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NORWALK PLANNING NEW DEVELOPMENT AT CYA

ARTIST'S RENDITION of a development project at the California Youth Authority property called the Norwalk Transit Village, a transit-oriented eco-community on the 32-acre plot of land.

By Brian Hews

Norwalk Council continues to take input on the plan to build a transit-oriented eco-community on the former 32-acre California Youth Authority property at 13200 Bloomfield Avenue.

Located between Imperial and Rosecrans, the property was closed by the state in 2011; after passage of AB 518 in 2020, the city now has the opportunity to purchase the property from the state for new development.

The area is surrounded by residential development to the

north, west, and south, Zimmerman Park and the Metrolink rail line to the east. Given the surrounding uses and the close proximity to transit, the opportunity is there to develop the property with housing and neighborhood amenities, in-

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Hawaiian Gardens Enters Partnership With Distribution Firm



HELPING OUT-CO-CEOs Kelly Sawyer-Patricof (left) and Norah Weinstein, secured and distributed 732M diapers in 2021.

By Tammye McDuff

The City of Hawaiian Gardens, led by the City Council and City Manager Ernesto Marquez, approved an agreement with Baby2Baby to receive and distribute necessary goods for babies and toddlers.

Co-CEOs Kelly Sawyer Patricof and Norah Weinstein started Baby2Baby as a mega diaper bank and non-profit organization providing essential items to children in need across the country.

In the last ten years, Baby2Baby has distributed over 200 million items to children in homeless shelters, domestic violence programs, foster care, hospitals and underserved schools, and children who have lost everything in the wake of disaster.

Last year alone, Baby2Baby had requests for 731 million diapers, a 500% increase over pre-COVID times. "We are tackling diaper need from every

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La Mirada Councilman Andrew Sarega Fined for Campaign Violations

Fines are a result of a HMG-CN investigation, Sarega's father was given a stern FPPC warning for violations.

By Brian Hews

La Mirada City Councilman Andrew Sarega was slammed last week with nearly \$1,700 in fines by the Fair Political Practices Commission for violations of the Political Reform Act.

The fine resulted from an investigation by Hews Media Group-Community News and the Lampighter.

It seems like violating the Act

runs in the family; Sarega's father, Ion, was warned by the FPPC last year for potential violations.

Sarega was first cited for the committee Residents for a Better La Mirada, run by his friend Stelian Onufrie.

HMG-CN found two donations were made to RBLM and not correctly reported; the money was then spent on then-candidate Tony Aiello and Sarega's campaign.

The FPPC investigated whether the independent expenditure committee colluded with Sarega and Aiello in sending out campaign materials.

In the end, Onufrie was fined

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ANDREW SAREGA

Artesia City Clerk Sues City, Councilmembers

Complaint is against former CM Rawlings, along with Lima, Manalo, and Taj.

By Brian Hews

In January of this year, a felony search warrant was issued by the LA County Sheriff's asking for all texts, computers and electronic devices belonging to former Artesia City Manager Bill Rawlings and communications between him and Artesia City Clerk Ernesto Sanchez, and Councilmembers Tony Lima and Monica Manalo.

No other elected officials were named in the warrant.

According to the search warrant, a judge heard evidence from Detective Brian Judge about the 2020 City Council election.

The search warrant stated that electronic equipment either was used "as a means of committing a felony and tends to show that a felony has been committed" and that "a particular person has committed a felony."

The warrant asked for electronic material for a 17 day

period between July 28, 2020 up to and including August 13, 2020 and seized everything from the city building that Rawlings used or is still in possession of Rawlings.

Now, in a Los Angeles Superior Court complaint filed Feb. 18, current Artesia City Clerk Ernesto Sanchez has leveled explosive accusations of election interference and harassment against former City Manager Bill Rawlings, and election interference against current Artesia City Councilpersons Tony Lima, Monica Manalo, and Ali Taj.

Sanchez is asking for damages and a jury trial.

The lawyers stated that when Sanchez was promoted to City Clerk, Rawlings called him in and told him if he had any complaints, especially complaints concerning the upcoming election, Sanchez should bring them directly to him.

The complaint stated, "This caused unnecessary delay in providing application packages to at least two City of Artesia

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Family Donates \$25,000 to Boys and Girls Club



COMMUNITY LEADERS Jon and Bonnie Peat donated \$25,000 in front of a cheering group of young people at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anaheim-Cypress.

Staff Report

Community leaders Jon and Bonnie Peat made a generous donation of \$25,000 before a cheering group of young people at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anaheim-Cypress last week.

The Peats are the presenting sponsor for the Ace of Clubs Fundraiser at the Ranch Saloon in Anaheim on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

The Peats are passionate advocates for youth and families in Cypress and surrounding communities. A long-time board member, Jon is currently serving as the Chairman of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anaheim-Cypress and Chairman of the Area Council of Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Orange County.

Bonnie is also deeply involved in our community, serving as the President of the Board of Trustees for the Cypress School District and as the President of the GFWC Women's Club of Cypress.

Commenting on their donation, Jon

said, "We are pleased to be able to contribute to the outstanding work that the Boys & Girls Club does every day, serving youth and families in our community with free and low-cost services. We want to partner with them to help them succeed in their vital mission." Last year the Club served nearly 1,200 youth at seven clubhouses and two teen centers in Anaheim and Cypress. In 2022, the Club will open eight additional clubhouses to serve more youth and their families with free and low-cost services.

The Ace of Clubs Fundraiser at the Ranch Saloon on Sunday, March 13, will include casino gaming, appetizers, hosted bar, buffet dinner and live music, along with, silent and live auctions.

For further information, please contact the Chief Philanthropy Officer, Jeff Morin at jmorin@theboysandgirlsclub.org, or Chief Executive Officer, Anne Hertz-Mallari at ahertz@theboysandgirlsclub.org.

Artesia High Boys Soccer Heading to CIF-SS Finals



THE PIONEERS (22-1-1) beat Desert Mirage High and are now headed to the CIF Finals on Saturday at Quartz Hill High. With the strong support of families and students who traveled to Desert Mirage High School, the Artesia High School boys soccer team came away with a win. The Pioneers are now headed to the CIF Southern Section finals to play Quartz Hill on Saturday, February 26th. Quartz is located at 6040 W Ave L in Lancaster. Game tickets are available online at <https://gofan.co/app/events/508356?schoolId=CA18993>.

La Mirada Resident Recognized for Community Service

By Tammie McDuff

The La Mirada City Council recognized Robin Miller on February 22 with a ceremony and plaque for her many years of service to the City.

Miller began her career with Straight Talk, Inc. as the Office Manager in January 1988. After 33 years of service, she celebrated her official retirement in December 2021.

In 1967, Miller and her family moved to La Mirada. She graduated from La Mirada High School in 1973 and received her Associate of Arts Degree in Business from Cerritos Community College in 1976.

Straight Talk La Mirada has been providing quality mental health services since 1982. The program was established with a city contract to provide various counseling services to residents and non-residents. Founded in 1971 by a group of active parents, Straight Talk Clinic was initially a local community response to growing evidence of illicit

drug use among children and teenagers.

Within four years, the agency was sustaining a range of outpatient drug prevention and treatment services to hundreds of Orange County families per year, with over 60 percent reporting family incomes below the poverty level.

Miller began her career in 1988, providing counseling services to the community at the La Mirada Resource Center. As the organization's Office Manager, she managed the client database, assisted the site program manager, and served as an administrative assistant.

Additionally, Miller served as a community volunteer for many years. She volunteered with the City's Human Services Department at the former King Center, La Mirada Volunteer Center, Kiwanis Club and several animal rescue organizations.

Mayor Ed Eng commented, "The city of La Mirada is fortunate to have had you here, helping to change lives over so many years. I hope you continue to hang out and make a difference!"

Miller said she will still volunteer in the city by helping the elderly and continuing to help with local animal shelters, "I will always carry my years of La Mirada in my heart."



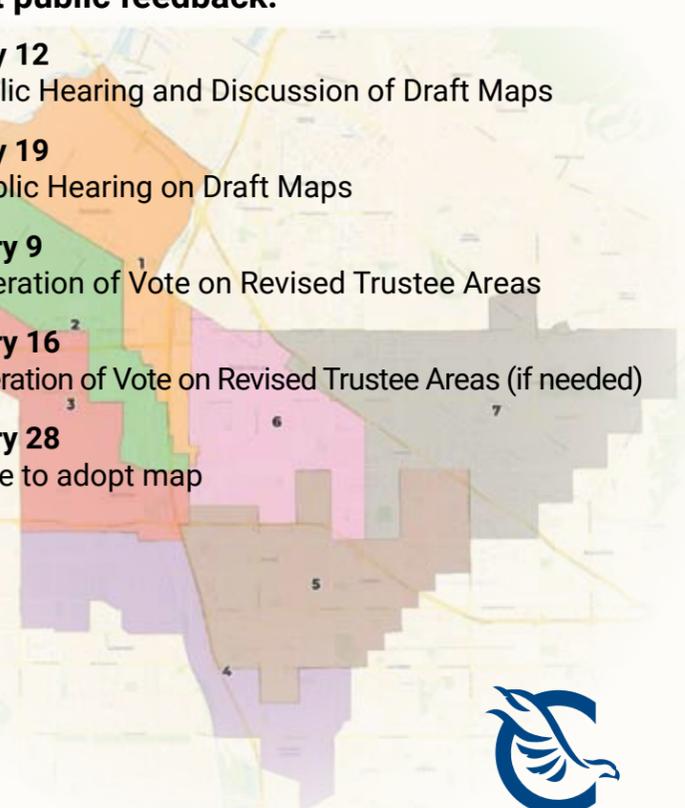
Robin Miller

Redistricting Cerritos College

The Cerritos Community College District is redistricting. **Redistricting** is the process of adjusting District lines every 10 years after the release of the U.S. Census.

We want public feedback.

- **January 12**
1st Public Hearing and Discussion of Draft Maps
- **January 19**
2nd Public Hearing on Draft Maps
- **February 9**
Consideration of Vote on Revised Trustee Areas
- **February 16**
Consideration of Vote on Revised Trustee Areas (if needed)
- **February 28**
Deadline to adopt map



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Cerritos College Opens Free Pantry to Feed Hungry Students



THE FALCON'S NEST will meet the basic needs of students, including a free campus food pantry with an assortment of healthy, fresh food and vegetables, while offering clothing, hygiene support, emergency aid resources, and housing resources.

Cerritos College will celebrate the grand opening of The Falcon's Nest, a network of resources that support meeting the basic needs of students, including a free campus food pantry modeled after Trader Joe's with an assortment of healthy, fresh food and vegetables. The Falcon's Nest also offers clothing, hygiene support, emergency aid resources, and housing resources, among other services.

Feeding students and taking care of the community is a goal of Cerritos College. In 2017, the College established a partnership with L.A. Regional Food Bank to host monthly food drives on campus. During the pandemic, the College distributed more than one million pounds of food to 23,000 families in the region. To date, Cerritos College has fed more than 33,000 students and families

since 2017.

Research shows food and housing insecurity is a persistent issue for college students. According to the 2019 #RealCollege Survey Report conducted by The Hope Center, 46 percent of Cerritos College student respondents experienced food insecurity within 30 days before taking the survey. To meet the growing need, the College launched The Falcon's Nest for students facing basic needs insecurity.

The Falcon's Nest is accepting donations of hygiene products, including shampoo, conditioner, socks, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, soap, deodorant, feminine-care products, and lotion.

More information about The Falcon's Nest and the College's basic needs support services can be found at www.cerritos.edu/falcons-nest.

Local Parks Receive \$10 Million: Pico Rivera, South Gate, Downey, & Lakewood Get \$1M Each



DOWNEY MAYOR Blanca Pacheco (center), with Councilwoman Claudia Frometa, hold a \$1M from check for park renovations.

Area cities are receiving \$10 million in grants to expand, renovate, and acquire parks and open space as part of the special district's ongoing implementation of Measure A.

Los Angeles County voters passed the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure (Measure A) in 2016, with nearly 75% of voters approving the annual parcel tax.

"Our local parks are some of the most important places in our neighborhoods, said Supervisor Janice Hahn, "I think we too often took them for granted before the pandemic. These grants are a way to make sure our cities have the funding they need to expand and improve local parks so we can ensure everyone has access to open space where they can play, exercise, and just enjoy the outdoors."

GRANTS AWARDED INCLUDE:

- City of Maywood - Maywood Riverfront Park Renovation - \$655,364.00
- City of Cudahy - Clara Expansion Park Renovation - \$680,000.00
- City of Bell - Acquisition for 4773-4777 E Gage Ave 1- \$1,000,000.00
- City of Pico Rivera - City of Pico Rivera Land Acquisition - \$1,000,000.00
- Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy - Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly Acquisition (Rancho Palos Verdes) - \$1,000,000.00
- City of South Gate - Circle Park Renovation - \$1,000,000.00

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation - Children & Family Garden (Rolling Hills Estates) - \$1,000,000.00

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles - Rancho San Pedro Park Promenade City of LA (San Pedro/ Port of Los Angeles) - \$700,000.00

City of Bell Gardens - Marlow Park Renovation- \$893,000.00

City of Downey - Rio San Gabriel Park Renovations & Rehabilitation- \$1,000,000.00

City of Lakewood - Development of Carson Street Multiuse Nature Trail- \$1,000,000.00

Los Angeles County voters passed the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure (Measure A) in 2016, with nearly 75% of voters approving the annual parcel tax. The passage of Measure A confirmed Los Angeles County residents' commitment to parks and open space and secured perpetual funding to address the park inequities identified by the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Park and Recreation Needs Assessment. Since the passage of Measure A, RPOSD has allocated \$245 million in Measure A funds to cities and park development agencies to help fund new park space, create better access to existing parks, and improve park amenities.

Free Tax Prep. for Qualifying Households

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is offering free tax preparation for taxpayers who meet the following qualifications for 2021: total household income less than \$57,000; fewer than five stock transactions; no rental income; no 1040 NR and no 1099 claims; no separate filing for married status; and interest

income less than \$5,000.

Assistance will be offered at the Buddhist Tzu Chi Norwalk Service Center located at 14618 Carmenita Road in Norwalk every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 9, and every Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon through April 10.

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Shining the Light on Human Trafficking at St. Irenaeus



ST. IRENAUES parishoners with Deacon Pyne pray for those affected by Human Trafficking. Human trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the United States. The victims of sex trafficking are 98% women and girls and every 30 seconds someone becomes enslaved. Sadly, only 1% of victims are rescued.

By Rosemary Lewallen

St. Irenaeus Health Ministry's Bridge of Light: Human Trafficking to Human Triumph Ministry held a Solidarity Walk and Prayer Vigil on Monday, February 7th at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church in Cypress.

Fifty people attended, including Cypress Mayor Paulo Morales and two representatives from CarePortal, Pastor Domingo Mota, Area Director and Timothy Abbott, Regional Director.

Human trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the United States. The victims of sex trafficking are 98% women and girls.

Posters were displayed that showed alarming statistics: Only 1% of victims are rescued; Every 30 seconds someone becomes enslaved; Human trafficking generates an estimated \$150 million annually.

After prayer and singing in the church, participants were given candles to carry during the prayerful, silent procession.

Local stories about commercial sex trafficking and the importance of buying fair trade goods were shared.

We learned how to recognize human trafficking in our own community that may be hidden or in plain sight. To report suspected human trafficking, use the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-3737-888, and commit to taking action against human trafficking. She advised us to trust our gut if we have reason to believe that human trafficking

is occurring and report it. Professionals will investigate the situation. Reports are anonymous.

Then, two representatives from CarePortal, So Cal Area Director Pastor Domingo Mota, So Cal Regional Director and Timothy Abbott, told us about the online tech platform that connects child-serving agencies with church community resources.

Unfortunately, 71% of human trafficking victims were previously in the foster care system. The requests are from people within a ten-mile radius of the church, which is the point of care.

Cypress Mayor Paulo Morales spoke briefly about human trafficking and the difficulties of prosecution. After their initial investigation, he introduced two police officers who gave their accounts of cases in our area and discussed the Cypress Police Department's collaboration with the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Monica closed the evening by urging us to take action: SIGN THE LETTER to Governor Newsom requesting a veto of SB 357, which repeals the crime of loitering to engage in a prostitution offense in public areas for pimps, sex buyers and victims and SIGN UP to become a St. Irenaeus CarePortal Responder.

JOIN the Bridge of Light Ministry to stay informed about human trafficking or BECOME a member of our Oranewood Team that provides lunches to the vulnerable and at-risk youth at Oranewood Foundation in Santa Ana.

Norwalk to Upgrade All Twelve City Parks

Staff Report

At its latest meeting, the Norwalk City Council was presented with a "master plan" by City staff outlining current and future projects for all twelve parks located in the city. Recommendations included adding block walls in parks that would provide better security and decrease continued maintenance costs for repairs due to cut fences and vandalism. In addition, new Pour-N-Play surfaces for playgrounds will create a safer environment for children and decreased staff time and maintenance. Staff also the upgrade of ballfield lighting at parks that will increase hours of operation.

Norwalk Mayor Rick Ramirez summed up the Council's perspective on the issue when he stated, "We need to invest the money we have, while at the same time aggressively go after additional resources. We need to upgrade these parks now."

Some of the planned projects are:

Hermosillo Park - The City has been awarded an \$8.5 million grant through Prop 68 to rehabilitate the park. Funding includes the construction of a new community building, restrooms, parking lot, and various amenities throughout the park. The playground was replaced in 2018 and will remain in place, but a Pour N Play surface will be installed as part of the overall project.

Norwalk Park -The plan includes new sports fields, playgrounds, an additional restroom facility, and a variety of park amenities.

Lakeside Park - Funding is approved for laser leveling of ballfields which will be completed in the coming months.

Holifield Park - One of the playgrounds was recently replaced, funded through the L.A. County Board of Supervisors at the request of Supervisor Hahn. Due to the placement of the playground, a large open area was created which has been evaluated for installation of a skate park similar in size to the existing location at Norwalk Park that is being removed.

Gerdes Park - Ballfield lighting will be added to the main ballfield at the park. Design work is being completed and the project is due to be bid in late spring. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 7365 has \$300,000 budgeted for this project. This project will increase play time capacity of three to four hours per day, five to six days per week for the leagues.

Bob White Park - In November 2021, City Council approved moving forward with the installation of a restroom building and dog park through Prop 68 per capita funds.

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11 ABCUSD Students Receive Pathways to Success Scholarships

Staff Report

The ABC Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the ABC Unified School District and its goal to raise student achievement, recently announced recipients for the Pathways to Success Scholarship program.

Now in its second year, this program recognizes high school students pursuing a career path in one of the District's 33 career and technical education pathways.

"We are very proud of our continued partnership with the Giordano family and UBS Financial Services to support students who are headed to college to pursue their career goals," said Joseph Porter III, Esq. who serves as Chair of the Foundation's board of directors. "Programs like Pathways to Success Scholarship allows the Foundation support students to achieve their academic and career goals."

The Giordano family and UBS Financial funded the Pathways to Success Scholarship. Jim Giordano and his wife Serina Yuan have three children in the ABCUSD and have been active in supporting many of the District's programs. Students submitted applications for the scholarship, which included an essay as well as recommendations from a teacher.

The applications were screened and scored by board members of the Foundation.

This year's winners are as follows:

Arts Technology Academy Pathway

Cara Kim, Gahr High School

Biotechnology Pathway

Maria Therese Franchesca Sombillo,

Artesia High School

Computer Science Pathway

Zirong Li, Whitney High School

Digital Arts/Graphic Design Pathway

Madison Plotkin, Whitney High School

Engineering Pathway

Ted Cebastian Biscocho, Artesia High School

Game Design & Integration Pathway

Ariana Mora, Gahr High School

International Business Pathway

Christopher Tang, Artesia High School

Patient Care Pathway

Adrienne Truong, Cerritos High School

Performing Arts - Theater/Music Performance Pathway

Pauline Kang, Whitney High School

Pharmacy Pathway

Liliana Hernandez, Artesia High School

Production & Managerial Arts Pathway

Eva Matentsian, Whitney High School

All scholarship winners will receive a financial contribution to use towards furthering their education.

The Foundation also helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district. Learn more about the ABC Education Foundation at abcdfoundation.org.

Cerritos Once Again Hosting 1st CEB Meritorious Marine



AFTER STOPPING ceremonies because of the pandemic, the Friends of the 1st CEB are honoring Marines again. From (l-r) Chuck Sooter, Sgt Pierre Porchiola, honoree, and Sgt James Bissonnette.

Staff Report

Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed at Camp Pendleton in 2007. Some of the things they do is to host a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st CEB, in Cerritos.

This month they hosted Sgt. Pierre Porchiola who enlisted in the USMC in 2018. He graduated from his recruit training in South Carolina with the meritorious rank of Private First Class. His subsequent training included Marine Combat at the School of Infantry, followed by the Combat Engineer Course, graduating with a Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) of Combat Engineer in December 2018. He was again meritoriously promoted during his final training to Lance Corporal.

He immediately received orders to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California and

assigned to Bravo Company. Lance Corporal Porchiola's combat engineering platoon was subsequently attached to and accompanied the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines (2/4) when it deployed as the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). During this deployment, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Upon his return with the 31st MEU, Corporal Porchiola was assigned as squad leader in Bravo Company's 4th Platoon, which was again attached to 2nd Battalion 4th Marines in support of their Mountain Warfare Training. Corporal Porchiola was responsible for the training, mentoring, and well being of the 13 Marines in his squad as well as the subject-matter expert for combat engineering for all 204 Marines of 2/4's Golf Company. In February 2022, Corporal Porchiola was meritorious promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

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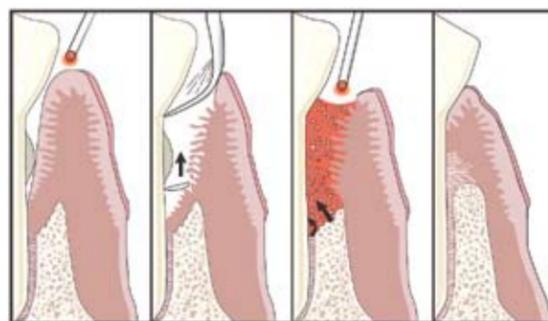
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Palms Wins Award for Outdoor Garden

By Tammye McDuff

The National Wildlife Federation [NWF] recognized Palms Accelerated Learning Academy in Lakewood for creating a Certified Schoolyard Habitat through the school's Garden for Wildlife program.

Palms has joined with over 5,000 schools nationwide to transform schoolyards into thriving wildlife habitats that provide essential elements needed by all wildlife with natural food sources, clean water, shelter, and places to raise young.

The habitat also serves as an outdoor education site where students engage in cross-curricular learning hands-on. Certification also automatically enters the habitat in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, a national effort to restore critical habitat for pollinators.

"We are excited to have another school join our growing list of more than 5,000 certified Schoolyard Habitats. Kids can now personally experience nature through hands-on learning in an outdoor environment," said Liz Soper, Director of K-12



PALMS OUTDOOR GARDEN area has vegetables and also serves as an outdoor education site where students engage in cross-curricular learning.

Programs for the NWF

"As educators, we are excited to be able to provide hands-on learning opportunities for our students in an outdoor setting," added teacher April Ronay, "I thought this was very special that the garden has been certified by the National Wildlife Federation. We will be receiving

a sign for the garden and a certificate!"

Ronay says she is in love with gardening. All second-grade students get to work in the garden; they have added a butterfly habitat and trying to keep the garden as a cross-curriculum agenda, including an art class so students can draw and dissect different flowers.

CRIME SUMMARIES

Cerritos

Part 1 crimes were 29 for the week, down from 32 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 33.3, 2021 YTD average is 36.1, a decrease of 8%.

Miscellaneous crimes were 6 for the week, down from 8 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 10.7, 2021 YTD average is 9.7, an increase of 9%.

Alarm calls were 44 for the week, down from 67 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 46.6, 2021 YTD average is 37.4, an increase of nearly 25%.

Calls for service were 312 for the week, down from 369 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 302.9, 2021 YTD average is 289.3, and increase of nearly 5%.

ROBBERY

16400 Blk. Cedarwood Ct.; victim was drinking alcohol at the indicated location with persons he had just met. Suspect confronted victim, pointed a handgun at him and demanded his property. Suspect fled in car, stolen cash.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

20200 Blk. Mapes Ave.; victim told suspect to stop screaming, an argument ensued, suspect grabbed a pair of scissors and approached victim in a threatening manner, victim pushed suspect down, suspect was taken to hospital for evaluation.

17300 Blk. Alfred Ave.; suspect and victim are husband and wife, suspect punched victim during an argument, suspect was arrested.

BURGLARY

11200 Blk. Acoro St rear sliding, glass door, smashed jewelry.

GRAND THEFT

19900 Blk. Gridley, backpack, laptop, sunglasses, wallet.

17600 Blk. Fabrica Way, business, catalytic converter.

13900 Blk. Equitable Rd., business, cell phones stolen.

17900 Blk. Studebaker Rd., business, cell phone.

10800 Blk. College Pl., business, 2018 nissan, not recovered.

VEHICLE BURGLARY

12200 Blk. Del Amo, 2017 Dodge caravan no sign of forced entry, duffle bag, xbox, ipad, headphones, laptop, backpack.

13100 Blk. Midway Pl., business 2002 Chevy Silverado, driver side door lock punched, various items stolen.

18400 Blk. Jeffrey Ave. 2020 Kia

Optima, no sign of forced entry, bag, golf discs,, shoes.

19700 Blk. Bloomfield park, 2010 Acura, no sign of forced entry, u.s. currency, credit cards.

La Mirada

NOTABLE ARRESTS

- Three suspects were arrested for illegal street racing and weapons violations.

- Three suspects were arrested for identity theft and fraud violations.

- A suspect was arrested for aggravated assault and an attempted vehicle theft.

- Three suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. Other Structure Burglary

- An afternoon burglary was reported on the 16100 block of Canary Ave. The exact loss is yet to be determined.

GRAND THEFT

- Merchandise was reported stolen during a late-night theft on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

- A daytime theft was reported on the 14000 block of Rosecrans Ave.

- An afternoon theft of merchandise was reported on the 15900 block of Imperial Hwy.

- A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 13100 block of Ocaso Ave.

- A late-night theft of a catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 16000 block of Phoebe Ave.

GRAND THEFT AUTO

- A sedan was reported stolen on the 14700 block of Florita Rd.

- A truck was reported stolen on the 14600 block of La Mesa Dr.

- An attempted theft of a truck was reported on the 14400 block of Elmrock Ave.

- A stolen truck was recovered on the 15900 block of San Antonio Ave.

- A stolen van was recovered near the intersection of Ocaso Ave. and La Mirada Blvd.

Man at wrong address causes social media frenzy

Video from a front porch security camera captured the image of a Lakewood mother and her two children walking into their home at night this past Saturday followed a few seconds

later by a strange man who tried to open the door, found it locked, then knocked and got no response.

The man waited on the porch, appeared to make several texts from his cell phone, and then left. The man paced on the sidewalk out front and remained in the area for some time afterwards before leaving completely.

The video went viral on social media and on TV stations nationwide, perhaps because of the recent rise of "follow home" robberies in other parts of California.

The City of Lakewood invests in a variety of extra public safety resources, including a Special Assignment Officer (SAO) team that works just on Lakewood issues and investigations. The team includes a seasoned detective who has worked in Lakewood for many years.

The detective and members of the SAO team quickly went to work on this incident. They were able to identify the man on the porch, made contact, and interviewed him along with the friend whose house he thought he was visiting.

After that interview, the Lakewood detective determined that the man was simply mistaken when he tried to enter the home of the Lakewood mother and her children. TV news stations are now running updated versions of the story.

SAREGA from page 1

for not correctly reporting the donations to RBLM.

In the recent decision, Sarega admitted to committing six violations of FPPC laws during his bid for a second term in 2017.

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

In addition, Sarega was hit with two other violations, once again deliberately hiding campaign donations from residents, by failing to file two pre-election statements.

Sarega has not announced if he will run for City Council again; residents have told HMG-CN at council meetings that they are not fond of Sarega, "he is constantly absent from City Council meetings," said one resident.

LADWP Wants to Kill Endangered California Condors at Wind Farm

By Brian Hews

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Thursday an application had been filed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for a permit to "take", defined as "to kill or injure", California condors at its Pine Tree Wind Farm. Presumably, taking would be accomplished by the spinning blades of the farm's 90 wind turbines, each of which is 339 feet tall.

Located in Tehachapi the PTWF is the largest municipally-owned wind power project in the U.S. Completed in less than two years, the project produces 135 megawatts (MW) of clean energy through 90 1.5-MW wind turbines and powers 56,000 households in the Los Angeles area.

According to the LA Times, The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Pine Tree wind farm, came under federal investigation in 2012 in connection with eight golden eagle carcasses found at the site over the previous two years.

Roughly 100 captive-bred condors currently soar above this rugged range between the Mojave Desert and the fertile Central Valley. Although there has yet to be a documented case of a wind turbine injuring or killing a condor, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says condor collisions are inevitable if the population continues to balloon.

Ileene Anderson, a biologist with the Center for Biological Diversity Critics said the problem is fundamental. "The increasing mortality at Pine Tree clearly points to wind turbines built in the wrong location. The utility needs to redesign its 250-megawatt Pine Tree network and Kern County needs to put a moratorium on construction of nearby wind farms to prevent deaths.

The California condor is the largest North American land bird, with a wingspan of up to 10 ft. It became extinct in the wild in 1987, but has since been re-

introduced to northern Arizona, southern Utah, the coastal mountains of California, and Baja California in Mexico. The species is listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature as Critically Endangered, with an estimated 500 known to exist.

Whether condors have been killed at the farm already is unknown.

"Yet another example of the harmful land-use impacts of so-called 'renewable' energy," said Gene Nelson, Legal Analyst for Californians for Green Nuclear Power. "Developers deliberately build wind and solar farms in remote areas so their environmental impacts remain out of sight. This wind farm has been in operation since 2009, raising the question 'How many condors have already been killed?'"



THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR is the largest North American land bird, with a wingspan of up to 10 ft., it is estimated only 500 are known to exist.

Interested parties may file comments by email at fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov, using the subject line "Pine Tree Wind Farm Incidental Take Permit". The period for public comment ends March 21.



THE PINE TREE WIND FARM came under federal investigation in 2012 in connection with carcasses found at the site over the previous two years. **The period for the public to comment on killing birds ends March 21.**

LA METRO WAIT TIMES EXPECTED TO INCREASE

LOS ANGELES (CNS) -- Los Angeles Metro has temporarily reduced some bus and rail service beginning this week to avoid more unexpected cancellations caused by operator shortages at the transit agency.

The following bus lines will run five to 10 minutes less frequently on average throughout the day and evening: Lines 2, 4, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 28 30, 33, 37, 38, 40, 45, 51, 53, 55, 60, 62, 66, 70, 76, 78, 81, 90, 92, 94, 102, 105, 108, 110, 111, 115, 117, 120, 127, 150, 152, 161, 162, 164, 165, 166, 179, 180, 182, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 222, 224, 230, 233, 234, 240, 244, 246, 251, 258, 260, 267, 268, 287, 344, 460, 487, 534, 602, 617, 662, 690, 720, 754, 761, 901 (G Line), 910/950 (J Line).

The busiest bus lines will run every five to 15 minutes on weekdays, Metro said, and none of the lines are expected to run less than every hour.

Trains will run every 15 minutes instead of every 10 minutes during peak hours on the B/D (Red/Purple) lines. During off-peak hours and weekends, trains on those lines will run every 15 minutes

instead of every 12 minutes.

Evening service will remain every 20 minutes.

The agency aims to begin service restoration in June.

The Metro Board of Directors voted on Jan. 27 to reduce service due to operator shortages. Between Dec. 13 and Jan. 12, several bus lines had 20% or more of their trips cancelled due to the shortage. Metro officials said the cancellations disproportionately impact "equity focused communities," particularly in South Los Angeles.

Metro said the reduction of operators has occurred due to a "perfect storm" that includes the national labor shortage, attrition greater than hiring and employees contracting COVID-19.

To hire additional bus operators, Metro is considering increasing their pay from \$17.75 to \$19.12 an hour as a six month pilot. It will also set up career kiosks at Rosa Parks/Willowbrook, East L.A. and Wilshire/Vermont stations in April.

Jim Edwards Park Dedication Feb. 26

Jacob Park in Cerritos will be rededicated as Jim Edwards Park on Saturday, February 26 at 11 a.m. Located at 19824 Jacob Avenue, the park was renamed to pay tribute to late Mayor and Councilmember Jim Edwards, who passed away in May 2020. The park is near the Edwards family home and was a frequent site for the family's gatherings and activi-

ties. A Cerritos resident for more than 43 years, the longtime educator was a volunteer photographer for the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He served on the Board of Directors for the Fisher House of Southern California.

For more information about the event, contact the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.

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The Right Stuff Edwards Air Force Bases' Flight Test Museum is Getting Off the Ground

A 75,000 sq. ft. foundation for the building is already poured. The new Flight Test Museum, Bob Hoover Library, and STEM center will make the history of U.S. aviation accessible.

By Laurie Hanson

With commercial space exploration coinciding with the 75th anniversary of breaking the sound barrier, the Air Force Flight Test Museum at Edward's Air Force Base is reimagining itself.

"The area has seen milestones like testing America's first jet, the breaking of the sound barrier, rocket plane flights to the edge of space and the first

glide flights of the space shuttle," said Director of Education and Community Outreach Lisa Sheldon Brown, who has been with the museum since 2012.

"The Antelope Valley remains a hub of developmental flight tests to this day for all the same reasons," she added.

The Flight Test Museum Foundation is hosting a special Gathering of Eagles event on Friday, Oct. 14 commemorating the 75th anniversary of Chuck Yeager being the first man to break the sound barrier.

And Edward's Air Force Base is opening its gates for the first time since 2009 to host the Aerospace Valley Air Show on Oct. 15 and 16 in part to celebrate this monumental first in aviation history where U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to perform.

"The skill and spirit of all those who participated in this incredible body of work shaped both the modern world and the American persona," Sheldon Brown said. "Much of this historic work is not known to the world, and much of what is known is surrounded by myth and legend because of the secret nature of the work."

"The new Flight Test Museum, Bob Hoover Library, and STEM center will make that history accessible by literally bringing it outside the Edwards Air Force Gate," she added.

The Flight Test Museum Foundation was established in 1983 by Carol Odgers (wife of Gen. Odgers), Gen. Chuck

AMERICAN HERO - foreground is Chuck Yeager with actor Sam Shepard, from the movie, "The Right Stuff," with the model of Glamorous Glennis, the Bell X-1 Yeager flew to break the sound barrier at Edwards on Oct. 14, 1947.



Yeager, Gen. Bob Cardenas, Col. Pete Knight and a wide variety of local politicians, industry representatives, and former base personnel.

According to Sheldon Brown, its mission is to preserve, display, and educate the public about the history of flight tests at Edwards Air Force Base, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, Plant 42, and the Aerospace Valley.

In neighboring Palmdale, California, the Blackbird Airpark was established in 1990. Today, its collection includes a SR-71, a U-2, the wind tunnel model of a SR-71, a D-21 drone, and the very first A-12 ever developed known as "Oxcart."

In 2000, the current Flight Test Museum was gifted to Edwards Air Force Base and is located onsite there. At that time, it was open to the public, but a year later after 9-11, the security perim-

eter was extended one mile out from the museum, making it only accessible then and now to those with permission to be on base.

But Blackbird Airpark and the Joe Davies' Heritage Airpark located at Palmdale Airport are open to anyone, according to Sheldon Brown.

If you can get on base, the inventory of the Air Force Flight Test Museum which includes more than 80 historic aircraft, is worth the effort.

"Exhibits inside include such diverse subjects as the formation of the ancient lake beds, early homesteading in the area, the first military use of Edwards, breaking the sound barrier, and flight test from World War II to the present," Sheldon Brown said.

Patrons can view artifacts such as aircraft propulsion systems, missiles, hardware, life support equipment, technical drawings, test reports, personal memorabilia, photographs, and wind tunnel models.

"In our collection, we have the only surviving LLRV, the Bell AeroSystems Lunar Landing Research Vehicle (nicknamed the Flying Bedstead), used by astronauts in training and test pilots to study and analyze piloting techniques needed to fly and land the Apollo Lunar Module in the Moon's low gravity environment," she said.

"We [also] have three SR-71s, reconnaissance aircraft that operated at high speeds and altitudes (Mach 3.2 and 85,000 feet, 25,900 meters), allowing it to outrace and fly above the range of missiles."

Though the pandemic affected the Flight Test Museum's educational outreach, including the Junior Test Pilot Program, they were able to reach more than 500 students from around the world entirely online. Typically, their summer program hosts 200 to 300 students



MUSEUM-Artist's rendering of the future Flight Test Museum at Edward's Air Force Base. The inventory includes more than 80 historic aircraft.

in person over 8 weeks. This summer, they intend to return to a more regular schedule and run from mid-June through July.

The Junior Test Pilot School is open and accessible to anyone online at www.jtps.edu20.org. It is designed to instruct elementary school-aged children on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

"It demonstrates the importance of these subjects to aircraft development, flight test, and aerospace at Edwards Air Force Base which is the center of Air Force developmental flight test," Sheldon Brown said. "Any student from across the globe can learn about Edwards and STEM in action by attending this open-access, interactive, eLearning program."

"Education programs at Blackbird Airpark provide educational tours and activities on the principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)," she added. "In flight test and aerospace research [is designed] to expand knowledge, inspire, and motivate future generations using examples of the advancements in aerospace in our collection."

The Flight Test Museum also coordinates onsite career and STEM days at schools to bring their programs directly to young students. They are in the process of developing an educational app that will offer STEM lessons based on a specific aircraft and provide tours of their Blackbird Airpark and Joe Davies Heritage Park next door as well.

The museum foundation hopes to raise enough money through active fundraising to build a new museum and STEM Center outside the security gates at Edwards Air Force Base. They have enlisted Gensler to develop capital campaign assets to help in their efforts.

According to Sheldon Brown, a multi-disciplinary team of experts in brand design, architecture, and museum design has been brought together to create the ultimate vision of the future for the museum.

The Flight Test Museum is now open Tuesday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Edwards Air Force Base.

The Blackbird Airpark and Joe Davies' Heritage Airpark are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Palmdale. Both are open free of charge. Teachers or school coordinators can call the museum at 661-277-8050 or send an email at info@flighttestmuseum.org.

The Flight Test Museum Foundation



THE CENTURY CIRCLE in front of the gates at Edwards Air Force Base, the future home of the Air Force Flight Test Museum.



ARTIST'S RENDERING of the future STEM and exhibit area of the Flight Test Museum at Edward's Air Force Base. Currently, they have a 75,000 sq ft foundation for the building is already poured and the foundation is actively seeking donations to complete the building.

is a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and exists to support and fund the preservation of these historic aircraft in the museum's collection, develop and run the education programs, and the exhibits in the collection as well as future exhibits. Currently, they have a 75,000

sq ft foundation for the building already poured and are actively seeking donations to complete the building.

To learn more about the new museum, please visit online at flighttestmuseum.org/new-museum/.

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CIF-SS DIV. 4AA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS**Artesia rallies in the final seconds of regulation before knocking off Oakwood in quarterfinals**

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Being the top-ranked team in your division means you have a huge bulls-eye on your back and the other 31 teams are gunning for you harder. Artesia High found that out the hard way last Friday night against Oakwood High in what head coach Jeff Myles called the best win of the season so far.

The Pioneers scored the first two baskets of the game, fell behind with 4:38 left in the first quarter and didn't regain the lead until 55.1 seconds were left in the first half. Then, the 605 League champions trailed the entire second half until sophomore Zion Staples sent the game into overtime with a basket off a turnover with 5.1 ticks left in regulation. From there, the Pioneers had enough to pull out a 57-53 overtime win that moved the team into this past Tuesday's semifinal contest against Fullerton High.

"That was an amazing game," said Myles. "We were down by six...and it looked bleak, and our senior leader, our captain, [senior] Miles [Jennings] hit a big three. That was a momentum swing. It gave us a shot."

Oakwood, which entered the game with a 13-13 mark, led 49-43 with five minutes remaining on consecutive three-pointers from Owen Sacchi. But sophomore Aaron Banks converted a three-point play 21 seconds later, then hit a pair of free throws with 2:27 left to make it a four-point game. That set the stage for Jennings, who had four points entering the fourth quarter, but came up big when it mattered.

Jennings drained a three-pointer with 1:48 left in regulation to make it a one-point contest. The next score would come on a free throw from Ben Eisendrath with 31.3 seconds left and when he missed the front end of a one on one with 15.9 seconds left, senior Jordan Kirkwood grabbed the rebound

which set up the game-tying basket.

"That's credit to Oakwood," said Myles. "They were 13-13 but they played great teams. If you look at their schedule, they played Price, they played Beverly Hills, they played Capo Valley. They played good teams, so I knew they were going to be ready for the challenge. Even though they were 13-13, that was one of the best teams we played so far and that's why we were losing."

Jennings scored the first three points of overtime and held a 55-51 lead before the Owls responded with free throws from Peyton Slaughter and Eisendrath, the latter coming with 1:16 left in the game. Kirkwood added a free throw with 34.4 seconds left, but the icing on the cake came when senior Yutong Zhang picked up a steal with 12.4 seconds left and junior Andrew Noquez scored the last point of the game. The Owls came out of the gates on fire with Slaughter hitting consecutive trifectas in the first quarter on turnovers. It would be part of a 12-0 run and enabled the third place team from the Liberty League to maintain its lead until the final minute of the half. Artesia would turn the ball over six times in the opening stanza and 22 times in the game. On top of that, two starters would foul out of the game.

"I don't think they were pressuring us," said Myles. "I think we were pressuring ourselves. We had a great crowd tonight and they were kind of playing to the crowd and it got a little out of control."

Banks led the Pioneers with 16 points and had eight rebounds, Staples had a quiet 13 points and 11 rebounds and Jennings added 12 points. But the story of the first three quarters was Eisendrath, who had 18 of his 20 points in the first three quarters, including 11 in the third quarter. "He's a good player," said Myles. "We watched four films on him and...he scared me. I knew we couldn't do anything funky on him because they have great shooters. So, we couldn't go to a zone; we couldn't go to a box. We

just had to take the challenge and guard and great players...you're not going to stop any great players. You have to make it tough on them and I think we made it tough on him."

The Pioneers, however, would be denied of the program's first trip to a divisional championship game since 2007 when unranked Fullerton upset Artesia 58-56 this past Tuesday night. Much like the Oakwood game, the Pioneers trailed most of the game. Artesia ends the regular season at 26-6.

Artesia never led in the first half and at one point, was down by 11 points with 5:05 remaining before halftime. The hosts, playing in front of their biggest crowd of the season with the bleachers on the west side of the gymnasium open, closed out the first half on an 11-3 run and would not take their first lead until Banks connected on a three-pointer with 2:08 left in the third quarter. The lead lasted 15 seconds and the next time Artesia was in front came 50 seconds into the fourth quarter when Staples scored on a putback. But the Indians regained the lead for good 18 seconds later.

Throughout the second half, the Pioneers stayed within no more than two possessions of Fullerton, trailing by a point six times and two points another five times. Neither team scored in the final 1:10 of the game as the Pioneers were unsuccessful on their last four shots from the field. Banks led all scorers with 21 points, had nine rebounds, three steals and two assists while junior Steve Anderson Jr. added eight points, four rebounds, four steals and three assists.

CIF-SS DIV. 3AA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYOFFS**Cerritos holds on in the second half to upset Canyon, moves on to the semifinals**

By Loren Kopff

Marcus Chinen has been the head coach of the Cerritos High girls basketball team for eight seasons, compiling 141 wins. In the 214 games he has coached, he has never taken his teams to the CIF-Southern Section divisional semifinals until now.

For the second time in school history, with the other time coming during the 2004-2005 season, Cerritos will be going to the semifinals, thanks to a gritty 45-42 win against Canyon High out of Canyon Country last Saturday in a Division 3AA quarterfinal contest.

The Cowboys had entered the contest as the division's top-ranked team and because of that, Chinen considered the game as his biggest win in his time with the Dons.

"I think this is the biggest one, regular season or playoffs, because if you win it in the playoffs, it's huge for

us," said Chinen.

The reason why the Dons, tri-champions of the 605 League but unranked in the playoffs, traveled to Yucca Valley High this past Wednesday in a semifinal game is the way they never gave up, despite never leading for the first 11:45 of the game. The Cowboys scored the first six points of the game and led by that margin two other times in the first quarter.

With just under a minute remaining in the stanza, senior Madhuri Suresh drained a pair of free throws, tying the game at 11-11. But a pair of baskets from Jade Sims enabled Canyon to go up 18-13 almost two minutes into the second quarter. That's when Cerritos made its charge to get back in the game as it ended the half on an 8-6 run, taking the lead twice for the first time in the game, but the Dons still trailed 24-21 at the half.

Chinen's halftime speech seemed

to spark the team because senior Amara Hizon scored once, followed by a pair of baskets from sophomore Onyeka Nwanze and with 5:53 left in the third quarter, Cerritos had its biggest lead at 27-24. Both teams would trade baskets until Hizon's only three-pointer in the game gave the Dons a four-point lead with just under a minute left in the third quarter.

"I just told them they needed to dig in," said Chinen of his halftime speech. "It comes from the heart and that's basically how we're going to win this game. We have to play really scrappy, we have to play with intensity and we have to play with heart. When they came out in the second half, they surprised a lot of us. When we went on that little run, that I think was one of the turning points of the second half."

Nwanze began the final quarter with her fourth offensive putback to give the Dons their largest lead of the game. Then Canyon went on a 9-0 run to own a 39-36 lead with five minutes left to play. But the hosts dug deeper and scored the next eight points after Hizon's two free throws with 1:16 left in the game. A three-pointer from Genesis Gonzalez, her second of the stanza, brought the Cowboys within a pair of points with 63 seconds remaining.

It was still 44-42 when Aaliyah Garcia's tying attempt didn't go in. Senior Jasmine Uy grabbed the rebound and Chinen called a timeout with 21.4 seconds left. Less than two seconds later, junior Emily Hosoda iced the game with a free throw and a three-point try from Gonzalez was unsuccessful in the final seconds.

"I think we learned that, honestly,

towards the second half of the season," said Chinen of his team's resiliency. "Because, the second half of the season, we played some teams that were really, really physical on us and we know that going into these playoffs, all the teams are going to be pretty physical, or fast, or even big.

"We were undersized the last game and I think we learned from that; that we could play against the big," he continued. "This game right here, they were fast and they have pretty good shooters, and we were able to identify who are the shooters."

Another key to the win was getting Canyon's leading scorer, Garcia, into foul trouble. She was averaging 12.1 points per game but scored nine points in the game, all in the first half, and picked up her fourth foul with 2:22 left in the third quarter. Through the first three quarters, she was two of 14 from the field. Josie Regez, the second-leading scorer on the team with a 10.3 average, was held to seven points.

"That was key because everything runs through her," said Chinen of Garcia. "She's a great little player and she's going to be a great little player next year. If you watched them, everything went through her and when we were able to kind of contain her, it gave us a chance."

The Dons received a huge performance from Nwanze (19 points, 19 rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots) while Hizon added nine points and four rebounds.

"She's the one that we go to," said Chinen of her tallest player. "Amara and Jasmine and [senior] Michelle [Lee] and

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2022 SOFTBALL PREVIEW - 605 League Figures to Get Tighter With Artesia, John Glenn Improving

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For the first time since the 605 League was formed, it's no longer Cerritos High and everyone else. There are two other teams that could supplant the Dons: Artesia and John Glenn High have improved their programs. Gahr and La Mirada, soon to be league rivals, hope to stay competitive in the CIF-SS Div. I while Norwalk, Valley Christian High and Whitney have new head coaches.

Returning players in italics

ARTESIA PIONEERS

6-6 overall last season, 6-4 in the 605 League, tied for second place, lost to Arlington High 8-6 in the Division 4 first round playoffs

Head coach: Ed Blanck (2nd season, 6-6); Team's record previous five seasons: 47-34; Last time missed the playoffs: 2018

Division 5

Key losses: Shaylin Perez

Projected lineup:

P-*Maya Torres (SO)/Allisiah Valenzuela (SO)/Miriam Estrada (SR)*

C-*Vanessa Soto (SO)/Alexis Duenas (SR)/Arianna Franco (SO)*

1B-*Silvana Rodriguez (JR)/Feauali Anderson (SR)*

2B-*Duenas/Irma Gonzalez (SO)*

3B-*Franco/Torres*

SS-*Gonzalez/Soto*

LF-*Estrada*

CF-*Alea Medina (FR)*

RF-*Rodriguez/Jazlynn Jara (SO)/Trinity Panawash (SO)*

If it were up to Artesia head coach Ed Blanck, he would have liked to have more games on the 2021 docket to know the girls a little bit more and vice versa since he had just taken the program over from former head coach Dayna Coleman. Instead, it was a 12-game season with 10 of those coming in 605 League action, and another one in the playoffs. This season, Blanck has over 20 games on the schedule, including three against Suburban League teams.

After going 24 seasons between trips to the playoffs, the Pioneers have now advanced to the postseason three times in the last four full seasons. But Blanck wants more.

"At the beginning of the season, that's what I told the girls," Blanck said. "I told them our goal is to get to a CIF game. That last game against John Glenn was awesome. What a way to end and of course, they were all freshmen and I had one senior. That was a big deal.

"I told the girls to grasp this moment right here because how many freshmen make varsity first of all," he later questioned. "And how many freshmen are going to be playing in their first CIF game? I said, 'use this for our future'."

Artesia defeated Glenn 9-8 in 12 innings on the last game of the regular season to gain a tie for second place in league and the team now has its eyes set on knocking off powerhouse Cerritos for the top spot. Sophomore pitcher Maya Torres has the makings of being a top league pitcher by the time she is a senior. As she goes, so will the Pioneers. Offensively, there is some pop

in senior veteran leader Alexis Duenas and sophomore Vanessa Soto, both of whom are catchers but can play other positions. Sophomore Arianna Franco had a broken ankle last season but is ready to go for this season.

"I'm hoping that it's going to be right up there," said Blanck. "I'm hoping through that experience and experiencing that, that they're hungry for it again; to get to the second game in the playoffs. That's our goal now. We have tough competition this year with Cerritos and John Glenn. I'm just excited and ready to play."

Blanck added that in order for his team to have even a better season than 2021, it needs to play as a team and gel as a team, adding that if they gel together, he thinks the Pioneers can be unbeatable.

CERRITOS DONS

22-2 overall last season, 10-0 in the 605 League, first place, lost to Sultana High 4-3 in the Division 3 semifinals; Head coach: Todd Denhart (second season, 22-2); Team's record previous five seasons: 72-33; Last time missed the playoffs: 2008

Division 3

Key losses: Alexa Diaz, Azalea Herrera, Samiya Jones, Lauren Lejano, Leiloni Pina

Projected lineup:

P-*Erin Gibbs (SR)/Jadyn Nielsen (SR)/Natalie Gardea (SO)/Kylee Manibusan (SO)*

C-*Toafaalii Pua (SO)/Alianna Calderon (FR)*

1B-*Elana Figueroa (SR)/Makayla Sur (SR)*

2B-*Katelyn Caneda (SR)/Catherine Quibrantar (JR)*

3B-*Quibrantar/Sur/Kalie Matsuno (FR)*

SS-*Nielsen*

LF-*Presley Hendrix (SO)/Mia Rafael (SO)/Gardea/Quibrantar/Madeleine Morante (SR)*

CF-*Camille Lara (JR)/Morante*

RF-*Hendrix/Manibusan/Rafael/Morante*

Other than losing in the semifinals last season, head coach Todd Denhart couldn't find any negatives about last season. Cerritos had its best record since 2000 when it won the Division II championship and had everything going, from pitching to hitting to defense. The Dons lost both their games by one run, reeled off 19 straight wins at one point and posted a dozen shutouts. In fact, he went on to say that everything from the 2021 season was positive.

"I felt we had a good core if we could put this thing together," he said. "Did it surprise me? I guess the answer is yes and no. I just didn't know coming back from the whole Covid [situation] and how it was going to work. We only had four weeks of practice before our first game."

Denhart added that because of the shortened season of 2020, it kind of helped that the team was successful last season because the girls were hungrier to play. The talent was there but the question was if they could gel as a group. That, according to Denhart, was the biggest question. Even though Cerritos graduated some big pieces to its success of the past several seasons, there is still

enough in the tank to not only win another league title but get all the way to the CIF championship game, and even win it. Senior pitcher Erin Gibbs is as tough as they get in the circle and besides her, the talk of the program lately has been the middle infield with senior second baseman Katelyn Caneda and senior shortstop Jadyn Nielsen, who is going to the University of Hawai'i and will backup Gibbs. Nielsen has been getting a lot of attention during her time at Cerritos, but do not sleep on Caneda.

"Katelyn is a softball player," said Denhart. "That's why she is going to [the University of] Nebraska. She's not very vocal, but she comes out, puts her work in and does her job. She's one of those hard-nosed kids that every team needs. She leads by example."

Senior Makayla Sur, who played third base last season, replaces the graduated Samiya Jones at first base, which has always been her normal position with senior Elana Figueroa backing her up.

Junior Catherine Quibrantar, according to Denhart, will be the jack of all trades and play multiple positions, including backing up Caneda. Several players can play any of the outfield positions, but junior Camille Lara, who moves from right field to center, is the veteran leader. With the emergence of Artesia and Glenn over the past year, it may not be as easy for Cerritos to breeze through the league as it has been accustomed to since the league was formed.

"I don't want to say it's ours to lose," said Denhart. "Any of those three teams have got a shot. I think we have the talent to make another run [in the playoffs]. Again, it's going to come down to the camaraderie of the group; how they feel about each other."

GAHR GLADIATORS 14-7 overall last season, 7-3 in the San Gabriel Valley League, third place, lost to Mater Dei High 6-3 in the Division 1 first round playoffs

Head coach: Rey Sanchez (third season, 42-13); Team's record previous five seasons: 92-20; Last time missed the playoffs: 2013

Division 1

Key losses: Valerie Alvarez, Ashley Benavides, Kristalyn Romulo, Grace Rivera, Skylar Sanchez, Taylor Stephens

Projected lineup:

P-*Marley Cortez (SO)/Hailey Sanchez (JR)*

C-*Breanna Lucero (SR)/Larissa Flores (SO)/Alyssa Tavera (SR)/Alyssa Aguilar (SO)*

1B-*Amanda Ta'amu (SR)/Aguilar/Cortez*

2B-*Mika Huskey (SR)*

3B-*Hayley Olivas (JR)/Cortez*

SS-*Rio Mendez (SO)*

LF-*Sanchez/Malaia Huskey (FR)*

CF-*Natalia Hill (SO)/Huskey, Ma.*

RF-*Sophia Magcale (JR)/Huskey, Ma.*

After winning the San Gabriel Valley League for six straight full seasons, Gahr was defeated at

its own game-pitching. While the Gladiators had the hitting to make it a seventh straight season (six games were played in 2020), it was the pitching that hurt Gahr, which stumbled to third place in league. Two of the team's four pitchers graduated and now the Gladiators are hoping to rebound. In fact, head coach Rey Sanchez went as far as to say the program is in a 'serious reloading situation'.

"Warren and Downey had some good pitching," said Sanchez. "Their girls shut us down when they needed to. We had some tough games and all four of those games were tough games. I think it just came down to the other teams pitched better than we did."

While Gahr split with Downey High, it was swept by Warren High by a combined score of 11-6 and when the season was over following a 6-3 playoff loss to Mater Dei High, the Gladiators had given up five runs or more 10 times while posting four shutouts. The 2021 season also saw graduated one of the best senior classes the program has ever seen. As for this season, Gahr returns plenty of players, most of whom are ready to fill in the spots vacated by regular starters, including sophomore pitcher Marley Cortez. Backing her up is junior Hailey Sanchez, who is a left-handed hurler but is right-handed when she is on the outfield. Behind the plate, senior Breanna Lucero figures to get the bulk of the work but keep an eye on sophomore Larissa Flores, whom Rey Sanchez says is 'dynamite anywhere I put her on the field'.

Even though the team is filled with a ton of returning players, a lot of them didn't see as much time on the field. This season is their time to shine, especially the sophomores and juniors and Rey Sanchez says they are ready to take on that challenge.

"I think they are," he said. "We have some pretty established players. Take Rio Mendez for example. She didn't get a lot of time last year, but this kid is a player; she's special at short. She is special at shortstop and she's not afraid with the bat. This girl is a highlight reel."

Once again, Gahr will be put to the test with another brutal non-league schedule that will see the team play in the Torrance National Tournament, the Michelle Carew Classic, Cerritos for two games, La Habra High and Kennedy High for two games, just to name a few.

JOHN GLENN EAGLES

10-6 overall last season, 5-5 in the 605 League, fourth place, lost to Alverno Heights High 8-4 in the Division 7 quarterfinals

Head coach: Larry Leal (fourth season, 13-23); Team's record previous five seasons: 21-57; Last time missed the playoffs: 2019

Division 6

Key losses: None

Projected lineup:

P-*Gabby Ortega (SR)/Carissa Galvan (FR) C-Julia Cole (SO)/Kristy Rodriguez (SO) 1B-Anais Perez (SO) 2B-Janessa Leal (SO)/Rodriguez*

3B-*Aileen Lopez (SO)*
SS-*Beatriz Galvez (JR)*
LF-*Daniela Barron (SR) CF-Diana Bravo (SO)*
RF-*Galvan/Ortega*

Last season was one for the ages in the history of John Glenn softball. Not only did the Eagles get to the playoffs for the first time since 1990, but they also advanced to the quarterfinals and had the program's first winning season since going 12-9-1 in 2004. The team also went .500 in league play for the first time since 2015 and had its highest league finish in over two decades. "A lot of things happened that we set our goals for," said head coach Larry Leal. "Obviously, we didn't make it all the way, but we got far. I think when they got to the quarterfinals, they just got a little too excited."

So, what does Leal do for an encore? For starters, the Eagles moved up from Division 7 to Division 6 and Glenn did not graduate anyone from the 2021 team. Still, the team is loaded with sophomores, eight to be exact, and there are four freshmen to add to what Leal hopes is a new trend at Glenn.

In the circle is one of the team's two experienced seniors in Gabby Ortega with freshman Carissa Galvan backing her up. By the time the season ends, it will be a case of out with the old, in with the new as far as the program is concerned. "We're looking for Gabby to pull the weight," said Leal. "She's a great pitcher, she listens, she's focused and this is her last season and she wants to try to get all the way and we're going to try to help her get there. Carissa can come in and she can shut some people down."

Anyone in the lineup, from the leadoff spot to whoever is batting ninth, can hit, and hit for power. Sophomore catcher Julia Cole is a big home run hitter but look for left fielder Daniela Barron to have a solid season as she wraps up her high school career. The fourth-year coach lists sophomore center fielder Diana Bravo, his daughter, sophomore second baseman Janessa Leal and sophomore third baseman Aileen Lopez as the most improved players. If you think this season's team is good, just like last season, Leal warns that next season could be even better.

"This year's team has got a year under their belt, and we have a backup pitcher," he said. "They took a week off after [the end of last season] and they've been practicing all summer and offseason. That's what we're hoping for."

LA MIRADA MATADORES

20-6 overall, 8-0 in the Suburban League, 1st place, lost to Los Alamitos High 5-0 in the Division 1 first round playoffs

Head coach: Brent Tuttle (seventh season, 116-51-2); Team's record previous five seasons: 96-38-2.

Division 1

Key losses: Savannah Adams, Alyssa Campbell, Josie Dipillo, Dominique Ford, Halyne Gonzalez, Lauren Hutchings, Alexa Sams.

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PREVIEW from page 11**Projected lineup:**

P-Aleyna Urbina (SR)/Elisa Castro (JR)/Quira Castillo (FR)/Angelina Conde (FR)
 C-Rebecca Eckart (SO)/Peyton Powers (SR)
 1B-Natalie Craig (JR)/Angelina Conde (FR)
 2B-Alyssa Avila (FR)/Angelina Ratzlaff (FR)
 3B-Janis Espinoza (SR)
 SS-Amanda Urbina (FR)
 LF-Powers
 CF-Grace Archuleta (SR)
 RF-Brynn Fukumoto (SR)/Grace Giesler (SR)/Layla Monteon (SR)

La Mirada had yet another banner season that was cut short early because of the competitive nature that is Division 1 of the CIF-SS. This will be the final year of the Suburban League as it will join forces with the San Gabriel Valley League next season to form one conference. For the Matadores, they will be grouped in with the better half of the SGVL, plus Mayfair High. Until then, the team will be reloading as the program usually does without missing a beat.

"We have 11 seniors this year, but the thing I'm telling everyone is we're young experienced-wise," said head coach Brent Tuttle. "We have three kids who have played a lot at the varsity level, who are [senior Grace] Archuleta, [senior Janis] Espinoza and [senior Aleyna] Urbina. After that, we don't have a returning starter or someone who has played significant time because we lost a big group. Everybody says we're rebuilding, but it's a matter of girls stepping up and now it's their turn."

In the circle, Tuttle will be counting on Urbina to pick up a lot of innings with the rest of the staff pitcher by committee. Another position that Tuttle plans to use by committee will be at second base where a pair of freshmen-Alyssa Avila and Angelina Ratzlaff will play but might be hit for. Tuttle added that both of them have some of the best glove work he has seen. Senior third baseman Janis Espinoza is a true utility player who has played nearly every position during her first three seasons while senior Grace Archuleta will anchor the outfield in center where she has played for three seasons.

If there is one positive about the Matadores this season is that Tuttle has a very deep team. With 22 players on the squad, Tuttle says he truly believes he has two girls who can play every position and he would not feel bad about starting either one in any game.

On the topic of the schedule, Tuttle believes it's one of the toughest in Southern California and because the league isn't that strong, the non-league slate will prepare the Matadores for the Division 1 playoffs. He continued by saying he'll be happy with a .500 record outside of league play.

Tuttle added that he never sets a goal of winning a league title or a CIF championship at the beginning of a season because you're setting yourself up for failure. His goals are to get the team into the playoffs and win at least six league games. From

there, the team will reassess their goals. But he did predict that they're going to surprise some people being young.

NORWALK LANCERS

7-9 overall, 4-4 in the Suburban League, third place, lost to Fillmore High 14-4 in the Division 5 first round playoffs

Head coach: Fred Perez (first season); Team's record previous five seasons: 35-52; Last time missed the playoffs: 2019

Division 5

Key losses: Arianna Ortiz

Projected lineup:

P-Jailynn Banda (SO)/Kendall Nakano (SO)/Kamryn Velazquez (SR)
 C-Leilani Juan (JR)/Aby Castro (SR)
 1B-Brianna Perez (SR)/Itzel Hernandez (SO)/Monique Rivas (FR)
 2B-Marissa Loya (SR)
 3B-Cerise Cervantes (JR)/Rivas
 SS-Nakano/Juan
 LF-Kazandra Gonzalez (SR)/Miranda Chavez (JR)/Kasarey Lotts (JR)/Andrea Torres (SR)
 CF-Brianna Gutierrez (SR)
 RF-Gonzalez/Chavez/Lotts/Torres

The Lancers will be playing this season with heavy hearts as first-year head coach Vic Juan passed away on Feb. 9. His assistant Fred Perez will take over. Two days prior to his passing, in an interview with Juan, he said he was excited about taking over the program, which had been held down by David Gonzalez the past six seasons, because the program was adding a freshmen/sophomore team. With the addition of 13 players on the frosh/soph squad, there are over 50 players in the Norwalk program. "On the varsity level, we are super excited," said Juan. "We have 12 seniors, and we have a lot of returners. Our core players are still underclassmen and we brought on a lot of seniors this year, even some from other sports that weren't with us last year that are new to the program. But they are athletes here at the school. So, they bring energy; they bring leadership that we need in the dugout."

Sophomore pitchers Jailynn Banda and Kendall Nakano will be in the circle again with Banda figuring to get the majority of the action. She went 5-8 last season while Nakano was 1-1 with the victory coming in the form of a perfect game at Firebaugh High on May 11, 2021. Senior Aby Castro is a transfer from Bakersfield whom Juan was excited about bring in because she is a left-handed catcher who will backup junior Leilani Juan. Senior Marissa Loya took last season off but returns to the program to take over the duties at second base while last season's second baseman, senior Kamryn Velazquez, is the third string pitcher and will be a utility player. At the time of the interview, Vic Juan stated that the outfield was up in the air with senior center fielder Brianna Gutierrez the only certainty.

This will be the last season Norwalk stays in the Suburban League as it, Gahr and La Mirada will merge into the big conference with the Lancers most likely

being on one side and the other two, along with possibly Downey High, Mayfair High, being on the other side. "We have been really thriving with this team about creating a culture, understanding that there is more to this than softball," said Vic Juan. "They understand that school comes first; academics is important. But also learning about each other outside the field. I think the biggest thing about us being successful is we have to be able to be great, and to be great like La Mirada and Mayfair, we have to win the one-run games."

VALLEYCHRISTIAN DEFENDERS

4-14 overall last season, 3-5 in the Olympic League, tied for third place Head coach: Chet Kingery (first season); Team's record previous five seasons: 29-57; Last time made the playoffs: 2018

Division 6

Key losses: Quinn Livesay

Projected lineup:

P-Chelsea Azevedo (SR)/Bella Bulthuis (SO)
 C-Madison Morgan (JR)/Catheryn Young (SR)
 1B-Zoey Barrett (FR)
 Azevedo/Bulthuis
 2B-Julie Gonzales (SO)
 3B-Bulthuis/Gladdianne Nagao (SR)/Morgan/Shawnee Starke (SR)
 SS-Britton Brown (FR)
 LF-TBD
 CF-TBD
 RF-TBD

Chet Kingery replaces Nichole McGahey as V.C.'s head coach and brings with him a lot of experience, both on the baseball and softball fields. Kingery was involved with Mayfair's baseball program for years before moving on to travel softball for the past eight years. He is also a cousin of V.C. head baseball coach Matt Dahlenburg. This will be Kingery's first head coaching stint at the high school level.

"We're trying to improve on that 4-14 of last year," Kingery said. "We're going to take our bumps and bruises. We have a lot of freshmen; a lot of underclassmen. This year, we might take a lot of lumps, but hopefully we can be better with it."

The Defenders return six players from last season including their two pitchers-senior Chelsea Azevedo and sophomore Bella Bulthuis. Azevedo brings with her a really good off-speed pitch, according to the new coach, who also says she throws and spins the ball really well and her curve ball and screw ball move quite a bit. Junior Madison Morgan is being asked to convert from being a center fielder to replacing the graduated Quinn Livesay behind the plate. Morgan and senior Catheryn Young will be platooning that position until Olympic League starts, according to Kingery. The outfield spot is up in the air as of the first Saturday of the season. However, when the Defenders visited Glenn on Feb. 17, sophomore Annika De Bie started in left, Barrett started in center and Starke started in right.

"We're just trying to find the right fit where everyone is going to play, and what's going to make us better," Kingery said. "Once we find it, we'll know. There are

a lot of unanswered questions this early. I've only taken the program over a few weeks."

As far as expectations, Kingery would like the team to just play softball, complete and play for each other. Offensively, Azevedo, Brown, Bulthuis and Morgan are the ones that could carry the Defenders.

WHITNEY WILDCATS

0-13 overall last season, 0-10 in the 605 League, sixth place

Head coach: Stephanie Machado (first season); Team's record previous five seasons: 27-52; Last time made the playoffs: 2019

Division 7

Key losses: Grace Gutierrez, Lois Kim, Mia Sun

Projected lineup:

P-Monicka Manni (FR)
 C-Chiugo Anyama (FR)
 1B-Kristen Sutton (SO)/Alise Garcia (SO)/Bianca Contreras (JR)
 2B-Andrea Victoria (SO)
 3B-Mariana Botello (SO)
 SS-Madison Velazquez (FR)/Sutton
 LF-Luisa Tuioulotu (SO)/Sreeja Reddy (SO)
 CF-Rebecca Simbol (SR)
 RF-Ryleigh Shorts (SO)/Tuioulotu/Reddy

Tough times have hit the Whitney program since its 2019 trip to the quarterfinals. Former longtime head coach Luis Lavayen left after 14 seasons with the Wildcats. Then Burt Ogata took over but won just once in 19 games and saw the 2021 squad score 20 times while allowing at least 14 runs in 11 of the 13 games with the other two being forfeit losses. Now, former Cerritos standout Stephanie Machado takes over and she couldn't be happier. Machado, who taught at her alma mater for five years, is Whitney's first on-campus head coach since 2000. Since then, the program has gone through five coaches, including another ex-Cerritos player, Nichole Maddox (2003-2004).

"At Whitney, I could have coached earlier, but what kind of put the damper on it was that it was on campus," Machado said. "For me, it was just not really knowing [how it would be] because I was also teaching at Cal State Fullerton at the time. But I've always wanted to [coach] because I'm good in the classroom. I'm a great teacher and I think that aspect of coaching is sometimes overlooked."

Machado went to a few games last season and noticed what the team was doing and not doing and told herself that there are little things that she could improve if she became the head coach. Although she is setting the bar low, her goal is to win at least one game. This will still be a young team as there is one senior, Rebecca Simbol, and one junior, Bianca Contreras. The remainder of the 12-member squad are freshmen and sophomores.

The future of the program could lie in freshman pitcher Monicka Manni and her batterymate, freshman Chiugo Anyama, a rarity for any softball program to start a freshman catcher and pitcher. Both bring a lot of softball experience with them, which is one of the reasons

why Machado is going with them than the varsity experience of junior Bianca Contreras and sophomore Mariana Botello.

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cluding a direct connection to the transit line.

Called the Norwalk Transit Village, City Staff, along with development partner Lewis Group of Companies, outlined key steps in their project schedule to ensure public participation throughout the process.

So far, the outreach has been mostly virtual, with two in-person outreach events, which consisted of a Farmer's Market booth and a series of presentations to Norwalk Commission members in January 2022 and February 2022.

According to City Staff, the community had a positive reaction to the project and supported building more affordable housing in Norwalk while also improving connectivity between the property, Zimmerman Park, and the Metrolink Station.

In regards to the commercial portion of the project, residents wanted more grocery and food and beverage options.

The new development may also include a variety of new homes at different price points; green spaces, open spaces, and parks; pathways for walking, biking, and improved access to the Metrolink station and Zimmerman Park.

Due to a state law known as the Surplus Land Act (SLA), 80% of the development area must be residential with 40% of the residential classified as "affordable."

Norwalk Mayor Rick Ramirez expressed his support for this type of development in the City, "Our city is embracing the importance of economic development. The Metrolink station will be within a short distance of this development, bringing with it a tremendous opportunity for homeownership and commerce to the region."

The project is currently in the community engagement phase, as public participation is important to ensure Norwalk residents express their vision for the project with the hope of seeing more housing choices, healthy amenities and greater connectivity to other parts of the region.

Public participation meetings are scheduled to continue through early-2023.

For more information email publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5319.



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Downey Receives Budget Award for 9th Consecutive Year

By Tammye McDuff

The City of Downey is proud to announce that it has once again received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget. This is the 9th consecutive year the City has received this prestigious budget award. The GFOA award recognizes the City's efforts in producing a comprehensive budget document that excels in four major categories such as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Downey's FY 2021-22 Budget has met the highest principles of governmental budgeting and reflects the City's continued commitment to ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency.

"This award represents a significant achievement for our City and would not be made possible without the hard work of our City's leadership team," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "I commend

City Manager Gilbert Livas, Finance Director Anil Gandhi, and the entire Finance Department for ensuring our City remains fiscally stable."

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton added, "The consistent receipt of this award demonstrates the dedication and professionalism of our City's management team, and I could not be prouder of their hard work."

Downey's Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget can be seen on their website at www.downeyca.org.

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Emily...all four of those girls played well throughout the game and having Onyeka there I think gives them a little bit more confidence.”

If that game was the biggest one Chinen has been a part of, then this past Wednesday night’s game at Yucca Valley was even bigger as the Dons pulled away from the host Trojans in the third quarter and earned a spot in the title game for the first time in school history. Cerritos outscored the 12th ranked team in the division 18-3 in the third quarter and left the low desert community with a 64-51 victory. Cerritos (20-7) will host upset-minded La Salle High on Saturday. The No. 3 Lancers (26-2) stunned second-ranked Hart High 49-43 this past Wednesday night at Hart.

“If I just have to say one word, it’s heart,” said Chinen. “These girls have heart and that’s basically all I can say. They worked hard through the whole season. I did say one thing to them. We lost five games during the regular season. I said get five games back [and] we got five games back.”

victimLee and Uy alternated baskets and assists within the first 39 seconds of

the second quarter to give Cerritos a 19-15 lead and the team never looked back. Leading 38-30 at the break, the game was put away by an 8-0 run to begin the second half as Uy and Nwanze each scored four points in that stretch.

Another key factor was shutting down Yucca Valley’s big shooter, Malia Ulrey, in the stanza. After getting 16 points in the first half, she scored the only points her team would get in the third quarter, then equaled her first half performance in the fourth quarter alone to lead all scorers with 35 points, including seven of 12 from three-point territory.

“She’s a great shooter inside and out,” said Chinen. “So, we were able to contain that, and we did our job. I think they figured her out towards the end what they needed to do, and they learned how to play her throughout the game.”

Nwanze paced the Dons with 21 points and 16 rebounds while Hizon added 18 points, four three-pointers and three steals and Uy chipped in with 13 points, three rebounds and three assists.

“This was one of the best I’ve seen out of her,” said Chinen of Hizon. “It’s all inside her heart. That’s what she had tonight.

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angle, by successfully advocating to remove sales tax from diapers in California to establishing a Baby2Baby Diaper Bank in New York. We even manufacture our own diapers to donate to children in need so we can produce them for the lowest cost possible, stretching your charitable dollars even further,” stated Patricof.

The City and Baby2Baby would

allow Hawaiian Gardens to receive monthly diapers and wipes that could be distributed to residents within the community at no cost, similar to the program provided during the pandemic.

The original agreement with the LA Food Bank came to an end, so the city has been distributing stockpiled items. The Baby2Baby program would allow the city to continue providing residents through a different partnership.

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City of Artesia City Council will hold the Regular City Council Meeting at the Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **7:00 p.m.** on Monday, **March 14th, 2022** to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Case No. 2022-01 **Zoning Code Amendment**

City of Artesia
18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California CA 90701

An Ordinance of the City of Artesia, California, amending the Artesia Municipal Code concerning urban lot splits and two-unit projects under SB 9, and making a determination of Statutory Exemption under CEQA.

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia City Council at or prior to the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

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Community Development Director

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ELOISE NYMAN
CASE NO. 22STPB01285
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ELOISE NYMAN.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDREA JOHNSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA JOHNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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Case No. 2021-19 **Housing Element Update**

City of Artesia
18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California CA 90701

An update to the Housing Element (6th Cycle) of the Artesia General Plan for the 2021-2029 planning period as required by State law.

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 722 ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 52 ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF “ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS” AND AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 8, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 722.

Summary of Ordinance No. 722

Ordinance No. 722 would make the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Title 21 of the LMMC:

- Amend Section 21.76.020 Definitions of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC to include several definitions.
- Amend Subsection (6) of Section 21.76.050 Prohibited signs of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC. This amendment would clarify electronic billboards as being permitted within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) Zoning District.
- Amend Table 21.76.070 Sign Regulations by Zoning District of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC to include Electronic Billboards in the C-F Zoning District. This amendment would allow for electronic billboards to be built within the C-F Zoning District with a maximum sign area of 700 square feet per sign face and a maximum height of 50 feet.
- Repeal Section 21.76.130 Off-Site signs of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC. This section would be replaced with language specific to any new electronic billboards, or conversion of a non-electronic billboard to an electronic billboard.
- Add Section 21.76.140 Electronic Billboards to Chapter 21.76, Signs of Title 21 of the LMMC. This section would describe in detail the development standards for billboards and the requirement of a Development Agreement for the installation and operation of an electronic billboard.
- Amend Section 21.114.020 Applicability of Chapter 21.114 Site Plan Review, of Title 21 of the LMMC. This amendment would require the installation of an electronic billboard or the conversion of a non-electronic billboard to an electronic billboard to be subject to a site plan review.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 722 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer’s Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after **MARCH 17, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: boxes, totes, duffie bag, trike, slot machine, table, pillow, strollers, suitcases, loose clothing, toys, loose bedding, chairs, gate, furniture, rumba, broom, books, mat and bags belonging to the following.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
CHRISTIAN SEAN DOVIDIO	B712
ASHLEY ELIZABETH MINGO	B239
TATIANA MARIE BRIONES	B165

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party. Publication Dates: 2/25/2022 AND 3/04/2022

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold 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.storage-treasures.com on 3/17/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Roberto Gonzalez; Byron Justin Traylor; Javier Jaime Morales; Cesar Lopez; Nichole Giron; Sebastian Contreras Torres; Alma Gricelda Rivera; Rosario D Paz Laborde (2 units); Nora Guadalupe Reaves; Rene Flores (2 units); Suzette Antionette Torres; Jorge Cisneros Amezquita; Dani Cano Flores; Evelyn Alvarez; Henry Cabrera Jr de la Torre; Desiree Jacquelyn Flores; Jose Luis Ledesma; Lucy G Vega; Gregorio Pedraza; Ian Max Henriquez/PHAT BIRDS; April Lynn Kearns; Maria de Los Angeles Mendez. 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 of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 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.storage-treasures.com on 3/17/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. David Emanuel Burnham; Irma Leticia Romo Angel; Richard Lee Bruggeman; Benjamin Maslog Rama; Jules Taylor Christen; Luis Eduardo Esparza; Annette Elena Marruffo. 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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APN: 8047-007-087 TS No: CA07000071-20-1 TO No: 200016035-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 3, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 9, 2006 as Instrument No. 06 0044599, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by C.R. ROBERTS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, FSB as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12976 SYCAMORE VILLAGE DR. # 4, NORWALK, CA 90650-8334 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated 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 obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$396,281.10 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000071-20-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000071-20-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: February 9, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000071-20-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 80093, Pub Dates: 2/18/2022, 2/25/2022, 3/4/2022, LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 –1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com ending on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following: Name Unit #
Janet Osorio M018
Christina Muro M072
Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Dated this 11th and 18th day of February 2022.
Self Storage Management Company Bond #: WLI1254152

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Extra Space Storage 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 March 16, 2022 at 11:00 am. Andrew Balandran- Household Goods- Fredrica Byrd- Household Goods/Maria Shaw- Household Items/Ryan Bradley- Boxes washer and dryer/Christine Williams- clothes, blankets, tv, etc./Myles Mitchell- Shelf and some boxes/Ricardo Torres- Household Items/Bernetta Hardy- Bed, couch and tv stand and tvs/Natasha Castillo Madrid- bikes/Terry Harlow- Boxes, cabinet, file cabinet, bags/Yvonne Flores- Household items/Ray McCarms- 2 seater sofa, dresser, mattress, boxes + totes/Adrian Branchcomb- Household items/Debra Empleo-Perez- China, bed set, table and chairs, house hold items./Lance Williams- boxes , clothes and some furniture , bikes/Kenneth Gilbeau- King Bed, boxes of clothes & shoes, TV/Chantal Anita Tolmarie- furniture and boxes/The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. Please publish on 02/25/2022 and 03/04/2022

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JANET E. GEDUSKY AKA JANET EMILY GEDUSKY AKA JANET GEDUSKY
CASE NO. 22STPB01293
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JANET E. GEDUSKY AKA JANET EMILY GEDUSKY AKA JANET GEDUSKY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LYNN LUCAS AKA LYNN LUCUS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LYNN LUCAS AKA LYNN LUCUS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/17/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
PAULO L. MENEZES - SBN 248864
THE LAW OFFICE OF DUARTE & MENEZES, LLP
17215 STUDEBAKER RD., STE 240
CERRITOS CA 90703
2/25, 3/4, 3/11/22

STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2022001825
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SIMPLY MOHS 8049 MASONCREST DR., PICO RIVERA, 90660. REGISTERED OWNER DEBRINA D. HERNANDEZ 8049 MASONCREST DR., PICO RIVERA, 90660. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/21. 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/ DEBRINA D. HERNANDEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/4/22. 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 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022006143
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MENTAL HEALTH WITH MJ, 3325 E 2ND ST, APT. 7, LONG BEACH, CA., 90803 REGISTERED OWNER IS MARILYNN JAUREGUI, 3325 E 2ND ST, APT. 7, LONG BEACH, CA., 90803. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/21. 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/ MARILYNN JAUREGUI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/10/22. 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 1/21 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/22.

STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2022004283
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LEMONADE SHOES 17900 AJAX CIRCLE INDUSTRY, CA., 91748. REGISTERED OWNER OC APPAREL AND DESIGN, 17900 AJAX CIRCLE INDUSTRY, CA., 91748. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2018. 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/ PHILIP JUN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/7/22. 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 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4/22

STATEMENT of ABANDONMENT OF USE of FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File number: 2017080793
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Hawaiian Gardens Casino Security Department, 11871 Carlow St., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. The fictitious business name was originally filed in Los Angeles County on March 31, 2017 and is being ABANDONED by Jorge L. Magana, 5726 Wilson Ave., South Gate, Ca., 90280. The business was conducted by an individual. Person declares that all information in this statement is true and correct. /S/ Jorge L Magana. LCCN 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/22

STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2022023913
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ACTIVE SPORTS REHAB AND WELLNESS PROGRAM 13330 BLOOMFIELD AVE., SUITE 101, NORWALK, CA., 90650. REGISTERED OWNER RECOVERCARE THERAPY GROUP, INC., 13330 BLOOMFIELD AVE., SUITE 101, NORWALK, CA., 90650. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/2022. 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/ EVELYN S. CO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 2/1/22. 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 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/22

STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2022029366
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ADAPTIVE RESOLUTIONS COUNSELING SERVICES, 1124 ROSECRANS AVE., LA MIRADA, CA. 90638. REGISTERED OWNER JASMINE DENISE WILSON 1124 ROSECRANS AVE., LA MIRADA, CA. 90638. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 7/21. 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/ JASMINE DENISE WILSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 2/7/22. 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 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/22

NOTICE OF COMPETING PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

COLLEEN B. DEBELLING AKA COLLEEN B.
DE BELLING AKA COLLEEN BABELLE DE BELLING
CASE NO. 22STPB00168
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the WILL or estate, or both of COLLEEN B. DEBELLING AKA COLLEEN B. DE BELLING AKA COLLEEN BABELLE DE BELLING.
A COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MATTHEW EVAN DEBELLING in the Supe-rior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE re-quests that MATTHEW EVAN DEBELLING be ap-pointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE COMPETING PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Admin-istration 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 representa-tive will be required to give notice to interested per-sons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administra-tion 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 au-thority.
A HEARING on the competing petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/25/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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 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 (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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BUSD Honors First Black Woman Astronaut Mae Jamison

By Tammy McDuff

In honor of Black History Month, the Bellflower Unified School District [BUSD] celebrates the achievements of Mae Jamison, the first black woman to travel into space as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

Jamison logged 190 hours, 30 minutes and 23 seconds in space and orbited the Earth 127 times. She has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the International Space Hall of Fame.

Mae Jemison, born Mae Carol Jemison, October 1956, moved with her family to Chicago at the age of three. She was introduced to science by her uncle and developed interests throughout her childhood in anthropology, archaeology, evolution, and astronomy.

While still a high school student, she became interested in biomedical engineering, and after graduating in 1973, she entered Stanford University at the age of 16. There she received degrees in chemical engineering and African American studies.

In 1977 Jemison entered medical school at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where she pursued an interest in international medicine after volunteering for a summer in a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand.

She graduated from medical school in 1981, and, after a short time as a general practitioner in Los Angeles, she became a medical officer with the Peace Corps in



MAE JEMISON weightless during he space flight onboard the Shuttle Endeavor in 1992. She became an astronaut in 1988.

West Africa.

There she managed health care for the organization and the U.S. embassy personnel while working in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control on several research projects, including the development of a hepatitis B vaccine.

After returning to the United States, Jemison applied to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to be an astronaut, she was one out of 2,000 applicants. Jemison qualified and completed her training as a mission specialist with NASA in 1988.

She became an astronaut office representative with the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida, working to process space shuttles for launching

and to verify shuttle software.

Jemison's maiden space flight came with the weeklong September 1992 mission of the shuttle Endeavour. At that time, she was the only African American woman astronaut. As a doctor, engineer, and NASA astronaut, Jemison has always reached for the stars.

She has written several books and appeared on many television programs, including Star Trek: The Next Generation.

She started The Jemison Group, a consulting company that encourages science, technology, and social change. She also began teaching environmental studies at Dartmouth College and directed the Jemison Institute for Advancing Technology in Developing Countries.

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residents who expressed an interest in becoming candidates for the City Council. Rawlings also directed Sanchez to be unavailable and/or unresponsive to potential candidates that were not Tony Lima and Monica Manalo."

Then, in late 2020, the City Council suddenly approved an updated harassment policy that permitted city employees to take their complaints to the City Attorney and not the City Manager.

Six months later, Sanchez complained to the City Attorney about Rawling's interference and his selective rules enforcement; other employees also complained about Rawlings' conduct.

The complaint then states, "the complaints were made known to the City Council, [despite that] the City of Artesia decided against investigating any of the concerns raised by Sanchez and others about Rawlings. Specifically, defendants and City Councilmembers Tony Lima, Monica Manalo, and Ali Taj voted against an investigation."

The minutes of that meeting are currently not available on the city's website.

"Instead, the City Council by way of Lima, Manalo, and Taj reversed its November 2020 policy allowing employees to take their complaints to the City Attorney. As a result, the policy reverted to the previous one that required City employees to take all their concerns and complaints to Rawlings, even those that were directly about him."

Taj, Manalo, and Lima could not comment due to the complaint being filed.

Sanchez is suing for intentional infliction of emotional distress and violations of the Labor Code and is asking for a jury trial.

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