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LCCN Exposé Spurs FPCC Complaint Against Central Basin's Michael Gualtieri

By Brian Hews

On February 6, 2024 Los Cerritos Community News published an OP/ED outlining how the new majority consisting of Central Basin Municipal Water Board Members President Michael Gualtieri, VP Juan Garza, and Directors Leticia Vasquez-Wilson and Martha Camacho Rodriguez removed Art Chacon as president and removed him from crucial MWD seats, comparing the moves to the 2013-2016 CB Board years that ended up triggering a California State audit.

It took only a short time for the new CB Board to prove LCCN right.

LCCN reported within days of the OP/ED that newly-minted President Michael

{See FPCC pg. 13}



CERRITOS COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND ON STUDENT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

COLLEGE OFFICIALS, the Board of Trustees, and elected officials celebrated a groundbreaking for the new Student Services and Administration Building on February 21. Consisting of the student services, administration, and bookstore functions, the \$95-million project is funded by Measure CC Bond dollars and a state funding allocation of \$16 million secured by California Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon in 2022.

Lawsuit First Published by LCCN Causes Removal of Huntington Park Council Woman From LAUSD

LCCN Staff Report

In early January of this year, Los Cerritos Community News was first obtained and publish a lawsuit filed at the Norwalk Courthouse accusing Huntington Park Councilwoman Graciela Ortiz and 57th Assembly District candidate Efrén Martínez of negligence, a failure to supervise and attempting to cover up the actions of their campaign employee Billy Valdivia during Ortiz and Martínez' campaigns in 2020-2021.

LCCN received many threats of retaliation if it published the lawsuit; after it published more threats of poured in.

{See Ortiz pg. 13}

DIVISION CHAMPIONS!

CIF-SS DIV. 4AA BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Cerritos Brings Home First Championship



CERRITOS HIGH boys basketball team, with head coach Jonathan Watanabe holding the plaque, won a championship in the sport for the first time in school history. The Dons defeated Yeshiva University of Los Angeles 60-51 last Saturday night in the CIF-Southern Section Division 4AA championship game. Photo by Loren Kopff.

By Loren Kopff
 @LorenKopff on Twitter

HUNTINGTON BEACH-In 1987, Hoosiers, a movie about a small-town Indiana basketball team that defied all odds to win the state championship, was released. While the 2023-2024 Cerritos High boys basketball team has 19 members, and the state playoffs begin on Tuesday, it felt like a Hollywood-script ending for the Dons last Saturday night.

Playing for senior Ethan Soriano, who passed away shortly before the regular season began a little over three months ago, Cerritos carved its way through the 605 League, then won all five games in the CIF-Southern Section Division 4AA playoffs, including a come from behind 60-51 win over Yeshiva University of Los Angeles (YULA) in front of a standing

room only scene at Edison High. It is the first divisional championship for the Cerritos boys basketball program after the program had never been to the semifinals before Mar. 16.

To make this win even more special is the fact that the Dons improved to 22-10 and Soriano's uniform number is 22.

The team will now take a trip down Interstate 5 to face University City High on Tuesday in the first round of the CIF Division III Southern California Regionals.

The Centurions, seeded seventh for the regionals, defeated Rancho Buena Vista High 72-57 in the CIF-San Diego Section Division II title game. U.C., which is on a seven-game winning streak, is 24-8.

"Just all praise be to God," said
 {See Basketball pg. 10}

CIF-SS DIV. 7 GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Remigio Kicks Artesia Into School History



THE ARTESIA HIGH girls soccer team edged Maranatha High 1-0 in double overtime last Friday night to win the CIF-Southern Section Division championship. It's the first girls soccer title in school history. Photo by Loren Kopff

By Loren Kopff

Her freshman season at Artesia High is still not over but it's safe to say that defender/midfielder Briana Remigio just took her biggest shot of her young soccer career, and the biggest shot in school history.

With just under five minutes left in the second overtime period against Maranatha High in last Friday night's CIF-Southern Section Division 7 championship game, Remigio booted a penalty kick through the right side of the net for the only tally in a 1-0 win.

It's the first girls soccer CIF championship in school history and comes two years after the program won just five games. The Pioneers will now host Bernstein High on Tuesday in the first round of the CIF Southern California Division

V Regionals with a potential semifinal game on Thursday against either Bell Gardens High or Mar Vista High, leading up to the finals on Saturday. Bernstein defeated Stern High 5-1 last Friday in the CIF-Los Angeles City Section Division IV championship game.

"I'm very happy that we made it very far and I'm just super excited that I won this for everyone," said Remigio. "Not only for myself, but for my whole team, my family and for my friends who are always here to support me."

"This is a lot of years of hard work and a lot of struggles," said Artesia head coach Hugo Umana. "But you know, trust the process. Trust the process."

"I feel that we've always played the best soccer in our league, and we've always played the right way," he later
 {See Soccer pg. 10}

Los Cerritos Community News Endorsements for the March Primary

The start of local 2024 election season is nearly here. There are many important state and local races and a critical measure on the ballot.

LCCN stays in its own sandbox, only endorsing candidates in the cities we cover.

Here is Los Cerritos Community News' recommendations:

Linda Sanchez for 38th Congressional District

From COVID to garnering tens of millions of dollars for critical local infrastructure projects in her district, Sanchez has served the county well for over twenty years, nobody brings her local experience to the district.

Kim Nguyen-Penalosa for 45th Congressional District

Michelle Steel is bad for Congress and the area. As published in LCCN, she has an extremely questionable voting record. In 2021, she voted against the bipartisan infrastructure bill. When the bill brought in more than \$8 million to her district in 2022, she claimed credit.

Janice Hahn for Fourth District Supervisor

Hahn is like Rep. Sanchez, and Fourth District residents should be thankful. From COVID to garnering tens of millions of dollars for critical local infrastructure projects in La Mirada, Pico Rivera, Artesia and other

cities, along with her unwavering support for the Southeast Gateway Line light rail from Artesia to Union Station, Hahn has served the county well in her first two terms, nobody brings her experience and local savvy to the board.

Ed Eng for La Mirada City Council

Councilman Ed Eng has an extensive background in leadership positions, governance, and public policy. He enjoys high credibility and trust among his colleagues and voters due to his proven track record. Eng has initiated the use of Smart Automatic License Plate Readers, state-of-the-art Energy Efficient Technologies, EV charging stations, and more recent-

ly, city programs such as The Santa Holiday Caravan, Farmers Market, and Community Garden.

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GOP Supreme Court's Protection of Trump is Both Partisan Election Interference and How Democracies Die

By Dean Obeidallah

The anger filled my body as I read the news on Wednesday that the GOP controlled Supreme Court—of which three justices were personally appointed by Donald Trump—had made it just about impossible for Trump's criminal trial for his attempted coup to take place before Election Day.

This is what election interference looks like. Alarming, it also potentially helps usher in the end of our democracy.

Assuming we still have elections in the future, Democratic presidential candidates going forward must pledge to expand the SCOTUS to end the GOP's judicial tyranny that has stripped women of fundamental rights, weakened voting rights, struck down laws to save lives from gun violence

and now protected the 2024 GOP presidential frontrunner from being held accountable for his crimes before the election.

Delaying Trump's Jan 6 case to help him win the 2024 election was clearly the plan of the GOP Justices all along. How can I say that? Simple, after the December 1 ruling by federal Judge Tanya Chutkan that Trump did not have immunity to commit crimes to overturn the 2020 election, Trump's lawyers appealed to the US Court of Appeals which automatically stayed the criminal case.

In response, Special Counsel Jack Smith swiftly filed an application with the SCOTUS on December 11 asking them to take the case directly since he understood that a case of this magnitude would ultimately be decided by the nation's top court. Smith argued in his petition to the

Supreme Court that the speedy resolution of Trump's claim of presidential immunity is of urgent national interest and a decision was needed "promptly" to ensure the Jan 6 trial could occur.

In response, Trump argued for a delay, with his campaign stating, "There is absolutely no reason to rush this sham to trial except to injure President Trump and tens of millions of his supporters." His lawyers made a similar argument in their opposition to Smith's application.

What happened? The GOP SCOTUS did exactly what Trump asked and refused to expedite the case. The result was the US Court of Appeals heard the case and rendered a decision on February 6, rejecting Trump's claim of immunity to commit all the crimes he wanted while in office.

Trump's team of course appealed seeking to extend the delay of Trump's Jan 6 case so that the American public would be deprived of hearing the facts in federal court of Trump's crimes. And most importantly, prevent Trump from being convicted of felonies for his attempted coup before November's election.

Despite the obvious urgency of this case given the man who attempted a coup was the likely 2024 GOP presidential nominee, the GOP justices delayed for nearly three weeks a decision on whether to grant Trump's request to hear the case and further delay this case.

That brings us to the Supreme Court's decision on Wednesday to hear the case. In announcing they would take the appeal, the GOP Supreme Court claimed they are "expediting" the case. They aren't. Oral argument is scheduled for two months from now during the week of April 22. There is no reason for this delay given the issue of Trump's immunity has been briefed and argued by his lawyers in both the district court and US Court of Appeals.

In fact, the court's claim this is "expedited" is undermined by how they recently handled the appeal of the Colorado Supreme Court decision that disqualified Trump from holding office for engaging in an insurrection in violation of Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. In that case, the court agreed to take the appeal on January 5. Was that hearing two months later? Nope, it was about 30 days later on February 8.

Based on the oral argument in that case, it's clear the GOP Court will protect Trump and rule he's not disqualified from holding office.

If you want an even better example of how quickly GOP Justices will move when they sense a chance to help Republicans gain power, then check out the infamous Bush v. Gore decision. On December 8, 2000, the Florida Supreme Court ordered the immediate manual recounts of under-votes for the office of president in all counties where such recounts had not already taken place. The Bush campaign then im-

mediately petitioned the GOP controlled U.S. Supreme Court for a stay of the recount order—which was granted the very next day.

Just two days later on December 11, the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments. And only one day later on December 12, the five Republican Justices joined forces to effectively award Florida's 25 electoral votes to George W. Bush, thus, naming him the winner. Al Gore officially conceded the following day. That entire appeal process took less than a week.

Interestingly, in Bush v. Gore, three of the current GOP justices worked as lawyers on Team Bush: Chief Justice John Roberts together with Justices Amy Coney Barrett and Brett Kavanaugh. That means these three know first-hand how quickly the Supreme Court can move.

When it comes to Trump's appeal, don't rule out that this 6 to 3 GOP court will find Trump is immune from prosecution in this case, although in a narrowly worded decision so that he can't actually send Seal Team Six over to shoot them or anyone else. But even if they end up affirming the lower court's ruling that Trump can be prosecuted, he will have at least three months from the decision that will likely be rendered in May or June to prepare his defense in the Jan 6 case—which takes us to the fall. Will a criminal trial of the GOP presidential nominee actually take place in September just two months before the election? Possible, but unlikely.

That's exactly what the GOP Justices want. They—like Trump—see the recent polls that show Trump will lose badly if he's convicted of felonies before election day. For example, a late December NY Times poll of key swing-states showed Trump going from a four-point lead on Biden to a 10-point deficit if he's convicted. That's a huge 14-point swing.

That's why this is partisan election interference. The three Trump Justices along with "Justice for rent" Clarence Thomas and the reactionary Samuel Alito have deprived voters of seeing Trump tried before the 2024 election for his attempted coup. And by doing so, they have brought our democratic Republic closer to ending by enabling a fascist, wanna be dictator to win in 2024. (In reality, the three Justices Trump appointed and Clarence Thomas—given his ties to the Jan 6 coup via his wife Ginni—should recuse themselves given the obvious conflict of interest!)

You should be angry—very angry. But now we must channel our anger into defeating Trump. As I've repeatedly said, we can't count on the courts, Jack Smith or anyone else to save our nation from Trump. It's up to us. And come November 5, 2024, we will do just that!



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Hahn Extends Pool Season, Knabe Park Pool Will Get New Lights



THE POOL at Don Knabe Regional Park in Cerritos will be getting extensive lighting installed in coming weeks. This is part of Supervisor Hahn's work to extend the pool season through the end of October.

Staff Report

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn announced this week that the public pool at Don Knabe Regional Park in Cerritos will be getting extensive lighting installed in coming weeks. This is part of Supervisor Hahn's work to extend the pool season through the end of October.

"We all know that the warm weather doesn't end in August and our pool season shouldn't either," said Supervisor Hahn. "I am keeping our County pools, including the pool at Knabe Park, open through October and we are installing new lighting so people can swim in the evenings."

The Don Knabe Community Regional Park Pool Lighting Remodel Project will include installation of underwa-

ter lighting, upgrade of existing deck lighting, security lighting and emergency lighting. Construction will start March 4th and will be completed before the pool opens in May.

The LA County Department of Parks and Recreation manages 30 pools countywide with 25 of them previously open just ten weeks out of the year under the standard pool season which ran from June 15 to August 21st.

After speaking to constituents who were disappointed pools closed so early, Hahn pushed to extend the ten-week pool season to a six-month pool season. This year, County pools will be open from May through the end of October and the Department of Parks and Recreation has hired and trained additional lifeguards to keep the pools staffed.

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AAUW Long Beach Meeting to Discuss Police Oversight Comm.

AAUW Director Francine Kerridge will discuss the duties of the newly created Police Oversight Commission on Saturday, March 2nd at 11a.m.

The AAUW meeting order will start at 9:30 a.m. for some networking & socializing with a 10 a.m. business meeting followed by the 11 a.m. presentation.

The meeting will be at Long Beach City College, 4900 E. Conant St. (Clark & Conant). Follow signs to building O2, Room 208.

To attend please RSVP at: aauwlongbeach.reservations@gmail.com.

Cerritos Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Dentist of Cerritos



DENTIST OF CERRITOS owners Dr. Omid Barkhordar and Dr. Hamid Barkhordar cut the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of their new office in Cerritos with the Cerritos Chamber Board Members, Ambassadors, staff, and guest emcee David Arellano of Lakewood. Their office is at 11900 South St Suite 108; website at dentistcerritos.com.

Four ABCUSD Schools Named Distinguished Schools by CDOE

Staff Report

Each year, the California Department of Education names its California Distinguished Schools. This year, the ABC Unified School District has four schools named California Distinguished Schools. Congratulations to Cerritos High School, Gahr High School, Tetzlaff Middle School, and Whitney High School.

“We are very proud of these schools, and I thank the students, families, teachers, and staff for working so hard,” said Board President Mrs. Sophia Tse. “We have amazing schools doing amazing things, and this is wonderful.”

The four ABCUSD schools are part

of 293 middle and high schools named to this year’s prestigious list of schools. The California Department of Education uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the California School Dashboard. Specifically, schools were selected by analyzing data reported through the 2023 Dashboard, focusing on demonstrating excellence and growth in academic achievement and ensuring a positive school climate.

More information about the California Distinguished Schools program, including all the schools named to this year’s list, is available at www.cde.ca.gov.

Drive-Thru Taqueria Slated to Open Three New Stores

Tacos El Superior has five locations throughout SoCal, one of the new stores will be in Hawaiian Gardens

Tacos El Superior is opening three new locations according to its website — one will be in Hawaiian Gardens at 12056 E Carson St. in the Hawaiian Gardens Town Center.

The brand, which originally started as a food truck, recently opened its fifth location in Sylmar and also has outposts in Azusa, Palmdale, Lancaster and Tehachapi.

“To go from our Taco Truck to 5 brick & mortar locations has been a

huge blessing. We’ve had our battles, but showing up & serving our customers & making their days has always made it all worth it,” company officials wrote in a recent post on their Instagram.

The drive-thru taqueria, helmed by Andrew Marroquin, is known for its authentic Mexican dishes like tacos, mulitas, quesadillas, sopes, nachos, burritos and more.

They also serve SoCal-style loaded fries and agua frescas with flavors like horchata, pineapple and fresca con leche.

Combo meals include an entree, side-rice and beans, fries or chips-and a medium soft drink.

Opening dates for the new stores have not yet been announced.

\$200 Grants Available to Qualified SoCal Gas Customers

\$1 million in Gas Assistance Funds available to support eligible residential customers

This week, SoCalGas announced that there is \$1 million available in the Gas Assistance Fund to support eligible customers with grants of up to \$200 to help pay their natural gas bill in 2024.

Eligibility to receive a grant from the Gas Assistance Fund is based on total household income and household size. Information on how to qualify and apply can be found at socalgas.com/GAF.

SoCalGas provides resources to help customers manage their energy consumption, make energy-efficient improvements to their homes, and ultimately reduce their bills, including the Gas Assistance Fund, a joint effort between SoCalGas and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County Program to Help Buyers Purchase Their First Home

Qualified borrowers will receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance through the new loan program.

Staff Report

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) announced its new Home Ownership Program, HOP120.

The loans will assist moderate-income homebuyers earning 120% of the Area Median Income for Los Angeles County in the purchase of their first home.

HOP120 provides a second mortgage loan for first-time homebuyers with assistance up to \$85,000, or 20% of the purchase price, whichever is less.

The loan provides down payment and/or closing cost assistance and is secured with a Deed of Trust and Promissory Note.

The loans are 0% interest loans with deferred payment. Repayment is required when the home is sold, there is a transfer of title, or the home is no longer owner-occupied.

Eligible properties must be in unincorporated Los Angeles County or participating cities.

Eligible properties include single-family homes, townhomes, and condominiums with a maximum purchase price of \$850,000.

The LACDA started accepting HOP120 applications on February 26, 2024.

To apply for the Program, applicants must use an LACDA-approved participating lender who will submit the application on their behalf.

Interested homebuyers are encouraged to visit www.lacda.org, and click on Home Ownership at the top of the page for additional details such as the lists of participating cities and lenders.

“HOP120 expands homeownership opportunities to families who are positioned to purchase a home but held back by the upfront costs such as down payments and closing costs. The LACDA aims to remove some of those barriers and help Los Angeles County residents invest in their future and plant roots for their family,” said LACDA Executive Director, Emilio Salas.

For more information on HOP120, please email HOP@lacda.org or call (626) 586-1853.

La Palma Contracts With Permit and Licensing Company

La Palma recently contracted with OpenGov software which will allow the city to streamline code enforcement and digital inspections, and improve document control, internal communications, and financial planning

The software will also provide support for and help crews out in the field saving time through the use of mobile applications.

The upgrades will give residents and staff more access to online permitting and licensing and faster response times for service requests.

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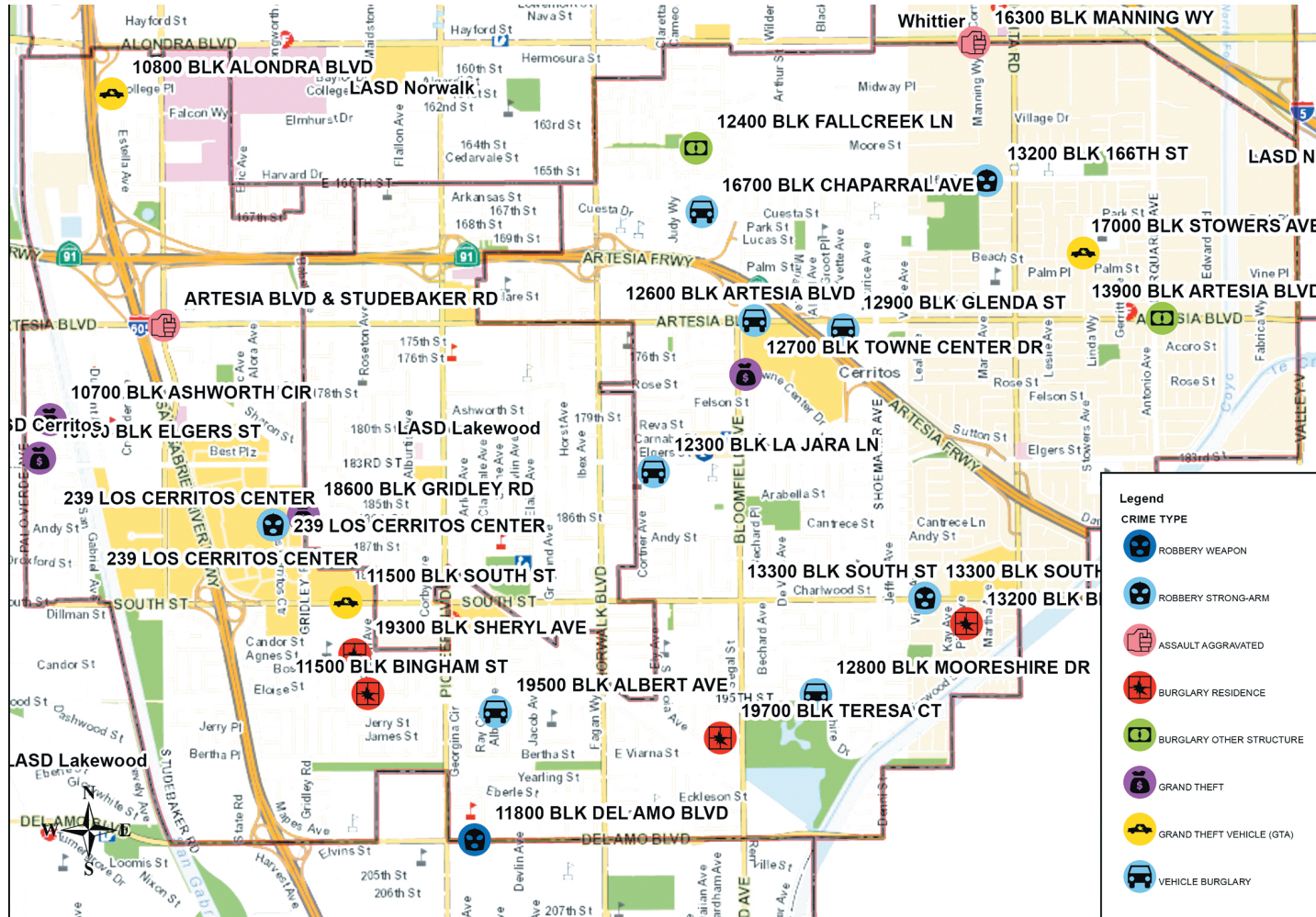
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Area City's Crime Summary-February 19-25, 2024



Cerritos Notable Incidents

Dropped money scam

At a store at Carmenita and South the victim was approached by the suspect in the store claiming she had dropped some money and handed it to her. When the victim got back to her vehicle the suspect approached again demanding the money back. The suspect grabbed the victim's hands demanding the money back. The victim was holding her cellphone/wallet in her hands during this time. The victim gave the suspect the money back and he walked away. The victim realized the suspect had stolen her bank card while grabbing her hands.

Beware meeting for purchase

The victim agreed to meet the unknown suspect to purchase a cellphone; after sending a payment via Zelle the suspect claimed he did not receive it and demanded another payment. The victim refused and the suspect produced a knife and threatened the victim. The victim fled and was able to get away from the suspect.

Rogue Golf Carts on La Mirada Roadways

La Mirada Sheriff's have been receiving reports of golf carts being ridden in neighborhoods and commercial centers.

The Public Safety Team wants to remind residents that golf carts are prohibit-

ed on city streets.

It is unsafe for golf carts to share the road with larger, faster vehicles.

Golf carts are only street legal in California if they are properly equipped with safety measures.

So, before hitting the road in a golf cart, consider the law and the safety of yourself and your passengers.

La Mirada Crime Summary

Notable Arrests

- Seven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Robbery

- A robbery was reported on the 15600 block of Hesse Dr.

Aggravated Assault

- An afternoon assault occurred on the 13700 block of Adelfa Dr. This incident is still under investigation.

Other Structure Burglary

- A late-night burglary occurred on the 14400 block of Firestone Blvd.

- A burglary was reported on the 11800 block of La Mirada Blvd.

- An overnight burglary occurred on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd.

- An attempted burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave.

Vehicle Burglary

- A laptop was stolen during an afternoon window smash vehicle burglary on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy.

- A bag was stolen from a daytime window smash vehicle burglary on the 14900

block of La Mirada Blvd.

- A late-night window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 13300 block of Hillsborough Dr.

Grand Theft

- A morning theft occurred on the 14900 block of Artesia Blvd. Two suspects were arrested during the incident.

- A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 15100 block of Cheshire St.

Grand Theft Auto

- A pickup truck was reported stolen on the 14600 block of Industry Cir.

- A vehicle theft occurred on the 13000 block of Sunnybrook Ln.

La Mirada Remains Among Region's Safest Cities

La Mirada experienced the lowest number of major crimes last year in southeast Los Angeles County according to a recent crime analysis of surrounding cities.

La Mirada's Special Assignment Officers (SAO) Team will focus on preventing and suppressing criminal activity and nuisance issues in the community. The SAO Team serves a key role in keeping La Mirada among the area's safest cities. Last year, the team conducted quality investigations that led to important arrests.

For additional information on the annual crime report and the City's crime prevention efforts, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2986.

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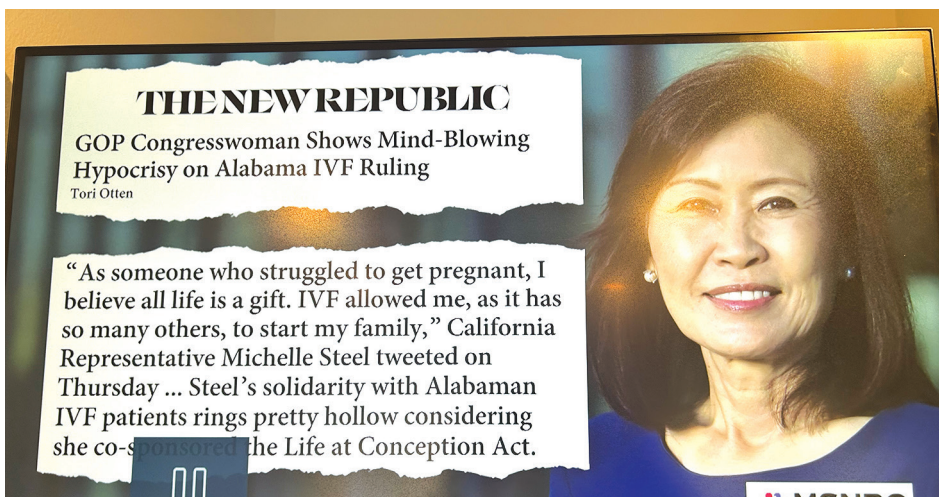
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The Salvation Army Bellflower Corps	9644 Cedar St	Bellflower	90706
Don Knabe Comm Regional Park	19700 Bloomfield Ave	CERRITOS	90703
Juarez Academy of Engineering and Tech	11939 Aclare St	Cerritos	90703
Liberty II Facility	19033 Studebaker Rd	Cerritos	90703
Whitney High School	16800 Shoemaker Ave	Cerritos	90703
Brenda Villa Aquatic Center	5600 Harbor St	COMMERCE	90040
Bristow Park	1466 S McDonnell Ave	Commerce	90040
Furman Park	10419 Rives Ave	DOWNEY	90241
Gallatin Elementary School	9513 Brookshire Ave	Downey	90240
Golden Park	8840 Golden Ave	Downey	90242
Iglesia de Cristo Ministerios Lla Final	12145 Woodruff Ave	Downey	90241
New Season LA	9001 Paramount Blvd	Downey	90240
St George Greek Orthodox Church	10830 Downey Ave	Downey	90241
The Way Out Ministries	22427 Norwalk Blvd	HAWAIIAN GRDENS	90716
Alternative Education Center	14640 Mercado Ave	LA MIRADA	90638
La Mirada Activity Center	13810 La Mirada Blvd	La Mirada	90638
Neff Park Barn	14300 San Cristobal Dr	La Mirada	90638
Biscailuz Park	2601 Dollar St	LAKEWOOD	90712
Lakewood Country Club	3101 Carson St	Lakewood	90712
Lakewood Garden Civic Association	4217 Ashworth St	Lakewood	90712
Lakewood Youth Center	4658 Woodruff Ave	Lakewood	90713
Mayfair Park	5720 Clark Ave	Lakewood	90712
Bay Shore Comm Congregational Church	5100 E The Toledo	LONG BEACH	90803
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Rep. Michelle Steel's IVF Hypocrisy Shown on MSNBC



STEEL ON TWITTER: "As someone who struggled to get pregnant, I believe all life is a gift. IVF allowed me, as it has so many others, to start my family," California representative Michelle Steele tweeted on Thursday. Steel's solidarity with Alabaman IVF patients rings pretty hollow considering she co-sponsored the Life at Conception Act. two positions that appear to be at odds with one another, in the latest example of Republicans struggling to thread the needle on reproductive rights issues.

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Cerritos News and Events

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "Trees Grow With Us and for Us." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics).

Do not mat, mount or frame the posters.

Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form (available at cerritos.us).

Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

Winning artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.us starting Monday, April 29 through Monday, May 27.

For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254

Reset your clocks on March 10

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks forward one hour and replace smoke alarm batteries. Check the units to ensure they are functioning properly.

A typical smoke alarm has a lifespan of approximately 10 years. A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce the risks of death and/or injuries in the event of a fire.

Program fights fraud, notifies homeowners

In an effort to ensure accuracy and protect property owners from real estate fraud, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs offers an Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program, which notifies residential property owners throughout Los Angeles County when documents are recorded against their property.

Under the program, owners are alerted within five to 30 business days after certain documents are recorded on their property, including those that

pertain to an ownership change, show loans taken against on the home, or a Notice of Default or Notice of Sale.

Document copies are sent to homeowners to review for accuracy and legitimacy, giving owners the opportunity to take adequate steps to deal with an impending foreclosure or real estate fraud.

The service emails owners within two days of a document's recording and follows up with a hard copy of the document in the mail.

Interested owners can opt-in for e-notification at dcba.lacounty.gov/portfolio/homeowner-notification-program/.

Library Study Room names updated with community input

The Cerritos Library Study Rooms now feature the names of three women celebrated for their contributions to medicine, math and science, including Marie Curie, Katherine Johnson and Chien-Shiung Wu.

Local community members suggested renaming three of the Study Rooms for women as they were all previously named for men.

The Cerritos City Council approved a project to seek input regarding renaming the rooms or retaining the men's names.

Based on the results of online community voting surveys, the Study Rooms now display the names of Nikola Tesla and Jules Verne in addition to Curie, Johnson and Wu. The adjacent Access Plus Room retains George Orwell's name.

The library's Study Rooms can be reserved for studying by small groups of students in junior high school and above. The rooms can be reserved in person with a valid Cerritos Library Card at the library's Reservation Desk up to one week in advance and for up to two hours.

Recreation Services seeking volunteers

The Recreation Services Division's volunteer program offers ample opportunities for adults and teens 13 and older who would like to serve their community.

Volunteers are required to have a City of Cerritos Recreation Services Division Volunteer Application/Waiver on file. They will be fingerprinted and must attend a volunteer orientation workshop prior to being assigned to any program or event. The next ori-

entations are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 and Wednesday, April 17 at Heritage Park. Volunteers are also required to attend two enrichment workshops a year to maintain their active status.

The Application/Waiver is available online in the Recreation section of the City's website at cerritos.us or at any Cerritos community center. Volunteers younger than 18 must obtain a signature from their parent or guardian.

For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570

Cerritos Library announces free seeds program

Beginning in April, Cerritos Library patrons ages 13 and older will be able to pick up free seeds from a new Seed Library.

The Seed Library offers seeds for native California plants such as wildflowers, sunflowers and a pollinator mix of flowers, along with a variety of vegetable, fruit and herb seeds.

Patrons may select up to four seed packets per month. Seeds and packets do not need to be returned to the library.

The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

The Seed Library will be located on the first floor of the library, near the Circulation Desk.

Free document shredding offered on March 23

The City of Cerritos is offering a paper shredding event from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 23. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South Street.

Community members may bring up to two banker-sized (12" wide, 15" long and 9.5" deep) boxes of paper documents to be shredded at no charge. Staples and paper clips may be left on documents, but paperwork should not contain any binder clips or three-ring binders. Documents will be shredded on-site at the program. This is a secure way to dispose of paperwork that contains private information.

In addition to the shredding event, each participating resident will have the option to obtain free fresh compost. Residents must bring their own rigid container, no larger than 35 gallons, to

hold the compost.

For more information, call the Cerritos Senior Center at (562) 916-8550.

Water feature maintenance contract awarded

The City Council recently awarded a contract to Service First of Santa Ana for water feature maintenance and repair throughout Cerritos.

Not to exceed \$339,000, the one-year contract includes provisions for up to four one-year extensions.

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Soroptimist Monte Carlo Gala Fundraiser – An Awesome Success

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos' 30th Annual Monte Carlo Night Gala fundraiser on February 24 was a huge success with all 250 event tickets sold for a maximum venue attendance at the Center at Sycamore Plaza, Lakewood. The event raised over \$65,000. Casino games (blackjack, craps, and roulette), a delicious buffet dinner, and prizes totaling over \$32,000 highlighted the event. A "Reaching for the Stars" theme entertained partygoers with fun gaming, live music from Cerritos College's "Outta Pocket Jazz Quartet",

and digital photos taken of guests in front of a starry night background by photographers Sam and Myrriam Cardinal. Beautifully decorated prize stations and fresh flower table centerpieces surrounded by LED mini lights helped set the theme for the elegant evening. One of the highlights was the attendance of Mitzy Sedano,

2023 "Live Your Dream" Award Winner, a single mom from Cerritos College who overcame tremendous personal obstacles and is on her way to obtain a B.A. in Business Administration. Ms. Sedano drew the winning ticket for the \$800 gift card tree.

"Every year our Monte Carlo Gala gets better and better; and as our major fundraiser, it funds most of our important programs and donations," said Norma Williamson, Monte Carlo Chair and Mistress of Ceremonies. The proceeds of

MONTE CARLO and Soroptimist leaders from left to right: Norma Williamson, Monte Carlo Chair; Jennifer Hong, President-Elect and Monte Carlo Gaming Chair; Mary Ann Tipton, President; and Terrisa Ha, MD, Monte Carlo Prize Chair.

SOROPTIMISTS: Thirty of the fifty dynamic members of Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos.

the event will fund the Club's cash grants to low-income college women who are head of household in Soroptimist International's signature program, "Live Your Dream"; as well as fund career training for high school girls, scholarships for teen mothers, and donations to community organizations (Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence, Community Family Guidance Center, and many others.)

"We are thankful to the community for their overwhelming support of this awesome event," said President Mary Ann Tipton. "As a result of its success, we will improve the lives of many women and girls as well as help make our community a better place. We are thrilled with the support from community members, sponsors, and prize donors, as well as the many dignitaries who were in attendance."

Event Sponsors generously donated over \$38,000. The top event Sponsor was \$10,000 Diamond Sponsor: Ichthus Injury Network - Dr. Kent Choi & Attorney Brett Sachs. The next highest-level Sponsors were Gold Sponsors: Cerritos Medical Center - John Kim, M.D (\$2,000); Carrion Enterprises,



Inc. - Luis Carrion (\$2,000); LA County Board Supervisor Janice Hahn (\$2,500); Norm Reeves Hyundai Superstore - Bill Stephens (\$2,000); Assembly Member Sharon Quirk Silva (\$2,500); and Tous Les Jours Bakery (\$2,000). The remaining Sponsors were seven

\$700 Silver Sponsors: Athens Services, City of Artesia, City of Cerritos, Juan Garza Metropolitan Water District Director and Mayra Garza, Bellflower Unified School Board Trustee, Soroptimist Member Becky Lingad (in-kind), Joseph and Soroptimists Member Dr. Ter-



SOROPTIMIST ARTESIA-CERRITOS: Back row (l-r) Teresita Dillon, Norma Williamson, Diana Needham, Uschi Piotrowski and Grace Hu. Front row (l-r) Soroptimist District 3-San Diego Director; Terri Welter, Soroptimist Artesia-Cerritos President Mary Ann Tipton; Soroptimist International Desert Coast Region-SI DCR Governor Pat Whitacre; I DCR Governor - Elect Bonnie Medenhall; SI DCR Parliamentarian Pat Origlieri and SI DCR, District 1 Director, Rita Gibbons Sterling.

risa Ha (in-kind), Los Cerritos Community News - Brian Hews (in-kind); twenty-nine \$350 Bronze Sponsors; and five \$100 Gaming Table Sponsors.

Dignitaries included Lauren Yokomizo, representing Supervisor Janice Hahn; Cerritos Council Members Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama; Artesia Mayor Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Ali Taj, Councilmembers Melissa Ramos and Rene Trevino; ABC Unified School District President Sophia Tse, Vice President Ernie Nishii, Board Member

VIGNETTE PRIZES from (l-r) Argie Grimshaw, Joan Flax, Shar Takahashi, Dawn Inouye, Mary Jane Fujimura, Gail Kempf and Lola Rizkallah with Vignette prizes.

ENJOYING THE EVENT were from left, Cerritos College Trustee Dr. Shin Liu, Longtime Community Member and Volunteer Joanne Witt with her daughter Cheryl and Cerritos College Board Trustee Clerk, Dawn Green.

Dr. Michael Eugenio and Public Relations Director Scott Smith; Cerritos College Board of Trustees Clerk Dawn Green and Dr. Shin Liu and College Administrator Dr. Frank Mixson; Bellflower Unified School District Board Member Mayra Garza; Metropolitan Water District Juan Garza, Director; Su-Casa-Ending Domestic Violence Executive Director Alberto Uribe; and Community Family Guidance Center Executive Director Bill Sinko and Community Relations Manager Victor Sanchez; seven former Cerritos and Artesia Mayors; a former Superior Court Judge; and four Officers ("Soroptimist Royalty") from Soroptimist International Desert Coast Region, consisting of 39 clubs in the Southern California.

To learn about becoming a **ENJOYING DINNER** (l-r) former Cerritos Mayor Sherman Kappe, Soroptimist Member Joan Flax, Optimist Member Marty Flax, Clarence Stephens and Kelly Caldwell.



Soroptimist member, contact President-Elect, Jennifer Hong at jenniferh88@verizon.net. The dynamic fifty-member local service club welcomes new members. Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos celebrated its 51st year of founding and a successful

past year with generous giving through its Soroptimist programs and donations to many local organizations/charities. The mission of Soroptimists is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



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said. "Again, it's trusting the process and continuing despite maybe having some bumps in the road, but we still persevered. The system worked and we continued to this day and it's what we have right now."

Artesia (19-3-3), which had dominated the scoring chances throughout much of the contest, took one shot on goal in the first overtime session, which was a free kick from the 19-yard line by freshman forward/midfielder Kamila Salazar after Ella Klop was issued a yellow card. Still scoreless after 90 minutes, the teams switched sides and the Pioneers took two more shots, which were saved by Mia Madarang.

But with 4:49 left before the game would be decided by penalty kicks, sophomore forward/midfielder Yuliana Ortiz was pushed from behind in the penalty box and Umana summoned Remigio to take the penalty kick.

"I was just very, very nervous," said Remigio. "My chest had this very heavy feeling in it. Coach wanted me to take it and I knew that I could not fail him. I always practice [shooting towards] the right, so why change it up?"

The Pioneers, ranked 10th in the division, controlled the first 30 minutes of the contest, both in field possession and shots taken. The second place team from the 605 League peppered Madarang for half a dozen shots, four of which she saved. Meanwhile, the Minuteman, ranked fourth in the division, didn't take their first, and only shot of the half, until the 31st minute. That would come off one of two corner kicks they would take.

Artesia continued to attack the Maranatha defense in the second half and took four more shots while the Pasadena visitors finally began to get into more of



ARTESIA HIGH head coach Hugo Umana (far right) and his coaching staff after the Pioneers defeated Maranatha High 1-0 in double overtime last Friday night to win the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 championship. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

an offensive mode. In the 60th minute, Klop took a shot from the left side that clanked off the far post. That would be the best chance the Olympic League's third place team would get in the game. The next best chance came with six minutes remaining in regulation when Maddie Knott's long range shot from the right side barely missed the upper left corner of the net. Knott would account for four of the team's five shots taken.

"It's kind of the story of our season where we dominate, dominate, dominate, but sometimes we struggle to put [opponents] away," said Umana. "That was the case in this game. But, if you look at the statistics, each game that we scored in,

we've won. So, statistically speaking if we score, we win."

After no fouls were called against either team in the first half, Maranatha was called for its first of 11 fouls in the 45th minute while the Pioneers first infraction, which was a hand ball, was called five minutes later. They would be whistled seven times in the second half, the first four coming in a 10-minute span.

"I think the refs did a great job; they're the best refs we've had all season," said Umana. "I think the difference on their end was they were tired. I think we were prepared, and it started from the summer running cross country with the

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longtime Cerritos head coach Jonathan Watanabe. "We're not here without him, and Sori is here with us. This is our 22nd win of the season. There's no question... [we've won] 15 in a row; he was born on June 15. There are so many signs to tell us that he is here with us. This group deserves this. We've been through so much adversity... it's nice to have this fairytale ending, but we're still not done. We have state playoffs, but we will enjoy this one.

"But this one, as I said last week, is not just for our current players," he continued. "This is for all our coaches, all our players, all our families who have helped to build all this. And most of them are here tonight. I talked to [former Cerritos head] coach [Ian] Desborough yesterday. So he knows exactly where we are. I'll have some good news to tell him tomorrow when he wakes up. This is not just a one-year thing or not even just a two-year thing. This is a 53-year project that we've been working on to get here."

The Dons, ranked third in the division, were facing a squad that was ranked 13th in the division and had upset top-ranked Price High 47-44 in the semifinals. YULA, a school not known as much in the southern part of Los Angeles County or Orange County, was founded in 1979.

Cerritos led once in the first half, and it came 20 seconds into the contest compliments from senior Tobenna Ozoagu with the assist coming from senior Luke Rigor. Other than the game being tied at 17-17 after junior Jaden Ribac hit a three-pointer, it would be a one or two possession game until Judah Robin's basket with 1:49 left in the half made it 26-20. The Dons would trail 29-23 at the

half, but felt they were in a good spot, considering they have seen this script before.

"Oh, they're good," said Watanabe. "They got here for a reason. They play good offense; their defense is exceptional. They're probably the best defensive team we've played all year. So, we had a lot to handle, but we were able to fight through it."

"We didn't know YULA before this," said Ozoagu. "But hey, they're a hell of a team. They're in the finals for a reason. I have to give all props to them."

The halftime statistics weren't looking dandy for Cerritos as it shot 25 percent from the field and had a dozen rebounds while the Panthers were 13 of 27 from the field and had grabbed 21 boards. The Cerritos starters combined to go four of 21 from the field.

"Obviously it's frustrating when my shots aren't going in when I'm getting to my spots," said Ozoagu. "But it goes back to a team effort. [Senior] Shay [Pema] turned it up in the third quarter and we just chipped away. We just played together and that's what we do as a team. It's not a one-man team; not like these other team. We're a whole team."

YULA increased its lead to a game-high eight points with nearly five minutes gone in the third quarter before the Cerritos defense took control of the game. Over the final 2:15 of the stanza, the Dons went on a 10-0 run as Pema scored the first 9 points, including a pair of three-pointers. The Panthers would attempt just three shots during this time as Cerritos led 37-35 heading into the fourth quarter.

"We've been doing it all year," said Watanabe. "We've been playing playoff basketball since two years ago, game one. I told these guys we have to play

this [way] so when we get to the playoffs, it's the exact same thing. So we're just out here playing ball. I think we've been down in almost every one of these games, and in then in the third quarter, we're able to make some adjustments and then grind it out."

YULA would score the first four points of the fourth quarter before the Dons responded with three free throws to take a 40-39 lead with 5:53 remaining. Alex Gabbay would then make one of two free throws 12 seconds later before the Dons went on a 13-2 run to put the game out of reach. Ozoagu would score six of those 13 points. The final five points of the run came from Pema, first a steal and basket, then he took a pass from Ozoagu and scored, was fouled and hit the subsequent free throw.

The Panthers tried to get back in the game but could only get five free throws in nearly a minute and a half to trail 53-47 with 1:33 left to play. But a three-pointer from junior Benson Cho 11 seconds later sealed the deal. In the second half, Cerritos was nine of 21 from the field while YULA was seven of 21 and while the Panthers were three of 13 from beyond the arc, the Dons connected on eight long range shots in 23 attempts.

"It goes back to what Coach Wat says, play possession by possession," said Ozoagu. "As soon as the jitters went away, we played our game and played defense."

Gabbay led the Panthers with 15 points while Yishai Rosenblatt added 11 points and eight rebounds. Jaden Azeroual led his team with 10 rebounds. For the Dons, Pema had 17 points, five rebounds and two steals, Ozoagu had 16 points and five assists and Cho pitched in with 14 points and half a dozen boards.

"We have a lot of guys," said Watanabe. "We have all our pieces that fit well

team itself. So, we were fit. Our strength and conditioning group prepared us for this as well."

The Artesia girls soccer program began in the 1996-1997 season and the next season, it went 11-9-0 but finished in fourth place in the former Suburban League. At that time, only the top three advanced to the playoffs. The Pioneers finally made their playoff debut during the 2008-2009 season and finished 10-10-2. After that, the program went through seven straight winning seasons, advancing to the playoffs each time, including a quarterfinal appearance in the 2012-2013 season.

However, the program went the opposite direction after former head coach Octavio Marquez stepped down to take over the boys soccer program following the 2015-2016 season. Artesia would go through four losing seasons and missed the playoffs four times since then. This season, the Pioneers posted 17 shutouts, four by 1-0 scores and all three losses were by a combined 10-0 score with all three ties ending scoreless. Two of the three losses came to league champion Cerritos High.

"Last year we missed the playoffs, and we actually had a decent team last year," said Umana. "But things didn't happen the way [we wanted]. But I really feel things happen for a reason because we have a new, revamped group this year. We have eight freshmen and six sophomores, four juniors and one senior."

"Since the very beginning, even coach [Umana] said that he knew there was something special with this team," said Remigio. "I have a lot of trust in him, and I felt like he was right. Also, I want to thank all the staff that pushed us and helped us and also our families who are always supporting us."

together. The thing about our team is that we're so unselfish. All our guys feed off each other, so Toby will drive it, kick it out to Shay and Shay will knock down the shots. You have [senior] Osi [Agarranna] scoring inside, Benson slashes to the bucket, Luke can rebound and knock down shots. It is a whole team effort and I think that's probably the reason why we're here."

"This is what we play for," said Ozoagu. "This is what I do all that for. This is what we spend hours in the gym for; hours in the weightroom, for this championship right here. This cements us in history. Like I said before, it's all for Sori. I just feel great. To see the love and the amount of people here... there's no better feeling."

The Edison gymnasium was nearly packed for the Cerritos girls game against Oak Park High for the Division 3AA championship prior to the boys. Cerritos occupied just about four sections of the bleachers and when the girls game concluded, the YULA fan base, which was big for a school of nearly 500 students, packed the other two sections, more than Oak Park did, and were singing, chanting and waving the Israeli flag at times.

"It was unbelievable," said Watanabe. "The fan support was awesome. It was awesome for the semifinal game, and I didn't expect anything different [tonight]. It sold out on the second day. Our parents were calling me going, 'coach, the game is sold out and I didn't get my tickets yet'. Luckily, they were able to open up more seats. I don't know how many people were here, but it felt like the whole school was here, plus all our alumni and coaches. It was a great environment to play in."

CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 3AA GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Cerritos' Planned Blackout Turns Into a White-Out For Oak Park

By Loren Kopff
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HUNTINGTON BEACH-All week long at Cerritos High, the school was promoting its students, faculty and others to pack Edison High, the site of the two CIF-Southern Section basketball championship games involving the Dons. The school was also asking everyone to wear black for both the girls and boys games.

That was the easy part and was accomplished to the point that by the time the boys game started, it was standing room only. Unfortunately for the Cerritos girls, Delaney White of Oak Park High ruined the party as she scored 25 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, had six assists and three steals in helping her team to a 71-41 win over Cerritos in the Division 3AA title game last Saturday night.

"I think it was a hard fought game," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "We had a few mistakes in the very beginning; we hung with them for a little bit. Going through the first half, we were right there. I think if we would have made a couple more shots and [made] a few stops, I think the game would have been a little different."

Oak Park, the defending Division 5A champions, also claimed a CIF title in 2001 and were finalists in 2012 and 2019 while the Dons fell to La Salle High 45-33 two seasons ago in the Division 3AA championship game, the only other time the black and gold had advanced to a divisional title game.

The game was tied three times in the first quarter and the Dons (23-10) had a one-point lead twice. But when White hit a pair of three throws with 14.7 seconds left in the stanza, it gave the Eagles the lead for good at 11-9. White was already off and running, scoring all but two points in the

opening quarter. While Cerritos contained her a bit in the second quarter, it would be Lindsay Gould and Helena Koubek who dominated the next eight minutes, each scoring seven points as Oak Park, the top-ranked team in the division, began to pull away.

The Eagles opened the stanza on a seven-point run to make it 18-9. Then with 3:30 remaining in the half, Koubek converted a three-point play to increase the margin to nine points. By the time the half ended, the Dons found themselves down 32-19 and searching for answers as to how to come back in the game. Both teams shot 30.8 percent from the field in the half, but Oak Park was perfect on all eight free throws while the Dons were two of 11 from the free throw line. The Eagles were also owning the glass, outrebounding Cerritos 24-18.

"[I told them] stick with it; stick with the game plan," said Chinen. "We weren't going to change anything. We just needed to get stops. That's a very good team. Their point guard is a very good point guard and I think had we executed a couple of more plays correctly, then again, it would have been a different game."

Not making things better was the fact that, six-foot senior Onyeka Nwanze picked up her second foul at the 3:31 mark of the second quarter. Knowing that she couldn't pick up another foul before half-time, she attempted just one more shot but still went into the locker room with half of the 18 boards.

"I just had to not play with the fear of having multiple fouls," said Nwanze. "I just play hard and play for my team. If I just keep thinking about my fouls, then I'm going to foul out because that's what's going to be on my mind. I just know I have to give it my best because I'm a senior and this is going to be my last shot of a CIF

[championship]."

The second half began the same way the second quarter did, with the Eagles scoring the first six points. Cerritos would break its scoring slump just before the five minute mark when sophomore Cameron Lacorte nailed her second long range shot. But that was quickly responded with a three-point play from White and a trifecta from Gould, making it 44-24 with 3:42 remaining in the quarter. Even though the Dons would go on their longest scoring streak of the game, thanks to a basket and free throw from Nwanze and a two-pointer from junior Ambar Multani, Chinen knew a 15-point deficit late in the quarter was going to be too much to overcome.

"I would say later in the third quarter, it was getting away from us," said Chinen. "But then again, I was telling them we had to stick with the game plan. We still have to rebound, we still have to execute, we still have to play defense. Some of them had foul trouble, but they had to go and play through it."

"I feel like we needed to keep our energy more up," said Multani.

Staying with the déjà vu theme, Koubek scored the final points of the third quarter with 24.4 seconds left, then saw White add six points and Gould another three-pointer in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter, making it 57-31. Moments later, after a three-pointer from junior Miya Scammahorn, the Eagles went on their fourth run of the game, this one 7-0 and all coming from the free throw line.

"That was key for them; all those little runs, and we just couldn't stop them," said Chinen. "Again, we just had to tell the girls they couldn't change anything on defense. They still had to play solid defense throughout those little runs."

Koubek scored 15 points and had 15 rebounds while Maya Deshautelle and

Gould added 14 and 13 points respectively. Nwanze led the Dons with 18 rebounds and 16 points but was seven of 20 shots from the field while Multani pitched in with nine points and seven boards. A lot of the missed shots from Nwanze were easy lay-ups under the baskets or missed offensive putbacks.

"It was a little disappointing, but I didn't get frustrated," said Nwanze. "I just knew that I had to keep myself level-headed and just keep going at it. They're going to fall in if I keep trying hard."

While the season isn't quite done, as Cerritos visits Louisville High on Tuesday in the first round of the CIF Southern California Regionals, it is coming to a close for six seniors-Chloe Bonilla, Mailee Dizon, Abby Hizon, Faith Lacorte, Mia Rivera and Nwanze, Dizon and Rivera have been consistent starters, as is Nwanze, who was injured last season but managed to score over 1,000 points for her career.

"It's been great playing at Cerritos," said Nwanze. "The community is great, the parents make you feel like you're part of the family, and it's great to have that support. That's why I always play my best every game because I know how many people are cheering me on. I hope I can continue to do that the last couple of games we have, and I hope I can pass on that spirit to the rest of the girls on the team."

"She's huge for the program, and hopefully people who look at that and say, 'hey, I'll be the next Onyeka; I'm the one who's going to step in,'" said Chinen. "I know right now there's big shoes to be filled. I hate to lose her, but I know that is the cycle and she's going to have to go on. But I know she's going to do good things in college."

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News and Notes From Press Row

Arreguin, Domingo Guide La Mirada Girls Basketball to Historic Win in Rout of Gardena

By Loren Kopff

In a season of firsts for the La Mirada High girls basketball program, the Matadores just added another win to its resume this past Tuesday in the CIF Southern California Division V Regionals. Denied a chance of playing in the program's first CIF-Southern Section Divisional championship game when the Matadores lost to Colton High 43-42 in the 5AA semifinals on Feb. 17, they bounced back in a big way against Gardena High.

La Mirada broke the game wide open with an 18-0 run to begin the second half and knocked off the Panthers 55-35 in the first round game. The Matadores, seeded eighth in the division, will travel to top-ranked Montgomery High on Thursday. Montgomery, which defeated Temecula Prep 88-27 this past Tuesday to improve to 22-11, is located less than seven miles from the United States/Mexico border.

"I'm proud of the girls; we've worked hard, and they came out playing like they should be, tonight," said La Mirada head coach Victoria Luong. "They executed exactly what we worked on."

When they weren't trading a plethora of turnovers in the opening minutes, both teams traded basket for basket until senior Jirah Domingo drained a three-pointer with 2:11 left in the opening quarter. It would be the beginning of an 8-0 run and by the time the stanza was over, the hosts had a 12-8 lead and never looked back.

Domingo would hit another basket from beyond the arc early in the second

quarter, then a two-pointer over a minute later to increase the lead to 17-9. Then with 3:31 remaining in the half, she completed a three-point play for a 20-11 lead. After India Cage scored Gardena's last points of the half with over three minutes left, freshman Jordin Shaw hit a three-pointer and junior Nayeli Tamayo concluded the scoring in the half with her only basket of the game.

"They struggled a lot with nerves like we have been in previous games, and I think finally, they got the hang of it," said Luong of the second quarter. "[Junior] Jael [Arreguin] made numerous turnovers in the first quarter and I think after that, we just let it go and just played what she knows."

To make sure the CIF-Los Angeles City Section Division V champions wouldn't get back in the game, the Matadores began the second half on an 18-0 run with Domingo scoring the last seven points. That came after Arreguin scored seven straight including a coast to coast basket following a steal.

"The girls were just on it today," said Luong. "We've been undefeated at home [all season], so we've got to protect that, and they did an amazing job."

La Mirada's last basket of that run came with 3:38 left in the third and although Gardena would score the last seven points of the stanza, plus the first two of the fourth quarter, a 21-point lead was still comfortable for the Matadores. The Panthers continued their momentum, going on a 7-2 run after Shaw scored

following a steal from Domingo. But with 4:38 left to play in the game, and La Mirada up 47-29, all the hosts had to do was control the clock.

One move that Luong made, which paid off, was insert junior Simran Sahota into the starting lineup for Tamayo to add extra presence on the boards with junior Emily Gonzalez. While the latter had four rebounds in the opening quarter, she picked up three fouls in the first half. Meanwhile, Sahota picked up the slack and grabbed six rebounds in the second quarter.

"We watched film, obviously, and we knew what to expect and we knew [Gardena] had massive rebounds against Fremont [High] in their championship game on Friday," said Luong. "We knew we had to step up on our rebounds and the bigs had to make a difference."

Domingo led everyone with 25 points, had six rebounds and four steals while Arreguin added 12 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Sahota and Gonzalez ended with 10 and eight boards respectively as the team picked up 42 rebounds.

If La Mirada can pull off the upset against Montgomery, it will face either fourth-seeded Immanuel High or fifth-seeded Sage Creek High on Saturday in the regional semifinals. Immanuel won the CIF-Central Section Division IV championship and defeated Rosamond High 62-23 this past Tuesday while Sage Creek, the CIF-San Diego Section Division III finalists, knocked off Escondido

High 60-44 in the opening round.

"I always tell the girls, especially in the playoffs, we take it one game at a time," said Luong. "So, we don't want them to assume anything based on anything. Now we'll focus on Montgomery and do our best."

In other girls basketball action, Cerritos High, playing in its second ever state playoff game, upset second-seeded Louisville High 47-44 this past Tuesday in a Southern California Regional Division II first round game. The Dons (24-10) will travel to {Sherman Oaks} Notre Dame High on Thursday. The Knights, seeded 10th in the division, upset Poway High 58-50 this past Tuesday. The winner of this game will face either third-seeded Hamilton High or 11th-seeded Santa Margarita High on Saturday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The dream season for Cerritos ended when the Dons came up short against University City High 68-65 in a Division III first round game this past Tuesday. The loss snapped a 15-game winning streak and came three days after the Dons (22-11) knocked off Yeshiva University of Los Angeles in the 4AA championship game. Senior Luke Rigor led Cerritos with 17 points while senior Shay Pema added 13 points and junior Benson Cho chipped in with 10 points.

GIRLS SOCCER

Artesia High, fresh off its 1-0 double

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Multani, who also stands at six feet, figures to be the focal point in the rebounding department and has scored in double figures seven times. Cameron Lacorte also returns as a starter and the younger ones like juniors Kishan Saberon, Megan Wallace, Sophie Watanabe and Scammahorn, plus freshman Kalana Nguyen figure to be key components next season.

"I'm just ready to fill Onyeka's shoes and I feel like I'll really have to work hard during practices for next year and get that chemistry going," said Multani.

Not to be forgotten from last Saturday night was the environment at Edison High. With Cerritos playing the rare championship game doubleheader at one location, over 75 percent of the gymnasium was decked out in black and gold, cheering on the Dons while the other 25 percent was relegated to the fans of Oak Park and for Yeshiva University of Los Angeles for the boys game.

"I think it's incredible; I think it's huge for these girls, huge for the program, the school and even the community," said Chinen of making another appearance in the finals. "I believe three years in a row, we've had [an ABC Unified School District school] represent the championships in the CIF and hopefully we'll be able to continue that next year.

"Next year is going to be a little different as far as how [the CIF-SS] is going to rank the teams," said Chinen. "And we're going to work really hard. We lose Mia and

Mailee and Onyeka. It's going to be tough replacing our seniors who are there every day at practice, encouraging our girls to try to get each other better. Now, we're going to be leaning on our juniors and our sophomores, and even our little freshman. She came in and played a hell of a game too, tonight. And that's impressive."

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overtime win against Maranatha High to capture the Division 7 title, defeated Bernstein High 3-1 this past Tuesday in a Southern California Division V first round game. The Pioneers, who have won eight and tied once in their last nine games to improve to 20-3-3, will visit Bell Gardens High on Thursday. The winner of that game will face either Diamond Ranch High or Maranatha on Saturday in the regional final.

BASEBALL

Artesia has lost all three games played this season and will visit Bellflower High on Tuesday before hosting Buena Park High on Thursday while Cerritos (3-0-1) hosted Newport Harbor High on Feb. 28. The Dons will be home to Laguna Beach High on Friday and go to St. John Bosco High on Saturday and to Millikan High on Wednesday.

Gahr High ended a three-game losing streak when it doubled up Hart High 4-2 this past Tuesday. The Gladiators (4-2) will host Bonita High on Saturday and go

to Warren High on Tuesday in the Gateway League opener.

John Glenn High lost to Loara High 5-2 this past Tuesday and has alternated losses and wins in its first five games. The Eagles went to Santa Ana Valley High on Feb. 29 while La Mirada blanked Stony Brook High 4-0 this past Tuesday to move to 2-2. The Matadores will go to Bonita High on Friday, face Ayala High on Saturday and travel to Downey High on Wednesday.

Norwalk High defeated Paramount High 6-3 last Wednesday to improve to 2-3 and will host Downey on Tuesday while Valley Christian High has lost two straight after winning four in a row. The Defenders (4-3) visit Maranatha on Friday in the Olympic League opener in their last game before Mar. 12.

In the return of Whitney High baseball, the Wildcats have lost their first two games by a combined score of 43-9. Whitney goes to Western High on Tuesday.

SOFTBALL

Artesia edged Katella High 9-8 last Saturday in the Battle on the Blvd. Tournament to even its mark at 2-2. The Pioneers hosted Mayfair High on Feb. 28 and will travel to Norwalk on Tuesday before entertaining Sunny Hills High on Thursday.

Cerritos is 3-1 after blanking Anaheim High 10-0 this past Tuesday. The Dons will host Wiseburn-Da Vinci High on Friday and will welcome Ocean View High

on Wednesday before going to Western on Thursday.

Gahr is off to a solid 4-2 start after knocking off Millikan 5-1 this past Tuesday. The Gladiators will visit Downey on Tuesday in the Gateway League opener, then visit La Habra High on Thursday.

Glenn is 1-1 and will visit V.C. on Friday before entertaining Montebello High on Thursday while La Mirada had no problems with Roosevelt High last Friday, 10-4, to improve to 4-1-2. The Matadores are in Bullhead City to compete in the Dave Kops Tournament of Champions through Saturday, then go to Yorba Linda High on Wednesday.

After an opening season loss, Norwalk has won four straight including a 6-4 decision against El Rancho High last Friday.

The Lancers are home to Sultana High on Friday while V.C. saw its five-game winning streak halted by Long Beach Poly High this past Tuesday in a 12-7 affair. The Defenders will visit Newport Harbor on Saturday before taking the next nine days off while Whitney has lost all three games this season. The Wildcats slammed Lennox Academy 11-1 this past Tuesday and hosted Valencia High on Feb. 29. They will travel to Costa Mesa High on Friday and entertain Western and Firebaugh High on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

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Violation Information

Violation Type	Violation Code Section	Violation Comments
Conflict of Interest in Public Contracts (GC 1090)	N/A	<p>Michael Gualtieri as General Manager of the La Habra Heights County Water District is negotiating a professional services consulting contract with the LHHCW board of directors so that he can continue to receive compensation from LHHCW, the Central Basin Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California upon his retirement scheduled for May 2024.</p> <p>If the LHHCW requires consulting services they should go out to bid for these services or there should be a one-year cooling off period upon Mr. Gualtieri's resignation/retirement before he is hired as a consultant by the LGGCW.</p> <p>By negotiating this professional services contract while he is the current general manager he is in violation of Government Code 1090 which prohibits public employees from engaging in contracts wherein they have a financial interest.</p>

A PAGE from the Michael Gualtieri complaint filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission by Central Basin employees.

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Gualtieri conducted a meeting - with eight CB employees attending – that included the CB VP Juan Garza.

In the meeting, LCCN was told by sources that Gualtieri, who is GM of La Habra Height County Water District (LH-HCWD) with his sidekick Garza next to him, brazenly announced that he is negotiating a professional services contract with the LHHCW Board of Directors that would allow him to keep his Central Basin seat.

Gualtieri is retiring from his GM position at LHHCW in May; Gualtieri knows under the CB Board of Directors Administrative Code that his retirement will force him to resign his seat on the CB Board.

The negotiations between LHHCW and Gualtieri are illegal under Government Code 1090, a law that addresses

conflicts of interest for public officials and employees.

The illicit negotiations would hand Gualtieri thousands annually in taxpayer monies; he would keep his PAID appointment to the CB Board, he would get PAID for attendance at CB meetings, he would get PAID for attendance at the Metropolitan Water District meetings, and he would get PAID for his new position as a LHHCW consultant.

Section 1090 states, “[the law] prohibits an employee from participating in making government contracts in which the employee within the agency has a financial interest. Section 1090 applies to virtually all state and local officers, employees, and multimember bodies, whether elected or appointed, at both the state and local level.”

“Making” a contract includes final approval of the agreement and involvement in preliminary discussion, planning, and negotiations.

Gualtieri is going all in with his maneuver, not violating 1090 once but violating it multiple times.

Violations of Section 1090 can result in the voiding of contracts, criminal, civil, and administrative penalties, and a ban on holding public office.

And the LHHCW Board could be in legal hot water; most agencies require a twelve-month cooling-off period between retirement and returning as a consultant or lobbyist; and LHHCW ratepayers will wonder why the board is paying Gualtieri.

In addition, the LHHCW Board is attempting to fly under the radar, calling his consultant agreement a professional services contract not subject to California Contract Laws, which require the contract to go out to bid; that might not go over well with FPPC investigators.

Seeing that the contract negotiations violated Section 1090, the eight employees present at the meeting where Gualtieri said he was staying on the CB Board told some-

one about the incident.; that person or persons then filed the complaint anonymously.

The anonymous person wrote in the complaint, “Michael Gualtieri, as General Manager of the La Habra Heights County Water District, is negotiating a professional services consulting contract with the LH-HCWD board of directors so that he can continue to receive compensation from LHHCW, the Central Basin Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California upon his retirement scheduled for May 2024.

“If the LHHCW requires consulting services, they should go out to bid for these services, or there should be a one-year cooling off period upon Mr. Gualtieri’s resignation/retirement before he is hired as a consultant by the LHHCW.

“By negotiating this professional services contract while he is the current general manager, he is in violation of Government Code 1090, which prohibits public employees from engaging in contracts wherein they have a financial interest.”

Emails into CB Board members, LH-HCWD Board members and CB attorney Victor Ponto of Santa Ana based Burke, Williams and Sorensen went unreturned.

his car to use for their campaigns.

It was in Martinez’ car where the alleged sexual assault and battery took place between Valdivia and Ms. B.A.

The lawsuit alleges that while Valdivia was alone in Martinez’ vehicle with B.A., he sexually assaulted and battered her inside the car. Valdivia’s conduct was especially violent and intimidating because he showed her his firearm and intimidated that he would use it.

“As long-time friends or associates of Billy Valdivia, both Graciela Ortiz and Efen Martinez knew, or should have known about these problems with his record, they should have done a background check. Martinez and Ortiz called the complaint a frivolous, politically driven lawsuit filed by an anonymous party.


The statement continued, “The attorney for Martinez and Ortiz has demanded a complete dismissal of this “politically motivated, frivolous and misguided piece of litigation.” The demand to Mr. Scully goes on to clarify that the allegations in the lawsuit are false, inaccurate and without legal authority.

“We unequivocally denounce the victimization and abuse against any individual in our communities. This is clearly a politically driven attack and we are disgusted that malicious actors are taking the trauma of this victim and weaponizing it for their own gain. They have clearly not considered that they themselves are re-victimizing this individual by pursuing erroneous and frivolous litigation. Both of us have hosted thousands of volunteers in our years of community work and we have never allowed or condoned the type of abuse described and we had absolutely no knowledge or involvement.

“Mr. Scully’s attempt to smear the reputation of Martinez and Ortiz to these circumstances which occurred nearly three years ago is wrong and not legally authorized.

“We are being named in this misguided lawsuit against us when we know that the true motivation is to attempt to derail our efforts to serve our local residents at the State and School District levels. This is nothing more than dirty politics at its lowest level.”

Apparently the LAUSD did not think the lawsuit was frivolous placing Ms. Ortiz on eave pending an internal investigation.



**County of Los Angeles
Department of the
Treasurer and Tax Collector**

Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector’s Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector’s Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024A)

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, April 20, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online public auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, May 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, May 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online public auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles beginning Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector at ttr.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.bid4assets.com and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier’s check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, March 15, 2024, at

8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.


Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property “as is” and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at ttr.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@ttr.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor’s Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor’s Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on February 6, 2024.



KEITH KNOX
Treasurer and Tax Collector
County of Los Angeles
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE(SALE NO. 2024A)
3032 AIN 8059-028-038 THO-METZ,CRAIG S AND PATRICIA L LOCATION CITY-SANTA FE SP \$34,584.00
CN104682 607 Mar 1,8,15, 2024

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“That’s the way it is in the weekly newspaper world,” said LCCN publisher Brian Hews, “people threaten me all the time when I publish legitimate fact-based document-backed stories, they threaten lawsuits and try to discredit me. Central Basin Director Juan Garza is the latest to threaten me several times, he did not like I discovered he worked for over a year with La Luz Del Mundo, leaving three months before Naasón Joaquín García pled guilty to heinous sex acts with minors.”

Apparently the LAUSD saw the lawsuit article; according to reports the LAUSD has removed Ortiz from her job as an LA Unified counseling administrator pending a confidential investigation which led to the school employees union withdrawing it’s endorsement over Ortiz for the March 5 election.

The lawsuit was filed by “B.A.” and alleged sexual assault and battery, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and conspiracy. The attorney for Ms. B.A. is Thomas Scully, based out of Culver City.

The lawsuit alleges the crimes occurred in connection with a commercial space that was turned into a political campaign office in Huntington Park in late 2020 and early 2021 by a man named Billy Valdivia.

Ms. Ortiz was the primary person in charge of the campaign, organizing the volunteers and instructing them on what to do, including interactions with Valdivia, “an employee and authorized agent of the political campaign.”

Current Assembly candidate Efen Martinez was allegedly a good friend of Valdivia at the time, as witnessed by the complaint stating that Ortiz and Martinez hired Valdivia as a coordinator of the volunteers and that Martinez gave Valdivia

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS
PRESSURE RELIEF SUSTAINING VALVE STATION ON DUNLAP CROSSING ROAD
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21361**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California ("City") invites Bids for the Project. Bids will be received electronically only through Planet Bids system (<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>). A bid received after the time set for the bid opening shall not be considered. Bidders are required to submit (upload) all items listed in the BIDDER'S CHECKLIST including acknowledgement of all addendums. **Bids will be received prior to 2:00 p.m. on April 2, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened on the City's approved electronic procurement platform. All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS. All Bidders are required to enter and submit their bid pricing electronically via Planet Bids' Bid Schedule Tab. In addition, an electronic copy of the Bid Proposal Package must be uploaded to the Planet Bids system.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of the Contract, the Notice Inviting Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Proposal (including documentation accompanying the Bid Proposal and any post-Bid Proposal documentation submitted before the Notice of Award), the Bonds, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Plans, Standard Plans, Standard Specifications, Reference Specifications.

This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer. Time for completion of the Work is **forty (40) total Working Days** from the date specified in the Construction Notice to Proceed.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may download free electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents online by visiting <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>. Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class "A" Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board necessary for the performance of all Work to be performed at the time of the Bid submission. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials to the City Project Manager online by visiting <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>. Materials substitutions or questions are acceptable until **5:00 pm on or before Thursday, March 14, 2024**. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials submitted after **March 14, 2024** will not be answered. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by **March 21, 2024** as an addendum. Any addenda and/or supplemental information, as applicable will be posted online and available at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check online for any addenda that are released. Any changes or corrections to the original Bid Documents or any other information that will affect the completion of the award will be disseminated and posted on the City's website. **Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal.**

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: Kenner Guerrero, Project Manager
Contact Number: 562-801-4351
E-mail: kguerrero@pico-rivera.org

By: Noe Negrete 2/26/2024
Public Works Director Date

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**LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF BELLFLOWER
ORDINANCE NO. 1426**

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING 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 Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1426 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1426 would 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.

Ordinance No. 1426 had its first reading on February 12, 2024, its second reading on February 26, 2024, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members – Sanchez, Santa Ines, Dunton and Mayor Koops

RECUSE: Council Members – Morse

Effective Date: March 27, 2024. For a copy of Ordinance No. 1426, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424.

Approved as submitted above:
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR C-1 WELL WATER
TREATMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 23501, RFP
NO. 1539-24. Project Identification:** Request for proposals for C-1 well water treatment design and construction, project no. 23501, RFP No. 1539-24. **Project Description:** The City of Cerritos is requesting proposals from qualified engineering consultants interested in providing professional engineering services for water quality testing services, including jar and pilot testing, for the City C-1 Well located at 12701 Artesia Boulevard, Cerritos, CA 90703. **Mandatory Meeting: 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2024. 12701 Artesia Boulevard, Cerritos, CA 90703. Proposals must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 03, 2024. Place of proposal receipt:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Cerritos, California 90703. **It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the proposal is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Proposals not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. Proposals must be marked: "PROPOSAL – C-1 WELL WATER TREATMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT NO. 23501, RFP NO. 1539-24- DO NOT OPEN."** The not-to-exceed fee proposal shall be submitted as part of the consultant's submittal package. Request for Proposal details are available by contacting the City of Cerritos, Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The City's final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis: Completeness of proposal. Firm's and key project team members' record in accomplishing work assignments for similar projects. Feedback received from references listed on Reference Sheet. The total fee for the proposal. Qualifications of contractor. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. By order of the City of Cerritos. Dated/Posted/Published: March 1, 2024

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS. Project Identification: PRINTING OF THE
CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 2024-2025 SEASON
BROCHURE, BID NO. 1542-24. Project Description:** Printing of 570,000 four-color copies of the 28-page Cerritos Center for the Performing 2024-2025 Season Brochure. **Project Specifications:** A copy of the General Descriptions and Conditions and Agreement can be obtained by calling Marketing Manager Annie Hylton at 562-916-1377, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends and observed holidays excepted). Notifications, updates, and addenda will be posted on the City's bid page at: www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php. Bidders shall be responsible for monitoring the site to obtain information regarding the solicitation. Failure to respond to required updates may result in a determination of a nonresponsive proposal. Questions regarding this Request for Bids should be directed to: Marketing Manager Annie Hylton at 562-916-1377. **Sealed Proposals must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Place of Sealed Proposal receipt: The sealed proposal submission must be physically received in the: Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the proposal is properly marked and received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer at the above referenced location by the deadline provided will not be considered. **Sealed Proposals must be marked: "BID FOR THE PRINTING OF THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 2024-2025 SEASON BROCHURE, BID NO. 1542-24".** No proposal will be accepted unless it has the above referenced information clearly identified on the outside label. **Final selection criteria:** The City of Cerritos will award an agreement on the basis of qualifications, experience, timeline and cost. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. Dated/Posted/Published: March 1, 2024

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted Ordinance No. 1043, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING TITLE 22 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BODY ART BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS, HEREIN REFERENCED AS DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2024-1*. *Pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review. **City Attorney Summary:** Last year, the City of Cerritos ("City") received an inquiry relating to the operation of a tattoo (body art) establishment at a specific commercial site in the City's Industrial Commercial-Two (MC-2) zone. Pursuant to state law, City Council adopted a 1-year moratorium on issuing any use permits for such tattoo/body art establishment to assess whether the operation may conflict with the City's zoning laws, and to evaluate public safety, health, and welfare concerns associated with such an establishment. Currently, under the City's zoning laws in Title 22 of the Cerritos Municipal Code (the "Development Code"), tattoo/body art establishments are not expressly a permitted use, permitted accessory use, or conditionally permitted use. While the Development Code has a process to evaluate proposed comparable uses, the City previously had no occasion to apply comparable use analysis for tattoo/body art establishments, and there are no standards or regulations for such establishments or businesses in the Development Code. This Ordinance amends the Development Code to (1) allow, as a conditionally permitted use, "body art," as defined, establishments and businesses only within the City's MC-2 zone, and (2) add body art business regulations, which regulate the establishment, location, and operation of body art businesses in the City. The full text of this adopted Ordinance can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1043 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of February, 2024 and that it was so adopted as follows: AYES: Johnson, Vo, Yokoyama, Solanki; NOES: None; ABSENT: Barrows (excused); ABSTAIN: None. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk

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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 City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, March 12, 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 CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RE-APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND RE-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 CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023.

At the hearing, the City Council 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. These amendments were previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a duly public hearing held on February 15, 2024.

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. Emailed comments must be received by Tuesday, March 12, 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: February 29, 2024

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 3/21/2024 at 10:00AM. Andres Tristin Nieves; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Caroline Gomez; Jose Luis Mascorro; Julian Castro; Alejandra Cruz; Alfredo Rodriguez; Maria Mercedes Lopez; Benjamin Felix Soto; Moises III Sifuentes; Mario Oseguera Campos; Jonathan Rodriguez; Cristina M Benitez Javier; Rene Flores; Trinda Anthony Pinedo; Paula Salazar; Gerardo Torres Bada Joz; Patricia Lucia Cruz Gallardo; Javier Aziel Martinez; Miguel Aguilar Venegas; Derik Adan Barrientos; Francisco Torres; Jose Octavio Hernandez; Valerie Yzaguirre; Lena Esther Garcia; Felipe Palma; Abel Ambrosio Vite; Jorge Alberto Moran Galaz; Jose Luis Gonzalez; Kimberly Lanell Walker; Rodolfo Francisco Munguia; Adriana Corona; Refugio Maria Cabanillas; Lydia Sanchez; Maria Isabel Gutierrez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 3/21/2024 at 10:00AM. Roxanne Roberts (4 units); Cecilia Torres Padilla; Latanya Reed; Victoria Rose Vargas; Yolanda Vega Arguello; Alia Christian Gauthier. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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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 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.storagecenters.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday March 12th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME UNIT

CHRIS LEPLUS E116
JULIO CESAR ESPARZA C244

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 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.storagecenters.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

LAURA YESSSENIA HERNANDEZ A118
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES B485
ISMAEL URIETA MARIANO A302

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAURA F. RIVERA aka LAURA FLORES RIVERA
Case No. 22STPB04562
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LAURA F. RIVERA aka LAURA FLORES RIVERA
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Janice Wineke in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Janice Wineke be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 18, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 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 con-tingent 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 au-thority 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:
REBECCA J BIRMINGHAM ESQ
SBN 192383
LONG BEACH LAW INC
782 PACIFIC AVE
LONG BEACH CA 90813
CN102859 RIVERA Feb 23, Mar 1,8, 2024

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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 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.storagecenters.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME UNIT #

ANDREA YANEZ B110

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

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

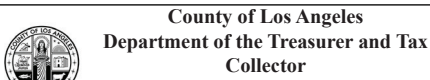
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**County of Los Angeles
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Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024A)

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, April 20, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online public auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and re-main until Friday, May 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, May 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online public auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles beginning Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector at tcc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.bid4assets.com and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at tcc.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@tcc.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on February 6, 2024.

KEITH KNOX
Treasurer and Tax Collector
County of Los Angeles
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

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