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## Central Basin President Gualtieri Says ‘He Will Not Resign Seat’ Despite Assembly Bill Mandate

Gualtieri is retiring May 4, AB 1794 mandates he vacate the seat but as president he is not allowing a board reorganization.

By Brian Hews

Fireworks erupted Wednesday at Central Basin Municipal Water District’s (CB) Special Board Meeting, which ended with a defiant President Michael Gualtieri, who is appointed and not elected, stating, “I am not leaving until 2027,” despite a retirement letter from Gualtieri’s employer, La Habra Heights Water, that, under AB 1794, mandates he vacate his seat.

Gualtieri’s actions mimic

Trumpian-type politics, with Directors Martha Camacho-Rodriguez calling Gualtieri and appointed Director Juan Garza “dictators” and Leticia Vasquez-Wilson saying, “our board is not acting like a democracy.”

They can point to Gualtieri’s actions to back their words; Gualtieri is the Board President and has “ultimate authority” to place—and remove—items from the agenda, and he has indicated he will not let a board reorganization vote be placed on the agenda.

Gualtieri is appointed to the CB Board by purveyors and must be employed by a purveyor or live in the district. According to AB 1794, once an appointed

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## DEVASTATING FIRE GUTS HUNTINGTON PARK FIRE STATION

**STATION 164** Firefighters were able to fight the fire with assistance from firefighters from nearby stations who responded and worked to put out the flames, which was out within an hour. Hahn toured the damaged station alongside Huntington Park Mayor Karina Macias and Vice Mayor Arturo Flores.

## Supervisor Hahn Pledges Support to Rebuild Fire Station

By Brian Hews

Just before 4:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, Fire Station 164 personnel were awoken by a passerby alerting them to a fire in their station.

Station 164 Firefighters were able to fight the fire with assistance from firefighters from nearby stations who responded and worked to put out the flames, which were out within an hour.

The station was fully staffed with approximately ten firefighters at the time of the fire. Despite the unexpected situation, they managed to fight the fire in their regular attire, demonstrating their readiness and professionalism.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Huntington

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## La Mirada Mayor Andrew Sarega Suddenly Resigns From City Council

By Brian Hews

Just weeks after finally achieving what he always coveted, La Mirada Mayor Andrew Sarega resigned from City Council, his resignation is effective May 8, 2024.

Sources are telling the La Mirada Lamplighter that Sarega will carpetbag move into Anaheim and run for City Council there.

It was a strange move, Sarega and his acerbic father Ion Sarega never let a meeting end without blasting the City Council for not appointing his son as Mayor.

Mayor Sarega was serving his third term on the City Council. He was first elected to the City Council on March 5, 2013 and re-elected on March 7, 2017 and June 7, 2022. He served as Mayor Pro Tem from July 2023 to April 2024 and was recently selected as Mayor on April 9, 2024.

“I am grateful to the residents of La Mirada for allowing me to serve on the City Council during the past 11 years,” said Sarega in a statement posted on the city’s website. “I have enjoyed being able to represent our community and consider the experience to be a tremendous honor.”

Sarega’s tenure was full of bumps and controversy related to the City Council and the Lamplighter.

In 2017, the Lamplighter reported that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) confirmed that the campaign finance investigation involving Sarega, resident Tony Aiello and Residents for a Better La Mirada related to the La Mirada City Council election in March 2017.

The investigation was a result of a series of articles exclusively published by the Lamplighter.

Prior to the investigation,

[ See SAREGA, page 6 ]

## Whittier Narrows Dam Project in Pico Rivera Will Cause Loss of Community Assets



**PICO RIVERA** is set to lose The Pico Rivera Sports Arena, a hub of community events and celebrations, along with the city’s only golf course and its 68-year-old youth baseball program.

By Bob Alaniz

Pico Rivera has announced significant and critical losses of valuable community assets and jobs resulting from the necessary Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Repair Project.

The Whittier Narrows Dam, an integral part of the Los Angeles

County Drainage Area (LACDA) flood control system, has been deemed in need of critical repairs to prevent significant flooding by the Army Corps of Engineers.

While crucial for enhancing the dam’s safety and reliability, this project has had several ad-

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# Whitney High's Ecology and Wildlife Club Organizes Clothing Swap to Reduce Textile Waste

LCCN Staff Report

The modern fashion industry has led to an unsustainable cycle of consumption and disposal known as 'fast fashion.' As clothing rapidly goes in and out of style, millions of tons of clothing end up in landfills yearly. Synthetic fabrics often pollute the water and soil with microplastics, and the fashion industry is responsible for significant global greenhouse emissions. To take meaningful action against this issue, students from Whitney High School's Ecology and Wildlife Club partnered with the nonprofit Grades of Green to hold a clothing swap.

The Eco Club students, driven by their passion for environmental conservation, set up a booth at the school's entrance. Parents, teachers, and students were invited to drop off clothes that they and their families no longer wanted. Over the course of five days, the students diligently collected 313 pounds of pants, t-shirts, jackets, and more. Those who donated clothes were given recyclable tickets, which they would later use to trade for clothes that others donated. Throughout the collection week, the Eco Club students, showing their commitment, spent additional time before and after school to sort the donated clothes into categories.

The following week, the school's quad transformed into a pop-up thrift store, a symbol of sustainable fashion. Students, armed with tickets, explored



**AFTER COLLECTING** 313 pounds of clothes, the Whitney HS Eco Club held a pop-up thrift store, a symbol of sustainable fashion. Students, armed with tickets, explored the wide selection of clothing, each piece representing a step towards a more sustainable future. By the event's end, 145 pounds of clothing found new homes.

the wide selection of clothing, each piece representing a step towards a more sustainable future. The tables of clothing were flooded with students excitedly showing their friends clothes they believed were perfect for themselves and each other. Each thrifted piece of clothing meant that an article that may have gone into the trash actually ended up in the closet of someone who would use it for far longer. By the event's end, 145 pounds of clothing found new homes, extending their lifespan and diverting them from landfills, a small victory in the fight

against textile waste.

The remaining 168 pounds of clothes were then boxed up and donated to the Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter (7702 Washington Ave 2nd Floor, Whittier, CA). This organization sells donated clothing and then uses the proceeds to provide shelter and provisions to those who need it. Items of clothing that were unable to be accepted by the crisis shelter were made into dog toys by Eco Club students at one of their monthly lunch meetings, further increasing the longevity of the textiles. The toys were offered to

dogs and their owners at the Subaru Pacific Share the Love Event, where a dog adoption event was held.

In a world grappling with the environmental consequences of fast fashion, the efforts of the Ecology and Wildlife Club stand as an example of successful community action. Through their clothing swap initiative, these students have not only diverted a significant amount of clothing from landfills, but have also fostered a culture of mindful consumption and waste reduction within their school community. By extending the lifespan of these garments and ensuring their redistribution to those in need, the impact of these students' actions reverberates beyond the confines of their campus. Whitney High School's Ecology and Wildlife Club continues to inspire a collective commitment to environmental action and social responsibility.

Grades of Green is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to inspire and empower students and school communities to care for the environment. When a student team joins a campaign, they are paired with a Grades of Green mentor who provides personal guidance, research, and leadership coaching at no cost. Participating student teams are eligible to earn Eco-Grants to extend the impact of their environmental project. In the past, the Ecology and Wildlife Club has organized projects to compost food waste on campus, construct an eight-foot model of an ocean wave from plastic water bottles to raise awareness about marine plastic pollution and host a community tree sale to offset their school's resource consumption.

Are you a student who would like to get involved, or do you know of one? You can find more information and sign up your student team at [www.gradesofgreen.org](http://www.gradesofgreen.org) or email [info@gradesofgreen.org](mailto:info@gradesofgreen.org).

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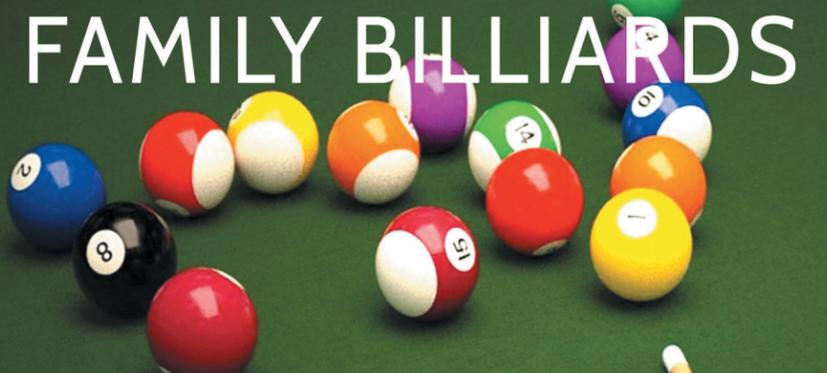
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## Whitney High Named 2024 California Green Ribbon School



**GREEN RIBBON:** from (l-r) Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Nancy Kim Portillo, Dr. Gina Zietlow, Whitney High School Principal Dr. Tuesday Stoffers, and Whitney High School teacher/Eco Club Advisor Aileen Perry. This recognition highlights the school's commitment to sustainability and its innovative efforts in promoting environmental stewardship.

### LCCN Staff Report

Whitney High School has been officially recognized as a 2024 California Green Ribbon School at the Silver Level by the California Department of Education. This recognition highlights the school's commitment to sustainability and its innovative efforts in promoting environmental stewardship among its students and staff.

"We are very proud of Whitney High School for earning this recognition," said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. "Our students, teachers, and staff continue to find ways to connect being green with learning. Whitney High School's recognition comes on the heels of Bragg Elementary School, which earned this award last year. It's clear that environmental stewardship is alive and growing in our

schools."

Whitney High School has distinguished itself through various green initiatives, including the implementation of comprehensive recycling programs, the integration of sustainable materials in classroom settings, and the promotion of energy conservation measures throughout the campus. These initiatives are part of a broader district-wide effort to enhance environmental awareness and action within the educational community.

"The recognition of Whitney High School as a California Green Ribbon School is not only an honor but also a testament to the hard work of our students, educators, and the entire school community," said Principal Dr. Tuesday Stoffers. "We are thrilled to see these efforts acknowledged at such a high level."

The California Green Ribbon Schools award program recognizes schools that excel in three key areas: reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and providing effective environmental education that incorporates STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways.

## Pico Rivera Council Approves Historic Whittier Blvd. Multimodal Plan

By Brian Hews

The Pico Rivera City Council has unanimously approved a milestone in the Historic Whittier Boulevard Multimodal Plan. The comprehensive plan revitalizes the historic Whittier Boulevard corridor and will enhance the quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses.

"In approving the Historic Whittier Boulevard Multimodal Plan, the Pico Rivera City Council has taken a significant stride toward implementing our vision of a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community," said Pico Rivera Mayor Andrew Lara. "Through an extensive outreach campaign, this plan reflects the needs of our residents and businesses, which include safer streets and community-oriented spaces that strengthen our city's unique identity while promoting an economically resilient Whittier Boulevard for generations to come."

Over a two-year period, the city conducted over 75 in-person and virtual events, engaging with more than 6,000 stakeholders and community members.

The plan identifies various early and longer-term action projects to initiate transformation along Whittier Boulevard. These projects include safety enhancements, beautification efforts, landscaping, decorative lighting and signage, art installations, high-visibility crosswalks, painted curb extensions, dedicated walking paths, added parking, new parks, and more.

"The approval of the Historic Whittier Boulevard Multimodal Plan marks a significant milestone for Pico Rivera," said Steve Carmona, Pico Rivera City Manager. "This plan represents our commitment to creating a vibrant, welcoming, and accessible corridor that reflects the values and aspirations of our community. We look forward to implementing the plan's initiatives and shaping a brighter future for Pico Rivera."

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verse consequences for the Pico Rivera.

The most significant impact is the loss of a substantial portion of the city's park space, including the Pico Rivera Sports Arena, the city's only golf course, and the city's baseball fields.

This loss represents a staggering 57% of all park space in the city, significantly reducing the ratio of park space per 1,000 persons from 1.3 to 0.9 acres. To put this into perspective, the county average is 3.3 acres per 1,000 people, and the national average is 6 acres.

The closure of Pico Rivera Sports Arena will affect the city's cultural and recreational landscape and result in significant economic losses. This will have far-reaching financial implications for its residents and local businesses, including job losses ranging from 150-300 tied to the arena and 40-60 tied to the municipal golf course.

The loss of the Pico Rivera Sports Area would include:

Loss of an iconic venue for rodeos, concerts, and other events: The arena is famous for hosting rodeos, particularly Mexican charreadas, and other cultural events for the Hispanic community in Los Angeles. Its closure would leave a gap for these events.

Furthermore, the arena's closure could have a ripple effect on local businesses. Events at the arena bring revenue for local hotels, restaurants, and other businesses, which its closure could significantly impact.

With the elimination of Streamland Park, the city will also lose its 68-year-old youth baseball program. Streamland Park has been

the home to the Pico Boys Baseball League and the hundreds of young players who sign up each year to play during the Spring.

The league had grown so much over the past 15 years that two fields were added to the eastern portion of the park to accommodate the younger players.

In response to these challenges, Pico Rivera has undertaken a robust revitalization program valued at \$125 million. This comprehensive initiative seeks federal funding to mitigate the losses, save the Sports Arena, seize development opportunities, and make strategic public infrastructure investments.

The city's revitalization program also aims to create new parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation facilities, catalyze economic development along the San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo, and establish a national manufacturing zone focusing on sustainable development.

"As we face the potential loss of valuable community assets due to the Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification Project, we are reminded of the resilience and strength of Pico Rivera," said Pico Rivera Mayor Andrew Lara. "While the potential closure of the Pico Rivera Sports Arena and our municipal golf course represents a significant loss for our city, we are committed to navigating these challenges and emerging stronger than ever. Through our revitalization program and continued efforts to secure funding, we aim to mitigate these losses and seize new opportunities for growth and development. Together, we will build a brighter future for Pico Rivera, fueled by hope, determination, and a shared vision for our community."

## LACSD Sgt. Who Served at Cerritos Station Retires



**THANK YOU:** Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department ‘Sgt. Sanchez’ retired after 33 years of dedicated service. For his last 3.5 years, Sanchez has served the residents in Cerritos. Congratulations Sgt!

## Data Breaches Reported at Kaiser and City of Hope

By Nathan Solis

Health insurance giant Kaiser Permanente apologized to 13.4 million of its members that some of their search information may have been inadvertently transmitted to Google, other search engines and media platforms.

The Oakland-based company reported that “certain online technologies” that were previously installed on Kaiser Permanente websites and apps were transmitting information such as medical terms that members searched on the company website to Google, Microsoft Bing, and X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, the company said in a statement to its members on April 12 and shared with The Times on Friday.

Kaiser Permanente is one of the nation’s largest private nonprofit health-care organization with 40 hospitals, 618 medical offices, more than 24,000 physicians and 73,000 nurses, according to the company’s website.

Information that may have been shared includes the unique internet address that identifies a person’s computer on a network, commonly referred to as an IP address.

User names could also have been transmitted and “information that could indicate a member or patient was signed into a Kaiser Permanente account or service, information showing how a member or patient interacted with and navigated through the website and mobile applications, and search terms used in the health encyclopedia,” according to the statement.

The company said the “online technologies” that caused the unauthorized transmission were removed from their websites and mobile apps.

“Kaiser Permanente is not aware of any misuse of any member’s or patient’s personal information,” the company said in its statement. “Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we are informing approximately 13.4 million current and former members and patients who

accessed our websites and mobile applications. We apologize that this incident occurred.”

The company said it has “implemented additional measures with the guidance of experts designed to safeguard against recurrence of this type of incident.”

There were no usernames, passwords, Social Security numbers, financial account information, or credit card numbers shared with those platforms, the company said.

Another healthcare provider also notified its members last month about a data breach.

City of Hope, which includes medical facilities in California, Arizona, Illinois and Georgia, informed its members that somebody accessed their information and obtained copies of some files between Sept. 19 and Oct. 12 in 2023, the company announced in an advisory on April 2.

The type of information stolen varies among members, but includes email addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, Social Security and driver’s license numbers along with other government identification and financial details, such as bank account numbers and credit card details, according to City of Hope. Health insurance information, medical records and information about medical history and associated conditions could also have been stolen, along with unique identifiers to associate individuals with City of Hope, like their medical record numbers, the company said.

“Upon discovery of this incident, City of Hope immediately instituted mitigation measures,” the company said. “We then promptly implemented additional and enhanced safeguards and enlisted the support of a leading cybersecurity firm to enhance the security of our network, systems, and data.”

The company is offering free identity monitoring services for two years for its members. In addition, it notified law enforcement and regulatory bodies about the data breach while also launching its own internal investigation, the company said.

## One-Day Book Sale Set for May 4 at the Cerritos Library

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a one-day book sale from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 in the Cerritos Library.

The sale will be held on the first floor, near the Craftsman area.

A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. Come early

for the best selection.

Funds raised by the Friends of the Cerritos Library help support the Summer Reading Program and art and writing contests for students.

*The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue in the Cerritos Civic Center. For more information about the book sale, call (562) 916-1342.*

## Lakewood Rotary Club’s First Annual BBQ and Brews

The Lakewood Rotary Club announced its first annual BBQ and Brews event on June 6 at Roxanne’s, located at 1115 E Wardlow in Long Beach. The event brings together the best of local BBQ flavors from the iconic Long Beach BBQ establishment, Shady Grove Foods, paired with craft beers local breweries, creating an evening of gastronomic delight and community celebration.

Guests at the event can anticipate a culinary journey showcasing a range of BBQ favorites such as BBQ Chicken, Grilled Sausage, Ribs, and Tri Tip.

Adding to the festivities, the event will feature drawing items for attendees to win. The Lakewood Rotary Club will also introduce its first annual “Service Above Self” awards, honoring three individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions and impact on the Lakewood community.

Curt Kurtz, President of the Lakewood Rotary Club, said, “This event will enable the Rotary Club to significantly increase the support we provide to our community. Whether it’s assisting Project Shepherd’s Back To School Back Packs initiative or cooking dinners for families at the Ronald McDonald House, the Lakewood Rotary Club remains steadfast in its dedication to serving our community.”

Tickets for this memorable evening are priced at \$75 and are available for purchase now.

*For more info., including ticket purchases and event details, visit the Lakewood Rotary website at [rotaryoflakewood.org](http://rotaryoflakewood.org) or contact Dean Lockwood at [dean@heydean.com](mailto:dean@heydean.com) or call (562) 270-4460.*

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## Crime Summary

### La Mirada

April 22-28, 2024

#### Notable Arrests

- Three suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- Two suspects were arrested for felony grand theft.
- Two suspects were arrested for battery.

- An early morning robbery was reported on the 15000 block of Alondra Blvd. This incident is still under investigation.
- An afternoon robbery occurred on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd. This incident is still under investigation.

#### Vehicle Burglary

- A backpack was stolen during an overnight vehicle burglary on the 15200 block of Ocaso Ave.
- A vehicle burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- A laptop was stolen during a window smash vehicle burglary on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.
- An overnight vehicle burglary was reported on the 15900 block of Formby Dr.

#### Grand Theft

- A daytime theft occurred on the 15300 block of Bluefield Ave. One suspect was arrested during the incident.
- Two catalytic converter thefts occurred on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.
- A backpack and wallet were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 14200 block of Grayville Dr.
- A theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 16300 block of Trojan Way.
- An afternoon theft was reported on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.
- An afternoon catalytic converter theft occurred on the 16000 block of Heron Ave.
- Tools were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- An afternoon theft was reported on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.
- A bicycle was stolen on the 12100 block of Del Vista Dr.

#### Grand Theft Auto

- A truck was reported stolen on the 14600 block of Northam St.
- A sedan was stolen on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- A SUV was reported stolen on the 15200 block of Valeda Dr.
- A van was reported stolen on the 13800 block of Ratliffe St.

## Lakewood Older Adult Co-Volunteers of the Year



**THANK YOU:** Robert and Marjorie Medrano (center), known as the “King and Queen of Karaoke,” received special recognition as the 2023 Older Adult Co-Volunteers of the Year. With them is Mayor Todd Rogers (far left) and Councilman Jeff Wood.

### LCCN Staff Report

This past April 17 Lakewood hosted an appreciation luncheon to thank the senior Lakewood volunteers who have given so much of their time to the community.

Robert and Marjorie Medrano, known as the “King and Queen of Karaoke,” received special recognition as the 2023 Older Adult Co-Volunteers of the Year.

“On behalf of the people of Lakewood and my city council colleagues, thank you Bob and Margie for all that you have done for our residents and our community,” said Mayor Todd Rogers. “You have definitely made life more fun in Lakewood!”

Eleven years ago, Bob and Margie began offering their karaoke expertise to participants at the Weingart Senior

Center, while continuing to provide karaoke services to Brethren Manor, Friendship Manor and the Long Beach Senior Center, earning them the title of King and Queen of Karaoke.

Their enthusiasm is what makes the Karaoke Dance and Sing program such a success.

Bob & Margie, as they are affectionately known, both grew up in Long Beach and, unknowingly, the high school sweethearts actually first met when they were children.

Bob retired from the food service industry as a career manager of several restaurants, and Margie retired from St. Maria Goretti Catholic School, where she was the high school Chairman Principal, and they both ended up working at the Long Beach Chapter of the Red Cross in their spare ti

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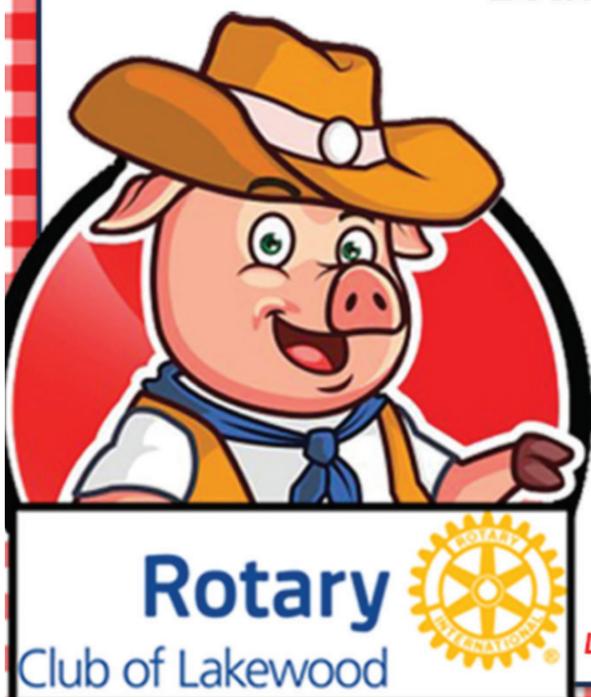
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### SAREGA from page 1

Sarega filed a lawsuit suing the Lamplighter, just weeks later Aiello jumped into the controversy sending a threatening retraction letter and denying involvement.

Sarega’s campaign committee ‘Sarega for Council 2017’ was hit with four violations for failing to file a reports within 24 hours, four \$1,000 donations from La Mirada voters in the campaign’s final weeks.

In addition, Sarega was hit with two other violations for failing to file two pre-election statements.

Later research by the Lamplighter found that Sarega was constantly absent from meetings.

For the period between 2018 and 2022 research found that Sarega missed a total of 90 meetings, absent nearly 25% of the time.

One of the worst incidents was in 2022, when fireworks erupted at the ordinarily tranquil La Mirada City Council meeting during the annual reorganization of mayor and vice-mayor council seats.

When the time came to vote for the positions, Sarega was passed over.

Present at the meeting was Andrew Sarega’s brother, Anaheim Police Officer David Sarega, who, after the meeting adjourned, “went berserk,” and according to an attendee, called Councilman Steven DeRuse a “fucking bitch” and then physically and verbally confronted DeRuse at the dais. Sarega also tried to fight Councilman Ed Eng.

The La Mirada City Council can appoint within 60 days, hold a special election, or hold the seat open until the November election.

**GUALTIERI** from page 1

director retires from employment, he/she must vacate their CB seat.

But Gualtieri had a different view, saying, "There is an Attorney General's opinion about me resigning, and I am not resigning; I am staying until 2027."

After the meeting, Los Cerritos Community News asked for the AG's opinion and immediately received a document from Irvine-based Burke Williams So- rensen attorney, Zachery Lopes.

But the opinion was not about Gualtieri's situation, it was an opinion about a 2018 incident involving the city of Huntington Park who proposed candidate for a purveyor-appointed CB board seat; the candidate was disqualified for living out of the district.

Gualtieri was not mentioned anywhere, in direct contradiction to his statement at the board meeting, "There is an AG Opinion about me saying I can stay."

During the heated exchange, Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez accused Gualtieri and Garza of manipulating the agenda to stall the board reorganization.

Camacho-Rodriguez stated, "Contrary to what you say, this board is Six Heron (Garza's company) plus one with Michael Gualtieri. Both of you are following personal agendas. The rest of the board wants to do right by our constituents; you don't."

Garza, who was late arriving and seemed more interested in his phone-text messages for most of the meeting, was quick to find the CB Administrative Code (on his phone) that gave Gualtieri the power to dictate all agenda items.

Directing his comments squarely at Camacho-Rodriguez and Vasquez-Wilson, Garza stated, "Under Section 3.3,

paragraph A, one, i, the president shall have final approval on the contents of the agendas for all regular, special and emergency meetings of the Board."

As Garza was reading, Gualtieri could be seen looking over at CB General Counsel Victor Ponto several times.

An angry Camacho-Rodriguez snapped back, "Stop man-splaining me Director Garza, I want to look at the whole area of section three, I don't need someone to clarify what I said, we need to address where it says everything is run by the president."

After several tense discussions, the board agreed to place a review of section three on its May 20 agenda. Director Art Chacon pointed out that Gualtieri would officially retire on May 4, so he should not be at the meeting.

That's when a defiant Gualtieri, looking directly up at the camera stating, "I am not leaving May 4, I have an AG opinion about me, I am not leaving until 2027."

LCCN has reviewed the AG opinion and is still awaiting a definitive answer from attorney Zachery Lopes.

In an email, Lopes seemed more interested in defending Gualtieri's interests than his client, Central Basin.

Lopes told LCCN, "You requested a copy of the AG Opinion discussed today. We provided that. It provides the AG's position on the application of Water Code 71267. Yes, the opinion also discusses quo warranto pleading requirements - the context of why the opinion was issued in the first place - one of which is the AG's determination that the legal issue presents "substantial questions of law and fact" which allows the "realtor" to file a quo warranto action in superior court."

The "substantial questions of law and fact" Lopes referred to relate to the per-

son nominated by Huntington Park and then never considered for the CB Board seat because they did not live in the district.

The disqualification led to Huntington Park's request for the AG's opinion, which granted Huntington Park "leave to sue."

"The substantial law and fact" in the opinion had nothing to do with AB 1794's mandate that Gualtieri vacate his position after retiring from his employer.

It was the opposite, the AG opinion stated that the district should NOT be the decider and the decision should be left to the purveyors.

A day after the meeting, Director Leticia Vasquez wrote CB attorney Victor Ponto, "California Government Code governs how purveyors can serve on the Central Basin Municipal Water District board. Director Gualtieri has informed our board of his retirement commencing May 4, 2024 as general manager of the La Heights County Water District. Due to his retirement, he will no longer be serving on our board.

"However, for some strange reason at our recent special board meeting, Mr. Gualtieri adamantly insists he will be staying as a member of the Central Basin Board of Directors in spite of his retirement and separation from his employer.

He proceeded to lie to the Board by stating he obtained an attorney general opinion opining he was lawfully entitled to continue on our board.

"Yesterday, I contacted California Attorney General Rob Bonta to obtain a copy of this purported opinion, and I was informed that no such opinion exists.

"Mr. Gualtieri's conduct is very concerning and I believe a board discussion and possible action is warranted to address this issue. I am interested in adding this matter for discussion to the agenda for the special meeting being held May 6, 2024."

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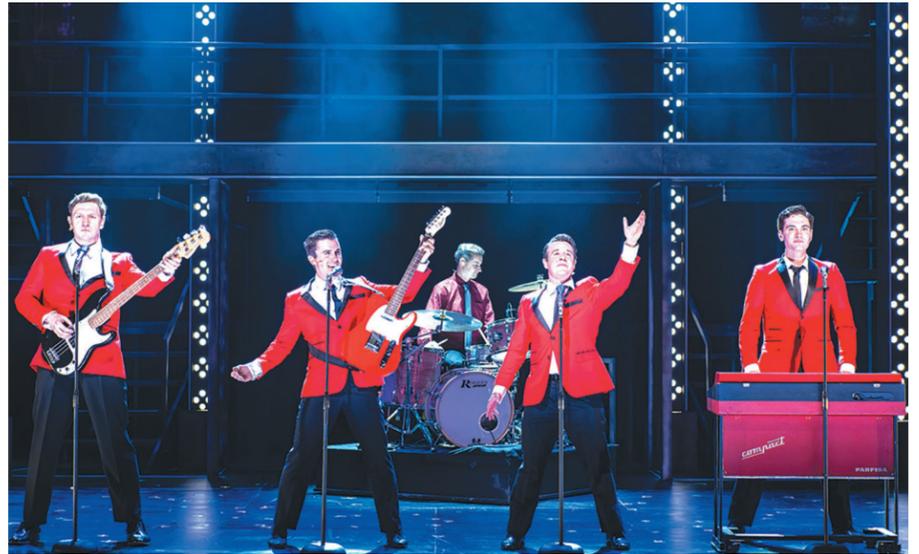


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## Beggin' the Jersey Boys to Stay at the La Mirada Theatre



**THE BOYS:** from (l-r) Blake Burgess, Chris Fore, Carl Thomson, Noah Rivera and Taubert Nadalini star in the 3-D Theatricals, La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts & McCoy Rigby Entertainment production of “JERSEY BOYS,” directed by T.J. Dawson and now playing at La Mirada Theatre.

By **Stephany Gehrig**

There has never been a show at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts more deserving of a standing ovation than this spring’s “Jersey Boys” production.

Following the story of the Four Seasons’ origins and Frankie Valli’s rise to fame, “Jersey Boys” reaches beyond the starry depictions of success to portray the instability and hurdles that fame can bring.

“Jersey Boys” is a refreshing addition to this season’s productions, pushing the boundaries of the shows typically performed at the theater.

From set design to costume design, each aspect of the show is outstanding. The captivating set design transports audiences to the ‘50s and ‘60s, and the costuming perfectly punctuates the setting.

Despite the many songs throughout the show, the actors poured their hearts into each moment. The songs furthered each moment of the show and emphasized its storytelling nature.

Passion shines through on stage as the actors and characters melt into one, and it seems almost as if the audience is watching Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons live on stage. Playing the role of Frankie Valli for the show on April 28 was understudy Gian Raffaele DiCostanzo, who did a fabulous job fulfilling the role. DiCostanzo fulfilled the role with such emotion and sincerity to perfectly capture Frankie Valli’s persona.

With emotional moments at the forefront, a pivotal scene between Di-

Costanzo and Maggie Ek, who played Francine Valli, is stripped and authentic that it will move audiences to tears.

Keep a keen eye out for Michael Ray Fisher’s performance. Fisher fulfilled multiple roles throughout the show. Fisher’s voice angelically reverberates throughout the theater, particularly in the final number.

The dynamic between the cast is impeccable, mainly through those who make up the Four Seasons: Blake Burgess, playing Nick Massi; Chris Fore, playing Tommy DeVito; Taubert Nadalini, playing Bob Gaudio; and DiCostanzo, playing Frankie Valli. Something deeper than friendship, even brotherhood, is brought to the stage between these four — they embody a friendship so profound, it becomes a bond like family.

Overall, this “Jersey Boys” production is well worth the watch. With its down-to-earth storyline and the actors’ ability to emotionally capture the audience, the show is phenomenal in all respects. The show tackles themes of love, loss, distrust, and loyalty, capturing the human experience on a profound level that honors the stories of Frankie Valli and the band members of the Four Seasons.

The show does incorporate explicit language and is recommended for a mature audience.

“Jersey Boys” will be at the La Mirada Theatre until May 12. Tickets range from \$24 to \$105, with \$14 student tickets available and a military discount as well. To purchase tickets, visit [Lamiradatheatre.com](http://Lamiradatheatre.com).

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### FIRE STATION from page 1

Park Mayor Karina Macias, and Vice Mayor Arturo Flores wasted no time in showing their support. They visited the devastated station and pledged their immediate assistance to the firefighters and the department.

“I wanted to be out here to see the damage for myself and tell our firefighters and our fire chief that I support them, the County supports them, and

that we will provide all the resources needed to rebuild this station and ensure that Huntington Park and Cudahy can continue to depend on the greatest fire department in the world and that this tragedy does not impact response times,” said Hahn.

“This was a tragedy, and we are going to get to the bottom of what happened, but in the meantime, we are going to take care of these firefighters who valiantly came down from their sleeping quarters in t-shirts and flip-flops and grabbed hoses to fight this fire and defend their home, Hahn continued.

Fire Station 164 personnel have been temporarily relocated to a station in the City of Vernon.

The cause of the fire is being investigated.



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# Heat-Tolerant Beauties for Gardens and Containers

By Melinda Myers

Boost the summer-long beauty and heat tolerance in your gardens and containers with new varieties of annual vinca (Catharanthus). The unique Soireeâ vinca varieties provide added appeal with their cute, double, and ruffled flowers.

Annual vincas, also known as Madagascar and Rose periwinkle, thrive in full sun and well-drained soil. Once established they are drought tolerant. Similar in growth habit as impatiens but these flowers thrive in hot sunny locations where impatiens struggle. Hardy in zones 10 and 11, vincas are grown as an annual in most parts of the country.

Include annual vincas in containers, hanging baskets, and garden beds. Mix them with other plants or allow them to shine on their own.

Soireeâ Kawaii vincas light up any garden with their vibrant mini flowers. You'll enjoy an abundance of flowers that cover the 9 to 18" tall by 12 to 18" wide mound of glossy deep green foliage. There's no need to prune away long leggy



**SOIREEÂ VINCAS** are drought tolerant, thrive in full sun, and add lots of color all summer with an abundance of flowers. Photo Melinda Meyers.

branches as this plant maintains its compact habit all season long. Kawaii means cute in Japanese and these flowers certainly are just that.

Select from eight Soireeâ Kawaii (suntoryflowers.com) flower colors ranging from white to coral, purple, and red. Add some sizzle with Paprika Red, a patriot flare with the Lady Liberty Mix, or a harmonious mix of pinks and purple in the Berry Blast mix. Grow White Peppermint,

Coral, or Coral Reef Soireeâ Kawaii if the disease phytophthora has been a problem in the past. These three are as resistant to this disease as Cora XDR, the gold standard of phytophthora resistance.

Visitors to your garden will take a second look when you add Soireeâ Double and Flamenco vincas to the landscape. Their unique flowers don't look like a typical vinca, adding a bit more pizzazz to any planting and combination.

Soireeâ Doubles have two distinct layers of frilly petals and produce an abundance of blooms. They are more vigorous, with a larger growth habit than Soireeâ Kawaii. These plants have a larger leaf and body. You can select from white-, pink-, or orchid-colored flowers that bloom all season long. Don't be fooled by their delicate appearance, Soireeâ Doubles are as heat tolerant as other annual vincas.

Unlike any other vinca, the Soireeâ Flamenco puts on a display as fancy as that of a flamenco dancer. The ruffled petals may be solid or bicolor. This plant grows 8 to 12" tall and 15 to 20" wide. It has the same heat tolerance, glossy green foliage, and compact growth habit as the other Soireeâ vincas.

Senorita Pink Flamenco flowers have a dark pink eye surrounded by a lighter pink blending into the white outer edges of the frilly petals. Contrast that with the deep maroon ruffled petals with a bright terracotta edge of Salsa Red. Salmon Glow's white eye contrasts nicely with salmon peach. Pink Twist has the most curled flowers in a lovely pink, adding to its appeal.

Look for opportunities to add some unique flare to this year's garden and containers. You'll enjoy their season-long beauty and the oohs and aahs they inspire.

## Cerritos Honors Meritorious Marine

Cerritos honored Corporal Charles F Koons from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton in March.

PFC Koons reported to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion on July 30, 2021 and assigned to the Mobility Assault Company as an Unmanned, Aerial Drone Operator. His responsibilities included

advanced surveillance, reconnaissance, and rapid reporting of vital information to his chain of command. He was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) on December 2, 2021.

**L/Cpl Koons** with the Quilt of Valor given to him.



L/Cpl Koons transferred to Alpha Company Headquarters Platoon where he now serves as the Training Non-commissioned officer. Cpl Koons is responsible for the annual training of over 180

Corporal Charles Koons has proven himself to be an excellent leader and proficient in his military specialty. He has proficiently

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## GATEWAY LEAGUE BASEBALL

# FAST START FROM OROPEZA, RUSSELL AID LA MIRADA TO EIGHTH STRAIGHT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

With La Mirada High needing to win once in its final two games against Gateway League nemesis Gahr High to take home a share of its eighth straight league championship, last Thursday's game nearly took on the same shape of the first meeting on Apr. 23. In that game, the Matadores scored twice in the top of the first inning, then rode the hot arms of senior pitcher Walker Calvo, who allowed two hits through his four innings of work, and sophomore Kaden Corns, who pitched the final three innings and allowed two runners to reach base, as La Mirada blanked Gahr 4-0.

This time around, it was sophomore pitcher Jacob Oropeza who struck out five of the first six batters he faced and seven of the first 10 while junior third baseman Maverik Russell jump started the offense with a single to left field on the second pitch he saw. That was the beginning of three hits and two walks in the bottom of the first as La Mirada scored three times and went on to defeat the Gladiators 5-1. The Matadores would complete the three-game sweep of Gahr in a 10-2 last Friday to win the league outright and head into the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 playoffs with a 21-6 mark. The Matadores, ranked sixth in the division and winners of four straight, eight of their last nine and 18 of their last 21 games will host Oaks Christian High in the first round on Friday.

"Where do I begin," questioned Russell. "We've worked so hard on everything. It means so much, not only for us, but for all our coaches. All the time they've put in; we appreciate them so much. Those times where they could be with their families, but they spend with us... we're so appreciative of that. So, being able to give this back to them means more than the world. It's awesome."

"We talked [on Wednesday] about how when you're playing a team like Gahr, who obviously year in and year out, for the history of Gahr baseball, have been incredible, and said, 'hey, we threw the first punch'," said La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn. "They're going to come right back at us with their best shot, too, because that's just what good teams do."

After Russell's single, senior pitcher A.J. Gonzalez walked junior right fielder Kevin Jeon and junior shortstop Aiden Aguayo to load the bases. Oropeza would then hit into a double play with Russell scoring, but on the next pitch, junior center fielder Travis Friend singled to center to bring home Jeon and senior designated hitter Sebastian DeAvila did the same to plate Friend. Gonzalez would last just one inning and threw 27 pitches.

"He's been pitching tremendously, and we didn't want to wait to use him," said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "I



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thought we would go ahead and start him. Sure enough, he gives up a hit, walks two people and we end up giving up two. Then we don't catch a fly ball; I think one drops for the third run. We had our chances offensively to make it a closer game."

"If you look at what Mav has done in the leadoff spot since we put him there, it's incredible," said Zurn. "He's patient; he's a table setter and he's a top hitter in the area. He's incredible. So, if you look at both games, he's led off with hits. Kevin had a good at-bat following him, then we get a big hit here and there."

In the bottom of the second, freshman second baseman Bear Calvo greeted freshman pitcher Carlos Munoz with a home run over the left field fence near the line to make it 4-0. Calvo would lead off the fourth with a base hit to right, move to second on a sacrifice bunt from junior first baseman Jason Rodriguez and to third on a sacrifice fly from senior left fielder Tyler Primanto before Russell's third hit closed out La Mirada's scoring. Munoz worked five innings, allowing five hits and striking out three.

"He did a phenomenal job," said Perez. "He's a freshman; mixed speeds, struck out some guys. He gave up one home run on a hanging breaking ball, but outside of that, once again, we drop another ball that we didn't read it real well."

"We were just trying to swing the bat early and often," said Russell. "That's what all our coaches preach, and I think we did a really good job of that today. We struck first and like our coaches said, grab them by the neck and squeeze and I think we did that very well today. I'm so proud of this team."

Russell added that the difference between the first two games was that the Matadores were swinging earlier in the counts. Of La Mirada's 25 at-bats last Thursday, a strike was called on the first pitch 10 times while it put the ball in play on the first pitch six times.

But the story of the game was Oropeza, who escaped Gahr's first scoring threat in the third when he struck out sophomore center fielder JoJo Eljaik and got senior right fielder Jose Perez to ground out after two had reached on singles around a strikeout. In the next inning, with one out, Oropeza hit senior designated hitter Mike Lee and one batter later, walked sophomore catcher Oscar Grijalva before getting junior left fielder Adrien Ramirez to fly out.

"He's earned it," said Zurn. "If you go back and look at his starts, though, he's been in a lot of [big games]. He started against Mater Dei and he's come in relief from South Hills to Santa Margarita. So he has seen the cream of the crop of D1 baseball. He's not fearful; I'm just glad he's with us for another two years."

"I am so proud of that kid," said Russell. "I can't even explain, man. He has worked his butt off so much, and he deserves it. He really does put in the work with everything. You never see him slacking off in practice."

Gahr (17-10, 9-3) would get to Oropeza in the fifth as sophomore second baseman Julian Lucero reached on an infield single after Munoz sharply lined out to Aguayo. Then with two outs and Lucero now on second after a wild pitch, Jose Perez singled. He would steal second and third before being stranded. The

Gladiators would have a runner reach base in each of the final two frames, but neither got to third.

"That's exactly what the [postgame] conversation was all about," said Perez. "Making adjustments and being able to put the ball in play when you need to put the ball in play."

La Mirada now holds a 6-2 advantage against the Gladiators since 2006, outscoring them 41-8. In the three-game sweep, the Matadores had 23 hits to 13 from Gahr. Defensively, Gahr had seven errors, prompting the question if Gerardo Perez felt there was any pressure going into last Thursday's game.

"Not at all," he said. "This team is not designed that way. I've had teams that prepared and teams that were not prepared and every year is different. The pressure part had nothing to do with it."

"I think they're very fundamentally sound," he later said. "I think they capitalize on mistakes. They have a good blend of versatile baseball players that can adapt to any situation. We're in the process of becoming that. We're young; we're younger than they are. We have all sophomores."

Gahr, which won 14 San Gabriel Valley League titles from 1999-2019 with Perez claiming nine of them, will visit Fullerton High on Friday in the first round of the playoffs.

"Man, Gahr is a great program," said Russell. "Every year it seems like they just come back and just always have a strong program. Coming into this, we kind of knew what to expect. We were expecting a really good game, and they always give it to us. We knew if we came out flat, they would walk all over us. Just knowing that, I think it put a little fire under everybody and let everyone just play the game."

On the other side, La Mirada has won at least 20 games for the third straight season and seventh in the last eight seasons, not including the 2020 campaign. After losing to Santa Margarita High last season in the quarterfinals, the Matadores are seeking to go further in the postseason for the first time since 2019.

"That's even more reason why you don't ever take these things for granted," said Zurn. "These boys have been working hard since school started in August. If it's shared, it's still a title that goes in school history. That's a tribute to them because you don't know what next week is going to bring. We like our chances, but we also know what we're up against. There are no gimmies in the Division 1 playoffs. I was counting today and there are 17 first place teams in Division 1 and there's going to be a round where a first place team is on the road against a first place team. That's tough; there's not too many divisions like that."

## BASEBALL

# VALLEY CHRISTIAN ENDS LOSING SKID WITH ROMP OVER CITY RIVAL AND LEAGUE CHAMPION CERRITOS

By Loren Kopff  
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For the Cerritos High baseball team, it was an opportunity to get in a little extra work before the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 playoffs. For Valley Christian High, it was a chance to end a six-game losing streak that basically cost the Defenders a berth in the playoffs.

Cerritos blanked V.C. 7-0 back on Feb. 10 in the season opener for both but last Saturday, it was revenge in a big way as the Defenders scored in every inning and routed the Dons 12-2.

V.C. reached double-digits in runs for the fourth time, half coming against league champions and the other half coming against Heritage Christian High, the last place team in the Olympic League.

"It's really hard to beat a team that's double-digit with hits," said V.C. head coach Tim Blume. "Our pitchers threw strikes and our guys hit the baseball today, and it was like we just kind of ended up on the better side of things today. It's a little bit bittersweet in the sense because we had so many opportunities in the last couple of weeks to really take advantage of the talent that we have."

"Basically, that's what I would call it; a tune-up game and I think we can use it for positives," said Cerritos first-year head coach Matt Joyce. "We can use it for positives because whoever we're going to get on Thursday or Friday is going to be just as good, if not better than these guys. So we need to understand that we need to execute."

On the first pitch in the bottom of the first inning, junior center fielder Austin Abrahams was hit by a pitch and Cerritos senior pitcher Carter Chi walked junior shortstop Chip Mertz. After a pop-up and strikeout, junior third baseman Seth

Dahlenburg doubled to the left field fence, scoring Abrahams and Mertz. Then senior catcher Gavin Murphy singled to make it 3-0.

In the next inning, sophomore designated hitter Lucas Witt doubled down the left field line to plate Abrahams and Mertz before the Dons finally got to senior pitcher Luke Garcia in the top of the third.

Senior left fielder Noah Gapuz was safe on an infield single, moved to second on an error and scored on a groundout from junior right fielder Braxton Reed.

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## NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

# BASEBALL, SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS TO BEGIN WITH SEVERAL RANKED AREA TEAMS

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Of the area's 16 baseball and softball teams, more than half of them will keep their seasons going as the CIF-Southern Section playoffs commence on May 2 for softball and Cerritos High baseball, and May 3 for the other baseball teams. For the La Mirada High softball team, it will play its first game on May 7. And of the 10 area playoff teams, only four are ranked in the top 10 in their respective divisions. Here's a look at the first round matchups.

## BASEBALL

### Division 1

**Gahr High (17-10 overall, 9-3 in the Gateway League, second place) @ Fullerton High (18-9-1, 7-3 in the Freeway League, first place)**

After its win at Norwalk High on Apr. 18, Gahr was all alone in first place, a game ahead of La Mirada with three to play. But the Gladiators lost to Crean Lutheran High two days later, then were swept by the Matadores to enter the playoffs as the league's second place representative. At one point, Gahr was 5-5 before winning five straight games. The Gladiators went 3-8 against Division 1 teams but edged fourth-ranked Santa Margarita High 4-3 after losing to the Eagles 4-2 earlier in the season.

Gahr's offense may not be what we're used to seeing as the team is batting .255, and of the regular starters, sophomore Andres Gonzalez is leading the way with a .296 clip, 29 hits, 21 runs scored and 19 runs batted in. The strength of the Gladiators figures to come in the pitching department where senior A.J. Gonzalez (6-4, 1.67 ERA, 36 strikeouts), junior Matthew Sandoval (1.14 ERA, 21 strikeouts) and sophomore Jake Ourique (6-1, 1.04 ERA, 51 strikeouts) have carried the team.

The Gladiators have reached the quarterfinals six times since 1999, including last season, and advanced to the semifinals in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2012.

Fullerton split with league foes Sonora High, La Habra High and Buena Park High to finish the season. All three losses, by a combined five runs, were on the road. Before that, the Indians had won eight of 11 games. Malachi Meni leads the team with a .422 average while Zach Fany is right behind him at .413. Fany and Meni also have 38 and 35 hits, respectively.

The winner of this game will face either Tesoro High or Santa Margarita on Tuesday.

**Oaks Christian High (14-13, 9-6 in the Marmonte League, third place) @ #6 La Mirada (21-6, 11-1 in the Gateway League, first place)**

The Matadores picked up their eighth straight league title, the last two coming in the Gateway League, and now begin the trek through the toughest division in high school baseball. La Mirada, which went 8-3 against Division 1 teams, began the season with two straight losses but come into the playoffs winners of eight of its last nine. The Matadores have a team that can make another deep run in the playoffs. They batted .309 in the regular season and belted 15 home runs. Junior Kevin Jeon leads the way with a .418 average and 33 hits while junior Maverek Russell is hitting .415 with 27 hits. Three other players have over 20 hits while on the mound, senior Walker Calvo (7-1, 10 starts, 1.34 ERA, 34 strikeouts), sophomores Kaden Corns (3-1, three starts, 0.84 ERA, 40 strikeouts, three saves) and Jacob Oropeza (1-1, five starts, 0.29 ERA, 34 strikeouts, one save) and freshman Luke Armijo (4-1, five starts,

1.15 ERA, 31 strikeouts, two saves) are hard to beat.

Oaks Christian is one of three Division 1 playoff teams with fewer than 15 victories and come into the game losers of three of its last four games. The Lions have scored at least 10 runs just twice, as opposed to seven times for La Mirada, and have scored 55 fewer runs than the Matadores.

The winner of this contest will play either Foothill High or South Hills High on Tuesday.

### Division 4

**Hesperia Christian High (14-7, 3-5 in the Cross Valley League, third place) @ #9 Cerritos (20-6, 10-0 in the 605 League)**

The Dons may be the kings of the 605 League, winning 43 of the 44 games played since the league was formed entering the 2018-2019 school year, but getting past the second round would be a steppingstone for a program that has become respectable since 2015. Cerritos began the season with five straight wins before losing three in a row and has won two of three games against Division 4 teams. Seniors Carter Chi and Johan Gibbs and juniors Dalton Chi and Braxton Reed are all batting over .410 with at least 25 hits. Sophomore Justin Sagun also has 26 hits as the Dons have scored at least 11 runs in 11 games. On the mound, senior Jack Lake is 7-0 with an ERA of 2.04 and

junior Christian Wright is 7-2 with an ERA of 1.22. Gibbs is another solid starter with an ERA south of 3.00.

Despite their record and third place league finish, the Patriots enter the postseason on a three-game winning streak, which comes after a three-game losing streak. They have also scored 11 runs fewer than Cerritos in six fewer games. Hesperia Christian batted .336 with four players over .400.

The winner of this game will play either Apple Valley High or eighth-ranked Los Osos High on Tuesday.

### Division 7

**Artesia High (12-11, 6-4 in the 605 League, third place) @ Eisenhower High (14-4, 10-2 in the Skyline League, first place).**

The Pioneers have been rocky all season long, losing their first three games, then winning four straight before going 3-7. They ended the regular season winning five of their last six games. Artesia went 1-2 against Division 7 teams and had two other games against Division 7 opponents cancelled because of inclement weather. While team and individual statistics are unavailable, senior pitcher John Ceballos went 3-4 with a pair of complete games and freshman pitcher Ramon Chavez was 3-3 entering the final week of the season.

Eisenhower has won three straight games and 10 of its last 11 contests

and both league losses came to second place Arroyo Valley High. The Eagles have scored at least 10 runs seven times whereas the Pioneers have two games of at least 10 runs.

This is the third straight season Artesia has advanced to the playoffs, the first time that has happened to the program since 2003-2005. The winner of this game will play either Paramount High or South El Monte High on Tuesday.

## SOFTBALL

### Division 1

**Esperanza High (15-11, 5-4 in the Crestview League, tied for second place) or JSerra High (15-13, 4-4 in the Trinity League, tied for second place) @ #6 La Mirada (19-5-2, 8-0 in the Gateway League)**

This is the only division that has eight first round games and seven wild card contests. Because of that, La Mirada will have to wait until Tuesday to play its first game. The Matadores went 5-3-1 against Division 1 teams but have faced one division opponent since Mar. 2, and that came last Saturday against Norco High.

The Matadores have been solid throughout the season, winning the consolation championship of the Dave Kops Tournament of Champions in early March as they built their record to 9-2-2, and ended the regular season winning

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eight of their last nine games. La Mirada junior Montse Reyes-Cardenas is one of the best in the Southland and has a 15-2 record with her lone setbacks coming to Huntington Beach High (4-1) and Tesoro (2-1). Freshman pitcher Alison Ortega is shaping up to be the future of La Mirada softball, winning all four of her decisions while senior Rebecca Eckart, juniors Angelyna Conde and Amanda Urbina and freshman Riley Hillard are some of the offensive sparks in a lineup that can hurt opponents one through nine.

If there are no upsets in the first round, La Mirada and Norco will face each other in the quarterfinals on May 9.

**Division 2**

**Gahr (14-10, 6-2 in the Gateway League, second place) @ El Toro High (17-7, 6-3 in the Sea View League, second place)**

If the current trend continues for Gahr, then there could be another trip to the semifinals, as was the case in 2019 and 2022. But the Gladiators also hope to avoid a first round exit for the second straight season and third in the last four seasons. Of the 10 losses, six have come to Division 1 teams while going 2-3 against Division 2 teams.

Senior Natalia Hill leads Gahr with a .530 average, 35 hits, 24 runs scored and 25 RBI while senior Marley Cortez has a .476 average and 30 hits and senior Rio Mendez at .361 with 22 hits Junior Malaia Huskey is batting .348 with 23 hits and 18 RBI while Cortez and junior Isabella Gonzalez have been the two aces in the circle.

El Toro has won 11 of its last 14 games and has six players all batting over .300 with at least 20 hits and at least 11 RBI. Kylie Loertscher is the leader in the circle with a 1.83 ERA and 139 strikeouts.

The winner of this game will play either Temescal Canyon High or Temple City High on Tuesday.

**Division 3**

**La Canada High (16-8-1, 8-4 in the Rio Hondo League, second place) @ Cerritos (15-3, 9-1 in the 605 League, first place)**

Cerritos baseball owns the 605 League, and the softball team has been doing the same, going 48-2 in the circuit. Cerritos saw its 43-game winning streak in league contests snapped by Pioneer High on Apr. 23 in an 8-2 affair. The other two setbacks this season came to Mark Keppel High (6-3) on Feb. 22 and St. Joseph High (9-4) last Thursday. The Dons have been bounced out in the first round nine times since 2011 but have also advanced to the quarterfinals twice and the semifinals once since 2015.

Senior Kylee Manibusan leads Cerritos with a .500 batting average and is also 10-2 in the circle with a 2.57 ERA while seniors Natalie Gardea and Michelle Meza are batting .475 and .458, respectively. This will be the first division opponent for Cerritos.

La Canada has won eight of its last nine games with the lone loss coming to league champion Temple City High on Apr. 23. The Spartans are barely batting over .300, but Elle Leckrone leads the team with a .475 average, 29 hits, 29 runs scored and 26 runs batted in. She also has over 80 strikeouts in the circle.

The winner of this game will most

likely travel to fourth-ranked Etiwanda High on Tuesday.

**Division 4**

**Covina High (11-10-1, 7-8 in the Valle Vista League, third place) @ Norwalk (18-7, 8-2 in the Mid-Cities League, second place)**

Norwalk had anticipated on winning a second straight league title, but Paramount ruined those plans. Now, the Lancers aim to take their frustrations out on Covina. If there's any extra motivation, the Lancers were upset at home in the first round last season after advancing to the quarterfinals in 2022. Norwalk went 1-2 against Division 4 teams and is led by seniors Jalynn Banda (.493 average, 34 hits, 21 RBI) and Kendall Nakano (.652, 50 RBI, 43 hits, 36 runs scored and 16 home runs) and junior Jezrael Acosta (.417, 25 hits, 16 runs, 16 RBI). Banda is also 14-6 with an ERA of 2.10 and 183 strikeouts. The Lancers enter the playoffs as winners of 11 of their last 13 games.

Covina began the season 4-1-1 and later went on a four-game winning streak. But since Mar. 29, the Colts have gone 2-5 and have just four players who have recorded at least 20 hits.

The winner of this game will most likely play top-ranked Oxnard High, provided J.W. North High doesn't pull off the upset.

**Division 5**

**Artesia (13-7-1, 8-2 in the 605 League, second place) @ #9 Carter High (16-5, 8-0 in the San Andreas League)**

Minus the two league losses to Cerritos, the Pioneers outscored their league opposition 111-7 as they heated up in the back end of the season following a 2-5-1 start. Against teams in the division, Artesia went 5-1-1 with the lone loss coming to Valley Christian High, 13-1, in the third game of the season. Senior Arianna Franco leads the Pioneers with a .564 average and is one of seven players to own a batting average north of .350, including junior Kaleyse Foster, who is batting .435 in eight games since becoming transfer eligible. Senior Maya Torres is 8-2 with an earned run average of 2.24.

Carter enters the playoffs on a seven-game winning streak and has won 15 of its last 16 games and the Lions are batting over .450 as a team with five players batting over .500 and four more batting over .400.

This is the fifth straight playoff appearance for Artesia, which went to the semifinals last season. The winner of this game will most likely travel to eighth-ranked Quartz Hill on Tuesday, or face Apple Valley.

**Highland High (16-9, 12-2 in the Golden League, second place) @ #6 Valley Christian (14-6, 5-3 in the Olympic League, tied for second place)**

V.C. was 11-3 on Mar. 21 but when it played its first game after Spring Break at league champion Whittier Christian High on Apr. 9, it was the beginning of a 3-3 end to the season. Despite the late season slump, the Defenders tied for second place in the Olympic League for the second straight season. V.C. lost in the second round last season and it will be a tougher feat to go farther this time around. The 14 victories, though, are the most for the program since 2012 when that team went 18-9.

Sophomore Peyton Kingery leads the Defenders in average (.647), hits (44) and runs scored (28) while junior Britton Brown is batting .424 with 25 hits, 20 runs scored, 18 RBI and two home runs. Junior Kayla Martin is also hitting .406 with 32 RBI, 28 hits and 25 runs scored.

After a slow start to the season in which Highland lost four of their first five games and seven of 10, it went on a 10-game winning streak. The Bulldogs can score and have reached double-digits in 14 of the 16 victories. They are hitting over .407 as a team and have five players batting over .400. Mackenzie Martinez is

the leader with a .488 average, 41 hits and 35 runs. The winner of this game will play either Coachella Valley High or Shadow Hills High on Tuesday.

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Senior pitcher Kai Delahanty would then walk sophomore second baseman Justin Sagun and later in the inning, give up a single to senior centerfielder Johan Gibbs, making it 5-2. After that, Delahanty and senior Cole Liebrecht, sophomore Joshua Hulse and junior Riley Jones combined to retire 10 straight batters and 12 of the last 13 of the game.

While the Defenders were having one of their best pitching performances of the season, the offense continued to pour it on. In the bottom of the third, Dahlenburg scored on a one-out, bases loaded single from sophomore second baseman Nico Villafana and in the fourth, Dahlenburg's one-out single scored Mertz while two batters later, senior right fielder Joe DeYoung's base hit brought home Witt.

In the fifth, Witt doubled to the right field gap to score sophomore pinch runner Max Douglas and Mertz. The scoring ended in the sixth when Mertz crushed a two-run home run with sophomore pinch hitter Nolan Dietz coming home. V.C. collected 14 hits, second most this season with Mertz, whom Blume says is the most valuable player of the team, going four for four and scoring five times and Dahlenburg going three for four with three runs driven in.

"I can tell you this, in half of those games, our guys hit the cover off the baseball," said Blume of the six-game skid. "Unfortunately, they didn't fall in the negative space. They were hit at guys and that was super unfortunate for us. The other part was half our pitching staff was either hurt or ineligible. With that being said, it made it pretty hard when we had three games each week. By the time we got to that third game, our guys were tired."

Other than Cerritos and Maranatha, the Defenders also knocked off Citrus Valley High 7-3 in the third game of the season as those wins came against league champions. V.C. scored 34 runs against those three, but in the six losses leading up to last Saturday, the Defenders combined to score 11 runs.

"When we played Maranatha and we beat them, we were hitting like we hit today," said Blume. "We hit some really good pitching against Maranatha. and we hit some good pitching today. That team is no slouch; that's a very, very good team we just beat. And we beat them the right way."

"We didn't make any mistakes," said Joyce. "They just scored in every inning and the only weakness we did was throw a bunch of balls, which has kind of been our M.O. all year. We have to outscore people; that's what we do good, and today we didn't, and we didn't pitch well at all."

The Defenders wrap up the season at 10-13 overall and 5-7 in the Olympic League, a game behind Village Christian High and Whittier Christian High. But on Apr. 6, they were 5-2 in league play, a game behind Maranatha. It's the second straight losing season for V.C. and the third straight season missing the playoffs.

As for the Dons, who are ranked ninth in the division, they drop to 20-6 overall. The loss also snapped a six-game winning streak as Cerritos will host Hesperia Christian High on Thursday in first round action. Cerritos also enters the playoffs unblemished in the 605 League for the fourth time in the five seasons the circuit has had league contests. The 20 victories mark the third time since 2019 the program has reached at least 20 wins.

"For me, that is the standard," said Joyce. "We shouldn't lose a game in this league, and I believe that moving forward, and that should be the standard."

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS****MINES AVENUE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 50114**

**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 May 29, 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 **fifteen (15) 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 May 15, 2024**. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials submitted after **May 15, 2024** will not be answered. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by **May 22, 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](mailto:kguerrero@pico-rivera.org)

By: Noe Negrete  
Public Works Director

4/29/2024  
Date

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Hawaiian Gardens, Public Works Department, is requesting a proposal from qualified professional engineering firms to provide Municipal Engineering Services on an "as-needed" contract basis. Engineering services are included within the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. In general, the consultant shall perform professional Municipal Engineering Services including engineering and architectural design, surveying, geotechnical and traffic engineering, grant administration, project management, engineering support, Public Works permit administration, plan check, and labor compliance services on an "as-needed" basis for various CIP projects assigned by the City.

The RFP package is available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens website and can be obtained by contacting the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562) 420-2641 ext. 206. Interested firms shall submit their proposal in compliance with the specified proposal submittal guidelines outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) to the City Clerk's office and via email to [nghanbari@hgcity.org](mailto:nghanbari@hgcity.org), no later than 12:00 p.m., May 22, 2024.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

**NORMA VERDUGO**  
CASE NO. 24STPB04494

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SANDRA DESCHNER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SANDRA DESCHNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/07/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner

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COMMERCE COMMUNITY NEWS

**CITY OF ARTESIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 13, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

**Project Description: Case No. 2024-04:** The City Council will consider Resolution No. 24-2983, consideration of a Late Night Early Morning Permit for a proposed restaurant (Gridley Kitchen) and drive-through that is requesting to operate past 12 a.m. midnight (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday) and making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Project Location:** 18616 Gridley Road

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the City Clerk, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: [PublicComments@cityofartesia.us](mailto:PublicComments@cityofartesia.us) until 12:00 PM the day of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed action, please contact the Artesia Community Development Department at (562) 865-6262.

If you challenge any action related to this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MORGAN KENNEDY GROVER** Case No. 23STPB09123

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MORGAN KENNEDY GROVER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: WENDELL A. SKIDGEL, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WENDELL A. SKIDGEL, JR. 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 MAY 31, 2024 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 79 Room N/A located at STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: WENDELL A. SKIDGEL, JR. 2 PERCH ROAD MADISON, ME 04950 (617) 901-6754. Los Cerritos Community News 5/3, 5/10, 5/17/24.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

**FRANK MICHAEL WOODLAND**  
CASE NO. 24STPB04600

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL SCOTT CARTER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL SCOTT CARTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/24/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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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LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)

Escrow No. L- 041176-JC

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

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: CRAZY GOOD 24 INC, 525 N GARFIELD AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

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

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: A & S FARROKH CORP, 23002 SERRA DR, CARSON, CA 90745

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME,

GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 525 N

GARFIELD AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: Z'S

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MAY 22, 2024, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3400 W. OLYMPIC BLVD, #201,

LOS ANGELES, CA 90019, Escrow No. L-041176-JC, Escrow Officer: JANICE CHEON

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

(9) The last date for filing claims is: MAY 21, 2024

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

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

Dated: APRIL 24, 2024

TRANSFEREES: A & S FARROKH CORP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

ORD-2309596 COMMERCE COMMUNITY NEWS 5/3/24

T.S. No. 120037-CA APN: 8037-026-056 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/11/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 6/4/2024 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/18/2015 as Instrument No. 20150724454 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: TAE HUI JO, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13121 AVENIDA SANTA TECLA 312A, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$304,502.73 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 120037-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website [www.clearconcorp.com](http://www.clearconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 120037-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 and 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 69564-EK

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and address of the Seller/Licensee are: HENG HENG LIQUOR INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 11954 E CARSON ST, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716

The business is known as: CARSON LIQUOR

The names, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: CARSON LIQUOR, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 7376 FREEMAN PL,

GOLETA, CA 93117

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

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE,

LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 11954 E CARSON ST, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716

The kind of license to be transferred is: OFF-SALE GENERAL 21-608444, now issued for the premises located at: 11954 E CARSON ST, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is MAY 24, 2024 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO., 3440 WILSHIRE BLVD #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory is the sum of \$445,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CHECKS \$55,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$390,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 and 24074 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

DATED: APRIL 15, 2024

HENG HENG LIQUOR INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Seller/Licensee

CARSON LIQUOR, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer/Transferee

ORD-2297858 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 5/3/24

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

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

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) ending on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 10:00am.

The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Jorge Navarrete	A16B
Angela Norris	F58

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

Dated this 26th day of April 2024 and 3rd day of May 2024.

Self Storage Management Company

Bond #: WLI1254152

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER**  
**NOTICE OF DE NOVO PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CU 23-03**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Bellflower City Council will hold a De Novo Public Hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider Conditional Use Permit Case No. CU 23-03 modifying Conditional Use Permit Case No. CU 86-28 by converting an existing full-service carwash to an automated express carwash within the General Commercial (“C-G”) zone on property located at 14755 Bellflower Boulevard / 9765 Somerset Boulevard.

The City reviewed the environmental impacts of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq. “CEQA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 15000, et seq., “CEQA Guidelines”). CEQA Guidelines § 15303 exempts minor construction or conversion of structures. The proposed activity is for the conversion of an existing full-service carwash to an automated express carwash and contemplates minor physical alterations, including, without limitation, installation of signs, lighting, and façade improvements to the existing structures. Accordingly, this activity is exempt from further review.

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

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

**MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK**

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**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but no later than **11:00 AM** on the **13th day of May 2024** sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1656 Rotary and In-Line Filling Machine with Loading Arm

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on April 26, 2024 or later.

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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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/15/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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 PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
 ROSE MARIE SMITH, ROSE SMITH  
 CASE NO. 24STPB02038

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROSE MARIE SMITH, ROSE SMITH. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LUCILLE BAKER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION requests that LUCILLE BAKER be appointed as EXECUTOR 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: 5/28/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 99 in Stanley Mosk Courthouse located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED 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.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT #
PALADINO, CHRISTOPHER MATTHEW	B88

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No. 23-02317-SM-CA Title No. 02-23005251 A.P.N. 7050-010-024 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/25/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier’s check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an “as is” condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Jason Ha, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/27/2019 as Instrument No. 20191312568 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: : 05/30/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$633,194.63 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 20008 Gridley Road, Cerritos, CA 90703 A.P.N.: 7050-010-024 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 23-02317-SM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT\*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a “representative of all eligible tenant buyers” you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 23-02317-SM-CA to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as a “representative of all eligible tenant buyers” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. \*Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 04/19/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4815365 04/26/2024, 05/03/2024, 05/10/2024

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca. 90706 on May 08, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.**

**Exquisito Catering, Jimmy Prieto**  
**Anthony Brenes**  
**Kelsey Bryan-Zwick**

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO 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.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday May 14th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT
MARGARITA ITZEL HERNANDEZ	G118

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT #
HERNANDEZ, LAURA YESSENIA	A118
JONES, CHARLES JERMAINE	B485
SMALLEY, DAISHAWN LEE	B212
ZATARAIN, VANESSA IVONNE	A193
ZATARAIN, VANESSA IVONNE	B122
ZATARAIN, VANESSA IVONNE	B251

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

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