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MEMBERS of the Downey Fire Department take a break during a call. The department was awarded ISO Class Rating 1, only 1 percent of the fire departments in the state receive the designation.

Downey Fire Earns Prestigious Award

BY BRIAN HEWS

The city of Downey announced January 29, that the Downey Fire Department received the Insurance Services Office [ISO] top rating of Class 1. This is an accomplishment that less than one percent of the nation's fire departments achieve. The ISO currently evaluates approximately 40,000 departments nationwide, with only 393 earning a Class 1 rating. In California, Downey is one of 39 departments with this top rating.

The ISO evaluates several factors to rat how well equipped a department can extinguish fires in their community. Rating factors such as department staffing levels, training, location of fire stations, water supply, location of hydrants, communication systems, community outreach and fire prevention are all used to determine a Public Protection Classification score. This score determines the ISO rating and indicates the level of protection provided to each community. Scores range from one to ten, with one being the best and

highest level of recognized fire protection, and ten being the minimum level of recognized fire protection.

An ISO Class 1 rating benefits the community not only by knowing the fire department is well equipped to put out fires, but also insurance companies use the ISO rating when calculating insurance rates for homeowners and businesses.

"What an amazing accomplishment for our Downey Fire Department and our entire community," said Mayor Claudia Frometa. "This is a true testament to our City's level of commitment in providing ex-

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Cerritos

Tree Reforestation Cost \$240,000, City Votes to Continue Program

BY BRIAN HEWS

In December of last year, the Cerritos City Council approved the pine tree reforestation plan and provided funding to complete the removal of 55 sick or invasive pine trees located in the city. The Property Preservation Committee has been getting reports annually and they used that information to plan for the future, ever year about 55 trees are needed to be removed.

When pine trees are removed, typically the area around the tree needs to be repaired; this could include curbs, gutters, sidewalk, irrigation, and turf. Replacement trees are planted when possible.

The repair of public right of way cost substantially more than just removing the tree and Cerritos estimated that 60% of the tree removals would need repairs to the right of way.

Of the 55 trees removed, 44 replacement trees were planted, 30 required small repair of the right of way, 18 required more major repair, and 47 required irrigation repair.

Of note here is the city looked at attempting to recycle the pinewood but all of the recycling



TREE REMOVAL - the city is also looking at prioritizing tree removal and using Measure M funds rather than general funds.

facilities they contacted did not want to accept the trees because they are residential. Typical residential trees have nails and other things in the trunk which would hurt the mill saws; the city would have to transport the trees to the mills which made the process very cost prohibitive.

The 55 trees averaged nearly \$2,000 to remove, for a total cost of over \$100,000. The 44 replacement trees averaged \$115 which equated to \$5,000, for a

total of \$106,000

Cost to repair areas around the trees was over \$135,000 for an average of \$2,400 per tree.

The total cost was nearly \$240,000 which is an average of nearly \$4,400 per location.

The Council voted 5-0 to continue the pine tree reforestation program. They also told staff to explore the feasibility of installing concrete barriers and decrease costs

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Norwalk Holds First Virtual Community Forum

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The city of Norwalk's Economic Development Plan was the topic of discussion at the first virtual Norwalk Community Forum this past week.

John Ramirez, Director of Community Development shared the current agenda and future programs that the city would like to implement within the community. "Recently most of our efforts have been focused on Economic Development and recovery," Ramirez began, "to that end we created an Economic Recovery Task Force."

The Task Force is comprised

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Hawaiian Gardens Council Takes Action on Price Gouging

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Major delivery platforms such as Grubhub, DoorDash, Postmates and Uber Eats are refusing to give restaurants a break. Some restaurateurs are calling this refusal, predatory behavior.

An urgency ordinance was submitted to Hawaiian Gardens City Council January 26, prohibiting price gouging from third party delivery services.

More specifically this ordinance will limit the overage amount and put a cap on what third party delivery service can charge to local restaurants in terms of percentages of the total bill. How third party delivery services work is that they charge a percentage fee for delivery and another percentage fee for order pick up. For example Uber Eats notes on its website that a 30 percent charge is added for delivery and a 15 percent fee for pick up.

With delivery food service being the sole lifeline for many restaurants, chefs and owners have had to lay off their staffs, liquidate their inventories and figure out how to operate on a

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The news about the vaccines continues to be encouraging—while news outlets continue a negative slant.

Here are the facts: The five vaccines have eliminated Covid-19 deaths. They have also drastically reduced hospitalizations. “They’re all good trial results,” Caitlin Rivers, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University told the media. “It’s great news.”

Many are looking to very minor differences among vaccine results and jump to the conclusion that the vaccines don’t prevent serious illnesses.

Now it is early, and the drug companies have released very little data, but that data looks very good, including about the vaccines’ effect on the dreaded variants.

“The vaccines are poised to deliver what people so desperately want: an end, to this pandemic,” as Julia Marcus of Harvard Medical School recently wrote in The Atlantic.

The reason there is confusions, a reporter posited (and I agree) revolves around the word “effectual.”

A vaccine is typically considered effective only if it prevents people from coming down with any degree of illness. With ebola or rabies, that definition is also the most meaningful one.

But it’s not the most meaningful definition for most coronavirus infections.

Whether you realize it or not, you have almost certainly had a coronavirus. Coronaviruses have been circulating for decades if not centuries, and they’re often mild. The common cold can be a coronavirus. The world isn’t going to eliminate coronaviruses — or this particular one, known

as SARS-CoV-2 — anytime soon.

Yet we don’t need to eliminate it for life to return to normal. We instead need to downgrade it from a deadly pandemic to a normal virus. Once that happens, adults can go back to work, and children back to school. Grandparents can nuzzle their grandchildren, and you can meet your friends at a restaurant.

The data

By those measures, all five of the vaccines — from Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Novavax and Johnson & Johnson — look extremely good. Of the roughly 75,000 people who have received one of the five in a research trial, not a single person has died from Covid, and only a few people appear to have been hospitalized. None have remained hospitalized 28 days after receiving a shot.

To put that in perspective, it helps to think about what Covid has done so far to a representative group of 75,000 American adults: It has killed roughly 150 of them and sent several hundred more to the hospital.

IT IS NOT NEARLY AS BAD AS YOU THINK, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS ARE DOWN.

BY DAVID LEONHART

The vaccines reduce those numbers to zero and nearly zero, based on the research trials.

Zero isn’t even the most relevant benchmark. A typical U.S. flu season kills between five and 15 out of every 75,000 adults and hospitalizes more than 100 of them.

I assume you would agree that any vaccine that transforms Covid into something much milder than a typical flu deserves to be called effective. But that is not the scientific definition. When you read that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was 66 percent effective or that the Novavax vaccine

was 89 percent effective, those numbers are referring to the prevention of all illness. They count mild symptoms as a failure.

“In terms of the severe outcomes, which is what we really care about, the news is fantastic,” Dr. Aaron Richterman, an infectious-disease specialist at the University of Pennsylvania, said.

The variants

What about the highly contagious new virus variants that have emerged in Britain, Brazil and South Africa? The South African variant does appear to make the vaccines less effective at eliminating infections.

Fortunately, there is no evidence yet that it increases deaths among vaccinated people. Two of the five vaccines — from Johnson & Johnson and Novavax — have reported some results from South Africa, and none of the people there who received a vaccine died of Covid. “People are still not getting serious illness. They’re still not dying,” Dr. Rebecca Wurtz of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health told me.

The most likely reason,

epidemiologists say, is that the vaccines still provide considerable protection against the variant, albeit not quite as much as against the original version. Some protection appears to be enough to turn this coronavirus into a fairly normal disease in the vast majority of cases.

What would an expert do?

The biggest caveat is the possibility that future data will be less heartening. Johnson & Johnson and Novavax, for example, have issued press releases about their data, but no independent group has yet released an analysis. It will also be important to see much more data about how the vaccines interact with the variants.

But don’t confuse uncertainty with bad news. The available vaccine evidence is nearly as positive as it could conceivably be. And our overly negative interpretation of it is causing real problems.

Some people worry that schools cannot reopen even after teachers are vaccinated. Others are left with the mistaken impression that only the two vaccines with the highest official effectiveness rates — from Moderna and Pfizer — are worth getting.

In truth, so long as the data holds up, any of the five vaccines can save your life.

Last week, Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University told my colleague Denise Grady about a conversation he had with other experts. During it, they imagined that a close relative had to choose between getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine now or waiting three weeks to get the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. “All of us said, ‘Get the one tomorrow,’” Schaffner said. “The virus is bad. You’re risking three more weeks of exposure as opposed to getting protection tomorrow.”



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President Joe Biden has offered Cerritos resident and Whitney High Graduate Julie Su, and she has accepted, the role of deputy Labor secretary, according to POLITICO.

Su, who heads California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency, is the daughter of Chinese immigrants and a longtime advocate for low-wage workers. Her name was initially floated for Labor secretary, but Biden nominated Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, a longtime friend who had the backing of the AFL-CIO. Walsh's Senate confirmation hearing is on was yesterday.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Su served as the state's labor commissioner for about eight years before becoming its labor secretary. Prior to that, she spearheaded litigation at Asian Americans Advancing Justice, a legal aid organization in Los Angeles.

The announcement is expected



Cerritos Resident and Whitney High Grad Will be Deputy Labor Secretary

sometime next week, one of the people said. If confirmed, Su would step into the job at a critical point for American labor, with millions of people out of work and a narrowly divided Congress poised to stand in the way of Biden's major legislative

initiatives. Still, the Labor Department has the power to enact regulatory changes that can make the workplace safer and empower employees.

Her selection, is likely to somewhat appease Asian American Pacific Island

NEW DEPUTY: Su will work with the new labor secretary Marty Walsh.

advocates, who lobbied heavily for Su's selection as Labor secretary and were disappointed when the role went to a white male.

The role of deputy Labor secretary takes on outside importance as Biden looks to resuscitate a limping job market that has seen the pandemic stoke permanent losses and compromise worker safety.

Su would help Walsh oversee unemployment insurance, worker safety, job training, and other aspects of the economic recovery — not to mention implement the sweeping pro-labor agenda Biden campaigned on, which would increase workplace requirements and make it easier for workers to organize, among other things.

HMG-CN Article Assists Indictment

Mario Beltran and Others Charged by D.A. in Sweeping 34-Count Indictment

BY BRIAN HEWS

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced today that the former mayor of Maywood and 10 others have been charged in a 34-count complaint alleging widespread corruption that includes soliciting and receiving bribes, misappropriation of public funds and embezzlement over a three-year period.

One of those charged is Mario Beltran, whom HMG-CN exposed in a recal scheme of which he is being charged for.

"No one is above the law. Public officials should be working to benefit the people, not their own bank accounts," District Attorney Gascón said. "Pay-to-play politics have no place in Los Angeles County and we are all deserving of a clean government."

Ramon Medina (dob 9/16/59) was charged with six counts of soliciting a bribe, three counts each of conspiracy to commit a crime, embezzlement and failing to file campaign statements, two counts each of grand theft, misappropriation of public funds and perjury under oath and one count of failure to report behested payments.

Arrestment is scheduled for today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Case BA492573 was filed for warrant on January 15.

Medina, a former mayor and councilmember for Maywood, is accused of seeking and receiving bribes from several of his co-defendants who sought to gain favor and do business in one of the county's most densely populated and smallest cities. The city outsourced much of its city services, such as legal services, engineering, building inspections and park maintenance, primarily relying on third-party, private vendors.

Medina, along with former City Manager Reuben Martinez and Building and Planning Director David Mango, are accused of trying several times to sell three redevelopment properties for less than half their fair market value. Although the properties were supposed to be developed for much-needed affordable housing, the trio sought a buyer who would build a 24/7 charitable bingo hall.

The three defendants allegedly promised potential buyers favorable financing terms and agreed to share a portion of the revenues generated by the bingo hall. In return, Medina is accused of soliciting bribes from one prospective buyer, co-defendant Paul Garcia, to recall a Maywood councilmember.

Between September 2016 and June 2018, the three men also are accused of authorizing contractor Felipe Velarde to complete construction projects for Medina's friends and supporters using public funds. The work allegedly included building handicap ramps and driveways on private properties, installing speed bumps on streets that did not meet industry standards and repair work at Mango's home in Studio City.

In all, the city paid Velarde \$1.53 million during that time – sometimes doubling and tripling payments to him compared to the previous two-year period.

Medina also allegedly directed city employees to void or dismiss parking tickets that had been issued to his friends and supporters.

Additionally, Medina and his son, Ramon Medina Jr., are accused of having more than 40 gamecocks and paraphernalia used to train the birds for cock fighting.

Others who have been charged include:

Reuben Martinez - two counts each of conspiracy and grand theft, three counts each of embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds

David Mango - two counts each of conspiracy, grand theft, embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds

George Del Junco - bingo hall promoter: two counts of conspiracy and one count of bribing an executive officer

Paul Garcia - Del Junco business associate: three counts of bribing an executive officer

Hector Castillo- runs engineering firm: one count each of conspiracy, bribing an executive officer and grand theft and two counts of embezzlement

Felipe Velarde - general maintenance contractor: one count of conspiracy, two counts each of grand theft, embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds

George Tello Ramirez - disc jockey: one count of soliciting a bribe

Felipe Aguirre - recall proponent: two misdemeanor counts of failing to file campaign statements

Mario Beltran - political consultant: one count of filing false or fraudulent recall petitions

Ramon Medina Jr. - one count of conspiracy to possess gamecocks for fighting purposes

The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation

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Thousands Protest to Save Ballona Wetlands

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Ballona Wetlands State Ecological Reserve is located in Los Angeles County, just south of Marina del Rey and east of Playa del Rey.

The gas industry plans to bulldoze the last remaining sliver of wetlands and associated coastal upland habitats on LA's coast. In an Orwellian twist, the project is being deemed a restoration. The fossil fuel companies have only one real agenda; to restore the crumbling oil wells and gas pipes that lie underneath the 640 acres of wetlands.

Two lawsuits were filed Friday, January 29, 2021 to prevent the destructive sham-restoration project at Ballona Wetlands.

More than 7,000 people have contacted

Governor Gavin Newsom, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and local legislators urging them to abandon the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's plans to bulldoze Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. These decision makers are being called on to support the 'Gentle Alternative' before it's too late for the thousands of animals who live there, including federally protected endangered species.

The Gentle Alternative, opens the Fiji Way public access, improves and opens the walking trails on city-owned Cabora Drive, funds and supervises a docent training program at newly opened walking trails, and opens the Ballona Creek South Levee for walking only. Currently only a small area of Ballona has public access through limited groups, while most area residents and visitors have no access behind locked gates.

Public access is key for preserving the wetlands. The implementation of docent and youth ranger programs will teach respect and sustainability principles. Environmental education and interpretative programs are the best methods of generating responsible stewardship. People protect animals and the environment when they observe, respect, and value them.

Seven species on the state or federal endangered species lists rely on the Ballona Wetlands for partial or all of their life cycles. Three of these special status species, the Least Bell's Vireo, Ridgway's Clapper Rail and El Segundo



A WHITE TAILED KITE at the Ballona Wetlands. The fossil fuel companies have only one real agenda; to restore the crumbling oil wells and gas pipes that lie underneath the 640 acres of wetlands.

blue butterfly, have recently returned to Ballona. Additionally, there are dozens of species on the California List of Species of Special Concern that rely on the habitats currently at Ballona. Several rare white-tailed Kites currently forage in the Ballona grasslands, as well as roadrunners, jackrabbits, California Quail, horned lizards, garter snakes, Bald Eagles, Snow Geese, Sandhill Cranes, and Southern sea otters. Lisa Levinson, from In Defense of Animals stated in a press release, "Wildlife was clearly ignored in the planning and promotion of the counterfeit restoration project. That's why we support the Gentle Alternative, which would foster species recovery and improve public access without bulldozing the wetlands. Levinson remarked she was dismayed that the California Department

of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) certified the Environmental Impact Report on December 30, 2020 without prioritizing protection of several species, instead opting for a complete obliteration of habitat, and an industrial alteration to this fragile landscape.

Bulldozing Ballona would destroy the habitat for the members of 1,700 plant and animal species who currently thrive in the Wetlands. The Gentle Alternative can accomplish all of the goals of the counterfeit restoration except refurbishing the gas storage facilities beneath the wetlands, which endangers both people and animals.

For more information or to join the fight visit DefendBallonaWetlands.org

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Mayor's Legacy Award to DUSD Sup. Dr. John Garcia

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Dr. John Garcia has been the superintendent for Downey Unified School district last eight years and is a proud product of the Downey Unified School District, having attended Carpenter Elementary School, South (now Sussman) Middle School and is a 1985 graduate of Downey High School and is only the fourth superintendent that the DUSD has had.

He began his career as a fifth grade teacher in the Inglewood Unified School District and then taught fourth grade in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Garcia served as a middle school assistant principal and elementary school principal in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Was both a middle school and high school principal in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District then moved to the Glendale Unified School

District where he served as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and as Classified Personnel Director for the Personnel Commission.

On January 26, Garcia was awarded the Mayors Legacy Award, "Dr. Garcia is leading a district of 1,000 teachers; 1,700 in staff and overseeing the education of approximately 20,000 students," stated Mayor Claudia Frometa, "That is extremely impressive!"

Garcia was selected as the Superintendent of the Year for Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) in 2020. Region 14 consists of 24 school districts covering an area from Beverly Hills to Long Beach. Each year ACSA acknowledges outstanding performance and achievement by individual administrators in various regions throughout California. Garcia was chosen for this award due to his outstanding leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, commitment to professional growth, and creativity and innovation in dealing with issues and

problems facing public education.

"Not only is the legacy that you have created and leading through the staff and the students, but also through the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities," added Frometa. The DFEO ensures that all students graduate with a 21st century education, that they are college and career ready as well as being citizens with strong character.

One of the most impressive accomplishments of DUSD is that they have a 97 percent graduation rate in comparison to the states graduation rate of 84 percent. "If we look back over the unprecedented challenges of this last year and the constant pivoting that schools have had to do, it goes without saying that it takes strong steady leadership to provide that guidance," added Frometa.

"Thank you City Council and the entire city staff for collaborating with the DUSD providing the best we can for our community. The passion that I feel for this district comes from being a member of this community and our wonderful city."

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Just like clockwork, the Republican party is crying that the country is taking on too much debt, resisting Biden's American Rescue Plan.

They did it during the Obama administration for eight years then turned around and passed one of the largest tax cuts in the nation's history one year after Trump won the electoral college.

The Trump cut did nothing to help the economy and triggered the biggest stock buyback in the history of this nation, making top executives even wealthier with their stock options and widening the already wide income inequality gap.

And now that Biden is president they are sounding the debt alarm once again.

Who should we believe - the entire Federal Reserve who says "forget about the debt" or a bunch of Congressional Republicans who said nothing during the Trump era and believe in Jewish Space Lasers?

One of their tricks is to keep calling Biden's plan a stimulus, like it is a waste of money, throwing red meat at their base.

It is not a stimulus, it is what it is, an American Rescue Plan.

There is a pandemic going on and

until we get that pandemic under control the economy and citizens of the United States are going to be under severe pressure through no fault of their own.

STOP CALLING IT A STIMULUS PLAN

BY BRIAN HEWS

Before the pandemic, a survey by Pew Research showed that 30% of Americans had less than \$400 in the bank.

Where do you think those numbers are now?

"We are at a precipice, if we don't do something big right now, we won't recover for years," said Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, "forget about the debt, we can deal with that later."

Citizens are unable to provide food for their families or keep a roof over their head because of the pandemic.

The Biden plan will not stimulate anything, it will keep people from

starving and under a safe roof and help businesses, schools and states deal with the cost of operating during a pandemic.

Yet the Republicans sit back and cry about the amount of debt that will be added to the deficit, cutting the rescue plan from \$1.9 trillion to an "insulting" \$600 billion.

Their plan coldly excludes rent subsidies and only extends the extra unemployment benefits until June.

Does anybody reading this column think that the pandemic will be under control in June?

But that is the way it is these days after what was a four year dumpster fire; all Congressional Republicans, save ten, are against the Biden plan.

This is the second time a Republican administration has drove the car off the cliff, only to hand the keys to Democrats to fix it.

Bush-Obama now Trump-Biden.

Obama saw some of the greatest job growth in the history of the nation, now it is Biden's turn; get out of the way and let the responsible party take control... and stop calling it a stimulus.

Re: Cerritos truck routes

Dear Editor

This is a disaster, and Mayor Solanki is doing nothing about it. Thanks goodness our local newspaper is shining a light on the problem. The residents on Bloomfield complained, the City Council reacted with a sign telling trucks to turn left on Bloomfield. Those that do are now coming down 166th creating havoc and noise on that street now. Cerritos says they are giving out tickets but I have only seen deputies once. First of all I like the idea of placing the no truck route sign on the ramp, call Caltrans and get it done. I understand Cerritos Sheriff's could be constrained by COVID but the city needs to give out more tickets. Truck drivers use citizen band radios (CB's), word will get out very quickly to other truckers. Have the deputies tell the drivers a route they can take, that will get out on the CB also. Until the 5 freeway construction is done, this problem will persist, we need short-term solutions led by the City Council and our do-nothing two-term lazy Mayor Solanki.

R. Robertson
Cerritos

Re: The Capitol Riot

Dear Editor:

We almost lost our democracy on January 6th. We almost descended into

dictatorship under the rule of a tyrant. It's important to recognize this. Had Trump prevailed, we would no longer have a democracy. We would be a nation lead by a sociopathic leader, like North Korea, China, and Russia.

Trump ignored the rulings of the courts, rejected the democratically elected legislatures that refused to throw out the votes of millions of their citizens, and then incited thousands to attack the Capital in a violent and reckless attempt to hold onto power. Believe me, the plan was for tens of thousands, but the poor turnout didn't deter Trump from carrying out his plan. He and his confederates incited the crowds with a campaign of disinformation and explicit calls for violence all in service to a doomed plan to overthrow our democracy by force and violence. If we do not deter this type of behavior, they will be back better organized and led.

We must find a way to hold our leaders accountable for their conduct or they will continue to disseminate disinformation and undermine democracy. We cannot have a system of injustice where our leaders commit serious federal crimes without consequence. We've already seen the results of our failure to hold Trump accountable. They will be back as soon as it becomes clear that we do not have the political will or stomach to prosecute

our leaders for the federal crimes they commit while in office.

Rich Procida
Whittier

Dear Editor

Is the pro-pandemic, genocidal GOP still the party of the defeated, deranged racist traitor Donald Trump? Or is the Republican Party now following the fanatical footsteps of that other infamous homicidal American politician Dan White, the crazy ex-cop who murdered San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk?

Actually, FOX News' favorite fresh fascist face Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Georgia) appears to conveniently enough be the political combination of Donald Trump and Dan White - a pathologically dishonest, crackpot QAnon conspiracy theorist whose hatred is clearly putting her on the path of political assassination and domestic terrorism. Marjorie is a violent psycho!

But the tangerine tyrant Trump says Greene is "a future Republican Star". Here's a suggestion for you neo-Nazi Republicans: next time you attempt a domestic terrorist takeover, hijacking the federal government with hateful hillbillies is probably not the most effective approach. No "Twinkie defense" for Trump.

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Arcata, CA.

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Passings: La Mirada Resident & Veteran Edward Feichtinger



DURING WORLD WAR II Edward flew a C-47 in the western Pacific carrying troops and supplies. He dropped supplies on Iwo Jima during February and March 1945.

Edward Ernest Feichtinger, passed due to age related illness in late December 2020. He was born in Linden, Iowa on 23rd December 1920.

Memorial services were held in the Waverly Courtyard at Fairhaven Memorial Park, 1702 Fairhaven Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705. He is interred beside his wife of 56 years, Mettie May Barnes.

Edward was raised on a farm with his brothers Henry and John near Panora, Iowa and he moved to California in 1940. As a boy he plowed fields driving Clydesdale horses. His boyhood home had no electricity, gas, or telephone service. And he did walk the proverbial mile to and from a one room country school house.

During World War II Edward flew a C-47 in the western Pacific carrying troops and supplies. He dropped supplies on Iwo Jima during February and March 1945 at the height of the conflict there. During his assignments as a pilot he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf clusters and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He finished more than 20 years of military service while in the

reserves here in California finally attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Almost all of his working life he spent as a successful small business owner. Edward was an irrigation contractor installing small and large irrigation systems in residential homes and on school grounds, golf courses, freeway landscaped areas, and parks. He spent almost his entire working life outdoors.

Edward is survived by his three children Carl Edward, Jo Ann O'Day with husband John O'Day, and Janet Lee Powers with husband John Powers, four Grandchildren, six Great Grandchildren, and Wife Barbara Hall with two sons. Edward was predeceased by Helen Conner and did continue a close family relationship with her three sons.

Edward is one of the most exemplary members of "Our Greatest Generation". His core values of honesty, integrity, and hard work gained him a large group of friends and a dedicated family. Edward was the finest example of "an officer and a gentleman". He will be missed.

Cerritos College Holds First Food Drive of the Year

BY JACQUELINE COCHRAN
TALON MARKS

Cerritos College's Falcons Nest in conjunction with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank hosted a free food giveaway for Cerritos College Students and members of the surrounding local communities on Wednesday January 27, 2021.

Between 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. volunteers and college staff followed strict social distancing protocols for the drive-thru food giveaway by placing the boxes in the rear of the recipients vehicles.

The recipients stayed in their vehicles and received the items within five minutes after pulling up. The volunteers used pompoms to help guide the flow of the recipient traffic.

Recipients receive a frozen meat, dairy items such as milk, cheese and eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables and a box of dry items for the pantry which

"We have about 60 volunteers, made up of faculty, staff, students and community members.

During the distribution of the food, the volunteers also gather certain statistical information about each household like size and number of households being served," Sepulveda said.

LA Regional Food bank is the sole supplier for the monthly food giveaway. "Our campus also provides weekly food and hygiene supplies for students through Falcons Nest," Sepulveda said.

In February, Falcons Nest will also host a 'Hearts for Hygiene' drive. "We welcome food and hygiene item donations. We try to do as much as we can to help our students.

A web-based wish list will be released soon, but in the meantime, anyone who wishes to make donations can contact me at psepulveda@cerritos.edu," said Sepulveda.



STUDENTS and community members participate in the food giveaway at Cerritos College in lot 10 Jan. 27, 2021. Photo by Jacqueline Cochran.

include canned and boxed foods.

"The items total 30-80 pounds of food support for the participants," Sepulveda said.

"This program is a godsend for my family. After the pandemic got worst, I was laid off from my job. I did receive unemployment but it just wasn't enough.

We have three children and they are all growing and love to eat," said Shari Grace, a Bellflower resident.

"Since July 2020 we have served 7,631 households and due to the pandemic the numbers are growing. We are currently calculating the totals for January now," said Pamela Sepulveda, LCSW Case Manager for Falcons Basic Needs.

Falcons Nest's main goal is to provide centralized student support services for any students that might be facing basic needs insecurities. There are no specific requirements to participate in the food drive.

For students who might need more than food assistance, Cerritos also has the Emergency Aid Fund, Franco's Closet and CalFresh.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, can email Falcon's Nest at falconsnest@cerritos.edu.

The food drive takes place the fourth Wednesday of every month with the next scheduled for February 17, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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The property must be the owner's principal place of residence as of Jan. 1, and an application must be submitted. Applications received after Feb. 15 are prorated, but the homeowner will receive the full amount the following years. The savings will continue until a change is recorded.

For more information or to request an application, call (213) 974-3211 or (888) 807-2111. Applications also are available at assessor.lacounty.gov/homeowners-exemption/.

Cerritos Towne Center Red Envelope Hunt

Cerritos Towne Center invites the community to celebrate Lunar New Year with a fun-filled red envelope hunt held at the shopping center on Saturday, February 13th. Shoppers can follow a series of clues to search Cerritos Towne Center for hidden red envelopes which contain gift cards to stores and restaurants at the center. Guests will find clues to the locations of the envelopes on Instagram @ShopCerritos the morning of the event. To learn more, visit <http://ow.ly/OK4F30rvtCO>. The Cerritos Towne Center is located at 12731 Towne Center Drive Cerritos, CA., 90703.

<https://www.cerritostc.com>

Stay in Your Pod for Superbowl

This week, Public Health has confirmed a third case of COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7. Presence of the B.1.1.7 variant in Los Angeles County means virus transmission can happen more easily. and residents and businesses must be more diligent at implementing and following all standard public health safety measures.

Public Health warns everyone of past tragic consequences of gatherings. In the weeks following every holiday, and many major sporting events, the County experienced increases in cases, and then hospitalizations and deaths. Public Health recommends residents enjoy the Super Bowl and cheer for their team from their home with those they live with. Residents should connect virtually with their friends and not gather with people from outside their household to watch the Super Bowl.

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Crime Summary Cerritos

Residential Burglary

On Tuesday, January 19 at 10:15 at the 19400 block of Sequoia Avenue a burglar shattered the rear sliding glass door and took a safe and coin set

On Friday, January 22 at 12300 block of Abana Street, a suspect broke in through the front door taking an iPhone and watch.

Grand Theft

Two thefts were reported from 12900 Park Plaza Drive: Friday, January 22 at 1:43 pm a store was reported burgled; Saturday, January 23 in the same block at 7:55 pm a store reported electronics had been stolen.

Grand Theft Auto

A 2007 Toyota Prius reported the catalytic converter had been removed sometime between Thursday evening and Friday morning in the 13600 block of Dreiser Place.

Two incidents were reported, the first was in the block of 18800 Watson Avenue, a 2001 Ford / E350 and on Saturday evening a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado was reported taken in the late evening. Both vehicles have been recovered.

Vehicle Burglary

11800 block of South Street shattered windows and cash taken; 10900 Elena Street a Mercedes / E350 reported stolen golf clubs; there was no sign of forced entry. 10800 College Place a Toyota Corolla reported smashed windows with missing jacket and face masks.

La Mirada

Notable Arrests

Two suspects were arrested in possession of a stolen vehicle. A suspect was arrested for possession of a concealed firearm, driving under the influence, and possession of burglary tools.

Thirteen suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Aggravated Assault

A suspect attempted to use their vehicle as a weapon during an incident on the 15700 block of Hayford St. No injuries were sustained.

Other Structure Burglary

A late night window smash

burglary was reported on the 15600 block of Imperial Hwy. A six pack of soda was reported stolen.

Vehicles

Tools were reported stolen during an afternoon burglary from a work van on the 15500 block of Oakbury Drive. A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 15000 block of Greenworth Drive and four reports of Grand Theft Auto were reported: A van was reported stolen on the 14700 block of Firestone Boulevard; An attempt vehicle theft of a SUV was reported on the 14400 block of Valeda Drive; A truck was reported stolen on the 16300 block of Trojan Way and a stolen sedan was recovered on the 14200 block of Firestone Boulevard.

02/01/21 – Meth Sales

LASD Norwalk Station Deputies responded to 14500 block of Jalisco Road in La Mirada for a burglary in progress call. Deputies detained and arrested one male for possession of meth for sales, obliterated serial number on a gun and forgery.

Norwalk Deputies arrested an assault with a deadly weapon suspect who chased down the victim with a knife and attempted to stab him. Suspect was apprehended.

1 killed, 1 wounded in shooting in Bellflower

An investigation is underway after one man was fatally shot and another was wounded in the Bellflower area early Wednesday morning.

After they were shot in 15300 block of Woodruff Place around 12:20 a.m., one of the victims drove them to the Norwalk area, where he flagged down a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy who was headed down Pioneer Boulevard, sheriff's officials said.

When the deputy looked in the car, he found the two men with gunshot wounds, the Sheriff's Department said in a news release.

One of them was pronounced dead at the scene and the other was taken to a hospital in critical condition. Authorities didn't identify the man who died nor the person who was injured.

It's unclear who shot the two men or whether the shooting happened in the car or elsewhere, but the department said homicide detectives were conducting an investigation in the 15300 block of Woodruff Place in Bellflower, not far from where the pair was found.

The department didn't provide a description of any suspects in the case and no further details were immediately available.

RING CAMERA showing a man kick in a door in Cerritos.



Neighborhood Watch in Action

STAFF REPORT

There have been at least three incidents reported by various Neighborhood Watch Block Captains in Cerritos of a suspect attempting and actually kicking in front doors of homes.

These kick in the door break-ins have been happening in the area of 195th and Norwalk Blvd.

The suspect does not knock on the door, approaching the door and kicking it in.

One of the neighborhood watch zones captured the suspect vehicle on their cameras.

The picture shows a vehicle description and license plate information.

A Lexus SUV, silver-gray, Lic #8LBE059.

If any residents see the vehicle, they are asked to call the Cerritos Sheriff at (562)860-0044.

Watch Captains are asking residents to keep a weary eye anything suspicious.

Man Shot and Killed in Norwalk

LASD Homicide is investigating a shooting death that occurred at the 13800 block Shoemaker Ave. Norwalk on February 2.

The male adult victim was pronounced dead at the scene. There is no additional information available at this time and detectives have no leads.

Montebello Pico Rivera

Auto Theft, 200 block Bluff Rd., Montebello.

Grand Theft Vehicle, van, 8600 blk Hasty Ave, Pico Rivera.

Grand Theft Vehicle cargo

van, 7600 blk Wexford Ave, Whittier.

Vandalism 21000 block S. Greenwood Ave., Montebello.

Burglary Other structure night, entry by force 6500 blk Norwalk Blvd, Whittier.

Vandalism 200 block Mines Ave., Montebello.

Grand Theft Vehicle passenger van 8400 Blk. Lexington Gallatin Rd., Pico Rivera.

Burglary, other structure: day, entry by force 8300 blk. Hanan Way, Pico Rivera.

Auto theft 200 block S. 4th St. Montebello.

Commercial Burglary 100 Block W. Whittier Blvd Montebello.

Assault, Non-Agg: hands, feet, fist, etc., 9100 blk Whittier Blvd, Pico Rivera.

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View From The Couch

Unearth fossil discoveries online with the La Brea Tar Pits

The La Brea Tar Pits staff created lesson plans that teachers and parents can use at home, leading weekly virtual presentations for students to participate in.

BY LAURIE HANSON

Budding paleontologists can now learn virtually about the only active Ice Age urban fossil site in the world that is located at the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. "It is a very dynamic place," said Agnes Novie, coordinator, school programs for 10 years at the La Brea Tar Pits. "It is a pretty special place to be." When the museum was open prior to the pandemic, Novie especially loved watching students see and learn about all the animals dating back as far as 11,000 to 55,000 years ago who once called Los Angeles home. "Our understanding of Ice Age L.A.

RECYCLE OIL

The oil was formed from marine plankton deposited in an ocean basin.

is changing all the time," said Becca Wilcox, coordinator, school programs for 2 years. "There are still tons of questions to be asked and answered, and maybe [students] will become the scientists to help answer those questions."

Although the indoor museum has been closed since mid-March, there are a limited number of essential staff onsite continuing excavations, monitoring and ensuring the sites are secure. Their sites are viewable and located in Hancock Park, but access to viewing platforms remains closed.

"As you wander through the park you will see 'tar' still bubbling to the surface," said Novie. "This substance is really asphalt that trapped unsuspecting animals and plants of the past."

"Asphalt is the lowest grade of crude oil, and it can be found seeping to the surface throughout the Tar Pits park," added Rachel Fidler, manager, school & teacher programs with the Natural History Museums of L.A. County.

"The oil was formed from marine plankton deposited in an ocean basin during the Miocene Epoch (5-25 million years ago)," she added. "Over time, pressure converted the organisms into oil. The petroleum has been migrating to the surface, either along a faulted sedimentary zone or along steeply dipping, porous sedimentary rock layers."

"During the last 50,000 years, it has trapped and preserved animals and plants that lived in the surrounding area," said Fidler. "Dire wolves are the most common large mammals found at La



Brea Tar Pits, with about 4,000 are represented in its collections. The remains of over 2,000 individual saber-toothed cats rank second and coyotes rank third."

The site is particularly important because the immense number of fossils found in the asphalt which tell what Los Angeles was like during the Ice Age going dating back from 11,000 to 55,000 years ago, according to Fidler.

"The more scientists discover from the tar pits, the better they can use fossils, and other evidence, to study how Ice Age animals lived and survived, and can apply that knowledge to our current climate crisis," she explained.

One such discovery from the Ice Age was "Zed," a Columbian Mammoth who somehow traveled too far north.

"Zed is one of the biggest discoveries made in Project 23," said Novie. "He's a well-preserved male adult, about 80 percent complete, including the skull and both intact

10-foot-long tusks. This is a rare find, the first nearly complete individual mammoth to be found at La Brea Tar Pits."

Since 1906, more than one million bones have been recovered, representing over 231 species of vertebrates. More than 159 species of plants and 234 species of invertebrates have been identified. It is estimated that the collections at La Brea Tar Pits contain about three million items. When completed, Project 23—their current excavation—may double this number. The public can still visit both sites within Hancock Park.

During the pandemic, the La Brea Tar Pits staff created lesson plans and activities that teachers and parents can use at home, and they led weekly virtual presentations for students to participate in. Their programming includes a monthly "Fossil Finds" webinar, a scientist Q&A, puppet meet-and-greets, and facilitated virtual "in-classroom" student programs

PIT 91

The oldest excavation site in the world.

with museum educators. Teachers can participate in online professional development to keep connected and learning. Standards-based programming is offered for students of all ages and grades (pre-K through 12th) into spring 2021. Interviews and activities created by their Teen Program offers interviews and activities including virtual online field trips.

"One of the things I really enjoy about my job is showing students science in action," said Novie. "La Brea Tar Pits is an active scientific research museum where we are constantly exploring, learning, investigating, and sharing ideas."

"People of all ages can experience our museum online via social media, livestream events, educational programs, and activities that showcase our vast collections and experts," she explained. One example available is their virtual day camp, "Adventures in Nature Connected."

The La Brea Tar Pits is steeped in rich history and dates back as far as 1828, when a Mexican Land Grant of more than 4,400 acres was given to Antonio Jose Rocha, providing that residents of Rancho La Brea's pueblo had access to as much asphalt as needed for personal use.

In 1924, the last owner, George Allan Hancock created the Hancock Park when he donated 23 acres from it to Los Angeles County. The donation contingent on the preservation of the park and its proper exhibition of fossils discovered. By 1915, excavations were at their peak and were being done by the

Los Angeles Museum (now the Natural History Museum). More than 96 sites excavating over 750,000 specimens of plants and animals were being completed.

Most excavations were halted and would not begin again until 1969, when "Pit 91" was reopened. It remains in excavation today.

By 1975, philanthropist George C. Page had already purchased Rancho La Brea, and financed construction of the onsite museum. The George C. Page Museum of the La Brea Discoveries opened to the public in 1977. In 2019, the Page Museum and Tar Pits were together renamed as the La Brea Tar Pits.

Today, the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC), which includes the Natural History Museum (NHM) in Exposition Park, La Brea Tar Pits in Hancock Park, and the William S. Hart Museum in Newhall, are a public-private partnership between the non-profit Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation and the County of Los Angeles.

Besides Los Angeles County's support, the NHMLAC depends on revenues from admissions, their stores and café. Memberships as well as donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations are also vital to their ongoing work. Donations are used to fund groundbreaking research, deliver free virtual programming for all ages during their temporary closure, and to care for the preservation of more than 35 million specimens. Donations of any amount can be made by visiting online at

www.NHMLAC.ORG/join-and-give.

The NHMLAC also has a Community Science Program that welcomes all to participate in projects and events, such as BioSCAN, SLIME, and the Backyard Bat Survey. To support researchers and get involved with community science initiatives from home, please visit www.NHMLAC.org/community-science.

Prior to the pandemic, the La Brea Tar Pits allowed volunteers to participate in their excavations and to gain experience working with the public. Though the volunteer program is currently on hold, those seeking further information about it and the La Brea Tar Pits can visit online at www.tarpits.org.



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Students watch researchers dig at the Tar Pits.

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COMMUNITY SPORTS

'Let Them Play CA' rally loud and proud near CIF-SS office

On Jan. 15, there were approximately 150 rallies throughout the state and it's unknown how many rallies took place last Friday.

BY LOREN KOPFF
@LORENKOPFF ON TWITTER

No amount of rain was going to stop the Let Them Play CA rally last Friday near the CIF-Southern Section office, and that's exactly what happened. For the second Friday in three weeks, a slew of Let Them Play CA rallies took place throughout the state, hoping to put pressure on Governor Gavin Newsom and other state officials to allow youth and high school sports to open now in California.

On Jan. 15, there were approximately 150 rallies throughout the state and it's unknown how many rallies took place last Friday. The Los Alamitos rally originally was to be in front of the CIF-SS office. Instead, it made its way to the intersection of Katella Ave. and Los Alamitos Blvd., a block from the CIF-SS office. Towards the end of the rally, numerous 'Let Them Play' signs and other posters were laid at the front door of the CIF-SS office.

"There are people who are in charge of the national level and then there are people who are in charge of the California level," said Stephanie Born, a Los Alamitos resident and the organizer of this rally. "I got involved in this group because I saw some postings about it. My son was a senior who graduated in 2020 and he lost out on his track season. It was

LET THEM PLAY - Parents and kids protest in Los Alamitos, similar protests occurred across the state.

absolutely devastating to him and the rest of the team because they had worked so hard. They have kids who go to state every year, so it was crushing. I have a child, who's in the eighth grade, who is going to be a freshman at St. Anthony High School and I don't want to see her lose out on cross country and track."

This was one of three rallies within the CIF-SS last Friday with the other two being in Riverside and Mission Viejo. Earlier last month, one parent started a Let Them Play CA page on Facebook and immediately it exploded like wildfire. Since then, parents, coaches and students throughout the state have flooded the page with posts, comments or photos. As of this past Tuesday, there have been over 55,000 members of the Let Them Play CA group and over 5,600 photos have been posted. Other rally organizers have done Facebook Live videos or could have done Zoom meetings, according to Born.

"I think throughout the state, folks are upset at the governor's erratic orders and they recognize there's no science behind the idea that the sports get shut down," said Donald Wagner, Orange County Board of Supervisor, Third District. "So, we're trying to call attention to, frankly, the silliness of that order."

Because of the rain, which let up in time for the rally, Wagner didn't have any expectations as far as the turnout. He said he has seen rallies that were smaller than the one in Los Alamitos as well as ones with larger crowds. There were approximately 100-150 people at the Los Alamitos rally and during the one-hour or so event, motorists were honking their horns in support of athletics resuming. Among those in attendance were Cerritos High first-year head football coach Brad Carter, one of his players and three parents. Carter was hired roughly a year ago but has yet to coach a game at Cerritos.

"I believe in the cause," Carter said. "I do feel like we can have kids play safely. I know there are a lot of different opinions about it. But based on what I've been able to read up on the situation, I feel like other states have done it safely [and] I think we're at the point where we know what the threat is. I feel like we can do it safely when supervised by high school coaches and administrators. But I thought the rally was awesome; I thought there was a good crowd. They were really passionate. There were a lot of different high schools represented. I know I saw a lot of different Orange County schools there and I think they were all there for

the same reason. They want to see their kids on the field."

High school athletics and other youth sports have been closed in the state since last March while most states have been able to play. California is one of 14 states, plus the District of Columbia, not to have had high school football played in the fall of 2020. At the youth level, many California travel teams have gone to other states to play and have been posting their accounts on social media.

"We've been patient, but it's time to get things going faster," Born said. "It's been moving at a turtle's pace. Student-athletes have been committing suicide. Some have become new fathers because their sports have been shut down and for some kids, sports is what makes them go to school."

Wagner said he did a three-day conference in Sacramento earlier last month where Newsom and the Sacramento health care agency were trying to shut the conference down, complaining that it was going to be a super-spreader event.

"The director of the Sacramento health care agency went to the board the next Tuesday and said this is a disaster and we're going to have Sacramento shut down for weeks," Wagner said. "An hour and a half later, the governor opened Sacramento up. So, at the end of the day, the pressure is getting to the governor because he's not following the medical science. He's following the political science. He sees the recall coming down the tracks at him. He sees groups like this around the state saying, 'I want my kids back out on the fields because they are better there, they are safer there, they are healthier there'. He's responding to that."

There has also been a survey that went out to over 1,900 coaches and athletes to document the data of teen suicides and new fathers. Of course, there are those who still believe postponing youth and high school athletic events is the best thing.

"I would tell them that there are school districts that have reopened and there hasn't been a community spread that everybody feared," Born said. "So, I would say look at the science, look at rates of community spread; that they're low when schools reopened. Let's go by that, the science. All schools can reopen safely. A lot of teams have been practicing safely already in other areas, so let's go ahead and do that."

If high school sports are unable to open in the next few months, Born said she thinks the children would be absolutely crushed and she feels very bad for the seniors because she knows what her son went through, who had one league meet last March before the schools were shut down.

The latest county tiered status the See **PROTEST** page 12



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BEST SPICY CHICKEN IN LOS ANGELES

From Eater.com

While spicy fried chicken is nothing new, Los Angeles's current swoon over vaguely Nashville-style hot chicken restaurants and pop-ups can often feel like an of-the-moment trend. In reality, some restaurants like Huckleberry and Boneyard Bistro have quietly dabbled in hot chicken for years, and the Prince family that created the dish has its own deep West Coast roots. That said, the modern explosion into the mainstream really began with Howlin' Ray's, first as a food truck and now as a Chinatown powerhouse. Dave's Hot Chicken took the bird to the streets soon after, and now car wash stands, strip mall staples, and stand alone. Here are some great places to try Nashville-style hot chicken around greater Los Angeles.

Crimson Coward
 10405 Lakewood Blvd
 Downey, CA 90241
 (562) 396-0616

In the mood for an absolutely overclocked hot chicken sandwich, served with a mound of slaw, melty cheese, and enough heat to push your eyebrows back? That's precisely what Crimson Coward does, daring folks to dive into the highest spice levels daily.

Blazing Birds
 15764 La Forge St
 Whittier, CA 90603
 (562) 902-0405

Folks in Whittier don't need to drive far to get their fix of Nashville-style hot chicken, thanks in part to Blazing Birds. The restaurant offers the usual assortment of spice levels and over-the-top options, from sandwiches with mounded mac and cheese on top, or even an egg.

Wing Ferno
 2221 W Redondo Beach Blvd
 Gardena, CA 90247
 (310) 817-4456

Gardena's Wing Ferno is, in some ways, a more traditional chicken shop, with options that go beyond one style of fried bird and one type of chicken. Here it's possible to dive into saucy wings, quarter birds fried with light heat, or extra-spicy tenders at the top of the heat index.

Main Chick Hot Chicken
 6614 Atlantic Ave
 Long Beach, CA 90805
 (562) 423-1411

Main Chick is among the fastest-growing hot chicken outlets to emerge in Los Angeles in recent years. The group has multiple outlets across the region and turns out reliable tenders,

sandwiches with both light and dark meat, fries, and more.

Cluck & Blaze
 4501 E Carson St Unit 107
 Long Beach, CA 90808
 (562) 399-9596

While billing itself as a home for authentic Nashville-style hot chicken, Cluck & Blaze — with locations in Long Beach and Glendale — is actually a new school operator, turning hot chicken into Instagrammable dishes like a spicy breakfast burrito.

Nashville Hot Chicken
 10750 Glenoaks Blvd #3
 Pacoima, CA 91331
 (818) 897-6666

Pacoima's Nashville Hot Chicken restaurant certainly beat others to the naming rights, even if it wasn't the first to show off saturated photos of deep red chicken and lots of drizzled sauces atop fries, inside buns, and on salads.

Hawaiian Hot Chicken
 17646 Lassen St #5
 Northridge, CA 91324
 (818) 477-2590

Hawaiian Hot Chicken is the current star of the 'hot chicken at a car wash' trend that has somehow also swept across Los Angeles. From the King's Hawaiian buns to the nightly showcase of cool rides that roll through, this is a great place to get a real feel for the street scene that has come up around hot chicken..

Angry chickz
 8263 Sepulveda Blvd
 Panorama City, CA 91402
 (747) 529-4430

Perhaps no hot chicken operation (save for Dave's) has grown as fast as Angry Chickz, which now counts nearly a dozen outlets from Hollywood to Bakersfield to Visalia to San Jose and beyond.

The Kluckin' Chicken
 13328 Burbank Blvd
 Sherman Oaks, CA 91401
 (818) 582-3222

The Kluckin' Chicken has managed to rise above the hot chicken fray thanks to its diverse menu, which offers hot chicken quesadillas, wraps, and more. Still to come are two new locations, including one in San Diego.

Hot Motha Clucker
 4625 Woodman Ave
 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
 (818) 900-8010

Hot Motha Clucker is one of many modern interpretations of Nashville-style hot chicken, far from the original intent and execution but still tasty on it sown. This outfit leans into the messiness with extra-saucy sliders



DOWNEY FAVORITE: The Crimson Coward's chicken on Lakewood Blvd. in Downey has "enough heat to push your eyebrows back."

Boneyard Bistro
 13539 Ventura Blvd
 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
 (818) 906-7427

Boneyard Bistro in Sherman Oaks has largely been ahead of the hot chicken trend, cooking the stuff up for occasional specials or Monday night meals for years now, well ahead of the competition. The bird here is still special compared to much of the tender-loving competition, which usually ends up slathered in cheese.

Tokyo Hot Chicken
 Los Angeles
 237 S Brand Blvd Suite 100
 Glendale, CA 91210
 (818) 823-3003

Hot chicken is so popular these days in Los Angeles, it's even got Michelin-level chefs like Michael Mina jumping on the bandwagon. Mina's new-ish Tokyo Hot Chicken is meant to be a mix of Nashville spice and heat with Japanese-style fried chicken karaage.

Blazin Chicks
 5728 Rosemead Blvd Unit #102
 Temple City, CA 91780
 (626) 872-2096

Blazin' Chicks keeps the San Gabriel Valley well-stocked in the usual hot chicken sandwiches, sliders, tenders, and sides, because in LA, every neighborhood deserves its own hot chicken.

Dave's Hot Chicken
 970 N Western Ave
 Los Angeles, CA 90029
 (323) 536-9711

As influential as Howlin' Ray's has been to the hot chicken scene in Los Angeles, it's hard to imagine this current saturation point with out Dave's, the laid-back group of guys who went from a parking lot to a multi-million-dollar franchise agreement and locations in Canada — all in just a few short years.

A lineup of chicken tenders and sandwiches with fries and sides.

Dave's Hot Chicken Wonho
 6333 W 3rd St
 Los Angeles, CA 90036
 (323) 936-9436

Fritzi Coop isn't some new player on the hot chicken scene. Founded by star chef Neal Fraser in 2016, this tiny takeout operation at the Original

Farmers Market continues to showcase Nashville flavors in sandwiches, by the bucket, or on top of curly fries for those that need a real jolt.

Howlin' Ray's
 727 N Broadway #128
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (213) 935-8399

With rabid fans, endlessly long lines (that even, for a time, continued into the pandemic), and a dedication to craft that's hard to beat, it's no wonder that Howlin' Ray's is considered by many to be the end-all, be-all for Nashville-style hot chicken in Los Angeles. This is the crew that started a spicy revolution in Los Angeles, and now that movement is being carried on by dozens, if not hundreds of others around Southern California.

The Red Chickz
 557 S Spring St
 Los Angeles, CA 90013
 (213) 607-2961

The Downtown LA hot chicken wars heated up in early 2019 with the arrival of corner shop the Red Chickz, which has become a fan favorite in the 'more than just traditional Southern chicken' category. Here, diners can find hot chicken tacos, hot chicken and waffles, and a whole lot more.

Birdies
 314 W Olympic Blvd
 Los Angeles, CA 90015
 (213) 536-5720

Birdies has been frying chicken in Downtown since 2016, and as such has kept its pulse on the hot chicken side of the equation. While fans here can opt for the non-spicy stuff, the sandwich with heat is among the better decisions you can make here.

Hotville Chicken
 4070 Marlton Ave
 Los Angeles, CA 90008
 (323) 792-4835

Only one Los Angeles hot chicken restaurant can lay claim to the family throne, and that's Kim Prince's hot chicken restaurant called, appropriately, Hotville Chicken. This Crenshaw staple is considered tops for many who dive deep into the hot chicken genre, thanks to Prince's family recipes, love of spice, and friendly smile — all steeped in history that has surprising West Coast roots.



WHITTIER HOT: Blazing Bird offers sandwiches with mounded mac and cheese on top, or even an egg..

CIF-SS from page 10

CIF releases every Tuesday shows all but four counties in the purple, or widespread status. That means that cross country, golf, skiing/snowboarding, swimming and diving, tennis and track and field are the only sports allowed.

Although Wagner believes that if parents think it's safer for their kids to stay home, they should stay home, he has been frustrated about Newsom's response that he doesn't respect 'those people' and that Newsom has lumped everybody in and said that everybody has to follow the rules he sets.

While Wagner couldn't estimate how many more rallies across the state there would be before high school sports would return, he said that the pressure needs to stay on Newsome and the recall effort needs to continue.

"He's going to do what he does," Wagner added. "I hope he would do what he should do, which is look at the science, allow us to open up and target the folks that are most at risk."

DOWNEY from page 12

cellent service to our residents."

Downey Fire Chief Dan Hurlock expressed his pride in the professionalism and dedication the Department shows each and every day, "This rating builds on our mission of providing the highest level of emergency protection to the citizens of Downey."

GOUGING from page 1

delivery-only mode, if they want any chance to survive this pandemic.

One such restaurant that serves middle eastern cuisine and requested to remain anonymous, says that he is required to pay a 25 percent commission fee per order to a specific delivery company and that the charge him an additional 10 percent per order to deliver the food.

A 30 percent commission average is steep even during 'normal' times, but given the pandemic situation the restaurant industry is finding itself in painful circumstances. According to Uber Eats website, they now charge each new restaurant a \$350 activation fee.

City Council proposed that any third party delivery service can only charge 15 percent to any restaurant within the city. This proposed ordinance is considered an urgency ordinance and requires a majority vote for approval.

These ordinances are being proposed by City Councils throughout the state. Hawaiian Gardens City Manager, Ernie Hernandez has previously issued an emergency executive order to limit price gouging and the City Council has ratified these orders. However these ordinances were only extended by Governor Newsom through September 2020. This urgency ordinance will extend through the City's pandemic emergency status.

The way that the ordinance has been drafted creates a 'private cause of action' for each restaurant owner if a delivery service exceeds the cap for their services. "Now more than ever, we need to support our small businesses and this one way that we can begin to do this. We want as much profit as possible to go to and stay with our restaurants," stated Councilmember Myra Maravilla, "third party deliveries

provide a much needed service, but we need to make this affordable for our restaurants."

A representative from Door Dash stated, "A 15 percent price across the board does not allow us to cover our costs. We can look at having two types of tiers, one that is tied to delivery and another which includes other services, the platform, technology items and customer services."

The goal is to protect the restaurants, having a conversation with both the owners and delivery services, and for restaurants to enforce this ordinance. The ordinance was passed unanimously.

TREES from page 1

for pine tree removals; shift costs for sidewalk and curb repairs to be paid for through other

sources such as Measure M to focus the General Fund appropriation to pine tree removal exclusively; identify funding for any extra work needed such as sidewalk and gutter repairs and identification of the trees which most are in need of removal as a priority.

NORWALK from page 1

of local business and land owners as well as several service providers from the County.

One of the action items the team addressed was to find ways to serve the business and the community during the pandemic. Partnering with the Chamber of Commerce, the Task Force improved the Business Assistance Programs and a implemented a Temporary Outdoor Business Program. To date they have helped over 1,000 businesses and loaned out over \$400,000 to support them during

the pandemic.

During this time while focusing on economic recovery, the Task Force has developed a new online permitting system with an electronic review.

Business friendly code amendments included reduced parking requirements, reduced processing time and cost, making special events easier and less costly and being flexible with signs and banners.

Development process enhancements such as updating the process and procedures and implementing and updating technology were added.

The Building and Safety division has issued 2,730 permits and 600 plan reviews, which is busier than pre-pandemic. New development includes a residential 62-unit apartment building on Pioneer Boulevard and opening a Popeye's, chipotle, Tacos Gavillan and Lee's Sandwiches restaurants with more restaurants opening in the next six months.

Neighborhood enhancements supported rehab assistance for 24 local home owners.

Although there is a lot going on, the Task Force is planning for the future with a Heart of Norwalk Plan, a future vision for Firestone and San Antonio area.

Healthy Communities Strategy will partner with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo student partnership to work toward a healthier Norwalk and plan for the city's future families with a Norwalk Bicycle Master Plan and housing elements.

Please patronize small businesses they need the help right now...and some of them support this newspaper!

WONDERWORD puzzle by David Ouellet. Includes instructions on how to play and a list of words to find: Analyze, Best, Book, Chapter, Class, College, Cram, Data, Defer, Desk, Duty, Easy, Evening, Exam, Eyes, Grades, Hard, Heed, Help, Highlight, Homework, House, Information, Late, Learn, Library, Math, Notes, Numbers, Open, Outline, Paper, Read, Record, Ruler, School, Sheets, Silent, Step, Strain, Task, Teacher, Tedious, Test, Text, Thought, Time, Tutor, Understand, University.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF ALICE MARGRETHA KOOIKER aka ALICE KOOIKER. Case No. 20STPB09713. Includes details about probate proceedings and contact information for Norman Rasmussen Esq.

Solution: 8 letters

Cerritos College Seeks to be COVID Vaccination Site

The effort is supported by seven surrounding cities.

NORWALK ~ While COVID-19 cases continue to reach record high numbers in Los Angeles County, Cerritos College, in collaboration with seven cities the College serves in its district, is seeking to be designated as an official Los Angeles County vaccination site.

Pending the approval of County Supervisors, the College could serve approximately 480,000 residents across 12 cities.

The Southeast Los Angeles region carries more than 25 percent of the population living below the poverty line, and vaccine access and education are critical factors to ensuring the health

and wellness of the communities the College serves.

The effort is supported by the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Lakewood, Norwalk, and South Gate.

Cerritos College continues to serve as a vital lifeline for many families in the region. Since 2017, the College has been an active partner with the L.A. Regional Food Bank to distribute food to students and the community bimonthly.

The College has served more than 21,000 families, distributing 332 tons of food over four years.

Under current public health orders, Cerritos College petitioned the Los Angeles Department of Public Health and County Supervisors to serve as a vaccination site to increase access to residents in the region.

While the College waits for approval, thousands of residents scramble to locate the life-saving vaccine.

“As an institution of higher education, we play an important role in vaccine education and access. The southeast region is disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, but we are here to serve as a vested community partner to aid the region, and help fill in the gap for the underserved communities,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent, Cerritos College. “We hope the County Supervisors will designate our campus to serve as a COVID-19 vaccination site.”

OPTUM Medical Opens in Cerritos



OPTUM local physicians, clinicians and support staff at the newly renamed Optum Medical Clinic located at 13357 South Street in Cerritos mark its transition from HealthCare Partners to Optum during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Photo by Abby Mahler.

Local physicians, clinicians and team members at the 13357 South Street medical clinic in Cerritos recently marked the change of its name from HealthCare Partners to Optum with a ribbon-cutting event. The clinic installed new signage and renovated its patient areas inside.

It's been located in the neighborhood for years and is one of 75 former HealthCare Partners clinics in the Los Angeles region that has changed its name

to Optum. “While our name has changed to Optum, our commitment to care in this community and others we serve throughout the region remains stronger than ever,” said Gina Rocillo, MD, who has worked at the clinic for two years. “Our team is focused on delivering personalized, compassionate and convenient care to our patients and working together to help give back to the communities we serve.”



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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
 PICO RIVERA HOUSING ASSISTANCE AGENCY PHA PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency is a qualified Public Housing Agency (PHA) and is exempt from the requirement to submit an annual plan, but is required to consider recommendations from Section 8 participants at an annual public hearing regarding any changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of the agency identified in the 5-Year Plan for FYs 2020 to 2025.

The Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Board of Commissioners will host a public hearing, have the relevant 5-Year Plan available for review, and invite Pico Rivera Section 8 participants to submit comments. The public hearing will be held as follows:

- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- MAIL:** P.O. Box 1016, Pico Rivera, CA 90660-1016
- TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4347

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the current PHA Plan that identifies goals, objectives, and policies will be available for public examination at the City's webpage listed below:

<http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/housing/default.asp>

Certain provisions of the Brown Act are temporarily waived pursuant to Governor Newson's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-2920. In the interest of public health and safety, City Hall facilities are temporarily closed to the public until further notice. City Council meetings can be viewed live on CTV3 and the City's website at www.pico-rivera.org. If you wish to submit a public comment on this matter, you may do so in advance by email to the City Clerk's Office at publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please provide your full name and reference this subject matter: "Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Plan."

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact Anna Jerome at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

URGENCY ORDINANCE ORD-2021-596U ADOPTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted Urgency Ordinance ORD-2021-596U at the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 26, 2021, and is summarized as follows:

URGENCY ORDINANCE ORD-2021-596U

ADOPT URGENCY ORDINANCE ORD-2021-596U TO TEMPORARILY ADD CHAPTER 9.54 TO TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS, AND WELFARE) OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT PRICE GOUGING BY THIRD PARTY FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES DURING A STATE OF DECLARED EMERGENCY; DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

Notice is hereby given that on January 26, 2021, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens approved, effective immediately, the adoption of Urgency Ordinance ORD-2021-596U adds Chapter 9.54 to Title 9 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), finds the same exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and makes urgency findings and will take effect immediately upon adoption. It proposes a temporary limit on the amount third-party food delivery services can charge during the time of the Local Covid-19 Emergency. Specifically, third-party party food delivery services cannot charge a delivery fee in excess of 15% of the purchase price of any online order and cannot charge a fee in excess of 5% for any other fees, commissions or other costs. Further the ordinance requires third-party food delivery services to clearly list the total price to the customer and requires any tip or gratuity to be paid entirely to the person delivering the food. The ordinance creates a private right of action for violations of the ordinance.

A copy of Urgency Ordinance ORD-2021-596U is on file with the Office of the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. Also, a copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available on the City's website at www.hgcity.org.

The Urgency Ordinance was adopted at the Regular City Council meeting held on the 26th day of January 2021 at 6:00 PM, at the City of Hawaiian Gardens City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

For additional information, contact (562) 420-2641. Ext. 242

The vote was certified as follows:

- AYES:** DEL RIO, MARAVILLA, FARFAN, ALVARADO, ROA
- NOES:** NONE
- ABSENT:** NONE
- ABSTAIN:** NONE

POONAM DAVIS, MMC
 INTERIM CITY CLERK

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City of La Mirada Financial Transaction Report Fiscal Year 2019-20		
	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
REVENUES		
TAXES	32,301,997	-
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,649,095	-
FINES AND FORFEITURES AND USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	4,244,252	337,374
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	3,717,851	-
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	6,136,981	4,277,412
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	64,785	640
	<u>48,114,961</u>	<u>4,615,426</u>
EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,626,143	7,121,600
PUBLIC SAFETY	9,939,044	-
TRANSPORTATION	4,198,533	-
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,352,142	-
HEALTH	343,694	-
CULTURE AND LEISURE	12,901,481	-
DEBT SERVICE	880,012	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,964,272	-
	<u>54,205,321</u>	<u>7,121,600</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(6,090,360)	(2,506,174)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(4,112,707)	-
PROPRIETARY FUND TRANSFERS IN (OUT)	-	4,145,686
SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	-	-
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION	<u>(10,203,067)</u>	<u>1,639,512</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT), BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR	91,133,107	3,563,226
ADJUSTMENTS	-	-
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT), END OF FISCAL YEAR	<u>80,930,040</u>	<u>5,202,738</u>
APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT		123,510,907
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO THE LIMIT		27,358,072

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T.S. No.: 201015295
 Notice Of Trustee's Sale
 Loan No.: 020620 Order No. 95524377 APN: 7003-012-009 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 2/6/2020. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Klaus Goettel, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 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LCCN 2/5, 2/12, 2/19/21

Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca. 90703 on 02/22/2021 at 11:00 am
 Alta Dailey, Home appliances, Clothes, Kids Toys, Dishes, and Sheets; Alicia Berta Melendez, Desk, Washer, and Dryer; Jose Luis Pineda Morales, Household Items; Linda Griffin, Coffee Table, boxes, Clothes, and Tools; Anthony Brittan, Containers; Roger Chong, Household Items; James Williams, Household items
 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. Please publish on 02/05/2021 and 02/12/2021.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

JOSE RIVERA
CASE NO. 21STPB00405

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOSE RIVERA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ARACELI BONILLA RIVERA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARACELI BONILLA RIVERA 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 on MARCH 2, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: "44" located at: 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA Central District

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 formal 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.

PETER A. SAHIN, ESQ., SB# 222207

Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ELECTRICAL SWITCHBOARD REPLACEMENT AT PLANT NO. 3Project number: **50027**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660 up to 2:00 p.m. March 2, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and identification number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer. Time for completion of the Work is one hundred eighty (180) total Calendar Days from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed and shall be inclusive of the procurement time to furnish and install all materials associated with this project.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class "A" or "C10" Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board necessary for the performance of all Work to be performed at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to e-mail their questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials to the City Project Manager until **4:00 pm** on or before **February 22, 2021**. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials submitted after **February 22, 2021** will not be answered. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by **February 25, 2021** as an addendum. It is the Consultant's responsibility to check online for any addenda that are released. Any changes or corrections to the original Bid Documents or any other information that will affect the completion of the award will be disseminated and posted on the City's website (<http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>). **Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal.**

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: Nadia Carrasco

Contact Number: 562-801-4221

E-mail address: ncarrasco@pico-rivera.orgBy: Monica Heredia 1/21/2021

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

CHARLOTTE WALKER
CASE NO. 21STPB00813

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLOTTE WALKER.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/15/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner

BRENDA J. LOGAN - SBN 153164, LAW OFFICES OF BRENDA J. LOGAN, P.C.

400 CORPORATE POINTE, SUITE 300

CULVER CITY CA 90230

2/12, 2/19, 2/26/21

CNS-3438073#

LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 9930-JH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: JB & S CAFÉ LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 18170 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701

Doing Business as: YLCA - ARTESIA, AKA YOGURT LAND

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: NC CELL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION-18170 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LEASE AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT and are located at: 18170 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 25, 2021

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last day for filing claims shall be FEBRUARY 24, 2021, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: JANUARY 22, 2021

BUYER: NC CELL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

BETTY E. TOWNS AKA BETTY TOWNS, BETTY EVELYN TOWNS
CASE NO. 21STPB00195

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BETTY E. TOWNS AKA BETTY TOWNS, BETTY EVELYN TOWNS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MELVIN G. VENABLE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MELVIN G. VENABLE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

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Attorney for Petitioner

JENNIFER N. SAWDAY - SBN 228320, TREDWAY, LUMSDAINE & DOYLE, LLP

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LONG BEACH CA 90806

BSC 219292

1/22, 1/29, 2/5/21

CNS-3432156#

LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE BEST SERVICE CO., ETC VS OKAMOTO, MITSUMASA/ AKIKO

CASE NO: VC032122R

Under a writ of Execution issued on 03/17/20. Out of the L.A. SUPERIOR COURT, NORWALK, of the SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on a judgment entered on 10/15/2002, judgment renewed on 7/9/2008 and 6/26/2018.

In favor of WV SPE 2018-3A, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE and against OKAMOTO, MITSUMASA; OKAMOTO, AKIKO showing a net balance of \$204,268.60 actually due on said judgment. (Amount subject to revision)

I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

LOT 60 OF TRACT 30003 AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 801, PAGES 41 TO 43 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER, REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS.

APN: 7055-020-019

Commonly known as: 12046 BERTHA STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703-7519

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above-described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on 03/03/21, 10:00 AM at the following location.

STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

111 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 125B

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(XXX) This sale is subject to a minimum bid which must exceed \$175,440.58 CCP 704.800(a); and a minimum bid in the amount of \$765,000.00 CCP 704.800(b). (Subject to revision)

Prospective bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders.

Creditor's Attorney

VERUS LAW GROUP, APC

HOLLY WALKER

2623 W. MANCHESTER BLVD.

INGLEWOOD, CA 90305

Dated: 01/05/21

Branch: Los Angeles

ALEX VILLANUEVA, Sheriff

By: MISTY DOUGLAS, Deputy

Operator ID: 533834

Para obtener esta informacion-traduccion en Espanol llame a este numero: (213) 972-3950

NOTE: IT IS A MISDEMEANOR TO TAKE DOWN OR DEFACE A POSTED NOTICE BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE. (Penal Code section 616)

CN974980 VC032122R Jan 22,29, Feb 5, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021018733

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SHIN CAN HELP, 17622 VIERRA, CERRITOS, CA 90703. Registered Owner: SHIN LIU, 17622 VIERRA, CERRITOS, CA 90703. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2020. 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/ SHI LIU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JAN 13, 2021. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26/19

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Save our beaches. Recycle used motor oil and filters.

Recycling keeps hazardous waste out of our water and soil, so we can enjoy a better tomorrow.



Used motor oil and filters are harmful to our water and soil and end up polluting the ocean. When you change your used motor oil, please recycle it at a certified collection center. Do your part for the next generation to enjoy our beautiful beaches.

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2432 S. Indiana St., Commerce, CA 90023

International Repair

4246 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90023

AutoZone

11560 Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670



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