



California Interscholastic Federation Delays Start of 2020-2021 Fall Athletic Season

BY LOREN KOPFF

Less than a month after area high schools were permitted to begin conditioning for their fall sports, the California Interscholastic Federation state office put a wrinkle in start of the regular season this past Tuesday afternoon. The California Department of Public Health announced it has temporarily put a stop to its youth sports guidance and is not expected to change that until at least Jan. 1, 2021 as the surge in COVID-19 cases increases daily, meaning the high school fall season, which includes boys and girls cross country, football, gymnastics, boys and girls volleyball and boys and girls water polo won't start on time.

According to CIF-Southern Section Commissioner Rob Wigod, the 10 section commissioners had a meeting with the state office this past Tuesday morning where they talked about different scenarios and different possibilities.

"The primary reason why they made that decision was it would allow sections more flexibility and allow us more of an opportunity with the seasons that potentially could happen," Wigod said.

He added that the Southern Section can always build its scheduling back from that of the state, meaning once the state announces dates of its regional and state championships, then each section has to complete its sectional championships prior to the start date of the regionals and league competition has to be concluded at a certain point.

On July 20, the CIF-SS announced its 2020-2021 athletic calendar with the boys volleyball season to begin on Dec. 12 and other fall sports to begin over the next couple of weeks. Boys volleyball is the only spring sport that was moved to the fall for this unprecedented 2020-2021 athletic season with the CIF Southern Regionals to be played Mar. 15-20, 2021. Although the state announced that there won't be any regional championships, Wigod said the regular season for boys volleyball may not be changed.

"That doesn't necessarily mean that the entire season in our state has to move," Wigod said. "Our plan is to take the next week or so and get feedback from our member schools as to what they want to do. Because, we have the option to either keep the boys volleyball season

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Order Closes Cardrooms Devastating Employees & Cities



GARDENS CASINO General Counsel Keith Sharp speaks at a news conference this week to voice concerns over the closures mandated by the L.A. County Health Department. The closures will force thousands of layoffs and hit cities, such as Hawaiian Gardens, with a major loss of revenue.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Cities, families, and cardrooms are once again reeling due to the L. A. County Department of Health's order to close card rooms without solid evidence, like

that of bars, restaurants, and gyms, that card rooms spread the coronavirus.

Keith Sharp, General Counsel for the Gardens Casino in Hawaiian Gardens told HMG-CN, "There is no data to support

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Cerritos Resident Brings Joy to COVID Patients, Frontliners



ASHA GREENIDGE (center) with Miller's Children and Women's Hospital frontliners holding homemade best wishes and get well cards created by Asha and her friends. The service started out small but now includes high, middle and elementary school students who make cards for area hospitals and employees.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

This past June, we brought attention to a young Cerritos resident who became so overwhelmed with the complicated loss of loved ones due to CoVID that she and her family began to make 'caring cards'. Her idea quickly took shape and before the summer was over she had been

interviewed by local papers and news stations.

Asha Greenidge is about to expand Project Caring Cards [PCC] this month. As CoVID related cases seem to reach an all time high, Greenidge has enlisted the support of her high school, middle school and elementary school mates as well as

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Restaurants Defy L.A. County COVID Orders

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

As many restaurants and businesses are reeling in the aftermath of new shutdown mandates, some have defied the order and expressed their feelings for the small businesses.

One such organization is the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce. At a special meeting of the La Mirada City Council Rich Trujillo, President of the Chamber and Noel James, Executive Director took the dais to express their outrage, while at the same time expressing concern for the businesses in La Mirada.

Last week the City Council unanimously passed Resolution 20-25 in a special meeting, basically stating that the City Council opposed the Los Angeles County Public Health officer order precluding out-

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Cities Contemplating Breaking Away From County Health Department

BY BRIAN HEWS

Several cities in Los Angeles County are looking into establishing their own municipal health department to circumvent orders from L.A. County and the state.

The move comes amid the county implementing the strictest stay at home orders and prohibiting restaurants from serving customers, unless it is for take-out.

The closures have angered many local businesses, who say they will go out of business if they don't receive help or allowed to remain open.

City officials and politicians are also angry, with city officials now agendizing a move to establish their own health department simply because they are in survival mode.

The city of Commerce relies on the Commerce Casino for 25% of its budget; the Bicycle Casino contributes 50% annually to the city of Bell Gardens' budget; Hawaiian Gardens has been forced to make major budget cuts because the Gardens Casino accounts for 75% of the city's budget.

Not only cities are hurting but so are

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Owners of Anaheim Ducks Will Build Massive Mixed Use Development Next to Honda Center

BY BRIAN HEWS

A 95, acre \$3 billion mixed use entertainment development will be built around the Honda Center by the owners of the Anaheim Ducks.

The first phase is scheduled to open in 2024.

The goal is for the project to be completed in 2028 and be a showcase for the Summer Olympics when Honda Center hosts indoor volleyball.

Called ocV!BE, the master plan includes multiple new urban parks, all linked via walkways and trails.

These publicly accessible parks include a more than 4-acre park focused on wellness and nature, as well as a five-acre greenspace in front of ARTIC along the Santa Ana River.

With 20-acres of public space,the public green spaces are fully integrated

into the design of the project. All of ocV!BE will be connected by a trail system, including a 3-mile loop and access to existing public trails along the Santa Ana River.

The area runs south of Ball Road and along the western edge of the Santa Ana River bed.

Over 1,500, down from 2,800 apartments will be built, 15% will be affordable housing according to the developers.

The development will also feature a new 6,000 capacity concert venue, 30+ restaurant concepts, including a food hall with diverse offerings of multiple standalone restaurants, two hotels consisting of 550 rooms total and over 8,000 parking spaces new roads and increase traffic capacity.

860,000 square feet of office space, including a new 325,000-square foot



THE URBAN PARK will be an open 3-acre area anchored by the 6,000 capacity concert venue with a bridge spanning Katella leading to access of ARTIC Center.



THE SOUTH PLAZA will be a dining and shopping destination and provide open space for the community with 30+ restaurant concepts, including a food hall.

office tower, will also be built. The development will also include a network of pedestrian bridges and a bridge over Katella so people can walk from the Arctic to the Honda Center in a safe manner. There will be four plazas each with its own focus. The west plaza will be 3-acres anchored by the concert venue. The southern facing plaza will provide ample opportunities for dining. The north plaza will feature a collection of smaller entertainment experiences while the eastern plaza will provide a garden setting with terrace seating and public art. The developers say the project ocV!BE will provide more than 10,000 new construction jobs and more than 3,000 permanent jobs upon operation. In addition, the project will generate more than \$2 billion in one-time

economic impact prior to completion and more than \$400 million in annual recurring economic impact.* Tax revenue generated by ocV!BE will assist the City of Anaheim in its efforts to enhance neighborhoods and public safety. The project will request no rebate or subsidy of General Fund tax revenues. The project brings attractive restaurants and retail to Anaheim, allowing residents and visitors to dine and shop locally. It also creates a revenue stream to maintain and improve Honda Center, a publicly-owned facility, at no cost to taxpayers. ocV!BE is an endeavor of the Samueli Family, the owner of the Anaheim Ducks and the longtime manager of Honda Center.



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Natural History Museums Rise to the Occasion Going Online to Virtually Engage Students

BY LAURIE HANSON

This year is anything but typical for everyone including the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County.

Under normal circumstances, more than 200,000 students a year would grace their hallways and grounds to learn about the natural phenomena of animals and plants, many of whom could not adapt to an everchanging world.

Unlike those distant species, the museums have adapted during the pandemic by going virtual and mostly online.

The Natural History Museums of Los Angeles include the site by USC, the La Brea Tar Pits, and William S. Hart Museum. It is known collectively as the largest natural and historical museum in the western United States.

“While the museums’ buildings have been closed, we have opened new doors to natural history and to experiencing the museums online,” she explained. “All of our virtual school programs are crafted with care for learners and available for free on our museums’ websites.”

“Even though the indoor portions of our museums are closed, we’ve offered new ways to explore natural and cultural wonders safely outdoors and digitally from home,” Fidler said. “People of all ages can experience our museums online via digital exhibitions, livestream events, educational programs and activities to showcase our vast collections and experts.”

Students have joined online from across the city and counties of Los Angeles, the state, and even a few across the country and beyond its borders, according to Fidler. She went on to say that since their closure in March, the museums have had the opportunity to engage with more than 200,000 students, teachers, parents, and community members virtually.

“On our Educational Resources pages, parents, students, and teachers can explore our library of on-demand, grade-appropriate learning resources (such as videos, activities, readings, lesson plans, and more),” Fidler explained. “Teachers can register their classes for our live interactive programs and webinars.”

The museums’ new digital experiences and programs include the online, interactive exhibitions Spiky, Hairy, Shiny: Insects of LA and Rise Up L.A.: A Century of Votes for Women. Additionally, teachers and students can participate in virtual learning with lesson plans, educational videos and activities already provided.

On an added note, Fidler said that families and guests can now safely experience the Nature Gardens and popular Butterfly Pavilion and Spider Pavilion, with museum safety protocols in place.

Through a new partnership with Nickelodeon, videos of museum scientists and favorite animated characters can be found online at www.nhm.org. The community can also follow and catch up on the museums’ latest on social media @nhmla, including weekly Lunch with Live Animals live streams with experts from their animal care team, said Fidler.

There are live museum presentations where students get to meet scientists, visit with live animals, learn about the art of paleo puppetry or see real excavations in action in 30 minute programs with multiple classes presented at the same time based on grade levels.

These Programs allow students to have “Q & A’s” directly with museum staff and are live streamed on the museum’s YouTube channel.

In the museums’ virtual student programs, teachers can register their class in advance so students can join in a virtual classroom for a live, interactive program



MANAGER OF VERTEBRATE LIVING COLLECTIONS Leslie Gordon with her lizard during a weekly livestream on the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County’s Facebook page. Online guests and students from all over the world have been checking in to check out the animals during the coronavirus pandemic.

via Zoom, with program length grade dependent and ranging from 30 to 45 minutes. Topics include the endangered California Condor, Ice Age animals and fossils, finding clues from fossils, a virtual tour of the La Brea Tar Pits, a virtual mobile archeology experience, and a virtual mobile ocean experience.

There are also virtual educator workshops to help teachers build connections between their students’ curriculum and the museums’ collections and exhibitions. Learning resources for students that are grade-appropriate with activities are available and include videos, student activity pages, readings, teacher guides, photo galleries, and self-guided virtual field trips.

The Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC) are a public-private partnership between the nonprofit Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation and the County of Los

Angeles. In addition to county support, they depend on

revenue from admissions, their stores and cafe in addition to memberships. They also rely on donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

“Our donors’ generosity helps us fund groundbreaking research, deliver free virtual programming for all ages during our temporary closure, and care for the preservation of more than 35 million specimens,” explained Fidler. To make a gift of any size, please visit online at www.NHMLAC.ORG/join-and-give.

For Natural History Museum programs and learning resources, please visit www.NHM.ORG/educational-resources, and for La Brea Tar Pits Museum programs and learning resources, please visit www.TARPITS.ORG/educational-resources. For more general information about the museums, visit their website at www.nhm.org.

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American Society Faces a Crisis in Public Trust in Government, Corporations, and the Media

BY LEE H. HAMILTON

Former Indiana Congressman for 34 years.

When the history of this era is written, special attention should be reserved for the prominent US politicians who dismissed or misrepresented the COVID-19 pandemic for political purposes.

The coronavirus has wreaked untold suffering and damage to this country through the deaths it's caused, the illness it's produced, the strain it has placed on the lives and well-being of health care workers, and the incredible damage it's done to the livelihoods and prospects of millions of Americans.

It has been able to do this because we had a major failure of government.

To be sure, at the state level many governors have conducted themselves with forthright attention to the risks to their populations and have done their best to translate scientific and medical advice into policies designed to save lives while trying to undergird their economies.

But at the federal level—with the notable exception of the effort to fast-track research and production of a vaccine—we mostly failed to mobilize resources and take the measures necessary to combat the virus, starting early this year when the virus first emerged on the West Coast.

In particular, we failed to provide a comprehensive, federally led nationwide strategy providing clear guidance on mask-wearing, offering resources for contact tracing, and helping states develop their approaches to quarantining for those exposed to the virus—the three legs vital for early containment.

Instead, President Trump repudiated and disregarded the advice of experts and

health officials and offered a misleading narrative about the spread of the virus abating in the spring.

His misinformation was picked up and amplified by news outlets and by politicians who alleged that concern about the pandemic was just a hoax peddled by President Trump's opponents and would disappear as soon as the election was over. Or, even worse, who misled Americans about hydroxychloroquine and other drugs.

In other words, many Americans were fed bad information at a time when high-quality information was necessary to stem the spread of the virus and limit the number of deaths.

The result has been devastating, and not just to our public health efforts.

For many decades, the U.S. has been the leader of the international order, the undisputed power, with vast wealth, economic and military power, and global reach.

But our image has been tarnished badly because of the mishandling of this outbreak, made worse over the last four years by our willingness to step away from alliances and international organizations.

We are weaker on the world stage than we were a few years ago, and especially since the start of the pandemic.

The problem with reaching this point was summed up cogently back in October by John Halpin of the Center for American Progress, as part of a study looking at the alarming rise in Americans' willingness to believe conspiracy theories, unfounded rumors, and already-disproven claims.

“American society faces a genuine

crisis in public trust in government, corporations, and the media, exacerbated by wide partisan divides about who and what to believe,” he said. “If we cannot agree on basic facts about what is going on in our country, there is little hope of generating consensus on what needs to be done to control the pandemic and fix our economy. Rebuilding public trust in major institutions, and the information they provide the public, is now a national priority.”

I agree. In many ways, the world of information has improved from the days when just a handful of news sources provided Americans with what we needed to know, but there was also a benefit to those times: we might have disagreed about how to tackle national problems, but we all understood what those problems were. Today, people stick to the news sources they agree with, creating a muddle of American public opinion and making it extremely difficult for policy makers to find the common ground needed to accomplish difficult and ambitious policy goals.

This is a significant challenge for the United States, and we have got to get on top of it sooner rather than later.

Lee Hamilton is an American politician and lawyer from Indiana. He is a former member of the U.S. Homeland Security Advisory Council and was Vice-Chair of the 9/11 Commission.

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Cerritos

11/28/20 6:30 p.m. 183rd st / Dumont Ave. Victim was riding his bicycle, two suspects rode up to him on bicycles and blocked his path. One suspect removed a handgun from his pocket and attempted to chamber a round into the handgun, then held the gun close to victim's face and demanded all he had. Suspects took everything and fled.

11/28/20 9:06 13600 blk. 166th St., carjacking at gunpoint, report not available.

11/25/20 2 p.m. 13700 blk. La Jara Cir. Suspects followed victims home from a store. When they parked in their driveway, the suspects approached both sides of their vehicle and opened both the driver and passenger doors. Suspect 1 reached in and grabbed purse. The lady tried to maintain control of her purse and suspect 1 bit her on the arm causing her to let go. Suspect 2 grabbed the other victim's watch from her arm They both fled.

11/24/20 1:20 p.m., Norwalk Bl. south of 91 fwy. Victim was waiting behind suspect's vehicle at red light. Victim honked his horn at suspect when the light turned green, the suspect did not move. As the vehicles drove off, suspect pulled up next to victim and victim flipped off the suspect, who responded by pointing a handgun at victim, they then fled.

La Mirada

Aggravated Assault

• A victim was arrested on the 13200 block of Woodridge Ave. for vandalizing a vehicle and brandishing a firearm. No injuries were sustained during the incident.

Residential Burglary

• A daytime burglary was reported on the 16600 block of Adler Rd. No items were reported missing from the location.

Other Structure Burglary

• Several boxes of earphones were reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 14700 block of Artesia Bl.

Vehicle Burglary

• A suitcase with cash and clothing was reported stolen during a daytime window smash burglary on the 16700 block of Knott Ave.

• Cash and sunglasses were reported stolen during an early morning window smash burglary on the 11800 block of Rimrock Dr.

Grand Theft Auto

• A truck was reported stolen on the 11900 block of La Mirada Blvd.

And now for a bit of cheer after the crime report.....

La Mirada Holiday Tree Lighting Drive-Thru Event

Attendees asked to bring toy and food donations.

The City will host a special Holiday Tree Lighting Drive-Thru Event on Saturday, December 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Civic Center parking lot.

The event will begin with a tree lighting ceremony, which will be live streamed on the City's social media platforms. Participants attending the drive-thru event are encouraged to bring new, packaged, and unwrapped toys and food items to donate for local families in need.

Santa Claus will be waving to children along the route. Children will also be able to drop-off letters to Santa. Craft kits and goodie bags will be given to all children to enjoy at home!

Call the Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277 for more info.

Outgoing La Palma Council Members to be Recognized, Swear in New Members

LA PALMA, Calif. – The La Palma City Council’s annual reorganization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020. At this meeting, the City Council will recognize two outgoing Council Members, swear in three Council Members, and select a new mayor and mayor pro tem for the upcoming year.

Outgoing Mayor Peter Kim and Council Member Gerard Goedhart will be recognized for their eight years of service to the La Palma community. Mayor Kim was first elected to the La Palma City Council in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 while serving as Mayor in 2015 and 2020. Council Member Goedhart was also elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 while serving as Mayor in 2016 and 2018.

Also at the December 8 meeting, the City Council will certify the November 2020 election results and swear in re-elected Council Member Marshall Goodman as well as Council Members-elect Debbie Baker and Mark Waldman. Afterward, the City Council will select a new mayor and mayor pro tem for 2021.

The public is invited to the virtual meeting, which starts at 7:00 p.m. Meeting information can be found on the meeting agenda by visiting the City’s website.

Norwalk Native Serves Thanksgiving Meal to 3rd Fleet



CHIEF INTELLIGENCE Specialist Cynthia Steele, from Norwalk, Calif., prepares a Thanksgiving meal take-away box. Steele and other chief petty officers and culinary specialists from Headquarters, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet helped prepare and serve meals to the staff November 24. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Casey Trietsch)

Los Alamitos Youth Center Joins Target Circle



SUPPORT YOUTH: (l-r) Los Al. Councilwoman Tonya Doby, Executive Director Lina Lumme, Program Director Jamie Harris and Los Al. Mayor Richard Murphy.

The Los Alamitos Youth Center recently announced that they are participating in the Target Circle program. Target’s Community Giving Program provides Target Circle members the opportunity to earn and cast votes to help direct where Target makes its donation to nonprofits. From now until December 31, 2020, all target customers and friends of The Youth Center can vote for The Youth Center through their Target mobile app and donations will be directed accordingly.

“We are honored and excited to be in the Target Circle,” said Lina Lumme, Executive Director of The Youth Center. “We are thrilled that our loyal supporters

can now support us in a way that doesn’t cost them anything and earns them shopping rewards!” she exclaimed.

All shoppers with an existing Target.com, Cartwheel or RedCard were automatically enrolled in Target Circle. Shoppers also can join by starting a Target.com account or by giving their phone number in a Target store. Members earn a vote per transaction and can cast votes to direct Target’s community giving initiatives using the Target app or at Target.com.

For more information about Target Circle and how to vote for The Youth Center, go to: <https://www.target.com/circle>.

Cerritos College Update on 166th and Studebaker Road Lot

STAFF REPORT

Cerritos College will host its last virtual forum of the year on Monday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. to update residents about changes to its property located at the 166th Street and Studebaker Road corner lot.

On September 18, 2017, the Cerritos City Council approved the College’s Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for four years.

The TUP authorizes the College to convert the property at 166th Street and Studebaker Road into an automobile storage facility.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees passed a resolution on September 6, 2017, to address issues raised by residents and the City, including dust and light mitigation, hours of operation, loading of vehicles, security, and landscaping.

The College continues to work closely with the City of Cerritos to meet the requirements outlined in the TUP.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom you can RSVP by email grijalva@cerritos.edu to receive the zoom information.

Cerritos College Forum

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LA MIRADA MAYOR John Lewis (left) and Neighborhood Life Church Pastor David Newman deliver food to residents in September of this year. Neighborhood Life Church will have another event on Saturday Dec. 19.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Pastor David Newman and Neighborhood Life Church continues to step up and help meet the needs of La Mirada.

On Saturday, December 19th from 9:30 to 10:45 fresh produce, milk, eggs and meat will be ready to deliver to La Mirada, areas of Whittier and Norwalk. The boxes also typically contain yogurt, potatoes, onions, celery, pears, apples and salad greens.

“We are excited to be able to help feed our families once again,” said Pastor Dave. If you are interested in receiving a fresh produce box or know of an individual or family that is in need, please email neighborlife.church@gmail.com

As a church that has only been in existence since September 2019, Newman and his wife believe that God has guided them all along the way.

Since that time they have become partners and developed relationships with The La Mirada Chamber of Commerce, City Council, Love La Mirada, Grocery Outlet and many of the churches in the city.

December 2019 saw the congregation grow and they were able to deliver holiday cheer to 200 residents and distribute toys to 80 children. In March of 2020 they began to serve alongside the Norwalk La Mirada school district and distribute over 1,500 meals to families in need and package 2,000 care packages for the senior community. They also serve the homeless at Whittier First Day.

“We can always use volunteers and additional support,” stated Newman, “If you are interested in volunteering or lending support please get in touch with me. Let’s continue to be good neighbors to our City.”

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ELECTRIC NOEL a Christmas experience that sets the passenger on a holiday journey full of music and light spectaculars that surprise and delight.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Creators of Fright Farms opens a hi-tech light show ‘Electric Noel’ for the holiday season with a festive musical drive through experience for the entire family.

DEED Entertainment, a California Benefit Corporation Founded by the innovators behind Coachella an Outside Lands, announces the opening of Electric Noel, a Christmas experience that set the passenger on a holiday journey full of music and light spectaculars that surprise and delight.

Located 60 miles west of Los Angeles at Silver Lakes Park in Norco, and compliant with the Center for Disease Control to be CoVID-19 safe, this community fist experience is produced by award winning designers who have worked with Netflix, NBC and Warner Bros to create and enliven the holiday spirit with a month of Christmas festivities in a year that has been anything but normal.

“Throughout the past few years, our team’s eyes have been opened to a much greater opportunity to bring narrative based entertainment to the world,” said David Luff, Creative Director and CEO for DEED Entertainment, “Electric Noel was conceived with CoVID-19 in mind to make

sure there is an opportunity for people to experience fun, out of the house, in a safe way. WE are determined to create next level entertainment to animate the Christmas spirit in Norco.”

Upon entering, each vehicle will join a caravan to cruise through the experience while listening to the show via the radio. The journey is about 30 minutes in length and begins at Santa’s command center and elf village. Vehicle will weave through Main Street and down Mistletoe Lane while discovering the neon glow of lights along the way. A joy-full storyline and musical sound tracks move in time with a light spectacle to behold, with a surprise at the end that cannot be missed.

Each guest vehicle is required to book a time slot ahead of their visit and will arrive to a contact-less experience from check in throughout. All prompts, sounds and protocols will be facilitated through FM transmission to vehicle stereo with complete directions given prior to entering.

Electric Noel is open from December 3rd through January 3rd, from 5:00pm to 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$39 per vehicle and \$49 for weekend dates. To reserve your ticket now visit www.electriconel.com

Lakewood Center is Open for Healthy Holiday Shopping

The L.A. County Department of Public Health’s latest order allows indoor shopping malls to continue to be open, to 20% of their building capacity.

The interior of Lakewood Center is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. You can expect a healthy shopping experience, as Lakewood Center now utilizes hospital-grade MERV-13 filtration to provide some of the cleanest, freshest indoor air available.

Due to the reduction in capacity allowed, there may be minimal lines at peak hours (1 to 4 p.m. on the weekends). Stores with exterior entrances, such as Costco, Target, Macy’s and JCPenney also continue to be open.

Mask wearing is required, and social distancing is encouraged with signage and reminders from security personnel. The Food Court is not open for in-person dining per county health rules, but take-out food is available.

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Downey Fire Chief Gillaspie Retires



HONORED: Retiring Chief Gillaspie with family and the Downey City Council. Gillaspie announced his retirement after more than 30 years of service to the City of Downey, its residents and firefighters. Photos courtesy of Downey City Hall.

STAFF REPORT

Downey Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie has announced his retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Downey, its residents and firefighters.

Chief Gillaspie began his fire service career as a volunteer Auxiliary Firefighter with the Downey Fire Department in 1988. He then became a part time Fire Dispatcher, before being hired as a full time Downey Firefighter in 1989.

In 2011 Gillaspie was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, overseeing department operations, the multi-agency Communications Center and as Fire Marshal, managed the departments fire prevention bureau. As the City’s Emergency Manager, he also oversaw the City’s emergency preparedness efforts. He was promoted to Fire Chief in August 2014.

“On behalf of the Citizens of Downey, we would like to sincerely thank Chief Gillaspie for his dedicated service to our

City.” Said Mayor Blanca Pacheco, “he has proven to be an outstanding leader for our Fire Department and has earned the respect of his colleagues and the entire Downey community.”

As Fire Chief for the past six years, Gillespie’s leadership has instituted long term improvements such as increased engine company staffing levels. Double d paramedic and EMT ambulance transport capabilities, replaced the entire 9-1-1 fire communications center, bolstered the departments training abilities and created a fallen firefighter memorial.

Mayor pro tem Claudia Frometa commented, “Chief Gillespie’s leadership, professionalism and teamwork is a true testament to his commitment and dedication to our City and for that we commend him and wish him the very best in his retirement.”

During his time with the City he has managed virtually every program within the Downey Fire Department. He has served as Incident Commander on countless local emergency incidents and has led numerous strike team deployments throughout the state of California.

“Through his hard work and dedication, Chief Gillaspie has done remarkable things for his department and has many accomplishments of which to be proud of,” said City Manager Gilbert Livas, “We wish him and his family great happiness as they enter their next chapter in life.”

ABCUSD Wins 2020 Golden Bell Award

The California School Boards Association recognized the ABC Unified School District’s Partnership with Administration and Labor (PAL) 2. This collaboration provides professional growth opportunities for employees. Since 2012, over 360 employees have participated in workshops about equity and cultural proficiency, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, and trauma-informed care. These workshops provide awareness and build skills so employees can better serve the district’s students, staff, and community.

“I’m extremely proud of the long-standing relationship our district’s administration has with our labor partners,” said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. “We share a common goal of serving our students and providing them with the best education possible. This award recognizes the hard work and collaboration between administration and labor.”

Representatives from the district’s labor team, administration, and Board of Education make up the PAL 2 Committee. The **committee members are as follows:** **Dr. Mary Sieu**, Superintendent; **Dr. Olga Rios**, Board President; **Dr. Gina Zietlow**, Assistant Superintendent, Human

Resources; **Rebecca Michel-Macias**, President, CSEA Chapter #24; **Cheryl Correia**, Secretary III, School Services; **Dorothy Garcia**, Secretary III, Haskell Middle School; **Martha Gardea**, Secretary II, Gahr High School; **Lourdes Johnson**, Budget Technician, Accounting; **Karla Kroese**, Secretary II, Human Resources; **Vanessa Weseman**, Personnel Technician, Human Resources; **Polette Zepeda**, Secretary I, Hawaiian Elementary School; **Kester Song**, Supervisor, Human Resources.

“This recognition is the result of teamwork,” said Rebecca Michel-Macias, president of the local California School Employees Association, Chapter #24. “We are here for the same reason, and we work very hard for our students and their families.”

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards promotes excellence in education and school board governance by recognizing school boards and districts' outstanding programs and governance practices You can see this year’s virtual Golden Bell Awards Ceremony at <http://awards.csba.org/golden-bell/>.

Holiday Drive-in Movies at Lakewood Center

Bring the kids for some holiday fun at two nights of Drive-in Movies at Lakewood Center in the Del Amo Parking Lot featuring Elf (2003) on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Home Alone on Saturday, Dec. 19. Registration is required and opens for Lakewood residents Dec. 5.

The movies will begin at 7 p.m. with car staging beginning at 6 p.m. For details and frequently asked questions, visit www.lakewoodcity.org/DriveInMovies.

You can register at www.lakewoodcity.org/ecatalog according to the following schedule:

“Elf (2003)” – Showing Saturday, Dec. 12 (activity #19570). Lakewood residents \$10/car: Registration opens Dec. 5; Non-residents \$15/car: Reg. opens Dec. 7

“Home Alone” – Showing Saturday, Dec. 19 (activity #19571). Lakewood residents: Registration opens Dec. 12; Non-residents: Registration opens Dec. 14.

The shows are open to 100 cars.

For more information call Lakewood City Hall at 562-866-9771, extension 2408.

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Delectable Desserts for Holiday Celebrations

FAMILY FEATURES

With so many traditions and ways to celebrate the holiday season, the options are nearly endless for families looking to spend special moments together. One of the tastiest and most enjoyable activities you can engage in with family and friends is to team up and create sweet eats in the kitchen.

Whether you're a chocolate lover or prefer traditional seasonal flavors like peppermint and gingerbread, these tasty, dairy-inspired treats from Milk Means More provide heartwarming ways to tingle your taste buds while bringing everyone together.

Cranberry Orange Bread Pudding provides a sweet, fruity, hearty dessert while Peppermint Cheesecake Brownies combine chocolatey goodness with creamy cheesecake and peppermint. Or, for a classic holiday combination, you can turn to Gingerbread Cupcakes with Whipped Vanilla Buttercream.

Find more ways to celebrate the season with sweet eats at milkmeansmore.org.

Peppermint Cheesecake Brownies

Recipe courtesy of Sarah Bates of "The Chef Next Door" on behalf of Milk Means More
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 16

Nonstick cooking spray

Cheesecake Batter:

- 8 ounces low-fat cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Brownie Batter:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Topping:

- 1/2 cup peppermint baking pieces

Preheat oven to 350 F. Coat 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

To make cheesecake batter: Place cream cheese in bowl of stand mixer. Beat on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add sugar and peppermint extract; beat well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour and beat mixture until blended.

To make brownie batter: In medium bowl, whisk flour, cocoa powder and salt until combined. In separate bowl, whisk sugar, oil, milk, eggs and vanilla until well combined. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until blended.

Pour brownie batter evenly into prepared pan. Carefully pour cheesecake batter over top, spreading evenly. Carefully swirl layers together using knife tip. Bake 20 minutes.

Sprinkle top of brownies with peppermint baking pieces and bake 10 minutes until brownies are set. Cool brownies completely in pan on wire rack before cutting into 16 squares.



Peppermint Cheesecake Brownies



Gingerbread Cupcakes with Whipped Vanilla Buttercream

Gingerbread Cupcakes with Whipped Vanilla Buttercream

Recipe courtesy of Megan Gundy of "What Megan's Making" on behalf of Milk Means More
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 20

Cupcakes:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Whipped Vanilla Buttercream:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 2-4 tablespoons heavy whipping cream

- 1 pinch salt
- cinnamon, for topping

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 350 F. Line muffin pan with cupcake liners. Set aside.

To make cupcakes: In medium bowl, whisk flour, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and salt.

In large bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add molasses and beat until incorporated. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then beat in vanilla. Add flour mixture and mix on low speed until just combined.

Divide batter evenly among muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full. Bake 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center cupcake comes out clean or with moist crumbs. Let cupcakes cool 10 minutes then transfer to wire rack to cool completely.

To make whipped vanilla buttercream: In large bowl of stand mixer, beat butter on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add vanilla and, with mixer on low, slowly add in powdered sugar, cream and salt, scraping down sides of bowl as needed. Once incorporated, whip frosting at least 3 minutes on medium-high or high speed. If frosting is too thick, gradually beat in additional cream. Pipe on top of cooled cupcakes and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Cranberry Orange Bread Pudding

Recipe courtesy of Kirsten Kubert of "Comfortably Domestic" on behalf of Milk Means More
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 65 minutes
Servings: 12

Pudding:

- 1 loaf Texas toast or day-old bread
- 1-2 tablespoons softened butter
- 1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries
- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3 1/2 cups 2% milk
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tablespoons coarse granulated sugar (optional)

Orange Custard Sauce:

- 3 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup half-and-half

- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

To make pudding: Cut bread into bite-sized cubes. If bread is soft and fresh, place cubes on half sheet pan and let stand at room temperature overnight to dry out.

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Grease 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with softened butter. Place bread cubes in prepared baking pan. Scatter cranberries over bread.

Beat eggs with sugar, milk, orange zest, orange juice, melted butter, vanilla and cinnamon until well blended. Pour evenly over bread and cranberries to coat. Sprinkle with coarse sugar, if desired. Bake 60-65 minutes, or until custard is set and edges of bread are browned.

To make orange custard sauce: In small saucepan, whisk egg yolks with sugar until lightened to pale yellow color, about 2 minutes. Stir half-and-half into mixture until combined. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, 15-20 minutes, or until sauce thickens enough to coat spoon. Stir orange zest into custard sauce.

Serve bread pudding with warm custard sauce over top.



Cranberry Orange Bread Pudding

Artesia Nets \$563K to Improve Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

BY BRIAN HEWS

SACRAMENTO — The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated more than \$565 million for current projects – and approved \$2 billion in future improvements – to address transportation needs throughout the state. This continued investment will repair highways and bridges and improve California’s growing network of mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Of that money, Artesia was awarded

\$563,000 to "mitigate pedestrian and bicycle safety deficiencies in the city."

Plans include building 1,900 feet of sidewalk; upgrade substandard sidewalks; reconstruct 14 handicapped ramps and driveways to ADA Standards; install a pedestrian traffic signal; loading and unloading turnout bay for parents to drop off children; Share the Road signs; and markings on narrow residential streets to improve safety of cyclists and enhance the school crosswalk with in-roadway lighted markers.

La Mirada Finances Again Rank High by State Auditor

CITY'S NEWS SERVICE

The City of La Mirada is in the top tier of financially sound cities in California according to State Auditor Elaine Howle. The State Auditor’s Office recently released its annual update on the fiscal health of California cities, and La Mirada was 24th from the top among 453 cities listed. Only two smaller cities in Los Angeles County, Bradbury and Rolling Hills, scored higher than La Mirada locally. The City has placed among the most fiscally healthy cities for several years.

The most recent update, with information from Fiscal Year 2018-19, resulted in La Mirada increasing its score from 94.02 to 94.30. The City scored high in eight of 10 categories including: general fund reserves; debt burden; liquidity; pension obligations; pension costs; future pension costs; post-employment benefits obligations; and post-employ-

ment benefits funding. The City scored moderate in the pension funding category and scored low in revenue trends. The low score in revenue trends is partially due to the sunset of the one percent Measure I sales tax on April 1, 2018.

The City’s score will likely improve further next year, as the City has established a trust account for future pension obligations and has made additional payments from the trust’s investment earnings to reduce its pension liability.

“The City’s fiscal position remains remarkably strong due to relatively stable revenues, sound budgeting and financial practices, and an ongoing commitment to be good fiscal stewards of the City’s resources,” says City Manager Jeff Boynton.

The State Auditor’s complete update on the Fiscal Health of California Cities can be found at www.auditor.ca.gov/local_high_risk/dashboard-csa.html.

Norwalk City Council Enacting Business Friendly Zoning

CITY'S NEWS SERVICE

At Wednesday's City Council meeting, Norwalk approved revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to make it easier for new and existing businesses to open and reopen as part of the City’s recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. The changes to the zoning ordinance will reduce regulatory barriers to provide much-needed relief for business owners.

“We’ve listened to our business community and found ways to streamline our approval processes. We’re confident that the changes will provide more clarity and certainty to the business and development community,” said Mayor Jennifer Perez. “COVID has challenged us to identify ways of working smarter to recover faster.”

With the help of the Norwalk Cham-

ber of Commerce and local business stakeholders, staff identified issues that new businesses often confront when choosing to open in Norwalk, including land use regulations, sign regulations, and parking standards. In addition, procedural improvements to the code include greater staff approval authority for minor development applications, the streamlining of the processes to host special events in Norwalk, and more quickly complete commercial tenant improvements.

The work towards economic recovery is spearheaded by the City’s Economic Recovery Task Force, comprised of a team of City staff across relevant departments in partnership with members of our local business community. The team is designed to take quick, decisive action to move key items in partnership with the community.

Christmas With the Beatles Show Livestream



THE NATIONALLY TOURING tribute band, Abbey Road, will livestream Christmas with the Beatles from the Belly Up Tavern on December 18, featuring mash-ups of Christmas classics and Beatles faves. Livestream tickets are \$12 and may be purchased online at <https://bellyuplive.com/abbey-road/>. The show starts at 7:00 pm PST.

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AAA Travel Alert: Many travel destinations have implemented COVID-19-related restrictions. Before making travel plans, check to see if hotels, attractions, cruise lines, tour operators, restaurants and local authorities have issued health and safety-related restrictions or entry requirements. The local tourism board is a good resource for updated information.

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COMMENTARY

Football and Baseball Games Will be Missed at San Diego's Outgoing Stadium

BY LOREN KOPFF
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Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series remembering the days of San Diego's multipurpose stadium which is being torn down.

The first four springs and summers I spent in America's Finest City, I saw over 60 soccer games in San Diego Stadium, later renamed Jack Murphy Stadium, as the San Diego Sockers of the once-proud North American Soccer League played there. But it's safe to say my best memories of the multipurpose stadium since 1979 were spent watching the San Diego Padres, the annual Holiday Bowl, one of the premier NCAA bowl games held every December and other football games.

The stadium, which was also known as Qualcomm Stadium and finally San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, is in the beginning stages of being torn down. In its place will be the new 35,000-seat Aztec Stadium, the new home for San Diego State University. The parking lot on the west side of the stadium is already gone, replaced by dirt, and excavators have begun tearing out the aging seats. Some of the exterior concrete ramps have been torn down with more to come in the next few months.

Just like I did when my family and I had season tickets to the Sockers, I must have worn out the soles of many pairs of shoes by walking every inch of the sta-

dium whenever I saw the Padres. Section 36, Row 22, Seat 1 on the Plaza Level was where I witnessed the Padres for the first time. It against the Cincinnati Reds on May 31, 1980. My new favorite team lost 5-3 and the tickets were quite reasonable at \$4.50.

I can't begin to put a number on how many times my brother and I would take the No. 20 express bus from Mira Mesa to Fashion Valley, then transferring to the No. 6 bus to the stadium, located at 9449 Friars Road, in the 1980s to see the Padres when our parents weren't available to drive us. There was one season where we vowed to see every National League opponent at least once, and we did. There were all the popular promotional giveaways that we stoked up on, especially the popular beach towels and beach bags which always drew the largest crowds.

There was Game 1 of the 1984 World Series where I sat in Section 9, Row 7, Seat 5 for a mere \$25. That would be the last time I saw a World Series game in person and I'm waiting to see a World Series game at Petco Park in beautiful downtown San Diego sooner than later. Then there was the 1992 season in which the Padres hosted the 63rd Major League Baseball All-Star Game.

The game would mark the end of the longest stretch of consecutive days (five) that my brother and I were at "The Murph". We saw the weekend series with the Philadelphia Phillies, his



BEFORE JACK MURPHY STADIUM was fully enclosed, you could see the eastern edge of Mission Valley. This photo was taken on Dec. 15, 1985 as the San Diego Chargers were hosting the Philadelphia Eagles. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

favorite team, which included a Friday night All-Star Game T-shirt giveaway. Sunday's game was televised nationally on ESPN, which was rare for the Padres around that time. On Monday, we had Loge Level seats to see the Gatorade All-Star Workout and the next day, we had seats in Section 3, Row 9 on the View Level for the big event.

Other notable baseball games that I

would see there would be the great Tony Gwynn's final game on Oct. 7, 2001 against the Colorado Rockies and the final game ever at Qualcomm Stadium on Sept. 28, 2003, also against the Rockies. I even saw The Monkees perform a post-game concert on Aug. 24, 1986.

Another highlight during my high school days, which was personal for me, was when I was chosen out of the other students in my journalism class to go to

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a Padres game against the St. Louis Cardinals and meet with Jerry Coleman, the former great radio play by play broadcaster for the Padres.

I'm sure I'm missing other great times attending "The Murph", and "the Q" watching the Padres. But that's what happens when you've been there as many times as I was.

When it wasn't baseball or soccer, there were the dozens of football games I attended. It began on Nov. 9, 1980, sitting in the Picnic N' Chicken-sponsored "Chicken Coop", the bleacher seats under the original scoreboard. The San Diego Chargers fell to the Denver Broncos 20-13 on that day. I wouldn't see another Chargers game until Dec. 15, 1985 when the Philadelphia Eagles flew into town and lost 20-14. The view was great from Section 20, Row 15, Seat 2 of the Upper Level, which was behind the west end-zone. The next Chargers game I attended wouldn't be until Oct. 28, 1991 when they blasted the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 41-10, and where I sat, the upper level seats were going for \$23.00.

There would be the Dec. 2, 1983 CIF-San Diego Section 3A Championship high school football game in which the Mira Mesa Marauders lost to the Sweetwater Red Devils 21-13 and the Sept. 20, 1986 San Diego State Aztecs college

game against the UCLA Bruins, who won 45-14. It wouldn't be until the later years of Qualcomm Stadium and during the time of SDCCU Stadium when I sat in the press box at a few SDSU games. I was there when former Norwalk High standout and current New York Giants fullback Elijah Penny played the Aztecs for his University of Idaho Vandals team. Not long after that, his brother and a current member of the Seattle Seahawks, Rashaad Penny, was breaking a few records for the Aztecs and I was in the press box for his final collegiate home game.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the annual late December college Holiday Bowl game that we had season tickets for through the late 90s. It got to the point that it was nicknamed the BYU Bowl as the Brigham Young University Cougars would play in the first seven Holiday Bowl contests.

My family and I sat on the north side of the stadium and would witness some of the best college bowl games ever. From the Hail Mary pass in the dense fog that would end the 1980 contest to seeing BYU win the National Championship in 1984 with a 24-17 victory over the University of Michigan Wolverines and witnessing Barry Sanders run wild in 1988, I truly enjoyed the Holiday Bowl.

From 1984-1991, those games would attract over 61,000 spectators and while I spent my freshman season at Kansas

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as originally scheduled now this fall, or we could move it. But it's very important for our schools to provide that feedback to us to know what they want to do."

Wigod said the state office wasn't going to announce the dates for the state regionals until January, thus the Southern Section couldn't put together a boys volleyball schedule for the spring anyway. The reasoning behind moving boys volleyball from the fall season to the spring season is so it wouldn't be in jeopardy of having two consecutive seasons wiped out. High schools were shut down this past March, right after the beginning of the spring season. The 2020-2021 athletic calendar called for boys volleyball to be played from this month through early March.

In addition, the CIF announced that there won't be any regional or state championships for the fall sports. By doing this, it allows more student-athletes to participate in a longer season.

The Dec. 1 announcement also means the football season won't start on Jan. 8 as originally scheduled. By law, football teams need at least 14 days of practice prior to the first game of the season and the first allowable practice date was to be Dec. 14. The more sensible plan is to have teams play a league season, consisting of three to seven games, plus another

non-league game or two depending on how many league games a school has on its schedule.

"The way that plays out is let's say they couldn't start [practicing] until Monday, Jan. 4," Wigod said. "Now they can start the practice leading up to the first game. Week 1 was supposed to be Jan. 8; Week 2 on Jan. 15. Those games, obviously, would have to come off the board. But by the time you get ready with the 14 days of practice and let's say the first league games have not even been played, you're now into the fourth game. Well, can you get viable league play between Week four and Week 10? Yes."

The CIF-SS has also been working with the CDPH since the beginning of October trying to get a plan approved for the student-athletes to safely return to play. As of this past Wednesday, the CIF-SS has yet to hear back from the CDPH as far as what guidelines it needs to follow for such a return.

"Those guidelines hopefully will come out," Wigod said. "I've committed to coming back with a status report, if you will, on our Southern Section championships on Jan. 19. These next four to six weeks is a critical time period for us, and everyone, to see where we are in early January, in middle January. We'll have a better handle on what that actual scenario's going to be at that time than we have on Dec. 2."

Prior to COVID-19, high school ath-

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The Rancho is following COVID-19 protocols to ensure a safe shopping experience.

Proceeds from gift shop sales support our educational mission. Holiday Boutique Hours Wed. - Sun. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Family Scavenger Hunt & Holiday Crafts

Per Car Fee: \$10 General / \$5 Members. Reservations for timed entry are required. Take a special holiday walk around the Rancho's grounds and learn about historic holiday traditions with a 1-hour scavenger hunt. Families are invited to collect festive craft activities to make together safely at home.

For reservations and COVID-19 safety protocols visit rancholosalamitos.org/events.

La Mirada Holiday Home Decorating Program

STAFF REPORT

Get your holiday decorations out and start planning your festive holiday home display. La Mirada residents are encouraged to decorate their homes and help spread holiday cheer. Santa Claus will be canvassing the city this holiday season looking for the best decorated homes. Will your home be on his list?

Judging for the Holiday Home Decorating program will take place Tuesday, December 1 through Sunday, December 13. Every decorated home in La Mirada will be considered for recognition. No application is needed to participate in this program.

One winner and one honorable mention will be selected in each neighborhood. Winners will receive a certificate and yard sign. Winners will be announced on the City's website at cityoflamirada.org and photos of the winning homes will be posted on the City's social media.

To nominate a home for consideration or to receive additional information, contact Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres at (562) 902-2986 or mcipres@cityoflamirada.org before December 1.

For more information, call the La Mirada's Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.

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letic games in California have never been played on Sunday. But over the past sever months, some have speculated that the CIF might make an exception just for this situation. Wigod said there hasn't been anything decided on possibly having Sunday games now and he doesn't know if it's something that would be forthcoming. He did give credit to the schools for doing a remarkable job of taking the announcement from July and making the current schedule work.

"I can't say enough how much I appreciate that," he said. "Our student-athletes don't need to hear what can't be done. They don't need to hear that this is impossible; we can't get all the sports in, the facilities won't work, it won't work with coaches, it won't work with multi-sport athletes. I said, 'we don't need to hear that'. I said, 'we as the adults need to make this happen'. We have to come through for these student-athletes and deliver what they want, and our schools have done a phenomenal job of that."

As always, and despite the calendar put in place by the CIF, the decision to have teams play will ultimately come from school districts and individual schools based on the information they receive from the county health department. The CIF will not alter the calendar it put in place back in July.

"Throughout the time frames since July, I've been hopeful; I've been wishing for some progress made in the right direction and unfortunately haven't been able to do so," Wigod said. "So, we have to be prepared for...still being able to adjust and adapt, leaving the back end in place and seeing if we can still try to maximize as many opportunities for student-athletes as we can, acknowledging that we're probably not going to start on time."

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State University, I got the opportunity to see the Wildcats blast the Colorado State University Rams 54-21 in 1995.

For those wondering what the last sporting event was that I saw at SDCCU Stadium, which would be a great trivia question, it would be the San Diego Fleet versus the Atlanta Legends on Feb. 17, 2019. For less than a full season, the defunct Alliance of American Football fielded a team in San Diego, hoping to launch a spring season. Again, I was up in the cramped press box, which I will not miss.

So many years with so many memories of San Diego's multipurpose stadium, one of the last in the country to field both a baseball and football team, will always remain as the decaying structure will soon be no more in the early months of 2021. But with the building of Aztec Stadium and its surrounding features, there will no doubt be new memories to be made. For now, goodbye San Diego Stadium, Jack Murphy Stadium, Qualcomm Stadium and SDCCU Stadium.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

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

Winter Necessities

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Solution: 7 letters

CARDROOMS

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the casinos contributing to transmission.”

The county has been averaging nearly 5,000 cases per day, with the state reaching over one million cases last week.

The LADPH mandated a “Safer at Home” order, limiting non-essential retail to just 20 percent capacity. Large gatherings are banned, except for church services and protests.

The bigger card rooms were operating at a very limited capacity outdoors, investing large sums of money into open tents and other equipment.

Protocols in place at cardrooms are stricter than most businesses and include: Plexiglass installed at six-feet high between each player; no food or drink is allowed at the table at any time; masks must be worn at all times; employee dealers must wear face shields and masks and have a plexiglass barrier between them and the players; sanitizing including each time a player leaves a seat; hand sanitizers and hand washing stations throughout the outdoor area; temperatures taken before a player or employee can be admitted; and extensive screening including multiple questions conducted of each customer before entering the outdoor facility.

In order to follow all ordinances, the Gardens transformed their former drive up valet area into an outdoor gaming room, rebuilding an outdoor casino from the sub-flooring, carpet, chairs, tables, equipment, tress work, security cameras, and even air conditioning. “We had to totally think outside the box. Basically everything that was indoors is now outdoors,” said Sharp.

Paper card decks are used in place of

the plastic decks, so they can be tossed after each dealer rotation. Chips are sanitized on a regular basis, “it is like a chip dish washer,” said Sharp, ”they are collected and sent to the back of the house and cleaned with a heated sanitizer, so that all chips coming back on the floor are clean.”

“We come through with EPA approved misters, in the middle of the trusses you will see cleaning equipment so that when a player leaves a game, an employee can come in and sanitize the entire area,” added Sharp.

The other larger casinos, Commerce, Bicycle erected similar structures and implemented protocols and, like the Gardens, did not see any evidence of transmission.

But that still was not enough, and cities and employees, who receive revenue from the cardrooms, were hit hard once again.

In August of this year the city of Hawaiian Gardens declared a fiscal emergency, with a letter being sent to Governor Gavin Newsom regarding the Gardens Casino. The City receives more than 70 percent of its revenue from the Casino.

Hawaiian Gardens slashed their budget almost in half and laid off more than 20 percent of the city’s workforce. The City applied for and received federal stimulus funds, cut non-essential and essential services, but with the Gardens closed, the city is losing over \$1 million per month.

Along with Sharp, Commerce Mayor Ivan Altamirano, Commerce City Manager Edgar Cisneros, Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Jesse Alvarado, Hawaiian Gardens City Manager Ernie Hernandez, Bell Gardens Mayor Alejandra Cortez, and Bell Gardens City Manager Michael B. O’Kelly also attended.

Bellflower Xmas

Holiday and

Shopping Events

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Now more than ever the businesses need the support of the community. The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce urges the community to shop local and keep those tax dollars in your city.

The Guild House will be offering deals throughout the month of December. The Guild House is a friendly local game store with daily events open to everyone, ample table play space and a wide variety of gaming needs from board games to miniature war games. They offer everything for your favorite game to rent or purchase. For more information visit www.theguild-housegames.com

The Women’s Club of Bellflower is having an opportunity drawing for a holiday basket and wreath. The basket contains two boxes of Christmas Cards, a variety of gift cards original artwork, slippers, tree ornaments and even holiday toilet paper. Tickets can be purchased via mail: seven tickets for \$5, 15 tickets for \$10 and 35 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held December 12th at 1:00 pm on Facebook Live. Tune in to WomensClubBellflower. Send checks or money orders to The Women’s Club of Bellflower 9238 Flower Street, Bellflower, CA 90706. Don’t forget to include your name, address and phone number.

The Bellflower Community Christmas Toy Store is asking you to support a dignified shopping experienced for families this year by donating a new toy, being a volunteer, or through financial support. Last

year the Christmas Store served 200 families and over 550 children received gifts. Proceeds from the Christmas Store were donated to World Renew to help world hunger. For information on how to donate contact Kingdom Causes Bellflower at 562.804.2189 or visit www.kcbellflower.org/christmas-store.

It is the season to shop local, dine and spend local and support the City. If you are a member or ever thought to be a member of the Chamber they want to hear from you, whether you are running Christmas Specials or an organization that is taking donations or looking for volunteers.

For more information contact the Chamber at bellflowercoc@juno.com

Cerritos Offers

Christmas Tree

Recycling

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Saturday, December 26 through Friday, January 8 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days. The trees will be composted or used for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District’s daily landfill cover.

Trees to be recycled should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal stands or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.

Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection. For more information, call the City’s Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

CITY OF ARTESIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Special Planning Commission Meeting by teleconference, only, at **6:30 p.m.** on Thursday **December 17, 2020** to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Case No. 2020-14 (Conditional Use Permit)
17720 Pioneer Boulevard
Pravin Patel
1032 E 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813

A request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a banquet hall in an existing commercial building located at 17720 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone and making a determination of a Class 1, Categorical Exemption from (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.
Resolution No. 2020-09P

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND EMAIL SUBMITTALS - Pursuant to California State Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 and given the current health concerns, members of the public will not be able to attend the meeting but can access meetings live over the internet at <https://artesia.12milesout.com/livevideo>. In addition, you may submit comments electronically for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to planning@cityofartesia.us any time before the item is heard.

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 Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

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Fiona Graham
Planning Manager

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2018-08
PHASE 6A RESIDENTIAL STREET REHABILITATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2018-08. Plans and Specifications and the Instructions to Bidders for the Phase 6A Residential Street Rehabilitation are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com/>. The general items of work include the sawcut, removal and disposal of existing improvements, AC pavement reconstruction, cold milling, asphalt rubber hot mix overlay, Type 2 slurry seal, curb and gutter, cross gutter, curb ramps, manhole, valve, valve and utility adjustments, traffic control, water quality control plan preparation and implementation, traffic striping and markings. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on January 20, 2021. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk
City of La Mirada

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Case No. 2020-15 (Code Amendment)
City of Artesia
18747 Clarkdale Ave.
Artesia, CA 90701

Public Hearing to consider an ordinance amending Article 45, Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the City of Artesia Municipal Code (Accessory Dwelling Units) to comply with changes in State law and to make other minor changes (such as fixing typographical errors) and determining the ordinance to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with California Public Resources Code section 21080.17 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15303.
Resolution 2020-10P

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND EMAIL SUBMITTALS - Pursuant to California State Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 and given the current health concerns, members of the public will not be able to attend the meeting but can access meetings live over the internet at <https://artesia.12milesout.com/livevideo>. In addition, you may submit comments electronically for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to planning@cityofartesia.us any time before the item is heard.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020193422

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CHO DANCESPORT 12630 DEL AMO BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA., 90715; 8540 ALONDRA BLVD. STE. B1 PARAMOUNT, CA., 90723 Registered Owner: CHRIS CHO 16818 DOWNEY AVE 72, PARAMOUNT, CA., 90723. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ CHRIS CHO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/19/2020. 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 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25/20.

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 E. Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on December 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM.
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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. Published at LCCN 12/4/20 and 12/11/20.

Loan No.: Nabils TS no. 2020-10172 APN: 7027-010-023 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/9/2019, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 12/22/2020, at 10:00 AM of said day, Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Yunes A. Nabils and Elizabeth Nabils recorded on 12/12/2019 in Book n/a of Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, at page n/a, Recorder’s Instrument No. 20191387334, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 8/19/2020 as Recorder’s Instrument No. 20200967735, in Book n/a, at page n/a, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier’s Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right, title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows: Lot 21, Tract 25251, per Map, Book 853, Pages 73 and 74 of Maps. The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: 17425 Sonora Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon; and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$22,611.39. In the event that the deed of trust described in this Notice of Trustee’s Sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f: 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’s 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 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2020-10172. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately 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: 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 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2020-10172 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. Dated: November 19, 2020 Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California

CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item at the Regular City Council Meeting at **7:00 p.m. on December 15, 2020**. The meeting will be held by teleconference only and can be viewed live over the internet at <https://artesia.12milesout.com/livevideo> Public comments may be submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, or by voicemail to (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Please submit email and voicemail public comments by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure that the comments are read into the record.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA GRANTING A LATE NIGHT OPERATION PERMIT PURSUANT TO ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3-2.209 TO A BUSINESS KNOWN AS UPS STORE LOCATED AT UPS STORE AT 17901 PIONEER BOULEVARD, UNIT L, ARTESIA, CA 90701 AND APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM CEQA

If you challenge the City’s actions in regard to this matter 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 at, or prior, to the public hearing.

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City Clerk

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Notice of Content
NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED BUSINESS PROPERTY. Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Commercial Code 7209 - 7210, the following property has been abandoned and will be sold at a public sale to satisfy liens placed on the property described below:
Ener-Core: Micro-climate refrigerator, 2 load banks (300kw & 320kw), FlexEnergy Gas Turbine Model 250SX, 60 pallets of various pipes, fittings, connections, tubing, insulation.
Hydrogen Frontier: One Hydrogen storage tank; 28’ x 7’ x 7’, approx.. 35,000 lbs
Ruby Neri: One West Coast Ceramic Kiln, 7’ x 6’ x 9+8”, approx. 6,000 lbs
Advantage Laser: One Amada Shear, 13’x6’x7”, One Guifil Hydraulic Press, 5’x5’x7’
Pacific Laser: One Laser Cutter, One Laser Table, One Dimplex Thermal Koolant, One Electrical Cabinet, One Control Table.
Aspen Controls: 1 Peerless Band Saw, 1 Birmingham Lathe, 1 Flow Tank, 1 Eaton Compressor, 1 Flow Pump Unit, 1 Clark Mill, 1 Eaton Air Dry Unit, 1 M.D.A. Media Blaster, 1 Birmingham Grinder, 1 Control Unit w/Wheels, 1 Pump Unit w/Wheels, 1 Flow Bridge Section, 1 Flow Hopper.
Stone Oven: 1 Wood Stone Oven, 1 Hood Section, 1 True Salad Cooler, 1 Continental Refrigerator, 1 Imperial Oven w/Burn Range, 1 Stainless Shelving Rack on Wheels, 1 Stainless Shelving Rack, 1 Fryer Unit, 1 Frymaster Cheese Melter, 1 Imperial Grill w/Stand, 1 Prep Table, Misc. Covers, 1 Exhaust Hood Section
AGA Real Estate: Johnson Chop Saw, Roller Table w/Chip Pan, 2 Bridgeport Mills, Punch Press, Do-All Surface Stone on Stand, 6 Clausing Lathe, Hammond Grinder, Clausing Gear Cutter, Burgmaster Drill, Rockwell Saw, Thompson Grinder, Estrata Grinder, Estrata Oil Tank, Cincinnati Grinder, ICM Dust Collector, Disc Sander on Stand, Bench Grinder w/Stand, Summit Grinder, Dayton Cutting Machine, 2 Huaco Machines, 3 Coolant Tanks, Electro Arc Drill, Park Hydraulic Press, Grinder, Clausing Oil Tank w/ Misc. Tooling & Parts
Industrial First Liquidation: Brush Generator
Kemco Plastics Corp.: Kemcast Plastic Machine, Misc. Parts, Steel Plating, Wooden Crate
JR Family Investments: 2 LK-Cinn Milacron Cord. Meas Mach Work Transfer Stations, Control Panel, Pallet of Misc. Parts, Pallet of Misc. Covers, 2 Crossrail Legs, Granite Crossrail, PHC9MKZ Renshaw Probe Head, 2 Wood Pallets Misc. Parts, 2 Granite Base Sections, Power Box on Wheels

Sale to be held Tuesday, December 15, 2020 between the hours of 07:00am and 09:00am at:
Dunkel Bros. Machinery Moving, 14555 Alondra Blvd. La Mirada, CA 90638
Purchases must be made with cash only.
All items sold “as is”, with no guarantee or warranty.
All items purchased must be removed from the property within 24 hours of the time of sale

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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.storagecenters.com on 12/17/2020 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Ernesto Carrillo; Mindy Lynn Horn; Georgina Torres; Sandra Espinoza Valencia; Alon Hatvil; Sunshine Aranza Arellano Mendez; Issac Daniel Garcia; Rene Flores (2 units); Angelica M Barajas; Maria Isabel Portillo; Margarita Martinez; Juan Manuel Morales; Derrick Myles Maestas; Stacey Marie Padilla; Ryan Joseph Luera; Christopher Gonzalez; Jessica Stephanie Santiago; Roberto Hernandez Salas; Omar Francisco Rodriguez; Adriana Corona. 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.

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.usstoragecenters.com/auctions on 12/17/2020 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Winifred Elease Williams; David Emanuel Burnham; Kyron K Williams; Toby Arthur Jr. Reyes; Curtis Jr Williams. 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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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
JIANGDA ZHAO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: JAMES D. ZHAO. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 1/8/21, Dept C, 10:30 A.M. Room 312, Case # 20NWCP00252. Published at LCCN 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/20.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
GRACE ROCHA AKA GRACIELA ROCHA
CASE NO. 20STPB09557
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GRACE ROCHA AKA GRACIELA ROCHA.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN ROCHA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN ROCHA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/16/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
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SBN 72127
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15111 E. WHITTIER BLVD., #445
WHITTIER CA 90603
11/20, 11/27, 12/4/20
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
GARY CLIFTON TANNER
CASE NO. 20STPB09369
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GARY CLIFTON TANNER.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICOLE LYNNE TANNER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICOLE LYNNE TANNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/11/20 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 objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item at the Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at **7:00 p.m. on December 15, 2020**. The meeting will be held by teleconference only and can be viewed live over the internet at <https://artesia.12milesout.com/livevideo> Public comments may be submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, or by voicemail to (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Please submit email and voicemail public comments by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure that the comments are read into the record.

Proposed Update of Planning Department Fee Schedule

Proposed Action:

The City Council will conduct a public hearing concerning a proposed update of the City’s Planning Department Fee Schedule. The proposed fees are supported by the City of Artesia Planning Department Fee Study update dated October 29, 2020, which includes public data indicating the amount of the cost, or the estimated cost, required to provide the services for which the fees or service charges will be levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the services, including General Fund revenues. If adopted by the City Council, the proposed fees, as set forth in Resolution No. 20-2803, would be paid by applicants for Planning entitlement and permit approvals.

Address Where Documents May Be Viewed: Further information, including the City of Artesia Planning Department Updated Fee Study dated October 29, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk located in City Hall at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, and all interested persons are welcome to review the materials prior to the public hearing by requesting a copy at (562) 865-6262, extension 200, or emailing Fiona Graham at fgraham@cityofartesia.us.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments and to attend the hearing and give testimony. If you challenge the City’s actions in regard to this matter 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 at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Christmas Tree Lights Up Cerritos Civic Center



THE CERRITOS CIVIC CENTER is now adorned with holiday decorations, including the annual Christmas Tree. The tree has been outfitted with extra lights this year, is lit at approximately 4:30 p.m. each day. The community is invited to bring their cameras and take photos in front of the tree. Please wear masks and maintain social distancing and be mindful of vehicle traffic while taking photos. Photo by Cerritos Councilman Frank Aurelio Yokoyama.

Lakewood Virtual Tree Lighting

Residents are invited to a two-part, fun-filled, COVID-safe evening to kick off the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 4 starting at 6:30 p.m.

First is the live broadcast of the lighting of Lakewood’s 24-foot-tall tree in the Civic Center, which includes a drawing for five \$100 gift cards (see Teddy Bear Tree story below).

You can join in at 6:30 p.m. by tuning in to City TV channel 31 (Spectrum and Frontier), channel 99 (AT&T) or online at www.lakewoodcity.org/CityTV.

Following the tree lighting ceremony, a spectacular “Holiday Aerial Fireworks Show” will be held at three locations around Lakewood so everyone can watch from their front yard.

HEALTH

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the employees and owners of establishments affected by the LADPH order as thousands will be laid off due to the order.

If area cities attempt to break away from the county's health department, it would take time.

The L.A. County Department of Public Health told ABC7, "Cities can only establish their own health departments with state approval and demonstrated capacity to perform essential public health functions."

Currently Pasadena has its own health department, established in 1892, and many restaurants remain open in the city, other cities have attempted to contract with the city, but officials refused.

Beverly Hills, Lancaster, and Hawaiian Gardens have indicated a need to establish their own departments.

And in their next council meetings

Commerce, with the Commerce Casino, and Bell Gardens, with the Bicycle Casino will have their council staff begin to look at options.

Whittier will too, with Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri telling ABC7, “The county, with this ban has come in and done a one-size-fits-all, rather than a scalpel to take care of the situation.”

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“Given the alarming surge in cases and hospitalizations across every part of the county, we would urge city managers and elected officials to support the necessary public health measures as this is our best effort to stop the surge. At this point, working together is the most sensible path forward.”

CARING CARDS

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the Bellflower Unified School District staff to create thousands of handmade cards for hospital patients and front line workers.

“Negative news is suffocating us,” stated Greenidge, “people are yearning for light and uplifting news.”

‘Caring Cards’ are individually hand-made cards for geriatric hospital residents, hospital patients, doctors, nurses, and other front line hospital staff. The cards are meant to uplift, comfort, and in-

spire; they also aim to recognize, thank, and praise nurses, doctors, and hospital personnel.

At first, Greenidge recruited her track and field and volleyball teammates to join the activity. She reached out to other school friends and childhood comrades who eagerly agreed to participate. Finally, she reached out to her younger siblings’ friends and they too jumped on board, often joined by their siblings and parents.

This year she has joined with the BUSD staff in receiving permission to bring the entire Mayfair High School student population in on the event, some 3,000 students. With the help of a newly

Promoter Holds California's First Live Event



ATTENDEES watched professional wrestling from their cars at OC Fairgrounds.

STAFF REPORT

Englebrecht Promotions and Events would have been nearing completion of a 16-show 2020 calendar of boxing and mixed martial arts matches this winter if all had gone as planned, pre-pandemic.

Instead, a few weeks ago, founder and CEO Roy Englebrecht was able to hold his third show with a drive in Lucha Libre wrestling event in Costa Mesa. Parked in a semicircle around the stage, 175 cars peered through their windshields as they took in the very unusual event.

“Looking through a windshield is a real stretch,” said Englebrecht,” but with

CoVID-19 you either evolve or die.” This was the first sporting event in California to have a live fan audience. Instead of clapping for the wrestlers, horns were honking, “It was a real unique energy,” he added.

The wrestling match was held at the OC Fair & Event Center this year, which could hold up to 800 vehicles per pandemic guidelines.

“A drive in show is not what we are about,” said Englebrecht, “we didn’t want to sit in our office and feel sorry for ourselves. As a promoter, you pivot, think out of the box and do something else.”

RESTAURANTS

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door dining operations.

On Sunday, November 29th the Chamber began a petition to support outdoor dining in the City. A statement released by the Chamber stated, “Hundreds of thousands of trips by local residents have been made – coming and going within the City limits. There is clear evidence that La Mirada, like many of the cities around us, are following the protocols set forth by governmental agencies. Yet our businesses are not allowed to fully open and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health wants to close down outdoor dining – again. It is evident that we all want a solution that minimizes CoVID deaths. In the beginning fear of the unknown shook us, now there are guidelines we support. Therefore, fear must be replaced with reason. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s own data for La Mirada does not reasonably justify the course they wish to place on our businesses. We encourage La Mirada residents to continue to shop and dine in our City in support of this petition.”

In an effort to gain some perspective on the thoughts of restaurant owners, HMG-CN joined Trujillo as he visited restaurants and talked with the owners. With very few exceptions most restaurants will be staying open.

In order to ‘comply’ with the mandate,

most restaurants have kept the outdoor dining facilities intact with tables and chairs. Tom’s Tailgate told HMG-CN that all of his orders are ‘to-go’ however if customers wish to dine under the tent, they may do so.

“It is not fair that Pasadena, Long Beach and Orange County are still open,” said Rodolfo Sanchez of Mexico 1900 Restaurant, “We have had to let all our employees go with the exception of our cooks and dishwashers. We are working just to pay the rent and utilities and we have been in La Mirada since 1972.”

Michael Christoforakis owner of Mikes Classic Burgers says that if it weren’t for their drive thru window they would be in much worse shape. “It doesn’t make any sense he said, residents can just go a mile or so into Orange County and their restaurants are open.”

Long Beach restaurant owners held a news conference last week blasting the decision, which landed devastating blows to thousands of workers just before the holidays. “We have to look at our employees and tell them that they don’t have a job, again,” said Ciaran Gough, owner of The 908 in East Long Beach. “To say we are crestfallen is an understatement.”

We visited a dozen or so places and only one small restaurant, who did not want to be mentioned, stated that they were going to follow the Health Department’s new mandate. This move has sparked added tension between city leaders and local restaurant owners who say the closures will cause many to go out of business.

formed committee, her desire to reach out to those in hospitals has taken on a life of its own.

Between March 2020 and August 2020, over 2,000 individual cards were hand-delivered to CoVID patients from Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital; Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital and The Grove at Cerritos, a retirement community.

Project Caring Cards is now a 501c3 organization and, beginning December 1st, will launch three school-wide community service projects aimed at giving additional hospital patients and workers encouragement, hope, and love during these unprecedented times.

Students can come by a selected location, receive blank cards with instruction all sealed within a zip lock bag for safety. Students then take the cards home and decorating them then returning the completed cards to PCC for distribution all before Christmas Day.

Mayfair’s Art Department, Special Education Department, and Languages Department plan to add special touches to the cards that are created.

For more information please contact Diahann Greenidge at 562.822.5506 or send an email to 4greenidges@gmail.com. Also check out her new webpage at www.projectcaringcards.org or visit her on Instagram @projectcaringcards.



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