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**THE LOCALLY FAMOUS** Prescott Hardware, one of the oldest businesses in Artesia, has been sold. The lot is zoned C-G, the buyer can build up to five stories, 60 units per acre, or 81 total units

## PRIVATIZATION?

### Asm. Cristina Garcia Authors Bill to Take Over Water Agencies

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hews Media Group-Cerritos News has learned that Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell) has authored a bill (AB 1195) in yet another attempt to disenfranchise millions of L.A. County voters related to the county's water agencies.

Unlike the corrupt method Garcia used to try and send Central Basin into receivership with SB 625, a water agency found to have a \$3 million operating profit after that bill failed, Garcia is going after the three big fish in L.A. County.

Sources are telling HMG-CN that Speaker Rendon's Assembly attorney Alf Brandt is helping Garcia.

Brandt helped Garcia with the two bills aimed at Central Basin, one which put incompetent appointed officials who caused havoc on the Central Basin Board (AB 1794) and then, when that take over didn't work, Garcia and Brant authored the



**ASM. GARCIA** with Speaker Rendon's attorney Alf Brandt who is helping Garcia with the bill with Redon's permission. The bill would bring Central Basin, West Basin and the WRD under one roof.

receivership bill, SB 625.

Garcia and Alf Brandt are all smiles after AB 1794 passed and nearly bankrupted Central Basin with its appointed directors, two of whom resigned under corruption charges.

AB 1195 aims to dissolve Central Basin, West Basin, and hold "jurisdictional territory"

over the Water Replenishment District.

"The agency's jurisdiction shall encompass all communities in Central and West Coast Basin with a jurisdictional territory coextensive to the jurisdictional territory of the Water Replenishment District of

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### Family, Friends, and Residents Mourn the Loss of Lakewood Deputy



Deputy Tom Albanes

Yesterday at approximately 9 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Tom Albanes tragically died in a collision between his motorcycle and a car.

Albanes was pursuing another vehicle for a traffic

violation when the collision occurred.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Paramount and Del Amo boulevards here in Lakewood.

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## HMG-CN EXCLUSIVE

### District Attorney Investigating Metro CEO Washington and Other Top Executives

HMG-CN obtained two emails, one indicated an investigation, the other confirming search warrants have been served.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hews Media Group-Cerritos News has exclusively learned that the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office of Integrity is investigating Metro CEO Phil Washington and search warrants have been served on the Los Angeles offices of Metro and Peace Over Violence.

The wide-ranging investigation also includes a who's who of high profile government officials in Los Angeles.

Both the D.A.'s office and Metro's Communication Department did not deny the existence of an August email from Alan Yochelson, head of the D.A.'s Office of Public Integrity and HMG-CN received an email yesterday related to the search warrants.

According to sources close to the investigation, there are several other high-profile officials under scrutiny including L. A. County Supervisors Sheila Kuehl, Hilda Solis, Kathryn Barger, former Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, L.A. City Councilman Gil Cedillo, Inglewood Mayor James Butts, and former DA Jackie Lacey.

Those at Metro include other high ranking officials that reported to Washington.

The allegations and subsequent D.A. investigation are the result of two whistleblowers that have been trying to get the attention of law enforcement and the D.A. for over three years with

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## PICO RIVERA

### PFAS Still a Concern in City's Water

City council discussing plans to remediate with Water Replenishment District.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Chemical remediation was the big subject of the Feb. 9 Pico Rivera City Council Meeting with a presentation by the Water Replenishment District concerning the PFAS and PFOS levels of the city's water.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA and PFOS. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. Both chemicals are very persistent in the environment and in the human body – meaning they don't break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects.

In May 2016, the federal

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Catalytic converts get stolen at an alarming rate.  
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Seniors might not get to play their final season.  
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COMMUNITY NEWS

# Thieves Are Swiping Catalytic Converters All Over L.A. County

The price of the metals inside, palladium, rhodium and platinum, are 8 times, 12 times and 100 times more than gold.

BY BRIAN HEWS

**S**am Kevan, a local resident, parked his 2005 Prius in his driveway one rainy evening last month. When he started the car the next day, “it sounded like a jackhammer,” Kevan said. “The whole block could hear the noise.”

The reason: A burglar had made off with the car’s catalytic converter, a critical emissions-control device that contains precious metals more valuable than gold.

Just days later, Mr. Kevan’s sister, Linda, who lives in Los Angeles, had the catalytic converter stolen from her 2003 Honda Accord LX.

Stricter car emissions rules around the world — particularly in China, have sent demand for the precious metals in catalytic converters, like palladium and rhodium, surging. That has pushed up the price the precious

**YOUTUBE VIDEOS** abound on the internet instructing robbers on how to remove the metals inside the converter.

**ROBBERS HACKSAW** the converter out of the car and then sell for upwards of \$500.

metals to record highs.

The New York Times reported palladium has jumped from \$500 an ounce five years ago, to a record of \$2,875 an ounce last year, and is now hovering between \$2,000 and \$2,500 an ounce, above the price of gold.

Rhodium prices have skyrocketed more than 3,000 percent from about \$640 an ounce five years ago to a record \$21,900 an ounce this year, roughly 12 times the price of gold.

The prices are fueling a black market in stolen catalytic converters, which can be sawed off in minutes, and fetch several hundred dollars at a scrap yard

Here in Los Angeles County, police are reporting a surge in cases.

In some areas, thefts have jumped more than eightfold, from 50 in 2019 to 420 last year, with the trend gaining speed near the end of the year into early 2021.

“People are just trying to make ends meet. Then, all of a sudden, they have to pay over a thousand-dollars,” said Sgt. Ted Wishton, “we’ve also seen this increase at a time we’ve seen a lot of job loss in the U.S.

The bottom line: “We have a finite number of detectives, and it appears right now we have an infinite number of cases,” Sergeant McDonald said.

Installed in almost all gasoline cars and trucks sold in the United States since the mid-70’s, the converters have a honeycomb-like interior — coated with precious metals like palladium, rhodium and platinum — that helps remove the worst toxic pollutants from the car’s

exhaust.

Some owners are going to extremes to protect their vehicles.

After being hit with three converter thefts within a couple of months last year, a local tow shop deflates the tires of the riskiest vehicles preventing thieves from crawling underneath.

Thieves target the hybrid Prius because its gasoline engine is used less so the converter tends to retain more of the metals.

Some states have started to require scrap yards and other recyclers to clamp down, here California requires businesses to take a photo of the seller, and keep the picture for two years.

Of course there is different rules between states which makes deterrence difficult.

The Times reported that online ads abound of scrap yards willing to pay quick cash for catalytic converters. One site advertised payouts of up to \$500 for certain foreign models.

Many buyers accept old converters by mail, of course with free shipping. And YouTube tutorials are available for robbers.

Here in the area, the weekly crime reports always have several catalytic converter thefts.

The sheriff’s recently wrote in their crime summary, "Catalytic converters continue to be in issue throughout the County. Sheriff Deputies are reminding residents to take precaution when leaving their vehicles unattended. The precious metals in the catalytic converters is what makes these items such a hot commodity. Please review some of the tips below to help secure your vehicle. If you have any questions, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff’s Station at (562) 902-2960."

The police advise parking in secure garages, well-lit areas and even etching the vehicle ID on the converter.





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## Auto Square and Los Cerritos Center Donate Laptops



**STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** from 30 school received two laptops through the School Cents program run by local malls.

As an additional benefit to local schools the popular School Cents program donated 60 gently-used laptop computers for students and families in need at 30 participating schools.

Each school was been allocated two computers.

Distribution of laptops was conducted at a drive-thru pickup directly to School Administrators.

The School Cents program, re-launched last year at Los Cerritos, Lakewood and Stonewood Shopping Centers.

The beloved program is made possible by Cerritos Auto Square through their Square Cares initiative and will en-

able 30 schools in the first program year to benefit from \$50,000 in prize money.

The program runs from September 2020 through April 2021. "The School Cents program mission is to help local schools with much needed funding while at the same time benefitting the community and bringing awareness to the benefits of shopping locally. We are very privileged to work with outstanding school administrators to help provide resources that enable our children more opportunities to learn and grow," said Annette Norwood Sr. Marketing Manager Lakewood Center. Visit [www.School-Cents.com](http://www.School-Cents.com) for additional program detail.

## Norwalk Man Must Pay \$2 Million Fine in Kickback Scheme at Downey Facility

### STAFF REPORT

The elderly administrator of a California hospice agency has been ordered to pay more than \$2.1 million after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud in a sprawling \$28 million scheme.

The Department of Justice announced the ruling for 80-year-old Antonio Olivera, of Norwalk, CA, who was also sentenced to 30 months in prison for the Medicare fraud scheme.

He pleaded to the crime in November.

Olivera served as the administrator for Mhiramarc Management LLC, which provides hospice and home health services in Downey, CA.

From 2011 to 2018, he paid illegal kickbacks to patient recruiters for

referring Mhiramarc’s hospice services.

He also overruled clinical staff decisions when they found that Medicare beneficiaries didn’t need the services, causing patients to be placed on the company’s hospice services.

The scheme resulted in the hospice agency submitting about \$28 million in Medicare claims, resulting in it being overpaid by \$17 million.

“Olivera was personally responsible for \$4,769,982 in false and fraudulent claims to Medicare, resulting in Medicare paying Mhiramarc \$2,984,914 for medically unnecessary hospice services for beneficiaries, many of whom had been recruited through illegal kickbacks,” according to the Department of Justice.

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Lakewood Mayor Todd Rogers later issued a statement:

"On behalf of the entire Lakewood City Council and the residents of Lakewood, I want to express our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Tom Albanese, who died tragically this morning in a collision between his patrol motorcycle and a vehicle in the intersection of Paramount and Del Amo boulevards here in Lakewood.

Deputy Albanese was pursuing a third vehicle for a traffic violation when the collision occurred.

The residents of Lakewood are eternally grateful for the service that our Sheriff’s Department personnel

provide us...and today's traffic accident shows how on any day of the year that service can be risky and dangerous.

We are in solidarity with the men and women of the Sheriff’s Department who are mourning the loss of one of their colleagues...and we hope that you will join us in keeping the family of Deputy Tom Albanese in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead."

Deputy Albanese was 41 years old with seven years of service with the Sheriff’s Department.

He was also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served for 10 years, including four tours of duty in Iraq.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, ages seven and 11.



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## Grizzly Scene of Accident



INVESTIGATORS around the Lakewood Deputy crash site at Del Amo and Paramount that happened yesterday. A flag was place over the deputy's body at the scene.

## Crime Summary Cerritos

**Aggravated Assault**  
On Tuesday, February 16 a Hispanic male was [victim] walking on 166th and Studebaker when an unknown vehicle pulled up next to him. The suspects [two adult males] exited vehicle and asked the victim where he was from. The victim replied that he was from a particular gang. Suspect ran toward him and stabbed victim the ribs cage. Suspect and vehicle fled the area.

**Residential Burglary**  
Four residential burglaries have been reported between February 15 -19. In the evening of Friday, February 19 a rear sliding glass door was shattered in the 17700 block of Cortner Avenue, and on the same evening a sliding glass door was shattered on Dina Place, no further information has been reported. A damaged door frame was reported on Tuesday, February 16 in the 12700 block of Cuesta.

A storage yard chain link fence was cut Valentines weekend at the 11100 block of Artesia boulevard with golf cart batteries stolen.

**Robbery**  
Cerritos Station deputies responded to Pioneer Boulevard and South Street regarding a robbery call. A preliminary investigation revealed that an adult male, a resident of Norwalk, was sitting on a bus stop bench when an unknown adult male approached him. The suspect produced a knife and then stole two bags of groceries from the victim. The suspect was last seen walking eastbound on South Street. No suspect has been apprehended.

## Commerce

Four arrested at a Commerce Checkpoint. held at Telegraph Road and Carrier Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Twelve drivers were cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended/revoked license, seven vehicles were towed. One driver was additionally charged with an outstanding narcotics warrant and one driver was arrested for an out of county weapons warrant.

## La Mirada

Missing person Paige Peijmen Thoennes has been located. She is a resident of La Mirada and was last seen on January 25, 2021 in the area of Garden Hill Drive. The family was concerne for her well being. A statement for Norwalk LASD has confirmed that she was located February 18.

**Notable Arrests**  
A suspect was detained on the 11000 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave. during pedestrian stop and was arrested for

carrying a concealed firearm. Nine suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

**Residential Burglary**  
A daytime burglary was reported on the 16000 block of Las Palmeras Ave. No items were reported stolen during the incident. A suspect was arrested while trying to enter a residence on the 14600 block of Richvale Dr.

**Vehicle Burglary**  
A daytime burglary was reported on the 14500 block of Industry Cir. An early morning burglary was reported near the intersection of Edwards Rd. and Foster Rd.

A bag with cash and two cell phones was reported stolen during a daytime burglary on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

**Grand Theft**  
Various merchandise was reported stolen on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.

A wallet and work keys were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 15500 block of Oakbury Dr.

A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 14100 block of Avion Dr.

A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 14000 of Ratliffe St.

A theft from a coin-op machine was reported on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy.

**Grand Theft Auto**  
Two SUVs was reported stolen on the 14300 block of Rosecrans Ave.

A truck was reported stolen on the 14300 block of De Alcala Dr.

A sedan was reported stolen on the 1600 block of Formby Dr.

A truck was reported stolen on the 15100 block of Steprock Dr.

A stolen sedan was recovered near the intersection of Biola Ave. and Stage Rd.

The week of February 19 the La Mirada SAO Team recovered two stolen vehicles, arrested a grand theft auto suspect and made nine separate narcotic related arrests. Fentanyl [opioid] is on the rise and is 80 to 100 times stronger than morphine.

## Pico Rivera

A man was stabbed to death Wednesday night in Pico Rivera.

Deputies responded about 10:30 p.m. to the 8800 block of Washington Boulevard, near Rosemead Boulevard, where they found the victim who was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Re: Barrows Targets Sheriff Station Closure

Editor's Note: Cerritos' audited financial showed a \$2 million net gain in the general fund but a \$4 million loss "government wide." HMG-CN wrote last week the difference was depreciation, which is a "paper loss." Councilman Barrows used the "government wide loss" to justify closing the sheriff's station.

Yes, you are correct - the decrease in net position is attributable primarily to typical annual capital asset depreciation and the deficit position of the City's Enterprise Funds, which include the water, reclaimed water, sewer and electric utilities. The General Fund does not include the activities of the Enterprise Funds, nor does it reflect depreciation expenses that are recorded within the overall net position.

Art Gallucci  
City Manager

Editor's note: Councilman Barrows is on tape intimating he wanted to close the station. This is Mayor Solanki's response posted on the city's Facebook page yesterday, the commenting was turned off one hour after posting.

City of Cerritos Mayor Naresh Solanki shared the following information today: "Members of the Cerritos community have expressed concerns about the future of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station. I would like to assure residents and local business owners that no City Councilmember has ever

advocated closing our Sheriff's Station. In fact, the Cerritos City Council fully supports the ongoing operations of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station. The City Council works diligently to preserve the City's strong financial position, and as part of this effort has directed staff to analyze the cost of law enforcement services. Public safety is a top priority, and the City of Cerritos has allocated \$16,099,369 this fiscal year for law enforcement services, including Sky Knight. It is anticipated that the cost for law enforcement services will increase by approximately \$316,987 in the fiscal year starting on July 1, 2021. Cerritos is a safe city with excellent law enforcement services. We are striving to uphold this tradition of safety and make our community even safer in the years to come."

Dear Editor:

I read the article in our Community Newspaper that several members of the Cerritos City Council are proposing to dissolve the sheriff's station. I called City Hall and spoke to the Mayor's assistant and she didn't deny the proposal. The Council will be meeting tomorrow (yesterday) night at 7PM. She was further unable to inform me if they will be making this decision tomorrow or when it will be on the agenda. If you are concerned about your safety, it would be to your advantage to let the Council members know how you feel. They can be reached at this e mail address: Council@cerritos.us. I highly recommend that you shoot them

an email expressing your wishes. There are many other ways to balance the budget. I

Re: Open our schools

Dear Editor:

No one wants to be back in the classroom more than educators. I want to welcome every one of my students back to my classrooms in a way that keeps everyone safe: students, their families and staff.

As California continues to struggle to control the pandemic, which is still impacting many communities disproportionately, a phased-in approach that responds to local conditions and transmission rates has to be part of a responsible return to in-person instruction.

Any path to bringing students back to campuses will require implementing multi-layered mitigation strategies that consider community conditions and include robust cleaning and updated ventilation systems, asymptomatic testing of students and school employees, six-feet social distancing and enforcement.

To reopen schools for in-person instruction, the state must ensure all employees required to report in person have been provided the opportunity to be vaccinated before students return to campus. The vaccine distribution should prioritize educators in schools already open and schools in communities with high transmission rates.

We must take a comprehensive and data-driven approach to reopening schools that includes addressing

community spread. After all, no matter how safe of a bubble we put around our schools, the students and staff inside go home at the end of the day. If mitigation efforts are inadequate in the community, the risk of it being brought back to school increases significantly.

Laura Barrer  
Yorba Linda

Re: Durfee Grade in Pico Rivera

Dear Editor:

I'm happy for the Pico Rivera residents that they're going to have a safe passage through that part of Pico Rivera. Do you have any information about the same planned project in Montebello, specifically Montebello Blvd and Olympic.

Felipe Punte  
Pico Rivera

Dear Editor:

Great job Pico Rivera, what a shame Montebello doesn't consider doing that, many residents are for the project.

Bryan Rodriguez  
Montebello

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Norwalk Man Who Ran Over Landlord Captured

STAFF REPORT

On February 23, 2021, US Border Patrol agents assigned to the San Clemente Station were notified by the Norwalk Sheriff's Station to be on the look-out for Javier Ortegon, a 24-year-old male U.S. citizen. Ortegon was wanted for stabbing and then running over his former landlord with a stolen vehicle several times. Ortegon also has a pending felony case of assault against a peace officer in Lakewood, Calif. The look-out notice also stated that Ortegon would be driving a California licensed 2020 blue Mercedes sedan.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., agents on patrol near Moonlight State Beach in Encinitas spotted the vehicle listed on the look-out and observed from a distance. After contacting the issuing agency and other local law-enforcement, agents observed a person fitting Ortegon's description sitting in the sedan.

In a coordinated plan, law enforcement moved in and arrested Ortegon without incident. The vehicle and Ortegon were transported to a local Border Patrol station and subsequently turned over to the Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

"Arresting a wanted individual is a great example of local, state, and Federal collaboration. Together, we keep our communities and Nation safer," said Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke.



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## Good Neighbor Program Sponsors Meals For Needy

The Lakewood Meals on Wheels Good Neighbor Sponsorship program gives individuals and businesses a way to help provide meals to their homebound neighbors in greatest need.

Meals on Wheels offers services to all clients regardless of income or ability to pay. The annual donations of Good Neighbor Sponsors specifically help subsidize free or reduced-cost meals for those low-income Lakewood neighbors who can't afford the cost.

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## Lakewood City Hall Re-Opens

### STAFF REPORT

If you are planning a visit to City Hall soon, keep in mind that the COVID-19 public safety protocols are still in place, requiring passing a health screening before entering the building for service.

If you just want to drop off a water or trash payment, you can use the box located outside the Clark Avenue entrance, which is checked throughout the day by city staff. And most city services can still be carried out very effectively over the phone or online, which the city still encourages you to do as the coronavirus pandemic is still with us.

If you prefer to come into City Hall for in-person assistance, here is the check-in process:

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# Tropical Butterfly Pavilion at South Coast Botanical



A MONARCH BUTTERFLY at the exhibit. The butterflies will be in all stages of the life cycle. The exhibit runs from April 1 to the end of July.

## STAFF REPORT

Tropical butterflies come to South Coast Botanic Garden beginning. This new experience will include a butterfly pavilion, an emergence chamber featuring caterpillars and pupae, and new plantings in the surrounding area. Running through July 31 the experience includes new garden plantings in the geometric flower beds, featuring the current tulip super bloom, pollinators and other butterfly attracting flowers. “We are always looking to bring new and exciting exhibits for our visitors to enjoy and this is just our latest project on a long list we are currently working on,” says Chief Executive Officer, Adrienne Nakashima, “It’s been a challenging year for all of us and certainly has been a year of change. So butterflies seemed like the perfect fit. Visitors will be able to see these beautiful insects in all stages of the life cycle and watch them

transform. It will be meaningful and education for everyone.” The spring exhibit featuring tropical butterflies begins April 1 and runs to the end of July. The fall exhibit featuring Monarch butterflies will begin August 1 and run through November 31. You can enhance the butterfly experience with a membership upgrade which includes a Deluxe Safari Adventure in partnership with SOAR and activities featuring Wild, Wild, West journey with garden insects; a butterfly themed tea experience and two complimentary tickets to see SOAR. While the outdoor experience is free for all visitors, the butterfly pavilion will require a separate timed ticket to enter. Tickets for this immersive exhibit go on sale to members March 1, with opening week starting April 1. Tickets go on sale to the general public March 14. For additional information and ticket purchase visit southcoastbotanicgarden.org

# City of La Mirada Oil and Filter Recycling Event

## STAFF REPORT

The City of La Mirada has partnered with AutoZone Auto Parts to sponsor a used oil and filter recycling event for La Mirada residents on Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at AutoZone Auto Parts, located at 12320 La Mirada Boulevard. Residents will have the opportunity to bring in used filters or used oil, and will be eligible to receive a free oil change kit. Residents must bring a used oil filter to the store to receive a new free oil filter. Used oil must be properly stored in a clean, uncontaminated container. The limit is 5 gallons. This event is limited to La Mirada residents only and may receive up to 2 new filters, while supplies last. Proof of residency (i.e. driver’s license or a utility bill) will be required. Masks will be required, and social distancing will be in place. For more information, please call 888-HEY-SLICK.

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# California Adventure's ‘A Touch of Disney’ starts March 4

## STAFF REPORT

A new experience opening next month at Disney California Adventure is seeking to bring back some of the magic as the theme park closure nears the one-year mark. Highlighting some of Disney’s most popular foods and beverages, character experiences and other offerings, “A Touch of Disney” will begin at California Adventure on March 18, the resort announced this week. For Disney foodies, treats will range from the frosty Dole whip found outside Disneyland’s Enchanted Tiki Room to the classic Monte Cristo sandwich featured in the park’s New Orleans Square, according to a news release. Many of the items will be served in snack-sized portions to allow guests to indulge in a wider variety of their favorites. Disney is also bringing back character experiences, noting in the release that guests “may see Mater and Lightning McQueen in Cars Land or Joy and Sadness at Pixar Pier,” in along with other favorites like Mickey and Minnie. On top of that, the event will feature unique photo locations and the latest Disney merchandise. While the theme parks remains closed — you still won’t be able to go on any rides or other attractions — more shops and restaurants will open in an expended section of the park that visitors have not been able to set foot in for nearly a year. Previously, guests could go into the

Buena Vista Street area which reopened last fall as part of an expansion of Downtown Disney. Once “A Touch of Disney” launches, that Buena Vista Street section will be part of the ticketed event. As is the case with Downtown Disney, capacity for “A Touch of Disney” will be limited each day, and coronavirus-mitigating health and safety measures will be in place, officials said. The event will run Thursday through Monday, from 12 to 8 p.m., with introductory ticket prices at \$75. The cost includes admission, parking, a \$25 dining card valid toward the purchase of food and non-alcoholic drinks, and unlimited downloads of Disney PhotoPass photos taken that day. Ticket sales start March 4 for select dates from March 18 through April 5, and some will be released on a rolling basis until the experience ends. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Disneyland.com. Those who wish to indulge in outdoor dining during the event can make reservations for Lamplight Lounge or Cathay Circle Lounge beginning March 11. Like all large theme parks in the state, Disneyland and California Adventure have been closed since last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It’s still not known exactly when amusement parks will be able to welcome back visitors due to coronavirus restrictions implemented by the state.

**Comprehensive Public Review of the City of Cerritos City Charter on March 1 and 22**

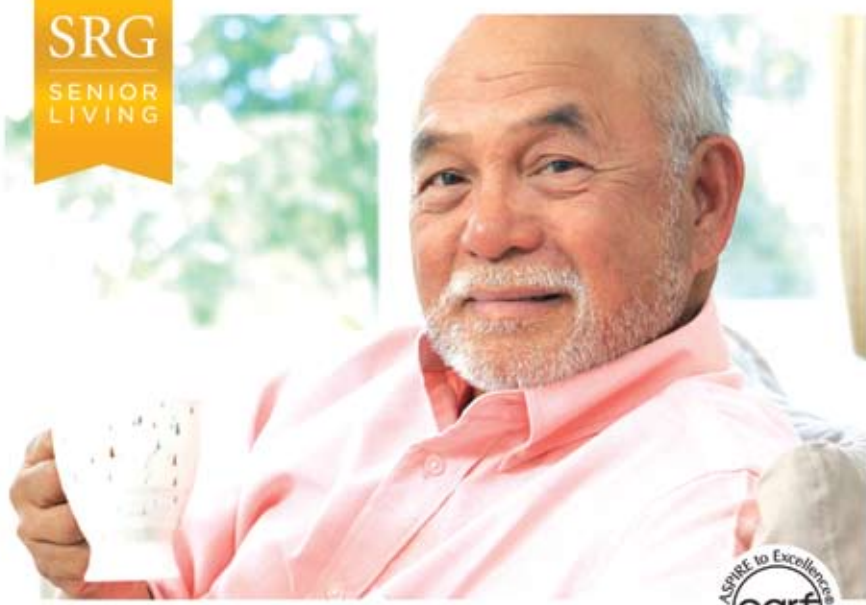
The community is invited to participate in a comprehensive public review of the City of Cerritos City Charter during study sessions set for 2 p.m. on **Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 22.**

The meetings can be observed via livestream at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us), on Cerritos TV3 or by connecting to the Zoom meeting. The public can provide public comment for the meetings using written correspondence submitted via email or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Information about connecting to the meetings will be posted on the City’s website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us).

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## Local Residents Win Recycling Awareness Calendar Contest

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Kevin Sales of KJ Services recognized contributing students to the 2021 Community Recycling Awareness Calendar at the Bellflower City Council meeting February 22.

"I want to share with you the new 2021 recycling calendar. As you know the City has sponsored an art contest for fifth graders for the past 22 years with an environmental theme. The program is funded by a grant that is received from the state of California. The artwork has been used over the years for artwork, posters and newspaper ads, but for the last several years we have used the winning art work in a calendar."

In the past presentations have been promoted at city council meetings and at the schools, so this year we have setup a special zoom presentation, and the thirteen winners were introduced to Bellflower city council Monday, February 22. The winners received a Certificate of Achievement from Bellflower, along with a previously received medal and \$50 gift card.

Ernesto Esparza is the grand prize winner from Mr. Ellis' class at Ramona Elementary School. His art is featured on the cover of the calendar and the first inside page.

First prize winner was Laura Tupou from Williams Elementary School, Mrs. Caldarella's class with the title "A happy or sad Earth, Recycling Makes a Difference."



**FIRST PLACE WINNER**  
Laura Tupou from  
Williams Elementary School.

The second prize was awarded to Emma Villa of Pyle Elementary School; Ms. Hoffman's class entitled "For a better future - Recycle." Her artwork is featured for the month of March 2021.

Honorable mentions go to Gabriella Amaral, Ramona Elementary School; Ryley Williams, Ramona Elementary; Henessys Gonzalez, Pyle Elementary School; Christian Meddy, Ramona Elementary; Brian Sanchez, Ramona Elementary; Ashmeen Kaur, Williams Elementary School; Allisson Cabrera; Ramona Elementary; Aneudy Paredes, Ramona Elementary; Anthony Rapalo, Woodruff Elementary and last but not least Jacob Corsino, Ramona Elementary who is featured in December 2021.

KJ Services is a recycling and waste reduction professional who specializes in the planning and development of effective recycling and waste reduction programs and their supporting educational programs.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2021 Community Recycling Awareness Calendar, please contact Bellflower City Hall. If any participating student or parent needs extra copies of the calendar please let your teacher or principal know.

**SECOND PLACE WINNER** was  
Emma Villa of Pyle Elementary School.

## The Kind Acts Factory Delivers on Valentine's Day



**MEMBERS** of Bellflower-based Kind Acts Factory get ready to deliver roses and other items to three different domestic shelters across Los Angeles County.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, Bellflower-based Kind Acts Factory was blessed with the opportunity to network and gather resources for an act of kindness above and beyond on Thursday, February 11th, 2021.

Through the generosity of Mireyas Flowers, Serenity Desire and Co. and Estrella Properties over a dozen volunteers delivered over 200 roses, candy bags, N95 masks and hand sanitizer to three different domestic shelters across Los Angeles County.

"Most of all, we delivered a spark of joy and hope for the women and children

of these shelters," said Carlos Lopez, CEO and Founder of The Kind Acts Factory.

"The generosity from our sponsors was truly God given. Finally, I want to thank our volunteers. You are the motor and compass for The Kind Acts Factory as we navigate through our mission of spreading love and compassion one kind act at a time."

The Kind Acts Factory was established to bring communities together through acts of kindness, while empowering local youth to get involved in civic change.

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COMMUNITY SPORTS

# Cerritos High fall season senior athletes anxious to get games in

What once looked bleak a few months ago seems more promising based on the news the CIF-SS gave last Friday.

BY LOREN KOPFF  
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*Editor’s note: This is the second in a series of recognizing the area high school seniors of the fall season sports who have had their seasons cancelled or limited because of COVID-19.*

Cerritos High fields five athletic programs in the revised 2020-2021 fall season the CIF-Southern Section put together last July, and the seniors of those programs are crossing their fingers that they will have an opportunity to put their uniforms on at least one last time before their seasons officially come to an end. What once looked bleak a few months ago seems more promising based on the news the CIF-SS gave last Friday, in which the fall season sports can return to play as early as today if their county reaches at least 14 cases or fewer per 100,000.

Those numbers were updated this past Tuesday and Los Angeles County’s case rate dipped to 12.3, which means the fall sports can return for practicing and eventually games. Boys and girls cross country has already begun at several schools within the CIF-SS and other parts of the state and with an end date of Mar. 27, that gives Cerritos head coach Jason Watanabe one month to get up to three cluster meets in.

“It’s a little tough in the sense that we haven’t started while other schools have actually been competing, mainly Orange Country, though,” Watanabe said. “But at the same time, we have been able to meet with our athletes and give them workouts. Obviously, it’s not the same.

“It’s looking hopeful, and like I said, I don’t like to give people false hope,” Watanabe later said of returning to action. “But it’s looking hopeful that we might be able to have at least some competition, whether it’s just a handful of schools or our league schools with a limited cap to be able to race this year.”

He added that instead of the whole team running together, some of them have branched off to run in smaller groups. They have also been logging their workouts, but Watanabe isn’t sure how accurate they are.

Since cross country is good to go in the county, Watanabe said he is hoping to run a junior varsity team, with a cap on the runners, and the two varsity teams, which would be no more than seven runners each. That would mean there would be no more than 42 boys’ runners and no more than 42 girls’

runners for each 605 League varsity race. The ideal dates of the league races would be Mar. 13, 20 and 27 and would be held on the Cerritos High campus. It’s also important to note that the CIF-SS previously cancelled all fall sports championships but gave its member schools the option of still competing if and when that time came.

Normally, the 605 League cross country action would be at Don Knabe Park and La Mirada Regional Park. But for this season, the three league meets at Cerritos would begin on the soccer field so that the runners would have the ability to make a wide start. From there, the runners then go towards the black top and onto the track where the runners would make one complete lap on the track before going around the entire grass portion to the baseball field. The runners then would go back on the blacktop, around the gymnasium to the parking lot along Bloomfield Ave., through the school before making a left in front of the office and proceeding towards the other parking lot before making the same loop again and going around the baseball fields, but in reverse and ending on the track.

“I like to be straightforward in saying, ‘I’m not sure on this, but this is what I’m hearing’,” Watanabe said of returning to play. “I never want to say, ‘we’re going to start here’ and then say, ‘no, we’re going to start in two more weeks’. I’m always really cautious on what information I give them.

“We were lucky enough that we actually physically have a class on Zoom,” he continued. “So, I’ve been able to go over things like focusing on goals and mental strength and preparation.”

Watanabe also said that the social aspect part has been key as he has been giving the runners a lot of activities to do online, like online paint night and online breakout rooms where each of the captains organize activities for the athletes so they can meet each other. He said that by using this type of social connection, it will give them the motivation that they need.

The seniors of the Cerritos cross country program are: Ahmer Abbasi, Mohit Agrawal, Chris Amaro, Anuska Bimali, Kaela Brickner, Samantha Chang (captain) , Nathan Choi, Kellie Fernandez, Andrew Gillispie, Anrei Giordano (captain), Kevin Hamakawa (captain), Micah Hernandez, Noah Hong, Kuval Ingale, Kyli Joe, Seung Jung, Emilie Kim, Kayla Kim, Jayson Malhi, Adrean Martin, Kenneth Masa, Evaristo Mateo, Donita Mercado, Eric Perez, Rahul Pratap, Prisila Rodriguez, Naman Satish, Keoni Usi (captain), Sofia Vasquez (captain) and Isaac Yi.

The girls volleyball team, who

are coming off a stellar 2019 season that saw the Lady Dons finish at 25-6, including a perfect 605 League campaign in 10 matches, had eyes of another strong season and a deeper run in the Division 4 playoffs. Last season, the Lady Dons were bounced out in the second round by La Serna High, falling in five sets. Cerritos has had consecutive seasons of at least 24 victories, the first time that has happened to the program in over two decades, and the Lady Dons have yet to lose a 605 League match.

Head coach David Cuthbert, who is in his eighth season, has amassed 119 victories and was returning four seniors with middle blocker/right side hitter Madison Agabon and libero/defensive specialist Maile Grace Tabon being the top two of those four.

Tabon has been on varsity for three seasons and Cuthbert says she has been a major contributor to the program’s success over the past two years and was expected to be the team’s starting libero and team captain. Agabon, who also would have been a captain, has been on the varsity squad for two seasons and would have been a big presence for the program, according to Cuthbert.

Setter Livia Bui, a three-year varsity athlete, and defensive specialist/libero Loren Kim, who has been with the varsity team for two years, are the other key returning seniors. Cuthbert said that Bui is a ‘very capable setter’ who has backed up a previous four-year starting setter the past two seasons and Kim was expected to play significantly more this season.

Cerritos also has six other seniors who are new to the team: right side hitter/middle blocker Kassidy Alabanza, middle blocker Breanna Cuison, defensive specialist Samantha Davalos, outside hitter Taylor Kim, defensive specialist Kaisie Rivera and defensive specialist Leilani Sison.

“During this challenging time, the girls volleyball program has continued to do live workouts two times a week and we were able to get a couple of on-campus practices in late 2020 before the [COVID-19] numbers spiked,” Cuthbert said. “We are hopeful to be able to get some volleyball contact in later this year to help us prepare for next season. There is going to be a lot of change as we will have new faces in the fall of 2021. But we have a strong junior class that will be vital in ensuring the traditions and culture that our program has built over the past few seasons will survive going forward. In the couple of practices we were able to get in, I was able to meet our freshmen and see them in person and I believe our freshmen class this season is probably one of the best and certainly deepest classes I’ve had since I started coaching at Cerritos.”

The last date that girls volleyball can play a match is Mar. 20 and although the

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# High School Fall Season Athletics Given the Green Light to Return to Play

BY LOREN KOPFF  
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Athletes, coaches, parents and school administrators have been waiting for 11 months for high school athletics to resume and that time has come for some counties in California. Last Friday, the CIF-Southern Section released an update on the return to play for athletes, which included the latest adjusted case rate it received from Governor Gavin Newsom’s office and the California Department of Public Health.

For outdoor athletics to happen, a county must have a case rate of 14, or fewer, per 100,000 people. Last Friday, Los Angeles County was at 20.0 and Orange County was at 20.7. However, this past Tuesday, those numbers had dropped to 12.3 and 11.9 respectively. That means that boys and girls cross country, football, girls volleyball and boys and girls water polo can begin conditioning, practicing and playing games/events. The CIF-SS had previously cancelled all fall sports championships, but encouraged

its member schools to have games if a return to play was to happen. The end dates for the fall sports range anywhere from Mar. 20-Apr. 17.

While it has not been confirmed from the area schools, girls volleyball and boys and girls water polo most likely will not happen. But coaches of the area boys and girls cross country and football teams are scrambling to put together games up until their respective end dates. The 605 League revised its football schedules to have tentative league contests on Mar. 18, Apr. 1 and Apr. 16.

For the spring sports, girls tennis was okay to begin this past Monday while boys and girls soccer can start as early as Saturday. The other spring sports can begin anywhere from Mar. 1-Mar. 20. The next update on the adjusted case rate will come out on Mar. 2.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The Olympic League had its second cluster meet in three weeks last Saturday



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on the Valley Christian High campus and the results were the same for the host school. The Lady Defenders, paced by sophomore Wesli Oeh, held off Maranatha High to pick up a 34-39 victory. For the second straight race, Oeh finished in second place with a time of 21:25, which was over a minute faster from the Feb. 6 race. In fact, all six runners who ran in the first league meet had faster times last Saturday.

Junior Sophia Moreno was the fifth runner to cross the line with a time of 22:20. But as was the case with the first meet, only three schools fielded enough runners to make it official. As a result, Moreno was officially third. The next V.C. runner was freshman Juliet Chang (24:45), followed by junior Meg Pheifer (25:13), sophomore Katherine Padilla (25:54), Julianna Nguyen (26:07) and senior Angie Prieto (27:38).

Village Christian High racked up 55 points while Heritage Christian High had

four runners and Whittier Christian had two runners, both of whom had the third and fourth best times and Maranatha added two extra runners to complete the field of 27 runners.

The Valley Christian boys had another strong outing and clearly distanced themselves from the rest of the league by garnering 27 points. Heritage Christian came in second place with 43 points, followed by Maranatha (81) and Village Christian (84). Whittier Christian was not represented.

“It was another great win for our varsity boys,” said Valley Christian head coach Craig Henry. “I was pleased by how our boys closed our time gap from our number one runner, [junior] Daniel Koops, to our number five runner, [senior] Pedro Ventura.”

Koops finished in second place with a personal record time of 16:25 while Ventura, who also had a personal record, finished in ninth place with a time of 18:24. In between, sophomore Matthew Kubler came in fourth place (17:15) and right behind him in fifth place was junior Caleb Wojciechowski (17:47). Senior Isaac Rubio claimed the seventh spot with a time of 17:54 while Thomas Fujimoto (18:53) and Stephen Chang (19:14) rounded out the rest of the Defenders with 11th and 12th place finishes respectively.

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case rate for Los Angeles County has gone from 20.0 last Friday to 12.3 this past Tuesday, it’s unsure how many matches the Lady Dons will play, if they do, before Mar. 20. According to a release last Friday, CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod said the office will continue to be in discussions with Governor Gavin Newsom’s office and the California Department of Public Health on a plan for return for the indoor sports.

It has been tough going for the football program, which has struggled for the past 19 seasons and has had one winning season during that time. On top of that, Brad Carter, who was hired a year ago to become the program’s ninth head coach since 2006, has yet to coach a game with his new school.

The program has until Apr. 17 to play how many games it seems fit and according to the latest numbers and based on the recent scenarios the CIF-SS put out, it was eligible to condition as early as this past Tuesday, be in pads as soon as today and play its first game as soon as Mar. 11, if it chooses so. That would give the Dons up to six games. There are other scenarios with corresponding dates where teams could play five or four games.

“Our entire school and coaching staff are extremely proud of our football seniors,” Carter said. “To say they have overcome great adversity would be a complete understatement. They have continued to work hard each and every day, even though the possibility of a senior season becomes dimmer and dimmer. These players have set the foundation of excellence for years to come, and our program is forever grateful.”

The 2020 Cerritos senior football players are: Andrew Barron, Anthony Biacan, Nick De Giuseppe, Nathan Endo, Malekai Granflor, Gio Magana, Maanav Mehta, Joseph Quibrantar, Jace Ramirez, Andrew Ramos, Will Reed, Matt Rezendes, Jonathan Sagun, Chaz Sanchez, Derek Toguchi, Moises Vargas, Pablo Vega, Trent Wilson, Kfir Ben Yossef and Kenneth Fletcher.

Should football play some games, Quibrantar would be a possibility at the quarterback position while the Dons would boast a solid rushing attack

led by Ramos (29 carries last season, 125 yards, one touchdown), Reed (13 carries, 127 yards, three touchdowns) and Vargas (99 carries, 634 yards, four touchdowns). Sanchez and De Giuseppe are the leaders in the wide receiving department, combining for 10 receptions and 288 yards with a pair of touchdowns last season while on defense, De Giuseppe (67 tackles, two interceptions), Endo (33 tackles), Quibrantar (46 tackles), Ramirez (48 tackles, six and a half sacks), Reed (29 tackles, four and a half sacks) and Sagun (36 tackles) would pace the Dons.

Among some of the comments Carter said on a few of his seniors, Barron is a ‘leader in the trenches for the Dons’, Magana ‘leads a strong rushing attack for the Dons due to his strength and speed’, Ramirez is ‘a quarterback’s worst nightmare with his strength and speed on the edge’ and Vargas is ‘one of our biggest weapons on the offensive side of the ball and is a player that opponents must know where he is at on every play’.

Again, with no playoffs in the picture, the Dons could have St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy, Segerstrom High, John Glenn High, Artesia High and Pioneer High on the potential docket. Those would have been the final five games on the revised schedule put out late in 2020.

Normally, girls water polo is played in the winter months, but has been grouped with boys water polo for the 2020-2021 athletic season. Head coach Al Reyes said that the program really wanted to have the chance to compete this year, but with or without a season, the seniors from the 2020 boys team and the seniors of the 2020-2021 girls team will always hold a special place in his heart. The end date for water polo is also Mar. 20.

The seniors from the boys team are Landon Blechinger (captain), Eric Estrada (captain), Kobe Hurtado (captain), Jose Linares, Thomas Luther, Layth Sabha and Dave Son. The seniors from the girls team are Jillian Crockett (captain), Jillian Gerial (captain), Kaya Glynn (captain) and Priscilla Perez.

“There is no doubt in my mind that given the chance, these 11 leaders would have led us to more victories and championships this year,” Reyes said.

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Southern California.”

The agency shall be governed by a five member board of locally elected officials within the three water agency’s borders. The Governor, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments will each appoint one official.

The board will appoint a general manager with “at least five years experience.”

“The bill would require the agency to serve the region as the leader in intra-agency collaboration on water resource issues and authorize the agency to serve the water needs of its region through specified activities, including, among others, operating public water systems or other water infrastructure and integrating (taking over) other water systems in the region into its operations as prescribed.”

The bill specifies that if an elected official leaves office they will appoint another one and that a president will be elected every year.

The bill also allows the agency to “consolidate operation of public water systems, integrate other water system into its operations, and to assist the mutual water agencies.”

It’s a take-over plain and simple,” said one water board director who did not want to be identified, “they are terming out in 2024 and want somewhere to land. I also heard Garcia was very upset that the receivership bill SB625 failed and has been working on this since that bill went down.”

During the SB 625 fight, HMG-CN exclusively reported on Garcia and the

corruption trail that involved her, Speaker Rendon, Asm. Ian Calderon, and Sen. Steven Bradford that led up to SB625.

HMG-CN examined several campaign finance documents on Followthe-Money.org and the California Secretary of State’s website Cal-Access which revealed a complex web of relationships and monetary donations related to elected officials favoring CB’s take over.

The investigation found that Garcia took thousands from water purveyors inside Central Basin Municipal Water’s boundaries, the same purveyors causing problems inside the agency itself.

In addition, the documents showed several possible campaign finance violations.

The same water purveyors inside CB boundaries that gave money to Garcia donated thousands to several political action committees (PAC’s), with the PAC’s turning around and giving money to Garcia.

Finally, the investigation found a massive web of donations - from the same purveyors and PAC’s that gave to Garcia - paid to elected officials who have their name on SB 625.

**Blatant Conflicts**

The donations by the individual water purveyors and PAC’s to candidates present a laundry list of conflicts, pay-to-play and possible campaign finance violations.

The purveyors who gave money are all inside Central Basin’s boundaries including Whittier-based San Gabriel Valley Water; Whittier-based Cadway/California Domestic Water; Downey-based Park Water and Liberty Utilities.

One of the most questionable donations was by San Gabriel Valley Water, who donated \$16,900 to Garcia.

SGVW is current Garcia-appointed

CB Director Dan Arrighi’s employer and resigned only a few days after HMG-CN exposed his company.

Liberty Utilities counts as one of its employees Frank Heldman, another dysfunctional Garcia appointed CB Director who resigned under a shadow of corruption after an HMG article found Heldman filing false 700’s. He also attempted to broker a deal between Liberty and Sativa Water while a Director at CB.

**Individual Company Donations to Candidates**

Arrighi’s company, San Gabriel Valley Water, gave Garcia-

- \$4,700 in 2012
- \$4,700 in 2014
- \$3,000 in 2016
- \$2,500 in 2018

and just recently gave \$2,000 in 2020.

SGVW gave Speaker Rendon \$5,600 from 2014-2016 and gave Calderon \$6,500 from 2014-2018.

California Domestic Water Company, also known as Cadway, is another water purveyor in CB’s area; Cadway gave Garcia \$2,500 in 2016 and \$2,200 in 2018.

But these companies, with already questionable connections, did not stop at the individual level, donating over \$128,000 to PAC’s that would eventually support Garcia, Rendon, Calderon, and Bradford.

**Individual Company Donations to PAC’s**

Three PAC’s were beneficiaries of the SGVW, Liberty/Park, and Cadway donations:

- California Water Association
- California Association of Mutual Water Companies
- Consumers for Clean Water.

The California Water Association

was the biggest recipient, garnering over \$58,000 in donations; second was Consumers for Clean Water who took in \$21,600 from Cadway and \$22,100 from SGVW. Last was California Association of Mutual Water Companies, who took in \$25,900 from the apparent cash-cow Cadway.

**PAC’s Donations to Candidates**

The CWA, flush with money donated by water purveyors who have a clear conflict of interest, donated to all the major players involved with SB 625. The donations are total numbers:

- \$7,500 to Garcia (2012, ’14, ’16, ’18)
- \$5,000 to Rendon (2014)
- \$5,800 to Calderon (2012, ’16, ’18)
- \$9,000 to Bradford (2012, ’16)

And in what looks like pay-to-play, CWA gave Bradford, who is carrying the bill and who is up for re-election in November, \$3,000.

Next in line was Consumers for Clean Water who took in \$43,700 from Cadway and SGVW; Consumers gave Rendon \$4,100.

Last was the California Association of Mutual Water Company PAC. After taking \$25,900 from Cadway, the PAC turned around and gave Garcia \$2,000 in 2016 and \$3,200 in 2018.

**The Conflicts Continue**


HMG-CN obtained the agenda for the Assembly hearing on SB 625 in Sacramento in July by the Committee on Local Government.

Also supporting the bill is the California Association of Mutual Water Company (\$5,200 to Garcia) and the California Water Association (\$7,500 to Garcia).

Garcia’s first bill passed in 2016; during that year, the companies and PAC’s cited in this investigation gave \$53,300. \$10,500 (19%) went to Garcia.

In 2018, the companies and PAC’s cited in this investigation gave \$54,100; \$9,400 (17%) went to Garcia.

Texts to Garcia went unreturned.



By DAVID OUELLET

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

**Calendars**

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**Solution: 9 letters**

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their letters, emails and strong evidence.

The D.A., the FBI, Homeland Security, and the FDA, according to sources, have several sworn affidavits from other employees corroborating the whistleblower’s allegations.

Employees have alleged in their affidavits and lawsuits several cover-ups by investigators followed by retaliation ranging from demotions to outright firing.

One whistleblower filed multiple complaints with Metro, the L.A. County Sheriff’s and the LAPD in early July 2019. She also filed with the L. A. D.A.’s Public Integrity boss Alan Yochelson later in the month, only to fall on deaf ears.

Finally in an August letter to the FBI, the whistleblower received an acknowledgement that the FBI was investigating.

Then in November, she received an email from Alan Yochelson acknowledging an investigation and naming the person in charge.

The investigation by the agencies runs the gambit of public corruption: pay-to-play, sole-source contracts, intimidation, retaliation, and favoritism in hiring.



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government issued a lifetime health advisory of 70 nanograms per liter (ng/L) for the combined concentration of PFOS and PFOA. In February 2020, California established a RL of 10 ng/L for PFOA and 40 ng/L for PFOS.

WRD President Vera De Witt thanked the council for inviting the agency and then introduced Assistant General Manager Rob Beste to give the presentation.

Beste told the council that WRD has been monitoring the ground water quality in their region for over 50 years with monitors at 300 wells and 55 locations throughout that area, but only ten years ago the agency began testing for PFAS.

Water quality samples are taken twice a year and analyzed for PFAS, all reports can be found online at wrd.org.

Beste introduced a series of interactive color-coded maps that show the PFAS and PFOA levels in the entire WRD area; the map showed high levels in the Pico Rivera area.

Beste was asked by Councilmember Andrew Lara why the levels were so high, Beste responded, “its an area that receives al of its groundwater from other area aquifers, there are no natural filters.”

WRD uses three types of filtering for the PFOA, granular activated carbon filters, ionic exchange, and membranes, which are at the Albert Robles Center, levels have been going down, but remain high in Pico Rivera and areas to the north.

The WRD board recently approved a \$34 million remediation fund, with the

funding coming from the purveyors and pumpers inside WRD’s boundaries.

WRD wants to take that money and give it to the areas that have problems with PFAS, such as the city of Pico Rivera, who has applied for a grant.

But a potential problem exists in the grant agreement.

WRD is asking anyone who accepts a grant to relinquish any rights to sue the agency in the future.

In Pico Rivera’s case, it will cost upwards of \$12 million to remediate the PFAS, and WRD is giving only \$4 million.

According to one water agency GM, Orange County’s OCWD is paying 100 percent of remediation costs and 50% of the cost of operations.

Many purveyors and pumpers in the area are not happy about the terms of the agreement.

City Attorney Arnold Glassman spoke up and stated, “these issues are sensitive and important to the city, we were anticipating bringing updates in closed session but there is a number of litigation matters that are sensitive, I need to discuss with City Manager (Steve Carmona) and we can bring it back to the council.”

In other news, the city is in the running for a competitive state grant to complete a major upgrade to Rio Hondo Park, both the facilities and security.

In June 2019, the city conducted five meetings attended by youth and patrons who selected the playground design from three different boards set up by the city. Attendees were able to put dots on their favorite part of the three boards to

complete the park.

The city gathered the the input and put together the playground, and conducted and additional four additional outreach meetings in October and November 2020 to complete the design.

Some of the highlights of the park will be exercise stations, concrete ping-pong tables, a rubberized walking path, bird and butterfly garden, synthetic soccer field, renovation of existing concessions and restrooms, resurfacing the basketball courts, and a new playground. All the plants will be drought tolerant, and the irrigation system will be low use.

Finally, the city extended work on the street lights with Tanko who is upgrading 3,200 streetlights to LED and 581 decorative lights located within the right-of-way (ROW), parks and around community centers. Upgrading the lights to LED will save the city approximately \$1.2 million in energy and maintenance costs over the next 20 years.

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reopening.

“Our kids need to be back in classrooms and I don’t want any school to be unable to reopen because of a lack of resources,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “We are going to give one million high quality masks out of our county’s stockpile to schools that need them and connect school districts with resources so they can get ventilation equipment in classrooms to keep students and teachers

alike safe.”

The motion approved yesterday will mean the County will equitably distribute 1 million high-quality masks to the County’s 81 school districts and help connect school districts with funding for upgraded ventilation systems and information they need to set up testing programs.

In LA County, COVID-19 case rates are down 90% from last month. On February 16, cases in LA County dropped below the State’s threshold to allow schools to reopen for in-classroom learning for grades K-6. As school districts have moved to reopen with plans to vaccinate teachers and other school staff starting March 1st, public schools in lower income areas have found it more difficult to overcome hurdles to reopening safely. A recent survey of 20 school districts in Los Angeles County demonstrated that schools in more affluent areas are moving faster to reopen than those in lower-income communities.

“The support that item 42-J would provide in the form of PPE, assistance in improving HVAC systems & establishing a testing cadence, would make for a potential savings to our general fund, but more importantly provide for a safe transition back to the classroom and provide peace of mind to parents as they send their students back to school,” said Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of the South Whittier School District who called into the Board meeting.

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GREGORY THOMAS FISHER AKA GREGORY T. FISHER  
CASE NO. 21STPB01499

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GREGORY THOMAS FISHER AKA GREGORY T. FISHER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRUCE HITCHMAN AND LEE ANN HITCHMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRUCE HITCHMAN AND LEE ANN HITCHMAN be appointed as Special Administrator with general powers to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: 03/22/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 2021040483  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SPARTAN TOWING, 226 W. RIGGIN ST, MONTERREY PARK, CA., 91754 Registered Owner: CHRISTOPHER BANUELOS, 226 W. RIGGIN ST, MONTERREY PARK, CA., 91754 . THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 2/20/21. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ CHRISTOPHER BANUELOS.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 2/19/21. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19/21

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Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on 3/18/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Cesar Lopez; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Luis Ham; Andy Gonzalez; Maria Isabel Portillo; Dani Cano Flores; Juan Manuel Morales; Adeline Christlieb; Christopher Gonzalez; Clemente Maldonado; Jose Alvaro Razo; Sophia Rodriguez; Edith Acevedo; Luis Santana; Eduardo Garcia. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 2021028070  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: VIZEX GROUP, 315 W. MONTECITO AVE. UNIT B, SIERRA MADRE, CA., 91024. Registered Owner: VICTOR DOMINGUEZ, 315 W. MONTECITO AVE. UNIT B, SIERRA MADRE, CA., 91024. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/2021. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ VICTOR DOMINGUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/2/21. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/21

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera is a direct recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For the 2021-2022 Program Year, the City of Pico Rivera is seeking applications from qualified for profit and non-profit organizations whose focus is improving the quality of life for Pico Rivera residents, especially those with low or moderate-incomes. A maximum of fifteen percent (15%) may fund Public Service activities. Funding will be contingent on availability from HUD.

For funding consideration, all proposed activities must meet CDBG eligibility requirements found at 24 CFR 570 and meet at least one of the City's 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan priority needs.

Applications and instructions for completing the application are available on the City website at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/housing/default.asp>.

Applications should be postmarked no later than **Friday, March 19, 2021** at the City of Pico Rivera Community Development Department located at 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera 90660. Applications postmarked after the March 19, 2021 deadline will not be accepted. Applications may also be emailed to [jfaccuseh@pico-rivera.org](mailto:jfaccuseh@pico-rivera.org), please use “**CDBG Public Services Application**” in the subject line. Late applications will not be accepted.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of community development and housing activities, including public services, social services, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and residential code enforcement and housing improvement projects. A complete list of the eligible activities is available online on the City's website under the Housing Services Division page at this link <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/housing/default.asp>.

Community residents are invited to complete an online community survey by visiting the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PR2021-22>

Los residentes pueden completar una encuesta comunitaria al visitar el siguiente sitio web: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PR2021-22SAP>

For more information, please contact:

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It is the intent of the City of Pico Rivera to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you should need special assistance, please contact the Pico Rivera City Clerk Office at (562) 801-4379, or via e-mail to Ms. Anna Jerome at [ajerome@pico-rivera.org](mailto:ajerome@pico-rivera.org).

**ESPAÑOL:**  
Información en español puede ser obtenida llamando al (562) 801-4331.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
CHARLOTTE WALKER  
CASE NO. 21STPB00813  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLOTTE WALKER.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHELDON C. WALKER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHELDON C. WALKER 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: 03/15/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 E. Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on March 8, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Ana Rodriguez, clothes and paperwork, Eliu Perez, Household items ,Eric Myres, Christmas decorations, 20 medium boxes ,Donald Brown, Donald Brown, Household items- Jeane Simpson, Household items, Keronda McGrue, Household items,Audrey Gomez, a lot of clothes ,Kailahi Leula Jr , Household items, Anthony Paxton, Household items, furniture, Amanda Walker, Keepsakes, Universal Copy, Household items ,Beatrice Bell, Household items

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 14589-JP  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: ELBOWS MAC N CHEESE, INC., 11405 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703  
Doing Business as: ELBOWS MAC N' CHEESE-CERRITOS  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: LINH NGUYEN, OR ASSIGNEE, 11405 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 11405 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 18, 2021  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 17316 EDWARDS RD, STE B160, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last date for filing claims shall be MARCH 17, 2021, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
DATED: 2/23/2021  
BUYER: LINH NGUYEN, OR ASSIGNEE  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
PEGGY HO  
CASE NO. 21STPB01034  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PEGGY HO.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDERSON HO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDERSON HO 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 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.  
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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.  
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