUS CURCH will "turn the light on" human trafficking to honor those who have suffered and survived this heinous crime on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:55 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress, 90630.

By **Rosemary Lewallen**

St. Irenaeus' Bridge of Light Ministry will "turn the light on" human trafficking to honor those who have suffered and survived this heinous crime on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:55 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The evening will start with Taize Prayer in St. Irenaeus Catholic Church located at 5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress, CA 90630.

This will be followed by an on-site candlelight procession and prayer vigil. Then walkers will return to the church for a brief educational program to raise awareness about human trafficking in our midst.

We will discuss how human trafficking affects every community via the commercial exploitation of adults and children, the online vulnerability of our youth, and how human trafficking is connected to child marriage, which is legal in 40 states in the U.S., including California.

We are honored to have Rima

Nashashibi, the Founder and President of Global Hope 365, as our featured presenter.

Global Hope 365 is a local nonprofit dedicated to ending child marriage, human trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence.

Rima is an internationally recognized speaker, political and community leader and activist.

She was listed in the Orange County Register Newspaper OC's top 125 most influential people in Orange County and was the winner of the Los Angeles Times B2B Publishing Inspirational Woman of the year in the nonprofit executive category.

Join in fighting human trafficking by participating in Bridge of Light Ministry's Solidarity Walk and Prayer Vigil, uniting with others to honor victims and survivors.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Kovach, Bridge of Light Ministry Chair (part of Health Ministry) at 310-490-6113.

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ABCUSD WILL HOLD FIRST-EVER FILM FESTIVAL

By **Brian Hews**

The ABC Unified School District will hold its first annual ABC Film Festival "Your Voice, Your Art," March 20, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Whitney High School's Grace Hu Auditorium.

All ABC students are encouraged to enter and must submit their films, no longer than five minutes, by March 1, 2024, for consideration.

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Local Red Hatters Tour Cerritos Library Art Collection



ENJOYING ART: form (l-r) Thea Siegel, Janet Karter, Mary Ann Quinn, Marlyne Mennier, Sue Carruthers, Eileen Braeman, Linda Hernández, Jackie Shahzadi, Dorothy Edwards and Gail Ross. Photo Linda J. Hernández.

By Linda J. Hernández

On January 16 the local Red Hats Group Members from Cerritos, La Palma, Long Beach and Norwalk toured the extensive Art Collection on display at the Cerritos Library.

Seen here in front of Artist Al Held's "Quattro Centric XIV" located in the interior space of the library's second floor. With primary colors and geometric space, the group learned that the artist effectively used a large-scale format to

explore the boundaries of geometry in two-dimensional space.

Many other works of art in various media forms are on display throughout the library. Each has a corresponding, full-color informational card for patrons to take which shows and explains the art piece. Both are located in the Cerritos Civic Center at Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street. The library is open daily: Monday - Friday 11 am - 7 pm. Saturday - Sunday 11 am - 5 pm.

Cerritos College a Bellwether Award Nominee

By Brian Hews

Cerritos College, along with 29 other finalists, have been nominated for the national Bellwether Awards which will be held in San Antonio, Texas on February 25 - 27.

The nationally recognized Bellwether Award focuses on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs worthy of replication.

Annually, thirty community colleges are deemed finalists from a large group of applicants in the United States and its territories.

The selected colleges compete for one of three Bellwether Awards.

The program consists of a rigorous selection process, with two rounds of judging by peers and academicians.

The process culminates with a day-long event of presentations by contenders for the Bellwether Award at the Community College Futures Assembly in Texas in February.

The three categories are instructional programs and services, workforce development and planning, governance

and finance.

According to their website, "The competition and selection bring a level of excellence that demonstrates the innovative spirit and results-driven mindset that exists among our finest community colleges."

Cerritos College was nominated under the instructional programs and services category for its project: It Takes a Village: Supporting Student Housing and Basic Needs.

The program provides free and affordable housing for students aged 18-25 years old who are facing housing insecurities.

The Village opened its doors June 11, 2020.

This is the second time Cerritos College has been recognized, having been nominated in 2018 for its Cerritos Complete program which offers two years of free tuition and early enrollment to local graduating seniors and those completing high school equivalency from local districts.

Soroptimist Monte Carlo Fundraiser Gala to Be Held Feb. 24

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos will hold their 30th annual Monte Carlo Fundraiser Gala on Saturday, February 24 at 6 pm. Attendees will be treated to a fun and elegant evening with casino-style games (black-jack and craps), a delicious buffet dinner, and awesome prizes totalling over \$30,000. Tickets are \$100 each before January 22 and \$130 afterward. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Norma Williamson, Event Chair, at NVWilliamson@gmail.com or by contacting any Soroptimist member. The event theme is "Reaching For The Stars". The location is the beautiful Centre at Sycamore Plaza, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood.

The last Monte Carlo event, in 2023, was sold out with 260 attendees including many elected officials and other dignitaries.

Proceeds will fund scholarships for low-income college women, career training for high school girls, donations to community organizations (Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence, Community Family Guidance Center etc.), and other Soroptimist programs.

Sponsors are sought at various levels ranging from \$10,000 to \$100. All event sponsors will be listed in the event program and sponsors at \$350 and above will also be listed on signs at the event. All donors at the \$350 level and above will also receive event tickets in accordance with their sponsor level. To find out more about being a sponsor, call Dr. Mary Sherman at MBSherman@aol.com.

Prize donors are also sought. All prize donors will be listed in the event program. To arrange a prize donation, contact Dr. Terrisa Ha at TerrisaHa@yahoo.com.

To learn about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact Jennifer Hong, President-Elect at JenniferH88@verizon.net. The local service club welcomes new members. Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos is celebrating its 51st year of founding and a successful previous year with over \$28,000 in giving through its Soroptimist programs and donations to many local organizations/charities.

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Area Cities Should Purchase Smart Solar Powered Trash Bins That Save Money and Help the Environment

LCCN OP-ED

Last year, the Pico Rivera City Council approved an innovative Smart Waste Collection Pilot Program at Smith Park to be funded by monies the city has collected from residential and commercial waste accounts since July 2021 to improve waste diversion rates.

The council voted 5-0 to award the contract to Bigbelly, Inc. for buying fifty smart waste bins for nearly \$287,000.

The Cerritos City Council, who just gave the Cerritos Autos Square nearly \$1 million for their billboard, and other area cities like Artesia, Norwalk, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, and Commerce should implement the same program.

Bigbelly trash bins are a type of smart, solar-powered waste management system that improves the efficiency and sustainability of waste collection in urban and public spaces.

The bins are designed to help the environment, save money, and solve the many problems associated with traditional trash collection, such as overflowing cans, inefficient routes for collection trucks, and high operational costs.

They are used in cities across the U.S. and the world, from Portland, Oregon, to Dubai, Saudi Arabia.

Bigbelly bins use a solar-powered compactor that activates when trash reaches a certain level, compressing it and drastically reducing its volume. The compaction process can increase the bin's capacity several times compared to a regular trash bin.

The bins are connected to the appropriate city department via wireless communication, allowing city waste collection personnel to monitor the containers in real time using a desktop computer or mobile app.

The monitoring will allow city employees to see which bins need emptying so they can prioritize routes, reducing the need for unnecessary collections and preventing overflows, making the waste collection process more cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

Bigbelly bins are made with triple, double, and single "stream systems." The triple bin system consists of waste, recyclables, and organics streams; the double bin includes waste and recyclables; and

the single bin consists solely of recyclable bins.

Pico Rivera plans to place the different bins inside Smith Park strategically. The triple bins will be placed near all concession stands; the double bins will primarily replace single waste bins, and the single bins will replace the current bins near all the baseball field dugouts.

In its council report, Pico Rivera Staff found that implementing a smart waste collection program would drastically reduce the number of collections from fourteen to two per week, an 85% reduction in collections.

The collection reduction would save nearly 1,600 labor hours - hours reallocated toward other park maintenance activities, such as cleaning bathrooms, field maintenance, irrigation repair, and litter pick-up.

The labor savings are estimated to be \$160,000; with a reduction in other equipment and material costs, the city would save an additional \$23,000.

The Bigbelly bins will improve recycling rates from 17% to 60%. Additionally, it will reduce the annual plastic bag usage by nearly 30,000.

Finally, the program is expected to reduce annual waste to landfills by 69%, increase recycling rates by 112%, and reduce vehicle miles traveled, known as VMT, by nearly 10,000 miles, removing 7.6 tons of harmful auto emissions from the environment.

Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona told Los Cerritos Community News, "The City of Pico Rivera is taking a bold step towards sustainability with its smart waste collection pilot program at Smith Park. By implementing solar-powered trash compacting bins that comply with state recycling mandates and offer a threefold capacity increase, reduced collection frequency, and enhanced security against pests, we are making a resounding commitment to a greener future."

Carmona continued, "These innovations, coupled with solar panels for sustainable operation and fullness sensors for optimal waste collection, will reduce landfill waste and drive operational efficiency, leading to significant cost savings. Pico Rivera is proud to be a dedicated steward in the region, showcasing our unwavering commitment to sustainable practices."

14TH AMENDMENT

SCOTUS Should Uphold the Constitution in Colorado Case

By Charles Silver

The recent decisions in Colorado and Maine finding Donald Trump ineligible to run for the presidency have spawned a host of calls for the SCOTUS to intervene. Rather than offer serious legal arguments, most opponents contend the decisions are anti-democratic and will have terrible consequences.

All democracies have rules that establish eligibility requirements for persons who seek elected offices. These requirements limit voters' choices because persons who do not meet them cannot run.

Thus, even though millions of Americans might like to elect Barack Obama to another term as President, they cannot because the 22nd Amendment disqualifies him, as he has already held the office twice.

Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jennifer Granholm, respectively the former Governors of California and Michigan; both are ineligible too because the Constitution requires presidents to be natural-born citizens and they are immigrants.

The 14th Amendment provision is another eligibility requirement, and an exceedingly important one. It helps preserve the rule of law by preventing traitors from using the powers of high office to destroy the country.

Millions of voters support Trump. But so what? We can't ignore the 22nd Amendment in favor of Obama or Article II in favor of Schwarzenegger or Granholm, how can we ignore the 14th Amendment in favor of Trump?

We should be more concerned about preventing traitors from becoming president than worrying about third-termers or naturalized citizens who never sought to

prevent the peaceful transfer of power.

Trump isn't special. He must meet the same eligibility requirements as all other candidates. If he can't because he fomented an insurrection — as in my opinion and that of the Colorado Supreme Court, he clearly did — then to uphold the Constitution he must be excluded from the ballot.

Some argue the SCOTUS should let him run to avoid a repeat of Bush v. Gore, the lawsuit in which the Court decided the 2000 election. But failing to enforce the Constitution would send the terrible message that threats of violence work. The country owes an enormous debt to the many lower court jurists who honored their oaths to the Constitution despite Trump supporters' vicious attempts at intimidation.

Moreover, Bush v. Gore was a purely partisan decision by Republican appointees to hand the 2000 presidential election to a Republican.

A decision affirming the Colorado Supreme Court would have to be bipartisan because, to uphold Trump's disqualification, at least two Republican-appointed justices will have to cross party lines.

Finally, while Bush v. Gore divided the country, it still sent the crucial message that the U.S. resolves election disputes peaceably in courts of law and lives with the results; we are a mature, law-abiding democracy not a fragile banana republic.

This is SCOTUS' opportunity to tell us whether the U.S. is a mature democracy where all candidates for elected office are equal before the law, or a banana republic.

Charles Silver is an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute and a professor at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.



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Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos Honored at 100th Anniversary



WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS President Katherine George Chu proudly accepts a Certificate of Recognition from California Federation of Women's Club President Barbara Briley Beard, right. Shown with other officers and members, the WCAC was recently honored on completing its 100th Federated Anniversary. Known for its local charitable work, the longtime group was thrilled to be recognized by the state organization. ~ Submitted by Linda J. Hernández.

A TASTE OF HAWAII COMES TO LA MIRADA



BIG BROS HAWAIIAN GRILL, located at 12828 La Mirada Boulevard, recently celebrated its grand opening. The new restaurant shares the spirit of aloha through delicious food featuring succulent beef ribs, pineapple chicken, grilled bacon, island poke, seafood delights, and vegetarian options. Experience traditional Hawaiian dishes daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit bigbroshawaiian.com.

Cerritos' Annual Festival of Friendship February 3

Celebrate Cerritos' rich cultural diversity at the City's annual Festival of Friendship on Saturday, February 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Los Cerritos Center. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event.

The Festival of Friendship will fea-

ture a variety of cultural entertainment on stages throughout the mall. Local groups will perform an assortment of cultural songs and dances.

Special commemorative gifts will be available at each stage while supplies last. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

Lakewood Will Hold 'Survive for 7' Seminar

Emergencies and natural disasters can happen anytime, anywhere. Do you have your emergency supplies stocked and ready, just in case?

A disaster supply kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. You should have a kit at home and also at your place of work. At work, try to include a pair of comfortable shoes in case you need to walk to a shelter area.

Join Lakewood's Emergency Managers Chuck Martucci and Kaitlin Osborn for Survive for 7, a free seminar on emergency preparedness open to ages 12 and up.

You will learn about the types of regional emergencies and disasters that can impact the area and what you can do now to prepare yourself and your family to survive in the seven days following a disaster when help may not be available.

The next Survive for 7 session will be held Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Burns Community Center, 5510 Clark Avenue, Lakewood.

The session runs about 90 minutes and concludes with a free raffle for all in attendance at the end of the seminar. Registration is not required.

Contract Awarded for Heritage Park Roof Replacement

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$97,099 contract to California Constructors to replace the roof of the Heritage Park Community Center.

The San Diego-based company is expected to start the project in March.

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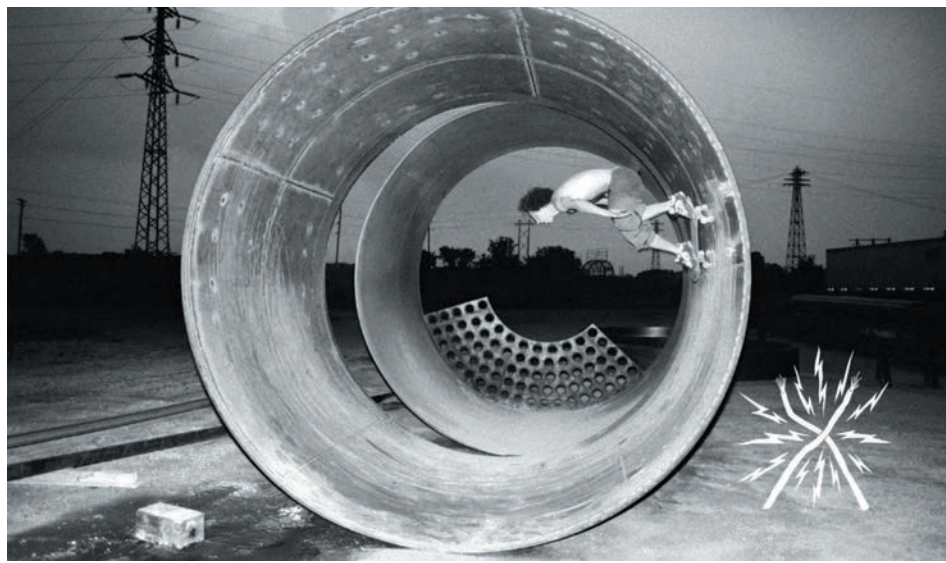


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Ed Templeton Exhibit at Long Beach Museum of Art



WIRES CROSSED: The Culture of Skateboarding, 1995-2012: part memoir, part documentation of the subculture of skateboarding in the 1990s and early 2000s. Templeton was a professional skateboarder and two-time World Skateboarding champion.

Staff Report

In his first solo museum exhibition in the United States, the Long Beach Museum of Art presents Ed Templeton's 17-year photographic project, *Wires Crossed: The Culture of Skateboarding, 1995-2012*, which explores youth culture through Templeton's lens and peers into the lives of amateur and professional skateboarders, whom he traveled the globe with while skateboarding for video productions, competitions, and demonstrations.

Wires Crossed is part memoir, part documentation of skateboarding as it came of age in the 1990s and early 2000s. Through photography, collage, text, maps from Templeton's archives, *Wires Crossed* offers an inside look at a significant facet of youth culture as it

was being born. Templeton occupies the rare position of having been a professional skateboarder, two-time World Skateboarding champion, and artist working within the skateboard community as it gained increasing cultural currency in the 1990s and beyond. This work, much of it previously unpublished and unseen, explores Templeton's journey as an image maker, as well as the lives of professional skateboarders as they spent long hours crisscrossing the world on tour, reveling in their newfound status as a rock star.

An Opening Reception will be on Friday, February 2 at LBMA on Ocean, 2300 Ocean Blvd. Member Reception: 5-7 p.m. free with RSVP. Public Opening: 7:00-10:00 p.m., \$10

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"PFAS or Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are a group of thousands of manmade chemicals that are used in several industrial processes and firefighting activities and to make products non-stick and/or resistant to water, oil, and stains," said Orange County Water District Chief Hydrogeologist Roy Herndon, what has worked for OCWD for 35 years. "Produced by chemical manufacturers, these substances have been detected in the Orange County Ground-water Basin, which supplies 85 percent of the drinking water supply to north and central Orange County."

"OCWD and its water retailers are proactively and swiftly addressing PFAS in Orange County," he added.

"Industrial chemicals have impacted near Fullerton, Anaheim, Placentia; near Santa Ana, Tustin, and Irvine of the Orange County Ground-water Basin. that supplies two-thirds of the drinking water for more than 2.5 million people in north and central Orange County," Herndon explained. "Plumes created by past manufacturing are spreading and threaten to impact the basin. Five water wells have already been removed from service."

"The Orange County Water District (OCWD) is seeking ways to clean up the pollution in a united effort with local and national regulatory agencies," he added. "The initial cleanup efforts are focused on cutting off and preventing the spread of contamination before it travels further into the main aquifer supplying hundreds of potable supply wells."

The Navy began investigating chemical releases at the former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Tustin in the 1980s; when it was closed in 1999, the Navy began investigating potential impacts to ground-water. Soil and ground-water cleanup began in the mid-2000s, according to Herndon.

"In recent years, the Navy began investigating per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) at facilities throughout the nation, including former MCAS Tustin," explained Herndon. "PFAS have been found at the former Tustin base in soil and shallow ground-water, and investigations by the Navy are continuing to delineate the extent of the contamination."

"Primary chemicals found include chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as TCE and 1,2,3-TCP," he added. "The VOC contamination was found in shallow soil and ground-water at depths generally within the upper 100 feet below the ground surface – well above the aquifers tapped by drinking water wells."

"The VOC contamination has not migrated beyond the boundary of the former base," said Herndon.

After determining in 2016 that no drinking water wells were present within three miles "downgradient" of the former MCAS Tustin, the Navy voluntarily initiated investigations for PFAS in 2017.

Before permanent cleanup operations, it must determine what the extent of the lateral and vertical ground-water impacts are," said Navy experts. "This is currently underway as part of a remedial investigation.

Because of the emergence of PFAS and associated potential health risks, the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and local water supply agencies, including the city of Tustin and Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), are addressing PFAS in ground-water by installing treatment facilities at impacted wells. Impacted wells have been shut down until the treatment facilities have been constructed and operational, according to Herndon. The Orange County Water District (OCWD) ensures the water it provides meets or exceeds state and federal drinking water standards. It implements a proactive ground-water monitoring and surface water program to protect the quality of the Orange County Ground-water Basin, which it manages.

The City of Tustin and Irvine Ranch

Water District (IRWD) are the two water suppliers for Tustin. The former Tustin base area is primarily served by the IRWD."

"Sources that supply the City's water supply are a blend of local ground-water wells and imported water connections originating from Northern California and the Colorado River by MWDOC via the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)," explained Herndon.

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) serves about half of Tustin, primarily the city's southern half, including the neighborhoods surrounding the hangars. They provide water for almost half a million residents in 181 square miles of central Orange County. The City of Tustin Water Services Division serves the other half of Tustin.

"Eighty-five percent of IRWD's drinking water is ground-water piped in from local wells hundreds of feet below the ground and outside the base area," said IRWD Public Information Officer John Fabris, who has been with the IRWD for six years. "Most of the rest is imported from Northern California or the Colorado River, and a small percentage comes from Irvine Lake."

"It's important to understand that Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) water is safe," he added. "We test the water served throughout our service area daily to ensure it is safe, meeting all quality drinking water standards. We also conduct tests to ensure no detectable PFAS in any drinking water served to our customers. Our Tustin customers are served water piped in from sources outside the area of the base."

"IRWD treats and tests its water to ensure it is safe to drink," said Fabris. "Each day, IRWD scientists collect samples from neighborhoods throughout the district to ensure our customers get the highest quality drinking water. Using advanced technologies in our laboratory, they screen the water and report more than 100,000 analytical results a year."

"In addition, our imported water is tested by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (which imports the water), and our ground-water is tested by the Orange County Water District (OCWD) (which manages the Orange County Ground-water Basin)," he explained.

As part of the Navy's current treatment operations, ground-water is extracted and pumped through vessels containing granular activated carbon (GAC), similar to what is found in refrigerators, pitchers, and whole-house water filters. The GAC absorbs PFAS from the ground-water. The treated ground-water effluent is discharged under permit to the sanitary sewer. The "spent" GAC is either regenerated for reuse or disposed of appropriately.

According to Navy experts, "Ground-water treatment systems have been operating since late 2007 to early 2008 to address certain volatile organic compounds such as trichloroethene and 1,2,3-trichloropropane. For the most part, the Navy manages its qualified contractors to complete the work.

Current modeling and professional estimates suggest ground-water treatment will be completed in approximately two decades.

The Navy's experts emphasized that no ground-water within three miles downgradient of former MCAS Tustin is being extracted for drinking water supply. They said that by law, residents are provided with information regarding their drinking water quality from the purveyors. The Navy has provided notices to the city of Tustin and local Homeowners Associations regarding its efforts to investigate and remediate PFAS in ground-water.

"For many years, the Navy has been in close communication with the city of Tustin and Orange County Water District regarding ground-water cleanup efforts," Navy experts said. "Semiannual Restoration Advisory Board meetings are conducted at the Tustin Area Senior Center and are open to the public. The next one is scheduled for April 10, 2024."

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Supervisor Janice Hahn, Metro, and Local Leaders to Unveil New Name for Artesia Light Rail Line

This Monday, January 22, 2024, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, LA Metro leadership, and local leaders, will unveil the new name for the light rail line that will be built from Downtown Los Angeles through Southeast LA to Artesia.

The new name is the winner of a six-month renaming contest launched by Supervisor Hahn in partnership with LA Metro.

The project has long been known as the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor—a name that has confused residents and elected leaders alike. Supervisor Hahn has said that the bad name

has prevented the project from getting the attention and funding it deserves.

“This rail line is going to be revolutionary for communities in Southeast LA and the Gateway Cities, but its bad name has held this project back,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “I wanted to empower the future riders to pick a new name for this train – something they can connect with and that will help us deliver this project.”

The “Name That Train Unveiling Event” will be held Monday, Jan. 22, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Mayne Event Center, 16400 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, CA 90706.

Cerritos College Study Abroad Program in Taiwan



CERRITOS COLLEGE Taiwan study abroad program at Providence University now accepting applications for Summer 2024

Staff Report

Want to study abroad? Cerritos College’s Taiwan study abroad program at Providence University is now accepting applications for Summer 2024. Open to all college and high school students, the program features summer classes at the university, cultural experience tours, and activities for three weeks from June 24-July 13. If you want to learn basic Mandarin before the trip, we also offer online modern Mandarin language classes through our Community Education department.

The college also offers modern Mandarin language classes through

its Community Education department. Offered online, the classes help students develop a greater understanding of the Chinese language and culture. The classes are open to all, including students interested in the study abroad program to learn basic Mandarin prior to participation. Providence: Total estimated cost is approximately \$1,700; Modern Mandarin classes: Registration fee is \$30.

For more information about the study abroad programs, please email studyabroad@cerritos.edu. For information about the modern Mandarin classes, please email communityed@cerritos.edu.

Cerritos Holds MLK Ceremony at City Hall



SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN presents a proclamation to Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Cerritos. Pictured from left to right: Sylvester Ani, Jr., Councilmember Chuong Vo, Assesblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki, Supervisor Hahn, Councilmember Lynda Johnson and Councilmember Frank Yokoyama.

La Palma’s Recognizes 2023 Employees of the Year

Staff Report

At its January 16, 2024, meeting, the La Palma City Council recognized Police Officer Jay Choi as the 2023 Employee of the Year and City Clerk Kimberly Kenney as the 2023 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year.

Officer Jay Choi joined the La Palma Police Department on March 19, 2022. “Jay consistently demonstrates a positive and caring attitude in his responsibilities, showcasing reliability by willingly coming to work on short notice.

His commitment to the mission is evident, and he acts as a valuable liaison to the La Palma Korean community, fostering positive relationships. Jay’s exceptional attitude and selflessness create a positive and uplifting atmosphere for those around him. In a brief time, Officer Choi has earned the respect and trust of both the department and fellow officers, making him highly deserving of this award.”

Kimberly Kenney joined the City of La Palma on November 19, 2007, as an Administrative Secretary and was promoted to Deputy City Clerk in 2017, and promoted again in 2019 to City Clerk.

“Kimberly always displays a positive attitude and well-balanced demeanor and is dedicated to her responsibilities. Her invaluable ability to oversee complex projects and responses to Public Records Act requests, and notary services showcase her exceptional abilities and commitment. Kimberly’s unwavering dedication and effectiveness make her a standout candidate for recognition. She is considered a vital asset to the City and her co-workers, deserving of appreciation for her exceptional service.”



OUTSTANDING: La Palma City Clerk Kimberly Kenney (top) and LPPD Officer Jay Choi.

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A Pico Rivera Icon Receives a Refresh



77-YEAR-OLD Clearman's Steak 'N Stein Inn in Pico Rivera has undergone a design refresh preserving the restaurant's old-school ambiance while introducing more seating, a brand-new bar, and an updated layout.

By **Stephany Gehrig**

The 77-year-old Clearman's Steak 'N Stein Inn in Pico Rivera, known as "The Stein" by longtime diners, has undergone a design refresh and officially recently reopened.

The remodel preserves the restaurant's old-school ambiance while introducing more seating, a brand-new bar, and an updated layout.

Some of the restaurant's original 1946 design elements were also restored and were kept as part of the remodel.

While the food menu remains largely the same, the Stein is introducing a slew of new cocktails to the beverage menu including an update on the classic Old Fashioned.

Clearman's Steak 'N Stein Inn is located at 9545 Whittier Boulevard and is open Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For additional restaurant information, call 562.699.8823.

Soil Restoration at Cerritos Sports Complex

Cerritos has awarded Southern California Landscape, Inc. a \$1.4 million contract for soil restoration at the Cerritos Sports Complex.

The project includes importing soil

and grading of the sports fields 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the site.

Restoration will include soil profile amendment and a fertigation system installation, laser grade and sod installation. An estimated 403,000 square feet of area is to be renovated.

The project is expected to start in May and finish in October.

Water Replenishment District Appoints New President



TRANSITION: President John Allen passes the gavel to newly elected WRD Board President Joy Langford during WRD's Board Reorganization. In addition, Director Rob Katherman (far right) was appointed to Vice President, Director Vera DeWitt (far left) as Secretary, and Sergio Calderon (second from left) as Treasurer.

Cerritos Contracts with Long Beach for Animal Care Services

Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council has entered into an agreement with the City of Long Beach for Animal Control services. The contract is effective through June 30, 2024.

With provisions for two two-year extensions, the contract cost will be a little over \$572,000. Fees collected for Cerritos pet licenses are used to offset a portion of the Animal Control contract.

Since 1989, Cerritos has contracted with Long Beach Animal Care Services for animal care. Over the years, Long

Beach Animal Care Services has enhanced services and improved response times to service calls. Residents are now able to renew licenses online, and a full-time State-licensed veterinarian has been hired.

For more information, contact Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387 or longbeach.gov/acs.

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TEN YEARS AGO Kraft Singles introduced new flavors Sharp Cheddar and Pepper Jack. On Jan. 17, Kraft announced it was launching three new Kraft Singles flavors- Jalapeño, Garlic & Herb and Caramelized Onion.

By Joseph Lamour

Your grilled cheese sandwiches are about to be packed with a lot more flavor.

On Jan. 17, Kraft announced it was launching three new Kraft Singles flavors for the first time in nearly a decade: Jalapeño, Garlic & Herb and Caramelized Onion.

“Garlic & Herb and Caramelized Onion set a new standard as brand new flavors to the cheese category,” a Kraft spokesperson tells TODAY.com in an email. “As the top-selling sandwich cheese brand, with 1 in 4 American households having Kraft Singles in their refrigerator, fans of the iconic brand can now expand their taste buds with these new additions to the Kraft Singles portfolio.”

The last time Kraft Singles introduced new flavors — Sharp Cheddar and Pepper Jack — was nearly 10 years ago. Its current slate also includes American

Cheese, Swiss, Sharp Cheddar and White American.

So these new varieties add a whole new dimension of flavor to the Kraft Singles repertoire. For example, Jalapeño Singles would be great in a chicken quesadilla or sausage, egg and cheese; Caramelized Onion Singles seem ideal for melting onto a hamburger or a grilled cheese paired with fig jam; Garlic & Herb Singles would bubble up beautifully atop chicken Parm or a frittata.

Kraft says that its new flavors will be available for purchase in packs of 16 slices starting this month at retailers nationwide.

Kraft Singles has gone through some big changes in the past year. In May 2023, the brand debuted a new look, redesigned logo and improved packaging, making its individually wrapped slices easier to open — something customers had been complaining about for years

Benton MS Mock Trial Team Recognized by La Mirada



BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL Mock Trial Team pictured with La Mirada Mayor Steve De Ruse, Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Sarega, Councilmember Ed Eng, Councilmember John Lewis, Council Member Anthony Otero, Norwalk-La Mirada USD School Board Vice President Narcis Brasov, Norwalk-La Mirada USD Superintendent Dr. John Lopez, Benton Middle School Principal Robin Ridgeway, Benton Middle School Mock Trial Team Supervisor and Teacher Dr. Jodie Kim.

The La Mirada City Council recognized the Benton Middle School Mock Trial Team for its top 10 finish in the Los Angeles Mock Trial Program at its January 9 City Council meeting.

The Mock Trial Program is an academic competition in which high school and middle school students compete at the county level. There were 122 schools competing for the Mock Trial Program. Benton Middle School students studied, conducted legal research, and learned about courtroom procedures. In the Junior Playoffs, Benton Middle School students were undefeated in Rounds 1 and 2. They made it to the final playoffs and received recognition for being among the top 10 teams.

The Mock Trial Team is led by

Supervisor and Teacher Dr. Jodie Kim and the team includes Alissa Alvarado, Addison Bragg, Mariah Cano, Faith Choi, Yuna Chung, Keanna Concepcion, Carina Estrada, Kyli Garcia, George Allen Gonzales, Charissa Kim, Maya Kim, Megan Lee, Mia Ordonez, Natalie Orr, Alexa Perez, Kaitlyn Suzuki.

The Achievement Recognition program recognizes individuals who live, work, or attended school in La Mirada, and have achieved state, regional or national acclaim for outstanding accomplishments.

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605 LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL

JOHN GLENN VARSITY BASKETBALL PROGRAMS KEEPING CHINS UP DESPITE RECENT ISSUES

One school, two varsity basketball programs and many on and off the court issues over the past several seasons. That is what the John Glenn High varsity basketball programs have been facing despite some signs of success, especially with its boys program.

The boys were blasted by Cerritos High 90-14 last Friday night, falling to 10-9 overall at the time and winless in four 605 League games. The Eagles, who are in Division 5AA of the CIF-Southern Section, were 9-5 entering 2024 with their victories coming against teams either in the same division, in Division 5A or against comparable schools from the CIF-Los Angeles City Section, some of which most of us haven't even heard of.

But Glenn has found the league a different story and has only mustered 14 points against Artesia High and Whitney High on Jan. 3 and Jan. 5 respectively and 18 points against Oxford Academy on Jan. 9. First-year head coach Chris Palisin, who recently coached Oxford Academy and guided the Patriots to their first ever playoff appearance during the 2019-2020 season, said his Glenn team this season is a junior varsity team, youth-wise, playing on a varsity league schedule. Only senior Justin Rodriguez is the lone established returning player.

"The competition is better; they're all ranked teams," said Palisin of league versus non-league. "Four of the five [other] teams in our league are making the playoffs. It's tougher competition [with] great coaching. Length, programs; three levels of programs. We have one level

here [with] a total rebuild here with only 11 guys. So what we're seeing here is a completely different level."

This season will mark the third straight in which the Eagles will have



JOHN GLENN
HIGH SCHOOL

won at least 10 games. Before that, Glenn failed to win eight games in 14 straight seasons under five different head coaches, despite advancing to the playoffs in 2014, and went 11-151 in league action during that time.

But when former head coach Sam Abebe took over prior to the 2021-2022 season, the Eagles appeared to be flying in the right direction. With a solid starting lineup of seniors Natanael Jacobo, Richard Ramos and Joan Salgado, junior Michael Salcedo and sophomore Seyharmoney Somchan, plus just three other players, Glenn went 14-13 for the program's first winning season on over 25 years, and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Glenn had 11 players on last season's team, five of whom were seniors, one of the two sophomores never played a minute, and the other was a late season addition. The troubles began after the fifth game when the first of four player defections left the program. He was a transfer from the previous season and was expected to be the team's leading scorer. Two more subtractions came after the 18th contest when the team was sitting at 8-10 and the last came two games later.

The Eagles finished 11-17 overall, 3-7 in league, tied for fourth place and missed the playoffs. Abebe left the program when the season concluded and there were rumors that he was forced out because the

parents didn't approve of his coaching style, which has been a thing with other Glenn athletic teams. But if last season was bad, this season began worse with Rodriguez, four sophomores, three juniors, one freshman and one other senior.

"That itself is the most major challenge," said Palisin of his young team buying in. "After that, it doesn't matter about X's and O's. Every coach in this league knows X's and O's. There are a lot of coaches [who know] X's and Y's and no X's and O's. Encouraging them to come out here at John Glenn is a challenge. But we're in it, encouraging them to stick with it and have fun and have a winning season.

"I'm always pushing buy-in and I'm always trying to engage with my team," he later added. "I love the relationship building and the mentoring that I'm able to do here at John Glenn. It's more mentoring and leading than it is coaching right now."

This season, Glenn fell to Magnolia Science Academy by one point in overtime in its opener, then won eight of its next 10 games. The Eagles were scoring in the 40s and 50s in nine of those games.

But since then, they have yet to reach 40 points and have managed to score at least 33 points four times. The other five games, all losses, have been by 50 points or more, causing Palisin to accuse visiting coaches of running up the score.

"We just have to get better at breaking the press," said Palisin. "Every team in league is going to press us. We have press breakers in; we just have to keep focusing on fundamentals and breaking the press. It's really tough with such a young team."

Glenn would lose to Liberty Christian High 36-33 last Saturday and began the week at 10-10. The Eagles host Pioneer High on Wednesday to complete the first round of league and is scheduled to play two more non-league games before the end of the month. With the leadership of Rodriguez, who has scored in double figures nine times, and the emergence of sophomores Bundana Adams and Jesse Caldwell, Glenn's dream of the playoffs is still there for the taking as it would need to go at least 4-4 with five of those games on the road.

"We're a winning team, and I like that we have a chance to be .500 and qualify for the CIF Division 5AA playoffs," said Palisin following the loss to Cerritos. "And you can qualify by being .500, and we have a winning team, especially for being so young and getting the job right before the season started. So, I'm proud of their attitude and effort because it's a whole new culture.

"I'm holding them accountable every day and there's going to be some push-back because they're not used to that," he continued. "But we have not given up,

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SECOND ROUND OF LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS AS WINTER SEASON WINDS DOWN

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

Thursday, Jan. 18 will mark the beginning of the second round of league action and before you know it, league games will end on Feb. 1 with the winter season ending as late as the next day. While there were a few pivotal games that took place this past Wednesday, ending the first round, here's a look at the respective leagues and potential upcoming top games for area teams.

Note: All records are as of this past Tuesday. The results of this past Wednesday's game came after press time.

605 LEAGUE

Girls soccer plays at the opposite site as boys and girls basketball and boys soccer. Whitney does not field a girls soccer team.

Cerritos High was the place to be this past Wednesday for both boys and girls basketball as the Dons hosted Whitney High with first place at stake. The Cerritos boys basketball team, ranked sixth in the CIF-Southern Section Division 4AA poll, entered the contest at 11-10 overall and undefeated in four league games while Whitney was sitting at 12-7, 3-1. For the girls, the winner of their contest will take over sole possession of first place and the loser will have to settle for second place outright, for the time being. The Dons entered the contest at 12-9 overall while the Wildcats, ranked 13th in Division 2A, were 15-6.

Cerritos will host Oxford Academy on Friday and go to Artesia High on Wednesday while Whitney entertains Pioneer High on Friday before going to John Glenn High on Wednesday.

The Artesia boys basketball team (12-8, 3-1) began the week tied with Whitney

for second place and were home to Oxford Academy this past Wednesday. The Pioneers will welcome Glenn on Friday and South Gate High on Saturday.

In boys soccer action, Artesia, Oxford Academy and Cerritos are comfortable occupying the top three spots. Artesia, ranked fifth in Division 2, defeated Oxford Academy 1-0 this past Tuesday, improving to 14-0-2, 5-0-0 while Cerritos blanked Whitney 3-0 to go to 5-8-1, 3-1-1, the same league mark as Oxford Academy.

The Cerritos girls soccer team was 8-4-1, 3-0-0 while Artesia shutout Oxford Academy 3-0 this past Tuesday to move into a tie for second place. The Pioneers, ranked seventh in Division 7, are 11-2-2, 2-1 while Oxford Academy is also 2-1. Cerritos will host Artesia on Tuesday with first place on the line.

GATEWAY LEAGUE

The La Mirada High boys basketball team, ranked 13th in Division 1 but also on the Open Division Watchlist, edged St. Paul High 80-79 this past Monday to improve to 16-7. The Matadores are undefeated in three league games as they went to Downey High this past Wednesday and will travel to Lynwood High on Friday before hosting Mayfair High on Wednesday. Lynwood began the week in second place at 3-1 while Mayfair and Dominguez High were tied for third place at 1-2.

In girls basketball, Gahr High is in a four-team battle for the top three automatic playoff spots. The Gladiators (17-4, 1-2) are ranked fourth in Division 4AA and currently in fourth place in league, but a game behind Downey and Paramount High for second place. Gahr visited Paramount this past Wednesday and will host Lynwood High seven days

later.

In girls soccer, La Mirada (3-7-4, 1-1-1) was in third place, behind Warren High and Downey as it was home to Warren on Jan. 18. The Matadores will visit Mayfair on Tuesday before entertaining Gahr on Thursday.

MID-CITIES LEAGUE

The Gahr boys basketball team began the week at 12-8, 2-2, a game behind Bellflower High, Firebaugh High and Warren first place. The Gladiators went to Paramount this past Wednesday and will entertain Norwalk High (10-12, 1-3) on Friday and Firebaugh on Wednesday. Norwalk faced Firebaugh this past Wednesday and needs to win at least four of its last six games to be eligible for postseason consideration. The Lancers will also go to Bellflower on Wednesday.

The Norwalk girls basketball team was 8-13, 2-2 as it played Firebaugh this past Wednesday. The Lancers began the week tied with Bellflower for third place and will visit last place Dominguez on Friday and Bellflower on Wednesday.

The La Mirada girls basketball team, ranked third in Division 5AA, has matched its win total from the 2011-2012 season after defeating Norwalk 61-40 last Friday. The Matadores went to 13-4, 3-1 and are a game behind league-leading Mayfair and visited Bellflower this past Wednesday. They will stay on the road to face Firebaugh on Friday before hosting Mayfair on Wednesday.

The Gahr boys soccer team stayed in the hunt for one of the automatic playoff spots after crushing Mayfair 7-1 this past Tuesday. The Gladiators improved to 5-10-3, 2-3-0 and are in fourth place while third place Firebaugh was 3-1-1. Gahr went to fifth place Norwalk (1-10-2, 1-4-0) on Jan. 18 and will host Firebaugh



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on Tuesday before hosting Dominguez on Thursday.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

The Valley Christian High boys basketball team began the week at 13-10, 1-3 and in fourth place as it visits Maranatha High on Friday before hosting Heritage Christian High on Tuesday. Both teams were tied for first place and the Defenders need at least one more win to become eligible for playoff consideration.

The girls basketball team (8-14, 1-3) began the week a half a game behind Heritage Christian for third place while both soccer teams are sitting good for potential league championships. The boys soccer team is 4-10-3, 2-1-1 and in second place with Whittier Christian High in first place with a 3-0-0 league mark. The Defenders will be at the opposite sites as the basketball teams while the girls soccer team is 8-5-2, 3-0-1, a half game ahead of Whittier Christian as it will go to Maranatha on Friday and host Heritage Christian on Tuesday.

14TH ANNUAL MATSON CLASSIC

CERRITOS BLOWN OUT BY ESPERANZA WHILE FREE THROWS COST WHITNEY AGAINST SONORA IN TOURNAMENT

By Loren Kopff
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ORANGE-The top two girls basketball teams in the 605 League stepped out of league last Saturday in preparation for their big meeting against each other on Wednesday and did not have the performances they were looking for. Whitney High shot 30 percent from the field and missed six free throws in a 47-44 loss to Sonora High last Saturday in the second of four games at the 14th Annual Matson Classic inside the Ellwein Center at Orange Lutheran High.

For the first two and a half quarters, the Wildcats and Raiders were in a battle with neither team holding an advantage of more than three points. There were 10 lead changes and six ties through the first 19:31 before Sonora's Samantha Wilson sank a pair of free throws to give her team a 30-28 lead. After that, the Raiders went on a 7-5 run to end the stanza.

"We just stopped following the game plan and we started playing selfish basketball, not team basketball," said Whitney head coach Myron Jacobs.

Whitney held its biggest lead of the game late in the opening quarter when senior Kylie Wang had a steal, scored, was fouled, and converted on the ensuing free throw as the Wildcats led 12-9 with 2:12 left in the quarter. It would cap a 6-0 run by Whitney, which would trail 16-15 at the end of the stanza. She and junior Haylie Wang each would score five points in the quarter while freshman Alyssa So (three points) and sophomore Mady Macaraeg (two points) would account for the other scoring. In fact, those four would be the only ones who took a shot from the field for Whitney in the game.

The Raiders would own three-point advantages twice in the second quarter, the last at 22-19 with 3:11 left in the half before Whitney scored the next five points to lead by a bucket at the break. Kylie Wang had the last three of those points and had eight points in the half. However, she would be two of eight from the field before halftime and was four of 19 for the game. Macaraeg and Haylie Wang would finish the game shooting a combined eight of 18 from the field with the latter not attempting a shot in the second quarter.

"We didn't play our best today," said Jacobs. "We came out here and we emphasized a lot on lay-ups and free throws, but like I said, today was just one of those days. We didn't know what we were going to get, seeing that the game plan wasn't as tight as used to be, based on other opponents. We were trying to sneak in fix-up plays before we came in here

today. But it's still no excuse on missed lay-ups."

While Sonora was perfect from the free throw line in the game (seven of seven), the 'Cats missed four freebies in the first half. In the third quarter, Haylie Wang sank a pair of free throws with 5:36 left, giving her team a 28-26 lead. It would be the last time they would be in front. In fact, Whitney would miss seven straight shots from the field in the quarter as the Raiders stormed back to take a 35-30 lead before Kylie Wang ended the scoring drought.

When So scored her second basket of the game less than two minutes into

the fourth quarter, Whitney was down 37-36. That would be as close it would get the remainder of the way as the shooting woes continued.

Haylie Wang led everyone with 16 points and had seven rebounds, two assists and two steals while her sister added 14 rebounds, 13 points and two assists. Macaraeg pitched in with eight points and six boards and So scored seven points.

"Not including the missed free throws, but the missed lay-ups as well," said Jacobs of his frustrations. "And knowing that we have Cerritos here recording us,

we just didn't run our offense. So, we were basically running plays from a year and a half ago.

"Here's the thing, I could care less about winning or losing this game," he later said. "It's all about the league because what matters [to us] is to win league. If I'm in league and I'm

winning, that's more important than this. When I sit here and I look at my team and I know what I have to focus on with the two days of practice we have, and it sets me up for what I need to do when Wednesday comes and how I need to make adjustments."

Speaking of league, Whitney (15-6) will go to Cerritos High on Wednesday for the final game of the first round of league. Since the league has been around, the Wildcats own a 7-3 record against Cerritos and swept both games last season, one by 30 points and the other by a basket.

"We have to play more aggressively, and we have to get back to pushing up the tempo," said Jacobs. "I thought we played at a slow pace today. I thought we looked more like a [junior varsity] team instead of a varsity team. I can assure you when Monday comes, practice is going to be

hell."

That game was followed by Cerritos never getting into a groove against Esperanza High, shooting 28 percent from the field in a 75-42 loss. It's the worst loss of the season for the Dons, who have also lost three straight to the Aztecs in this tournament.

"It is kind of tough," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "Last night, we tried to run our stuff and go over things, which was kind of hard on that. Then coming into a game like this, they knew they had to step it up. I think we played two and a half quarters pretty well, then after that, it just went the other way. Hopefully, they'll be ready to go on Wednesday because that's going to be a huge game for us, too."

Whereas missed free throws and lay-ups hurt Whitney in its game, it was ball handling that would be the demise of the Dons. Cerritos had eight turnovers in the opening quarter and were quickly down 20-12 after the first quarter. Senior Oneyka Nwanze scored nine points and had six rebounds in the opening quarter while sophomore Cameron Lacorte accounted for the other three points.

"I don't know if it's their aggressiveness or what it was, but they were here and I guess it's one of those things," said Chinen. "It's a holiday weekend... I don't know. I have no answer to that at all."

The Dons (12-9) tried to get back in the game and trailed by five points twice

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we're facing tough teams and we're still going to work and going to practice."

It's a slightly different story for the Glenn girls program, which has been riddled with injuries and low numbers the past two seasons. After losing all 21 games in the 2021-2022 season, head coach Eric Peterson's first with the program, he went 5-18 last season with a squad of six juniors and three sophomores. But at times, several were injured or sick, and it got bad on Jan. 27 when the Eagles had to forfeit a league game against Cerritos because there weren't enough players available.

This season, Peterson thought it would get a little better with seven returning players. However, the only game in which he has been able to field a starting lineup of seniors Destiny Aguilar, Rose Feliz, Emily Garcia and Gianna Morales and junior Maritza Corona was the opening game. Since then, each game has been a patchwork because of who has been injured and who has been healthy.

"It's been a little rough," said Glenn assistant coach Sharae Moten, a 2011 graduate of the school. "We just have to work on that. Our goal was to have a better recovery [coming] back, but the [weather has been] cold and the kids are sick and having injuries. So, it's been a little hard for us because we had the high goals of all our seniors that we have this year.

"We mix it up around to give everyone opportunities," she later added. "We don't have a set starting lineup or anything like that. We just base it on availability and who works hard [in practice] and give them the opportunity. We just utilize what we have when we have [it] because we don't always have everybody."

The last time the Eagles had a win-

ning record was Moten's senior season when Glenn went 19-9 and lost in the first round of the playoffs. That was followed by six straight seasons of single-digit victories before Glenn went 13-15 but finished in fifth place in the old Suburban League. The program won 11 games four seasons ago before the recent troubles began.

Scoring has been one of those troubles as Glenn's season-high a year ago was 38 points, which was its season-opener at Mountain View High. Glenn was held to under 25 points 16 times last season, including the last 10 games and only twice was there a double-digit scorer.

This season, it's more of the same as Glenn's season-high has been 42 points, which came on Dec. 15 at La Puente High (42-11). Two other wins were 41-15 and 41-18 scores at Magnolia Science Academy and against Blair High, respectively. The last win by the Eagles came on Dec. 21 at Baldwin Park High, a 27-17 decision.

No one has scored more than 14 points and that occurred three times. In the season opener, Felix scored 14 points while Garcia added 12 more. Two days later, Garcia scored 14 points against South El Monte High and against Blair, Aguilar scored 14 points while Morales added 10 points. After that, only one player has reached double figures in scoring, and that was Aguilar at Collins Family on Dec. 13. Had they not been injured Corona and Felix would have helped the Eagles capture a few more wins. Corona has scored just two points so far and Felix, who missed eight straight games and still wears a brace on her knee, has scored 40 points with six games remaining after scoring 76 points last season.

"Rose has been a great leader; she's one of the captains that we selected this year because she's stepped up in the off-

season," said Moten. "She's just a hooper; she understands the game and she just plays hard all the time and is just as easy on the court as she is off the court."

This season, Glenn has been defeated in league by Artesia High 53-32, Whitney 81-25, Oxford Academy 64-7 and Cerritos 64-12. For the Eagles to get to the playoffs, they would need to win at least five of their last six contests and maybe get help from other teams along the way. Still, Moten and the team are keeping it positive with the main goal for the rest of the season simply being just to have fun.

"We can, for sure, be more competitive because we have a lot of talent that we can use and stagger," said Moten. "We know what's our advantages and disadvantages are. We just [want them to] have fun and just keep learning and growing as a team, and as individuals."

Glenn will visit Artesia on Friday and Whitney on Wednesday.

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in the second quarter. But Esperanza connected on a barrage of three pointers-two each by Alexa Muller and Charlotte Muller in the quarter as the Aztecs held a 38-27 halftime advantage. Meanwhile, as the turnovers continued to mount (23 for the game), two other components of the game told the story and left Chinen puzzled.

For a team of 16 players, Chinen is expecting some production from its starters. However, seniors Mailee Dizon and Mia Rivera did not connect on a combined nine shots taken from the field. Although, Rivera had seven rebounds, four steals and two assists. It's the first time this season Rivera did not score in a game she played in and the third time for Dizon.

"That's huge for us because we rely on them to score a little bit," said Chinen. "In the past, our team is not one player scoring in double digits. It's everybody pitching in, whether you score one point or whatever it is. As long as you pitch in, it shows up on the scoreboard."

However, coming off the bench, junior Mia Scammahorn scored a career-high 12 points and was four of six on three-pointers. Junior Ambar Multani scored the other four bench points while Nwanze led the Dons with 20 points and a dozen rebounds.

"Our bench did well today," said Chinen. "They stepped it up, especially Mia Scammahorn. She was big for us. This is something we need to work on in practices going forward for the remainder of the season as well as the playoffs."

The winner of Wednesday's game, obviously, will have a leg up on the other in the league. The rematch will be on Feb. 1 at Whitney and will be the last game of the regular season. Whitney is ranked

in the CIF-Southern Section Division 2A polls while Cerritos is unranked in Division 3AA.

"We have to have two good practices and then we have to bring the intensity on Wednesday," said Chinen. "Again, we just can't play two and a half quarters. We have to play all four quarters."

FEDDE from page 2

Mrs. Sophia Tse, President of the Board of Education, congratulated the Fedde Knights and expressed gratitude to the families, teachers, and staff for their dedicated efforts, stating, "Your hard work paid off!" All five ABC Unified School District middle schools have earned the Schools to Watch designation, with Carmenita, Haskell, Ross, and Tetzlaff Middle Schools being redesignated last year.

Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow expressed pride in Fedde Academy's accomplishment, highlighting the singular focus on student achievement across all middle schools in the district. She stated, "Our commitment is to meet the needs of each student to ensure they succeed at school and in life." Denise Macias, Principal of Fedde Academy, shared her pride as a former Fedde student and a Hawaiian Gardens native. She emphasized the significance of the recognition and credited the vibrant community of teachers, staff, and students. "This award belongs to all of us, and it fuels our drive to keep reaching higher!"

Fedde Academy will be celebrated twice this year for its Schools to Watch designation: first at the California School to Watch Leadership Celebration in March and then again at the National School to Watch event in June.

AAUW Program Announcement

AAUW Long Beach's Saturday, February 3rd program at 11a.m. will be presented by engineer Eric Witten on his 6 1/2 months of charitable work in Kenya and his experience and success working with the Maasai people where he was able to use his skills to drill water wells for them. He will also speak about sending girls to school, saving our forests, and reducing carbon dioxide.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera is initiating its citizen participation and application process for the **2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded program**. The City is an entitlement community and is expected to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The City is estimated to receive approximately \$550,000 in CDBG funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A maximum of fifteen percent (15%) may fund Public Service activities. Funding will be contingent on availability from HUD.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of community development and housing activities, including public services, social services, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and residential code enforcement and housing improvement projects.

CDBG applications are available now. A Public Services Technical Assistance Workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, to address any questions potential applicants may have. The meeting will take place virtually at 10:00 a.m. Registration for the Zoom workshop can be accessed via the following link: <https://bit.ly/PR24-25>. Applications must be received by the City of Pico Rivera **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 08, 2024**. Please mail applications to: Community & Economic Development Department located at 6615 Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660. Applications may also be emailed to elizarraga@pico-rivera.org, please use "**CDBG FY 24-25 Application**" in the subject line. Late applications will not be accepted.

Those desiring an application and/or further information should contact:

Contact: Eduardo Lizarraga
Phone: (562) 801-4420
Email: elizarraga@pico-rivera.org

The City will evaluate proposals for CDBG eligibility. After the proposals are evaluated, the staff will make recommendations for the total amount of CDBG funds which should be allocated. The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the funding allocation recommendations. The Pico Rivera City Council approves final CDBG allocations.

ESPAÑOL:
Se puede obtener información en español llamando al (562) 801-4420.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BELLFLOWER

Community Development Block Grant Program
Announcement of Citizen Participation
Notice of Fund Availability
Request for Proposals

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Bellflower is initiating its citizen participation and application process for the **2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded program**. The City is an entitlement community and is expected to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. A maximum of fifteen percent (15%) may fund Public Service activities. Funding will be contingent on availability from HUD.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of community development and housing activities, including public services, social services, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and residential code enforcement and housing improvement projects. A complete list of the eligible activities is available at City of Bellflower Economic Development Department webpage.

CDBG applications are available now. A Public Services Technical Assistance Workshop will be held via zoom on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, to address any questions potential applicants may have.

Applications must be received by the City of Bellflower **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024**. Please mail applications to: Economic Development Department located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706. Late applications will not be accepted. Those desiring an application and/or wanting to participate in the Technical Assistance Workshop should contact:

Contact: Karla Pineda, Management Analyst
Phone: (562) 804-1424 Ext. 2013
Email: kpineda@bellflower.org

The City will evaluate proposals for CDBG eligibility. After the proposals are evaluated, City staff will make recommendations for the total amount of CDBG funds which should be allocated. The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the funding allocation recommendations. The Bellflower City Council approves final CDBG allocations.

ESPAÑOL:
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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD.

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated.
10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 02/07/2024 at 11:00 a.m.

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 Makayla Davis
 Liz Smith
 Jai's Party Rentals - Liz Smith
 Raymond Vasquez
 Mike Reyes
 Jessica Basua
 Ashley Merritt
 Madhouse Creative Studio Inc - Justin Cayco
 Roosevelt Dixon
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 Natasha Castillo Madrid
 Enoch Chamberlain
 Jeffrey Pierce
 Riba Gore
 Samantha Blount
 Ehimy Namocateat
 Brown Donald, Donald Brown
 Albert Penn
 Cynthia Lannette Baskin
 Ruby Coleman-O'Bannon
 Michael LeFevers
 Nichole Weston
 Kim Bradley
 Gregory Fernandez

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMIN-ISTER ESTATE OF ANN MARIE ROGERS
 Case No. 24STPB00159

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ANN MARIE ROGERS

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

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 9, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

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 STE 125
 WHITTIER CA 90603
 CN103344 ROGERS Jan 12,19,26, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2024006535

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SWAY INKED, 11700 SOUTH ST. SUITE 203, ARTESIA CA 90701, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. REGISTERED OWNER:SWAY BROWS LLC, 17703 CORTNER AVE., CERRITOS CA 90703. INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ SWAY BROWS LLC PRESIDENT THANH DIEP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/10/24. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/24, 2/9/24

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com ending on Wednesday , February 7th 2024 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Armando Cortez	A81
Chenoa Steiner	E32
Wellington Tilley, Jr	I32

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

Dated this 19th day of January 2024 ,and 26th day of January 2024.
 Self Storage Management Company
 Bond #: WL11254152

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
 (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
 Escrow No. 003147-CK

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: C J VERDUGO VERB COIN LAUNDRY, INC, 9102 ALONDRA BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: LEONARD PHAM, 13501 BARNETT WAY, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE of that certain business located at: 9102 ALONDRA BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: FRESHWATER & LAUNDRYMATE

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 7, 2024 at the office of: HANA ESCROW COMPANY, INC., 3580, WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1170 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above

(9) The last date for filing claims is: FEBRUARY 6, 2024.

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

Dated: JANUARY 12, 2024
 TRANSFEREES: LEONARD PHAM
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANN MARIE ROGERS
 Case No. 24STPB00159

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

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 9, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED BUSINESS PROPERTY- Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Commercial Code 7209 – 7210, the following property has been abandoned and will be sold at a public sale to satisfy liens placed on the property described below-
 Ernest Engel
 Z & H Percussion Press – 6' x 5' x 10' (appx. Dimensions)

Sale to be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024 between the hours of 07:00 am and 09:00 am at Dunkel Bros. Machinery Moving - 14555 Alondra Blvd. La Mirada, CA 90638

Purchases must be made with cash only
 All items sold "as is" with no guarantee or warranty.
 All items purchased must be removed from the property within 24 hours of the time of sale

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2023246315

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: WE BENEFIT CHILDREN 12100 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE 1150, LOS ANGELES CA 90025; P.O. BOX 35463 LOS ANGELES CA 90035 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORGANIZATION NUMBER 1472306. REGISTERED OWNER: WATER BUFFALO CLUB, INC. 12100 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE 1150, LOS ANGELES CA 90025. INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2023. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ WATER BUFFALO CLUB, INC. CEO KATE ZAROUK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/21/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 JAIME HERNANDEZ ALFARO
 CASE NO. 23STPB14040

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JAIME HERNANDEZ ALFARO.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SANDRA A. RINCON 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.

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 LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca. 90706 on January 24, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Nathaniel Turner

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

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