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NEW NAME FOR THE ARTESIA TO UNION STATION LIGHT RAIL LINE

WEDNESDAY MORNING at the Mayne Event Center in Bellflower, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn(center), and a coalition of local leaders, unveiled the "Southeast Gateway Line" as the new name for the light rail line that will be built from Downtown Los Angeles through Southeast LA and the Gateway Cities to Artesia. The project has long been known as the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor—a name that has confused residents and elected leaders alike. The line will run from Artesia through Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, and Vernon to Union Station.

MarvNation to Hold Boxing Event in Hawaiian Gardens

Phenom Ernesto "Tito" Mercado will be fighting in an event February 10, at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center.

By Joshua Palmer

Ernesto Mercado is the hottest unsigned fighter in the sport of boxing and he will be fighting in an event in Hawaiian Gardens.

The prizefighter will return on February 10th, 2024 to the C. Robert Lee Activity Center in Hawaiian Gardens to mark the first bout of the year for Pico Rivera-based MarvNation Promotions.

Mercado works without a major promoter, the junior welterweight has in-

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La Mirada Continues to Improve Its Aging Infrastructure

By Brian Hews

La Mirada continues its aggressive capital improvement project schedule to upgrade and

construction or in design and scheduled to begin construction later this year.

The city's current projects include its energy conservation and infrastruc-

retained energy solutions provider Climatec to assess the existing energy systems and identify those needing replacement.

The assessment was



THE ICONIC FOUNTAIN at La Mirada City Hall will be modified and renovated. The pool area will be reduced, and all the plumbing, electrical, and pump system components will be replaced.

improve the city's aging infrastructure, with several capital projects completed and more currently under

ture modernization project, a comprehensive plan La Mirada began working on in May 2021. The city

used to develop a plan for modernizing aging energy infrastructure at all city fa-

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Cerritos Receives \$2.4 Million for Gas Leak at Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course

The remaining underground testing for contamination and remediation still needs to be completed and remains pending; those potential costs were not included.

By Brian Hews

At yesterday's meeting, the Cerritos City Council continued its proclamation of a local emergency related to Iron-

inexpensive for Cerritos residents to golf there.

The leak closed the entire golf course until May 2023, when the driving range, which was not directly impacted by the leak, was reopened; the rest of the Golf Course has remained closed.

Immediately after the leak, at its next meeting in January 2023, the Cerritos City Council proclaimed a local emergency which gave then City Manager Art Gallucci full powers to



LANDSCAPE RESTORATION at Iron-Wood Nine has commenced along with rehabilitation of damaged concrete, asphalt, irrigation, and fencing.

Wood Nine Golf Course gas leak in Cerritos.

On December 19, 2022, a gasoline leak occurred when a privately-owned underground 16-inch pipeline broke at the popular Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. According to city officials at the time, "the leak was stopped, damage was assessed, and repairs began immediately.

The course, located north of the 91 and 605 freeways, is what is known as a par three course; it only has nine holes, eight par threes, and one par four. But, as usual for Cerritos, it was in pristine shape and was extremely

enter into agreements and contracts to fix the course.

In early September, Cerritos and Kinder Morgan, Inc., the owner of the pipeline, entered into a settlement agreement for nearly \$2.4 million that finally began the process of fixing the course.

Kinder Morgan, Inc., agreed to reimburse Cerritos for all costs associated with the repair and restoration of the course, including design costs, construction costs, and revenue loss.

According to a Cerritos City Staff report, "landscape restoration has commenced along with re-

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SUV Plunges Off Studebaker Into Los Cerritos Channel Killing 2



LONG BEACH FIRE Department crews use heavy machinery to pull and SUV out of the Los Cerritos Channel on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024. Photo courtesy the LBFD.

Staff Report

Two men were killed when a large SUV plunged from Studebaker Road into the Los Cerritos Channel near the AES power plant in Long Beach.

The crash was reported about 6:20 p.m. Sunday.

Arriving firefighters summoned lifeguards and Urban Search and Rescue divers who pulled a man in his 30s from the water. He was rushed to a hospital

while CPR was performed, the captain said. That man was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Divers scoured the Los Cerritos Channel to find the submerged SUV.

Divers continued to search in and around the SUV and found another man trapped inside. The Los Angeles County Fire Department's heavy wrecker pulled the vehicle from the water, and that man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The cause of the crash is unknown.

ABCUSD's Joshie Cox Receives Award From National Guard



MS. JOSHIE COX (left) Director of Purchasing and Risk Management at ABCUSD, recently received the Patriot Award as a strong supporter of employees serving in the National Guard/Military Reserves. Ms. Cox was nominated by Ms. Esthela Perez, (center) Private 1st Class in the National Guard and a Secretary III in ABC. Ms. Cox told LCCN, "This award really belongs to the ABCUSD who supports all our staff belonging to the military services, giving them the time to defend, protect and serve without fear or concern about their job. Esthela Perez and the sacrifices of many others deserves the recognition and praise. I am only a conduit and a cheerleader, and so very humbled and grateful for the honor on behalf of my school district."

Cal State University Strike Averted



TENURED professors, counselors, coaches, librarians, lecturers, and other members of the CFA on the picket line.

By Stepheny Gehrig

College students across California expected to have an extra week of winter break as Cal State University professors, coaches, librarians, and lecturers geared up for a 5-day strike from Jan 22-26 across all 23 campuses. Just after one day of striking, the California Faculty Association and the CSU came to a tentative agreement, which was announced to students around 9:30 P.M. on Jan. 22, with the expectation that students return to class on Jan. 23.

If completed, this 5-day strike would have been the longest strike in CSU history. However, even though it lasted just one day, Kate Ozment, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in English at Cal Poly Pomona and CFA Assembly Delegate,

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House Passes Bi-Partisan 'PRESS Act' to Protect Reporters

America moves closer to establishing its first federal press shield law.

With the massive government-coordinated censorship programs in place and the mainstream media questioning any defense of the First Amendment, it would seem freedom of the press is on its back foot of late.

But Thursday, the House of Representatives – on a bi-partisan voice vote – passed the PRESS Act brought forward by Rep. Kevin Kiley, (R-Rocklin), and Democrat Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD).

PRESS stand for “Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying” and the bill does just that, specifically “shielding journalists from court-ordered disclosure of information about a source and what the source told them unless disclosure of the protected information is necessary to prevent, or to identify any perpetrator of, an act of terrorism against the United States, or necessary to prevent the threat of imminent violence, significant bodily harm, or death, including specified offenses against a minor.”

Additionally, the bill expands the definition of who is a member of the press and bars secret government efforts to finagle information from reporters, including seizing reporters’ records. It is hoped the bill will also curtail the practice of federal agencies pressuring to the point of jailing reporters to get them to reveal news sources.

“Liberty depends on the freedom of the press. Journalists are often the first to expose government fraud, waste, abuse and encroachments on personal freedoms. A critical aspect of the freedom of the press is the pursuit of truth without government entanglements or intimidation,” Kiley said. “Administrations from both political parties have unjustly targeted journalists and used compulsory process to obtain information from them about their sources. Most states have protected journalists from such interference, and it is past time for Congress to do so as well.”

As to “most states” having a form of shield law protecting reporters, it’s more than most – it’s 49 in fact, with only Wyoming having no formal law.

“Journalists shouldn’t be forced to choose between burning their sources or going to jail,” said Freedom of the Press Foundation Director of Advocacy Seth Stern. “With the House’s bipartisan vote approving the PRESS Act, Congress comes one step closer to providing powerful protection against surveillance of journalists.”

Not only does the measure have bi-partisan Congressional support, it also has been endorsed by numerous industry and advocacy groups, from the ACLU to the National Association of Broadcasters.

Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD). (Photo: raskin.house.gov)

Raskin – who taught Kiley at Yale – has been working on a similar bill for more than five years was pleased it has now passed.

“Our Constitution provides that no law shall abridge the freedom of the press and inspires us to protect journalists against government overreach and abuse of the subpoena power,” Raskin said. “Our bipartisan PRESS Act vindicates the promise of journalistic freedom.”

The bill has identical companion legislation in the Senate where it also enjoys bi-partisan support and is expected to pass easily.

“With Thursday’s vote, America moves closer to establishing our first federal press shield law. This legislation protects the constitutional promise of a free press and vindicates our founding principle of journalistic freedom for a self-governing people,” Kiley said. “The PRESS Act will finally create a federal statutory privilege to protect journalists from being compelled to reveal confidential sources and to prevent the abuse of subpoena power. Reporters depend on discretion and confidentiality to keep the American public informed, and should never have to worry that their emails or phone records will be subject to compulsory process.”

Study Reveals Trust in California Local Media Among the Highest in America

In an age where America’s political divide is increasingly mirrored in the media consumption habits of its citizens, the local media landscape offers a glimpse of hope.

National news outlets, often seen through a partisan lens, contrast with the more trusted local media. A survey conducted by PRFire.com, a leading press release distribution service, involving 3,000 participants, reveals a complex yet reassuring portrait of local news.

Despite a troubling decline in the number of local news outlets nationwide, local journalism retains a significant degree of public trust. According to the survey, a substantial 60% of respondents express confidence in local media, markedly higher than the 47% who trust national outlets. This suggests that local media continues to play a crucial role in informing communities, a testament to its relevance and resilience.

However, this trust is not uniformly distributed across the U.S. For instance, a remarkable 83% of people in Delaware trust their local media, but this figure drops to a mere 50% in states like Tennessee, Oregon, and Idaho. The reasons for these disparities warrant further exploration but could include factors such as regional political leanings, the presence of local news deserts, and the effectiveness of community engagement by local media.

In California, local publications are highly regarded, with 61% of respondents affirming their trustworthiness, positioning these media outlets as some of the most trusted in the country.

PRFire.com’s investigation into the

public’s perception of local news reveals a nuanced understanding of media bias and representation. A slight majority, 66%, acknowledge some level of ideological slant in local publications.

Yet, this does not seem to undermine the media’s perceived inclusivity, as 64% believe their local outlets reflect their community’s diversity. This is significant, as it highlights the crucial role of local media in fostering a sense of community cohesion and representation.

Encouragingly, the perceived integrity of local news appears to be on solid ground, with 65% feeling that its trustworthiness has either improved or remained consistent over the past five years. This could be attributed to local media’s closer ties to the communities they serve, potentially making them more responsive and accountable to their audiences.

Lastly, over half of the respondents (55%) feel that local media provides a sufficiently diverse array of perspectives and opinions. In a polarized era, the ability of local news to offer a variety of viewpoints is more important than ever, suggesting that while there is always room for improvement, local media is on the right track.

In conclusion, local media in America occupies a unique and vital position. As the national media landscape becomes more partisan, local news offers a more trusted, inclusive, and community-focused alternative. While challenges remain, the findings from PR Fire’s survey offer a hopeful outlook for the future of local journalism in America.

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La Mirada History: Gardenhill Park Amphitheater Rocks With 'Teen Beat' Concerts in the 60's and 70's



GARDENHILL PARK was originally built in 1959, "Teen Beat" was a music program venued at the amphitheater built in the early 1960s. During the summer months the concerts got so large the concerts were cancelled.

By La Mirada Councilman John Lewis

Gardenhill Park was originally built in 1959 when five acres were purchased by the Southeast Recreation and Park District. But it was the Gardenhill Park Amphitheater, built in the early 1960's, that became the central hub of teen night-life in 1960's-1970's.

"Teen Beat" was a music program venued at the amphitheater during the summer months. Here, bands like Wyl-defyre and United Sound would headline the concerts and the crowds would continue to grow at these summer concerts.

La Mirada's "Teen Beat" concerts

were a popular event during these Summer months and would attract large crowds that eventually became unruly, according to reports.

Teen Beat concerts became so popular and the crowds became too large for the small amphitheater wherein a meeting was called at La Mirada City Hall in April, 1972; the notice was run in the Lamplighter.

Eventually the Teen Beat concerts were cancelled. There were many other music concerts held at the amphitheater, but certainly many La Mirada residents remember the good times and fun nights they had at the Gardenhill Park Amphitheater "Teen Beat" program.

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habilitation of damaged concrete, asphalt, irrigation, and fencing. Rehabilitation work has continued on and is progressing very well."

But, much of the remaining underground testing for contamination and remediation still needs to be completed and remains pending; those potential costs were not included in the settlement agreement with Kinder Morgan.

"The settlement does not release Kinder Morgan, Inc. from any contamination claims that, in general, include costs or damages that arise from any environmental contamination related to the gasoline leak," Cerritos Staff wrote in the report.

The next review of the golf course issue will be in sixty days.

In other news, in December, the Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$97,000 to California Constructors for Heritage Park roof replacement; awarded a contract in the amount of \$1.4 million to

Southern California Landscape, Inc. for Sports Complex soil restoration; award a contract in the amount of \$3.1 million to Hardy & Harper, Inc. for Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard rehabilitation.

Lakewood Farmers Market Every Saturday

Stop by the Farmers Market in Lakewood on the corner of Clark Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to pick up fresh fruits and veggies for the week.

Sample some treats, explore the artisan booths for handcrafted items, and check out the new vendors at the market, including those offering Chinese dumplings, crepes/pancakes, churros and coffee.

Vendors accept cash, and many also accept cards for payment.

Be sure to follow them on Instagram @farmersmarketplacelblk for updates.

Pico Rivera Hosts Blood Drive

Help those in need by donating blood. The city of Pico Rivera in cooperation with the American Red Cross, will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Boulevard.

To donate blood, one must be in good health, have a valid photo I.D., and be 16 years of age or older.

To schedule your Blood Donation appointment at this location or other locations, or for more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org.

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stead performed off TV, on cards promoted by the company owned by his father and trainer, Neto, at LumColor Phoenix Center, a small venue in Ontario, California.

Mercado, who was recently awarded BoxingScene.com's Prospect of the Year in 2023 has gone the independent route. Though he fights nothing like Devin Haney, his method to fame is similar. His father, Ernesto Mercado Sr., is funding his career, and paying for fights locally against good opponents.

At just 22-years-old Mercado holds wins over Hank Lundy, Jeremia Nakathila, and Xolisani Ndongeni. His record 13 wins, no losses with 12 knockout wins. Ndongeni is the only man to go all ten rounds with him as of now.

No opponent has been given for Mercado as of now.

Joining Tito on this stacked card are a lineup of seasoned and aspiring fighters, including:

- Joey Abudy (3-0, 2 KOs)
- Mylik Birdsong (14-1, 10 KOs)
- Matias Radcliffe (6-0-1, 4 KOs)
- Juan Estrada (1-0, 1 KO)
- Kyle Erwin (7-1, 3 KOs)
- Jaime Cuesta (6-0, 3 KOs)

In addition, Manuel Tercero will be making his professional debut, adding an exciting element to an already thrilling fight card. Each of these fighters will showcase their dedication and resilience in separate bouts, promising an unforgettable night for all boxing enthusiasts.

Ticket Information: Tickets for this exciting event can be purchased at www.MarvNation.com. For those unable to attend in person, the fights will be available for live streaming on our app, MarvNationTV.

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cilities and parks. Opportunities for converting to renewable energy sources were also incorporated into the plan.

According to a city report, lighting conversion to LED has been completed for buildings and parks. The La Mirada Theatre roof and HVAC units have been replaced, as were the Gymnasium HVAC units; the Gymnasium roof replacement is scheduled for spring.

Several items at Splash! have been replaced, including the thermal water heating system, while new pool pumps will be installed by May. Solar panel and electric vehicle charging station installations within the Civic Center parking lots are expected to begin in January.

The Santa Gertrudes Avenue corridor traffic signal project is expected to be completed by spring. The program includes upgrades to existing traffic signal components and the overall appearance of the signal equipment. A protected left-turn signal is being added for Foster Road.

Streets bounded by Rosecrans Avenue, east City limits, Alondra Boulevard, Stage Road, and La Mirada Creek were slurried; only striping and punch list items remain. The project should be complete by the end of January.

Pending projects include the City Hall fountain, which will be modified and

renovated. The pool area will be reduced, and all the plumbing, electrical, and pump system components will be replaced. The fountain project is tentatively scheduled to go out to bid in February.

The Creek Park pedestrian-vehicle bridge is scheduled to be replaced; the project is tentatively scheduled to go out to bid in February.

Over \$6 million has been secured for the Creek Park renovation. The project includes preparing design plans, specifications, and estimates for improvements to Creek Park, including handicap accessibility, bridge replacement, lighting replacement, irrigation replacement, grading for removal of built-up silt, and re-landscaping. A majority of the funding came from the Safe Clean Water Program, with \$300,000 from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The project should be ready for bid in the summer.

Storm drain catch basin capture devices will be installed in over 400 catch basins throughout the city. The devices prevent litter, debris, heavy metals, and other contaminants from entering the storm drain system. Construction is expected to begin in mid-summer.

Projects currently in design include the Neff Park renovation; a preliminary concept plan was presented at a recent City Council Study Session. Some fine-tuning to the concept plan is being made before it is brought back before the City Council for further review. Design will commence upon approval of the final concept plan. Just over \$676,000 in grants was received for construction.

If necessary, Behringer Park will get irrigation, turf renovation, and ADA upgrades. A final concept plan will be presented to the City Council in early 2024, and design will commence upon approval of the plan; a \$2,750,000 grant was received for construction.

Passings: Frances Lawlor

It is with great sorrow that the Lawlor family announces the loss of their beloved mother, Frances, who passed away on December 13, 2023, at the age of 92.

Francesca Amantea was born in Maione, Italy, in 1931, to Eugenio and Erminia Amantea.

In 1946, a 15-year-old Francesca, accompanied by her mother and younger brother Hugo, arrived in the United States via Ellis Island on their way to Los Angeles to help her father run his eponymous cafe, Gino's.

While working at Gino's in the early 50's, this Mediterranean beauty caught the eye of LAPD beat cop Thomas Patrick Lawlor, a strapping first-generation Irish American.

Wedding bells swiftly followed, and not long afterward, a burgeoning brood.

In 1956, Tommy and Frances bought a corner plot in the country's first planned city, La Mirada. Seven years later, the four-bedroom ranch-style dwelling was filled to capacity!

The camaraderie, support, and great friendships Frances forged within this idyllic community with fellow mothers Dorothy, Betty, Sophie, and Betsy helped her navigate the herculean task of raising six children in an adoptive country.

In the late 1970s, with the family facing hard times, Frances found herself on the front lines. The cookie line at our nation's preeminent biscuit factory, Nabisco, After a brief stint scooping Wheat Thins et al. from a conveyor belt, she herself was scooped up and given a coveted spot in the Sanitation Department. The move represented a change in unions, a substantial pay raise, and the perfect environment for her detailed, meticulous nature to shine—literally. The impact of her tenure at Nabisco cannot be overstated. She found new confidence and financial freedom, but most importantly, she formed life-long friendships with other hard-working ladies like Naomi, Katie, Angie, Linda, and Marylou.

After Tommy's death in 2001, Frances ramped up her travels, enjoying trips to Puerto Vallarta with beloved cousin Elena and husband Pasquale, Hawaii, and Europe—with notable trips to Bar-



FRANCES LAWLOR lived in La Mirada since 1956.

celona, Antwerpen, Brugge, Amsterdam, Paris, Lille, Brussels, Ghent, Cologne, and London.

However, it was her home of 67 years and sunny California where she was most happy. She loved trips to the beach and being tan. She loved to be barefoot and wield a nozzled hose to tidy her yard. She loved to prepare good food, feed people, and dish the dirt over an espresso with the girls.

Owing to her good health and support from her children, family friends Jill and Marti, and most recently, her niece Christina Erminia, she was able to live out her life in her forever home.

She is survived by her six children: Nora Patricia Greer (Jeff), Michael Eugene, Christina Maria (Mehran Saidi), Thomas Sean, Timothy John (Susan), and Terence Brendan (Ivan). She is also survived by her nine grandsons: Kyle, Wesley, Kevin, Jacob, Karl, Andrew, Bradley, Riley, and Thomas; and her six great-grandchildren, Emma, Kayli, Alex, Declan, Allan, and James.

This amazing, strong-willed American matriarch will be greatly missed. It is said that if a mother has done her job right, her voice will be in the ears of her children all their lives. Let's just say she excelled at being a mother!

There is a funeral mass at Saint Paul of the Cross Church in La Mirada today, Friday, January 26th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.



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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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'Mystic Pizza' Brings '80s to La Mirada Theater



MYSTIC: Jake Swain, Monika Peña, Kyra Kennedy, Jeff Skowron, Gianna Yanelli, Krystina Alabado, Rachel Kae Wirtz and Domo D'dante star in "MYSTIC PIZZA," directed by Casey Hushion and playing at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

By **Stephany Gehrig**

The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts is showcasing the West Coast premier of "Mystic Pizza" with an impressive headliner cast.

Inspiring a nostalgic '80s women-empowering rom-com, "Mystic Pizza" indulges in the cheesy aspects of romance while touching on hard-hitting themes of race, class, identity, and femininity. The musical's thematic undertones are balanced with fun-filled and toe-tapping renditions of the '80s hits like "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" and "Take My Breath Away".

In a small-town pizza joint, the three leading women Daisy Arujo (Krystina Alabado), Kat Arujo (Kyra Kennedy) and Jojo Barboza (Gianna Yanelli) lean on each other to navigate their relationships with family, partners and even each other. With a blithe atmosphere that is carefully constructed throughout the musical, "Mystic Pizza" successfully integrates the wistfulness of a brief college romance while also touching on deeper issues regarding love.

Incorporating these pop culture hits of the '80s allows for the thematic messages to be elevated and better understood by the audience as the messages regarding race, class, identity and femininity become more palatable. But, the song choices, at times, felt a bit awkward, which is at no fault of the actors but of the production itself. When difficult topics regarding race and class were discussed between characters, the use of pop songs seemed distasteful and, in a way, disparaging.

A rendition of "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" becomes off-putting when an impactful and pivotal argument about race between father Chuck Windsor (Jake Swain) and son Charles Gordon Windsor Jr. (Michael Thomas Grant). Now, Swain's performance as an actor and singer was entertaining and enjoyable. However, the use of that song in that particular instance lessens

the impact of the issue the musical is attempting to tackle.

The relationship between Jordan Friend, who played Bill Montijo, and Yanelli, deserves its own praise as both actors charmingly bring to stage passion and humor. Friend and Yanelli complement each other on stage allowing for their on-stage relationship to seem the most realistic and relatable.

Chris Cardozo and Rayanne Gonzales, who played Tim Travers and Leona Silvia, respectively, gave stunning performances. Cardozo's romantic and graceful voice is jaw dropping, leaving a lasting memory for all audience members. Gonzales is perfectly cast as businesswoman Leona as she effectively fulfills the role of a guiding and caring figure in leading women's lives. From the minute Gonzales sang her first note of the show, audience members were thrilled to hear such a beautiful, resounding voice. Leaving audiences begging for more, the cheers and claps of the audience were well-earned for Gonzales.

Unfortunately, prior to intermission, the cast seemed to lack genuine connection or camaraderie. Most relationships seemed stoic, at least until the second half of the show. However, as the show progressed, the relationships between the characters became more believable. It might be due to the jitters of the show's first runnings that made the relationships seem surface level, so there is hope that as the show continues, the dynamic and interactions between characters improve.

As sisters, Alabado and Kennedy display the hardships and intricacies of familial relationships. Although the arguments on stage seem shallow, the resolution between the two is authentic and emotional. As performers, with powerful, moving voices Alabado and Kennedy are able to successfully convey the emotion of the characters.

Overall, "Mystic Pizza" is a fun and enjoyable musical that reaches much deeper than expected. The show is able to touch on many deep-rooted issues that -- even though it's set in the '80s -- are still prevalent today. With a well-formed, thorough plot and likable characters, "Mystic Pizza" is a fabulous show that is worth seeing while it's in La Mirada.

With tickets starting at \$19, "Mystic Pizza" will reside at the La Mirada Theatre until Feb. 11. The show runs about two hours and 20 minutes, including intermission and is recommended for ages 12 and older due to some themes.



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Mothers at Work Children's Center Has Immediate Openings

Staff Report

Mothers at Work Children's Center (M.A.W.), located at the Burns Community Center at 5510 Clark Ave., Lakewood, is an educational center offering a full day program for young children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old. This is a year-round preschool program which operates from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Children do not need to be toilet trained to enroll. A hot breakfast is served each morning and hot lunches and

two snacks are also provided daily.

Each classroom has one teacher for each group of 10-12 children. All of the teachers specialize in the field of early childhood education and provide instruction and experience in language development, math, science, health, art, music, physical development and dramatic play.

M.A.W. is licensed by the State Department of Social Services- license number 191601006.

For more information, email Director Shelia Palmer at spalmermaw@gmail.com or call 562-867-4083.

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stated that this was the largest strike to have taken place.

"This is our first system-wide strike," Ozment said. "It's five days at 23 campuses and it's like actually 115 strikes actions."

Tenured track professors, counselors, coaches, librarians, lecturers, and other members of the CFA, along with Teamsters Local 2010, took to the picket lines with the goal of better and adequate wages, better parental leave, and better mental health services for students.

"We asked for several things that are very important to our membership, including a 12% raise, a semester of parental leave, and then our lecturer faculty. The lowest paid get paid as little as \$54,000 a year to teach ten classes, so we tried to raise the salary floor for them," Ozment said.

According to the CFA statement on Jan. 22, a few aspects of the tentative agreement that the CFA and CSU settled on include a 5% increase in salary beginning July 1 for all faculty, contingent on the fact that the CSU does not face any defunding from the state of California, paid parental leave is increased to 10 weeks, a \$3,000 minimum wage increase for lowest-paid faculty, increased protection for "those who have dealings with the police by providing with a union rep," better access to gender-inclusive bathrooms and lactation spaces.

In December 2023, CFA members across various CSUs participated in rolling strikes. These strikes occurred across various campuses, but most professors hosted class via Zoom or rescheduled for another day.

"We authorized the strike at the end of October and we then ended up going on strike in rolling strikes the first week of December," Ozment said. "We were really hopeful that our escalating job actions would show management we were serious and that we could get a deal but then the most money they would offer us for a raise was 5%."

During that time, official emails from the presidents of the universities were administered to students strongly suggesting that students report professors who are striking. These emails did not state what these reports and data would track or be used for.

Students were able to join CFA and Teamsters Local 2010 at the picket lines.

Members of the CFA hosted picket lines at the entrances of the CSUs with the goal of making the campus become empty.

Students also supported the strike by not crossing picket lines, however professors who decide to hold class during the strike are able to deduct points and lower grades of students who do not

attend class due to the strike.

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Every student, no matter the program, will experience an increase in their tuition, and tuition will not return to the original amount prior to the increase.

With the goal of creating revenue for the CSU, students are left to wonder where their tuition money is going, if not to the educators.

"Tuition increase of \$342 per resident undergraduate student would take the annual tuition price from \$5,742 per student to \$6,084 reflecting a six percent rate increase in 2024-2025," according to the CSU proposal.

Economically, the CSU has over \$8.5 billion in investments. In a press release on Jan. 22, the CSU stated that the 12% increase that the CFA asked for will cost \$312 million in 2024 alone.

"They have \$8.6 Billion in cash and investments," Ozment said. "All of CFA's ask would be \$380 million — they have 8.6 Billion in reserves just sitting there."

According to the CSU's statement regarding the agreement, the tentative agreement has not been ratified by union leaders and the Board of Trustees, but it serves as a basis to inform voting and show how the contracts will function prior to being approved.

"With the agreement in place, I look forward to advancing our student-centered work — together — as the nation's greatest driver of social mobility and the pipeline fueling California's diverse and educated workforce," said Mildred Garcia, the CSU Chancellor in the Jan 22. press release.

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THE FAMOUS "Pea Soup Andersen's" restaurant in Buellton has closed its doors after being open for nearly 100 years.

By Brian Hews

Raise your hand if you have been there! I have, many times, my brother lived in Solvang for 20 years.

"Pea Soup Andersen's" restaurant in Buellton has closed its doors after being open for nearly 100 years. The closing of the iconic spot came as a surprise to many longtime fans and travelers since there was no official announce-

ment made by the restaurant. Pea Soup Andersen's was located just off the 101 Freeway in Santa Ynez Valley and claims to have served 2-million cups of soup every year.

The historic restaurant first opened its doors in 1924 after Anton Andersen, from Denmark, purchased the piece of land with his wife, Juliette. It was originally called "Andersen's Electric Cafe," in honor of their new electric stove.

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.

Priority Mail Stamps Show Images From Webb Space Telescope

The U.S. Postal Service today celebrates NASA's continued exploration of deep space by issuing two new stamps featuring stunning images captured by the James Webb Space Telescope. A \$9.85 Pillars of Creation Priority Mail stamp is being released along with a \$30.45 Cosmic Cliffs Priority Mail Express stamp.

Pillars of Creation

Launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on Dec. 25, 2021, the James Webb Space Telescope is the largest and most sensitive telescope ever deployed in space. Revealing the cosmos in vivid, infrared detail, it is designed to provide scientists with breathtaking images and new data.

The Priority Mail stamp features the Pillars of Creation, a trillions-of-miles-tall formation that lies 6,500 light-years away from Earth within the vast Eagle Neb-



PILLARS OF CREATION, a trillions-of-miles-tall formation that lies 6,500 light-years away from Earth.

ula. Flush with gas and dust, the Pillars enshroud stars that are forming over many millennia. The Webb Telescope snapped this eerie image in 2022, revealing a new view of a vast stellar landscape.

Red areas toward the end of the Pillars show burgeoning stars ejecting raw ma-



THE COSMIC CLIFFS of the Carina Nebula are a stellar nursery — a birthplace of new stars and planets.

terials as they form, while the relatively small red orbs scattered throughout the image show newly born stars. Some of that material may turn into new planets.

Cosmic Cliffs

The Cosmic Cliffs of the Carina Nebula are a stellar nursery — a birthplace of new stars and planets. Captured in stunning detail by the Webb Telescope, the vivid image on the Priority Mail Express stamp reveals an area of powerful energy and activity within our own Milky Way galaxy.

Within the enormous swirl of the Cosmic Cliffs, radiation and solar winds emitted by newly formed stars blow gases and dust into a frenzy of creation and destruction. These particles are the active building blocks of new stars and planets.

Red and yellow flares scattered throughout the image show developing and newly born stars, while the orange and brown clouds in the lower third of the image are swirls of dust and gas. Additional stars in the Milky Way, as well as distant galaxies, appear in the blue and black regions above and beyond the nebula.

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South Coast Botanic Garden to Host Month-Long Lunar New Year Celebration

South Coast Botanic Garden is bringing back its second annual Lunar New Year Celebration, only this year, it's a month-long event.

The festivities will take place every Saturday and Sunday during February and will include live performances, crafting stations, games, photo opportunities and more.

The two 30-minute live performances will take place at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wushu Shaolin Entertainment will present lion dancers, dragon dancers, martial arts demonstrations and folk dancers. Palos Verdes High School will present a drum performance along with folk dancers.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Garden will host two crafting activities including dragon puppet and lantern-making stations. Palos Verdes High School will host chopstick races, Mahjong, calligraphy and Go! Game.

Food will be available for purchase from Mikhuna food truck.

"Last year's Lunar New Celebration was such a success, we wanted to be able to provide a better experience for even more guests this year," says Adrienne Nakashima, the Garden's CEO. "Our mission is to be a Garden for ALL, and events like this speak directly to that. By expanding this event to every weekend in February, we can truly be a place for ALL



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to come to commemorate the Year of the Dragon."

While the Lunar New Year Celebration is included with General Admission, the Garden is also hosting a variety of add-on experiences in the form of classes. The Way of Tea: Ceremony Demonstration and Tea Service will take place on February 18.

The Garden partnered with the Urasenke Tankokai Los Angeles Association to bring guests an authentic Japanese Tea Ceremony experience.

Guests will observe a traditional tea ceremony, hosted and narrated by experts from the Urasenke Association, and will then enjoy a modified tea service, complete with a cup of tea and some sweet

treats.

The Garden will also provide guests with a "Plants of the Lunar New Year" handout that will lead them to find culturally significant plants throughout its 87 acres.

"It is important to bring authentic cultural experiences to the Garden," says Nakashima. "Partnering with organizations like Wushu Shaolin Entertainment, PV High and the Urasenke

Tankokai Los Angeles Association allows us to bring in the expertise while providing them a picture-perfect backdrop with our winter blooms and green foliage."

Lunar New Year Celebration at South Coast Botanic Garden Saturdays and Sundays in February. Crafts and games will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with 30-minute live performances at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets: Free for Members. Up to \$15 for non-members.

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MID-CITIES LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL

EARLY NORWALK TURNOVERS PAVE WAY FOR FAST START BY GAHR, WHICH STAYS IN UPPER HALF OF LEAGUE

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

The second round of Mid-Cities League play began last Friday, and it was somewhat of a crossroads tilt between Gahr High and Norwalk High. The former, which was the visiting team in its own gymnasium was hoping to stay within a game of the top spot in the circuit while the Lancers, who have played every game this season on the road, needed a win to keep their dire playoff chances alive.

Gahr came out blazing in all phases, scoring its first two baskets from offensive rebounds while the defense forced half a dozen turnovers early. In the end, the Gladiators cruised to a 57-39 victory, improving to 14-8 overall, 4-2 in the circuit and mired in a three-way battle for second place with Bellflower High and Warren High,

“Second round, and now there’s more film out [there],” said Gahr head coach Marcus Girley. “The scouting reports are elevated, so now coaches are going to key in on mismatches. They’re going to execute their sets; they’re going to tweak things.

“I thought, overall, our kids did good,” he continued. “We’ve basically been telling them this is a new season. This is kind of that prequel, or beginning stages to the playoffs, especially with

the position we’re in. For us, it’s pretty much must win every situation.”

Senior Miles Merchant and junior Joshua Pearson each scored within the first 51 seconds of the game off rebounds, prompting Norwalk head coach Brent Campanelli to call a timeout. By then, Gahr had already taken six shots from the field because the Lancers were turning the ball over.

“We couldn’t get any rebounds,” said Campanelli. “They’re a really good defensive team; they put a lot of pressure on us. And it makes ball handling difficult; difficult to get into our offensive sets. But I really thought it was a couple of offensive rebounds early. I called a timeout [less than] 60 seconds into the ball game and we had already given up five offensive rebounds. A 10-0 [deficit] is hard to overcome.”

Exactly three minutes into the game was when Norwalk junior Andruw Castellanos ended the scoring drought. Then with 2:54 remaining in the stanza, senior Tyler Tedtaotao scored five straight points and senior Gabriel Esquivel added a basket as Norwalk crawled back to trail 12-9. However, beginning at the 1:09 mark in the quarter and lasting until there were 2:05 left in the half, the Gladiators put the game away with a 19-2 run.

All five Gahr starters scored in the first quarter and by halftime, Pearson

had eight points, three rebounds and two assists. Coming off the bench and playing in his eighth game since becoming eligible was junior Ethan Carey, who added six points and a pair of rebounds.

“This week of preparation, I was telling them that we had to be [ready] when we hit the court,” said Girley. “There’s no more, ‘my bad’. There’s no more, ‘oh, I’ll get it next time’. There might not be a next time. I think the kids just kind of bought in to what we were trying sell as far as their intensity has to be out of the gate. It has to start in warm-ups.”

“We’ve been a notoriously slow starting group all year,” said Campanelli. “So once we kind of got settled in, we were able to understand what that pressure was, and then got some good looks and made [baskets]. Obviously, it didn’t translate the whole game.”

Gahr led 31-13 at the half and continued the pressure in the early moments of the second half, going on a 6-2 run in less than two minutes. Norwalk sophomore David Zazueta, who had been a consistent starter all season, came off the bench to score all seven of his points in less than two minutes in the stanza. Junior Ariel Rodriguez, another consistent starter, also came off the bench and attempted three shots, all coming in the fourth quarter and scored on two of them. Campanelli said both were feeling a little ill.

“I thought David came in late and played well; I thought Ariel came in and played well,” said Campanelli. “But starting Gabriel and [senior] Robert [Salazar] gave us a little bit more size. We were trying to neutralize [Gahr] a little bit that way.”

Nine players scored for the Lancers, but a third of them were starters, led by Tedtaotao, who had nine points on four of eight shooting. Four other players scored four points and Norwalk got 17 rebounds, one on the offensive end.

Gahr was paced by Pearson (15 points, five rebounds, two assists) while Merchant, who had scored in double figures in 15 straight games, was limited to eight points, but also had five boards, three steals and two assists.

“He’s another kid that we’ve been trying to get consistent,” said Girley of Pearson. “He finished well for us last year; he’s a junior this year. So, we have a lot of expectations for him. We give him a lot of responsibilities on both ends. I think he wasn’t thinking about this game; he played free. That’s what we’re trying to get all our kids to understand-if you’re thinking about a mistake, you have a great chance of making a mistake. Josh was just playing in a rhythm; taking what the defense gave him, and he was attacking and finishing

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OLYMPIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL

INJURY-PLAGUED VALLEY CHRISTIAN TEAMS SWEEP BY HERITAGE CHRISTIAN, BOYS STILL ALIVE FOR PLAYOFFS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

The numbers keep dwindling for the Valley Christian High girls basketball team, and at the wrong possible moment in the regular season. The Defenders went from 10 healthy players at the beginning of the season, to seven and now half a dozen suited up against visiting Heritage Christian High this past Tuesday.

Despite the small team, V.C. held its own until the final two minutes of the third quarter before the Warriors went on an 11-2 run, leading to a 39-35 victory. V.C. was down by 10 points late in the first quarter, then owned the second quarter to tie the game at 20-20 by halftime before taking a five-point advantage midway through the third quarter. The loss put the Defenders at 9-15 overall, 2-4 in league and in fourth place.

“It’s been the way we’ve been playing all year,” said V.C. head coach Dan Leffler. “We start really slow, so it’s something I’ve been working on forever. For all the games that we’ve played, we seem to dig ourselves into a hole. But they battled. We have to make better decisions and I think that would slow the game down a little bit.”

Junear Mansour ended the first quarter scoring with a three-pointer, making it 18-9 Warriors. They wouldn’t score again until there were 85 seconds remaining in the half. Meanwhile, the Defenders got baskets from freshman Hannah Burgoyne, then consecutive two-pointers from sophomore Gracie Verhoef and a pair of free throws from sophomore Liana Lopez to make it a one-point contest. After Natalie Najjar scored Heritage Christian’s lone points of the stanza, Burgoyne’s three-pointer with three seconds left tied the game.

Her three-point play inside two minutes of the second half gave the hosts their

first lead of the game and was the beginning of a 9-4 run to begin the second half. But the Defenders would be held without a point for the final 4:11 of the quarter and missed their final nine shots of the stanza.

“Obviously, we have a player and a bunch of role players, and I think they’re running out of gas,” said Leffler. “So, it was really difficult for me to get them to run our sets and get people open because they’re fatigued. I couldn’t really do what we wanted to do, and it puts a lot of pressure on Hannah because she gets the ball in her hands all the time. She’s a better player without the ball in her hands, but we have to have her dribble.”

The Warriors began the fourth quarter missing their first nine shots but were able to maintain a one-point lead until Haley Reitz ended that drought. Their lead expanded to six points before solo free throws from senior Jada Thompson and junior Chayse Chambers made it a two-possession game with 42.2 seconds left. But with Leffler calling for his players to move up on the Heritage Christian players on offense so they could foul them, it wouldn’t be until 6.6 seconds remained before the clock stopped. To add insult to injury, the Defenders missed eight free throws, six of which came in the fourth quarter.

“Our goal is 75 percent from the free throw line,” said Leffler. “That’s a team goal and we obviously were far from that. That, amongst other things in that game, was a problem. I feel like we had a ton of opportunities that...we didn’t finish when we were around the basket.”

All five starters played every minute with Burgoyne leading everyone with 19 points while Lopez pitched in with six points and eight rebounds and Thompson adding 10 boards. The Defenders visit Whittier Christian High on Tuesday and host Village Christian High on Thursday, the top two teams in league, to conclude

the regular season. Barring the upsets of all upsets, the Defenders will miss the postseason for a second straight season and finish with less than 10 wins for the third consecutive season.

“I tried not to put too much pressure on them, but it was definitely a huge game for us, and I let them know, ‘hey listen, we go 3-3 or we go 2-4’, and that kind of controls our destiny here,” said Leffler. “It’s still an option to be tied with [Heritage Christian] and have to play a play-in game. But now we’ve lost that opportunity to do that. We really needed to win today. I applaud the girls that worked hard. We’ve been injury-prone all year, but with three starters on the bench, I was super proud of the effort that they gave to keep us in the game.”

Following the game, the V.C. boys team, which has had its share of injuries as well, gave Heritage Christian all it could handle before succumbing in a 61-49 affair. The Defenders trailed by a point with 4:38 left in the first half before the Warriors, who clinched no worse than a share of the league title, went on an 8-2 run to end the half, and a 12-2 run in the first 3:37 of the second half to put the game away.

“We tried to give them a different look,” said V.C. first-year head coach Dijon Thompson. “We’ve been struck by injuries, to be honest. We have guys out there not really at 100 percent. But we had enough to win this game.”

Senior Myles Harvey sank the first of his two downtown shots nearly midway through the opening quarter, making it 7-7 before the Warriors scored the next eight points. But throughout the game, the Defenders would go on shooting streaks and slumps. After hitting three straight in the first quarter, they went on a one for seven slump before hitting four of their next five as V.C. trailed 21-20 with 4:38 left in the half.

Then with the Defenders down 41-24, senior Jacob Bayla scored off a rebound and from there, they went on a stretch of nearly eight minutes where they were nine of 11 from the field. The last of those baskets was from junior Bryce Shepherd, and it made the score 52-45. But Heritage Christian was seven of 10 from the field in the fourth quarter.

Bayla led V.C. (13-12, 1-5) with 15 points and seven rebounds while senior Gavin Stahl came off the bench to score 11 points, including consecutive three-pointers in the fourth quarter. Harvey pitched in with 10 points and three assists.

“It’s a grind; it’s a tough league,” said Thompson. “And we’re talking about the travel as well, not just the competition. But we are a capable team. We could have beaten this team and out of our 11 losses, we have six that have been by four points or less. So, we’re competing and we’re giving ourselves chances to win games, and we’re just blowing it.”

Besides the two remaining league contests, the Defenders also host Mayfair High on Friday and have a chance to end the regular season at .500 or better and get into the CIF-Southern Section playoffs as an at-large team. Whittier Christian is below V.C. in the standings while the first meeting with Village Christian was a 51-47 setback.

“We knew this game was going to be tough,” said Thompson. “Coming into this game, we had four games and three out of the four are at home. We’re definitely confident in the last few games of who we have to play. Then again, we haven’t had a full roster the whole year. We started the season off without Jacob. Now [sophomore] Josiah [James], in the middle of the season, missed about eight games. But we still have a chance, and we know that. And we have a good position with home games.”

ARTESIA, CERRITOS BOYS BASKETBALL TO BATTLE FOR TOP SPOT IN 605 LEAGUE

By Loren Kopff
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Note: Results of games played on Jan. 24 came after press time. Girls soccer in the 605 League plays at the opposite location of boys and girls basketball and boys soccer. All basketball records are as of Jan. 22.

The two strongest boys basketball programs in the brief history of the 605 League will meet on Jan. 24 with first place on the line, and possibly the league title. Cerritos High visited Artesia High, hoping to sweep the Pioneers for the first time since 2021 and the ninth time since 2014.

Five days into the new calendar year, Cerritos (13-10, 6-0) escaped with a 50-47 victory on its home court, rallying from six points down with 1:31 left in the third quarter to go up by six points with 1:41 remaining in the contest. Artesia won the advantage on the glass with 41 rebounds. However, 10 players scored for Cerritos, which shot 10 of 41 from three-point territory and five of 15 two-point baskets.

Senior Zion Staples, who took a bad fall 23 seconds into the game and sat out the remainder of the first half, led the Pioneers with 12 points while senior Joshua Martinez added 11 points. Cerritos, which is ranked fifth in the CIF-Southern Section Division 4AA poll, was led by seniors Shay Pema (12 points) and Osinachi Agaranna (nine points).

Artesia (15-8, 5-1) hosts Whitney High on Friday, visits Pioneer High on Tuesday and goes to Oxford Academy on Thursday to wrap of the regular season while Cerritos hosts Pioneer

on Friday, entertains John Glenn High on Tuesday and goes to Whitney on Thursday.

In other 605 League games with playoff implications, both in basketball and soccer, the Whitney boys basketball team began the week in third place, a game behind Artesia and two behind Cerritos. The Wildcats (13-8, 4-2) visited last place Glenn on Jan. 24 and will be home to Oxford Academy on Tuesday.

In girls basketball, if there are no hiccups along the way, Cerritos (14-9, 6-0) and Whitney (16-7, 5-1) will vie for the league title on the last day of the regular season. Cerritos defeated the Wildcats 64-60 on Jan. 17 behind 28 points from senior Oneyka Nwanze and another 13 from senior Mia Rivera. Whitney dropped to 16th in Division 2A and got 20 points each from senior Kylie Wang and freshman Alyssa So. In addition to the final four league games on tap, Cerritos will visit Laguna Beach High on Saturday while Whitney goes to Orangewood Academy on Saturday.

In boys soccer action this past Tuesday, Artesia (15-0-3, 6-0-1) tied Cerritos (5-9-3, 3-1-3) 1-1, which snapped Artesia's streak of 13 straight games of not allowing a goal. Cerritos is tied with Oxford Academy (3-1-3 in league) for second place after the Patriots tied Pioneer (3-3-1 in league) 2-2. Artesia, ranked fourth in Division 2, has now yielded four goals the entire season.

In girls soccer action, it remains Cerritos (11-4-1, 5-0-0) on top with Artesia (12-2-2, 3-1-0), ranked ninth in Division 7, in second place and Oxford Academy a game behind. Cerritos will also face

San Pedro High on Monday.

GATEWAY LEAGUE

The La Mirada High boys basketball team, tied for 13th in Division 1, is 18-7, 5-0 and pretty much locked up the league title with an 85-77 win at Lynwood High last Friday. The loss dropped Lynwood two games behind the Matadores with three to play. La Mirada hosts Mayfair High, which is tied with Lynwood, on Jan. 24 and will visit Dominguez High on Friday before ending the regular season on Feb. 1 against Downey High at home.

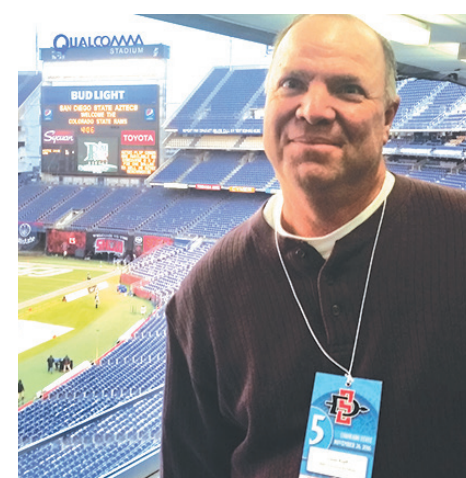
The Gahr High girls basketball team has a solid 17-5 overall mark and is ranked fourth in Division 4AA. But the Gladiators are in fourth place with a 1-3 mark as it hosts Lynwood on Jan. 24 and last place Warren High on Friday, visits Downey on Tuesday and entertains Paramount High on Feb. 1.

The La Mirada girls soccer team, sitting in third place, got past Mayfair 3-2 in overtime this past Tuesday to improve to 4-8-5, 2-2-2 with a home game against fourth place Gahr (Jan. 25) and a visit to league-leading Downey (Feb. 1) left on the regular season docket.

MID-CITIES LEAGUE

The La Mirada and Norwalk High girls basketball teams are in great shape to capture second and third place respectively. La Mirada is 15-4, 5-1 and ranked third in Division 5AA. The Matadores host league-leading Mayfair on Jan. 24, travel to Dominguez on Friday, welcome Norwalk on Tuesday and entertain Bellflower High on Feb. 1.

Norwalk (10-13, 4-2) goes to Bellflower on Jan. 24, with the Buccaneers



**LOREN KOPFF'S
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two games behind the Lancers, visits Mayfair on Tuesday and Firebaugh High on Feb. 1.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

Both Valley Christian High soccer teams are in the top three in league and will make the playoffs. The boys visited Heritage Christian High this past Tuesday and were 4-11-3, 2-2-1 while the girls (9-5-2, 4-0-1) were a half game up on Whittier Christian High for first place before their home game with Heritage Christian. The boys will host first place Whittier Christian on Monday and visit fourth place Village Christian High on Wednesday with the girls at the opposite site against the same teams. The Defenders will also host Ontario Christian High in a non-league double-header on Friday.

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in this game as well."

The Gladiators got points from 10 of the 15 players who suited up, including a career-high 10 points from junior Nathan Herrera, and eight points from Carey, the transfer from Los Alamitos High. All but two attempted a shot and Gahr crashed the boards for 30 rebounds while collecting eight steals.

Now, there is no margin for error for the Lancers, who fell to 10-14, 1-5. They need to win their remaining four games to finish at .500 and be eligible for an at-large berth in the CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA playoffs.

"We knew we had to try to make a run," said Campanelli on the approach to the second round of league. "We still have to try to make a run. But I think for us, it was just trying to have good possessions, win a quarter, [or] tie a quarter. We can't be looking ahead too much. So, that was the mindset. Spirits have been high the whole season; the group is resilient. They didn't get the win tonight, but we'll keep trying again."

Norwalk is also in danger of finishing with a losing mark for the fourth straight season. The last time that happened occurred from before the 1998-1999 season until the 2007-2008 campaign. To go one step further, the Lancers were three points shy of advancing to the semifinals during the 2019-2020 season and since going 18-12 that season, Norwalk has seen its win totals go from four to seven to 11 and now 10. It will visit Bellflower on Wednesday, last place Paramount High on Friday, Warren on Jan. 30 and league-leading Firebaugh High on Feb. 1.

"It's tough; the kids are showing up and they're playing," said Campanelli.

"I've tried to schedule accordingly. But sometimes those [preseason] tourneys' schedules don't match up. Going from one league to the next...to be honest, I don't think we're in the right league. I think we should have gone to the 605 League, or I think we should have reached out to a different league. But I don't make all those decisions. I'm not going to make an excuse; we need to try to get in where we fit in and keep getting better. But it has been tough."

Gahr ended a playoff drought of three seasons when it lost to Tustin High 29-18 in last season's Division 3AA first round. That capped off a 14-14 season and including this season, the Gladiators will have gone at least .500 three straight seasons, five out of the last six and 18 out of the last 20.

"The goal of every year is to build on what you did the previous year," said Girley. "What I love about this group of kids is we had lost some key guys from last year and a lot of people kind of left us for dead. I said, 'basketball is not about an individual'. So, I have a team this year, and I know that it may not be the same guy every game, but I have eight to 10 able bodies, and somebody is always going to pick up the slack."

Gahr will host Firebaugh on Wednesday and Warren on Friday before going to Bellflower on Jan. 30 and hosting Paramount on Feb. 1.

"There are schools with new groups of people," said Girley. "You have to get familiar to their style of play. There are some very athletic, fast, up-tempo teams. There's some more half court traditional teams. There are some teams that have deadly knockdown shooters. So each game is a different adjustment."

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	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Revenues	\$ 76,228,691	\$ 1,314,021
Expenditures/Expenses	57,132,666	2,064,316
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	19,096,025	
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions, Transfers, and Special and Extraordinary Items		(750,295)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	12,522,734	
Transfers In (Out)		(12,347,013)
Special and Extraordinary Items		10,481,304
Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	31,618,759	(2,616,004)
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Fiscal Year	85,246,283	3,937,344
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Fiscal Year	\$ 116,865,042	\$ 1,321,340

Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	9%
Effective Date of Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	4/12/1988
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NOTICE OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 62 AND PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider General Plan Amendment No. 62, initiated by the Director of Community & Economic Development pursuant to findings received from the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) regarding the Sixth Cycle Housing Element Update. General Plan Amendment No. 62 includes adoption of a revised draft Sixth Cycle Housing Element Update pursuant to HCD's findings.

WHEN: Monday, February 5, 2024
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
WHERE: Council Chamber
6615 Passons Blvd
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

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Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City's website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/housing-element/>. Please contact Estefany Franco, Planner at 562-801-4026 for additional questions.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications 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 City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**COMISIÓN DE PLANIFICACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD DE PICO RIVERA AVISO DE
AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA CONSIDERAR RECOMENDAR LA APROBACIÓN AL
CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA ENMIENDA AL PLAN GENERAL NO. 62**

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública ante la Comisión de Planificación de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera para considerar la Enmienda No. 62 del Plan General de conformidad Iniciado por el director de Desarrollo Comunitario y Económico con las conclusiones recibidas del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario del Estado de California (HCD) con respecto al Elemento de Vivienda del Sexto Ciclo. La Enmienda No. 62 del Plan General incluye la adopción del Elemento de Vivienda del Sexto Ciclo revisado de acuerdo con las conclusiones del HCD.

CUÁNDO: lunes, 5 de febrero de 2024
HORA: 6:00 P.M.
DÓNDE: Cámara del Consejo
6615 Passon Boulevard
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Las copias de todo el material relevante, incluyendo las especificaciones del proyecto, están disponibles para el público para su revisión en el Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario en el Ayuntamiento, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Se puede encontrar información adicional en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/housing-element/>. Comuníquese con Estefany Franco, planificadora al 562-801-4026 si tiene preguntas adicionales.

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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE
18 OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider Zoning Code Amendment No. 194, initiated by the Director of Community & Economic Development, pursuant to findings received from the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Zone Code Amendment No. 194 includes various text amendments to Title 18, *Zoning*, of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code pursuant to HCD's findings.

WHEN: Monday, February 5, 2024
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
WHERE: Council Chambers
6615 Passons Blvd
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COMISIÓN DE PLANIFICACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD DE PICO RIVERA AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA CONSIDERAR RECOMENDAR AL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL LA ENMIENDA AL CÓDIGO DE ZONA NO. 194

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública ante la Comisión de Planificación de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera para considerar la Enmienda No. 194 del Código de Zona de conformidad, iniciada por Director de Desarrollo Comunitario y Económico, con las conclusiones recibidas del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario del Estado de California (HCD). La Enmienda No. 194 del Código de Zona incluye varias enmiendas de texto al Título 18, Zonificación, del Código Municipal de Pico Rivera de conformidad con las conclusiones del HCD.

CUÁNDO: lunes, 5 de Febrero de 2024
HORA: 6:00 P.M.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the following matter: Recommendation by the Cerritos Planning Commission, on a vote of 5-0, to approve the following: Review and consideration to waive full reading of and introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING TITLE 22 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BODY ART BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS, HEREIN REFERENCED AS DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2024-1. *Pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review. City Attorney Summary: Last year, the City of Cerritos ("City") received an inquiry relating to the operation of a tattoo (body art) establishment at a specific commercial site in the City's Industrial Commercial-Two (MC-2) zone. Pursuant to state law, City Council adopted a 1-year moratorium on issuing any use permits for such tattoo/body art establishment to assess whether the operation may conflict with the City's zoning laws, and to evaluate public safety, health, and welfare concerns associated with such an establishment. Currently, under the City's zoning laws in Title 22 of the Cerritos Municipal Code (the "Development Code"), tattoo/body art establishments are not expressly a permitted use, permitted accessory use, or conditionally permitted use. While the Development Code has a process to evaluate proposed comparable uses, the City previously had no occasion to apply comparable use analysis for tattoo/body art establishments, and there are no standards or regulations for such establishments or businesses in the Development Code. This Ordinance, if adopted, would amend the Development Code to (1) allow, as a conditionally permitted use, "body art," as defined, establishments and businesses only within the City's MC-2 zone, and (2) add body art business regulations, which would regulate the establishment, location, and operation of body art businesses in the City. A copy of the full text of this proposed Ordinance can be viewed or obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends and observed holidays excepted) at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703, city_clerk@cerritos.us, or (562) 916-1248. This public hearing will be conducted in person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. If you challenge the above-mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk by the submission deadline, prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 2/15/2024 at 12:00PM. Alicia Espinoza. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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CITY OF CERRITOS, NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Project Identification: CERRITOS SENIOR CENTER CARPET REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 23211, BID NO. 1538-24. Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents, including but not limited to, removal and recycling of existing carpet materials; preparation of concrete substrate to receive moisture barrier; installation of a concrete moisture vapor barrier; installation of carpet material (to be supplied by the City); and other items identified in the bid schedule. City will supply all carpet material, carpet adhesive, vinyl transition strips, and moisture barrier product. The selected contractor must supply all sundry items, such as floor prep materials, for a proper completion of project. Bidders will be responsible for all furniture moving required to properly demo old broadloom carpet and install new broadloom carpet. Furniture moving must be performed by a Professional Moving Company with a 5-year history of similar projects (furniture moving by flooring installers will not be permitted), to ensure proper and professional handling of furnishings. Staging areas for temporary storage will be made available to utilize on site. It will be the bidder's responsibility to put down Masonite floor protection to ensure no damage to the existing floor coverings in these staging areas. The pool table moving scope of work will require a separate specialty vendor, provided by the City. Installation of materials must follow the manufacturer's instructions and requirements. The awarded bidder will be required to complete this project in four (4) weeks, maximum (20 working days). The Senior Center will be shut down to the public during this time. Bidders must account for manpower and labor costs accordingly. No change orders will be accepted for additional overtime or double-time labor. Reference Liquidated Damages section of RFP packet for fees associated with project delays. All work to be completed prior to April 26, 2024. **Mandatory pre-bid meeting: Friday, February 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A," or "B," and/or "C-15." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER 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.
Attorney for petitioner:
MARY E MULLIN ESQ
SBN 162163
10419 BOGARDUS AVE
STE 125
WHITTIER CA 90603
CN103344 ROGERS Jan 12, 19, 26, 2024



By DAVID OUELLET

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

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Solution on page 13

Solution: 8 letters

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN**

Public Notice is hereby given that City of Hawaiian Gardens, Public Works Department, is requesting a proposal from a qualified transportation consultant or team specializing in multi-modal mobility and bicycle planning to provide professional and technical planning services to prepare the City of Hawaiian Gardens' Bicycle Master Plan. This effort will be considered a Citywide Master Plan to be incorporated into Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. The Plan must be consistent with the City's existing General Plan and Complete Streets policies, and will include public outreach, and the development of detailed system maps. The Scope of Services is listed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and should be used only as a guide to complete the project. The RFP and Agreement are available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens website and can be obtained by contacting the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562) 420-2641 ext. 206. Interested firms shall submit one (1) electronic PDF copy of their qualifications and one (1) electronic PDF copy of the fee schedule (via e-mail or downloadable link) to nghanbari@hgcity.org by: 12:00 p.m., February 12, 2024.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
(U.C.C. 6105 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 053350-PC
Date: JANUARY 12, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. Under California's bulk sale law this sale is considered a small cash sale.
The names and business addresses of the Seller/Licensee are: MIDUM RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 7268 E. GAGE AVE., COMMERCE, CA 90040-3813
The business is known as: DENNY'S RESTAURANT #6536
The names and business addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: COMMERCE DENN INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 27051 ENCINAS, MISSION VIEJO, CA 92692
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 7268 E. GAGE AVE., COMMERCE, CA 90040-3813
The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE, 41-396283, now issued for the premises located at: 7268 E. GAGE AVE., COMMERCE, CA 90040-3813
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is UPON THE TRANSFER OF THE ABC LICENSE at the office of: INTERNATIONAL CITY ESCROW, INC., 5000 E. SPRING ST, STE 120, LONG BEACH, CA 90815, Escrow No. 053350-PC, Escrow Officer: PATREECE COBURN
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including estimated inventory, is the sum of \$800,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$800,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
MIDUM RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Seller/Licensee
COMMERCE DENN INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer/Applicant
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 12090-JT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: ANDREW H. LYMN, 9951 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
Doing Business as: DENTAL OFFICE OF ANDREW H. LYMN
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE
The location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: 9951 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: OCEAN DENTAL, 9951 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The assets to be sold are described in general as: EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES AND FURNITURE, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 9951 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: TIME ESCROW INC, 3055 WILSHIRE BLVD, # 1150, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 14, 2024
The bulk sale IS subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: TIME ESCROW INC, 3055 WILSHIRE BLVD, # 1150, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the last date for filing claims shall be FEBRUARY 13, 2024 which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: 1/23/24
OCEAN DENTAL, Buyer(s)
ORD-2096386 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 1/26/24

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at 9:00AM.
NAME **UNIT #**

Frank Congine E02
Frank Congine T53

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday February 13th, 2024, at 9:00AM.
NAME **UNIT**

Adan Acosta F102/ G137/ G140
Vera Arguijo Rodriguez F188
Juan Arturo Vasquez C138

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca. 90706 on February 07, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.**
Petrina King

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.
Attorney for petitioner:
MARY E MULLIN ESQ
SBN 162163
10419 BOGARDUS AVE
STE 125
WHITTIER CA 90603
CN103344 ROGERS Jan 12,19,26, 2024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
CORINNE SUSAN RUFF filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: **CORINNE SUSAN RUFF TO CORINNE SUSAN RUFF OCHOA**. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 2/23/24, at the SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 111 N. HILL ST. ROOM 118, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012. A HEARING will be held FEBRUARY 23, 2024 at 10:00 am, Dept 82. ROOM 833. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9/24 Case number 24STPC00085

CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 732 REVISING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS, AND AMENDING TITLE 4 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 732.

Summary of Ordinance No. 732
Ordinance No. 732 would make the following amendments to Title 4 of the LMCC:

- Section 4.35.120 would be amended to read as follows:

"Except as provided herein, each permit granted hereunder shall be valid for a period of four years following the date of approval. Upon expiration, a new permit is required to be applied for and received in order to continue to provide entertainment at the authorized location. Each permit is issued to the applicant business entity. No entertainment permit is transferable. Each current permit shall terminate and be void immediately upon: (i) a change of ownership or sale or other transfer of the business entity to which the permit was issued. A 'change of ownership' includes, but is not limited to, sale or conveyance of more than fifty percent (50%) ownership interest in the business entity to which the permit was issued; or, (ii) relocation of the business where the permit authorized entertainment."

Section 4.35.130 requiring a guard be present at dances would be deleted.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 732 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk
Published at La Mirada Lamplighter 01/26/24

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

BRIAN CRUZ B479
JOSE LUIS LOPEZ B500
This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 69344-TL
(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: WATKANE PROPERTIES LLC, 14345 SOUTH INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 17007 COTTAGE LANE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: ARION GOODS LLC, 1105 EAST KATELLA AVE, APT 260, ANAHEIM, CA 92805
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FIXTURES, FURNITURE, AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 14345 SOUTH INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: MAYTAG LAUNDRY
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 13, 2024 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 3440 WILSHIRE BLVD, #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. 69344-TL, Escrow Officer: TOPANGA LEE
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above
(9) The last day for filing claims is: FEBRUARY 12, 2024.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(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: DECEMBER 28, 2023
TRANSFEREES: ARION GOODS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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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.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/01/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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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