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LONG-TIME ABCUSD EMPLOYEE & SHERIFF'S CHAPLAIN RETIRES

CERRITOS SHERIFF STATION'S very own Chaplain Hundley, 4th from right, worked his last day on April 12, retiring from his job at the ABC Unified School District after 25 years. Beginning April 13, he will be retired and enjoying the next chapter in his life. The Sheriff's enjoyed being part of The Chaplain's farewell "Clap Off" alongside his fellow ABCUSD colleagues who were also retiring.

Artesia Parks & Rec. Recognized for Creating Community Excellence

The city worked together with other cities to host a Senior Prom for over 600 seniors at the Commerce Casino.

LCCN Staff Report

The City of Artesia Parks & Recreation Department, with great pride and honor, has been bestowed the prestigious 2023 Creating Community Excellence Award from the California Parks and Recreation Society.

The City, in a remarkable display of unity and collaboration, received the award as part of the Southeast Senior Dance Committee. This committee, comprised of thirteen Southeast Los Angeles municipalities, worked together to host a Senior Prom for approximately 600 seniors at the Commerce Casino.

The Dance Committee included the Cities of Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Montebello, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, and Whittier.

The award recognizes Artesia and the other cities for delivering the highest level of recreation programs and services that embody and embrace the profession's values and mission. It also praises Artesia and the collaborators for creating a strong community role by bringing seniors from across the region together to celebrate.

The dance, held in May 2023 at the Commerce Casino to honor Older American Month, featured Prom Queens and Kings from various cities, including Joseph and Adilia

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Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia Hold Annual Scholarship Award Event



WINNERS: (l-r) Ann Huang, DYW West; Monicka Manni, DYW Central and Interview, Scholastic, Talent, Fitness and Self Expression winner; Gabrielle Tjahjono, DYW Alternate and Spirit of DYW; Erin Cho, DYW East. Erin, Ann and Monicka will be participating in Distinguished Young Woman state competition in Bakersfield in July.

LCCN Staff Report

Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia held its 2025 program - the year participants graduate from High School - on Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14, 2024.

DYW is a scholarship program that promotes education and excellence in all areas of life by encouraging the participants to "Be Their Best Selves".

Since 1975, this program has been promoted in the Cerritos-Artesia area, originally called Junior Miss.

Throughout the program, all girls are encouraged to develop self-confidence, interview effectively, speak in public, perform on stage, and build interpersonal relationships.

This program strives to inspire high school juniors to develop to their full and individual potential.

The program offers a fun and transformational experience over a three-week period, culminating in this celebratory showcase of participants' accomplishments.

Practices were held at the First Christian Reformed Church in Artesia.

Thanks to the city of Cerritos, this year's program took place at Cerritos Park East on Sunday, April 14.

The program was emceed by Artesia's past mayor and current councilwoman, Monica Manalo.

Interviews were held on Saturday, April 13, at the Realty Executives Select in Cerritos.

Standards and ideals for evaluating participants are consistent across local, state, and national levels and are characterized by scholastic achievement, community involvement, creativity, and a quest for excel-

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Universal Vaccine Could be Coming Soon

The vaccine could be effective against just about any strain, and can be used safely even for babies or the immunocompromised.

By Dennis Thompson

Scientists at the University of California, Riverside have developed a new, RNA-based vaccine strategy that could be effective against just about any strain of a virus, and can be used safely even for babies or the immunocompromised.

A number of other labs are working on the strategy too.

"I think we are getting very close," Dr. Irwin Redlener, Founding Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University told the Stephanie Miller

Show.

These new vaccines would target viruses using a different response to infection than what is prompted by current vaccines, researchers said.

Instead of teaching the immune system to create antibodies to fight off a specific virus, the new vaccine would instead teach the body to create small signaling RNA proteins that will shut down harmful viral spread.

This new approach could revolutionize current vaccine development, in which experts create vaccines based on predictions of which flu and COVID-19 strains are likely to be most infectious, researchers argue.

Instead, these RNA-promoting vaccines should be effective against all strains of a specific virus.

"What I want to emphasize

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Young Students Dance Education Program Develops Well-Being Through Creative Expression

By Laurie Hanson

Dance is making a difference in youth mental and physical health through one Orange County organization and its pilot program.

The Wooden Floor is a Santa Ana-based youth development program whose mission is to inspire and transform young people's lives through the power of dance and access to higher education. Their long-term vision is to break the cycle of poverty through generational change.

"Since 1983, we have served

award-winning dance education curriculum, which was provided at nine Garden Grove Unified School District school sites over six weeks this year through a 20-year partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove.

"The program includes an hour-long movement class two days a week to 3rd and 4th-grade students where they create and learn a variety of modern dance movements that culminate in a dance presentation for their classmates," Reese said.

Through The Wooden Floor, the program fosters developmen-



THE PROGRAM includes movement classes two days a week to 3rd and 4th-grade students who create and learn a variety of modern dance movements and present to other students.

nearly 100,000 young people in Orange County by helping them learn what it takes to succeed both in school and life," said CEO Dawn S. Reese, who has been with the organization for 15 years.

Dance Uplifts is an extension of The Wooden Floor's

tal skills and assets known as the "5 C's": Critical-Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Character, and the organization added 6th C: Courage."

In Dance Uplifts students develop both physical and emotional wellbeing through creative

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Program Provided 200 Free Tablets to Cerritos College Students



FREE: The tablet giveaway event was a collaboration between Outreach Program Services of America and the Affordable Connectivity Program, part of a \$14.2 billion Biden Administration initiative to bridge the digital divide.

By Edward Fernandez

This past April 10, 200 students lined up for free tablets at the Falcon's Nest pop-up market in Falcon Square.

Students paid a one-time \$11 activation fee, but the data costs are paid off as long as they continuously use their devices.

The event was a collaboration between Outreach Program Services of America and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), part of a \$14.2 billion initiative to bridge the digital divide.

To claim a tablet, students scanned a barcode, filled out basic information about themselves, uploaded a photo of their IDs and waited while Cortez Hollis and a few others unpacked and activated the tablets.

Hollis, who works with OPSA, noted that not everyone can afford a laptop or an iPad, and in a post-COVID world, that could mean an inability to take notes, do homework, attend class, or find work. People are being left behind.

"I have made it my duty with OPSA to make sure we get as many college students connected as possible," Hollis said firmly. Being able to keep connected regardless of where you are increases attendance and graduation rates."

The ACP, run by the Federal Communications Commission, will exhaust its funding by April or May 2024.

If Congress does not vote to reinstate the ACP, the two-year-old program, which has provided broadband services to 23 million homes, will cease to exist, according to Blair Levin of the Brookings Institute.

Vaccine from page 1

about this vaccine strategy is that it is broad," said researcher Rong Hai, a virologist with University of California, Riverside. "It is broadly applicable to any number of viruses, broadly effective against any variant of a virus and safe for a broad spectrum of people."

"This could be the universal vaccine that we have been looking for," Hai added in a university news release.

Traditionally, vaccines use dead or live but modified virus to prompt an immune response from the body. This immune response teaches the body how to recognize a germ and produce antibodies that specifically target and kill that bug.

The new vaccine also uses a live, modified version of a virus, but it doesn't rely on the body having a traditional immune response that prompts the creation of antibodies, researchers said.

Instead, these vaccines teach the body to interfere with viral replication through the use of targeted RNA signaling proteins.

Everyone already has this natural response to infection, but viruses can produce their own proteins that block the body's RNA response, explained researcher Showei Ding, a professor of microbiology at University of California, Riverside. The new vaccine teaches the body how to get around this viral defense.

There's also little chance a virus could mutate to avoid this vaccine, Hia added.

"Viruses may mutate in regions not targeted by traditional vaccines. However, we are targeting their whole genome with thousands of small RNAs. They cannot escape this," Hai said.

One such vaccine injection created for a mouse virus called Nodamura

protected lab mice from lethal doses of the virus for at least 90 days, researchers report. Nine mouse days are roughly equivalent to one human year.

The new study was published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

University of California, Riverside, has been issued a U.S. patent on its new RNA vaccine technology, the researchers said.

The vaccine will be of particular help to newborns, who can't receive current vaccines because their immune systems are underdeveloped, as well as people with diseases that compromise their immune systems, researchers said.

"That's why our next step is to use this same concept to generate a flu vaccine, so infants can be protected," Ding said. "If we are successful, they'll no longer have to depend on their mothers' antibodies."

The new vaccine could also be delivered in the form of a spray, which will help people who are needle-shy.

"Respiratory infections move through the nose, so a spray might be an easier delivery system," Hai said.

Ultimately, this strategy could be used to "cut and paste" vaccines for any number of viruses, the researchers noted.

"There are several well-known human pathogens; dengue, SARS, COVID. They all have similar viral functions," Ding said. "This should be applicable to these viruses in an easy transfer of knowledge."

Dennis Thompson writes for HealthDay News.

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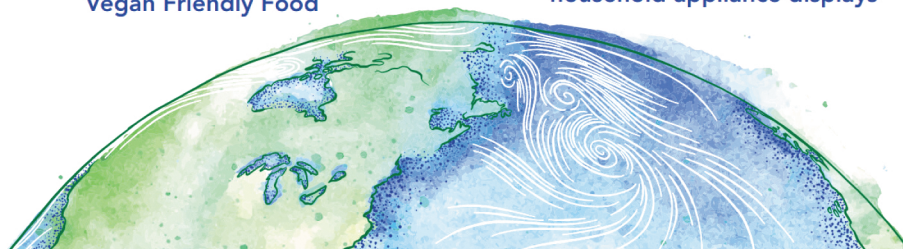
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OP/ED: GOOGLE'S THREAT TO CUT OFF NEWS IN CALIFORNIA IS A BULLY TACTIC

From the Mercury News

LCCN completely agrees, Google became successful when it tapped news for free, now they don't want to pay?

Google's announcement last week that it will test the removal of links to news sites for some California users is a shameful attempt to fend off legislation that would force the search giant to pay for the news content that fuels its business.

Assembly Bill 886, also known as the California Journalism Preservation Act, would require Google to pay news publishers for using news content on its platform. The bill passed the Assembly last year and is currently being considered by the state Senate Judiciary Committee.

In a Friday morning blog post, Google calls the CJPA a "link tax" that would require Google to pay for "simply connecting Californians to news articles." Google also claims that over the past two decades it has "provided substantial support to help news publishers navigate the changing digital landscape and innovate."

No one should be fooled by this.

Google made more than \$300 billion last year, most of it from advertising it sells using content it did not create or pay for. In its early days, Google sent lots of traffic for news publishers, but in recent years not so much as it seeks to keep people on its site where Google

makes the money.

This is why Google's revenue keeps growing while news publishers — and not just print newspapers — can barely keep the lights on. In fact, according to data from SimilarWeb, more than half of Google searches for top news terms end without a link being clicked.

In other words, more than half the time, Google doesn't actually connect anyone to the actual source of the news.

While Google seems to believe that news should be free — at least to Google — we in the news business are painfully aware that professional news gathering is expensive. And to be clear: News is a business. Google may not want to acknowledge it, but it's big business for Google. That's why news was the first thing that Google launched after search and why "news" is the first tab after "all" on the search results page.

It's why Google is testing what would happen if it removed links to news from its site for some California users. For the record, Google tested removing the news tab altogether in February but apparently didn't like the results, announcing that it would not be removing the news tab for all users.

Maybe that's because news is a big part of Google's business.

According to a recent study, a fair payment from Google for its use of U.S. news content would be \$10 billion to \$12 billion a year.

Google obviously does not want to pay that.

In a Senate hearing in December, Google's representative said that news

publishers earn \$2 billion a year in advertising revenue from traffic Google refers to those publishers. That begs the question as to whether Google itself should actually pay anything at all for the content upon which it has built its extremely lucrative advertising business.

Of course, Google's stranglehold on digital advertising is the subject of an antitrust case filed by the U.S. Department of Justice and a coalition of states, which allege Google has a monopoly on digital advertising and has used its control of the market to steer advertisers to its own services and sites while depressing the revenues of publishers by manipulating pricing.

The Friday announcement that Google will suppress news for some Californians comes from the same playbook. Here is Google using its command of search — it controls 91.5% of the global search market, according to Semrush — to intimidate publishers and the public alike by threatening to withhold news.

Make no mistake about it: Content, especially news, is the cornerstone of Google's business model, and Google's criticism of legislation that would force it to pay for the materials it uses is a naked attempt to preserve its revenue streams by intimidating not only the media but also the public that wants to be connected to news online.

This kind of anticompetitive behavior is exactly why legislation like the CJPA is needed.

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LBS Financial's New VP and Chief Lending Officer

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LBS Financial Credit Union, a big supporter of the ABCUSD, recently added a new leader to its senior leadership team, Tom Orman, as senior vice president/chief lending officer.

Tom brings with him over 25 years of lending experience and has also served in credit union leadership roles related to strategic planning, business development, political advocacy, and risk management. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA degree from Pepperdine University.

In his role as senior vice president/chief lending officer, Tom oversees the consumer lending, mortgage lending, and collections teams.

"Tom's depth of experience in lending will help us continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our Members," said LBS Financial's President & CEO, Sean Hardeman. "We look forward to Tom's fresh perspective and focus on helping our Members achieve their financial goals by providing access to affordable loans."

Metro Board Receives Final Environmental Report on Southeast Gateway Line

The Final Environmental Reports (EIR) for the Southeast Gateway Line were released on March 29, 2024.

The documents describe and evaluate the Metro board's Locally Preferred Alternative, which is a 14.5-mile light rail transit line with nine stations and includes a new C Line infill station at the I-105 Freeway.

The final reports also includes public comments received on the draft reports which was circulated for public review and comment from July through September 2021, and responses to those comments.

The Final EIR went before the Planning and Programming Committee on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

It will now proceed to the Metro Board of Directors who will consider certification of the Final EIR. The final step is for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to issue a Record of Decision (ROD) this summer.

Hahn Votes for New Rental Housing Habitability Ordinance

Ordinance means county will inspect unincorporated rental units at least every four years

Los Angeles, CA – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has released the following statement after she voted in favor of a proposed ordinance to ensure the habitability of rental housing in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

"Renters are paying for safe, healthy places to live and we need to ensure they are getting what they paid for," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "The vast majority of landlords are taking care of their units and respond to their tenants' concerns, but we need to step in when

landlords drop the ball and residents need help. I think that this plan is one that is responsive to renters, fair to landlords, and rewards property owners who continue to do the right by their tenants."

The ordinance will mean that county public health inspectors will inspect housing units in unincorporated areas at least once every four years, allows tenants to request inspections, and will put in place a new process to hold landlords accountable for maintaining habitability including the possibility that rent will be withheld partially or fully until repairs are made.

The board voted unanimously in support of the ordinance but still needs to come back to the board for a second reading and vote in 30 days.

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expression. The goals of the program are to increase confidence, teamwork, courage, social-emotional skills, and respect in students, according to Reese.

"Dance Uplifts was born from The Wooden Floor's mission and strategic goals to bring our life-changing curriculum and resources to more children in our community," explained Reese. "By taking our values of respect, excellence, community, and stewardship into schools, we can innovate and inspire the lives of even more children who need us."

"Being an extension of our community engagement efforts called Dance Free Weeks, an in-school program held each fall, which has served more than 95,000 students through our community engagement efforts in the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and Tustin, and we hope to bring the same positive outcomes," said Reese.

A teacher shared a heartwarming incident where a shy and introverted girl in their class exclaimed, "This makes me feel confident!" Another educator also reported that their students who rarely participated in class activities, were now enthusiastic and freely expressing themselves through dancing, even giving advice to each other. According to Reese, Dance Free Weeks have a significant impact on inspiring children.

"Dance is an activity that not everyone has access to, and because we at The Wooden Floor believe that Dance is the Answer®, we want to reach as many students as possible and share the power of dance with everyone," explained Bonfil.

Participants in Dance Uplifts increase their communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, character, and courage, said Jennifer Bassage Bonfil, Artistic Director, who has been with The Wooden Floor for 18 years.

"Each of the 12 lessons focuses on a dance element or skill closely associated with a life skill," Bonfil explained. "When the students learn about pathways and perform various locomotor movements on many different pathways, they take turns being the leader and the followers. This leads into a discussion about what it takes to be a good leader and good follower and why it is important to be able to do both."

"We hope Dance Uplifts is fun and provides physical activity for the students, but more importantly, we want the students to leave the program with more confidence than when they started; we want them to feel proud and accomplished, we want them to be open to new experiences and ideas, and we want them to have more tools to express themselves and their emotions," said Bonfil.

Dance Uplifts is free of charge. According to Bonfil, the Wooden Floor hopes to expand to more school districts in Orange County in the future.

Parents can learn more about The Wooden Floor by visiting their website at www.TheWoodenFloor.org or email at info@TheWoodenFloor.org. There they have information on their Annual Audition Day each fall, plus the programs they offer, specifics about The Wooden Floor, and ways to get involved.

Artesia from page 1

Rocha, representing the City of Artesia. Attendees enjoyed a catered lunch, a coffee bar, photo booths, giveaways, and transportation.

This event addressed various goals that align with the California Parks and Recreation Society Action Plan and "Parks Make Life Better" philosophy. The Senior Prom promoted physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness, created memorable experiences, fostered social cohesiveness, and strengthened community identity.

Mayor Tony Lima stated, "The Artesia Council and Staff put in a lot of effort every year to make life better for everyone through our parks and recreation activities. We are truly grateful for being recognized for the collaborative Senior Prom program and plan to continue the event due to its great success."



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County Opens Waiting Lists for Senior and Family Public Housing Sites

Interested parties must register before April 30, 2024

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will be accepting registrants for its Senior and Family Public Housing Site-Based Waiting Lists (SBWLs) from April 15, 2024, 8:00 a.m. through April 30, 2024, 11:59 p.m., or until a sufficient number of registrations have been received, whichever occurs first. If the LACDA receives sufficient applications prior to April 30, 2024, a second notice will be published on the LACDA's website to notify the public that the SBWLs will close at an earlier date. The County's Section 8 waiting list remains closed.

Registrants may choose, based on eligibility, to register on one or any of the following 12 family and senior SBWLs.

- CARMELITOS FAMILY - 1000 Via Wanda, Long Beach, CA 90805
- CARMELITOS SENIOR - 801 Via Carmelitos, Long Beach, CA 90805
- HARBOR HILLS FAMILY - 26607 South Western Ave., Lomita, CA 90717

- SOUTH SCATTERED FAMILY SITES - Comprised of 51 buildings throughout the South Los Angeles area
 - SOUTH BAY GARDENS SENIOR - 230 East 130th St., Los Angeles, CA 90061
 - EAST COUNTY SENIOR SITES - Multiple locations in the East Los Angeles area, City of La Puente, and City of Whittier
 - EAST COUNTY FAMILY SITES - Multiple locations in the East Los Angeles area and City of Whittier
 - WEST KNOLL/PALM SENIOR - 838 North West Knoll Dr., West Hollywood, CA 90069 and 959 North Palm Avenue, West Hollywood, CA 90069
 - MARINA MANOR SENIOR - 3401 Via Dolce, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
 - ORCHARD ARMS SENIOR - 23410-23540 Wiley Canyon Rd., Valencia, CA 91355
 - FOOTHILL VILLA SENIOR - 2423 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA 91214
 - QUARTZ HILL FAMILY - 5028 West Ave. L-12 and 42051 51st St., West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
- Senior units are reserved for households whose head, co-head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age. It may include two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together, or one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living

with one or more live-in aides. All registrants will be selected from each waiting list in order of admission preferences, followed by date and time of registration. Interested persons may register at <https://harp.lacda.org/ex/NewApp.aspx>, or call (626) 586-1845, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested persons should only register for locations in which they are willing to reside. Visit <https://www.lacda.org/program-announcements/ph-sb-wl-open> for detailed information on each SBWL including location, bedroom sizes, and available amenities. The LACDA prohibits smoking on all public housing development premises. For more information on the Public Housing Program, please call (626) 586-1845. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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lence in every facet of life. Girls are judged in the following areas: Scholastics, 25%; Interview, 25%; Talent, 20%; Fitness, 15%; and Self Expression, 15%. \$11,500 in scholarships were awarded in ten categories and four overall awards.

The award winners were as follows: DYW Winner East (\$2000), Erin Cho (Whitney High School); DYW Winner West (\$2000), Ann Huang (Whitney High School); DYW Central (\$2000), Monicka Manni (Whitney High School); DYW Alternate (\$1500), Gabrielle Tjahjono (Whitney High School); Spirit of DYW (\$400), Gabrielle Tjahjono (Whitney High School); Interview (\$1000), Monicka Manni (Whitney High School); Scholastics (\$1000), Monicka Manni (Whitney High School); Talent (\$600), Monicka Manni (Whitney High School); Fitness (\$500) Monicka Manni (Whitney High School); Self Expression (\$500), Monicka Manni (Whitney High School).

Erin, Ann and Monicka will be participating in Distinguished Young Woman state competition in Bakersfield in July. Many dignitaries handed out the showcase awards including: Past Mayor of Artesia and current councilwoman Monica Manalo; Past Mayor of Cerritos, Diana Needham; Cerritos College Board of Trustee, Shin Lui; President ABC School District Board of Education, Mrs. Sophia Tse; president of Artesia-Cerritos Soroptimists, Mary Ann Tipton; Optimist President, Ron Glassman.

The emcee for the Sunday program was Monica Manalo, an Artesia City Council Woman. Judges for this program included Larry Frum, Scholastics, DYW San Diego; Desiree Corsetti, Health and Fitness Executive; Rachel Corsetti, Fitness Trainer to Celebrities; Nicole Ellington, Fitness/Dance Instructor; Felicity Morales, Dance Instructor; Gina Salas, Kaiser Administrator and DYW Alum.

Sponsors of the program include County Supervisor, Janice Hahn; Chugh, LLP; MSI Corporation; Patrick Stacker, Lawyer; Dr. David DeKriek, Au.D.; Dr. Terrisa Ha, M.D.; Carol Chen, Diana Needham and Grace Hu, past mayors of Cerritos; Monica Manalo, past mayor of Artesia; Cerritos Optimists, Cerritos-Artesia Soroptimists and Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos, the city of Cerritos, Gloria and Sherman Kappe, George Ray, Norma Williamson, Lee and Mary Ann Tipton, Gene and Rhonda Burd Realty, Realty Executives Select, Print Media Designs; Edric Ta, DYW Alum Parent and the Los Cerritos Community News.

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Clarence Thomas Booth (1935-2024), vintage car, airplane, and train enthusiast

By Brian Hews

Longtime Santa Ana resident Clarence Thomas Booth passed away peacefully on solar eclipse day April 8, 2024, with several family members and friends at his side. Clarence was 88 years old.

Clarence was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, to Clarence “Boots” and Sally Booth on June 13, 1935.

After a childhood in Connecticut, Clarence’s family moved out to California, where Clarence was part of the first graduating class at Mater Die Catholic High School in Santa Ana in 1954.

Clarence was an avid “car guy” and worked with various auto shops until he joined the Army and was honorably discharged in April 1958.

Just months later, on October 25, 1958, he married the love of his life, Tina (Skewes) Booth, and moved to Santa Ana. Clarence got a job at the Santa Ana-based Cherry Rivet, working on and painting cars.

Clarence loved working on cars and loved vintage cars, owning several over the years, and could name any pre-1940 car on the street by make and model.

His wife Tina was born in England, so naturally, one of Clarence’s favorite cars was the MG. In the 1980s, Clarence bought a 1945 MG, which he and Tina would drive around in, attending several auto shows a year.

You could always see Clarence with his English Cabbie Hat and Tina with sunglasses and a wide scarf “tooling”

around Santa Ana in that MG!

Their daughter Cora was born four years after their marriage; three years later, their son John was born.

Seeing that they needed more room, the couple worked hard to buy their only home in 1974 on Santa Clara in Santa Ana, an area that would later be known as Floral Park.

A couple of years later, Clarence went to work with his dad “Boots” and his brother Jim at All Rentals, a Garden Grove-based company that operated exactly like its name, renting almost anything from small tools to trucks to industry and the general public.

It was a tough job requiring Clarence to work six days a week, but he enjoyed interacting with the customers and employees and really enjoyed his only days off, which was every Thursday and every other Sunday, spending it with Tina, often going to their favorite restaurant, the Tartan Room, for lunch...in the MG!

Longtime Santa Ana residents will remember the Tartan Room, an old style dimly lit restaurant with throw-back “tuck and roll” booths which first opened inside a strip mall at the intersection of La Veta and Main Street, moving years later to its current location in Orange.

That move did not matter to Clarence and Tina. They could always be seen enjoying meals at the Tartan Room. Clarence’s favorite lunch was the fried shrimp!

Clarence loved to cook and often cooked several dinners during the week, bar-b-queuing on the weekends with family and friends and then cooking an all-out four-course meal for Sunday dinner.

He loved cooking holiday meals, his favorite was Thanksgiving, where he would cook a large turkey even if he was going to someone else’s house. His stuffing (not dressing!) was legendary, with



CLARENCE BOOTH, son, husband, father, grandfather at his home in Santa Ana, loved his family and friends and cat Zippy and was an avid car guy who could name the year make and model of any older car seen on the street.

his kids, son-in-law, and grandchildren begging him for the recipe, which he only recently revealed!

His cooking influence shows; his son John, his daughter Cora, his son-in-law Brian, and his two grandchildren are all avid cooks themselves!

In his spare time, Clarence loved building model trains and airplanes while also collecting rare trains. Clarence was often seen building the smaller model airplane that can be bought at most stores, but he also enjoyed putting together the much larger “HO” model airplanes, sever-

al of which he has on display at his house.

His longtime friend/cat Zippy was always at his side watching Dad build the models.

Clarence is preceded by his wife Tina and is survived by his brother James, son John Booth, daughter Cora Hews, son-in-law Brian Hews, and two grandchildren.

A service will be held at Saint Norbert Church in Orange on April 22 at 10 AM, followed by interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange.

4-8-4 ‘Northern’ Locomotives: Top Speed, Horsepower

By Adam Burns

Purely on looks the “Northern” was one of the most aesthetically beautiful steam locomotive designs ever developed.

While some of these handsome locomotives would receive streamlining even without such enhancements they were still a fine looking piece of machinery with a “streamlined” tender, long sweeping boiler, symmetrical wheel arrangement, and centered headlight.

The 4-8-4 gained its name from the Northern Pacific where the locomotive was first operated in the 1920s. However, of all the popular steam designs ever put into service the 4-8-4 was the most widely renamed, from “Greenbriers” on the Chesapeake & Ohio to “Westerns” on the Denver & Rio Grande Western.

Overview

In many ways the 4-8-4 was the pinnacle of steam power and technology, which utilized only a single set of drivers. Before the diesel era caught on in the late 1930s, three-dozen of largest railroads in America put the locomotive into service in both passenger and freight operations. Surprisingly, despite their size, more than a half-dozen Northern Pacific remain in operation today and several others are preserved.

Union Pacific 4-8-4 #838, featured classic elephant-ear smoke deflectors. By the date of this photo the locomotive was finishing up its last days in freight service before retirement.



UNION PACIFIC 4-8-4 featuring classic elephant-ear smoke deflectors. By the date of this photo the locomotive was finishing up its last days in freight service.

History

The decade of the 1920s (the “Roarin’ ‘20s”) saw the railroad industry experiencing unbelievable demand among the traveling public. Additionally, all-steel, heavyweight cars were replacing common and lighter wooden-built equipment.

These two factors put together meant that standard designs of the day were struggling to keep up, notably the ubiquitous 4-6-2 Pacific and to some extent the 4-8-2 Mountain.

Realizing this, the Northern Pacific approached the American Locomotive Company (Alco) about developing an even more powerful wheel arrangement to cope with the growing surge. After a lengthy study Alco recommended what was essentially a modified Mountain with a larger firebox for increased steam pressure and power.

This firebox would feature a 115

square foot grate area and to accommodate this the locomotive would be fitted with two rear axles instead of only one. In December of 1926 the NP took delivery of 12 of these beauties, listed as Class A and given road numbers 2600-2611.

Compared to the railroad’s Class Q Pacifics (it owned no Mountains) the 4-8-4s were at least 50 tons heavier, had boiler pressures nearly 50 psi higher, tractive efforts that were roughly 40% more, and could cruise at higher speeds while pulling heavier loads.

Since the locomotive was first tested and used on the NP it was named the “Northern Pacific” but later shortened as just “Northern.”

One particular feature that made the 4-8-4 wheel arrangement so successful was its versatility where it was just as capable of pulling a time-sensitive passenger train clipping along at 70+ mph as it was at lugging a heavy freight train over

stiff grades.

This versatility, in addition to the locomotive being equipped with the latest technologies including superheaters, mechanical stokers, roller bearings on all axles after 1930, and outside valve gear made the Northern one of the most successful designs of the late-steam era.

Roller Bearings

In 1930 the Timken Roller Bearing Company worked with Alco in producing 4-8-4 Timken #1111, which featured roller bearings on all axles including the tender.

After logging roughly 100,000 miles Timken successfully demonstrated the reduced wear and maintenance of roller bearings and all future steam locomotives were equipped with them- the #1111 was sold to the NP in 1933 and renumbered 2626.

Some of the most well known classes of Northern Pacific to ever operate included the Norfolk & Western’s handsome J Class, Southern Pacific’s Golden States, and New York Central’s Niagaras just to name a few.

While this steam locomotive design is best remembered as the Northern not every railroad thought such a name was appropriate for their models, such as those mentioned above.

Operational Northern Pacific

Today, many Northern Pacific Types survive and several still remain in operation with the most famous including:

Norfolk & Western #611

Union Pacific #844 (the last steam locomotive ever purchased by the UP and the only steam locomotive to never be retired by a Class I railroad)

Milwaukee Road #261

Southern Pacific #4449

Spokane, Portland & Seattle #700

Santa Fe #3751

The Six Most Iconic Fighter Jets in the U.S. Air Force

The F-14 Tomcat



Easily the most recognizable fighter jet in the U.S. Air Force, the Grumman F-14 Tomcat holds a special place in the hearts of Americans. In its prime, the F-14 Tomcat could achieve supersonic speeds with its twin engines and carry two pilots. Although it was officially retired in 2006, a few

are still used as training jets.

F-14 Facts:

- Featured in movies such as Top Gun & Executive Decision;
- Its radar could track up to 24 targets simultaneously;
- All spare parts have been destroyed.

The F-15 Eagle



McDonnell Douglas designed the F-15 Eagle in 1972 and entered service in 1976. The iconic jet features an American twin-engine with a single seat. In addition, the F-15 Eagle has been featured in an IMAX film, a Tom Clancy book, and several other media.

F-15 Facts:

- Zero losses in aerial combat;
- Over 100 victories;
- 2nd oldest fighter jet still in service.

The F-22 Raptor



Lockheed Martin created the F-22 Raptor in 2005 and stole the show with its low profile. Constructed with twin engines, it housed one pilot and could handle anything the Air Force required. Unfortunately, the F-22 Raptor was officially retired in 2017.

F-22 Facts:

- Production was cut due to high costs;
- It costs \$35,000 per flight hour to operate;
- Mainly used as a bomber escort.

The F-35 Lightning II



The class of F-35 fighter jets is iconic primarily due to its controversial beginnings. The U.S. and her NATO allies funded the production of the F-35 in the early 2000s, hoping for a new aerial fighter to dominate the skies. The F-35 was finally put into service in 2015.

F-35 Facts:

- The U.S. plans to purchase over 2,400 F-35s by 2044;
- Severe mechanical failures halted initial production;
- Projected to be the main aerial combat fighter for the U.S. until 2070.

The F-16 Fighter Falcon



Also known as the “Viper,” the F-16 was crafted as a single-pilot, single-engine day fighter, but quickly earned a reputation for versatility. The F-16 was first introduced into service in 1978 when Battlestar Galactica was released. The starfighter from the television program bears

a striking resemblance to the F-16.

F-16 Facts:

- Oldest fighter jet still in service;
- Over 4,600 have been built since 1976;
- Key feature was a frameless bubble canopy for good visibility.

The F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet



Boeing produced the Super Hornet jet as a carrier-based multi-role fighter capable of extended flight and can be used as an air-to-air refueling system. Its wing and tail configuration help it to stand out among other fighter jets, but its size is the easiest way to identify it. The Super Hornet

entered the service in 1999 and is still serving today.

Super Hornet Facts:

- Boasts single and tandem seat variants;
- Can carry up to 5 additional fuel tanks;
- Informally referred to as the “Rhino.”

History of the M.G. Midget

The TC can trace its lineage directly back to the first M.G. Midget, the Series M that debuted in 1929. The inexpensive M-type Midget was powered by an innovative, Wolseley - initially W4A Hispano-Suiza aero - derived overhead-cam, 847cc four-cylinder engine.

A 1930 M-type Midget caught the eye of Henry Ford's son Edsel, who imported the car and enjoyed it on his Grosse Pointe Shores estate, making Edsel the first--and likely wealthiest--American M.G. Midget owner.

The 1932-1934 J-type Midget that followed the M-type continued its predecessor's winning ways, and its styling, which included cut-down doors and a rear-mounted fuel tank, combined with the established tall radiator shell and twin-hump scuttle to cement the proper rakish M.G. sports car look. The P-type Midgets--PA and PB--continued the automaker's tradition of design evolution and performance upgrades into 1935.

The Series "TA" Midget appeared in early 1936 and featured a Morris-derived, pushrod 1,292cc, 52.4hp engine. The TA-type was larger and more comfortable than its predecessors, and it remained in production until May of 1939, when the TB was introduced.

Cecil Kimber, the man who had founded M.G. and imbued the small automaker with its tremendous spirit, was killed in a tragic railroad accident in February of 1945. He didn't see the introduction of the first post-war Midget, the car that introduced M.G. to its most lucrative market, America. In September of that year, Series TC production would begin.

Minor alterations to the TB were put into place the 1,250cc engine was car-

ried over.

Nineteen-inch painted wire wheels with chrome eared knockoffs add greatly to TC's charm.

In the TC, two occupants sat on individual seat bottoms and shared a common, adjustable angle seat back. Above the twin-fairing cowl, the safety glass windshield could be folded flat for bracing motoring. The manually erected top's side curtains were stored in a felt locker behind the seats, a spot also suitable for small packages.

Upon introduction, Series TC roadsters were available in Black, Regency Red or Shires Green cellulose, with leather seating in Vellum Beige, Shires Green or Regency Red.

As could be expected from its comparatively tiny engine, the first M.G. to make an impression on America wasn't particularly fast. The Motor tested a TC that accelerated to 50 mph in 14.7 seconds and to 60 in 21; their fastest timed quarter-mile run was at 78.9 mph. The upside to the modest power and 1,822-pound curb weight was a frugal 29 average mpg.

While the performance figures may appear underwhelming, consider that the average American car of the late Forties, while much more powerful with six or eight cylinders, was also more isolating, heavier, less eager to turn and stop and generally cumbersome to drive. Contemporary M.G. literature boasted: "Responsive and lively, with a 'character' all its own, it quickly identifies itself with its owner's personality." Many famous American road racers of the period competed in TCs, including Phil Hill, John Fitch and Denise McCluggage.

None of the 81 TCs built in 1945 were officially imported to America, but 20 left England the following year. Exports increased steadily, with 234 officially coming to the U.S. in 1947 and 1,143 reaching our shores in 1948. M.G. directors realized that this eager new market justified special con-



A CLASSIC: 1945 MG TC, first available in black, red, or green with wire wheels.

sideration, so North American designated TCs, referred to as EXU (EXport United States) models due to their chassis plate stampings, began production in December 1948. As with all TCs, the 494 EXU cars built before the end of TC production were right-hand drive.

All considered 1949 model year cars, EXUs differed from regular production TCs by their full-width bumpers front and rear, under-hood mounted twin horns, special Lucas head, tail and brake lamps, a turn signal switch, high beam warning light, rearranged instrument panel and gold pearl-tone steering wheel (replacing black), among other changes. A period advertisement for J.S. Inskip, Inc. of New York City, termed the EXU Midget Series TC the most famous sportscar in the world, and called it "A small car masterpiece for the connoisseur." Sold alongside Rolls-Royce, Riley and Bentley, the TC cost \$1,850.

America was firmly M.G.'s biggest market by the time TC production halted in late 1949 in favor of the new Series TD

Midget; exactly 10,000 TCs left the assembly lines at Abingdon. While the TD looked largely the same, it was a further development of the Midget concept, with an independent coil spring front suspension, more enveloping fenders and 15-inch disc wheels. The streamlined Series TF Midget, built between 1953 and 1955, would be the last of the square rigger M.G.s.

Often considered America's sports car catalyst, alongside Jaguar's ultramodern XK 120, the first post-war M.G. roadster has a worldwide following out of proportion to its production numbers. M.G. enthusiast clubs in England and the U.S. can provide a wealth of information about acquiring, restoring and running a TC. This devotion, and the ready availability of mechanical and trim replacement parts, means that the surviving TCs are nearly always treated with loving care. Although a Series TC Midget looks and, in some ways, acts like the near antique car it is, its competition-bred heritage and mechanicals mean that it will continue to provide an unparalleled sports car experience.

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GATEWAY LEAGUE BASEBALL -

Sandoval pitches gem as Gahr walk's off for fifth time, stays unbeaten in league

By Loren Kopff
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You can use whatever cliché you want about the Gahr High baseball team this season, how it has been skating on thin ice or how it has been playing with fire with the close games. But the Gladiators always find a way to escape with the late wins and they did it again last Thursday when they hosted Downey High.

Held to two hits through the first six innings, Gahr doubled that total in the bottom of the seventh and senior designated hitter Mike Lee's single to center brought home sophomore catcher Oscar Grijalva with two outs for the game-winner in a 1-0 win. It was the fifth time this season Gahr has walked off with a win, twice coming in the bottom of the eighth inning by identical 5-4 scores against Downey (Mar. 13) and Warren High (Mar. 26). The other two times came against Santa Margarita High (4-3) and Coronado High (2-1) in back to back days of the National Classic.

"One of the comments we've made is, I think we've been to the bottom, meaning we haven't had success when we've struggled early to where we don't panic when something bad happens" said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "So, I think there's a sense of, hey, who's the next guy that's going to do it. In this situation, Mike Lee went ahead and got the winning hit."

"These walk-off wins are pretty good," said junior pitcher Matthew Sandoval. "I just pray that we have energy

to be able to win these games. I wish we were able to jump on them early, but it's good that we were able to keep it close and be able to win the game."

Sandoval had a lot to say about how the game would go as he went six strong innings, gave up a pair of hits, navigated around five walks and one other baserunner before giving way to senior A.J. Gonzalez who worked a perfect top of the seventh inning.

After getting Michael Reyes to look at a third strike to begin the game, Sandoval walked Sebastian Cortez, who would then steal second before striking out Julian Arellano. But Sandoval would walk Samuel Mojica and give up a single to Eddie Causley to load the bases. Then on a 1-2 count, he got Morise Robinson to groundout to end the threat.

After a seven-pitch second inning, Sandoval walked Cortez with one out in the third, and Mojica with two outs before getting Causley to ground out to keep the game scoreless. The only baserunners after that would be a two-out walk to Cortez in the fifth and a two-out infield single in the sixth.

"I know these guys; I've been facing them for the past few years," said Sandoval of the early innings. "I just had to

keep my composure and make adjustments."

"I think he tries to do too much sometimes," said Perez. "That's all it is. He's just excited to get going and wear our colors and win for us. "He did a great job of keeping his composure and settling down," he later said. "He's tough; he's really tough. He's tough to hit off and he's tough to make adjust-

ments off. I'm glad he was able to come out on top, at least not go against him."

As impressive as Sandoval was, the same can be said for Reyes, who stymied the Gahr bats as he threw 112 pitches in six and a third innings. After not allowing a runner to get past second base, through the first six innings, Reyes began the bottom of the seventh by giving up a single to junior center fielder Jake Curneen, who tried to extend the hit to a double, but was thrown out. Reyes then walked Grijalva and sophomore shortstop Andres Gonzalez, ending his time on the hill.

Arellano replaced Reyes and after getting senior third baseman Jose Perez to pop up, Lee delivered the game-winner. The four hits Gahr got is tied for the

second fewest this season.

"We're pretty physical; we're big, we're strong and we've been able to put up some runs," said Gerardo Perez. "We've been able to pitch as well. Early in the season, our defensive mistakes have led to a couple of losses to really good teams, by the way, when you're talking about JSerra, Santa Margarita and Huntington Beach. It was just going to take a little bit. But I think as a team, we're finding a way to win the close games, especially after something doesn't go right."

"I think [Downey head coach Jess Gonzalez] was going to ride out [Reyes] as far as he could until the pitch total took over," he later added. "He got to the pitch total, and I knew once we got to the pitch total, then our chances to be opportunistic was going to be better."

Gahr, which has not lost in any of its seven Gateway League contests this season, has won eight straight over the Vikings, 14 of the past 15 and 19 of the past 21 meetings. The last 1-0 win over Downey came on May 6, 2008 with the lone tally coming in the top of the second and during the past 21 games with Downey, seven have been one-run contests. Gahr outscored the Vikings 16-6 in its three meetings this season.

"They're a good, scrappy team," said Sandoval. "I wasn't able to play the first game [on Mar. 13], but these past two games have been very good games and I'm glad we were able to compete and sweep them."

Gahr would go on to defeat Santiago

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605 LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Torres pitches another gem as Artesia moves one step closer to locking down second place

By Loren Kopff
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Artesia High softball head coach Ed Blanck was not going to put any more pressure on his team or mention the likelihood of the Pioneers finishing in second place in the 605 League. The Pioneers had their sights set on a rare league title, but those dreams were dashed on Mar. 28 following a 13-3 loss to Cerritos High and to this day, the players are still upset about that.

So, the consolation prize is that second place finish and behind a dominating performance from senior pitcher Maya Torres and a three-hit outing from senior short-stop Irma Gonzalez, Artesia barely broke a sweat against Pioneer High in a 10-0 win last Friday. The win put the black and red up two games on third place Pioneer with three left to play in the regular season.

"I knew that they could do this," said Blanck of his team. "They didn't know that they could do this. And in previous games, they kept trying to hit home runs. In this game, they were hitting line drives and base hits.

"We're in a good spot, and I felt in the beginning of the season that we were going to be the number one team [in league]," he later said. "But they don't believe it yet. So right now, second place is looking good, then it's the CIF playoffs. That's really what I'm [focusing] on."

"It was very important for us to win," said Gonzalez. "After [being swept by] Cerritos, it was very heartbreaking. All the girls were upset because we really wanted to win and everyone was telling us, 'Oh, you're the best team in the league; you guys should be beating them' since we were beating everybody else. Then when it came to Cerritos, we all kind of got a little bit nervous and our hits were just coming too late."

It didn't take long for the Pioneers to flex their muscles as junior center fielder Alea Medina led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple down the left field line on the fourth pitch she saw. Two pitches later, Gonzalez doubled to the left field gap for the only run of the inning. Despite four pop-ups in the first three innings, Artesia continued to go after Pioneer's Katlynn Gauthier.

She would hit senior third baseman Vanessa Soto on a 3-0 count to begin the second inning, then walked senior catcher Arianna Franco. After the two were sacrificed to third and second base respectively by senior designated player Jazmine Anguiano, freshman left fielder Paulina Nava was safe on a fielder's choice to load the

bases. Medina followed with a fielder's choice of her own and Gonzalez singled to bring in Franco, making it 3-0.

In the third inning, Gauthier walked Torres on a full count and one out later, Soto laced a line drive homerun over the left field fence. The scoring continued in the fourth inning as Nava singled to right field and Medina added another base hit to left field. Gonzalez then reached on an error with Nava scoring and moments later, a throwing error allowed Medina and Gonzalez to score the seventh and eighth runs.

Franco began the fifth with a single to the right field gap and Anguiano was safe on a fielder's choice before Nava's base hit to left field loaded the bases. After a line drive from Medina doubled up Nava, Gonzalez ended the game with a laser down the right field line to plate Franco and junior pinch runner Alessandra Russo.

"Irma's position is number two," said Blanck. "She can bunt and whatever after that...she has stepped up. I remember in the past she was scared when I put her in that spot. Right now, she's starting to

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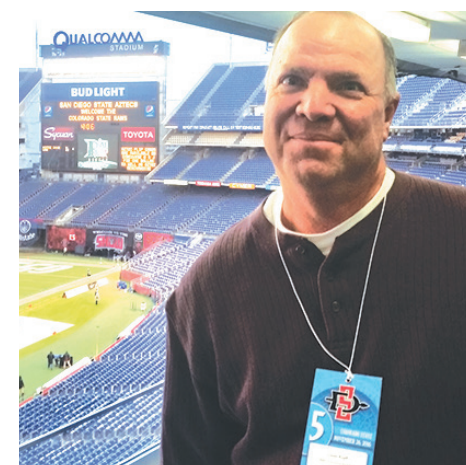
Trio of Artesia Baseball Pitchers Combine to No-Hit John Glenn, Keep Playoff Chances Alive

By Loren Kopff
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Artesia High's baseball team had its back against the wall when it hosted improved John Glenn High this past Tuesday. The Pioneers were two games behind the Eagles for third place in the 605 League and another loss would put them on the brink of elimination a season after advancing to the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 quarterfinals.

But freshman pitcher Jorge Vidal, making his second start of the season, paved the way for sophomore Josue Lugo and junior Angel Estrada as they combined to throw a no-hitter in a 4-0 victory. Vidal worked the first four innings, then Lugo threw 11 pitches in the top of the fifth inning before Estrada tossed 19 pitches over the final two frames. The trio combined for four strikeouts, walk four and face five over the minimum.

"It was huge just coming back with the win," said Artesia head coach Jose Serrano. "I know we've been struggling, and I went with the freshman Jorge Vidal, who did an amazing job coming



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in; just pounding the strike zone and just keeping us in the game. Lately, our pitching performance has been bad, and I think this game was what really changed the tone."

Serrano also cited clutch hitting as another key to the victory as all four runs were scored with two outs in the bottom

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of the fifth inning. Junior designated player Ahkil Sampson was safe on an error and would advance to second on a sacrifice from junior left fielder Daniel Serrano. Two batters later and back to the top of the lineup, freshman shortstop Michael Nava's single to the left field gap brought in Sampson. Glenn junior pitcher Brandon Rivera, who went the distance, then intentionally walked junior catcher Daniel Carbajal. The plan to set up a force play backfired as on the first pitch he saw, junior right fielder Alex Escobar singled to left to make it 2-0. Then two pitches later, Lugo was safe on Glenn's second error as Carbajal and senior pinch runner Daniel Guardado crossed home plate to complete the scoring.

Early on, Vidal was dodging one Glenn scoring chance after another as sophomore right fielder Bert Rodriguez was left at third base in the top of the first inning and senior third baseman Benny Iniguez, who was walked with one out in the second and went to second on a groundout, wouldn't advance as Vidal struck out sophomore third baseman Jonah Mason to end the inning.

Iniguez would be left at second base with two outs in the third and after Vidal

walked Iniguez and sophomore center fielder Logan Bruce in the fourth, he got Mason to ground out. That would be the first of 10 straight retired by the pitching staff.

"I think him just staying focused and relaxed...it was huge watching him not panic and not overthrowing," said Jose Serrano of Vidal. "I know he went just four innings, but it was an amazing four innings to see him pitch."

Rivera was just as solid through the first four innings as well, retiring the first eight batters he faced before junior first baseman Jose Garcia doubled to the right field gap. Rivera then hit Nava before inducing Carbajal into a grounder. Rivera also gave up a double to junior second baseman Victor Sanchez with two outs in the fourth and a lead-off single to freshman Ramon Chavez in the sixth.

"Clutch hitting; I think that's what it was," said Jose Serrano of the bottom of the fifth. "In baseball, the two-out rally kills you and I think that's what changed the tone."

Artesia (8-10 overall, 3-4 in league) will visit Glenn on Friday, needing a win to force a tie for third place with two league games remaining. It will also host Orange High on Saturday and make up a home game with Kennedy High on Monday before ending the regular season with a home and home series against

last place Whitney High, which has one victory on the season and has lost all seven league games. The first game will be on Tuesday at Artesia with the second game two days later at Whitney. Glenn, ranked sixth in the CIF-SS Division 8 poll, dropped to 12-7, 4-3 and will go to second place Oxford Academy on Tuesday before hosting the Patriots on Thursday. If Artesia and Glenn finished tied for third place, a tiebreaker game will be played on Apr. 26.

"If we can take care of Glenn and just one game at a time...they might go with their lefty," said Jose Serrano. "I've heard good things about him. It's just playing solid defense. We'll be ready for them. It will be a great game."

In other baseball action, Cerritos High defeated Oxford Academy 7-2 in a battle of the last remaining unbeaten 605 League teams. The Dons (17-5, 7-0) will visit the Patriots on Friday and Pioneer High on Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series with the Titans. The rematch will be on Thursday at Cerritos.

La Mirada High, the sixth-ranked team in Division 1, blanked Maranatha High 7-0 this past Saturday to improve to 17-5 overall. The win was a rematch from nine days prior when the Matadores fell to the Minutemen 3-2 in a Boras Baseball Classic contest. La Mirada

hosted West Torrance High on Apr. 18 and is scheduled to go to Corona High on Saturday before the big end of the season series with Gahr High, which currently leads the Gateway League with an 8-0 mark. Tuesday's game will be at Gahr while the second of the three-game series is Thursday. The Matadores have lost once in nine league contests.

Norwalk High, enduring its worst season since 2019 when the Lancers went 4-19 overall and winless in the old Suburban League, lost to St. Paul High 8-5 last Saturday and after its 13-1 defeat to Gahr this past Tuesday, dropped its record to 3-14, 0-9. After its home game on Friday against the Gladiators, Norwalk will end the season entertaining Warren High Tuesday before facing the Bears on the road on Thursday.

Valley Christian High, the eighth-ranked team in Division 6, has lost three in a row after a 2-0 setback to Whittier Christian High this past Tuesday. The Defenders (9-10, 5-5 in the Olympic League) will travel to Whittier Christian on Friday with the winner owning the season tiebreaker. The Defenders will then host Village Christian High on Saturday in the final league game of the season. The winner of that game will also own the season tiebreaker. Entering Friday's action, Village Christian was sitting in second place at 5-4, then the Defenders with Whittier Christian at 4-5.

SOFTBALL

Cerritos, ranked 12th in Division 3, had no problems with Whitney in an 8-1 victory this past Tuesday, improving to 14-1, 8-0. The win clinched at least a share of the 605 League title as the Dons go to Oxford Academy on Friday, host Pioneer on Tuesday and visit St. Joseph High on Thursday in a non-league affair.

Gahr, which had not played since smashing Warren 18-2 on Apr. 9, got back into action with a 7-3 win over Mayfair High this past Tuesday, improving to 12-9, 4-1 in the Gateway League. The Gladiators went to La Mirada on Apr. 18 with first place on the line and will wrap up the regular season against Downey High on Tuesday and a trip to Warren on Thursday.

Glenn has lost 12 straight games after an 8-3 setback to Pioneer this past Tuesday. The Eagles (2-14, 0-8) will host Artesia on Friday, Leuzinger High on Saturday, and Oxford Academy on Tuesday.

After not playing since Mar. 28, La Mirada picked up where it left off and shutout Downey 10-0 last Thursday, then defeated Warren 8-2 to move its mark to 17-4-2, 6-0. After their first place battle with Gahr, the Matadores, who are ranked sixth in Division 1, will go to Mayfair on Tuesday.

Norwalk, the seventh-ranked team in Division 4, posted its sixth shutout of the season following a 16-0 win at Lynwood High last Thursday, then smashed Firebaugh High 18-1 this past Tuesday to improve to 16-6, 6-1 in the Mid-Cities League. The league title was on the line on Apr. 18 when the Lancers hosted Paramount High. They will be at Bellflower High and Dominguez High on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Valley Christian, the ninth-ranked team in Division 5, was all over Maranatha High in a 15-0 contest last Thursday, improving to 12-4, 4-1 in the Olympic League. The Defenders visited Village Christian on Apr. 18 and will entertain St. Joseph High on Friday, Heritage Christian High on Monday and Whittier Christian on Wednesday with the league title on the line while Whitney traveled to Pioneer on Apr. 18 and will welcome Long Beach Cabrillo High on Monday before facing Artesia the next day.

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feel comfortable and believing in herself.”

“It’s good batting behind Alea,” said Gonzalez. “She gives me a little bit of a confidence boost knowing that no matter where she’s at, she’s going to end up scoring. It helps me relax a little bit more knowing that if I get a good hit, Alea is going to be the first run in.”

The hitting was just half the story of the game as Torres tossed her third shutout of the season, second against the Titans, and allowed just two hits. Alexis Rosales led off the top of the second inning with a single to center field, went to second on a sacrifice from April Gaxiola and advanced to third on a wild pitch. However, with two outs, a ground ball from Giselle Rodas into right field hit the lip where the grass meets the infield dirt, bounced up to junior right fielder Brendy Sarni whose throw to senior first baseman Melissa Mendoza barely beat Rodas.

In the next inning, a sharp ground ball from Jenna Vasquez was snared by junior second baseman Kaleyse Foster, who threw to Mendoza for the first out. The only other runner to reach off Torres was Jordan Ramirez, who’s one-out double in the fourth inning was wasted when Rosales flew out to left and Gaxiola struck out. Torres finished having thrown 51 pitches.

“Maya was...sometimes her drop was a rise, and her rise was a drop,” said Blanck. “So the pitches got a little mixed up. But what was awesome about Maya was she didn’t have any walks. Plus, we had good defense today.”

Artesia would improve to 11-7-1 overall, 6-2 in league following a 19-4 win at Oxford Academy this past Tuesday and will visit John Glenn High on Friday before ending the regular season against Whitney High on Wednesday.

“We were kind of just playing with each other from the heart, to be honest,”

said Gonzalez. “We were playing together, and everything was good. Our hits were good, our defense was good; everyone was together cheering loud.

“We needed to focus on our next game, so we kind of threw the Cerritos game in the past,” she later added. “We really didn’t think about it; nobody talked about it, nobody mentioned it. We just kept playing our game. We knew we had to beat Pioneer, even though we knew it wasn’t for second place. We didn’t even know, but we just knew we had to beat the team that we were playing today and focus on the other games when they come.”

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High out of Corona 7-3 the next day, which was the second of seven scheduled games in a 10 day span leading up to the big end of the season series with La Mirada High. Gahr would have its way with last place Norwalk High, 13-1, this past Tuesday. After visiting Temecula Valley High on the next day and Norwalk on Apr. 18, the Gladiators are home to Crean Lutheran High on Saturday and La Mirada on Tuesday with the second game against the Matadores on Thursday.

“Sometimes with the weather and all that stuff, you keep moving games,” said Gerardo Perez. “But I feel comfortable about playing games. This time of the year, I feel it’s baseball season if the weather is nice. We’re going after anybody to go ahead and try to improve our skills.”

“It’s pretty fun,” said Sandoval. “I think I feel rejuvenated back in baseball; I’m the most happy I am with this game and I think being able to play back to back games...you just have to have the short-term memory to be able to go onto the next game.”



By DAVID OUELLET

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN FISHER AKA JOHN T. FISHER CASE NO. 24STPB03906

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN FISHER AKA JOHN T. FISHER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRUCE HITCHMAN AND LEE ANN HITCHMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRUCE HITCHMAN AND LEE ANN HITCHMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/10/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FROM: City of Commerce
Department of Economic Development and Planning
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, California 90040

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Notice of Availability and Initial Study for the Commerce Energy Storage 2023 Project at 6920 East Slauson Avenue, 6904 East Slauson Avenue and 6319-6337 Garfield Avenue, Commerce, California Introduction: The City of Commerce Economic Development and Planning Department, in its capacity as the lead agency, is reviewing a development application for a proposed energy storage facility.

Project Location: The City of Commerce is located approximately six miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles and is bounded by the City of Montebello on the north and east, unincorporated East Los Angeles on the north, the cities of Vernon, Bell, and Maywood on the west, and the City of Bell Gardens on the south. The proposed project site is located in the southeastern portion of the city at 6920 East Slauson Avenue, 6904 East Slauson Avenue, and 6319-6337 Garfield Avenue.

Project Description: The proposed project calls for adding a battery energy storage facility at 6920 East Slauson Avenue, modifying the previously approved battery energy storage facility at 6904 East Slauson Avenue, and making related modifications at the Southern California Edison substation located at 6319-6337 Garfield Avenue.

Findings: The environmental analysis provided in this Initial Study indicates that the proposed project will not result in any significant adverse unmitigable impacts. For this reason, the City of Commerce has determined that a mitigated negative declaration is the appropriate CEQA document for the proposed project. The proposed use will be required to comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations regarding the battery energy storage. Furthermore, the project will be required to meet all State and local guidelines regarding wastewater discharge.

Public Review: The Initial Study for the proposed project has determined that the project will not have significant adverse environmental impacts on the environment. Copies of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review at the following location:

City of Commerce Civic Center/Library
Department of Community Development
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, California 90040

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be submitted no later than 21 days after receipt of this notice. Please send your comments to Louis Morales, Interim Director, Economic Development and Planning at the City of Commerce, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California 90040. A public hearing is scheduled to consider the proposed project for the Planning Commission on May 22nd, 2024 (6:30 PM) in the Public Safety Conference room.

Date: April 19, 2024

Signature: _____
Louis Morales
Interim Director, Economic Development and Planning

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE SERVICES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the La Mirada City Council will conduct a public hearing in order to allow comments from local residents and businesses regarding adjustment of the franchise fee for residential and commercial refuse rates and service. The City will review and discuss proposed adjustments in the City's refuse rate schedule.

Said hearing will be held on June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. All interested persons are invited to attend and public testimony will be heard at that time.

Additional information on refuse rates and services can be obtained by calling the City's Recycling Coordinator at (562) 902-2372.

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, individuals in need of special assistance at the public hearing should contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131, extension 2309 three days prior to the date of the hearing.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
KENKICHI FURUYAMA
CASE NO. 24STPB04061**

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LILA MIYOSHI FURUYAMA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LILA MIYOSHI FURUYAMA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)
REVOLVING GRANT FUND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the remaining Fiscal Year 2023-24 funds and unallocated funds are proposed to be transferred to the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Grant Fund. Proposed changes are available for public inspection during regular office hours at La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. The La Mirada City Council will consider approval of the changes on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Anyone having concerns or questions or wishing to review or comment on the changes may contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 or visit the office located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard.

All persons wishing to comment, object, or otherwise be heard at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard at the time, date, and place of the public hearing. In addition, interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall prior to the public hearing. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a city meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 943-0131. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist City staff in assuring those reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service.

Anne Haraksin
City Clerk

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A CITY CHARTER**

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held to discuss possible adoption of a city charter for the City of Bellflower. The public hearing is scheduled as follows at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers:

May 13, 2024

Adopting a city charter involves crucial decisions that will impact the governance and future of the City. This hearing provides an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions, ask questions, and contribute to the decision-making process.

The public hearing will follow established procedures in accordance with the California Government Code. Detailed information about the proposed city charter, including resolutions, ordinances, and other relevant documentation, will be available for review during this hearing.

We encourage all residents, community members, and stakeholders to attend the public hearing to engage in discussions about the city charter and its implications for our community. Your involvement is essential in ensuring that the city charter reflects the values and needs of Bellflower.

For further details regarding the public hearing on the adoption of the city charter, please refer to official announcements from the Bellflower City Clerk.

MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 10579-AK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: JUAN JERONIMO, 6200 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90805

Doing Business as: JERONIMO CLEANERS

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s) is/are: PARISHA, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 6200 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90805

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT and are located at: 6200 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90805

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is MAY 7, 2024

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last date for filing claims shall be MAY 6, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: APRIL 8, 2024

BUYER: PARISHA, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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**SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):
23NWC00767**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S) (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Sang Kuk Sung, Paul Sung as individuals.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Jeffrey Gardiner

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of CA, Los Angeles, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA, 90650

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Matthew L. Bremont Esq. (CA BAR #311957) SWEET JAMES, LLP 4220 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 200 Newport Beach, CA 92660 Tel. (949) 644-1000 DATE (Fecha): 07/17/2023 Sherri R. Carter Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Clerk (Secretario), by V. Owens, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual defendant.
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9835
FLOWER STREET**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Special Meeting for a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider testimony for and against the acquisition of property located at 9835 Flower Street. A Public Hearing was held on April 8, 2024 regarding this matter. Because of a technical error in the timing of the Public Hearing, and in an abundance of caution, the matter is re-noticed to ratify the actions taken by the City Council on April 8, 2024.

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

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

MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024062376

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: JOYZQUAD 17808 VIERRA AVE., CERRITOS CA., 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, REGISTERED OWNER: JOY ESPLETA CAVARLEZ, 17808 VIERRA AVE., CERRITOS CA., 90703 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 3/24. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ JOY ESPLETA CAVARLEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 3/21/24. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19/24



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