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## COMMUNITY UNITES TO BEAUTIFY ARTESIA TRAIL

**OVER 50** volunteers gathered on Saturday, August 2, 2025, to plant over 450 shrubs and groundcover. The event was organized by Artesia's Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments and focused on the trail segment between 183rd Street and 186th Street. Picture courtesy city of Artesia.

## Honest Abe Gets the Boot as U.S. Dumps the Penny

By Laurie Hanson

There will soon be no more pennies in circulation in the U.S.A. starting next year. Pennies will be phased out and become a thing of the past, as their production will end in 2026, according to The Wall Street Journal, which published an article on this in May.

The government stated in February that the coinage will end this year as a budgetary cost-saving measure. The U.S. Mint reported it lost \$85.3 million producing 3.2 billion pennies during the 2024 fiscal year, according to its 2024 annual report. The Mint, along with the U.S. Treasury, announced the last order for pennies has already been taken, as confirmed by The Wall Street Journal, CNN, MSN,

and Business Insider.

The penny was first introduced in 1793, exactly one year after the U.S. authorized the Mint, according to the U.S. Mint. It will come to an end after 233 years in production. When it was first produced, the coin featured an image of a woman with flowing hair symbolizing liberty. The first president to appear on the coin was Abraham Lincoln in 1909, in honor of his 100th birthday.

Because it costs more to produce a penny than it's worth—and because the penny is used less and less as a form of currency—it is being phased out. Prices will therefore be rounded to the nearest nickel for cash transactions, while cashless transactions will still use exact change. As it stands, fewer than one in

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## Will Your Local Library Survive the Federal Broadband Blackout?

LCCN Staff Report

LA MIRADA – For the past decade, California's public libraries have quietly undergone a digital transformation. Through a partnership with the California-based nonprofit CENIC and the state-funded CalREN broadband network, nearly 1,000 libraries across the state—including those in cities like La Mirada, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, and Norwalk—have been plugged into high-speed internet once reserved for top-tier research universities.

But that lifeline may soon be severed.

In March, President Trump issued an executive order targeting

seven independent federal agencies for elimination, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)—the only federal agency solely dedicated to library funding. Simultaneously, the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 federal budget calls for the complete elimination of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which underpins digital equity programs across the country. Worse yet, the critical E-rate program—responsible for helping schools and libraries afford broadband—is under legal review by the U.S. Supreme Court, putting hundreds of millions of dollars in funding in limbo.

The consequences could be devastating, especially in work-

[ See LIBRARY, page 14 ]

By Brian Hews

ARTESIA, CA – More than 50 volunteers gathered on Saturday, August 2, 2025, to plant over 450 shrubs and groundcover along the Artesia Historical Trail, kicking off the first phase of a major city-led beautification project.

Organized by the City of Artesia's Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments, the event focused on the trail segment between 183rd Street and 186th Street. Volunteers included local residents, city staff, Council Members, Strong Towns Artesia, the AJ Padelford Park Teen Group, and representatives from the city employee union.

"This trail represents our city's history and future," said Mayor Ali Taj. "It's inspiring to see our community come together to transform this space into something beautiful that everyone can enjoy. We're grateful to the volunteers for their hard work and dedication."

"This initiative reflects the power of community involvement," added Mayor Pro Tem Rene Trevino. "The progress made along the trail is a testament to what we can achieve when we come together with a shared vision of improving public spaces."

More than 450 native and drought-tolerant plants were installed, including purple hopseed, fern pines, trailing lantana, and dwarf bottle brush, all sourced locally from Army's Garden in Cerritos.

The effort is part of a larger beautification initiative that will continue through spring 2026, with more plantings and enhancements planned along the entire trail corridor.

Those interested in participating or supporting future events can contact Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager, at [esanchez@cityofartesia.us](mailto:esanchez@cityofartesia.us).

## Pico Rivera Advances Major Park Projects with Over \$5 Million in New Funding

The city received a \$1.05 million federal HUD Community Funding grant secured by Rep. Linda Sánchez for Passons Active Depot.

By Brian Hews

Pico Rivera is moving full steam ahead on several ambitious park and open space projects, fueled by more than \$5 million in recently secured state and federal funding.

The initiatives include a significant expansion of the Passons Active Depot (PAD) Park, a redesign of Historic Whittier Boulevard as a walkable corridor through the Los Paseos project, and two proposed new parks in underserved neighborhoods.

At its July 21 meeting, the City Council unanimously accepted multiple grants and authorized staff to proceed with funding agreements, budget adjustments, and local match contributions to advance the projects. Passons Active Depot Park – Phase 2 Gets \$4 Million Boost

The most significant infusion of capital is going toward Phase 2 of the Passons Active Depot (PAD) Park. The City received a \$1.05 million federal HUD Community Project Funding grant secured by Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, on top of a previously executed \$3 million grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC). Together, the grants will fund significant improvements to the popular green space located in the heart of the

[ See PICO RIVERA, page 4 ]

## Norwalk: 67% Drop in Unsheltered Homelessness



**OUTREACH:** Norwalk credits outreach and housing support programs for the sharp decline. Much of the work is conducted through Norwalk's Homeless Operations Prevention & Engagement (H.O.P.E.) Team.

By Brian Hews

The number of unsheltered individuals in Norwalk has dropped by 67% since 2024, according to the recently released 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The city also reported a 45% reduction in observed encampments during the same period.

Officials attribute the decline to consistent outreach efforts, expanded housing navigation services, and targeted case management led by the city's Social Services Department. Since 2024, more than 150 individuals experiencing homelessness have been connected to supportive services, with 108 successfully transitioning into housing.

Much of the work is conducted through Norwalk's Homeless Operations Prevention & Engagement (H.O.P.E.) Team is

a collaboration between social workers, public safety outreach personnel, and public services staff. The team conducts regu-

[ See NORWALK, page 13 ]

## Norwalk Lifts Ban on Housing Projects

The Norwalk City Council voted on August 5 to amend and extend its existing moratorium on certain types of land uses within the city, lifting the ban on housing-related projects while continuing restrictions on select commercial developments for another year.

The amendment removes emergency shelters, single-room occupancy units, supportive housing, and transitional housing from the list of prohibited

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**Elected Officials Attend Pakistan Independence Day Celebration**



**SUPERVISOR HAHN** with other dignitaries, including Torrance council member Asam Sheikh (2nd from left), California State Treasure Fiona Ma (3rd from left), and L.A. County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, far right.

**Ono Hawaiian BBQ Headed to Cerritos Towne Center**

The Cerritos Towne Center has seen some changes recently, including the addition of Tokyo Central and the loss of Romano's Macaroni Grill.

By Brian Hews



**CERRITOS** — Ono Hawaiian BBQ, the popular family-owned fast-casual chain known for its island-style plate lunches, is preparing to open a new location at the Cerritos Towne Center, located at 12731 Towne Center Drive.

The chain, which has been expanding rapidly across Southern California, was recently featured in *\*What Now San Diego\** for its new sites in San Diego County, including a Clairemont opening. Now, the company is bringing its signature Hawaiian comfort food to the heart of Cerritos. Although the specific suite within the shopping center has not been confirmed, Ono Hawaiian BBQ is expected to join the center's diverse mix of food and retail tenants.

Cerritos Towne Center has seen several changes in recent months. Tokyo Central, a Japanese supermarket concept operated by the same parent company as Marukai, is currently preparing to take over the space formerly occupied by Pacific Sales. Meanwhile, longtime tenant Romano's Macaroni Grill, one of the center's original restaurants since its opening in 1992, closed permanently just days ago after more than 30 years in operation.

When Ono Hawaiian BBQ opens its doors, customers can expect a menu of freshly prepared, island-inspired dishes such as Chicken Katsu, BBQ Beef, Kalua Pork, and Spam Musubi, served with rice, macaroni salad, and vegetables. The restaurant also offers family-style meals, Aloha Plate combos, and Keiki (kids) meals, all in a casual, welcoming setting.

The addition of Ono Hawaiian BBQ is expected to further enhance the Towne Center's evolving dining scene.

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**LCCN Staff Report**

Torrance~Charles H. Wilson Park came alive with music, food, and cultural pride as the City of Torrance hosted a celebration honoring Pakistan's Independence Day. The event drew hundreds of attendees and several prominent elected officials.

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma was among the dignitaries in attendance, joining Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, and Torrance City Councilmember Asam Sheikh for the festivities. The celebration, organized by the Pakistan American Chamber of Commerce with

support from the Pakistan Consulate, featured traditional music and dance performances, food vendors, and family-friendly activities.

Councilmember Sheikh, who was born in Lahore, welcomed guests and emphasized the importance of cultural unity. State Treasurer Ma and Supervisor Hahn both praised the event for fostering inclusion and spotlighting the contributions of Pakistani Americans throughout Southern California.

The festival continues to grow as a signature cultural event in Torrance, bringing together diverse communities in a spirit of celebration and shared heritage.

**Ice Cream With a Deputy Aug. 14**

Bring the family and enjoy a sweet summertime treat with Lakewood Sheriff Station Deputies and Lakewood Public Safety Department staff at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14 at Crazy Delights La Michoacana.

The "Ice Cream with a Deputy" event is part of Lakewood's long-standing efforts to offer great public safety service to residents and build close relations between residents and public safety personnel. Crazy Delights La Michoacana is located at 4031 Hardwick St. near Hobby Lobby, across from Lakewood Center.

**Artesia Events**

**'Traffic Calming' Event**

Join Artesia officials and residents for a fun and interactive Traffic Calming Pop-Up Event on August 9 from 9am - 1pm.

Event locations: 186th & Clarkdale Ave. 186th St. & Elaine Ave. Elaine Ave. & Droxford St. Grayland Ave., between

186th St. & South St.

The City will be demonstrating street design options to help slow down traffic and make Artesia's streets safer for everyone.

**Bulky Item Collection**

The third bulky item drop-off of the year is scheduled for August 16th from 9am to 12pm at Artesia Park, located at 18750 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia. Residents are encouraged to bring old mattresses, patio furniture, appliances, electronic waste, and other large items for free disposal.

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# Cerritos to Hold Open House on Bloomfield & South St. Rezoning Plan

By Brian Hews

Cerritos will host a second community open house to discuss the potential rezoning of the commercial shopping center located at the southwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and South Street.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center, Aspen Pine Room, 12340 South Street.

The proposed rezoning, initiated by the city, would allow the site to accommodate a mix of commercial and residential uses. City officials say the effort aims to reimagine the long-standing retail space in response to shifting land use needs and evolving community priorities.

The upcoming open house follows a previous session held on June 18, which drew feedback from area residents and stakeholders. The city is now inviting additional public comment and engagement before any formal action is taken.

Notices of the meeting have been mailed to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of the site.

According to a memo from City Manager Robert A. Lopez, the open house is informational in nature, and members of



**COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL:** Cerritos will host a second community open house to discuss the potential rezoning of the commercial shopping center located at the southwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and South Street, above.

the public are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their perspectives.

Elected and appointed officials, including members of the City Council, may attend only as observers.

To comply with the Brown Act and avoid any potential violations of fair hearing requirements, officials have been advised not to discuss the proposed rezoning or engage with one another during the

event.

Feedback collected during the open house will be summarized and presented to the City Council at a later date, should the rezoning move forward into the formal discretionary review process.

For more information, residents may contact the City Manager's office at (562) 860-0311 or visit [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov).

## La Mirada Receives Award for Housing Outreach Program

LCCN Staff Report

La Mirada has been recognized for its efforts to engage the community on housing issues, receiving the Award of Merit in Communication Initiative and Outreach from the American Planning Association's Los Angeles Section.

The award honors the city's "La Mirada Housing for All – Outreach and Educational Plan," a program designed to inform residents about key housing topics, including the state-mandated Housing Element and related housing legislation.

The program was cited for its accessible educational approach and emphasis on

public participation. The award was presented during the APA Los Angeles 2025 Awards Gala held in June.

The APA is a national professional organization that represents urban and regional planners across the United States. The APA promotes best practices in land use, housing, transportation, environmental sustainability, and engagement.

The APA recognizes local planning excellence through its annual awards program.

Members of La Mirada's Community Development team were in attendance to accept the honor on behalf of the city.

"This recognition highlights the importance of meaningful community outreach in planning for La Mirada's future," said Community Development Director Manny Muñoz.

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City.

The PAD Park expansion will build on Phase 1 improvements and further transform the former industrial area along Passons Boulevard into a vibrant public park. While design specifics have not yet been released, the project will likely include expanded recreational amenities, environmental restoration, and multi-modal trail connections. The City will also provide \$125,000 in in-kind staff time and appropriate \$300,000 from its PRIME fund to satisfy the RMC match requirement.

**Historic Whittier Boulevard**

**Los Paseos Project**

A second federally funded project aims to bring new life to one of Pico Rivera's most iconic corridors. The City accepted an \$850,000 HUD grant, also secured by Rep. Sánchez, to fund Phase 1 of the Historic Whittier Boulevard Los Paseos Project. The initiative, which carries the Spanish word for "walks" in its title, envisions a redesigned boulevard that emphasizes pedestrian comfort, safety, and aesthetics.

City officials plan to use the funding to enhance sidewalks, improve landscaping, and possibly introduce public art, wayfinding, and shaded seating. The goal is to create a welcoming, walkable spine through the City's cultural and commercial heart. Pico Rivera is contributing \$200,000 from its PRIME fund and providing an additional \$50,000 in in-kind labor to meet the grant's local match requirement.

**Two New Parks in the Works:**

**El Mercado and Durfee ACE Site**

Looking ahead, Pico Rivera is positioning itself for additional federal support to build two brand-new parks: one at El Mercado and another on land acquired through the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) freight rail grade separation project on Durfee Avenue.

The Council approved the submission of two applications to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Land and Water Conservation Fund program. If awarded, the grants would help fund the design and construction of public parks in areas currently lacking open space. Both projects aim to activate underutilized parcels with amenities that could include playgrounds, shaded seating, walking paths, and potentially community gathering spaces.

"These parks will continue to close the equity gap in park access across the city," said city officials in the agenda materials.

The El Mercado site, located near a neighborhood commercial hub, and the Durfee Avenue parcel, a remnant from infrastructure improvements, are strategically chosen to serve high-need areas. No local match amount was specified in the application phase, but grant requirements will likely include both financial and in-kind commitments.

**Open Space**

**Momentum Builds**

These projects are part of a broader effort by Pico Rivera to enhance its park system and green infrastructure as the City implements its Pico Rivera Urban Renaissance vision. In addition to these park projects, the City also accepted a \$700,000 Caltrans grant to update its General Plan, which will likely include updated policies on park access, environmental resilience, and active transportation.

Combined, the efforts signal Pico Rivera's intention to invest in quality of life, health, and environmental equity for its residents, particularly in areas previously underserved by open space.

Pico Rivera Mayor John Garcia told LCCN, "Our City Council and I are proud to announce a bold new chapter in Pico Rivera's investment in parks, green space, and community connectivity. With more than \$5 million in new state and federal funding, we are delivering on our promise to create a healthier, more livable city for all residents—especially those in his-

torically underserved areas. The Phase 2 expansion of Passons Active Depot Park, powered by generous support from Congresswoman Linda Sánchez and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, represents a transformational investment in our City's recreational heart. Likewise, the Los Paseos project will help breathe new life into Historic Whittier Boulevard, turning it into a vibrant, walkable cultural corridor that reflects the soul of Pico Rivera. Looking ahead, the proposed parks at El Mercado and the Durfee ACE site reflect our commitment to equity in access to public space. These projects will activate currently underutilized land with new opportunities for families to gather, children to play, and neighbors to connect. On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank our federal and state partners for their support of our vision. Together, we are building a greener, stronger, and more connected Pico Rivera."

"The vision set forth by our Mayor and City Council, coupled with the tireless work of City staff and the invaluable support of our partners like Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and our federal and state funding agencies, continues to deliver meaningful results for our community," Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona told LCCN. "It's one thing to have a vision, but it's far more impactful when you execute on it, and these park projects are a testament to that commitment. Together, we are creating spaces where children can play, residents can gather, and neighborhoods can thrive for generations to come."

**Lakewood Resident Mary Alonzo Celebrates 100 Remarkable Years**



**CENTENNIAL:** Vice Mayor Jeff Wood (right) and Council Member Steve Croft were on hand to honor Mary Alonzo's centennial milestone.

**LCCN Staff Report**

**LAKEWOOD, CA** – Surrounded by friends, family, and city leaders, longtime Lakewood resident Mary Alonzo celebrated her 100th birthday on Friday, August 1 at the Weingart Senior Center.

Vice Mayor Jeff Wood and Council Member Steve Croft were on hand to honor Mary's centennial milestone, presenting her with a special city proclamation recognizing her life and legacy in the Lakewood community.

Mary and her late husband, Felix Alonzo, raised their four children in Lakewood and were part of the city's early growth. Mary was one of the original employees at the May Company and became known for her daily walks to and from work—long before fitness trackers made it trendy.

Congratulations to Mary on reaching 100 wonderful years. Her story is a testament to the strength and spirit of the Lakewood community.



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five payments are made in cash, with the majority completed through other forms of currency, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Despite ending production, the penny will remain legal tender in the United States. With more than \$1 billion in pennies currently in circulation, they can still be used or exchanged, according to NPR.

A single penny is costly to make at 3.7 cents per coin, while the nickel costs even more at 13.8 cents to produce. The cost of producing both coins has steadily increased over the past decade.

President Trump ultimately called the penny's minting "wasteful" and directed the Treasury Secretary to discontinue its production. The U.S. Mint confirmed the \$85.3 million loss in producing 3.2 billion pennies during fiscal year 2024.

If you still have a jar or piggy bank full of pennies, some might be worth more than face value. Rare wheat pennies, in particular, may be valuable if they contain specific minting errors. A few rare 1943 copper Lincoln wheat pennies have been estimated to be worth up to \$1 million. These copper coins were mistakenly minted during World War II, when the U.S. was supposed to switch to zinc to conserve copper for the war effort, explained John Feigenbaum, publisher of the rare coin price guide Greysheet.

"There are million-dollar pennies, but there are no 100 million pennies," said Donn Pearlman, spokesman for the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG), a nonprofit organization composed of many of the nation's leading rare coin experts. "Only a few Lincoln cents dated 1909 to 1958 with the wheat stalks design on the back ('wheat pennies') have sold for \$1 million or more."

To determine whether a penny is rare, you can search online or reach out to the American Numismatic Association (ANA), a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting coin collecting and numismatics. You can also consult the NGC Coin online database or have coins professionally appraised. A list of ANA-certified coin appraisers is available at [coin-dealer-directory.money.org](http://coin-dealer-directory.money.org).

Most pennies will, of course, be worth only their face value. To make use of what you have, pennies can still be rolled and deposited at banks, exchanged at Coinstar machines, or donated to local charities.

The U.S. now joins several countries that have already phased out their one-cent coins, including Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, according to NPR.

For more information about the phasing out of the U.S. penny, visit [[www.wsj.com/finance/penny-coin-mint-ending-2026](http://www.wsj.com/finance/penny-coin-mint-ending-2026)](<https://www.wsj.com/finance/penny-coin-mint-ending-2026>).

**Cerritos-Artesia Rotary Club Hosting Shrimp Boil Benefit on October 19**

Get ready to crack some shells and support a good cause—because the Cerritos-Artesia Rotary Club is bringing back its popular Shrimp Boil & Benefit fundraiser on Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Artesia, California.

For just \$60, guests will enjoy an all-you-can-eat seafood feast in an indoor air-conditioned venue with parking. The mouthwatering menu features shrimp (Cajun or garlic butter style), corn, potatoes, sausage, and pulled pork sliders. Drinks—including beer, wine, and lemonade—are included with admission.

Beyond the food, the event also

**La Palma Responds to Grand Jury Report on Short-Term Rentals**

**LCCN Staff Report**

The City of La Palma has responded to a report from the Orange County Grand Jury that looked at how cities are dealing with short-term rentals, like those found on Airbnb and other booking sites. In a letter sent on August 5, 2025, Mayor Mark Waldman explained how the city sees the issue and what actions it plans to take.

La Palma agreed with most of the Grand Jury's findings. The city acknowledged that short-term rentals have been a long-standing issue, and despite vigorous enforcement and city rules, some rentals continue to operate under the radar. Officials also agreed that collecting all taxes from these rentals can be challenging—especially when people book directly with owners or use websites that aren't in English. La Palma also noted that big upcoming events, like the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics, could lead to a spike in short-term rentals.

Right now, La Palma only has nine permitted short-term rentals, and there isn't a waiting list for more. The city checks its permits every year and believes it has a good handle on what's happening.

The city agreed to follow most of the recommendations from the Grand Jury. These include improving how it tracks and collects taxes from short-term rentals, ensuring owners report their rental frequency, and conducting audits to verify correct tax payment. City staff will also start planning for the expected increase in short-term rentals during the upcoming major events.

One recommendation the city didn't agree to follow was related to managing a waiting list, because La Palma doesn't currently have one. Another suggestion—to update the city's short-term rental rules by the end of 2025—was pushed back a year due to limited staff and the small number of permits issued. The city now plans to review the rules by the end of 2026.

La Palma also plans to begin regular meetings with other cities to share ideas and strategies for managing short-term rentals. These meetings will start in January 2026 and happen twice a year through a city committee made up of council members and staff.

Mayor Waldman signed the letter, saying the city is committed to staying on top of the issue and keeping its short-term rental program fair and effective.

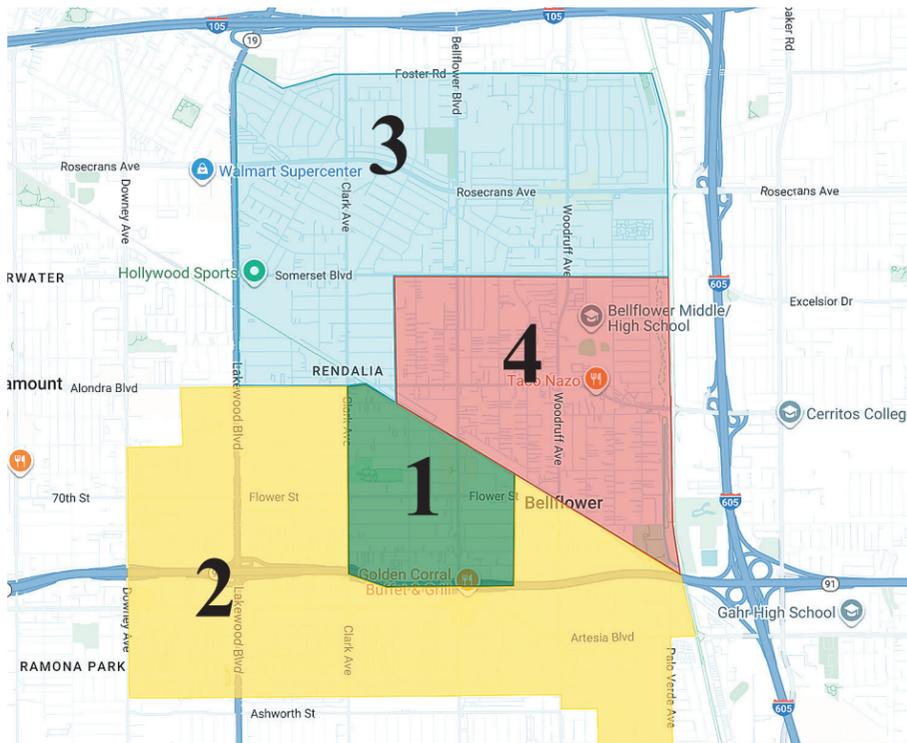
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**BELLFLOWER CONNECT** is being rolled out in four phases over 18 months. Applications are currently being processed for residents living in Phases 1 and 2.

Bellflower is offering free in-home broadband modems to qualifying residents as part of its ambitious new "Bellflower Connect" program—an initiative designed to close the digital divide and provide reliable internet access citywide.

Eligible households can now apply for a high-speed modem that connects directly to a private outdoor wireless signal, delivering fast, no-cost internet access directly into the home. The free service is being offered to residents who meet at least one of the following criteria: they live in a qualified census tract, participate in a government assistance program, or fall within household income limits.

"Bellflower Connect" is being rolled

out in four phases over 18 months, using a network of wired and wireless technologies to serve residents, businesses, and visitors. The system is being installed and maintained in partnership with Tradewinds Networks Inc. City officials report that applications are currently being processed for residents living in Phases 1 and 2.

For households that do not qualify for the free program, the city and its partners are offering affordable broadband plans to ensure that every Bellflower resident and business has access to reliable internet.

*Residents can check their eligibility and apply online at [www.bellflower.ca.gov/connect](http://www.bellflower.ca.gov/connect).*



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## La Palma Reschedules Festival of Nations for September 20 After Spring Washout

LCCN Staff Report

La Palma's signature cultural celebration, the "Festival of Nations", is back on the calendar after a weather-related cancellation this spring. The City Council unanimously approved rescheduling the event for "Saturday, September 20, 2025", along with vendor contracts and street closures to support the long-anticipated festival and parade.

Originally set for April 26, the event was canceled due to heavy rain and safety concerns. At the May 6 council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Nitesh Patel requested staff to explore rescheduling options. After confirming availability with vendors and parade participants, staff proposed the September date, which received strong support from both council and the community.

During the July 9 meeting, the council approved a "\$37,404 agreement with James Events Productions, Inc.", the city's longtime provider of carnival rides, game booths, and attractions. The contract reflects a 10% discount and will cover the full range of family-friendly entertainment at Central Park.

In addition to the festival, the popular "Festival of Nations Parade" will return, requiring temporary street closures along "Walker Street from Conifer Drive to La Palma Avenue and Houston Avenue", as well as several adjacent residential roads. The council adopted a resolution authorizing the closures, which will be posted in advance in compliance with state and local regulations.

The total estimated cost of the rescheduled event, including staff time, police and public works support, is "approximately \$50,000"—a figure already accounted for in the city's "adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget".

Though one resident urged postponing the event until 2026 to allow for more preparation time, other members of the public spoke in support of holding it this fall, citing the festival's importance as a celebration of La Palma's diverse community and its 70th anniversary as a city.

"This is La Palma's premier event," said Mayor Pro Tem Patel, who championed the rescheduling effort. "It's a celebration of culture, community, and connection—and after the cancellation in April, our residents deserve the chance to come together."

The city is expected to begin promotion and outreach immediately, with plans to re-engage parade groups and cultural performers who had previously committed.

## Da' Hawaii Seniors Club Hosts Annual Picnic at Liberty Park

By Edna Ethington

Seventy-two members and guests of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club gathered at Liberty Park in Cerritos on August 2, 2025, for the club's Annual Potluck Picnic, held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Club President Carmelita Tionson opened the event at 11:10 a.m., welcoming everyone and inviting David Ethington to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Danny Chang and Calvin Kunimoto followed with a heartfelt rendition of Hawai'i Pono'i, and Edna Ethington recognized August birthday celebrants, including David Ethington and Frances McCormick. Guests joined in singing "Happy Birthday" in both English and Hawaiian.

Program Vice President Loke Manetta then invited attendees to help themselves to a generous spread of potluck dishes, including main courses, salads, sushi, and desserts—all lovingly prepared by members. As everyone enjoyed their meal, Liberty Santiago and Anne Ohara led the Raffle Committee in handing out prize drawings. With so much food prepared, many members left with take-home containers.

After lunch, entertainment began with a lively performance by the Hanabi Taiko



**GOOD LUCK!** Members and guests seen here holding envelopes with lottery tickets as a thank you from the Da' Hawaii Seniors Club for their food donations and help.

Drum Group, led by Julie Koga. The group, together for six years, showcased three unique styles of precision drumming, using combinations of two, four, or all six members. They posed for a group photo after their set.

Additional performances included club members of Na' Kupunawahine, who performed two hulas: Papalina Lahi Lahi and God Bless the USA. The Angklung Group of Cerritos, under the direction of Ann Kho, performed songs in both Indonesian and English on their bamboo instruments. Ann also sang a solo performance of "Circle of Life."

President Carmelita closed the program with a prayer of thanks to God and to all who donated food and drinks. She invit-

ed the Picnic Committee and those who decorated tables with plumeria, hibiscus flowers, and other Hawaiian touches to the stage, thanking them for their contributions. As a final gesture, Carmelita handed out 35 lottery tickets to guests, courtesy of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club.

Carmelita reminded everyone that there will be no regular meeting on August 21. Instead, a special meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center. A guest speaker will present information on Long Term Care with MEDI-CAL—different from MEDI-MEDI—and how it can help with asset protection for those who qualify. Those interested should RSVP with Carmelita at 562-305-7995.

## Health: Stem Cell Therapy Offers Hope for Type 1 Diabetes

LCCN Staff Report

Stem cell therapy has shown significant promise in treating severe cases of type 1 diabetes, according to a new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at the 2025 American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions in Chicago. The therapy, known as zimislecel - also called VX-880 - was developed by Vertex Pharmaceuticals and targets patients with hypoglycemic unawareness, a condition in which individuals are unable to detect dangerously low blood sugar levels.

The study involved 12 participants who received a one-time infusion of stem cell-derived, fully differentiated insulin-producing islet cells into the portal vein of the liver.

All participants required lifelong immunosuppressive medication to prevent rejection of the transplanted cells. Within 90 days of infusion, participants reported no further severe hypoglycemic events. By six months, most showed dramatically improved blood sugar



**ZIMISLECEL** stem-cell therapy targeting type 1 diabetes cells.

control, and by one year, 10 out of 12 participants had stopped using insulin entirely.

Researchers measured success using C-peptide levels, which confirmed that all patients had functioning insulin-producing cells. Hemoglobin A1C levels dropped to below 7 percent for all participants, and each maintained more than 70 percent of their blood glucose readings within the target range of 70 to 180 mg/dL.

The trial did report two participant deaths: one from cryptococcal meningitis and another from progressive

dementia. Both were deemed unrelated to the therapy.

The treatment is the result of over two decades of research, largely initiated by Dr. Doug Melton of Harvard University, who began working on stem cell therapy after both of his children were diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals licensed the discovery and has since expanded clinical trials.

Vertex is now enrolling patients in a larger phase 3 trial across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Europe. Regulatory submissions for FDA approval are expected in 2026 if results continue to hold.

Researchers caution that despite its promise, the treatment still requires patients to remain on immunosuppressants, which carry their own risks, including infections and long-term health complications.

This therapy, if ultimately approved, could mark a turning point in the management—and possible cure—of type 1 diabetes for those with the most severe and life-threatening complications.

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## Republicans Suddenly Hate Gerrymandering— But They Voted Unanimously in 2021 to Keep It Legal

By Brian Hews

Stop me if you've heard this one before: Republicans gerrymander a state into oblivion, then scream bloody murder when blue states push back.

That's exactly what's happening right now in Texas, where GOP lawmakers—egged on by Trump's fantasy math about "five more seats"—are attempting a mid-decade redistricting power grab that would give Republicans even more congressional real estate. It's a blatant political land grab wrapped in the usual "protect election integrity" nonsense.

But now that blue states like New York, Illinois, and California are responding with tougher redistricting maps of their own—using the exact same tools—suddenly Republicans are clutching their pearls, sobbing about the horrors of partisan gerrymandering.

Cue the crocodile tears.

Let's rewind to 2021, when Democrats introduced a sweeping piece of legislation called the For the People Act (H.R.1), which included a federal ban on partisan gerrymandering. It was a clear, direct attempt to bring national standards to congressional redistricting and end the exact kind of map-rigging we're now seeing in Texas. Later that year, after Senate obstruction, Democrats introduced a scaled-down version known as the Freedom to Vote Act, which preserved the anti-gerrymandering provisions.

When H.R.1 came up for a vote in the House on March 3, 2021, it passed on a party-line basis: 220 Democrats voted yes. Every single Republican—all 210 of them—voted no. Not one crossed the aisle to support ending gerrymandering.

The same thing happened when the Freedom to Vote Act hit the Senate. Democrats supported it; Republicans filibustered it into oblivion. And that was that. The GOP had their chance to end gerrymandering once and for all. They chose not to.

So for Republicans to now whine about "Democrat gerrymanders" is beyond rich. It's hypocrisy at scale. It's like setting the house on fire and suing the neighbor for using the hose.

This isn't about fairness for the GOP. It's about control. They loved gerrymandering when it tilted the playing field red. But the moment it starts swinging blue—suddenly it's a "constitutional crisis."

Nope. This is what you signed up for.

You had a chance to pass federal redistricting reform. You voted it down. Now you get to lie in the misshapen, gerrymandered bed you made—along with your weird L-shaped districts and your imaginary majorities.

Don't like the heat? Maybe next time don't vote against the fire extinguisher.

## From the Mayor's Desk: August 8, 2025

By Cerritos Mayor  
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama



Cerritos Mayor  
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

The role of our community is paramount to how the City of Cerritos serves, grows, and thrives. Your participation at our events and feedback on our services help make us better and represent the City's Strategic Plan theme: Cerritos in Progress.

This summer, there have been numerous ways for you and your family to get involved and aid in that progress, and you've delivered. Just yesterday, deputies and staff with the Cerritos Sheriff's Station and City's Community Safety Division greeted guests at Heritage Park for the annual National Night Out. This community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

This week, the City also wrapped up another successful season of the Family Entertainment Showcase. Family Nights and Concerts Under the Stars occur each Tuesday and Thursday during the months June, July, and August, offering people of all ages multiple ways to be active in the arts.

On July 4, it was great to see thousands join us at the Civic Center for our annual Let Freedom Ring celebration, which featured a bell-ringing ceremony, fireworks, and games. In June, many gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cerritos Library's Summer Reading Program. This was also the month I delivered the State of the City address to some 325 people inside the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, where I first shared our Cerritos in Progress theme.

Needless to say it has been a tremendous summer in Cerritos, packed with entertaining and informative events. I'm grateful to our City of Cerritos staff who coordinate and manage these activities. Our City is also fortunate to have an outstanding group of volunteers who help take these events and services to another level. That is why I was recently honored to join in celebrating their contributions to our community. In 2024, these dedicated individuals combined to provide an astounding 17,000-plus hours of service to our Library, Sheriff's Station, Senior Center, and Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

As school resumes and the fall nears, I invite you to remain active in our community and stay tuned for new activities and information sessions. Thank you for helping Cerritos progress by attending our events, through your volunteerism, and with your feedback.

## Newsom Flouts Political Truism: 'Don't Fight Battles You Can't Win'

By Thomas Elias

The California Department of Education estimates that fewer than 10 transgender high school athletes were among the 6 million students who participated in California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sports last year.

For college level sports in California, transgender athletes were also in single digits during the last school year.

So why is the state putting more than \$6 billion in federal education grants at risk by inviting the Trump administration to challenge a state law that federal Attorney Gen. Pam Bondi claims violates the rights of girl athletes, who she says are now forced to compete against biological males?

Of course, there is some question whether transgender girls fully retain their native male physical strength and physiques once they've undergone the hormonal and other treatment needed to render them trans.

None of this seems to matter much to anyone in this completely unnecessary battle.

The fight, in fact, seems to be a knee-jerk reaction by Gov. Gavin Newsom and his choice for state Attorney General, Rob Bonta, who have filed more than two dozen lawsuits against Trump administration actions, augmented by about a dozen amicus briefs filed to support lawsuits from other states.



**FIGHT?** Newsom and Bonta battle with Trump could cost the state \$6 billion in funds.

Courtesy Politico

But this one appears to put too much at risk for the sake of supposed rights granted by California to very few people.

The state was given 10 days in July to respond to a federal holding that allowing transgender athletes to compete in CIF events (only one competed in a championship competition last spring) violates Title IX, a 1972 federal law against sex-based discrimination in any education program that receives federal funding.

It's an open question where the discrimination may lie in this case: Is it discrimination to allow one or two athletes who may have some left-over male characteristics to compete against unadulterated native females? Or is the discrimination when they are prevented from competing in their preferred gender role?

Said Harmeet Dhillon, the San Francisco attorney and Republican National Committee member who long fought futile

battles against her city's strongly liberal establishment and is now a Trump assistant attorney general, "The Justice Department will not stand for policies that deprive girls of their hard-earned athletic trophies and ignore their safety on the field and in private spaces."

So Justice gave California 10 days to change its policy, which is written into law here and in 21 other states.

Replied the state Department of Education at the deadline, "The CDE respectfully disagrees...and it will not sign the proposed resolution agreement." Added the CIF, "The CIF concurs...(and) will not be signing..."

So another lawsuit is joined. Given the known proclivities of the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority and its tendency to give Trump his way on most issues, it's doubtful the state can win this case. Ultimately, its law allowing transgen-

der young women to compete will almost certainly be struck down.

And then, the Trump administration says, it will try to exact revenge by taking \$6 billion from education programs. Should the benefits of that grant money—actually taxes paid by Californians being returned for state use—be denied to many thousands of other students because of an almost certainly losing attempt to preserve a right used by only a very few?

Newsom and Bonta say it's a matter of principle. Said one Newsom spokesperson, "No court has adopted the interpretation of Title IX advanced by the federal government, and neither the governor, nor they, get to wave a magic wand and override it."

But chances are the current law won't be law for too much longer.

Which brings the issue back to the old Kenny Rogers song "The Gambler," which featured the signature line that "You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em."

On this issue, it is time for Newsom and Bonta to fold 'em. They don't need to fight every battle, even relatively small ones with large financial and ideological aspects, in order for Newsom to play out his desired role as the Democrats' chief anti-Trumper.

Or, as another political saying goes, "The art of politics is knowing when to stand and fight, and when to walk away and live to fight another day."

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## Scamming the Elderly

Dear Editor:

Recently, a bipartisan group of attorneys general warned Meta that their platforms are enabling scammers to rob older adults blind through fake online advertisements. As a nurse and caregiver over the years, I've seen the fallout up close—and it's heartbreaking.

It's infuriating to know that most of these cases often aren't even investigated, let alone prosecuted. Our seniors deserve more than sympathy—they deserve action.

Everyone—from Big Tech, telecom companies, AI companies, and banks, to law enforcement and all levels of government—has a role to play in preventing these types of crimes that disrupt families

on so many levels. No one entity can tackle the problem alone. It's too systemic and will only get worse as scammers become more sophisticated.

We also need greater investment in elder protections: social workers, trained law enforcement, and public education campaigns for caregivers and families.

As a nurse for more than 35 years, my

coworkers and friends in health care see the pain of the seniors we have cared for when a scam happens. Now we need to see the political will from our leaders to stop it. Seniors deserve dignity and safety—not to be left at the mercy of internet con artists.

Paige Nees is a Registered Nurse at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and the Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

# Heat-Tolerant Annual Flowers That Keep Your Garden Blooming All Summer

By Melinda Meyers

As temperatures rise, some annuals slow down or stop flowering due to heat stall. They will recover as temperatures cool but may leave your gardens or containers looking less colorful.

Take some time now to evaluate annual flowers that are thriving in your garden and those that may need to be left off the plant list for next year's garden.

Start looking for more heat-tolerant plants and cultivars to use in the future. A visit to your local botanic garden and viewing gardens in your neighborhood can help provide insight and inspirations for plants suited to your summer weather.

Zinnias are known for their heat and drought tolerance. These long-blooming annuals come in a variety of colors and heights. Wheat, plume, and crested celosia not only add color, but also interesting flower shapes to gardens and arrangements.

Angelonias, also known as summer snapdragons, are upright plants that make great vertical accents and add season-long color to containers and gardens. Granvia strawflowers are taller, more vigorous plants with larger flowers than older strawflower varieties. Enjoy them in the garden and for months after in arrangements, dried wreaths, and other decorations.

Annual vinca, Catharanthus, with its shiny leaves and long-lasting flowers, thrives in hot, dry weather. The dainty flowers of the Soiree® Kawaii series and the fringed, ruffled flower petals of the Soiree® Flemenco series provide a unique flare. Include pentas with their star-shaped flowers to help attract and support butterflies. You'll find plants with white, red,



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pink, lavender, violet, and bicolor flowers, and even a few trailing varieties.

Cupheas are not only heat tolerant but are magnets for hummingbirds. These season-long bloomers are covered with flowers and do not need deadheading. Mandevilla is another long-blooming, heat-tolerant plant that thrives in sunny locations. You'll find upright, trailing, and tall climbing varieties to include in gar-

dens, containers, and hanging baskets.

If you are looking for a heat-tolerant, trailing plant, consider bidens. The BeeDance® series is an earlier and continuous flowering variety. Moss roses and other portulacas are also trailing and low-growing plants that can be used as annual groundcovers, edging plants, and trailers in containers.

Look for more heat-tolerant cultivars

of your favorite annuals that tend to stop blooming during hot weather. Heatopia™, Hot® Waterblue, Techno®, and Laguna® lobelias show more heat tolerance than many older lobelia cultivars. White Stream™, Snow Princess®, and Frosty Knight® are a few alyssum cultivars to consider. They tolerate the heat but prefer moist well-drained soil.

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Don't give up on heat stalled annual plants in your garden and containers. Continue to water the heat-stressed plants as needed but wait for them to recover before fertilizing if needed. Trim back leggy plants and once the temperatures cool, the plants will start flowering.

Continue to watch for, try, and evaluate new, more heat-tolerant additions for your gardens and containers. Finding the right plants for your growing conditions and garden design can help boost your garden's beauty and your enjoyment even as temperatures rise.

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## From Vault to View: Bowers Museum Showcases Newly Acquired Global Treasures



**FIRST LOOK:** Headdress (Perak), late 20th century, Ladakh, India. Cotton, yak hair, turquoise, coral, carnelian, and silver. Gift of Peter and Signe Keller, 2019.7.1.

By Brian Hews

SANTA ANA – Beginning August 30, the Bowers Museum will open its vault to the public with First Look: New Acquisitions at Bowers Museum, a rotating exhibition showcasing rarely seen additions to its permanent collection.

The new exhibit highlights the institution’s ongoing commitment to preserving cultural heritage through a dynamic mix of Indigenous art, global textiles, and contemporary works.

The exhibition is designed as an evolving window into the curatorial decisions shaping the museum’s future.

Most of the nearly 3,300 objects acquired over the past decade have come through donations, with more than 80 generous supporters contributing to the museum’s growing archive.

Through this display, Bowers honors the individuals and families who have

helped shape the institution’s holdings.

Featured items include an ornate headdress (Perak) from Ladakh, India, crafted from cotton, yak hair, turquoise, coral, carnelian, and silver—donated by Peter and Signe Keller. Contemporary pieces such as an untitled watercolor by American artist Hugh Duncan, gifted by the Irene Duncan Family Trust, round out the exhibit.

Thousands of other artifacts can be explored via an interactive kiosk in the gallery, offering digital access to the broader Bowers Digital Collection.

The exhibition’s launch coincides with KCRW Summer Nights at Bowers Museum on August 30, an after-hours celebration with music, food, and festivities. During the event, admission to First Look will be free for Bowers and KCRW members and included with general admission for the public.

To learn more, visit [bowers.org/firstlook](http://bowers.org/firstlook)



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## 2025 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

## Gahr to be Tested on Defense While Offense, Behind Acosta, Figures to be Better

By Loren Kopff

**GAHR GLADIATORS**

8-6 overall last season, 3-2 in the Mid-Cities League, third place, lost to Pasadena High 21-17 in the CIF-Southern Section Division 13 finals 20-29 overall last five seasons  
Head coach: Greg Marshall (23<sup>rd</sup> season, 109-118)  
Lost 15 seniors out of 42 players from 2024 opening day roster  
Last missed the playoffs: 2022

**2025 schedule**

Aug. 22 @ Valley Christian (7-3 overall last season, Division 9)  
Aug. 29 Cerritos (8-3, D. 9)  
Sept. 5 BYE  
Sept. 12 @ Trinity Classical Academy (10-1, D. 12)  
Sept. 19 @ Los Altos (4-6, D. 12)  
Sept. 26 Valencia (4-6, D. 12)  
Oct. 3 Bellflower (0-10, D. 14)  
Oct. 10 @ Lynwood (7-6, D. 13)  
Oct. 17 Norwalk (8-3, D. 9)  
Oct. 24 @ Compton Early College (0-10, D. 14)  
Oct. 31 Firebaugh (6-4, D. 14)

Now, Greg Marshall can check off another box. Even though the 23-year veteran head coach of Gahr High had

claimed one league title, albeit sharing the 2022 Mid-Cities crown with Bellflower High and Norwalk High, he had never made it to a CIF-Southern Section divisional championship game. That changed last season as the Gladiators won three playoff games in a season for the first time in school history, then battled Pasadena High to the end in the Division 13 finals.

“Obviously last year was nice and great and good for the kids,” said Marshall. “I thought the two previous years...the great thing about it with the [new playoff] system, that could have happened. It didn’t, but last year it broke for us.”

What made last season even more special was the fact that Gahr was injury-riddled every week, started the season with two straight losses to city teams and was 2-3 going into the bye week. When it came time for the playoffs, the Gladiators took advantage of a La Puente High team that was decimated with injuries to some key offensive starters, and the rest is history.

“I was so proud of our guys



for staying with it,” said Marshall. “At the banquet, I asked who had played in every game and I think there was one guy, our left tackle. It was really nice to obviously get to [the finals]. Unfortunately, we didn’t finish it.”  
Despite being around the Gahr program for over two decades, Marshall admitted he never thought about what it would be like to get to a championship game. In fact, he stated that he has had better teams than last season’s squad but had always struggled in the playoffs. And, before last season, Marshall only had the 2007 team get as far as the semifinals.

“I can’t dwell on those types of things,” said Marshall. “You coach the kids up to the best of their ability and hopefully it breaks. Chasing league titles is probably why I am still here.”

**OFFENSE**

Gahr scored nearly 400 points during the 14-game schedule including six over 30 points and three over 40 points. The Gladiators were 2-2 in games decided by one possession and were held to two scores or fewer three times, going

1-2. Returning at quarterback is senior Roman Acosta, who completed 57 percent of his passes for 1,248 yards and 13 touchdowns. Marshall says he has improved 1000 percent and believes the long playoff run benefited him for this season. Seven of his touchdown passes came in the playoffs and he added a one-yard run against Pasadena. Surprisingly, he is the leading rusher coming back as he gained 265 yards on 42 carries and scored five times.

“He just came into his own; he was amazing,” said Marshall of Acosta’s playoff run. “Going into this season, he’s like a big part [of our offense]. You saw what he can do. But it’s definitely going to be different going into this season.”

Acosta’s backup would probably be junior Jacob Burson, but there isn’t a true backup. In fact, Marshall said if Acosta gets injured, they’ll go with a running quarterback situation where the ball is snapped to senior wide receiver Alexander Gutierrez.

Seniors Jaidyn Backus (18 carries, 96 yards, one touchdown) and Malachi Williams are slated to be the top two running backs for a team that rushed for over 2,200 yards from 14 different ground gainers. Sophomore De’mir Cunningham (11 carries, 62 yards, two

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## 2025 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

## Valley Christian Seeks Playoff Return With Experienced Defense, Offensive Playmakers

By Loren Kopff

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN DEFENDERS**

7-3 overall last season, 2-3 in the Ironwood League, fourth place 30-25 overall last five seasons  
Head coach: Brendan Chambers (third season, 10-10)  
Lost 17 seniors out of 47 players from 2024 opening day roster  
Last made the playoffs: 2022  
Division 9 last season

**2025 schedule**

Aug. 22 Gahr (8-6 overall last season, Division 13)  
Aug. 29 Calvary Chapel Santa Ana (4-7, D. 13)  
Sept. 5 Mary Star of the Sea (10-3, D. 12)  
Sept. 12 @ Cerritos (8-3, D. 9)  
Sept. 18 @ St. Anthony (8-6, D. 10)  
Sept. 26 BYE  
Oct. 3 @ Capistrano Valley Christian (5-6, D. 11)  
Oct. 10 Aquinas (8-3, D. 4)  
Oct. 17 Village Christian (5-7, D. 9)  
Oct. 24 @ Heritage Christian (4-6, D. 11)  
Oct. 30 @ Ontario Christian (6-5, D. 6)

Valley Christian High was feeling good about itself in the first half of last season as one of the best starts in program history was unfolding right in front of them. The Defenders bolted out to a 6-0 start, including doubling up 2023 CIF-Southern Section Division 9 Cerritos High. But as fast as the wins piled up, the losses would soon follow and just like that, V.C. found itself not playing an 11<sup>th</sup> game.

“I was just really happy for our guys, going through the last two years before that with the struggles,” said V.C. head coach Brendan Chambers of the fast start. “That was our whole goal; we knew league play was going to be very tough and we’re in a very strong league.

We thought [that was] our best chance of getting to the playoffs, as our whole mindset was going 5-0 in those first five non-league games and starting off hot. I think that was a culmination of the hard work they put in during the offseason.”

Chambers added that a lot of times when you’re at a smaller school, you tend to start slow because you’re trying to figure out where all the pieces should fit. But with the squad that Chambers had last season, everyone knew where they belonged.

“I think the hardest part for us was nine of the 10 teams we faced went on to make the playoffs,” said Chambers. “Some of them had long runs like Gahr and Baldwin Park. Cerritos was in the same division we were in, and we beat them, which was tough to see as well. When I look back on last season, [the] Cerritos [game] was probably our best football that we played. That was a great team.”

V.C. will begin this season with a smaller team in terms of numbers as 32 are on the opening day roster with 20 of them being seniors.

**OFFENSE**

Not only did the Defenders race out to six-game winning streak, but they also scored over 40 points in each of the first two games and at least 28 points in three of the next four contests. But V.C. was shutout in two Ironwood League games and averaged just over 25 points for the season.

The offense takes a hit this season, especially in the offensive line as four of the five starting linemen, plus a backup, were among the 17 players who graduated. To add fuel to the fire, quarterback Austin Abrahams who passed for 1,688 yards and 16 touchdowns and rushed for 375 yards with an additional 16

touchdowns graduated.

“Losing all those guys is going to be tough for us,” said Chambers. “We still return a fair amount of receivers...we still have some skill positions and two quarterbacks vying for the job. So, offensively, I think the biggest thing for us is going to be the offensive line.”

Juniors Graham Lunzer, a transfer from St. John Bosco High, and Liam Sweeney (16 of 35 for 84 yards, two interceptions last season) will battle for quarterbacking duties. Neither has an edge on the other as Chambers says both have been great during the seven on seven tournaments.

The top two running backs will be seniors Tyson McNeese (32 carries, 107 yards, one touchdown) and Lucas Witt, who was a running back two seasons ago, then a tight end last season, moves back to the backfield where he carried the ball 21 times in 2024 for 122 yards. Senior Tim O’Conner (10 carries, 96 yards), who played early in the season before he tore his ACL, and junior Blake Butler will also get some carries. O’Conner is waiting to get cleared by doctors.

Without a doubt, the strength on the offensive side will come from its wide receivers, led by seniors Oliver Boateng (five receptions, 61 yards), Sean Bouma (12 receptions, 155 yards, one touchdown) and Dylan Teays (27 receptions, 575 yards, eight touchdowns). Witt will also catch some from time to time as he was V.C.’s leading receiver last season, hauling in 46 passes for 425 yards and scoring three touchdowns. Also in the mix and expecting to get more time will be seniors Max Douglas and Cole Hefner, both of whom caught a pair of passes for a combined 55 yards.

“We have a lot of depth there and we have a lot of guys; second string guys who are coming up from the junior varsity level,” said Chambers. “The toughest part for us this year is a lot of those guys are also playing on the other side of the ball and trying not to wear them out.

“When I look back at it, Dylan had a couple of games in which he was just ginormous for us; just catching the ball and making one person miss on fourth down conversions,” he later said. “I remembered on an end-around, he catches it, breaks off a tackle and goes for a touchdown. But then Sean also had a couple of those [as did] Oliver towards the end of the season. Even the last game of the season, we put Max Douglas out there and he had [a couple of catches] and that was big for us against Ontario Christian.”

While specific positions on the offensive line haven’t been locked down, Chambers believes senior Isaac Morales (right) and Jackson TerKeurst (left) will be the tackles while four players are competing for the three interior spots—seniors Jayden Bailey, Jackson Halter-Caldarella, Zachary Sturm and freshman Rory Brink.

Chambers adds that the linemen are interchangeable, and he is trying to teach that. Morales was a guard in 2023 and a tackle last season while the others ‘have played a mixed bag of positions on the line’ whether playing on the j.v. team or filling in on varsity last season.

**DEFENSE**

Last season’s defense was one of the best the program has had defensively as it allowed 207 points with Aquinas High the only one scoring over 30 points while six opponents failed to score 20 points including the last four during that six-game winning streak. Chambers said V.C. will run a 4-2-5 with Morales returning as defensive tackle where he had 40 tackles

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## PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Early Exit: Cal A's-Jackson 14-Under Knocked Out in Tournament Debut

By Loren Kopff

The Cal A's-Jackson 14-Under travel softball team was making its debut at the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships last week, hoping to have the same success that got the first-year team here.

Back on June 14 in the PGF Southern California qualifier, it won three straight games in the losers bracket, one of two teams to win three games in the losers bracket after dropping its first playoff game.

That performance earned the team a spot in the Platinum Division for the PGF National Championships. But after a lackluster performance in the three pool play games to begin last week, which had no bearing on who it played in the playoffs, the team's offense went quiet in going two and out. The Cal A's-Jackson was crushed by the (Garden Grove) Athletics Mercado-MG 15-0 on July 30, then was eliminated last Thursday by the (Tustin) Explosion-Kim/Salazar 11-3.

"I don't know; I don't know if the title of PGF Nationals made them nervous or what exactly it was," said head coach Jennifer Jackson. "I just think that their nerves got the best of them and maybe the lights were a little bit too bright, and they felt the pressure. That's maybe all I can say because they have the talent."

Following pool play action, in which the team went 1-2 and was outscored 20-11, Jackson told the 15 players that they knew what it had to do, and that July 30 starts the first games of the double elimination playoffs. However, first baseman Autumn Elliot was the only player to get a hit

against the Athletics Mercado-MG while six of the 15 runs were earned.

"Going into that [first playoff] game, we have to be fully prepared mentally and physically," she continued with her message. "And that we need to go out there and we compete every single pitch of the



game. We have to be in it [from] innings one through seven and we have to be great teammates. I told them our energy has to be there. Those are the things we have to have in order to be successful."

The next day, the Explosion-Kim/Salazar scored twice in the top of the first inning and the score remained 2-0 until it added six more in the top of the fourth. The Cal A's-Jackson responded with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, but it was too little, too late. Right fielder Liliana Larios (La Mirada High) went two for three and drove in a run while left fielder Anahi Regis (Gahr High) went two for four. Three other players all collected the other three hits the team would collect.

"I think today for us, in all honesty, our pitching wasn't there," said Jackson of the elimination game. "In the very first inning,

our pitcher hit the first batter, then walked the next two. Two runs scored off that and then we just weren't hitting our spots. That was the big thing for us today."

However, throughout the five games, and the season, the Cal A's-Jackson had to rely on Larios and Brooklyn Brush (Cy-

press High) as their only pitchers. While Elliot pitched just four innings in two games in late June, Brush (16 games) and Larios (22 games) combined for nearly 141 innings. In the five games in the PGF National Championships, Brush and Elliot combined to walk 25 batters and strikeout nine while giving up 37 hits and 32 earned runs.

"It's huge; it was brutal for us because unfortunately, a lot of times when one pitcher was off, and we brought in the other, it was kind of the same thing happening," said Jackson of having only two pitchers. "It definitely hurt us to only go in with two pitchers. That was a really big thing for us."

While the pitching struggled in the PGF National Championships, the offense wasn't quite there as it had been for most

of the summer. Center fielder Edie Montano (Valley Christian High) went five for 11 and ends the season with a .288 batting average. Catcher Rylee Jackson (Gahr High) went four for 10 to finish with an average of .478, which is tops on the team. Elliot and Regis each went three for nine while left fielder Juliette Dinkle (Cypress High), Brush and Larios, with averages of at least .288, all collected a pair of hits in the five games.

"There were a lot of times that we would have baserunners on, and we could not execute to get our baserunners in," said Jackson. Other than the qualifier, friendlies and a game here or a game there, the Cal A's-Jackson participated in the Zoom into June showcase tournament June 13-15 and the USA Softball Champions Cup a few weeks prior to the PGF National Championships. Despite the lack of big game experience for a first-year team, Jackson said that she learned if you focus on playing the right teams before, it prepares you a little bit more.

"But I also learned that PGF, yeah it's a big deal, but for my team specifically, it was nothing that we couldn't have handled," said Jackson. "It was just we didn't show up for PGF. Maybe we, as coaches, put maybe a little too much focus on making it a big deal rather than it's just the same game that they play every other weekend."

"It was a great experience for the girls," she continued. "I'm really glad that we were able to do it. I think that next year, we're going to go into it much more prepared knowing exactly how it's going to work."

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touchdowns) will also see some time in the backfield.

Gutierrez led the Gladiators with 24 catches, 627 yards and six touchdowns and will be one of several targets for Acosta that will include Cunningham, senior Harlym Rayford and junior Cody Lockhart.

If there's one area where Marshall is impressed with, it's going to be the offensive line, which will be locked down by senior left guard Marc Saldana, senior center Robert Sousa, senior right guard Andres Martinez and senior right tackle Bradley Park, all returners. The only position yet to be determined is left tackle.

"We're probably going to be more of a running quarterback [team] again, because with [2025 graduate] Markell [Slaughter], it was because we had to," said Marshall of this season's offense. "He threw a little, but with [Roman], he has to have the ball in his hands. He just can't hand it off and then scramble on the pass. He's going to have to have some designed runs."

**DEFENSE**

After giving up 142 in the first four games, Gahr settled down in four of the next six games, and did not allow more than two touchdowns in any of those games. But, in those other two games, Gahr gave up 43 points each to Los Altos High and Norwalk. Then in the playoffs, the Gladiators yielded 54 points.

Saldana and Sousa are the main linemen along with senior Adrian Cruz (six tackles, two sacks) who spent some time there last season while Rayford (48 tackles last season), who was a defensive end, will be moved to be the featured linebacker. The rest of that department is, as Marshall put it, an issue as there will be competition for the other spots.

In the secondary, Marshall said he is going to go with three safeties with Backus (21 tackles), Cunningham, Gutierrez (44 tackles, three interceptions) and Williams (70 tackles) vying for those spots, and two cornerbacks, who will be senior Ogadi Metu and sophomore Riley Bryant.

**SCHEDULE**

Valley Christian High defeated Gahr 49-23 in the 2024 season opener, then the Gladiators fell to city rival Cerritos High 37-0 the following week. After winning 13 straight games against Cerritos, the Gladiators have lost two of the last three meetings while against V.C., the blue and gold has lost three of the last four meetings but own a 5-4 advantage in the series.

"Both [those teams] are going to be well-coached and those kids are going to play hard," said Marshall. "The difference now than in the past is that do you play to win, or do you play to get better? Win or lose, both those schools are going to make you better because when we get to league, I think we'll get at least third place."

After an unusual early bye, Gahr will face Trinity Classical Academy, out of Valencia, for the first time before visiting Los Altos in the back end of a home and home. The final non-league game is against another first timer-Valencia High.

Gahr should get one of the three automatic playoff berths coming out of the Mid-Cities League as Bellflower, which didn't fare too well in the Gateway League last season, and Compton Early College failed to win a game in 2024. The Gladiators eased past

Lynwood High 31-7 and have won nine straight against the Knights, but don't have to play Paramount High, which was promoted to the tougher Gateway League. The Pirates whitewashed Gahr 36-0 in the regular season finale for their 11<sup>th</sup> win in the past 12 meetings.

**HOMECOMING**

This should be an interesting game as Gahr hosts Norwalk, which won last season's meeting 43-35. Norwalk led 21-14 at the half and 28-21 entering the fourth quarter. It was Gahr's first loss to the Lancers in four games, having won 26-6 in 2022, 10-7 in 2005 and 26-14 in 2004. The 2005 victory was also Gahr's homecoming game, and the Gladiators are 12-11 in homecoming games since 2001.

**FINAL OUTLOOK**

"Our offense is going to have to carry us, and we have to find some guys to play defense," said Marshall. "I think the secondary is going to be fine, but we're going to have to find some linebackers. When you go up against Cerritos and Valley Christian without linebackers, they're going to exploit you; they just are. I think it's going to be similar to last year. We're going to grow on defense and hopefully if we stay healthy on offense, we'll put up some points early."

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and three sacks last season. He'll most likely be joined by Halter-Caldarella (22 tackles, six sacks, one interception) at the other tackle spot while the ends will be occupied by senior Jameson Miller (14 tackles) and Douglas (25 tackles).

Hefner (89 tackles, four and a half sacks) and Witt (65 tackles) return as linebackers while Boateng (45 tackles, one interception) and Bouma (36 tackles, one interception) are the top two defensive backs. Teays (11 tackles) is the leading returning cornerback and is slated to be joined by seniors Noah Pelton and Isaiah Ramirez and junior Byron Louis.

Chambers says the strength of the defense is the experience as nine of the 11 players return as only Abrahams and Jayce Shields graduated.

"Some of those offensive linemen did play some interior D-line for last year," he continued. "Those are guys who are capable of getting the job done."

**SCHEDULE**

There will be no rest for the weary at the beginning of the season as the Defenders host a trio of teams that went to the divisional finals, lost in the first round and played in the semifinals last season. V.C. won by 26 points against Gahr High and has won three of the past four meetings with its Artesia Blvd. neighbor. The next week, V.C. faces former Olympic League rival Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana High, a team it had no problems with in a 17-point victory last season. It was the first meeting since V.C. won 21-19 on Nov. 9, 2001.

When the Defenders finally hit the road, they'll travel less than a mile to face Cerritos at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium, then go to Clark Field in Lakewood to hook up with St. Anthony High. V.C. has not lost to Cerritos in four meetings and the last time they played St. Anthony, it was a 47-6 setback on Aug. 23, 2019.

"It will be fun," said Chambers of the Gahr game. "It's always fun to compete against those guys. Two years ago when we hosted them, we lost on the last play of the game. It will be a good test to see where we are in comparison to last year. They always have some athletes as well.

"It's going to be tough; those first five games are going to be tough," he later said. "After we get done with Calvary

Chapel, [we're] going to play Mary Star which had a great run in Division 12. They return some of their [top] guys as well. Then going right back after that to play Cerritos, and they want revenge. I know they return a lot of their guys as well. I think it will be good for us to kind of see where we're at as we enter league play."

The Defenders had no problems with Capistrano Valley Christian High in last season's 33-13 victory in which it was 27-0 at the half. But the team's playoff fate could lie in the next two games, both at home against Aquinas and Village Christian High. The Falcons have outscored the Defenders 140-14 in three games and have lost three straight games against the Crusaders.

Aquinas is still the cream of the crop when it comes to the Ironwood League and is favored to win it again. However, Chambers believes the rest of the league is open and from what he has heard, Ontario Christian has a new coach and a lot of players, including their quarterback, running back and linemen have transferred out. The Knights have been a solid second place team behind Aquinas, but this season, four teams figure to battle for two automatic playoff spots.

"I think Ontario is going to be down a little bit; C.V.C. is going to be similar to what they were last year," said Chambers. "Village and Heritage [Christian High] will be very similar to how they were last year. This is the first year I've come in here and actually said we definitely have a shot to get second place in league."

**HOMECOMING**

Last season, V.C. stunned Cerritos for its homecoming game and this season, the Defenders face Mary Star of the Sea High, which advanced to the semifinals. These two teams have not played each other since Aug. 31, 2007, and V.C. came out on top 24-3. Historically, homecoming games have been kind to V.C. as it has won 22 games since 1998. The last homecoming loss for the Defenders came in 2022, a 40-18 decision to Ontario Christian High.

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"I'm excited," said Chambers. "Coming into my third year, a lot of these guys that we have...it's a big senior class. We've had some guys who decided not to play football this year that were returners. They're going to focus on other sports, but this is the class that I came in with when a lot of these sophomores were playing my first year when I was the head coach here. So it's kind of exciting to see them go into their senior year. I know they have ambitions to go out there and compete in league and make a postseason run. We're all eager for that; we're all wanting that especially with how last season ended."

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lar field outreach and works to connect individuals with long-term resources and shelter options.

In similar news, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) submitted a request for the City of Norwalk to accept a grant allocation of \$303,328.78 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 program. The funds are intended to support Norwalk's Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program, which provides services and housing navigation for individuals experiencing homelessness who have received federally funded vouchers.

The Norwalk Housing Authority partners with LAHSA to implement the EHV program, and these new HHAP funds are specifically designated for service provision—not rental subsidies. The services include case management, navigation, and linkage to permanent housing.

According to city staff, Norwalk was

invited by LAHSA to apply for this grant because of the city's demonstrated effectiveness in administering the EHV program. The City Council was asked to approve acceptance of the funds and authorize the city manager to execute the necessary agreements.

The staff report emphasized that the HHAP funds will help sustain Norwalk's ongoing efforts to reduce homelessness and improve housing stability for vulnerable residents.

"This is a citywide effort," said Mayor Tony Ayala. "We remain committed to strategies that are effective, balanced, and community-supported."

The City Council recently accepted over \$300,000 in new funding from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to continue support for the Emergency Housing Voucher program and related case management services.

Norwalk residents experiencing housing instability can contact the city's Social Services Department at (562) 929-5544 or visit the Social Services Center at 11929 Alondra Boulevard.

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uses. At the same time, the moratorium remains in effect for businesses such as convenience stores, discount retailers, laundromats, car washes, and payday loan establishments.

The policy shift comes amid ongoing litigation with the State of California over Norwalk's housing policies. In 2024, the State decertified Norwalk's Housing Element following a dispute stemming from a Los Angeles County plan to open a transitional housing facility at 12500 Firestone Boulevard without consulting the city. That move triggered the original moratorium, which was intended to pause certain land uses while Norwalk reassessed its zoning and land use policies.

City officials have since engaged in negotiations with the State in an effort to restore Housing Element certification and resolve legal challenges. The removal of housing restrictions is seen as a key step in that process.

In a related development, Los Angeles County is now considering the use of the California Metropolitan State Hospital site in Norwalk as the location for a proposed mental health and homeless services campus. City officials have expressed a preference for this location, viewing it as more consistent with regional coordination and supportive service delivery models.

The amended moratorium is set to remain in effect for one year as Norwalk continues to review development standards and align future land use planning with long-term community goals.

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ing-class and historically underserved communities where public libraries are often the only place residents can access the internet, apply for jobs, take online classes, or even complete homework.

Locally, library systems like County of Los Angeles Public Library, which operates branches in Cerritos, La Mirada, and Paramount, rely heavily on these federal programs. In fact, before joining CENIC's high-speed network, 44% of California library jurisdictions weren't even applying for E-rate or state broadband subsidies because the process was too complex. CENIC streamlined the process—and since then, libraries have drawn down more than \$110 million in federal support.

But the work is far from finished. A recent California State Library survey found that 31 library systems statewide still need major bandwidth upgrades, with an estimated \$20 million in infrastructure costs just to keep pace with modern digital demands. Patrons expect the same speed and reliability they have at home—many now enjoy 1-gigabit service through fiber or cable—and libraries are increasingly being used for streaming educational content,

virtual reality lessons, Zoom job interviews, and telehealth appointments.

“If your connection can't handle teleconferencing, streaming educational content, or large file uploads, your community is effectively cut off from opportunity,” said Nancy Schram, Library Director at the Ventura County Library and a CENIC board member.

Locally, the impact could be severe. Imagine students at the La Mirada Library trying to participate in remote tutoring sessions that constantly buffer. Or job seekers in Bellflower unable to submit resumes because the network drops mid-upload. Or senior citizens in Hawaiian Gardens attempting to attend telehealth appointments that freeze halfway through.

For many, the library is their internet provider—and a crucial one.

This fight is about more than just megabits—it's about equity, education, and economic survival. If federal funding disappears, many local libraries could be forced to scale back or eliminate their digital offerings altogether.

But, so far, federal courts have issued preliminary injunctions and a temporary restraining order blocking dismantling actions against IMLS. These orders are in place while litigation proceeds.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. FORMTEXT 003490-EL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names of the Seller/Licensee are: FORMTEXT ZIGGLE INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 12300 SOUTH STREET, ARTESIA, CA 90701

The business is known as: FORMTEXT ZIGGLE

The names of the Buyer/Transferee are: FORMTEXT SNH25 CORP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 12300 SOUTH STREET, ARTESIA, CA 90701

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

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FORMTEXT FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE WITH ABC LICENSE together with the following described alcoholic beverage license(s): FORMTEXT 646518 and are located at: FORMTEXT 12300 SOUTH STREET, ARTESIA, CA 90701

The kind of license to be transferred is: FORMTEXT 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE now issued for the premises located at: FORMTEXT 12300 SOUTH STREET, ARTESIA, CA 90701

The anticipated date of sale/transfer is: FORMTEXT SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 at the office of: FORMTEXT HANA ESCROW, 3580 WILSHIRE BLVD, STE 1170, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory of \$ FORMTEXT 0.00, the sum of \$ FORMTEXT 2,675,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: FORMTEXT CHECKS \$2,675,000.00, TOTAL \$2,675,000.00

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

Dated: FORMTEXT JULY 17, 2025

FORMTEXT ZIGGLE INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Seller/Licensee(s)

FORMTEXT SNH25 CORP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer/Transferee

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T.S. No.: 2025-00649-CA

A.P.N.: 7027-010-023

Property Address: 17425 SONORA AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA 90703

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注：本文件包含一个信息摘要

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NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUU Y: KÈM THEO ĐẦY LÀ BÀN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VÊ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: Yunes A. Nabils and Elizabeth Nabils, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC

Deed of Trust Recorded 08/25/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1900566 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California.

Date of Sale: 09/18/2025 at 09:00 AM

Place of Sale: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 922,335.61

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 17425 SONORA AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA 90703

A.P.N.: 7027-010-023

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 922,335.61.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2025-00649-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-00649-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: August 4, 2025

Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary

C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238

Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **29th day of August, 2025** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1681 Painting – Unit Price Bid

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the Purchasing Department. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments. Valid License valid Class C-33 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **29th day of August 2025** sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1680 Medical Supplies

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

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on August 8, 2025 or later.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIME EXTENSION REQUEST FOR TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 84116 AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL CASE NOS. 1000 & 1001**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Orbis Real Estate Partners, the applicant, requests an extension of Tentative Parcel Map No. 84116 and Development Plan Approval Case Nos. 1000 & 1001, originally granted on August 14, 2023, for the subject site located at 10845 Norwalk Boulevard (APN: 8009-023-027). The entitlement extension request pertains to subdividing an existing ±7.32-acre parcel into two parcels and constructing a new ±69,500 sq. ft. industrial building on Parcel 1 and a new ±75,050 sq. ft. industrial building on Parcel 2.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

**HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:** The hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are invited to participate in the Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and express their opinion on the subject item listed above. Please note that if you challenge the aforementioned item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the office of the Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** may be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department at City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, or via e-mail to the Planning Commission Secretary at [esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.gov](mailto:esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.gov). Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission hearing. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 409-7550.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** on this item may be obtained from Vince Velasco, Asst. Director of Community Development, via e-mail at: [VinceVelasco@santafesprings.gov](mailto:VinceVelasco@santafesprings.gov) or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7353.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PAULETTE REVA WATSTEIN CASWELL AKA PAULETTE REVA WATSTEIN AKA PAULETTE REVA CASWELL CASE NO. 25STPB08359**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PAULETTE REVA WATSTEIN CASWELL AKA PAULETTE REVA WATSTEIN AKA PAULETTE REVA CASWELL.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/27/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 01972-MK  
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: BRIGHT & BOLD LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 12236-12240 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: URRUTIA LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 3711 LONG BEACH BLVD, SUITE 6052, LONG BEACH, CA 90807  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOOD-WILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, TRADENAME, INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE of that certain business located at: 12236-12240 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: BRIGHT & BOLD LLC  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 26, 2025 at the office of: HANA ESCROW COMPANY, INC., 6281 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 333, BUENA PARK, CA 90621  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: AUGUST 25, 2025.  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.  
Dated: AUGUST 5, 2025  
TRANSFEREES: URRUTIA LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
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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: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 08/20/2025 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Rudy Valencia**  
**Roggie Padilla**  
**Jeffrey Pierce**  
**Vincent Jimenez**  
**Adam Smith**  
**Hilario Liwag**  
**Michael Black**

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

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CARMELLA MAY PEREZ AKA CARMELLA M. PEREZ**  
**CASE NO. 25STPB08691**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CARMELLA MAY PEREZ AKA CARMELLA M. PEREZ, A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by REGINA SARINANA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that REGINA SARINANA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/15/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner KAYLEE K. SAUVEY, ESQ. - SBN 324659 AMY STUBBLEFIELD, ESQ. - SBN 356584 SAUVEY LAW GROUP, APC 8951 RESEARCH DRIVE, FIRST FLOOR IRVINE CA 92618 Telephone (949) 418-9923 BSC 227243 8/8, 8/15, 8/22/25 **CNS-3954460# LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER**

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 August 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

**Alexcia Brenes**  
**Brandy Patrick**  
**Damon Ormsby**

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

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF Pamala Jane Eaton**  
**CASE NO. 25STPB08285**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of: Pamala Jane Eaton  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dar-rell Eaton in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Darrell Eaton 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 Es-tates Act with full authority . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking cer-tain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/25/2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 62 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90012 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objec-tions 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 ap-pointed 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 sec-tion 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 (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MYUNG H. LEE**  
**CASE NO. 25STPB08501**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MYUNG H. LEE.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BENJAMIN S. LEE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BENJAMIN S. LEE 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: 08/27/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMIN-ISTER ESTATE OF BRENDA M. ROBERTS**  
Case No. 25STPB08315  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BRENDA M. ROBERTS  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Pamela R. Rogers in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Pamela R. Rogers be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent ad-ministration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 28, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your ap-pearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a con-tingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal au-thority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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CN118842 ROBERTS Jul 25, Aug 1,8, 2025

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)**  
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 25NWCV00333  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): MARISOL OCHOA, INDIVIDUALLY AND DBA NEW LIGHT CONTROLS; RAUL CRUZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND DBA NEW LIGHT CONTROLS; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 50, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): U.S. ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC., A CONNECTICUT CORPORATION, DBA WALTERS WHOLESALE ELECTRIC NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.  
¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.  
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.  
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos extras por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.  
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): STEVEN A. JONES, BAR NO. 90562, MADDEN, JONES, COLE & JOHNSON, 3010 OLD RANCH PARKWAY, SUITE 450, SEAL BEACH, CA 90740  
DATE (Fecha): 01/28/2025  
DAVID W. SLAYTON, Clerk (Secretario), by T. TANG, Deputy (Adjunto)  
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Attorney for Petitioner:  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 01972-MK  
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: BRIGHT & BOLD LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 12236-12240 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: URRUTIA LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 3711 LONG BEACH BLVD, SUITE 6052, LONG BEACH, CA 90807  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOOD-WILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, TRADENAME, INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE of that certain business located at: 12236-12240 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: BRIGHT & BOLD LLC  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 26, 2025 at the office of: HANA ESCROW COMPANY, INC., 6281 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 333, BUENA PARK, CA 90621  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: AUGUST 25, 2025.  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.  
Dated: AUGUST 5, 2025  
TRANSFEREES: URRUTIA LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2025140684  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ATHENA'S SWEETS AND TREATS, 13742 MCNAB AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION NUMBER: N/A. REGISTERED OWNER: MAGDA GARCIAJUAREZ, 13742 MCNAB AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/10/2025.  
/S/ ATHENA'S SWEETS AND TREATS; OWNER; MAGDA GARCIAJUAREZ  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 07/10/2025. 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).

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