



Santa Fe Springs Renames Aquatic Center to Honor Fallen Hero Paul T. Nakamura

By Brian Hews

Santa Fe Springs has officially taken steps to honor the life and legacy of one of its own. On June 17, 2025, the City Council unanimously approved renaming its Aquatic Center the Paul T. Nakamura Regional Aquatic Center, paying tribute to a former city lifeguard, swim instructor, and decorated U.S. Army Reserve medic who was killed in action during the early stages of the Iraq War.

Nakamura was born in 1981 and raised in Santa Fe Springs. As a teenager, he worked at the city's Aquatic Center, teaching swim lessons and serving as a lifeguard. A standout member of the Santa Fe High School water polo team, Nakamura was known for his dedication, discipline, and leadership. After graduating, he joined

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La Mirada to Review \$20 Million Subsidy Deal with Living Spaces Furniture

By Stepheny Gehrig

La Mirada will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, to review and discuss an updated Economic Development Subsidy Report outlining financial incentives granted to Living Spaces Furniture LLC and its e-commerce arm, Livingspaces.com.

The report, released in compliance with Government Code Section 53083.1, reveals that from January 2022 through December 2024, Living Spaces received over \$3.1 million in rebated sales tax revenue under a 20-year Operating Covenant Agreement approved in late 2021.

In that same period, La Mirada also re-



LIVING SPACES in La Mirada will expand its facility.

tained an equal amount—\$3.1 million—as its net share of the generated revenue.

Under the terms of the agreement, La Mirada rebates 50% of sales tax revenue attributed to Living Spaces' taxable sales back to the company each quarter. The total value of the incentive package is estimated at up to \$20 million over the life of the agreement, while the City projects its own net gain at approximately \$40 million in sales tax revenue.

Living Spaces committed to expanding its footprint at its 278,000-square-foot facility on Artesia Boulevard as part of the

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From Safer Streets to Smarter Spending, Mayor Yokoyama Sets Cerritos' Course



CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL from (l-r) Councilmember Jennifer Hong, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda P. Johnson, Mayor Frank Yokoyama, and Councilmembers Mark Pulido and Sophia M. Tse. Photo courtesy city of Cerritos.

By Brian Hews

Cerritos Mayor Frank Aurelio Yokoyama delivered the 2025 State of the City address to an audience of more than 300 guests at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts this past June 24.

The address, themed "Cerritos in Progress," marked the first time the City has hosted its own State of the City event, free and open to the public.

It reflected Cerritos' reputation as a prosperous, well-managed municipality—and a city unafraid to invest in both infrastructure and community identity. "Our commitment is clear: safety, sustainability, and opportunity for all," said Yokoyama, invoking the City Council's recently adopted Strategic Plan, where enhancing public safety leads the list of priorities.

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Hahn Inaugurates Massive Stormwater Capture System



LOS ANGELES COUNTY Supervisor Janice Hahn cuts the ribbon marking the completion of the project. Hahn was joined by LA County Director of Public Works Mark Pestrella, LA County Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Alina Bokde, and local residents including members of Girl Scout Troop 11894 from Whittier. Brian Chan.

South Whittier, CA – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Los Angeles County officials held an event in June to mark the completion of the Adventure Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project in South Whittier.

This \$41.2 million initiative, funded through Measure W and other sources, features an advanced, 6.4-million-gallon underground stormwater capture system beneath Adventure Park.

Hahn was joined by LA County Director of Public Works Mark Pestrella, LA County Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Alina Bokde, and local residents including members of Girl Scout Troop 11894 from Whittier.

"Voters approved Measure W by a wide

margin because they saw the challenges of water scarcity and pollution, and believed that we needed to be better prepared to meet them. Now, thanks to this project and to the sacrifice that this community made during its construction, we will be able to capture millions more gallons of water, treat them, and reuse them," said Hahn. "In a state that has faced historic droughts, that stormwater is precious."

The completion of this project represents a significant step in Los Angeles County's efforts to enhance water conservation and quality. By capturing and treating stormwater, the project contributes to drought resilience and environmental sustainability.

Hawaiian Gardens Eyes Homeless Partnership, Greenlights Community Center Renovation

The agreement would allow Hawaiian Gardens to receive funds through the Los Angeles County Development Authority.

By Brian Hews

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council is considering a plan to combat local homelessness by partnering with the Salvation Army's Bell Shelter—an agreement that would unlock state housing funds aimed at providing transitional housing, rental assistance, and support services.

The partnership is tied to Year 5 of the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program, a funding initiative created under Senate Bill 2—the Building Homes and Jobs Act.

The legislation levies a \$75 recording fee on real estate transactions, directing that revenue to cities and counties for affordable housing efforts.

If approved, the agreement would al-

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Cerritos Approves a \$127K Contract to Study Potential Metro Rail Station Locations

Former Councilmen Barrows and Vo were against any station in Cerritos, now that they are gone, the city will open the process again.

By Brian Hews

In a move aimed at positioning the city for future transit-oriented development, the Cerritos City Council is set to approve a \$127,000 contract with Cityworks Design to study possible station locations for the proposed Southeast Gateway Line. The study will evaluate where a future Metro light rail stop could be placed within city boundaries.

Cityworks Design, a Los Angeles-based firm with over two decades of experience in light rail and transit planning, has already worked on the Southeast Gateway Line alongside Metro for the past eight years. According to city staff, the firm brings both the specialized expertise and existing relationships needed to expedite planning efforts in Cerritos.

The agreement, up for formal approval at the June 26 council meeting, will task Cityworks with delivering base maps, conceptual sketches, and renderings for potential station locations. The study is expected to be completed in

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Lakewood residents thinking of lighting up the sky with illegal fireworks this July 4 should think twice—or prepare to pay a hefty fine. Starting July 3, the city will deploy an increased number of Deputy Sheriffs and Public Safety Officers throughout neighborhoods to track down illegal fireworks use, respond to resident tips, and issue citations that can top \$2,000.

The City of Lakewood is once again devoting major resources to curb the use of illegal fireworks, a problem that’s exploded in recent years not just locally, but across California and the nation. Officials say it doesn’t matter whether a city allows so-called “safe and sane” fireworks or bans them entirely—the illegal ones are the same problem everywhere, and Lakewood is determined to keep them out.

Leading up to the holiday, Lakewood’s Special Assignment Officer Dep-

uties have already conducted undercover operations targeting those selling illegal fireworks. The added patrols for July 3 and 4 will focus specifically on enforcement and deterrence, with zero tolerance for violators.

Property owners are also on the hook—citations can be issued even if someone else uses illegal fireworks on their property. And neighborhoods hosting block parties aren’t off the hook either: if illegal fireworks are used during a block party, that block will lose its party privileges for the next two years.

City officials say Lakewood continues to be recognized throughout Southern California for taking aggressive action to combat illegal fireworks. With stepped-up enforcement and community cooperation, they’re hoping to keep this holiday safe, quiet, and citation-free.

To report illegal fireworks use, residents can call the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station at (562) 623-3500.

Ice Raids Stir Fear in Artesia & Asian Communities Across LA

Activists at the South Asian Network’s Artesia and Los Angeles offices are fielding calls from Asian American Pacific Islander community members, worried about Immigration authorities targeting them.

Business owners in Artesia’s Little India neighborhood say foot traffic has gone down significantly, especially since a raid occurred at a local car wash last month.

One grocery store owner told FOX 11 that men identifying themselves as immigration agents showed up at his market, asking about the legality of his employees.

“We are a family business,” Sridher Aiyer says he told them, explaining he has been here, legally, for more than 20 years.

Community organizer Tonya Shomesh points to the empty streets and stores off Pi-

oneer Blvd., a hub for businesses with signs in Korean, Nepalese, Filipino, and Mandarin, dotted within the many Indian establishments and Mexican taco stops.

“We made it through COVID,” said the owner of Decor Boutique, “but this is worse. Nobody is coming, everybody is afraid.” Rizloana Khan explains that after the COVID-19 pandemic, people wanting to celebrate and just get out, packed their Indian clothing store, but now “they are afraid to be questioned, even if they are here legally!”

Images of Chinese immigrants detained by ICE at an underground club last month also added to the fear, especially among international students who’ve been calling the South Asian Network’s offices.

The Southern California offices of Asian Americans Advancing Justice say as much as 15% of the Asian population in the state is undocumented.

La Mirada Projects \$4.56 Million Surplus

LCCN Staff Report

The La Mirada City Council has adopted its budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, approving a spending plan that projects a \$4.56 million surplus.

Approved at the June 24 council meeting, the \$53.95 million General Fund budget includes \$49.39 million in expenditures and reflects the City’s current revenue outlook.

Public safety takes up the largest share of the budget, with over \$13 million allocated to law enforcement, traffic enforcement, emergency preparedness, and related volunteer programs.

The City’s Public Works Department will receive over \$9 million to maintain local streets, parks, public buildings, and sidewalks.

An additional \$27.44 million in capital improvement funds is earmarked for several infrastructure projects, including pavement rehab work on Telegraph Road and Valley View Avenue, a turf renovation at Behringer Park, and upgrades to traffic signals and medians.

Other areas covered by the budget include Community Development, Administration, and various Community Services programs such as recreation, youth and senior services, and cultural programming, including the upcoming season at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

To view the full 2025-26 budget, visit cityoflamirada.org. For more information, contact La Mirada City Hall at (562) 943-0131.

Cerritos Water Quality Report

The City’s Annual Water Quality Report is available on the City’s website at cerritos.gov. The report indicates that Cerritos water meets all primary state and federal standards.

State and federal laws require printed or electronic distribution of the water-quality information to everyone served by the City’s water utility. The report describes the City’s stringent water tests, which are conducted more frequently than required by the State Health Department. The Consumer Confidence Report provides detailed test results and explains the City’s water supply.

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Kroger-Ralphs-Food 4 Less Plans to Close 60 Stores

By Stepheny Gehrig

Kroger plans to close around 60 U.S. grocery stores over the next 18 months to improve efficiency.

The company announced the plan last Friday but hasn't said which stores it plans to shutter. It also said employees at impacted stores will be offered jobs at other locations.

"We see this as an opportunity to move these closed store sales to other stores, and we think that should improve profitability," Kroger's interim Chairman and CEO Ronald Sargent said during the call.

Sargent also said Kroger plans to open at least 30 stores this year and will accelerate its store openings in "high-growth geographies" next year.

Kroger is the nation's largest supermarket chain, with 2,731 stores in 35 states and the District of Columbia. It operates stores under multiple brand names, including Smith's, Ralphs, King Soopers and Fred Meyer.

Sargent said Kroger usually evaluates the performance of individual stores on an annual basis but it deferred any store closings during its two-year effort to merge with rival Albertsons. The two companies announced the \$24.6 billion merger plan in 2022 but the deal fell apart late last year after two judges blocked it due to concerns about competition.

Kroger's plan to close stores comes as the company is facing labor unrest over issues including chronic understaffing at stores, according to the United Food and Commercial Workers union. Union members in Southern California began picketing at a Los Angeles Ralphs last week. Workers at King Soopers stores in Colorado also went on strike earlier this year.

USPS Unveils Stamps Honoring 250 Years of Delivering America's Mail

LCCN Staff Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a ceremony held yesterday at U.S. Postal Service headquarters in the nation's capital, USPS unveiled its newest commemorative stamps and a special 32-page prestige booklet to mark the agency's 250th anniversary.

The "250 Years of Delivering" Forever stamps depict a vibrant, illustrated story of a mail carrier making her rounds throughout the seasons in a bustling American community. The artwork, designed by Chris Ware and co-designed by USPS art director Antonio Alcalá, features 20 interconnected stamps laid out as a bird's-eye view of a town, moving chronologically from spring to winter.

The commemorative booklet, titled "Putting a Stamp on the American Experience," highlights the breadth of American life and history represented in USPS stamp design over the years. It includes two self-adhesive sheets of a new Forever stamp featuring a reframed version of the original 1847 5-cent stamp of Benjamin Franklin, the first postmaster general of the United States. These stamps are available exclusively with the booklet.

Yesterday's first-day-of-issue event was free and open to the public. Stamp enthusiasts, postal historians, and officials gathered to celebrate the enduring impact of the Postal Service, which traces its roots to 1775 and remains a vital part of American civic life.

"From its founding, the Postal Service helped unite the country through the free exchange of ideas, information, and



THE 250 YEARS of Delivering stamps are a meticulously illustrated pane of 20 interconnected stamps that offers a bird's-eye view of a bustling town. Each stamp is a frame of sequential art that tells the story of a mail carrier's daily journey as she walks her route. Laid out in four rows of five stamps, the story progresses through the four seasons, from top-left to bottom-right.

goods," said USPS officials. "That mission hasn't changed."

The prestige booklet was designed by USPS art director Ethel Kessler and is available through the Postal Store at

usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail via USA Philatelic, or in select Post Office locations. Officially licensed stamp merchandise can be found on Amazon and at StampsForever.com.



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

A Message from Cerritos Mayor Frank Yokoyama

The City of Cerritos, with your support, is advancing a vision that moves Cerritos forward with purpose, resilience, and unity. That spirit of momentum and continuous improvement is captured in “Cerritos in Progress,” the theme of our newly adopted Strategic Plan, which serves as a roadmap for the City’s future.

I was pleased to discuss the progress of the past year and preview new and exciting initiatives during my State of the City address on June 24. Thank you to the approximately 325 residents, business representatives, and staff who attended the event inside our beautiful Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The event marked the first time it was hosted by the City, and was provided at no cost to guests thanks to generous contributions from our sponsors. A summary of the event, including a slideshow presentation, can be found at cerritos.gov/2025stateofthecity. A video recording of the State of the City will also be shared on this page.

Over the next several weeks, I’ll dedicate time in this column to discuss our City’s Strategic Goals, which help enhance public safety, grow our local economy, reinforce infrastructure, ensure a robust workforce, and provide quality community programs. Through this plan, we invite you to witness Cerritos in Progress.



Cerritos Mayor
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

The City of Cerritos is unwavering in its commitment to the safety and well-being of our people and your property. That is why, when the City Council approved the Strategic Plan last December, we made Enhancing Public Safety our number one goal. I’m incredibly proud of the progress we’ve made in the past six months, with property crime down and new public safety initiatives picking up steam.

Since the start of 2025, residential burglaries in Cerritos have been on the decline. In February, the total number was 19, followed by 12 in March, 7 in April, and 8 in May. For further context, the number of residential burglaries in Cerritos during the first five months of 2025 represents a 7.5 percent reduction from that same period last year. Also notable is that all other types of burglaries, including at businesses, are down over 34 percent between January and May when compared to the same period in 2024.

Crime prevention and response from the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station and the Community Safety Division is not possible without the support of the City Council, and feedback from our community. With our collective and unwavering commitment to the safety and security of our residents and businesses, the City of Cerritos is progressing. I invite you to learn more about our burglary prevention and response initiatives at cerritos.gov/burglarydefense. You can also explore our Strategic Plan and its eight total goals at cerritos.gov/ strategy.

Pico Rivera Responds to Federal Immigration Enforcement

The City of Pico Rivera has confirmed that recent immigration enforcement activity by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has taken place within city limits—prompting concern, fear, and anxiety among residents.

In a formal statement, the city emphasized that neither it nor the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is involved in, supports, or cooperates with any federal immigration operations. “Our city remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of immigration status,” the statement read. “Every person is entitled to due process under the law as guaranteed by the Constitution.”

City officials expressed growing concern over what they described as a troubling pattern of heightened enforcement tactics. Reports of warrantless stops and operations that appear to disproportionately impact specific communities “raise serious concerns about proportionality, fairness, and due process,” according to the city. Officials warned that such tactics erode the trust

between residents and local government—a foundation they consider essential for public safety.

Pico Rivera reaffirmed its stance as a diverse and inclusive community, stating, “Our immigrant families are a vital part of the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our city. We condemn actions that disrupt families, spread fear, and create division. This stance has not, and will not, change.”

The city urged residents to continue engaging with local services without fear and encouraged those in need of assistance to reach out to trusted legal and community organizations. Officials also said they are actively exploring legal and policy options to better protect residents moving forward.

Resources and information for immigrants are available through the L.A. County Office of Immigrant Affairs at <https://oia.lacounty.gov>.

For updates and guidance, residents are encouraged to visit pico-rivera.org or follow the city’s official social media channels.

The statement was signed by Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona.

A Message From Artesia Mayor Ali Taj

Freedom!

It’s why I came to America 30 years ago. In his five months in office, Trump has targeted American freedoms in a way no other president has even contemplated.

He may say his actions are about immigrants or keeping order. Really, he’s decided to use soldiers on American soil to grow his powers at our expense.

Democracy is about belief in one another. To stop Trump’s attacks on our freedoms, we must engage in our communities, find a way to connect with our neighbors, and not allow anyone to take our power, even the President of the United States.

*Ali Sajjad Taj Mayor
City of Artesia*

Trump Tore Up the Iran Deal – Now We’re Living in His Fallout

By Brian Hews

So let me get this straight—Trump, the same guy who spent four years howling about “forever wars” and “America First,” just launched airstrikes on Iran without a shred of congressional approval. No debate. No oversight. Just pure, unfiltered testosterone and ego, sprayed across the Middle East like cologne at a Mar-a-Lago buffet.

Can you even imagine the right-wing reaction if Joe Biden had done this? Picture it: Fox News anchors frothing at the mouth, Ted Cruz tweeting about constitutional overreach from Cancun, and Lindsey Graham clutching the Constitution like a Southern grandma’s pearls. “Lawless!” “Un-American!” They would’ve burned Biden in effigy before the first missile even landed.

But when Trump does it? Crickets. Or worse—praise. Suddenly, launching a military strike without Congress is “decisive leadership” or “protecting American interests.” Because apparently, democracy is optional when you’re wearing a red hat.

Let’s not forget: this is the same guy who tore up the Iran nuclear deal back in 2018. You know, the one that kept uranium out of centrifuges and inspectors in the country. Trump pulled out, called it “the worst deal

ever,” and now—shocker!—Iran’s nuclear sites are back in the crosshairs. So he tears up the peace plan, escalates tensions, and then bombs the fallout. That’s not strategy. That’s playing with matches in a fireworks factory and acting surprised when it blows up in your face.

“Make America Great Again”? You don’t do that by bombing sovereign nations in the middle of the night like some kind of geopolitical arsonist. You don’t do that by bypassing Congress like the Constitution is just a prop in your reality show. And you definitely don’t do that when your moral compass spins faster than a roulette wheel.

Let’s call it what it is: a reckless, desperate move by a man whose foreign policy experience comes from watching reruns of The Apprentice and thinking “You’re fired” works in international diplomacy.

So spare us the patriotism cosplay and flag-waving photo ops. If Biden had done this, the GOP would be demanding impeachment by lunchtime. But since it’s Trump? Well, apparently war crimes are just fine—as long as they’re committed in a red tie.

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ICE Raids, Starving Children, and a Military Parade – This Isn’t the America I Taught My Students to Love

By Kathleen Limon

I am a retired elementary teacher from ABCUSD. Because of my love of literature and instilling such in our youth I still volunteer to read stories to children of different ages in elementary school and I facilitate a Middle School after school book club. I especially love sharing biographies and historical fiction. This past week I purchased a gently used book at the local public library titled, “Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot by Margot Theis Raven. It tells the true story of an American pilot named Col. Gail S. Halvorsen, USAF (RET) who participated in the Berlin Airlift, a humanitarian rescue mission that utilized British and American airplanes to fly in needed supplies during the time of 1948 when Josef Stalin cut off West Berliners from all food, clothing, heat, and electricity.

Col. Halvorsen participated in the mission. He helped provide the food and supplies to keep over 2.2 million people alive. What makes this particular story poignant is that the story is about how Lt. Halvorsen also dropped little handkerchief parachutes of chocolate and other candies for the children. A quote from Col. Halvorsen is, “As a Berliner told me in 1998, ‘It wasn’t the chocolate you gave us that was important, it was what it meant, that someone in America cared, that someday things would be alright. Without hope, the soul dies.’”

I purchased the aforementioned book to share with school children, as I have for the last 45 years. Having been an educator since the 70’s I have always taken pride in reading such stories to my students which highlight the caring, compassionate and courageous attributes of Americans. This story exemplifies the kind of American assistance to others during times of need that in my mind made America Great!!!

Fast forward to current times, 2025. Our current Administration dominated by a Republican House and Senate have chosen to cut USAID, negatively affecting the worlds poorest of the poor. Children in many parts of the world are left to starve or to be left with the most minimal of resources for survival, yet I do not hear of widespread humanitarian rescue missions being organized by our Administration. In sharp contrast, rather than help supply food to the poorest of the poor our government chose to spend millions of dollars on a military parade.

Furthermore, let us consider children in our own country. Due to the current cruel

methods of Immigration Control Enforcement (ICE) raids, many of our neighboring children are left to live in fear that they will be snatched indiscriminately from school, church, parks, or other local places they frequent. Many local children have the anxiety that their parents will not return from work, shopping or other times they leave their homes because of being indiscriminately picked up due to the color of their skin. It is my experience that friends and family members in my community and in other local surrounding communities are canceling their normal routines because they feel fearful after seeing masked men who refuse to identify themselves carrying guns at local churches, shopping malls, car washes, swap meets and other everyday places they frequent. Arresting hardened criminals is supported by all. Yet even so, our country has always been known for due process in such matters. Why do we hear on the news that collateral damage is to be expected and is acceptable? Arresting, immigrants who are hard working, who have come here to seek a better life and who have lived here for decades is not making America Great.

Many American citizens across the country attended on June 14th a family friendly protest event for No Kings Day. People want their voices to be heard. I attended one myself. It was evident to me that people across America are not in agreement with the current cruel methods of the ICE raids.

Local community members are using their voices to sound a clarion call to our current Administration. This President and his Administration need to HALT its heartless tactics of stripping America of all that once made so many of us proud to be Americans; the right to peacefully protest, freedom of speech, feeding the poor, offering aid to war torn countries, welcoming immigrants that seek a better life and believing one is innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

Together we must boldly speak out to return to the checks and balances that America’s founding fathers set in motion. Together let us work to make our world a better place for all people of all countries. Not just for America! We are all interconnected. Let us remember the quote that Col. Gail Halvorsen shared from a Berliner he once helped after Stalin tried to starve West Berliners, “Without hope, the soul dies.”

*Kathleen Limon
Retired ABCUSD Teacher
Pico Rivera*

Long Beach Heritage Launches Summer of Architecture – With a Side of Style and a Splash of History

By Brian Hews

Long Beach, CA — Ready to walk through a Mid-Century Modern dream, sip a cocktail in a Victorian mansion, or finally figure out what that weird carving on your house really means?



HISTORIC Bembridge House (1906). Photo by Christopher Launi.

Long Beach Heritage has you covered this season with its Summer of Architecture, a months-long celebration of the city’s historic homes, iconic landmarks, and delightfully eccentric buildings — all with a wink to the past and an eye on preservation.

Proudly sponsored by the Port of Long Beach (yes, the same port that brings you cargo ships and civic pride), this annual event series opens the doors — both figuratively and quite literally — to Long Beach’s architectural treasures.

“Every block has a story,” said Long Beach Heritage President Chris Hogan. “And we’re excited to help people experience the history all around them in a fun, engaging way.” Translation: yes, you can nerd out about Art Deco while enjoying a rooftop view and maybe even a signature cocktail.

This year’s lineup is stacked like a well-preserved Craftsman bookshelf. You’ll find:

Great Homes Tours of 1900s Willmore City charm and sharp-edged Mid-Century Modern marvels.

Landmarks & Libations at the historic Bembridge House (because yes, preservation pairs well with a stiff drink.)

Behind-the-scenes at Long Beach Airport, possibly the only terminal where you’ll say, “Wow, look at that molding” instead of “Why is my flight delayed?”

A rooftop solarium tour at the St. Regis — open to the public for the first time in over 50 years (finally, your moment of Gatsby glory!)

Art Deco bus tours, historic bike rides, and walking tours so you can soak in the stories at your own pace

Research Your Home workshops, for those curious about the ghosts — er, history — living in their walls

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Yokoyama cited a 7.5% decrease in residential burglaries in the first five months of 2025, crediting aggressive policing strategies that include prioritizing alarm calls, slashing response times from 24 to 7 minutes, installing 11 ALPR cameras at key intersections, and expanding safety personnel.

But public safety was only the beginning. The mayor also pointed to major economic development efforts, including the planned arrival of Tokyo Central/Marukai—a Japanese supermarket set to open in the former Pacific Sales building at the Cerritos Towne Center. The move, Yokoyama said, further solidifies Cerritos as a regional hub for international commerce and culture.

“Tokyo Central adds depth to our city’s already strong lineup of global retail and dining,” Yokoyama told the audience.

On community enrichment, the mayor announced a new free membership program at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, offering residents perks like early access to tickets and exclusive discounts. He also previewed the City’s new branded merchandise line—decals, t-shirts, tote bags—that celebrates Cerritos’ history and identity, available at public facilities citywide.

Further highlights included upgrades to Liberty Park and Cerritos Park East with 12 new pickleball courts, expanded

senior services including nearly 40,000 meals delivered in partnership with the Human Services Association, and new digital offerings at the Cerritos Library, like the Kanopy streaming platform.

Yokoyama emphasized the City’s infrastructure investments under Strategic Goal 3, citing projects like street and sidewalk upgrades, modernization of water wells, and restoration work at Heritage Park. “These spaces belong to our residents,” he said. “Maintaining and improving them ensures resident tax dollars are invested wisely.”


The mayor also addressed city finances, applauding the Council’s ability to identify over \$2 million in combined cost savings and revenue enhancements during the latest budget cycle—yet another sign of Cerritos’ stable financial stewardship.



The address concluded with a challenge to residents: stay engaged, stay informed, and take part in shaping the future of Cerritos. “A stronger Cerritos depends on all of us,” said Yokoyama.

For more on the City’s eight Strategic Goals or to view the State of the City presentation and video, visit cerritos.gov/2025stateofthecity




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Vehicle thefts continued their Southern California tour, with Norwalk once again crowned grand theft capital, racking up more than ten stolen vehicles in just six days. Bellflower’s Artesia Boulevard had a busy week with a carjacking, two robberies, and an assault—if streets had trauma counselors, this one would be in therapy. Meanwhile, Paramount and Norwalk residents kept sheriff’s deputies hopping with a steady stream of domestic violence calls.

Shoplifters put in full-time hours, especially in Cerritos and Lakewood, where they treated retail centers like free sample day at Costco. We lost count around the eighth shoplifting incident.

Smash-and-Grab at Bellflower Candy Store

LCCN Staff Report

A coordinated street takeover on Lakewood Blvd. ended in chaos Monday night, as a group of masked thieves ransacked a fami-

ly-owned candy store in Bellflower. Surveillance footage shows more than a dozen individuals breaking into Candy 4 Less, located at **17260 Lakewood Boulevard**, around 10:30 p.m. while cars performed illegal stunts in the intersection outside. The smash-and-grab unfolded in minutes, leaving behind shattered glass, broken displays, and stunned owners. According to the business, 11 suspects stormed into the store, grabbing merchandise as bystanders filmed the chaos unfolding just feet away on the street. The brazen burglary took place while traffic was blocked and dozens gathered to watch vehicles spin donuts. Candy 4 Less, a longtime staple in the Bellflower community, is reeling from the damage. While it’s still unclear exactly what was taken, the shop suffered extensive property damage. The owners are working with local law enforcement to review video evidence and assess the full loss.

Artesia
Assault
6/20 – Non-aggravated:, 17100 blk Pioneer
Grand theft vehicle (GTA)
6/22 – auto, 17900 blk Thornlake Ave
6/18 – auto, 18000 blk Arline Ave

Bellflower
Rape
6/22 – Rape by force, female 18 yrs+, 9100 blk Sonrisa St
Robbery
6/22 – Weapon: 9500 blk Artesia Blvd

6/21 – Strong-arm: 8700 blk Artesia Blvd
6/19 – Weapon: carjacking, 8500 blk Artesia
6/20 – Aggravated: domestic violence, 9300 blk Artesia Blvd
6/19 Non-aggravated: obstruct/resist/battery peace officer, 9800 blk Cedar St
Burglary
6/23 – Other structure: night, entry by force, 17100 blk Clark Ave
6/22 – Other structure: night, entry no force, 14300 blk Clark Ave
6/19 – Other structure: unknown, entry by force, 17200 blk Clark Ave
Vehicle burglary
6/21 – Attempt truck/cargo van burglary, 8700 blk Artesia Blvd
Grand theft vehicle (GTA)
6/21 – Truck, motor home, cargo van, 14500 blk Bellflower Blvd
6/20 – auto, 9000 blk Jeff St
6/19 – auto, 9200 blk Somerset Blvd
Petty theft
6/19 – Other, 9700 blk Oak St

Cerritos
Thieves went for shoes, checks, sunglasses, and even a motorcycle. One guy tried to strong-arm a watch. It’s like Cerritos is holding auditions for “America’s Next Dumbest Criminal.”
Auto
6/17/25 – 10800 blk Alondra Blvd – 2007 Cadillac Escalade (attempt only)
6/17/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – 2017 Hyundai Tucson (recovered)
6/17/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – 2024 Honda CRV

6/17/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – 2017 Kia Sportage (attempt only)
6/20/25 – 14100 blk Vine Pl – 2023 Benelli motorcycle
6/13/25 – 10800 blk College Pl – 2022 Toyota RAV4 – clothing
6/17/25 – 239 Los Cerritos and 11800 blk Del Amo Blvd – 2019 Hyundai Sonata – electronics
6/17/25 – 17900 blk Studebaker – 2019 Kia Optima – backpack
6/16/25 – 11100 blk 183rd St – 2008 Volkswagen EOS – wallet
6/18/25 – 12900 blk Hedda St – 2023 Nissan Sentra – debit card
Burglary residential
6/16/25 – 13500 blk Palm Pl – unknown loss
6/21/25 – 17800 blk Harvest Ave attempt
Burglary other
6/17/25 – 17900 blk Crusader Ave – shoes
6/17/25–6/18/25 – 17100 blk Marquardt Ave
6/9/25 – 17900 blk Crusader Ave – bicycle
Grand theft
6/13/25 – 18100 blk Carmenita Rd – checks
6/16/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – sunglasses
6/17/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – attempt only
6/17/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – purses
6/22/25 – 239 Los Cerritos – sunglasses
Robbery
6/16/25 – 18000 blk Cecilia Pl – watch
6/17/25 – 12100 blk Park St – backpack (firearm used)

Lakewood
Assault
6/18 – Aggravated: ADW – gun, Bellflower Blvd & South St
6/18 – Aggravated: domestic violence, 5200 blk Graywood Ave
Burglary
6/20 – Other structure: night, entry no force, 4000 blk Watson Plaza Dr
6/19 – Other structure: night, entry by force, 4100 blk South St
Grand theft
6/21 – Shoplifting, 0 blk Lakewood Center Mall
6/19 – Auto parts and accessories, 5200 blk Lakewood Blvd
Grand theft vehicle (GTA)
6/18 – auto, 5100 blk 1/2 Hayter Ave
6/18 – auto, 5100 blk Loreli Ave
6/21 – auto, 20800 blk Florcraft Ave
6/20 – auto, Bloomfield Ave & Del Amo Blvd
Petty theft
6/21 – Shoplifting, 100 blk Lakewood Center Mall
6/20 – Other, 3600 blk Sandwood St

La Mirada
Robbery
A robbery was reported on the 14500 block of Jalisco Rd. This incident is currently under investigation.
Other Structure Burglary
An early morning burglary occurred on the 15300 block of Valley View Ave.
Grand Theft
Clothing was reported stolen on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.
Vehicle Burglary
An overnight vehicle burglary was reported on the 16000 block of Heron Ave.
Grand Theft Auto
A sedan was reported stolen on the 13600 block of Valley View Ave.
Two vans were stolen on the 14600 block of Alondra Blvd.
An early morning theft of a semi-truck occurred on the 14400 block of Industry Cir. A trailer was reported stolen on the 16900 block of Valley View Ave.
A SUV was stolen on the 14700 block of Artesia Blvd.

Norwalk
Grand theft vehicle (GTA)
6/23 – auto, 13800 blk Funston Ave
6/22 – auto, 11800 blk Gem St
6/22 – auto, 13100 blk Sycamore Dr
6/21 – auto, 11900 blk Allard St
6/20 – auto, 13900 blk Pioneer Blvd
6/20 – auto, 12100 blk Excelsior Dr
6/20 – auto, 14700 blk Gridley Rd
6/19 – auto, 12700 blk Woods Ave
6/19 – auto, 12800 blk Pioneer Blvd
6/18 – auto, 11500 blk Alondra Blvd



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The recent heat wave that swept across much of the country is a good reminder to take extra care of our plants and ourselves as temperatures climb. Extreme temperatures can take their toll even on plants normally suited to the growing conditions. As summers grow longer and hotter, heat stress is becoming a more common threat to garden health.

Many plants suffer when short- or long-term temperatures exceed 86°F. You will see withering, leaf and flower drop, stunting, and more on heat-stressed plants. The longer the heat wave persists, the greater the risk of damage.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90°F and night temperatures remain above 70°F, blossoms drop, and poor fruit development may occur on tomatoes.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher, the pollen is sterile, and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells.

We can't change the weather, but we can help our plants cope when temperatures soar. Provide some midday and afternoon shade for plants struggling with the heat. Move containers to a shady location and use a patio umbrella or shade cloth suspended on hoops or stakes to provide your permanent plantings with a bit of relief.

Mulch the soil to conserve water,

keep plant roots cooler, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as it decomposes. Spread a one-to-three-inch layer of leaves, evergreen needles, woodchips and other organic matter on the soil surface surrounding plants. The coarser the material, the thicker the layer of mulch needed.

Pull mulch away from the trunk of trees and the stems of shrubs and other plants. You obtain multiple benefits from this one task while burning a few calories and strengthening your muscles.

Water plants thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Plants will develop deeper roots able to access water from a larger area, making them more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Avoid frequent light watering that encourages shallow roots more susceptible to drought stress. Make sure new plantings, moisture lovers, and stressed plants are the first to receive a good, long drink.

Don't overlook established trees and shrubs that need a helping hand during extended periods of hot, dry weather. Soak the area under the tree's dripline when the top four to six inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Provide ten gallons of water per inch diameter of tree trunk measured at 4.5 feet high.

Water early in the day, when possible, to reduce moisture loss to evaporation. Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation whenever possible. You'll use less water by applying it right to the soil where it is needed.

Check container gardens daily. Water thoroughly when the top inch or two of



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Cover up your skin with brightly colored, loose-fitting clothing made of densely woven fabrics. Wear a broad-brimmed hat to protect your skin and UV-blocking sunglasses for the health of your eyes.

Apply a broad-spectrum UVA & UVB sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. Apply it 30 minutes before going outdoors and every two

hours. You'll prevent sunburn and skin damage while making it easier to return to the garden each day.

With proper care, you and your plants will be better able to withstand the summer heat.

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Celebrating 50 Years of *Jaws*

This story originally appeared in the May 1975 issue of *Yankee*, detailing events that unfolded during filming at the height of the busiest tourist season ever recorded on Martha’s Vineyard.

By Gerald R. Kelly

Hollywood invaded Martha’s Vineyard in April of ’74 after the art director, Joe Alves, had searched the eastern seaboard for the precise spot to film the bestselling novel by Peter Benchley. Director Steven Spielberg agreed with the choice.

The hitch was that the movie people came at the wrong time of the year. The moguls insisted on starting in early spring and racing to finish before July 1. They missed their mark, by September, the last of the movie people were still out at sea, manfully filming the great battle between man and shark.

Nobody complained until the summer residents returned, looking for solitude and island peace — a tangible and marketable commodity. They complained of noise continuing far into the night and trash that piled up in the boatyard parking lot and blew into neighboring lots.

Mostly, however, the towns cooperated. A Fourth of July parade was staged in June, with all of the appropriate signs changed to read “Amity,” including the Courthouse and Town Hall. Crowds were assembled in the streets for production shots and then dispersed.

The movie was a floating crap game of a city, moving here and there around the island, stopping for days at a time to work out a scene, and then wandering on to the next. There were 12 trucks and 8 cars and over 60 Californians, with a snake pit of cables that sent power to all parts of the mobile city.

By the time the movie had gone away, Universal had dropped over \$1½ million dollars into a winter-thin economy, not counting the money spent by a high-salaried crew accustomed to living high.

But islanders became increasingly conscious of the summer season creeping up on the moviemakers; the two months of summer are the money days.

Things did not go well for the movie-makers. The weather was intolerably cold in early spring, rainy in late spring. In terms of production problems, the climactic scene where 400 people would be out in the ocean, and then come fleeing out of the water as a mob when a shark is sighted, was impossible before July. Vineyard waters are frigid throughout June and so this shot had to wait as long as humanely possible. Vineyarders, who rarely swim, have an old saying that before August 15 it is too cold for swimming, and after that date it is too warm.

The stars of the movie grew to hate the island. Richard Dreyfuss, bearded and touseled as the ecologist-oceanographer, referred to the Vineyard as Devil’s Island and vowed never to set foot on it again. Robert Shaw, the roaring, robust shark-hunter named Quint in the book, told a television commentator about the abnormal incidence of incest on the Vineyard. Roy Scheider, the movie’s police chief-hero, had little to say about the place, but his normal grim-jawed appearance grew more clenched as time went on.

Then there was the trouble with sharks. First, Universal put out an order for a live tiger shark that would be caught on camera for the movie. This would be used for a scene in which Amity residents believe they have bagged the big one, the great white shark that had been chewing up townie and tourist alike. To get even a tiger

shark in the cold northeastern waters was impossible, and a shark had to be flown in from Florida after a half month of fishing.

This was an ingenious effort, but the shark died. It was rich when it arrived on the Edgartown dock, rank when filmed, reeking when refilmed, and rotten when no longer needed.

Meanwhile, the real great white shark was being filmed off the coast of Australia by Rod and Valerie Taylor, who also filmed “Blue Water, White Death.” They used a midget actor in one scene to make an undersized shark look as large as the great white shark of the book.

Secretly, three huge mechanical white sharks were constructed in California by Robert Matthey, a Walt Disney engineer for 17 years, who saw the three sharks as his masterpiece. Each one had a different section cut away to leave exposed the wires, pistons, and air hoses that cluttered the interior. The shark had to be able to leap out of the water and then dive instantly, and no solidly constructed shark could do that. The cutaway parts allowed water to drain out and refill rapidly. Three sharks were needed so that the whole, un-cutaway side of the shark could present itself to the camera from the left, the right, and head-on.

When Matthey finished the sharks, they were loaded aboard trucks and shipped to the Vineyard, followed by an anxious transportation manager. It cost \$23,000 to get them to the island, where they were hustled under cover of darkness, to the upstairs loft of the boatyard. There, by order of the producers, Richard Zanuck and David Brown, they were placed under a 24-hour guard so that no one could photograph them. The producers felt that the shock of the shark on screen would be diminished if the public knew some of the shots taken were of mechanical sharks.

In the dim light of the boat loft, the sharks looked huge and ominous; each was 24 feet long — the size of a hefty whale boat. Their gaping mouths, filled with soft, plastic teeth, could easily hold a large third-grader.

Robert Matthey was proud of his creations — the hardest job he had undertaken, including the Victorian submarine for 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. A heavy-duty air rammer worked the sharks’ jaws, and it had to be powerful enough to make them close properly. “We tried to make the jaws work fast enough to be realistic,” said Matthey, “but they had to be slow enough so that we could control them and not hurt somebody. There were going to be live people in there. We would have liked to cut the thing way down so that any resistance would have stopped the jaws entirely, but we couldn’t do that because of the construction.

“We have had one problem after another. We had them built practically before the plans were drawn for the movie. So we’ve got our neck out about four miles, and if anything should happen, we’re reserving cabins in Alaska.”

One at a time as needed in the script, a shark would be mounted on the end of an underwater crane which would propel it through the water and into the air. Matthey explained the operation:

There’s a control barge where a lot of people who work under water can change clothes. And of course there is a big gasoline-operated compressor that will be running the shark. It all runs by air going to different rams and motors operating the shark. It doesn’t just wriggle its tail through water motion.

“We have to put power in so that the fins move, the tail moves, the head turns, the mouth opens and shuts, the nose wrinkles, and the eyes move. There’s a lot of action and it needs a lot of rams and motors to achieve it.”

In actual practice, the shark shirked its duties. The metal parts of the sharks and rams corroded in the salt water and had to be completely cleaned off each day. The skin of the shark had to be replaced each



FROM MAY 1975: Three of these mechanical monsters were built in California by Robert Matthey, formerly an engineer for Walt Disney. It cost \$23,000 just to ship the ‘sharks’ across the country. Photo credit Edith Blake.

day too. Still the sharks would not work, and tales of despair and doom filtered through the Vineyard as the sprawling movie crew set out to sea from Oak Bluffs each day to try to finish the filming.

Finally the technical problems were all solved and the shooting went on, utilizing a boat called the Orca and its exact twin, except for the lack of a bottom. The Orca had to sink repeatedly so that the exacting director could get the exact shot he wanted. He sometimes spent six hours on the filming of an eighth of a page, where he might have filmed 9 to 11 pages a day for the television productions of *Night Gallery*. Spielberg is a movie-fan/director who grew up on the Hollywood fare and who created a great and classic chase movie in

Sugarland Express. He saw “*Jaws*” as an epic of another sort, a sprawling, horror set piece designed to terrorize.

Robert Matthey, unaware that Spielberg was keeping the ending of *Jaws* a top secret (He told one writer, “I will save that as a gift for the American people.”), gave away the action: “We’re working on one shark that will be photographed underwater, weighty enough so that it will sink, and as he goes down to Davey Jones’ locker, he will be photographed. He falls on the rear deck of Quint’s boat (the Orca), and some diving bottles (compressed oxygen) roll down the deck and go into his mouth. Police Chief Brody, in the rigging, shoots the bottle and it explodes and blows the shark’s head off.”



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OUTLOOK ON NEW FOOTHILL AREA RELEAGUING

John Glenn’s Future With New Releaguining Promises to be a Blessing

By Loren Kopff

This is the third part in a series of area schools involved in the upcoming Foothill Area releaguining that will begin for the 2026-2027 school year. The 20 schools involved in what will be a new conference are from the current 605 League, Del Rio League, Gateway League and Mid-Cities League. This is the third time since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year that area schools have been involved in releaguining.

Numbers don’t lie and in the age of competitive equity, John Glenn High was one school which pleaded its case to get out of the Suburban League and into a new one, which was the 605 League. A 10-year spreadsheet of the league records from 2007-2016 of the former seven-member league was presented and of the 18 sports that Glenn fielded at that time, only two sports had a winning percentage of over .400 in league contests.

Since the 605 League began in the fall of 2018, some sports that had struggled in the Suburban League improved a bit, but not enough to be noticeable. Now, with the proposed 20-school conference on the horizon, those sports that had never come close to an automatic berth in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs will get the best chance, probably in the history of their programs.

The feeling for Linda Lastre, who has been at Glenn since 2003, but as an athletic director since 2007, was a positive one. She knew that the lower-tiered sports like cross country, softball, tennis and girls soccer, to name a few, would have a chance to finish in third place in the new league, thus ending long playoff droughts.

“I felt good because I knew that ultimately, no matter what happened, we were going to get what we wanted with the releague concept,” said Lastre. “I thought it was interesting because we didn’t get a lot of schools reaching out trying to defend their stance, or their proposal, I should say. In the past, when you releague, it’s a lot of networking and communicating and making sure people know where you stand in regard to your own proposal.”

She added that when the 605 League athletic directors walked into the May 1 Foothill Area releaguining meeting, they wouldn’t disrupt anybody; that they will leave their proposal as is.

“I started asking [other administrators from other schools] some questions about their own school and what they thought,” said Lastre. “Because they would be the ones really being disruptive with all the proposals. They were initially in disagreement, but [after] contacting their superintendents at the time, they said, ‘let’s do it’, because they were used to driving 30 miles to get beat up. That’s what kind of persuaded me to [vote] on Proposal C.”

In addition to combining the 605 League, Del Rio League, Gateway League and Mid-Cities League to form the 20-school league, Proposal C would have the Foothill League remain together, the Pacific League merge with the Rio Hondo League, plus add Gabrielino High, for a third league and combine the Almont League with the Mission Valley League for a fourth league.

During its time in the 605 League, and not including wrestling, Glenn athletics won only one league championship (2019 football), came in second place four other times and third place another six times. Of the major sports not named wrestling,

the Eagles have finished in sixth place 23 times and fifth place 20 times.

The last 10 years of the Suburban League, Glenn baseball and boys volleyball reached the playoffs four times, girls basketball three times, girls soccer and girls volleyball twice and boys soccer once. Of those 16 times, only the 2006-2007 girls basketball team, coached by Lastre, and the 2015 baseball team, coached by Jack Brooks, won a league title.

The current 605 League coaches and athletic directors will agree in saying that the reason why the league was formed was to create more competitive equity as La Mirada High and Mayfair High had the dominant athletic programs across the board. This time around, it’s much different according to Lastre.

“The trends of athletics,” she said. “I think conferencing is becoming a trend. You saw it happen in Orange County, first, and everyone was like, ‘oh gosh, what’s going to happen over there’? But it worked out, and it is the trend of athletics right now; of seeing just competitive games. Maybe you drive a little bit further; maybe your transportation costs a little bit. But it gives kids an opportunity to play in a game that’s competitive.”

But while Glenn thought the 605 League would be more to its liking with more competitive games, lately it has gone south for the Eagles. Enrollment has been on the decline with the latest numbers showing a figure of 697 for the high school and 151 for Southeast Academy, located across the street from Glenn. It’s numbers like those that has had grumblings about the future status of the high school on the far eastern side of the City of Norwalk, or some of its athletic programs.

“That’s why the 605 League was formed with the competitive equity model,” said Lastre. “It thrived, and it was great, and now we’re at a point where our school at Glenn has a small enrollment. The numbers are low, and it became almost to a point where we were scared of what if we don’t field a football team? What if we just did our own league? And I think because we have so much respect for each other within the 605 League, that’s where the conversation started taking a turn of we need to start thinking outside the box of maybe a conference model might be good for us.”

Lastre is quick to point out that she and her administrators have had honest conversations with the 605 League about the fate of the school and its declining enrollment numbers and that of its football program. She continued by saying it’s a conversation that lingers, but there has not been a ‘real’ conversation about the school closing. Though, it’s in the back of everyone’s heads of what would happen.

The 2024 football team was hit hard with numbers as anywhere from 19-23 players suited up on any given week. The annual Mayor’s Cup game with crosstown rival Norwalk High was cancelled as was

the last game of the regular season against Pioneer High. Even the game against Cerritos High was played entirely under running clock conditions, something you see only in the fourth quarter or sometimes the second half.

The first two years of the league, the football team earned an automatic playoff berth, the baseball and boys soccer team finished in the top three. But coming out of the pandemic, Lastre saw a complete turnaround with her athletic programs, and not for

the good. “Covid really messed us up, and I hate saying that because it was five years ago,” she said. “But darn, coming out of those Covid years with no sports, and then trying to bring them back, and kids not wanting to come back...we really saw a true decline in our number of athletes. But then we saw some of the other teams in the 605 League still continue to build their numbers, and we were going in the opposite direction at Glenn where all of a sudden, we had very lopsided scores. A league that was created for competitive equity...there was no more

competitive equity for us in a lot of sports, especially our highlight sports. That’s when I knew we needed a change.”

With the new 20-school conference, Lastre admitted her teams might not be a league champion, but her goal is that the scores won’t be lopsided, using the Jan. 7, 2025 girls basketball game against Pioneer as an example when the Eagles lost 98-4.

Since Covid, Glenn has had a few bright moments with few athletes. The 2021-2022 boys basketball team, with seven or eight players, had a 14-13 record, finished in third place and advanced to the quarterfinals. That has been the program’s lone winning season in at least 30 years.

When the teams are put into their new leagues on a sport-by-sport basis in two years, it’s likely that most of Glenns’ teams will be in the third or fourth league, which would suggest the lower-tiered leagues. For the football program, it would go into the third league, which is predicted to have six teams as Oxford Academy and Whitney High don’t have football programs. Most likely, schools like California High, Firebaugh High, Lynwood High, Pioneer and Whittier High would be likely candidates for that third league. But again, league placements will be determined by 2025 performances.

“It’s going to level the playing field in so many sports,” said Lastre. “There are a lot of schools just like us, too, where their programs might be struggling. They just want to play a competitive game and make it fair for the kids.”

While the new conference will bring relief to many of Glenn’s athletic

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TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

Trio of Area Players to Represent Their Countries in Colorado Tournament

By Loren Kopff

A recent graduate of the La Mirada High softball team, her teammate who just wrapped up her sophomore season and a Valley Christian High pitcher will be representing their countries in the 5th annual Triple Crown Sports International Challenge. Games will be played this weekend at the Christopher Fields in Westminster (CO) City Park, about 12 miles northwest of downtown Denver.

Rachel Zhang, who was the Olympic League’s Pitcher of the Year and was on the HMG-Community News Spring All-Area’s First Team, will be playing for Team Chinese Taipei for the second straight year.

“I had a great time [last year]; it was super fun,” said Zhang. “It felt different. It felt like I was playing for my culture instead of a game of softball or a tournament. I got to see so many incredible people that I’m still friends with because we have the same backgrounds, so we really connected.”

Zhang said she was inspired by watching the Summer Olympics and that’s why she decided to send in her video clips to the coaching staff of Team Chinese Taipei last year. Growing up, she liked how each country had its own softball team for the Summer Olympics, and she thought it would be cool to do that on her own with the International Challenge.

“When I saw the opportunity, I really wanted to just take it,” she added.

Last year, she found out about Team Chinese Taipei online and made contact via phone calls before sending multiple

videos of her pitching and hitting. The coach then called her back, was impressed with what he saw, and invited her to be a part of the team.

Zhang’s mother and father are from China, so trying out for Team Chinese Taipei was obvious for the pitcher who concluded her sophomore season at V.C. last month. Her parents immigrated from China when they were in college, and they still visit China from time to time.

Last summer, Zhang and her Team Chinese Taipei team played the national team out of Taiwan and lost a close contest. She said it was great playing against that team and she has so much respect for them, especially their warm-up routines.

“When we saw them warming up and they were running, their legs were completely in sync and when they were stretching, they were completely in sync,” said Zhang. “I know in the United States travel ball teams emphasize being in order. But they were just on a different level.”

Most of the players on Team Chinese Taipei are coming back for another go-around at the International Challenge. She will leave for the Rocky Mountain state on Wednesday and will have scrimmage games ahead of the opening ceremonies. Pool play action begins on Friday against Team Canada and Team Germany and it will play Team Spain on Saturday before bracket play begins later that day.

Zhang, whose travel team is the (Redondo Beach) USA Athletics-Phillips/Lehr, pitched 107 innings and struck out 88 batters this past spring for V.C. while batting .385 in 13 at-bats. Her travel team will stay in Colorado to participate in the



FORMER LA MIRADA HIGH third baseman Angelyna Conde (left) may be wearing Texas Tech University gear, but she will be representing Team Mexico in this weekend’s Triple Crown Sports International Challenge in Westminster, CO. **RACHEL ZHANG**, (right), who has two more seasons with Valley Christian High in the circle, is sporting her Team Chinese Taipei from last summer.

Louisville Slugger IDT Tournament in Boulder, which runs from July 2-6.

Representing Team Spain is the HMG-Community News Spring All-Area Pitcher of the Year and the ace of La Mirada’s staff, Alison Ortega. A member of the (Hacienda Heights) Firecrackers Select RTY 16-Under travel team, Ortega’s path to the TCS International Challenge is quite different. One day she received a message from Luna Cruz, a recent La Mirada teammate who just graduated, asking her if she wanted to play for Team Spain because her father is one of the assistant coaches and the team needed a pitcher. About three months ago, Ortega got the confirmation that she had been selected to play for Team Spain.

“It goes by really fast,” said Ortega. “I thought my sophomore year would be really slow, but it was really fast, and now I’m in travel ball. “I actually didn’t know about [the International Challenge] before. So, once she asked me, I’m like, ‘okay, I didn’t know there were games, but that sounds like fun’.”

Ortega’s ties to Spain lies with her grandparents; she said she has a little percentage of the country which is all one needs to represent a country in the International Challenge.

However, Ortega won’t be able to play in any of the three pool play games for Team Spain. In fact, the earliest she would be able to play for her country would be on Sunday in bracket play because of other obligations with her travel team.

The Firecrackers Select RTY will be participating in the Triple Crown Sports P5 Patriot Games in Fort Collins, CO June 26-28 and will play a pair of pool play games in the first two days ahead of bracket play. The Firecrackers Select RTY is one of 36 teams in the 16-Under age group.

“When it comes to that, I’m going to be prioritizing my travel ball team because those are good games,” said Ortega. “And honestly, on the roster for Team Spain, they have a ton of pitchers. So it’s not like they really need me. I think they’ll be fine, but as of now, I’m going to prioritize the Patriot Games.”

When the International Challenge is

over, Ortega’s busy summer will continue as her travel team will play in the Triple Crown Sports Colorado 4th of July National Power Pool Division. Those games will begin on Tuesday with a pair of pool play games.

Ortega had a breakout sophomore season with the Matadores, sporting an earned run average of 1.61 in 109 innings while striking out 125 batters, giving up 84 hits and walking just 18.

“I take it a day at a time,” said Ortega. “I only focus about tomorrow and what I have to do to take care of that day. But it’s such an opportunity to do it because I get to take as many chances I get to pitch, especially in front of college coaches because this year is my recruitment year.

“I think it’s okay [if I miss the International Challenge] as long as I’m not skipping [any] games,” she later said. “As long as I am playing softball...I get exposure either way, playing in the Patriot Games or the International Challenge.”

Ortega said she would love to represent Team Spain again next summer if the opportunity presented itself.

Another of Ortega’s La Mirada teammate, Angelyna Conde, will be representing Team Mexico. Conde, who was on the HMG-Community News Spring All-Area Third Team as a third baseman, batted .326 in her senior season with 31 hits, eight of them home runs and seven more being doubles. She also led the Matadores with 35 runs batted in.

This is the first time Conde will be representing her country and as was the case with Ortega, her ties to the country lie with her grandparents.

“I’ve always wanted to [play in the International Challenge] ever since we played in the Colorado Sparkler [Tournament] when I was 12,” said Conde. “Finally, the schedules matched up this year and we contacted the coach, and it worked out. I’m truly honored; I think it’s amazing getting to wear that [uniform] of the country where my grandparents are from [with the name] across my chest.”

Conde is already getting a head start with her summer travels as she was in

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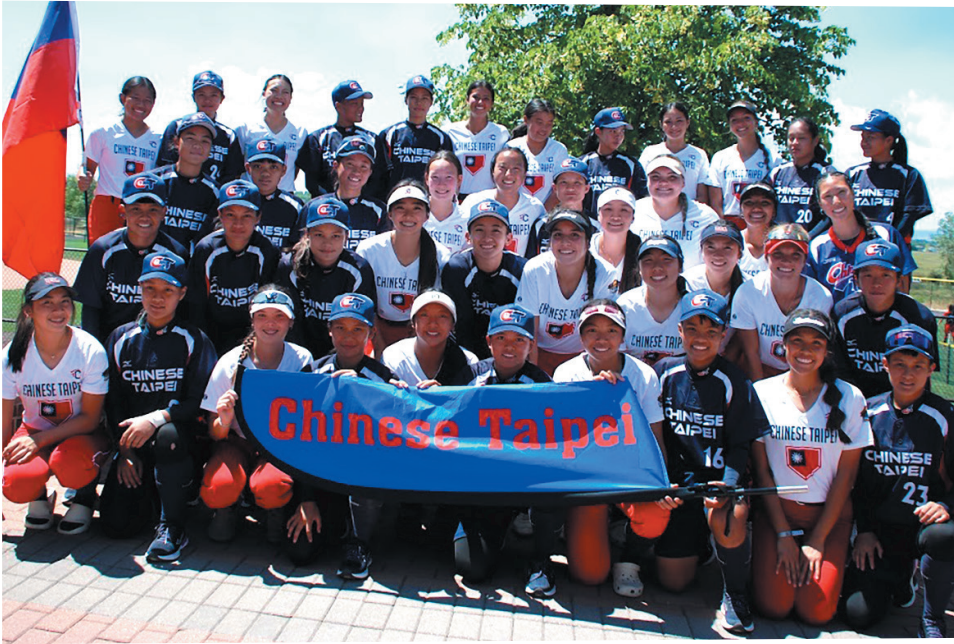
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Lubbock, TX for her orientation at Texas Tech University. Her pool play games with Team Mexico are Friday against Team Africa and Team Philippines and Saturday against Team South America. She began to send her video to the coach of Team Mexico shortly after she signed her letter of intent to play for Texas Tech, which was at the end of last season.



RACHEL ZHANG, and her Team Chinese Taipei, faced the Taiwan National Team last summer in the Triple Crown Sports International Challenge. Zhang is in the second row from the bottom, fourth from left.

“The process was pretty fast just because [Team Mexico head] coach [Tony] Delgado is somebody we’ve played often in the travel ball world,” said Conde. “And he also coaches at Bishop Amat, which is close to La Mirada; we played him in Bullhead City [in the Dave Kops Tournament of Champions] and we played him throughout the season. So, I was familiar with his name just like he was familiar with mine.”

Last season, former La Mirada and current University of Notre Dame catcher Rebecca Eckart played for Team Mexico. Conde said Eckart had a little bit of a convincing factor on choosing to play for Team Mexico, not only this year, but also last year.

“Me and Rebecca are very close; we’re close best friends and still keep in contact today,” said Conde. “But she is definitely a factor in how I feel about the

International Challenge.”

Conde said she is looking forward to the opening ceremony and the games and everyone bringing their country flags and noisemakers, and how the fans get into everything.

Her travel team is the (Garden Grove) West Coast Lady Dukes-Blanco and when she is done with the International Challenge, she will be participating in the Triple Crown Sports Colorado 4th of July Sparkler/Fireworks Tournament. Be-

tween the Sparkler and Fireworks Tournament, over 1,000 travel softball teams make their way each summer to the Denver metropolitan area to participate in what is being called the world’s largest youth fastpitch tournament. Within the tournament, there are other softball-related events.

Conde’s, Ortega’s and Zhang’s travel teams have qualified for the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships at the end of next month. Those games have been held in Orange County for over 10 years.

“I would say for the most part, all our summers are packed like this,” said Conde. “But the fact that this is my last Colorado, my last PGF, it is a little bitter-sweet. But at the end of the day, there’s so much that’s happening for the better and I’m really excited to be a part of that. So that’s something to look forward as well.”

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programs, the wrestling program figures to be bumped up into the big boys league. From 2012-2016, the boys wrestling program had a Suburban League winning percentage of .567, good for fourth of the seven teams in that league. That trend got better as members of the 605 League, but now the program will most likely be in the first of the four leagues with four other schools.

“They’re our strongest program,” said Lastre. “But at the same time, I have a coach that likes to compete, and I have a team that likes to compete. So, they look for the challenge; it’s not real fun if you always easily win. But Cerritos and Glenn have been close in wrestling.”

Of the many challenges, or differences that Lastre will have to deal with, unlike the 605 League or even the Suburban League is the number of voices that will be spoken and heard. When putting 20 athletic directors in a room, and some schools having co-athletic directors, and 20 principals, Lastre said there’s going to be a tendency for some arguments and disagreements along the way.

The one positive out of this is that at some point in the past, all 20 schools have

scheduled non-league events with each other and they have had conversations through email.

“A lot of these AD’s have been around for a while,” said Lastre. “It’s just trying to take a piece of everything. The Del Rio League was a great league, the 605 League was a great league, the Suburban Valley Conference is doing well. You take these pieces of a puzzle, and you try to make them even better. So how do we all plug in to make this conference legitimate and thrive, right? That’s going to be the biggest challenge.”

She continued by saying despite all the challenges that lie ahead, stemming from scheduling to transportation and such, change can be scary but change is good and anything they can do that will benefit the kids...that’s what they are there for at the end of the day.

“Knowing that other people have already done it, it will be okay,” said Lastre of navigating through the winter sports scheduling. “We’ll figure it out; there will be some bumps of course, but you’re going to learn from every game. Every time we play, we’re going to fine tune it each year. I’m not too stressed out about the logistical part of it because I think we’ll figure it out as we go, and then we’ll get better at it.”

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the U.S. Army Reserve, training as a combat medic and deploying with the 437th Medical Company (Ambulance), part of the 3rd Medical Command.

In Iraq, Nakamura participated in more than 220 medical evacuation missions, providing aid to over 80 wounded soldiers. On June 19, 2003, while evacuating an injured soldier near Iskandariyah, his ambulance was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. Nakamura was killed in the attack. He was 21 years old.

His service was recognized posthumously with the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Medical Badge, awarded for acts of heroism and medical support under enemy fire.

The naming of the aquatic center in his honor brings Nakamura’s story full circle—from the community pool where he began serving others to the battlefield where he gave his life in service to his country. The City’s Parks & Recreation Department, which once employed him, recommended the renaming to recognize both his civilian and military contributions.

A public dedication ceremony is scheduled for the summer of 2026. City officials indicated that the event will include tributes from local leaders, veterans’ organizations, and community members who knew Nakamura during his years growing up in Santa Fe Springs.

The new name of the facility will serve not only as a tribute to Nakamura’s courage and sacrifice but also as an enduring reminder to future generations of the values he represented—service, compassion, and commitment to community.

The renaming also reflects a broader effort by the city to highlight local figures whose actions have had lasting impact. Nakamura’s deep roots in Santa Fe Springs, combined with his exemplary military

service, made him a fitting namesake for one of the city’s most visible and cherished public facilities.

With the 2026 dedication on the horizon, preparations are expected to include updated signage, informational displays, and opportunities for residents to learn more about Nakamura’s life.

The Paul T. Nakamura Regional Aquatic Center will stand as a lasting memorial—one that connects the city’s past with its future, through the story of a young man who gave everything in service to both.

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deal. At the time of the agreement, the company employed 440 full-time workers in La Mirada. As of the most recent update, that figure has increased to 516, representing a net gain of 76 full-time jobs. Earlier estimates anticipated the creation of 50 to 150 new positions.

City officials maintain the deal was necessary to prevent the relocation of Living Spaces’ lucrative e-commerce operations, possibly out of state. A key clause in the agreement ensures La Mirada remains the designated point of sale for online transactions—an arrangement expected to yield millions in otherwise lost local tax.

The report also affirms that no state or federal subsidies are involved in the deal. Additionally, the agreement includes claw-back provisions, allowing the City to cancel future payments if Living Spaces fails to uphold its obligations.

The updated subsidy report is available for public review at City Hall and on the City’s website at cityoflamirada.org. The public hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 8 in the Council Chambers at La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard. Residents are encouraged to attend or submit comments to the City Clerk ahead of the meeting.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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low Hawaiian Gardens to receive funds through the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) and formally partner with the Bell Shelter to assist unhoused individuals in or near the city.

According to the staff report, PLHA funds may be used for housing acquisition, construction, rehab, and direct services including rapid rehousing.

City officials are recommending the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a reimbursable contract with the County, with the Bell Shelter serving as the city’s designated provider.

While the initiative signals the city’s intent to address homelessness more proactively, officials have yet to provide data on how many residents may benefit from the program or how referrals will be handled.

In other City Council news, the city is moving forward with long-awaited plans to renovate the C. Robert Lee Activity Center, approving a nearly \$99,000 con-

tract with BOA Architecture for design and engineering work.

The upgrades are tied to the city’s 2024 Community Funding Grant and aim to modernize the aging community hub, which has long served as a space for youth, senior, and recreational programs. The design contract covers all architectural and engineering services needed to prepare the project for construction. While no timeline has been announced, officials say this step puts the project on track to move out of the planning phase.

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approximately six months, beginning in July 2025.

In a staff report, officials emphasized that the proposed work is strictly administrative and planning-related, not linked to any development or construction. As such, the project qualifies for a “common sense exemption” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as

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The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk’s office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:00 a.m. on:

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at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier’s check or bidder’s bond payable to the order of the City of Bellflower or cash for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price submitted, and the check, bond, or cash deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the City if such bidder fails to enter into the contract to perform the work within ten (10) days after written notice of award. This contract may be extended for up to 2 additional 1-year terms in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein, and the execution of a written agreement approved by the Public Works Director.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project (“Project”) which consists of concrete improvements and related work, including providing all necessary equipment, materials, transportation and labor for the project as shown on the plans on file with the City’s Public Works Department. Bids will be publicly opened on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

The contractor shall possess a Class A or C-8 Contractor’s License. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 9, Division III, of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California at the time the bid is submitted.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Capital Improvement Project No. 51605, which is filed with the City’s Public Works Department. Copies of these specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 9944 Flora Vista Street, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non refundable fee of \$17.00. Specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions.

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir.ca.gov.

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code (“PCC”) § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor’s request.

DATED this 27th day of June 2025.

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it poses no risk of environmental impact. The study will be funded entirely through the city’s Proposition A and C transportation reserves—restricted funds generated by a voter-approved county-wide sales tax. Cerritos currently has about \$3.9 million in those reserves, which are typically used to support city-operated transit services like Cerritos on Wheels and Dial-A-Ride. No money from the General Fund will be used for the study. City staff is also working to schedule a joint meeting with Metro and the Orange County Transportation Author-

ity to discuss the potential extension of the Southeast Gateway Line into Orange County, signaling broader regional ambitions for the project. The council is expected to adopt CEQA findings, authorize the contract, approve a budget amendment to allocate the funds, and give the city manager limited authority to approve future amendments. The decision marks a significant step in positioning Cerritos as a future player in regional rail connectivity between Los Angeles and Orange counties.

LEGAL NOTICES-YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW!

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. 25NWCP00299
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MISTY ROSE ALVARADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ROBERT ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ to BERT ALVARADO RODRIGUEZ. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date AUGUST 18, 2025, at the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650. A HEARING will be held AUGUST 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM., DEPT. R, ROOM 606. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25

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 (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAMEUNIT #

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

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

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Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www. storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAMEUNIT #

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ADRIAN STEVEN GUEVARAB221
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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca. 90706 on June 09, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.**

Miesha Stanford
Tonya Dennis

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

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 14, 2025, to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-34: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, Article 45, of the City of Artesia Municipal Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units to comply with recent changes in State Law, and finding the action to be statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Under Public Resources Code § 21080.17.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on January 21, 2025 and voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance.

Project Location: Citywide within residentially zoned districts and mixed use districts that allow residential uses.

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 wish to provide written comments, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, by 12:00 pm on the date of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.

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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Jennifer Alderete, Interim City Clerk at the above contacts. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title II).

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DOMINADOR M. ZULUETA
CASE NO. 25STPB06636
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DOMINADOR M. ZULUETA.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL B. ZULUETA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL B. ZULUETA 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 with limited authority. (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: 07/11/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a 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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SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: BPB-23-002902
NOTICE TO: (Aviso a) Jose Antonio Sanchez
FROM: (De) Isabel Perez, Executor
ESTATE OF: (Herencia de) Everado G. Sanchez
A court proceeding has been started which may affect your interests in the estate. Read the document delivered with this Summons. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file at this court a typewritten response if you want to be heard by the court.
A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to consider it. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose your right to participate in the proceeding or present your evidence. You will not receive another warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book) .
La corte ha comenzado a tramitar una acción judicial testamentaria que puede afectar sus intereses sucesorios. Lea el documento enviado con esta citación judicial.
Después de que le entreguen esta citación usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDARIOS para presentar en esta corte una respuesta escrita a máquina, si desea una audiencia ante la corte.
Una carta o una llamada telefónica no le ofrecerá protección; su respuesta escrita a máquina tiene que cumplir con las formalidades legales apropiadas si usted quiere que la corte considere su caso.
Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder su derecho a participar en el proceso judicial o a presentar sus pruebas. Usted no recibirá notificación adicional por parte de la corte.
Existen otros requisitos legales. Es posible que usted quiera llamar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogacía o a una oficina de ayuda legal (vea el directorio telefónico). The name and address of the COURT is: (El nombre y dirección de la CORTE es) Kern County Superior Court 2100 College Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93305
The name, address, and telephone number of the filing party's attorney, or the party without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del accionante, o del accionante que no tiene abogado, es) Katherine P. Smaul, Esq. 600 Hampshire Rd, Ste 211, Westlake Village, CA 91361 (805) 201-2552
DATE: (Fecha) 06/02/2025
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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.
[SEAL]
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO DETERMINE CLAIM TO PROPERTY
A petition has been filed asking the court to determine a claim to the property identified in 3, and a hearing on the petition has been set. Please refer to the petition for more information.
If you have a claim to the property described in 3, you may attend the hearing and object or respond to the petition. If you do not want to attend the hearing, you may also file a written response before the hearing.
If you do not respond to the petition or attend the hearing, the court may make orders affecting ownership of the property without your input. 1. NOTICE is given that: Isabel Perez, Executor, has filed a petition entitled: Petition to 1. Establish Estate's Claim of Ownership to Property and For Order et al. under Probate Code section 850 asking for a court order determining a claim or claims to the property described in 3.
2. A HEARING on the petition will be held as follows: Jul 10m 2025 at 8:30am in Dept.: J-1 at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305
3. The Property that is subject of the petition is:
2513 Travers Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040
APN: 6334-014-003
4. In addition to seeking to recover the property described in 3, the petition also alleges and seeks relief for bad faith conduct, undue influence in bad faith, or elder or dependent adult financial abuse. The petition describes these allegations in detail. Based on the allegations, the petition seeks to recover
twice the value of the property described in 3 and requests that the court award attorney's fees and costs to the petitioner.(Prob. Code, §859.)
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COMMERCE COMMUNITY NEWS

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 7/17/2025 at 10:00 AM. Elizabeth Merritt; Saul Ivan Preza Mundo; Armando Rubalcava; Citlaly Mirna Cerezo; Maria Alicia Rodriguez; Jose Castellanos; Rosa Angelica Reyes Cervantes; Rene Flores; Barbara Lynn Kolb; Grecia Solis Martinez; Gustavo Ibarra; Josue Enoc Villareal; Andrew Anguiano; Manuel Gutierrez; Nuvia Monserratt Sillas; Maria Alicia Rodriguez; Euridice Richardson; Anthony Romeo Diaz; Margarita Olwen; Liliana Santiago; Maria del Carmen de la Torre; Jessica Aguirre. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice US Storage Centers - Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Avenue Cerritos CA 90703 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 7/17/2025 at 10:00 AM. Delilah Romero Ma; Ma Josephine Edalin Basilio; Kimberly Dawn Migliaccio; Anthony Abel Huerta; Abraham Juarez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2025113705 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UPLEVEL BUSINES SERVICES 2. UPLEVEL SERVICES, 9900 Lakewood Blvd Ste 206, Downey, CA 90240, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, Articles of Incorporation Number: 4324798. Registered Owner(s): GELFUSO ENTERPRISES, INC., 9900 Lakewood Blvd Ste 206, Downey, CA 90240. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2018. /S/ GELFUSO ENTERPRISES, INC.; CEO; CHRISTOPHER GELFUSO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/4/2025. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PLACE 2025-26
DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES ON THE
PROPERTY TAX ROLL
The City of Artesia intends to collect delinquent solid waste service charges on the tax roll at the same time as the general taxes of the City.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City Council of the City of Artesia has caused a written report to be prepared and filed with the City Clerk regarding the City's delinquent solid waste service charges for fiscal year 2025-2026. Such report contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving solid waste services furnished by the City and the amount of the delinquent charges for each parcel for fiscal year 2025-2026.
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. the Artesia City Council will conduct a public hearing on the above described report and the placement of the delinquent solid waste charges on the property tax roll. At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the reports and the placement of the charges on the property tax roll. The hearing will be located at the Artesia City Hall Council Chambers, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701. The report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk at 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 and available upon request.
If you wish to provide written comments, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk's Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, by 12:00 pm on the date of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Artesia City Clerk's Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2025114677
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LIFEKIT KIDS, 11549 GONSALVES ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
REGISTERED OWNER: MUCHWELL LLC, 11549 GONSALVES ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703.
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 06/2025.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) / S / MUCHWELL LLC; CEO; ROSSELL ROBLES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/05/2025. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Busine 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2025119544
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PROJECT-NURSERY, 2108 N STE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.
REGISTERED OWNER: CHELLA BABY LLC, 2108 N ST STE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816.
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) / S / CHELLA BABY LLC; MANAGING MEMBER; GOUTHAM BALARAMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/12/2025.
In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2025120598
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, 622 DAWSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
REGISTERED OWNER: GUILLERMO HOBELMAN, 622 DAWSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814, AND JAMES HOBELMAN, 622 DAWSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814.
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A MARRIED COUPLE.
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 02/2024.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) / S / GUILLERMO HOBELMAN; PARTNER; GUILLERMO HOBELMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/13/2025.
In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CAROL M FALVEY CASE NO. 25STPB06683
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CAROL M FALVEY: A PETITION FOR PROBATE HAS BEEN FILED BY JEFF VANACORE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, IN THE PROBATE COURT AT THE STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.
The Petition for Probate requests that JEFF VANACORE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests that 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 with full authority. (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: JULY 22, 2025 AT 8:30 AM IN DEPT. 29, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, IN THE PROBATE COURT AT THE STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE. 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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