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## THIRD-GRADE STUDENTS AT NIEMES ELEMENTARY GET NEW BIKES

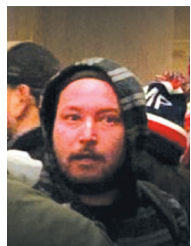
ARTESIA CITY COUNCILMEMBER Monica Manalo (4th from left) was joined by ABCUSD President Sophia Tse and members of the ABC Education Foundation to celebrate with Niemes students who all took home a new bike, thanks to the YMCA Bikes for Kids program and the ABC Education Foundation.

## Norwalk Man Charged in Connection with the Jan. 6 Riot

The man was seen on video leading the charge to push down the Capitol Police barriers.

By Brian Hews

Norwalk resident Michael Haltom, 43, was arrested last week on multiple federal charges related to actions he is accused of taking during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, Los



Norwalk resident Michael Haltom.

Cerritos Community News has learned.

According to the federal filing, Haltom was on the Capitol grounds among rioters that day near

the Capitol building.

At roughly 1:30 p.m., he stood near the police line meant to prevent rioters from advancing toward the Capitol, and is then seen waving rioters forward gesturing them to push back on the barricades used by Capitol Police

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## Woman Warrior Honors ‘The Six Triple Eight’ and Veterans During Black History Month



By Laurie Hanson

During Black History Month, Keshia Jarvis-Jones is inspiring others to serve their country much like her grandfather did for her. The Marine Corps combat veteran is now Community Partnerships Director for the Foundation of Women Warriors and will host a virtual documentary on the “Six Triple Eight,” the only all-female Black Battalion that cleared up backlogged postal services during WWII in Europe. The online presentation will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. Jarvis-Jones will share how her grandfather benefited

directly from their service.

“My grandfather served in WWII, and he would tell me stories about his time in service, like getting mail from my grandmother,” she said. “The mail made it to him because of the work of the women who were a part of the Six Triple Eight.” It was in February 1945 that the U.S. Army sent 855 Black women from the Women’s Army Corps (WACs) to England and France to clear stockpiled mail in the European Theater. The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the Six Triple Eight, was the only all-

{See **History** pg. 6}

## Hawaiian Gardens Sees Significant Decrease in Crime Rates in 2023

A multifaceted approach consisting of special events and community engagement initiatives continues to foster a sense of unity among residents.

By Brian Hews

In a presentation to the Hawaiian Gardens City Council, Lakewood Sheriff’s Captain Dan Holguin announced a huge reduction in crime rates for 2023, “a testament to the community’s dedication to safety and collaboration and a result of the hard work of residents, local law enforcement, and strategic initiatives implemented to foster a secure and thriving environment.”

Mayor Victor Farfan expressed gratitude for the collective efforts that led to this positive outcome, stating, “The safety and well-being of our community have always been a top priority. We are delighted to see the tangible results of our collaborative

endeavors to create safer Hawaiian Gardens for everyone.”

It was a multifaceted approach consisting of special events and community engagement initiatives that were crucial in fostering a sense of unity among residents. Hawaiian Gardens also acknowledged the invaluable partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, whose commitment to public safety has been instrumental in achieving these positive results.

In addition to community-focused strategies, the city implemented cutting-edge technologies to enhance law enforcement capabilities. The introduction of the ShotSpotter system in 2023 resulted in faster response times to gunshot-related crimes.

ShotSpotter is operated by SoundThinking, Inc. and is officially called a Gunshot Detection, Location, and Forensics System.

The system is used by several cities in the U.S., including Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Mi-

{See **Hawaiian Gardens** pg. 6}

## Pico Rivera City Council Approves Groundbreaking ‘Social Host’ Ordinance

By Brian Hews

It has become an epidemic in the United States; according to studies, underage drinking accounts for nearly 4,000 deaths annually. A U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse study found the proportions of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who reported drinking at least one alcoholic beverage in just the 30-day period prior to the study were 14%, 29%, and 41%, respectively. Binge drinking rates, defined as consuming five or more drinks, were 7.2%, 16.3%, and 23.2% for the same grades, respectively.

The harms associated with underage alcohol use are extensive and include youth-drunk

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

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

The Pico Rivera City Council is trying to stem underage drinking recently passing an un-

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## Sup. Hahn Honors Cerritos High Football for First-Ever CIF-SS Div. 12 Championship Victory



**AT THE HALL:** Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn (center) recognized the Cerritos High School football team for its CIF Southern Section Division 12 championship at this week's County Board of Supervisors meeting. Attending were Artesia Councilman Rene Trevino, who is behind the microphone during CHS games, ABC Board President Sophia Tse and Clerk Ernie Nishii.

Los Angeles ~ This week, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn presented an official County scroll to the Cerritos High School Football Team at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

The team won their first-ever CIF Southern Section in late November, beating Yucca Valley High School in a dramatic 19-13 victory in overtime at Atkins Stadium on the campus of Artesia High School.

"Being a student athlete is not easy, but all of these players have shown incredible determination and hard work," said Hahn.

"The Cerritos Dons give us great bragging rights. They've made us all

very proud."

Hahn presented each player with a certificate of recognition and presented the team's coach, Demel Franklin, with the County scroll.

They were joined by Sophia Tse, board member of the ABC Unified School District, and Artesia Councilmember Rene Trevino, who also serves as the team's game announcer.

"This is a dream season that couldn't have went any better," said Franklin during today's ceremony. "We started out in COVID, this is our COVID team. We had to fight just to get a football season. We fought for four years, and this is how it ended."

## Local Officials Host Philippine Consul General in Artesia



**PHILIPPINE CONSUL** General Edgar Badajos (center) enjoyed a special dinner Meken's Filipino restaurant in Artesia. From (l-r) dinner hosts Cerritos Councilmember Frank Yokoyama, Artesia Councilmember Melissa Ramoso, Cerritos Planning Commissioner Gloria Perlas Pulido and former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido.

## Norwalk to Hold Art Contests

The Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department is calling all artists for their "Artbox" group exhibition. Artists of all skill levels are invited to submit artwork for Artbox, a mixed media group exhibition to be held at the city of Norwalk Mary Paxon Art Gallery from March 15-30, 2024. The application deadline is February 23, 2024 for samples of artwork contact [mfigueroa@norwalkca.gov](mailto:mfigueroa@norwalkca.gov) for more information call 562-929-5521.

Norwalk is holding its 13th Annual Student Art Competition and Scholarship Program. The program is open to middle and high school students who reside in the city of Norwalk and

attended school within the NLMUSD. All artwork must be original student artwork, only one entry per student. Artwork must be mounted, matted, or framed and all pieces must be backed in black with the application attached to the back of the artwork. Accepted art mediums include photographs, paintings sculpture, mixed media, computer generated art, drawing prints, and fashion. Submittal dates are March 6-8, drop off hours are 3 to 7 PM. The exhibit will be held from March 13-15 from 3 to 7 PM. The artist reception and award ceremony will be Friday, March 15 from 6 to 9 PM. For more information please call 562-929-552. ~ *Brian Hews*



ABC Unified School District

# TOWN HALL MEETINGS

## SCHOOL FACILITIES CAPACITIES AND DECLINING ENROLLMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Invites ABCUSD families, staff, and community members to provide feedback on the potential consolidation of schools.

**February 7, 2024**

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Artesia D.E.S. Portuguese Hall

11903 Ashworth St.

Artesia, CA 90701

**February 15, 2024**

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

C. Robert Lee Community Center

21815 Pioneer Bl.

Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

## Vandal Defaces Signs at Cerritos College Club Rush



**VOLUNTEERS** at the Students for Life table show the vandalized signs, the marker used to deface bled through the posters and damaged an heirloom serape.

An attendee at the Cerritos College Club Rush vandalized the Students for Life table during the event on Jan. 23.

Club representatives left their table unattended, to get lunch at around 12:15 p.m. when a female-appearing individual with dark hair in a black coat and sweatshirt scribbled on two of the club's posters, a student services counselor who witnessed the event said.

"There's forms at all these tables so it kind of looked like writing, but then it got sloppy," the counselor continued, "It was so quick. They were probably at the booth for 10, 12, 15 seconds tops. I watched them disappear into the background."

The club members notified Elizabeth Miller, dean of student services.

"It is completely unacceptable that anyone would do that to any club," Dean Miller said, "If folks disagree they should stay and talk about it, not vandalize property."

"We need to encourage people to debate, not vandalize." She added.

Dean Miller will attempt to pull footage from the security cameras in the student center to identify the individual

responsible then contact campus police.

She made it clear that if the student is caught, they will go through the campus disciplinary process.

Students for Life is a secular anti-abortion club focusing on education and activism. They offer help to pregnant students and young women by hosting diaper drives and other fundraisers, according to their FalconSync.

The marker bled through the posters and also damaged Autumn Whetsell's heirloom serape.

The club's vice-president said, "I was really disappointed about what happened to the signs. Those things can be fixed with paint, but with my great grandfather's serape—that is something that cannot be undone. Yes, it is replaceable, but it doesn't hold the same value anymore."

A serape is a traditional colorful cloth used as either a blanket or a cloak in Mexico.

With limited security cameras in the student center and a vague description, it is unlikely that the individual will be found.

## Scholarships Available for High School Students

The La Mirada Community Foundation is accepting applications for its scholarship program for local high school seniors. Scholarship recipients are selected based on meeting academic requirements and demonstrating community involvement. An application for the scholarship including requirements and qualifications is available on the La Mirada Community Foundation page at [cityoflamirada.org](http://cityoflamirada.org). Don't delay! Applications and all required documents must

be submitted to La Mirada City Hall by Thursday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m.

*For more information, call (562) 943-0131.*

## Cerritos CVS Minute Clinic to Close

Retail drugstore chain CVS said it will close 25 of its in-store MinuteClinic locations in Greater Los Angeles by Feb. 25.

Those locations are spread throughout the LA/OC.

The clinic at 13303 E. South St., Cerritos and 7915 Florence Ave., Downey will close.

## Nominations for the 2024 Older Americans Award

La Mirada honors those ages 60 and above whose active involvement and volunteer service have greatly enhanced the quality of community life. Nominations for the 2024 Older Americans Recognition Day Award are being accepted through Friday, February 16.

Nomination forms are available on the City website, City Hall, and the La Mirada Activity Center. Nominations may be submitted electronically to [OARD@cityoflamirada.org](mailto:OARD@cityoflamirada.org) and in-person at the La Mirada Activity Center.

The selected award recipient will be recognized as La Mirada's honoree at the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging's Older Americans Recognition Day award ceremony and at a City Council meeting in May.

For more information, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

## Lifetime Learning Center 2024 Spring Classes & Tours

The Spring Semester at the Lifetime Learning Center Senior Studies Program at Long Beach City College Pacific Coast Campus starts February 13 through May 22. Classes offered are Broadway's Landmark Musicals, Hollywood Classic Film Series, Plants, and the World Around Us, Intermediate

iPhone Workshop and Intermediate Computer Workshop. The Strength Training classes are offered via Zoom. The day tours include a "New Bakery Tour," "That's Amore" and "Let Us Taco 'Bout it" with Curt Tucker. Register on the new website [www.lbccfoundation.org/lifetime-learning-center/](http://www.lbccfoundation.org/lifetime-learning-center/) For more information call Theresa Brunella at 562-930-3047.

## Rite Aids Closing in the Area

Back in October 2023, Rite Aid announced that it was filing for bankruptcy.

As part of this endeavor, the pharmacy chain announced that it would be closing stores across the country, which it did. Now, Rite Aid has announced the closure of an additional 55 stores. Four are in LCCN's area: 7859 Firestone Boulevard, Downey; 5520 Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood and 15800 Imperial Highway, La Mirada.

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

2-in-3 believe their local outlets reflect their community's diversity. 65% feel that its trustworthiness has either improved or remained consistent over 5 years.

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 United States. For instance, a remarkable 83% of people in Delaware trust their local media, but this figure drops to a mere 50% in states like 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.

Infographic showing trust in local media in each state.

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.

"As the national narrative grows more divisive, local media stands as a beacon of community trust and engagement," remarks Sam Allcock of PRFire.com. "Our survey underscores the resilience of local journalism and its critical role in providing a platform for diverse voices. It's a clarion call to support and sustain the local outlets that so faithfully reflect America's rich journalism."

### Letters to the Editor

**Re: Cerritos Center not advertising with LCCN**

**Dear Editor:**

Thank you for dedicating a full page of your 1/26 newspaper to the City of Cerritos Advertising Budget and their refusal to run paid ads in your publication. As a longtime Cerritos resident and frequent contributor to the LCCN, I had no idea that the City Council Majority is discouraging or downright prohibiting City Management from running ads in your paper. I look forward to receiving your FREE weekly newspaper at my home each Friday and appreciate all the local news that other papers don't cover. Longtime Sports Writer Loren Kopff covers all of our local high school teams in detail. As a retired, 50+ year ABCUSD educator, I can assure you that this coverage is very helpful to our students in raising their self-esteem. You also generously advertise, free of charge, other school district events and the fundraising efforts of local charitable, non-profit groups.

As you accurately point out, the City-Owned Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts '23-'24 Season will have close to the lowest ticket revenue in their history. Their refusal to advertise the CCPA in our hometown, FREE newspaper seems unconscionable when the nearby La Mirada Theatre advertises their perfor-

mances here frequently and is much more successful economically. Considering that you deliver 75% more papers in the area than the LA Times or the Press-Telegram, their combined advertising budget of \$109,000 compared to -0- for the LCCN, simply doesn't make sense and smacks of vindictiveness and abuse of power by the Council Majority. They also charge 50% less than the aforementioned publications. According to your article, Cerritos also paid to advertise the CCPA on KFI Radio and the little-known L.A.Focus News, Pollstar and Kidsguide in 2023 for another \$22,700.

Could it be that the Cerritos City Council Majority cannot tolerate any criticism of their actions? This is, after all, the purview of a free press that we as Americans are proud of. As we all should know, the life blood of any publication is its advertising income. To deny our only free hometown newspaper of ad income seems mean-spirited and smacks of cronyism.

I urge City Management and the City Council to take up this issue, as reported in the LCCN, and provide satisfactory answers to our community as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Linda Hernandez  
Retired ABC Teacher  
Cerritos resident

## Gahr High America's Best Schools Award Finalist PR

From ABC News Service

Each year, the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) presents the America's Best Schools Award to the nation's highest-performing schools.

The NCUST recently announced the 12 finalists for this year's award, including Gahr High School.

"As the Superintendent and a former Gahr High School principal, administrator, and teacher, I'm so proud to see the school's name on this list," said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow.

"This type of recognition comes from the commitment from students, teachers, staff, and families, all working together to ensure every student succeeds."

NCUST looks at specific criteria and data during the America's Best School Award process.

These criteria include low-income eligibility, non-selective admissions, high academic proficiency rates for all student groups, high attendance rates, and low suspension rates.

High schools must also meet additional criteria, including high graduation rates, the percentage of students earning college credit or participating in advanced placement courses, and the percentage of first-year students advanc-

ing to the second year.

"Wow! I'm so proud of Gahr High School, and I'm so thankful to our families and staff for working so hard to help our students," said Board of Education President Mrs. Sophia Tse. "Our schools are doing amazing things for our students, and it's great when one is recognized nationally for their hard work and dedication."

Gahr High School, located in Cerritos, serves over 1,600 9th-12th grade students.

As a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math magnet school, students are exposed to a rigorous curriculum preparing them for college and careers.

The school offers Career Technical Education pathways in biomedical sciences, computer science, engineering, automotive, gaming, sports medicine, theater production, and video production.

Through a partnership with Cerritos College, Gahr High School also offers dual enrollment classes where students can earn college credits while in high school.

NCUST, part of the San Diego State University College of Education, has been studying and recognizing our nation's most successful schools and school districts.



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they may be edited for length and grammar.

## Area Residents Support New Lakewood Business



**SOUTHERN STYLE FOOD:** Patricia Murray, who ran for Cerritos City Council in 2020, opened Patty's at 5574 South Street in August, 2023 to rave reviews for her Southern Style food. Here to support her are longtime friends from local charitable organizations. From left standing: Linda Hernández, Jackie Shahzadi, Barbara Dunstan and Patricia Murray. Seated is Sue Carruthers and Nancy Kawamura. Patty was recently nominated by friends and supporters for a Random Act of Helpfulness Award from Southern California Honda Dealers in honor of Black History Month in February. Submitted by Linda Hernandez.

## 'The Call of the Wild' Education Through Arts at the CCPA

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) presented two performances of "The Call of the Wild" on Wednesday, January 31 as part of its arts education program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The shows were made possible and funded by the City of Cerritos and a generous donation from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

More than 1,500 students and educators participated from the ABC Unified School District and South Whittier School District.

The performances were presented for students in grades 3 through 9. Students watched Jack London's story of courage and survival in a presentation that featured a live storyteller and a 180-degree project screen displaying a unique mix of classical illustrations from the book, historical photographs and new drawings.

This season's CCPA Arts Education Program also includes "123 Andrés" on Tuesday, February 27 and "The University of Wonder & Imagination" on Thursday, March 14. "The Magic School Bus" was also presented on November 8.



NOEL GAULIN presents "The Call of the Wild" at the CCPA.

"The students enjoyed a multi-media adventure that mixed classic storytelling with projected illustrations to tell Jack London's classic tale, 'The Call of the Wild,' live on stage," remarked Cerritos Mayor Bruce W. Barrows. "The City of Cerritos is once again pleased to partner with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to present this entertaining educational performance benefiting the children in our communities."

## First Saturday La Mirada Farmers Market Fun!

Savor the flavors and dive into the finest regional produce, artisan delights, and ready-to-eat treats every Saturday morning.

Plus, discover locally made crafts and gifts that will make your heart skip a beat, pun intended.

The La Mirada Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Saturday, February 3, and every first Saturday of the month, the Farmers Market will feature live music, kids crafts, and giveaways.

The Farmers Market features 20 to 25 vendors each week in the area just west of the La Mirada Library. La Mirada businesses interested in becoming a vendor should contact VenaVer Events at [venaver-events@gmail.com](mailto:venaver-events@gmail.com). For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

## La Mirada's 'Love a Tree' Poster Contest

Students are invited to display their artistic skills and show their appreciation for our urban forest by creating posters celebrating Arbor Day. The poster contest is open to all La Mirada students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Entries must be submitted in-person to the La Mirada Activity Center or digitally to [LoveATree@cityoflamirada.org](mailto:LoveATree@cityoflamirada.org) by Monday, March 18. First place winners from each grade level will be recognized at a City Council meeting.

The original artwork must reflect the "Love a Tree" theme and may be constructed on paper that allows for duplication between 8.5" x 11" to 12" x 18" in size, digitally, or with recycled material. The artist's first and last name, school, grade level, and parent contact information must be written on the back of the poster. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

## California Organic Waste Recycling in Effect

California mandated organics recycling program is ongoing. Residents of single-family homes and multifamily buildings should place organic waste, including food scraps, food soiled paper, and landscaping debris in their green bin.

Recycling food waste extends landfill space and reduces carbon emissions, which preserves the environment.

Residents can request a free kitchen caddy for convenient transfer of food scraps from the kitchen to the green bin by contacting EDCO Disposal at (562) 597-0608. For more information, visit EDCO Disposal Organic Recycling at [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com) or contact the city's recycling coordinator at (562) 902-2385.

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Black female Battalion to serve in Europe during WWII, according to Javis-Jones. "Confronted with racism and sexism from their own leadership and troops, they served with honor and distinction, completing their mission in six months," she said. "With their system in place, they were able process about 65,000 pieces of mail per shift. Their motto was 'No mail, low morale.' By war's end, the Six Triple Eight had cleared more than 17 million pieces of backlogged mail, ensuring the troops stayed in touch with their loved ones back home."

In March 1946, the last of the women returned home, but they were never fully recognized until the Six Triple Eight documentary, a full-length film written and directed by Tyler Perry. Eventually, in 2022, the House of Representatives awarded them the Congressional Gold Medal, and there now stands a monument to them in Kansas. Today, there are only four known living members of the Battalion, according to Javis-Jones.

From humble beginnings, Javis-Jones grew up on her grandparents' farm in Irmo, South Carolina. Her grandfather would tell stories about his time in the service but did not recommend it to her. "Being raised in the South by grandparents of [their] generation, I was taught and told always to be a good wife and mother and how to behave as a lady, meaning taking care of the home, cooking, cleaning, etc.," she said. "I grew up attending church, dancing (tap, jazz, and ballet), and competing in pageants. [But] my grandfather would let me do things with him that 'boys' would do. He taught me to fish, hunt, and care for the farm."

"No one would ever imagine that I



would join the military, especially not the Marine Corps," she explained. "He would tell me that he didn't want me to go into the military because of the conditions and how they didn't have roles for women." During Javis-Jones first year in high school, both her grandparents passed away. Upon graduation, she attended an all-girls Christian college for two years before deciding to go into the Marine Corps.

"I would always apologize to my grandfather for my decision, but he inspired me to join, she said. Javis-Jones served in the United States Marine Corps on active duty for ten years, including service in a combat zone. She has been out of the service for 9 1/2 years and is employed by the Foundation for Women Warriors after volunteering there for five years. She took on her full-time position in 2023.

"My time in the military was some

**IN HONOR** of Black History Month, Foundation for Women Warriors Community Partnerships Director Keshia Javis-Jones, (left), a 10-year Marine Corps combat veteran will host a virtual showing about Women's Army Corps (WACs) 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. The Six Triple Eight was the only all-Black female Battalion to serve in Europe during WWII. She will share why she is enthusiastic about what they did for her grandfather who served in the military then.

of the best years of my life," she said. "If you want to do something that impacts your country, join the military. There is nothing more rewarding than supporting and defending our nation. In addition to the work that you will do, the military provides experiences and life lessons that you will not learn anywhere else."

Javis-Jones says she is inspired by all women veterans, especially Black women who faced discrimination while fighting for the freedom, rights, and equality of others, yet they were not afforded the same. "Women veterans inspire me because, for so long, they have gone unrecognized for their service, contributions, and commitment to this nation," she added. "I commend them all for their service and paving the way for me and all other women veterans, which allowed us to have a different experience." Javis-Jones hopes to inspire others through her service, especially to encourage young girls and women to serve and continue the fight for equality, not only in the military but for women across America. "We cannot impact change where we are absent," she added. "As a Black woman, I hope that my service will encourage other young women who look like me to serve." Some words Javis-Jones always lives by are "honor, courage, and commitment." "Without these three things, how can you build self-respect, respect for others, and meet your goals," she explained.

Among her favorite quotes is one by Maya Angelou, which says, "We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated." For youth aspiring to serve their country, Javis-Jones said, "You are a part of an elite group of individuals who have taken an oath to support and defend this nation. Not all will be able to say that in their lifetime. The country depends on you. Our national security depends on you. [And] when times get tough, remember what I just said."

Foundation for Women Warriors is a 103-year-old nonprofit organization that serves women veterans and their children so that their next mission is clear and continues to impact the world. Anyone interested in learning more about them can visit [www.foundationforwomenwarriors.org](http://www.foundationforwomenwarriors.org) online.

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ami, Oakland, Milwaukee, Sacramento, Boston, and Atlanta.

ShotSpotter works by using sensors placed strategically across an area. The sensors continuously listen for impulsive sounds, similar to gunshots, using sophisticated acoustic technology to distinguish between gunfire and other loud noises.

The sensors are put on rooftops, utility poles, streetlights, or other structures.

176 ShotSpotter alerts were received and responded to in Hawaiian Gardens, uncovering evidence and gathering witness statements for 18 incidents. Casings recovered were processed for potential criminal prosecution, reinforcing the city's commitment to thorough investigations.

The city also implemented the FLOCK system in 2023, contributing to 47 arrests and the recovery of stolen vehicles. This innovative system also led to a 23% de-

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crease in grand theft auto incidents, showcasing its effectiveness in deterring criminal activity and generating valuable leads for law enforcement.

In line with its commitment to community well-being, Hawaiian Gardens addressed homelessness by cleaning up ten homeless encampments in 2023. This initiative aims to create a safer and more welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

2023 also witnessed increased community and law enforcement interaction, fostering stronger relationships and open communication channels.

Mayor Farfan stated, "The city remains steadfast in its dedication to maintaining a secure and vibrant community. As the City of Hawaiian Gardens celebrates these achievements, it looks forward to building upon these successes in collaboration with its residents and law enforcement partners."

derage is a Social Host ordinance, a law that will hold non-commercial property owners responsible for underage drinking at parties on their properties.

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

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

Shockingly, state law does not prohibit underage consumption of alcohol on private property. With the passing of the ordinance, Pico Rivera established their own Social Host ordinance, filling the gap in state laws and providing the Sheriff an enforcement tool to help address the problem of underage drinking at parties.

The Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station received 853 calls for service for loud parties or music disturbing the peace between October 2022 and October 2023. Many of the calls were the result of parties promoted on social media.

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

With the ordinance passing, it will now be a misdemeanor for any individual to knowingly host, assist, allow, permit, condone or enable a noisy or disorderly gathering at a private residence or property.

In addition, the ordinance allows for cost recovery from the responsible party by law enforcement or emergency service providers to. And imposes hefty fines.

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

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## Save Billy the Elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo was named the worst zoo for elephants in 2023 according to In Defense of Animals.

LOS ANGELES ~ On Sunday, Jan. 28, dozens of elephant lovers including lawmakers and lawyers joined In Defense of Animals, Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles and Los Angeles for Animals at a rally to free Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo, which was named the worst zoo for elephants in 2023 over concerns about the suffering it's caused him during his 34 years of confinement there. As former Los Angeles City Councilor Paul Koretz said about Billy at the rally, "After all the years he's spent at the Los Angeles Zoo, he deserves to be an elephant near the end of his life."

Konstantine Anthony, former mayor of Burbank and candidate for Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 5, along with David Casselman, who filed a lawsuit against the Los Angeles Zoo to free Billy, also joined the rally and offered words of support in the campaign to free him to sanctuary.

"We are grateful for the wonderful show of support from advocates and community leaders to give Billy the life he deserves, free from the confines of an undersized exhibit in a city zoo. Billy has suffered mental and physical harm for decades at the Los Angeles Zoo. It is time to retire him to a sanctuary where he can roam, forage and heal from his zoochotic stress behavior," said Courtney Scott, Elephant Consultant for In Defense of Animals.

Billy's latest medical records reveal a history of chronic foot infections, which can lead to fatal foot disease.

He also exhibits extreme zoochotic swaying and bobbing stress behavior, a sign that he has developed brain damage from his many years of confinement.

Billy is kept alone in a 1-acre yard with no trees, grass and little opportunity for companionship.

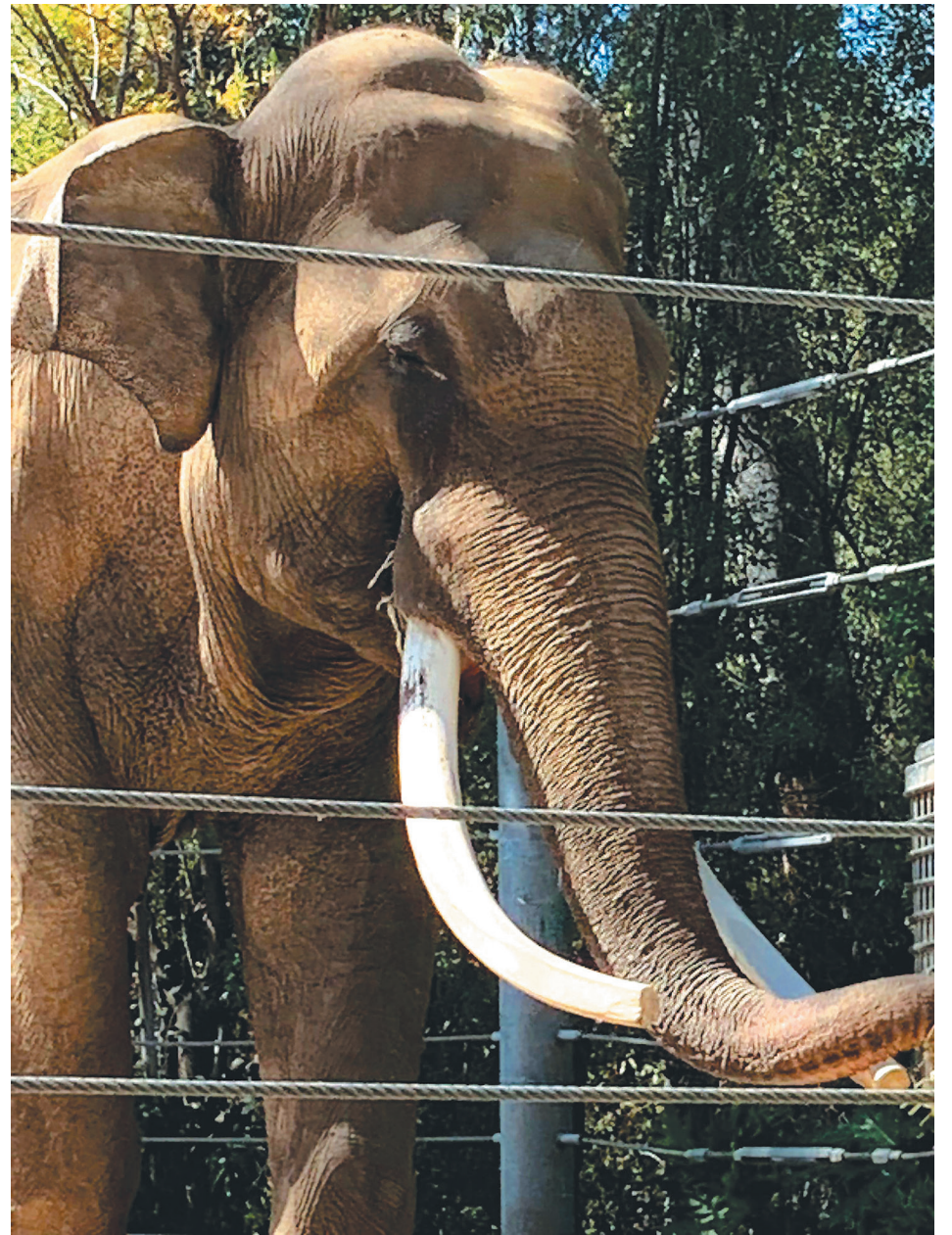
A sanctuary has offered to take Billy and give him the life he deserves on acres of lush grass, dotted with trees and ponds.

It is time for Billy to be given this chance to live like the wild free bull elephant he was meant to be.

A Los Angeles City Council committee has approved a proposal introduced by Koretz and seconded by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield to free Billy. It now must proceed to the full council for the final hearing. In the meantime, the public is being urged to provide a huge show of support to get Billy to freedom at weekly demonstrations outside the zoo. The rally was boisterous, family and animal friendly. Porkchop, the pig, even made an appearance to show his support for Billy. And Nicolette Auburg graced the crowd with her beautiful song about Billy.

2023 marks the eighth time the Los Angeles Zoo has made the list of the 10 Worst Zoos for Elephants, which has been published annually by In Defense of Animals since 2004.

The public can learn more and support Billy's release at [www.idausa.org/freebilly](http://www.idausa.org/freebilly).



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## Brighten Any Space with Containers of Summer-Flowering Bulbs

By Melinda Myers

Add unexpected beauty to your patio, deck, or balcony with summer-blooming bulbs. You may have grown elephant ears, lilies, dahlias, gladiolus, and caladiums in your garden, but did you know they also thrive in containers? Some summer bulbs grow even better in pots than they do in the garden. These include the exotic-looking flowers of Abyssinian gladiolus, calla lilies, pineapple lilies, and spider lilies.

One of the reasons these bulbs perform so well in containers is that you can be sure they get warm soil, consistent water, and plenty of nutrients. Taller plants like gladiolus, lilies, dahlias, cannas, and elephant ears are the perfect thrillers for large containers. Their foliage and blooms are sure to steal the show. Just plant the bulbs in spring along with your other annuals. As temperatures rise, these heat-loving bulbs will begin to fill in and soon burst into bloom providing added texture and color from late summer through fall.

You may find that summer-blooming bulbs like the pineapple lily (*Eucomis*), calla lily, and fragrant *Hymenocallis* perform better in their own containers because there is no competition with other plants for space, nutrients, and moisture. Before the bulbs begin flowering, their foliage provides an attractive backdrop for other container plants that bloom earlier in the season. Once flowering begins, you can move the pots front and center to fully enjoy the show. In cold climates, growing in containers also makes it easier to overwinter the bulbs. Just move the pots indoors

to a cool, dark location until it's time to replant the next spring.

Combine plants of different sizes and shapes to create visual excitement. Containers filled with tall plants such as gladiolus, cannas, tall varieties of dahlias, and large elephant ears provide striking vertical accents. Shorter plants like caladiums, pineapple lily, and triplet lily (*Brodiaea*) can be positioned in front of the larger

pots. Add a few planters filled with your favorite annuals to keep the color going all season long.

Many summer-blooming bulbs are wonderfully fragrant. Growing these plants on a patio, deck, or balcony, ensures you won't miss out on their delightful perfume. Late summer evenings are even sweeter when you are surrounded by containers filled with Oriental lilies, spider lilies, and

acidanthera. Small bulbs can grow into enormous plants, so choosing the right size container is important if you want your summer bulbs to reach their full potential. Longfield Gardens provides helpful tips in its Best Summer Bulbs for Containers article ([www.longfield-gardens.com](http://www.longfield-gardens.com)).

Most mid-sized dahlias will grow well in a five-gallon container. Dahlias that get to be more than 3 feet tall need a larger pot as well as sturdy stakes for extra support. Cannas and elephant ears are thirsty plants and can develop a very large root system in just a few short months. For these tropical beauties, the bigger the pot, the better!

Extend the bloom time for gladiolus and its cousin, Abyssinian gladiolus, by planting the bulbs in batches about two weeks apart. Both of these summer bulbs have sword-like foliage that provides vertical interest while you wait for the beautiful blooms. If you like cut flowers, grow a few extra pots of gladiolus so you can include them in summer arrangements.

Calla lilies are easy to grow in pots, even for gardeners in cool climates. Choose from a rainbow of beautiful flower colors, from white and yellow, to peach, red, and nearly black. The blossoms last for a month or more, and the lush foliage stays attractive all season long.

Extend the season into early fall with the exotic-looking flowers of *Nerine bowdenii*. Plant three or more bulbs per container and look forward to fragrant, candy-pink blossoms in September.

Let the unique flowers of pineapple lily (*Eucomis*) shine by growing them in their own container. The long-lasting flowers feature a green topknot that makes them resemble a pineapple. As with nerines, callas, and other non-hardy summer bulbs, *Eucomis* can be overwintered indoors and replanted in spring.

The possibilities are many; growing bulbs in containers is a sure way to add pizzazz to your patio, deck, or balcony.



**SPRING-PLANTED**, summer-blooming Canna Short Rosita bulbs add beauty to this landscape. Abyssinian gladiolus, pineapple lilies, and spider lilies are better in pots too.

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### Afghanistan, India, Pakistan Eatery to Open in Hawaiian Gardens



SHOR owners said that the restaurant's name means noise in Desi culture and is a nod to the Chor Bazaar in Mumbai. Shareable snacks include papadum with chutneys and idli fries. There is a full selection of wine, beer, and spirit-free cocktails.

By Cathy Chaplin  
EATER.com

SHOR, a bazaar-inspired halal restaurant serving the cuisines of Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan, is opening in Hawaiian Gardens on February 9.

Behind the project is Imran "Ali" Mookhi, the chef-owner of the contemporary Indian restaurant and Michelin Bib Gourmand selection Khan Saab Desi Craft Kitchen in Fullerton.

The owners said that the restaurant's name means noise in Desi culture and is a nod to the Chor Bazaar in Mumbai, one of India's largest historical markets.

The AkarStudios-designed space captures the vibrant energy of spice markets and bazaars.

On the menu are large and small dishes, as well as a full selection of wine, beer, and spirit-free cocktails.

Shareable snacks include papadum with chutneys and idli fries, while larger dishes include keema mattar (ground beef curry with English peas) and a whole branzino with a Bengali mustard rub.

Desserts featuring plenty of cardamom, tamarind, and saffron come from chef Mark Medina.

*SHOR, located at 12155 E. Carson Street, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716, will be open Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 pm.*

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## 605 LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL

### Artesia buries Whitney in fourth quarter with three-pointers, gains control of second place

By Loren Kopff  
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Coming into this season, the Artesia High boys basketball team had faced Whitney High 10 times, all in 605 League games, winning by an average of 30.3 points. On Jan. 9, without senior Zion Staples, who was recovering from a bad fall just four days earlier against Cerritos High, the Pioneers escaped with a 31-27 victory.

Sole possession of second place in the league was on the line last Friday when the two met on senior night at Artesia and despite a Whitney rally late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter, the hosts exploded for five three-pointers in the final 5:50 of the contest to come away with a 56-36 win. Artesia improved to 16-9 overall and 6-2 in league while the Wildcats dropped to 14-9, 5-3. It was the third closest margin of victory of the dozen games in the series.

"Obviously Zion is a great player and that's always a big difference," said Artesia head coach Jeff Myles. "It was our senior night too,

so our guys were emotional there. We had just lost a tough one to Cerritos [two days earlier], so I wasn't sure how our guys would respond."

Down by 20 points in the first few minutes of the third quarter, junior Morgan Marks tried to put the Wildcats on his back, scoring all but three points in the stanza, then the first four points of the fourth quarter to bring Whitney to within six points. But Artesia junior Cayden Del Rosario nailed three long distance shots and Staples had a three-point play, plus a trifecta as the Pioneers quickly went up 49-33 with 3:33 remaining in the game.

"In the first game, Cayden Del Rosario didn't play, and he was kind of the difference maker in the game, I thought, [tonight] as well," said Myles. "Morgan is a pretty good player and we decided to work on our man defense and he kind of got by our guys a couple of times without the help rotation there. Then we made some subs and I think that second group that I went with...those five guys were just going through the motion and didn't really take the game as serious, thinking the game was already out of hand. But Whitney still played hard and is coached hard and they kind of made their run."

"I think if we had come out like that in the beginning of the game, with the same mentality, it would have been a little different game," said Whitney first-year head coach Nasir Akmal of the third quarter. "But Artesia is tough either way; Artesia is Artesia. But I think from our end, they're starting to get there and today was a good progression from us from a coach's standpoint as far as that third quarter. Now, doing that four quarters is what we have to do next, and we have a short time because we have Oxford and Cerritos, then hopefully we secure third and we have playoffs."

Without the services of one of its consistent leaders for the past few seasons, senior Sakeef Sekender, who hyper-extended his right knee and fractured his right ankle against Pioneer High on Jan.



19, the Wildcats still were hanging around in the first quarter, taking the lead less than 90 seconds in on a three-pointer from junior Christian Carreon and ending the stanza down 13-7. But Artesia dominated the second quarter 13-5 and never looked back. Carreon scored all eight of his points in the first half while the other four came from freshman Jezreel Dela Cruz off the bench. The other four starters combined to miss all six shots taken from the field.

"The younger guys...I'm trying to get them to step up," said Akmal. "I have two freshmen out there filling his spot."

Meanwhile, Staples was back to his usual self, scoring six points and grabbing four rebounds with three steals and an assist in the first quarter while senior Joshua Martinez added the other seven points and an assist in the quarter. Staples scored once in the second quarter, but added another three boards as the Pioneers built a 26-12 halftime advantage.

The second half began with junior Jovel Tate scoring off a steal, a Martinez basket and two offensive putbacks from Staples as the Pioneers increased their lead to 34-14 before Marks scored the game's next seven points. The quarter would end with senior Joseph Whittaker converting a three-point play with 1:13 remaining.

"Morgan is a special kid," said Akmal. "I think, for us, it's just getting him to believe that also. I think he knows he has it, but now our job is to make him have it every game. And [assistant] coach Devin Golston has done a great job as far as working his mental [game] and getting him out there."

Marks' last basket of that 12-0 run made the score 34-28 with 6:07 left in the game before it was the Del Rosario show for the next two minutes. After that, the 'Cats went two of seven from the field the rest of the game. Marks led Whitney with 16 points, had five rebounds and three assists while Dela Cruz added nine points.

Whitney, which needs one more win to secure third place outright, hosts fifth place Oxford Academy on Tuesday and league champion Cerritos on Thursday before making its second straight trip to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. This is also the second straight season the Wildcats will finish with a winning record as last season, they went 22-10. Before last season, the program had just four winning seasons since the 2002-2003 campaign. This will also be the program's 11th trip to the playoffs over that same time.

"I think the players don't realize it yet either, because they've been stuck with that stigma for a long time and it's tough to try to change the culture and create a culture," said Akmal. "But staff-wise, we believe in them 100 percent. I'm a Whitney alum myself; I'm from the 90s. So, we were battling it out with Crossroads, Pacific Hills, Campbell Hall and Brentwood in the old Delphic League. We were playing against Baron Davis.

"When I first took over, the initial

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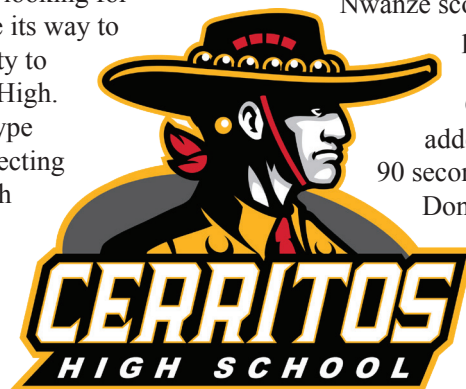
## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Cerritos comes out flat against Laguna Beach but has enough for non-league victory

By Loren Kopff  
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LAGUNA BEACH-It was not the beginning that Cerritos High head coach Marcus Chinen was looking for when his team made its way to South Orange County to face Laguna Beach High. It also was not the type of game he was expecting from his team, which was facing an opponent with seven wins on the season and was riding a six-game losing streak and losers of 10 out of the last 11 games.

Cerritos scored eight points in the opening quarter, 20 by halftime and was held scoreless in the final 3:30 of the game, but still defeated the Breakers 49-34 in a matinee affair last Saturday. The Dons improved to 17-9 with the final week of the regular season upon us.



"It's hard when you're coming from a big game from last night; it takes a lot out of the girls," said Chinen. "And then coming into a game the next day... they were a little flat; they had to travel kind of far. That's one of the things that we're not worried about as far as a coaching staff, but just figuring out if we get off to a slow start, how are we going to bounce back and rebound from that?"

Cerritos was roughly 17 and a half hours removed from a 48-35 victory over Pioneer High last Friday night, keeping its dream of an undefeated 605 League season alive. Senior Oneyka Nwanze scored the first four

points of the game and sophomore Cameron Lacorte added another in the first 90 seconds. After that, the Dons went 5:38 without a point, missing 12 shots from the field.

But the streaky Dons bounced back, going on a 9-0 run in a span of 1:40 to build an 18-7 lead before connecting on one field goal over the final 5:07 of the half. Nwanze had 12 points and all 11 of her rebounds and three steals in the first half while junior Miya Scammahorn, the three-point specialist off the bench, added another one as the visitors led 20-13 at the break.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Shorthanded Whitney suffers worst loss, lowest point total of season to Division 1 team

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GARDEN GROVE-It the Whitney High girls basketball team is to go far in the CIF-Southern Section Division 2A playoffs, the players on the bench must step up when key starters are out of action. When the Wildcats visited Orangewood Academy last Saturday night, senior Kylie Wang, the team's leading

scorer, was not suited up for a third consecutive game as she is nursing a right ankle sprain from the Jan. 19 game against Pioneer High.

Without her and junior Mady Macaraeg, another starter, the Wildcats (18-8 overall) were blown off the court 69-32. It was the worst loss of the season for Whitney, which also posted its lowest point total. Whitney previously had four losses of six points or fewer, one by 12 points, one by 15 and one by 21. However, two of those double-digit losses came to out of state teams during the NIKE Tournament of Champions.

In the first quarter, Whitney was embroiled in a good battle with the Spartans, which is ranked 10th in Division 1. There were four ties, four lead changes and neither team led by more than three points. But with the score knotted up at 11-11, Orangewood Academy went on

an 11-0 run and never looked back. By halftime, the 'Cats found themselves down 20 and searching for someone to step up in the absence of the two starters.

"In the first quarter, you saw a team that was focused, locked in and ready to play," said Whitney head coach Myron Jacobs. "I think halfway through the second quarter, you saw a team that mentally broke down because they were getting frustrated with not getting the calls that they wanted in the key with the three seconds and the hand checking."

Whitney was six of 18 from the field in the half with junior Haylie Wang scoring seven points and grabbing four rebounds. But Whitney also turned the ball over too many times and the Spartans took advantage with the points

in transition. And when they didn't score in transition, it was the offensive rebounds and second chance points that did the Wildcats in.

"A team can get exposed every night they lose," said Jacobs. "It doesn't matter if it's a game like this; it doesn't matter if it's a playoff game, you get exposed. That's the whole point of coaching. I thought this team that we played was definitely not as good as we thought they were and what we saw on film. I thought we beat ourselves. We had a total of 12 turnovers in the first quarter; that's what I counted.

"When you shoot below 12 percent from the three-point line, and you have 27 turnovers in a game and you get out-rebounded...I'm pretty sure they killed us on the second chance points, that's

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# NORWALK GIRLS BASKETBALL FOILS LA MIRADA'S PLANS OF A POTENTIAL SHARED MID-CITIES LEAGUE TITLE

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This has been a historic season in many ways for the La Mirada High girls basketball team, which was looking to add another notch on its totem pole of accomplishments. However, without the services of senior Jirah Domingo, the team's lone senior who is also the leading scorer, the Matadores didn't quite have enough as Norwalk High posted a 51-40 victory on its senior night this past Tuesday.

Norwalk improved to 12-15 overall, 6-3 in the Mid-Cities League and secured at least third place and an automatic berth to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. La Mirada, ranked third in the Division 5AA poll, dropped to 17-5 overall, 7-2 in league and lost a chance of staying tied with Mayfair High for the top spot in the league with one game remaining in the regular season.

"I know they were also down one of their big players," said Norwalk head coach Ashley Baclaan. "That was definitely a factor, I know, in their game. In terms of our girls, I'm glad that we were executing some things out that we were talking about and that they kept their composure."

"After checking with our trainer, we didn't feel like she was ready to be back on the court after a concussion," said La Mirada head coach Victoria Luong of Domingo. "He said she wasn't well enough to play. She had 22 points the last time against Norwalk; that's a major factor. Also, she had a lot of assists and steals, which helps with the team overall."

"It was definitely a downer on the team," she continued. "The girls just didn't have the energy. We had three girls who had been sick all weekend. They actually just came back to school today, so they haven't been with us over the weekend or for practice yesterday."

Domingo, who has scored in double figures in the 20 games she has played in, hit her head on the court late in last Wednesday's home game against Mayfair. She managed to score 30 points, but then sat out last Friday's game at Dominguez High and the Norwalk contest.

La Mirada led only once in the game but stayed within five points until the Lancers began a 6-0 run with a steal from

sophomore Kaylyn Moreno, who dished off a pass to senior Rhean Pasqual and a basket. Over a minute and a half later, Pasqual scored off a steal and senior Keilani Ganancial put back one of her five offensive baskets as the Lancers went up 23-14 with 2:38 left in the first half.

Despite poor shooting by the Matadores, they were staying close because of the supporting cast of juniors Emily Gonzalez (nine rebounds, four points in the first half) and Simran Sahota (six rebounds in the second quarter). But Norwalk's third run of the game proved to be the dagger in the heart as it went on a 9-0 run late in the third quarter to go up 38-22, its biggest lead of the game.

The fourth quarter was nothing but trading baskets until the lead shrunk to 44-36 with 5:36 remaining in the game, prompting Baclaan to call a pair of timeouts.

"That's why I had to call those timeouts because they definitely weren't listening and they were getting too out of control and antsy," said Baclaan. "Once they settled down, then we did alright; we did enough."

"I told the girls, fortunately for us, we only have one senior, which is Jirah," said Luong. "But this is their team next year. We have to pick it up and learn how to play when we don't have her. We're praying that she's better by Thursday; that we do have her. But then again, we have to make do and everybody else has to step up."

Ganancial, the leader of the team all season, was held in check in the first half, scoring four points on two of 11 shooting. But she bounced back in the second half to finish with 11 points. Pasqual led the Lancers with a dozen points and eight rebounds while junior Anahi Rodriguez came off the bench to add 11 points and eight boards.

"That was something we have definitely been trying to work on; having others gain that confidence to take those shots, but not overtake them, sometimes," said Baclaan. "I think they played it smart, not just today, but in one of other games recently. So, it became more like a solid team effort on the offensive side. So that was good."

La Mirada was led by freshman

sensation Jordin Shaw's 13 points while junior Hailey Medrano scored eight points and grabbed seven rebounds. Gonzalez and Sahota pitched in with six points each while the former had 10 rebounds and the latter eight boards.

"Some of these girls came in never playing basketball before," said Luong. "Jirah and [junior] Jael [Arreguin] grew up playing basketball. But there are other players who never played organized ball. So, we started fresh, and they've come a long way. This is the best record that we've had in... forever, since MaxPreps [began its business]. This [season] is the first time we've beaten Mayfair since 2008. They've made long strides, but I think... we're still working on their mental game. It's just that matter of getting back and playing hard to move forward."

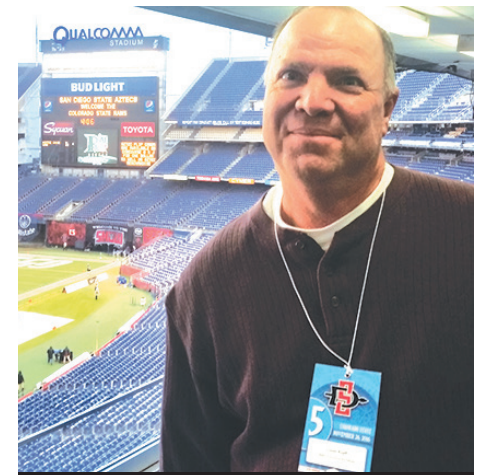
La Mirada hosts fourth place Bellflower High to wrap up the regular season while the Lancers travel to fifth place Firebaugh High. Barring a major upset, Mayfair will win the league title outright as the Monsoons face last place Dominguez.

"Anytime we make [the playoffs], I hope we go as far as possible," said Baclaan. "It's just one of those, 'we'll see how we show up'. We'll just prepare as best we can for whoever it is and then just try to bring our best."

In other girls basketball action involving teams going to the playoffs, with the final league games being played on Feb. 1, Cerritos High (18-9, 9-0) visited Whitney High (19-8, 9-1), hoping to win the 605 League crown outright. Whitney is ranked 15th in Division 2A while Cerritos is ranked 15th in Division 3AA. Gahr High, ranked fourth in Division 4AA, hosted second place Paramount High. The Gladiators are 18-7, 2-5 and in fourth place in the Gateway League.

In boys action, Cerritos is 16-10, 9-0 and ranked fourth in Division 4AA while Artesia High can take second place outright in the 605 League with a win at Oxford Academy. The Pioneers are 17-9, 7-2 while Whitney is in third place at 15-9, 6-3.

La Mirada (20-7, 7-0), the 14th ranked team in Division 1, has won the Gateway League and hosted Downey High while Gahr (17-8, 7-2), tied for first place in the



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Mid-Cities League, was home to Paramount. Valley Christian High is 15-12 overall but 2-5 in the Olympic League and in fourth place. The Defenders, who hosted Village Christian High, could get in as an at-large team.

### BOYS SOCCER

Artesia, ranked fourth in Division 2, was 16-0-3 and had given up four goals but lost to Animo Leadership High, the top-ranked team in Division 3, 2-1 last Saturday and Pioneer 3-1 this past Monday. Still the Pioneers are 605 League champions while Cerritos (7-9-3, 5-1-3) is sure to finish in a tie for second place as it visited winless Whitney.

Gahr (8-11-3, 5-4-0) needs to beat last place Mayfair and have Dominguez fall to league-leading Bellflower to claim third place while V.C. (6-11-4, 3-2-2) has claimed third place in the Olympic League.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Artesia (14-3-2, 5-2-0), ranked ninth in Division 7, has locked down second place while Cerritos (13-5-2, 7-0-0) has yet to lose a 605 League game since the circuit was formed six years ago. La Mirada (5-8-5, 3-2-2) is third in the Gateway League and went to Downey while Norwalk (5-11-1, 4-5-0) has a chance for third place in the Mid-Cities League as the Lancers entertained Firebaugh. V.C. (11-6-2, 6-0-1) hosted Village Christian and win will give the Defenders the Olympic League title outright.



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Only four players scored in the first half but more players got involved in the second half as Chinen was tinkering with different matchups amongst the 14 players who saw action. Junior Ambar Multani scored a pair of third quarter baskets, had a block, a rebound and a steal while freshman Kalana Nguyen scored five points in the stanza and picked up three steals.

“We don’t know what’s going to happen in the playoffs,” said Chinen. “You have foul trouble or maybe someone gets sick or injured. You have to see who can fill that spot; you know, next man up [mentality]. That’s what we’re trying to do with these games like this. That’s why we have a couple of single games in here where we can tweak our little lineups and see what we have moving forward.”

Lacorte scored off a steal with 10 seconds left in the third quarter, then Cerritos scored the first 14 points of the final stanza as it opened a 49-20 advantage. Despite allowing the last 14 points of the contest, the defense swarmed the Breakers throughout the entire contest to the tune of 22 turnovers. Nguyen ended up with five steals, senior Mailee Dizon with four steals and Nwanze and junior Sophie Watanabe with three steals each.

“That’s one thing that we’re nipping on during practices and even in our games,” said Chinen. “It’s defense that is going to get us going; that our defense is going to be our offense. Any type of deflection, any type of steal is going to be a positive for us. Even when those deflections when the ball goes out of bounds, it kind of gives us a little

breather to catch our breath; kind of calm down if we’re out of control. But our defense is going to have to take us through the playoffs.”

Nwanze scored three more points in the fourth quarter to finish with 15 while Scammahorn sank a pair of three-pointers in the fourth quarter and Nguyen one more to finish with eight points. If Cerritos has one strength heading into the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, it’s the depth. Eight players scored against the Breakers and at least 10 players recorded a point in eight games. Of the 16 players on the team, five are seniors, thus giving the future of the program a lot of experience.

“They’re younger and we have some young ones coming up,” said Chinen. “And I think we have a few who are at the lower levels that could possibly come up and with a good spring, summer and fall, we can see what they can do and hopefully help us out in the future.”

Cerritos will host last place John Glenn High on Tuesday before going to Whitney High on Thursday, hoping to sweep the Wildcats and win the league outright. But first, the Dons can’t overlook a Glenn squad that has scored 12 points or fewer in six straight league contests.

“Those games could be trap games, but we have to play hard no matter who our opponent is the next game,” said Chinen. “The girls are looking forward for their senior night, and then after that, it’s almost like we have to tune ourselves and refocus on Wednesday; have a really good practice going into the final game.”

Barring a colossal upset by Glenn, Chinen said it’s going to take everything to defeat Whitney on its senior night

with the league title on the line.

“It goes from the energy from the bench; the energy on the court, limiting our turnovers,” he said. “We’re going to have to rebound hard and our defense is going to have to be on par. We have to play scrappy defense in order to be competitive and take that victory from them. They’re going to come at us and they’re a very, very good team; a well-coached team and we’ll have to see on Thursday what happens.”

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what I saw,” he continued.

Whitney’s second quarter points came 13 seconds in, at the 3:47 mark and with 2:37 remaining in the half. It would get three baskets in the third quarter—a three-pointer from freshman Alyssa So to make it 42-18, a two-pointer from junior Rachel Moyher with 3:40 left and one from freshman Cheyanne Cheung with 2:55 left in the stanza. After that, the Spartans went on a 13-0 run to lead 57-22 early in the fourth quarter.

“If you play a Kylie and a Mady in the first quarter, along with the original starters, now you’re looking at another halftime score,” said Jacobs.

Wang led the Wildcats with 14 points, 10 boards and three assists while So added 10 points and grabbed four rebounds. Junior Allie Yamaguchi pitched in with five rebounds, but the rest of the team combined to shoot four of 14 from the field and get nine rebounds, two steals and an assist.

“Again, you’re looking at a very young Whitney team that you saw today,” said Jacobs. “You saw the girls who were actually moved up who are young and raw still learning. Hopefully, we’ll get there.”

Whitney, which lost its only two games against Division 1 teams, went 2-0 against Division 2AA teams and has split its four games against Division 2A teams, hosts Oxford Academy on Tuesday before ending the regular season on Thursday at home against Cerritos High. Whitney needs to beat Cerritos to claim a share of the 605 League title as

the Dons defeated the Wildcats 64-60 on Jan. 17. Jacobs said he didn’t know if Kylie Wang would be ready to play that game, but indicated there might be some changes on the horizon.

“You’re going to see a whole new team,” said Jacobs. “We’re going to move kids down and we’re probably only going to have seven or six kids. At this point in the season, it’s critical. It’s about you have to have to play with heart and come out and play. We’re teaching the things that we’re teaching for a reason, and then they come out here and look at the other size of the score; look at the other name of the opponent and what’s on the front of their jersey versus just going out there and just giving their best. That’s not how we coach; that’s not how I coach and it’s unacceptable.”

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thing I said was we were going to treat the pre-league stuff like offseason, and then league was going to be preparation for the playoffs,” he later added. “If I look back at our first game compared to today, it’s a totally different team. We’re not where we need to be yet, but we still have a week left. I, 100 percent, believe we can be dangerous, and just like last year, we went up against a higher seed [in the playoffs] and we took them out, then went on a roll.”

Staples finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and three steals while Del Rosario connected on all four shots he took, scored a season-high 12 points and Martinez pitched in with 11 points and six rebounds. The Pioneers, who have locked up second place for the third time since the 2018-2019 season, visit Pioneer on Tuesday, Oxford Academy on Thursday and Mayfair High on Saturday.

“It’s funny because this year has actually been like a rebuilding year in the sense that Zion is only the real guy who has experience,” said Myles. “Although Josh was a starter last year, he only played half the season. So, this is really his first full year of experience and everybody else who was on the team never really played much. This is pretty much a brand new team this year.”

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to maintain a defensive line.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)  
Escrow No. 6865-EY  
Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: THE PUNJAB RESTAURANT INC AKA PUNJAB RESTAURANTS, 18611 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 18611 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
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  
The name(s) and business address(es) of the Buyer(s) are: CURRY LOUNGE INC, 18611 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, TENANT'S IMPROVEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of a certain RESTAURANT business known as THE PUNJAB RESTAURANT and which are located at: 18611 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 21, 2024 at the office of: SAPHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: SAPHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701, and the last date for filing claims shall be FEBRUARY 20, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: JANUARY 30, 2024  
BUYER: CURRY LOUNGE INC  
2116619-PP LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 2/2/24

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 23-2190-DK  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: LONIO PACIFIC LLC, 17801 PIONEER BLVD., STE E, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
Doing Business as: RAMEN ZURU  
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: NONE  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: FRESH NOODLE INC, 519 W. NEWMARK AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS, LICENSES AND INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE and are located at: 17801 PIONEER BLVD., STE E, ARTESIA, CA 90701  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACE ESCROW INC, 6871 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACE ESCROW INC, 6871 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last date for filing claims shall be FEBRUARY 16, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: 01/23/2024  
BUYER: FRESH NOODLE INC  
ORD-2109985 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 2/2/24

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. L-041016-JC  
(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: SALCO LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC., 6236 BELLFLOWER BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: THE JOHN M. SARABIA INC., 1703 W. BALBOA BLVD. #9, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, TRADE-NAME, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE & VEHICLES of that certain business located at: 6236 BELLFLOWER BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SALCO LANDSCAPE SERVICES & GROWERS  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 21, 2024, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3400 W. OLYMPIC BLVD, #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019, Escrow No. L-041016-JC, Escrow Officer: JANICE CHEON  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE  
Dated: JANUARY 24, 2024  
TRANSFEREES: THE JOHN M. SARABIA INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION  
ORD-2109994 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 2/2/24

**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2022-02  
SLURRY SEAL OF  
ROSECRANS AVENUE FROM VALLEY VIEW AVENUE TO EAST CITY LIMITS,  
LA MIRADA BOULEVARD FROM LEFFINGWELL ROAD TO ALONDRA BOULEVARD,  
AND HILLSBOROUGH DRIVE FROM BEACH BOULEVARD TO EAST CITY LIMITS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2022-02. Work includes slurry seal of Rosecrans Avenue from Valley View Avenue to East City Limits, La Mirada Boulevard from Leffingwell Road to Alondra Boulevard, and Hillsborough Drive from Beach Boulevard to East City Limits, in the City of La Mirada.

Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting [https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=29](https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29).

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 4, 2024. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2021-08  
CREEK PARK VEHICLE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2021-08. Work includes demolition of existing hardscape and landscape areas and trees to make room for new improvements. New improvements will include bridge construction, concrete flatwork, and ADA accessibility improvements.

Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting the ARC Southern California website: [https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=29](https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29). Look under PUBLIC PLANROOM and click GO, then search for City of La Mirada from the dropdown list titled "in all company". You can also contact ARC at (949) 660-1150 or [costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com](mailto:costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com) to request Plans and Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 6, 2024. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
PICO RIVERA HOUSING ASSISTANCE AGENCY PHA PLAN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency is a qualified Public Housing Agency (PHA) and is exempt from the requirement to submit an annual plan but is required to consider recommendations from Section 8 participants at an annual public hearing regarding any changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of the agency identified in the 5-Year Plan for FY's 2020 to 2025.

The Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Board of Commissioners will host a public hearing, have the relevant 5-Year Plan available for review, and invite Pico Rivera Section 8 participants to submit comments. The public hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

**MAIL:** P.O. Box 1016, Pico Rivera, CA 90660-1016

**TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4347

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the current PHA Plan that identifies goals, objectives, and policies will be available for public examination at the City's webpage listed below:

<https://www.pico-rivera.org/housing-services-division/>

City Council meetings can be viewed live on CTV3 and the City's website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>. If you wish to submit a comment on this matter, you may do so in advance by email to the City Clerk's Office at [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting or by attending the meeting in person. Please provide your full name and reference the following subject matter "Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency 5-Year Plan for FY's 2020 to 2025."

For more information, call Jessica Guerra, Housing Coordinator, Community & Economic Development Department at (562)801-4347.  
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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact Cynthia Ayala at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

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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](http://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	

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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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 23-04**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider a Zone Change and read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 1426 – An Ordinance approving Zone Change Case No. ZC 23-04 to change the Zoning Designation from C-G (General Commercial) Zone to R-1 (Low Density Residential) Zone for properties located at 10473, 10505, and 10511 Artesia Boulevard.

Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment was conducted for this Ordinance. CEQA Guideline § 15164 provides that an addendum to an adopted Negative Declaration may be prepared where none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines § 15162 have occurred. The proposed Ordinance is within the scope of the City's General Plan Map update which was evaluated under a Negative Declaration No. 98-15, and will not result in substantial changes in the project requiring major revisions to the ND, substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the ND was undertaken, and that there is no new information of substantial importance which was not known and could not have been known at the time the ND was adopted. Accordingly, the Ordinance is not subject to further environmental review.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org), or by appointment in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at [cclerk@bellflower.org](mailto:cclerk@bellflower.org).

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

**MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK**

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The preceding notice is to be published once in the Legal Advertisements Section of the **Friday, February 2, 2024**, issue of **Los Cerritos Community News** newspaper.

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**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**  
ZESHAN SHOUKAT ALI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: ZESHAN SHOUKAT ALI TO ZESHAN AKASH 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 26, 2024 at 9:30 am, Dept 26. ROOM 316. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9/24 Case number 24STCP00091



**CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING FOR A ONE YEAR EXTENSION  
OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1172 PROHIBITING SPECIFIED USES IN THE  
COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) AND COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT  
(CPD) ZONE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to review and obtain public comment to extend Urgency Ordinance No. 1172 for a period not to exceed one (1) year per Government Code 65858. On April 25, 2023, Urgency Ordinance No. 1169 was adopted by the City Council to prohibit any new automobile leasing and renting, automobile parts and accessory, automobile insurance, medical & dental office, discount clothing and shoe store (warehouse), dollar store, drug store, pet shop & grooming, picture frames and framing, barbershops and beauty salons, nail salon, cell phone repair, tattoo shops, and party rental in the Commercial General (C-G) and Commercial Planned Development (CPD) zone. On May 31, 2023, the City Council approved a second extension of 10 months 15 days via Urgency Ordinance 1172. The extension to the ordinance will include revisions eliminating uses and revising language to allow for additional flexibility and will allot City staff time to conduct research on impacts to the community of the specified uses identified.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660  
**MAIL:** PO Box 1016 **TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4332

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to the extent that the actions constitute a project, there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environmental and as a result, no further CEQA review is necessary. This determination is in accordance with Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines that states, a project is exempt from CEQA where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER**

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City's website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live> .
- (3) Email public comments to [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
- (4) Attend the Public Hearing in person.

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. Please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director at 562-801-4447 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.

Posting Date: Friday, February 2, 2024

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at **13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California** to consider the following items:

**GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2023-1: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL RE-ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15074 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES SUBJECT TO MINOR MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD). THIS ITEM WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 16, 2023.**

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the environmental assessment, staff report and recommendations, as well as all testimony and public input, prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing, or you may submit your comments in writing to the city prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the Community Development Department, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. Comments may also be emailed directly to the project planner, Manuel Muñoz, at [manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org](mailto:manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org). Emailed comments must be received by Thursday, February 15, 2024, by 12:00 p.m.

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 at least four days prior to this hearing should you require disability-related accommodation (e.g., sign language interpreter).

**IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Manuel Muñoz  
Community Development Director

**Dated: January 31, 2024**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DALE JOSEPH VERTREES CASE NO. 23STPB13087 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DALE JOSEPH VERTREES A PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION has been filed by SAMETH KONG TENG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION requests that SAMETH KONG TENG be appointed as ADMINISTRATOR the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. A \$31,098.00 BOND WILL BE FURNISHED BY AN ADMITTED SURETY INSURER. OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW. 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: 3/12/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 2D in Stanley Mosk Courthouse located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. PETITIONER SAMETH KONG TENG Self represented 562-569-3069 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/24

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 24STCP00085

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.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
RENEE R. CHIAPELLONE - SBN 129351  
17702 MITCHELL NORTH, STE. 100  
IRVINE CA 92614  
Telephone (714) 538-7820  
BSC 224487  
1/12, 1/19, 1/26/24  
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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

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](http://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 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](http://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 AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-951  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING  
SECTIONS 1-7.02, 5-4.05, 5-4.12, and 5-4.13 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE  
REGARDING ISSUANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS TO PARENTS OR LEGAL  
GUARDIANS OF MINORS WHO VIOLATE THE CITY'S GRAFFITI PROVISIONS**  
Notice is hereby given that on February 12, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-951, making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to holding parents and legal guardians of minors who commit acts of graffiti responsible. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:  
Ordinance No. 24-951 amends the municipal code to strengthen the City's ability to enforce its graffiti related ordinances. The amendment provides that parents and legal guardians of minors who cause graffiti in the City may be administratively be cited in additional to being civilly liable.  
Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.  
Date: February 2, 2024 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk  
  
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**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-949  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING  
SECTION 3-5.505 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ESTABLISHING  
THE INITIAL RATE OF CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX**  
Notice is hereby given that on February 12, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-949, making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to establishing the initial rate of the Cannabis Business Tax. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:  
In November 2020, the voters approved a ballot measure allowing for taxes to be collected from the cultivation and retail sale of cannabis in Artesia. The ballot measure provided the maximum business tax rates for the sale of cannabis at 15% and provided that the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, set the initial tax rates. Ordinance No. 24-949 complies with the ballot measure and establishes the initial tax rate for cannabis business tax at 7% of gross receipts, as defined in the Municipal Code.  
Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.  
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