

**LAKEWOOD DOCTORS & STAFF** holding cards expressing their gratitude for the lunch offered by the Lakewood Center, Project Shepherd and Luna Grill.

#### Pico Rivera

## City-Constructed Street 'Parklets' Will Soon Be Evaluated

#### BY BRIAN HEWS

In response to the pandemic, the City of Pico Rivera in November 2020 took a bold step, designing a new parklet in the community using a repurposed shipping container to transform parking spaces in front of a restaurant into an outdoor dining area.

"Parklets invite people to support local businesses and residents by offering new and exciting public facilities," said Steve Carmona, Pico Rivera city manager.

The project evaluation period was scheduled from November to February 14, but it was extended due to the last COVID shut-down.

"We had to extend the period," said Councilman Gustavo Camacho, "the holiday surge forced us to cut the container use."

Painted with bright colors to pay homage to the city's history, the container was placed on Durfee Avenue in front of Brewjeria Company, a family owned pub.

"We've really struggled these last seven months, basically being closed to the public and only offering to go," said Agustin Ruelas, co-founder and president of Brewjeria Company. "Adding this container allowed



**THE PARKLET** in front of Brewjeria in Pico Rivera, the three month evaluation period is near its end. The parklets are re-purposed shipping containers, city officials say the program is doing well.

us to have more seating ... really kind of giving us hope that we can kind of make it through COVID."

The parklet was also made available to the general public to use when Brewjeria is open. creating a structural barrier between cars and the folks inside the parklet.

"We're were excited to share this with our guests and our customers that are coming through. And get to see something new and something awesome," said Ruelas.

"Our parklets are intended to transform small segments of

local streets into "micro-parks" and can be used as outdoor dining spaces," said Camacho.

"They are designed to entice people to support our local businesses by offering new and exciting public facilities alfresco and they come in many shapes, forms and designs. Parklets are also designed with safety as its top priority and will serve as a structural barrier between vehicles on the street and residents enjoying the parklet."

The City also wanted to ensure the parklet was functional and looked good. Muralist Alexis

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## Local Organizations Thank Lakewood Regional Staff for Their Work During Pandemic

#### BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Lakewood Mayor Todd Rogers, local elected officials, and key leaders from the business community gathered at Lakewood Regional Medical Center on Thursday, February 4, to deliver food from Luna Grill to the entire staff of the hospital.

Jennifer Bayer, Communications Manager for LRMC, told HMG-CN, "The Lakewood officials, the Rotary Club, the Lakewood Center, Project Shepherd and Luna Grill offered our staff a token of thanks, it was so nice of the organizations to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all our staff."

Rowen Mecano, Director of Medical, Surgical & Telemetry Services said his team commented on how these moments of praise go such a long way in helping boost spirits during the pandemic, "Just knowing that there is gratitude in the community is enough to light a spark of hope during the most trying of times. We all need to lift each other up."

Members of the Engineering Team thoroughly enjoyed the

## 5G Network Will Cause Senior's Emergency Buttons to Stop Working

#### BY LAURIE HANSON

Emergency alert button devices that seniors and their families have come to rely upon are undergoing a gradual change that could make them no longer operational.

"This is a nationwide issue.," said Chris Holbert, CEO of SecuraTrac, a manufacturer that supplies mobile personal emergency response devices (mPERS) to monitoring companies in the U.S., Canada and select other countries worldwide. "As telecom providers prepare to

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delicious meal telling HMG-CN, "really good food, to just sit back and relax was great."

Mayor Rogers added, "We know that Lakewood's health care workers here at the hospital and other facilities have been working long hours under very stressful conditions to treat people stricken by COVID. We recognize that they are doing their jobs with compassion and care, using all their skills. So we thought on behalf of all the people of Lakewood that we would bring a meal for everyone here as a token of our appreciation for

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## La Mirada Proposes Community Gardens at Frontier Park

#### BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

In a special study session held February 9, La Mirada City Council proposed a Community Garden at Frontier Park.

In 1998 the City committed \$110,000 relocate a to community garden site from its location at La Mirada Activity Center to a portion of land owned by Mount Olive Lutheran Church. A ten year agreement was entered into for land to be available as a community garden accommodating 42 garden plots. An approved 18 month extension was agreed upon in July 2008. The City collected annual fees from gardeners and forwarded the funds to the Church.

The Church informed the City that it would be permanently closing the community garden January 2017. Possible locations for another garden were discussed, but a site was never identified.

Last November staff began to explore establishing a community garden at Frontier Park. A garden could provide access to fresh food and produce, offer physical activity through garden maintenance and improve social connections among residents. A

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**COMMUNITY NEWS** 

# Santa Monica's 'The Art of Recovery' Sets a Good Example

Art of Recovery was launched in November 2020 as part of Santa Monica's economic recovery task force to harness the power of the arts.

BY LOREN KOPFF

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BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

he city of Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division next ' Art of Recovery' project will be implemented throughout Santa Monica in the coming weeks.

A variety of projects by Los Angeles based artists will be unveiled and will focus on celebrating Black History Month, commemorating lives lost to CoVID-19, fostering connection and sharing the experiences of physical distancing over the last year and giving life to imagined choreographies from inside the walls of the California Rehabilitation Center.

Art of Recovery was launched in November 2020 as part of Santa Monica's economic recovery task force to harness the power of the arts in Southern California Communities.

Local artists have been transforming some of the City's most iconic landmarks and public spaces into vibrant works of art that focus on economic recovery, community connectedness and restorative justice as well as public health and safety.

AL FRESCO

Painted barriers guarding outdoor dining areas in the city.

Plain concrete safety barriers lining the al fresco dining and along Main Street have been transformed into public galleries of art and windows have been brought back to life by Bob Baker Marionette Theater and their puppets.

In partnership with Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. public art installations created by local Black artists will be honoring the Black experience and contributions made by African Americans and those of African descent on Third Street Promenade.

Three art installations by A Brilliant dummy, Shplinton and Mira Gandy will highlight the history, diversity, achievements and creativity of Santa Monica's Black community and will be on view from Wednesday February 10 through Monday, March 12, 2021.

Bergamot Station Arts Center features the installation of Rose River Memorial, a project initiated by Building Bridges Art Exchange in collaboration with local Bergamot businesses.

The project was conceived by experiential artist Marcus Lutyens, The exhibition is a collective memorial composed of felt roses made by community members. Each rose honors and acknowledges someone from the Westside of Los Angeles lost to CoVID-19.

The exhibition will become part of a national installation planned for 2022, which will commemorate all of the American lives lost.

Two more installations to be unveiled is a project by Marni Gittleman, ideator and creative consultant shares her piece What's 6 Feet?

To honor, show and share experiences of what six feet apart really means. Undanced Dances Through Prison Walls During a Pandemic is an extension of artist Suchi Branfman's five year choreographic residency within the California Rehabilitation Center.

Throughout the coming year, additional projects across the City will continue to be announced and unveiled on a rolling basis. All Los Angeles County based artist collectives and artists at all stages are eligible to apply

For more information on Art of Recovery, please visit santamonica. gov/arts/artofrecovery.

## CVS to Offer COVID Vaccine in Lakewood

Starting Friday, Feb. 12, about 100 CVS stores in the area will begin administering COVID vaccines by appointment to those currently eligible under county rules, such as those 65 and over in L.A. County. CVS indicates that at least one of its three Lakewood pharmacies will be included in the program.

Appointments are required and will fill quickly, but CVS adds new slots daily, so check back if no slots are available when you initially look. To schedule an appointment, go to www.cvs. com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine. You can also call (800) 746-7287. CVS asks people not to contact individual pharmacies.

CVS says that the vaccine will not cost you anything, but CVS will bill your insurance or the federal government for reimbursement.

There are also limited vaccine doses available at other pharmacies, including Vons, Albertsons, Costco and Ralphs. Check each company's website for the latest information on vaccine supply and how to schedule an appointment.

## Feb. 11 COVID: 160 New Deaths and 3,489 New Cases in L.A.County

There are 3,772 people with COVID currently hospitalized, a reduction of more than 1,000 patients in a week, and 29% of these people are in the ICU. A week ago, on February 4, there were 4,990 people hospitalized. This is still more than 4 times higher than pre-surge daily hospitalizations when between mid-September and late-October, the daily number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 was under 800 people.

With continued widespread transmission of the virus in L.A. County, Public Health urges everyone to take extra measures to protect each other as the Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day holidays approach.

Of the 160 new deaths, 39 people who passed away were over the age of 80, 58 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, 33 people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and 11 people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49. Twelve deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach and two deaths were reported by the City of Pasadena.



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## ENABLE COOKIES TO BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

t's that time of the year again! Girl Scout cookie season is in full swing, but this year because of the pandemic, the girls are getting creative when it comes to their cookie sales.

"My troop we are doing flyers instead of going door-todoor," explained Rachel Ward, a Girl Scout Cadet. "We've done only 75 so far and really it's more word to word, like my sister and my mom have been telling people about my online cookie page and that's worked more than the flyers."

An online cookie page during this digital age is helping these girls continue to conduct business in a safe way.

"The public is normally used to going to local grocery stores and those kinds of places to see the girls," stated Michele Kuhns, Troop Leader. "It's more about getting the word out about the digital cookie link or if they can make contacts through email or a phone call with a girl to place an order."

But it's on online sales that are proving to be popular in this pandemic.

"Mainly my parents have been passing out an online code to people at work who usually buy from me so they can buy from my online cookie store," said Kathryn Powell.

If you know a Girl Scout you can have her send you a link that will direct you to a virtual cookie sheet. There, not only can you read about your favorite Girl Scout cookies, but you can place an order in a matter of minutes. But if you don't know a specific Girl Scout and want to donate to a local troop, you can do that online

"We have a find the cookies and you can put in your zip code and it brings up a troop that is local to that zip code and you can order cookies right from their troop link," stated Amanda Allen, Director of Product and Retail Sales for Girl Scouts.





Order Online: local troops are adapting to COVID restrictions.

The proceeds go to help fund the girl's projects, programs, and summer camps here.

while selling cookies is pretty sweet, Girl Scouts offers so much more.

Local Girl Scouts made scarves for those in need

"If definitely helped boost my confidence," said Ward. "Because when I went into Girl Scouts, I was a little shy because I didn't know anyone. And then after being there for the first meeting, I started making new friends in school and it just really helped me with my confidence level."

If you would like to help the organization, you have until mid-April to order Girl Scout cookies online

## **Veg Pakora Tacos: 2021 Kitchen Queen Competition**



**WINNERS:** (from l-r) Parimal Shah, Sonita-Sona Jhangiani, Jayshri Patel, Tej Mandalia, Smita Vasant and Yagnesh Patel.

#### BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The competition was fierce, almost like a virtual Foodnetwork show.

The Artesia Kitchen Queen competition for 2021 was won by Tej Mandalia and her delicious Veg Pakora Tacos.

Harshlata Mandalia, who won first runner up with her Schezwan Muthia said, "It has been such a pleasure taking part in the competition - the additional lovely ceremony we had has been equally enjoyable. Thank you to Smita Vasant, Parimal Shah, Yagnesh Patel and all the wonderful sponsors for your very kind and generous gifts, and once again, thank you for choosing me as a Kitchen Queens 2021 runner up.

"Equal heartfelt congratulations to my fellow participants, it has been wonderful sharing this platform with you! I shall treasure the experience and the wonderful presents for a long time." Second runner up was Sonita-Sona Jhangiani with her version of Paneer Makhni Pasta.

"Thank you to all of the Kitchen Queens who participated in the first very exciting virtual Kitchen Queens Competition 2021," stated Smita Vasant, local business woman and Kitchen Queens founder, "kudos to everyone who participated with your amazing and creative dishes. They were all spectacular and inspiring!"

Funds generated by Kitchen Queens competitions will be donated to the Cerritos College Culinary Department.

Vasant wanted to thank all the sponsors who graciously donated generous gifts and making the event a special competition for the winners. "I'd also like to send a shout out to Sonita for bringing her delicious Rasmalai and Gulab Jamun cupcakes from Caked By Sona and to our last year's Kitchen Queen Jayshri Patel for being there to crown the 2021 Queen."



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BY DANIEL SUAREZ JR., TALON MARKS

Three Cerritos College police officers, four campus employees, one contractor and one student account for the nine COVID-19 cases reported by school officials in 2021. Since Cerritos College closed in March of last year, the campus has reported 26 total cases.

Each reported case was at one point physically on campus, but it is uncertain whether or not they contracted the virus on site. There have been no reports of resulting deaths.

When campus first closed, cases were scarce reported, with just five in the first eight months. A trend starting in November shows a major increase in monthly cases, with three in that month and 10 in December.

Six cases were announced the first month of 2021, followed by another three in the first two weeks of February. Announcements of each reported case are found on the school's website under the COVID-19 tab.

According to these reports, January shows two campus police officers had tested positive and were reported on the same day. Then on the 11th, a contractor on the Performing Arts Center project tested

The two of the four reported employees were reported in January, one a warehouse employee and the other an employee from the Student Health Services department.



SINCE CERRITOS COLLEGE closed in March of last year, the campus has reported 26 total cases. Six cases were announced the first month of 2021, followed by another three in the first two weeks of February. Photo by Edgar Mendoza.

In February, reports show another employee from the Child Development Center and one from the Wood Working program. On Monday, the college announced the third positive case in the campus police department.

The COVID-19 page indicates that the campus will remain partially open in the Fall 2021 semester for a limited number of Career Technical Education students. However, President and Superintendent Jose Fierro weighed the option of a "soft return" if possible.

A video posted last year on the Cerritos College YouTube channel shows students in the Dental Hygiene and Culinary Arts programs.

"We've accepted less students this year.. So we can have lab classes of just 10, and we can safely distance students in those labs," said Adelle Kramer, director of Dental Hygiene.

Los Angeles County health officials are vaccinating at higher rates, with eligibility expanding to people over 65 as part of phase 1B. The later part of this phase will expand eligibility to those working in education and childcare, emergency services, food and agriculture.

Campus officials have also expressed interest in having a vaccine distribution site via drive-thru at the college as soon as county health officials allowed it.

"If all of the logistical issues can be worked out with the county, distribution of the vaccine on campus could begin as early as next week," said Dr. Fierro, Cerritos College President.

Deaths, hospitalizations and testing positivity rate have declined steadily in California in recent weeks, prompting Governor Gavin Newsom to allow restaurants to resume outdoor dining operations.

## **NLMUSD Launches Early College Program**

STAFF REPORT

The Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District is partnering with Cerritos College to launch the district's Early College Program in the 2021-2022 school year. The Program will provide high school students the opportunity to fulfill all college general education requirements on their path to earning a high school diploma.

The program will be open to all incoming 9th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year and is available to students from within the district as well as from surrounding areas. The

courses during the school day along with their high school classes. Students will complete over 40 general education units which will be transferrable to UC and CSU schools and will not incur any costs for tuition, fees, or textbooks. The Early College Program is offered free to all participating students.

"The addition of the Early College Program provides an excellent opportunity for our students to accomplish their educational goals and instill confidence in their future. I am beyond proud and grateful for our partnership with Cerritos College," said Karen Morrison, NLMUSD Board President.

The college courses, taught by Cerritos College professors, will equate to an approximate tuition savings of \$26,000 for students who complete the program, the equivalent to satisfying the freshman and sophomore level general education requirements at the UC and CSU campuses.

John M. Lopez, Superintendent of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District stated, "This program provides an amazing opportunity for our students and is another example of the strong partnership we have with Cerritos College. The ability to complete college credits while in high school will set our students up for success after graduation."

Parent information meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in both English and Spanish. Additional information can be found on the NLMUSD website at nlmusd.org.





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Local cities such as Artesia, Hawaiian Gardens, Buena Park, and Diamond Bar have done it, the cities of Los Angeles and New York also, but when it comes to capping third-party delivery service fees charged to Cerritos businesses, Mayor Naresh Solanki, Mayor pro tem Chong Vo and Councilman Bruce Barrows have dragged their feet.

At the January 14 meeting, Councilman Frank Yokoyama brought the issue up but the three, who always vote in tandem, refused to hear the issue.

Who knows what they're waiting for since several cities in the area have implemented that price gouging cap, and that's what it is, price gouging during a pandemic.

There was a group of restaurants that petitioned the L.A. City Council to refrain from capping fees, but the group was put together by the delivery service Postmates.

The usage of third-party delivery services has skyrocketed since the beginning of the pandemic, and like any new industry, there are very few regulations.

## **Cap Third Party Delivery Fees Cerritos**

BY BRIAN HEWS

Third party delivery services charges are based on the total bill and they have two charges; a percentage fee for delivery and another percentage fee for order pick up. UberEats charges a whopping 45% for

Big box stores have reacted by establishing their own delivery service, local mom and pops stores can't do that.

Next to payroll, food costs are the highest expenses incurred by a restaurant, adding 45% would likely prohibit restaurants from using delivery companies, causing them to lose business to other restaurants.

And for restaurants that's hard to get the business back, because they lose market share permanently; customers find food that is just as good or better.

In the long run this will hurt Cerritos financially with loss of revenues from the General Fund. Is that good for the city? Obviously not.

Why are Solanki, Vo, and Barrows dragging their feet? Is there some thoughts that if they cap delivery fees somehow it will cut into the city's tax revenue?

It's the same myopic views they had for the city's tax increase, where would the city be now if that passed?

In this paper's opinions Solanki has a conflict of interest because he owns a chain of supermarkets which are competitors to restaurants, therefore he should recuse himself from the issue.

Other cities around Cerritos have implemented a cap, so Cerritos residents can now buy from restaurants and stores from those cities and enjoy a savings.

In this time of a pandemic cities, who are getting help from the federal government now that a competent president is in charge, should help their local business base any way they can.

Step up Solanki, Vo, and Barrows and help out the mom and pop stores in

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> Comments can be sent to editor@cerritosnews.net

## Letter from the Mayor Artesia Kept a **Balanced Budget Despite the Pandemic**

BY MAYOR RENE TREVINO

I am excited to share with you some of the ways the city of Artesia has been working to keep services running and finances in strong shape as we look forward to the end of the CoVID-19 pandemic in the coming months.

Last summer, the City Council approved a balanced budget for the City

for the seventh consecutive year and we continue to be debt free. Prudent financial management over the last several years has allowed us to achieve that goal, despite seeing a \$2 million loss of revenue due to CoVID-19 and increased costs; all that without cutting city services or laying off

In the last quarter of 2020, some revenue came in that was higher than expected and allowed us to replenish funds drawn from our reserves to help balance the budget. The city's reserves remain over 100 percent of our annual budget. We are grateful for a record of strong financial management that allows us to keep providing services and expanding services to our residents.

This past year the City has put a lot of work into ensuring that our community

makes it through this pandemic in good shape. Artesia was one of the first cities in the region to put in place our own commercial and residential eviction moratoriums, put in place an anti-price gouging measure and organize delivery of groceries and meals to seniors throughout the City.

We hosted a virtual and drive through events during the holidays, held numerous food distributions and our Holiday Winter Wonderland drive through event was a huge success.

As we await the roll out of the vaccines throughout the spring and summer of 2021, we look forward to continuing to serve the community and offer inventive services, classes and celebrations to the city of Artesia.

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#### Re: Open Schools **Dear Editor:**

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

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

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

To reopen schools for in-person instruction, the state must ensure all employees required to report in person have been provided the opportunity to

be vaccinated before students return to campus. The vaccine distribution should prioritize educators in schools already open and schools in communities with high transmission rates.

We must take a comprehensive and data-driven approach to reopening schools that includes addressing community spread. After all, no matter how safe of a bubble we put around our schools, the students and staff inside go home at the end of the day. If mitigation efforts are inadequate in the community, the risk of it being brought back to school increases significantly.

Sincerely, Jackie Kimmell

#### **Re: Trump Riot Dear Editor:**

We all saw the insurrection and sedition aimed at the legislative branch of government. We wish that Donald Trump would not have inspired it, but we all in our hearts know that he did. Senate Republicans are as much on trial for how they vote, as is Trump. This must never happen again! But if the Senate fails to convict, there may be another want to be desperate who next time succeeds!

Gregory Amour

#### **Dear Editor:**

My name is Ronald and I am a musician in Lakewood. I strongly believe Donald Trump must be convicted and disqualified from running for office ever again.

As you know, The House impeached Trump for his incitement of an armed insurrection against the U.S. government to throw out the results of the presidential election. It is time for the Senate to act.

Moreover, the House drew a clear red line that Trump's behavior warranted impeachment. If he's convicted in the Senate, Trump can be forever barred from holding public office again. The Senate must hold Donald Trump accountable for his attack on our democracy and the rule of law. Furthermore, our democracy must emerge stronger from this crisis.

I demand that our Senators vote for conviction and disqualification of former president Donald Trump.

Ronald Dibble











## **Cerritos College Secures Grant for Teacher-TRAC**

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Cerritos College's Teacher Training Academy [Teacher TRAC] is a national award winning teacher preparation program that serves students interested in teaching early childhood, elementary, secondary or career technical education

The Teacher TRAC Center and Counseling Team are dedicated to assisting students on their path to becoming a teacher. Each pathway has program counselors that help students with their educational planning and needs.

In partnership with the Center for Collaborative Education [CCE], El Camino College and Rio Hondo College, the TRAC program received a \$9 million grant to advance the equity in teacher representation. This grant will be distributed over the next three years by the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of underrepresented groups.

The prestigious Supporting Effective Educator Development grant was awarded to only 12 out of 120 applicants in the United States. Teacher TRAC will receive approximately \$900,000 over the next three years to contribute to setting up the Community Partnerships for Teachers Pipeline.

The Teachers Pipeline will increase teacher diversity in local Los Angeles communities and will improve outcomes for disproportionally impacted students in local public schools. Students will be provided with a certified teacher mentor in preK-12 or community college, a

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success coach, workshops and hands on classroom experiences while taking pre credential coursework.

The program includes a focus on special education, early childhood education and STEM teaching roles. The Pipeline will ultimately serve as a model for teachers pipelines nationwide ensuring that students and teachers across the country have what they need to succeed.

"We are thrilled to be part of the CPTP project, which will expand opportunities for our Teacher TRAC students and assist us in our efforts to diversify the teaching force in our local classrooms. This project will be critical in meeting this demand and addressing the needs of the students in our community," said Colleen McKinley, director of Educational Partnerships and Programs at Cerritos College.

The program has provided more than 2,000 students with a seamless transition to earning a bachelor's degree and teaching credential at universities including California State University, Long Beach. To date Teacher TRAC has trained more than 800 teachers who work across Southern California and nationally, and has regional partnerships with five districts and 44 schools.

### La Mirada Resident Hits the Century Mark

By Tammye McDuff

"We have a very special guest with us this evening," began Mayor John Lewis, "Bernard Benedict James, who was born in St Louis, Missouri on February 7, 1921 and was one of eight children."

Although James was born in the south his father moved the family to Chicago, Illinois, where he was accepted into Lane Tech College Prep High School, a very selective enrollment magnet high school, known as a school of champions with a tradition of excellence since 1908.

Drafted into the United States Army at 24, James served in a segregated unit in England. Like many of his fellow black service men at the time, James faced harsh discriminatory treatment from commanding officers. For James it was exhibited when he was unjustly court marshaled for mutiny. After serving for two years James received a presidential pardon from Harry Truman. James was then sent to serve in Italy, continuing to fighting during the final months of World War II.

After leaving the armed forces James began classes at University of Michigan and served as a volunteer at a Catholic service organization called Friendship House, where he met Florence Ella Fitzgerald and married her in 1949.

Taking a job at Boeing, the James family moved to La Mirada in 1959. His term with Boeing led him to become part of the team for the Apollo Space Program. When asked about his part in putting a man on the moon James replied, "... and we brought them back too ...". He played an integral part in the Voyager and Viking Space Projects. After leaving the space program, James taught math at USC and Cal State Long Beach.

City Council also awarded James with the National Black History Month



CENTENARIAN Bernard Benedict James with Mayor John Lewis and the City Council

proclamation stating "The city of La Mirada recognizes and values diversity, equity and inclusion within our community and embraces all ages, races, religions and genders. Black History Month is a time where all citizens are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of Black communities and to look to the future to ensure freedom."

Black History Month can be traced back to 1926 when the writer and scholar Dr. Carter Woodson known as the father of Black history, began an annual week long observance to help rectify the omission of Black Americans from history books.

In his leisure time, James became a gourmet chef and learned six different languages. The James couple raised ten children and four grandchildren in La Mirada



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**A WHITE LEXUS** after it crashed into a house on Tweedy Lane in Downey, the driver had minor injuries.

## Crime Summary Cerritos

#### Robbery

A female victim was walking through a parking lot at Los Cerritos Center on Wednesday 01/27 when one suspect walked up to her and forcibly took her purse. The victim struggled, but then released her purse when she was threatened with violence. The suspect then escaped into a vehicle driven by an accomplice.

#### **Aggravated Assault**

A male suspect was arrested on Tuesday 01/26 in the 10800 block of Alondra Boulevard for strangling a female who he was in a relationship with. The male was arrested.

#### Burglary

Tues 01/26 a maintenance shop metal door was pried open in the 12600 block of Artesia Boulevard approximately 5:00 pm in the evening and tools were taken. A window was shattered on Sunday 01/31 between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm at a hospital located in the 10900 block of College Place, there were no reported items taken and on Thursday 01/28 unreported items were taken from a new store at 12800 Towne Center Drive, both suspects were arrested.

#### Grand Theft

A list of electronics was taken by two male suspects from a store at 11400 South Street on Wednesday 01/27. That following Thursday, 01/28 four other businesses suffered losses on Bloomfield Ave [alcohol and bedding] and Moore Street [speaker system]. Two additional suspects were arrested attempting to steal a catalytic converter from the parking lot of Los Cerritos Center that same day. A tailgate from a Toyota Tacoma was removed from the vehicle on Sunday 01/31 and please be aware of 'offer up' scams, a male suspect attempted to sell stolen watches to a jewelry store at Los Cerritos Center.

Grand theft auto occurred the weekend of 01/30 on the block of 13400 Moore Street of a Rav4 Toyota vehicle. It has not been recovered.

#### Vehicle Burglary

Four reports were made from 01/26 to 01/29 in the City of Cerritos. A Mercedes / Azzo 2019 had the front driver window shattered and was missing a bag and face mask on Vickie Avenue. On Thursday 01/28 Honda Civic reported a missing Visa and Passport and a Toyota Camry reported a rear passenger window smashed to steal a texture sprayer. At a local business on 183rd a Meco Truck Trailer Container reported hover boards stolen on Friday 01/29.

#### City of Downey

Several traffic collisions have been reported over the last two days, but with

one collision involving a white four door crashing into a structure on Tweedy Lane.

Although the Downey PD Gang Unit's primary focus is investigating gang related matters, their mission is the same of everyone to keep Downey safe. An example of their ongoing efforts to keep the city safe, was the morning of January 14 two gang detectives conducted a traffic stop on an individual they believed to be suspicious. Upon further investigation, the detectives discovered the driver had a loaded unregistered shotgun and a sizeable amount of illegal drugs in his vehicle with him. The driver, an adult male from Los Angeles was a convicted felon several times over and has been on a multitude of felony charges.

#### La Mirada

#### **Notable Arrests**

A suspect wanted in connection to an assault with a deadly weapon was arrested based on the investigative efforts of the La Mirada Special Assignment

A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of a suspect for possession of narcotics for sale and carrying a concealed weapon.

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

#### Robbery

An early morning robbery was reported on the 14000 block of Valley View Ave. An armed suspect stole a purse from a victim and fled in a vehicle out of view. No injuries were reported during the incident.

#### **Aggravated Assault**

A known suspect was detained and arrested after assaulting a victim with a candle stick holder on the 15200 block of Matisse Cir. The victim was treated for her injuries.

#### Other Structure Burglary

A late-night window smash burglary was reported on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy. The exact loss is yet to be determined.

A storage unit was broken into on the 15000 block of Alondra Blvd.

#### Grand Theft

Eight tires were stolen from vehicles on the 15000 block of Northam St.

#### **Grand Theft Auto**

A van was reported stolen on the 14600 block of Fairvilla Dr.

A sedan was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Imperial Hwy.

An attempt vehicle theft of a truck was reported on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

A stolen SUV was recovered on the 14300 block of Plantana Dr.

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## Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education Seat

Deadline for submission is Feb. 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of board member Jude Cazares, who resigned on February 1, 2021.

His term on the Board of Education expires in November 2022.

Those interested can find the application on the front page of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District website at www.nlmusd.org



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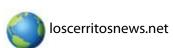
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View From The Couch

## View dream cars online at a place fueled by imagination

The Museum offers n the corner of Wilshire and Fairfax in the educational support to students and teachers building with cars through their new fueled by imagination in a place of dreams that can now be viewed distance learning program offering free coloring sheets and worksheets.

BY LAURIE HANSON

"Being the executive director of the world's premier automotive museum is a dream come true — the perfect merger of my various business experiences and my life passion," said Terry L. Karges, Sr., who has been with Petersen Automotive Museum since 2012.

"I've had a passion for automobiles all my life and developed a fascination for racing cars and motorcycles early on," he said. It was while a young boy, after **ICONIC PETERSEN** 

The museum quickly pivoted to virtual programming when they had to close their doors,

his family moved from Joliet, Illinois to Southern California, that Karges attended his first car race, The Torrey Pines Road Race in 1955.

"[It] felt like the American dream personified — to see, hear, and smell the most spectacular race cars took my breath away!" he said. As Karges attended more car events, it opened his eyes and became apparent that he wanted to spend his life immersed in the epicenter of the car culture in Southern California.

"The fire was lit, and I was hooked," he said. "Cars and the racing culture became my passion. I knew I would spend my life involved with the automotive

It was through his passion and life experiences in motorsports, theme-park entertainment business knowledge from working at Walt Disney and Sea World, and his work for Roush Performance, an automotive manufacturing firm, that eventually led to his position at Petersen's.

With the foresight of Petersen's Board of Directors, Karges said the museum had already planned to invest in digital content to broaden their reach outside of Los Angeles just prior to the COVID-19 Safer at Home Order in March. Through Deputy Director/COO Michael Bodell and the marketing team, the museum quickly pivoted to virtual programming when they had to close their doors, according to Karges.

"Our museum staff began providing digital experiences by creating new, innovative programs to educate enthusiasts and students worldwide," he said. "We are excited to continue developing new virtual,



streaming, and video offerings with educational and enthusiast-focused content.

"Although these times have been challenging, I'm happy to say that we have not been forced to lay off or furlough staff members thanks to our team's hard work, leadership, and the unending support of our board of directors," Karges added. "Within two days of the closure, we were livestreaming tours."

Three of their newest exhibits debuted right away and included, "Supercars: A Century of featured in the exhibits and The Vault presented Spectacle and Speed," which showcases the evolution of supercars and stars the most desirable poster cars of the last century. Another exhibit

competition, recreational and utilitarian off-

roading vehicles. Their "Redefining Performance"

exhibit highlights Porsche's transfer of technology

from the track to the road

conditions, features 11 custom

have the chance to see some of the finest sports cars, collector cars, Hollywood movie cars, race cars, and motorcycles in The Vault, which presents the history of these spectacular vehicles," he added. "It is exciting that guests "We felt this was the perfect opportunity can now capture part of the Petersen's legacy and

to create a fun, virtual experience for our fans and enthusiasts to view the exhibits from their homes," he said. "By offering digital experiences for our fans, we are seeing immense progress and

connecting with new enthusiasts daily.' Although the exhibits are closed to the public right now, fans and enthusiasts can go to the Petersen's YouTube channel and watch their twoplus-hour virtual collection tour. The tour, hosted by Michael Bodell, showcases more than 200 cars

by Hagerty. The Vault is an exhibit space that is deep beneath the museum, with

three floors

featuring

more than

250 vehicles

from around

the world,

according

"Our guests

to Karges.

Mechanical Institute" exhibit. "Each exhibit provides guests of all ages with something unique and exciting they haven't seen before," he explained. "They'll experience futuristic and dystopianinspired vehicles and the dynamic feeling of racing cars and learning about science and vehicle design while racing against Pixar's most famous animated Pixar character, Lightning McQueen."

The exhibit is one of the most popular

along with Science Fiction and Fantasy

see cars that most enthusiasts have never

seen before, and now with our virtual vault

tours, they can watch from the comfort of

digital Vault tours, educational virtual

field trips, YouTube garage tour series,

and virtual global cars and coffee events

to allow our fans to connect with other car

"We present new and exciting exhibits

enthusiasts globally, said Karges.

staff and community."

The museum has successfully launched

and the Forza Racing Experience.

their own home."

By the end of 2020. Petersen Museum had given 91M virtual tours, debuted 18 never-before-seen vehicles, launched five brand new exhibits, and covered 3,000-plus years of history through virtual experiences

HOLLYWOOD DREAM MACHINE | on their Carstories blog, according to however, their new virtual school

our global audience — 60 percent of our viewers connect with us from outside the country!" he exclaimed. "By using technologically advanced storytelling capabilities, our guests can deepen their understanding of the technical aspects of and future of the industry."

Automotive Museum does is provide educational support to students and teachers throughout the world. Their new distance learning program started with offering free, downloadable coloring sheets and worksheets. It led to the development of a new distance

every year, and we have no intention of slowing down now," he added. "We work three years in advance, so we will continue to provide innovative exhibits, virtual events, car builds, and tours. The museum plans to develop new and exciting content for digital platforms while supporting our Out of all that the Petersen Museum

showcases, Karges thinks the three most popular ongoing exhibits are "Hollywood Dream Machines: Vehicles of Science Fiction and Fantasy," "Forza Motorsport program, made possible by Hammertime's Racing Experience," and the "Cars Global Education Program. The program allows students, teachers, and parents to

> educators, according to Karges. nitiative is to deepen students' knowledge and connection to topics covered in their classrooms, including science, history, performing arts, English language arts, visual arts, and digital literacy," he

up close to students and teachers. Now, and follow them on social media.

tours educate and connect students on "One of the exciting byproducts of a broader scale safely. They also serve these virtual offerings has been expanding as an educational resource throughout the community. In the past prior to the pandemic, they offered a free bus ride program for local underserved students grade K-12 for educational tours.

"We are thrilled to offer students and teachers our educational resources," the automobile as well as the inventiveness said Karges. "We will strive to continue to give them the ability to learn about A large part of what Petersen automotive history in an enjoyable and safe environment.'

Looking forward to the future, Karges sets his sights on exceeding all museum guests' expectations. He is proud that the museum was voted this year as

the world's best automotive



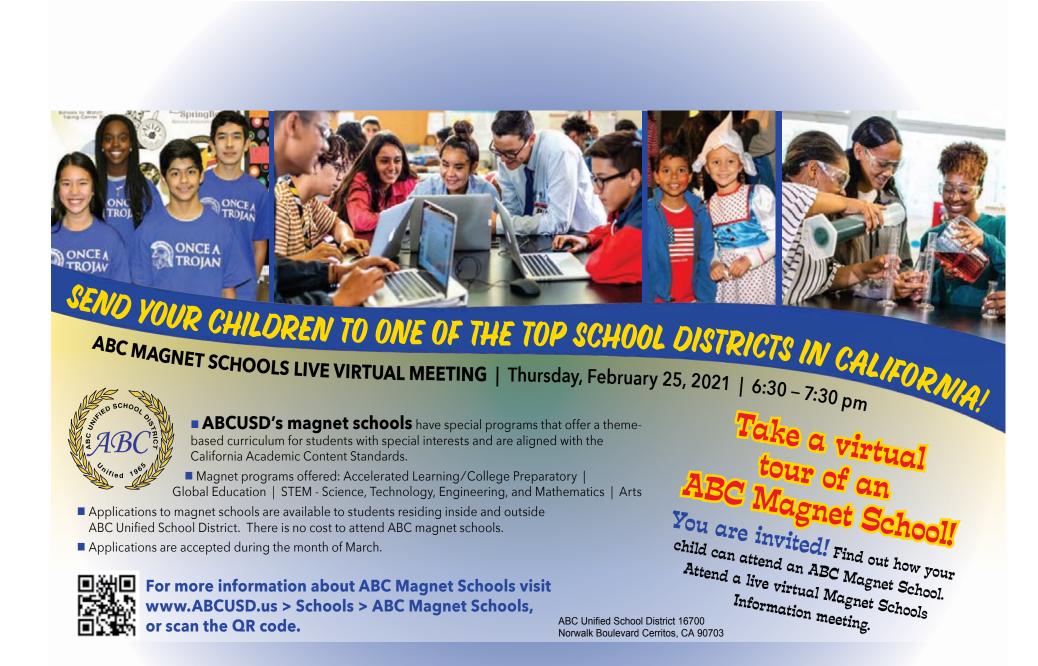
"Part of the museum's education

In the past, the museum offered facilitated in-person tours, school, and

museums for a second time in learning five years, and how it also became a global brand and entity.

"We wish to be considered The Center of Automotive thought here in California participate in custom virtual guided tours and provide extraordinary educational with activities facilitated by museum opportunities to students and young adults long into the future," he said. "We will attract and develop talented staff, refine and build our world-class collection, showcase groundbreaking exhibits, educate and inspire students of all ages, and lead the discussion on the automobile's future."

The museum is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information about their online programming, please visit www.petersen. org, and sign up for the newsletter. You can community visits where they brought cars also subscribe to their YouTube channel,





**OLYMPIC LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY** 

## Valley Christian cross country squads open '20-'21 season in winning fashion

The girls team, winners of nine consecutive league championships from 2010-2018, is limited this year with only seven runners. **BY LOREN KOPFF @LORENKOPFF ON TWITTER** 

country season was supposed to start in a normal year, Valley Christian High hosted the first of two Olympic League cluster meets last Saturday morning. In this unprecedented season because of the global pandemic, the cross country season was to have started in late December and this meet was originally scheduled to take place on Jan. 20.

But with cleared waivers, extensive protocols put in the place and the green light given by the CIF-Southern Section, the first athletic event of any area high school went off without a hitch and V.C. took advantage of the situation. The Lady Defenders got by Maranatha High 29-36 and about a half an hour later, the V.C. boys had an easier time, defeating Heritage Christian High 24-47.

"I'm so elated; it's been a long year, period," said V.C. first-year head coach Craig Henry. "When we first went on this quarantine thing last March, we were in track season and they cancelled track season. I felt so sorry for these kids, especially the seniors. All of this is

VC HIGH girls cross country team prepares to kick off the 2020-2021 season. From left to right: freshman Juliet Chang, sophomore Katherine Padilla, junior Sophia Moreno, junior Meg Pheifer, senior Angie Prieto and sophomore Wesli Oeh. The Lady Defenders won the cluster meet. picking up 29 points.

going on and it stings and it's not in their control. It's just been rough and I'm just glad these kids are able to get out safely, get some sunshine, get some athletic training in [and] get some relief from the stresses of life. It's not normal right now. yet, but it's getting better."

V.C. was cleared to start practicing on July 7, but the high school was locked down a week later and the program didn't start up again until November, but on a limited basis, according to Henry.

Before the pandemic, V.C. had been training five to six days a week and up until two weeks ago, the program had not been training five days a week; it had been training only Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"It's been sporadic; the training," Henry said. "I'm so surprised that these kids did so well. We just try and go by what the CIF rules tell us to do." Henry said. "I tell the kids nothing is set in stone and right now. We have to roll with the punches, and we have to just pray about our season and what we can control and what we can't control. And what we can't control, we're not going to worry about it. We're just going to enjoy being out when we can and then if we can't, we The girls team, which had won nine

consecutive league championships from 2010-2018, is limited this year with only seven runners. The Lady Defenders do not have a junior varsity team this season and one of the varsity runners was not present due to a dental appointment. In the past, V.C. has had a junior varsity team and a varsity team. Still, V.C. was able to get a strong performance as five of the six runners officially finished within the top 11. Village Christian High's Sophia Harvey won the race with a time of 21:25. But she was one of three runners from her school. Right behind her were sophomore Wesli Oeh, who had a time of 21:48, and junior Sophia Moreno, who clocked in at 22:30. Oeh is picking up where she left off last season when she came in third place in the league finals, only to be beaten by Harvey and another Village Christian runner, Mia Barnett, who is nationally ranked.

"You worry when you're limited like that," Henry said. "But I saw all the other teams limited as well and I imagine some parents are afraid to bring their kids out.





They understand that we've followed the COVID protocol strictly and we make sure that these kids just have a young team.'

from Maranatha because of the running from sophomore Katherine Padilla, who is running cross country for the first time. When Henry saw her placing well, he knew V.C. had a chance to win. He added that he knew it was going to be close because Maranatha looked good. Padilla was the team's fifth runner to cross the finish line at 26:48, barely edging Maranatha's fifth runner, Abigail Tu, who came in at 26:52.

Freshman Juliet Chang placed sixth with a time of 24:42 and three spots later was junior Meg Pheifer at 26:07. The final V.C. runner to compete was senior Angie Prieto, who had a time (18:26) and Pedro Ventura (18:30). of 28:56.

The race featured only 26 runners with V.C., Maranatha and Heritage Christian (62 points) fielding at least six runners. Village Christian had three runners while Whittier Christian High had a pair of competitors.

The boys race was a little more complete with three schools fielding seven runners and another school having six runners. The strength of V.C.'s

easy win over Heritage Christian.

"We had a good race, and to tell you the truth, are safe when they're out here participating. We two of my varsity boys did not run varsity today; they ran j.v.," Henry said. "We're going to be fine; Henry said he saw the team break away the team is going to be really well. [Junior] Daniel Koops is just so talented. I think that he's a little disappointed that he let [Heritage Christian's] Dylan Brown get ahead of him. But I think he's going to try to correct that next time. So, it's going to be exciting."

> Brown was the overall winner at 16:11 with Koops coming in second place with a time of 16:43. But, the Defenders would own the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh spots, led by sophomore Matthew Kubler (17:51). The transfer from Mayfair High was followed by junior Caleb Wojciechowski (18:20) and seniors Isaac Rubio

> Sophomores Peter Kolotian and Steven Nour rounded out V.C.'s team, finishing in 10th place (19:56) and 12th place (20:11) respectively.

> Maranatha picked up 66 points and Village Christian had 97 points. Whittier Christian had only four runners.

"I would have liked to have all the teams have the sufficient amount of runners," Henry said. "But I totally understand. Some of the parents top five runners propelled the Defenders to the had some concerns about [the runners] coming

THE FIRST Olympic League girls meet of the season gets started on the VC High campus. Sophomore Wesli Oeh (fifth from the right) officially came in first place, but was the second runner to cross the finish line with a time of 21:48.

to the meet. So, that's the reason why they didn't have enough runners to participate. Hopefully when they see how well the meet was run today and how safe we are, and I told them that the COVID protocols would be in full effect, that perhaps they'll allow them to run at the next meet. But we just have to see." Most of the runners arrived in vehicles as there were no more than one or two school busses and they had to report to

VC HIGH first-year head coach Craig Henry gives final instructions to the 31 boys cross country runners during the first Olympic League cluster meet of the season. V.C. won by 23 points over Heritage Christian as junior Daniel Koops claimed second place with a time of 16:43.

the start line with their masks on. However, if they were comfortable with pulling them down to their necks, they could do so, according to Henry.

Henry, who is retired, was the previous head coach at Covina High before coming to V.C. where he had been the program's assistant coach the past three seasons. He said he would have preferred to remain as an assistant at V.C. He takes over for former head coach Christina Dekker.

"When Christina, because of her family obligations...she needed to leave and step away and there was no one else to coach, especially with what's going on now these days," Henry said. "They couldn't get anyone else to coach. So, for that reason, I was glad to step in and take the place of Christina.

"She was there today," he continued. "We miss her. She's a really good lady; a really good coach. So, we miss her. She comes around to help, but she does have family obligations and that's the reason why she had to leave."

The next league meet will be on Feb. 20, also on the V.C. campus. The other courses that the league uses, which are Craig Park in Fullerton and Hansen Dam, the home course for Heritage Christian, are currently closed for athletic events. Cross country is the only fall season sport cleared to play in all but five counties in the state. The other five have been cleared to play other sports in addition to cross country.

## La Mirada Proposes Memorial Benches



A BENCH from a park in Alameda, the proposed benches would be similar to the style of bench at Creek Park, which was donated by La Mirada Community Foundation.

#### BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Periodically the city of La Mirada receives requests for the placement of memorial items. In response to these requests it has been recommended that a Memorial Bench Program be developed. Memorial benches have gained a rise in popularity and are a touching way to pay tribute to residents who have passed away or had a positive impact on the community.

The proposed program would have an application process, with the applicants name and contact information, name of resident to be remembered, name of park, general location in the park and desired inscription for a bronze plaque. Each bench would require a \$2,000 payment for the bench, concrete slab and plaque.

The proposed benches would be similar to the style of bench at Creek Park, which was donated by La Mirada Community Foundation. This style was chosen for its longevity and low maintenance. The plaque would be recessed into the concrete making it resistant to vandalism.

After an application submittal, city staff will review the applicant's preferred park and bench location, to determine if the site is appropriate. When an application is approved, the city would be responsible for installation and maintenance.

The bench and plaque would be considered city property and they would reserve the right to determine its usability should damage occur.

### **Passings:** La Mirada Resident Karl John Schleinitz, Jr.

#### Schleinitz Jr., Karl John

Karl John Schleinitz Jr., 87, born May 23, 1933, in Cleveland, Ohio passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 17, 2021.

Karl was a Construction Operator Mechanic, and eventually was a self employed Heavy Equipment Mechanic remaining in the Operations Engineers Union. He traveled as far as Argentina, South America to put to use his skilled Mechanic abilities.

Karl enjoyed camping with his family, and his favorite vacation spot was Bass Lake, California. He had a love for Art and Photography and had that "Special Eye". He was a talented free-hand Artist and produced some beautiful portraits. He enjoyed watching Football

Karl is survived by his two children: son Ken Schleinitz and wife Patty, daughter Debby Vidaurri and husband AJ; grandchildren Taylor, Griffin, Gunnar, Lance, and Lauren. He is also survived by

his brother Robert "Bob " Schleinitz and nephew Steven as well as his nephew John Sinkovic and niece Linda Sinkovic Thompson. The Family also would like to acknowledge the special friends that were dear in his heart, and a part of his life

## **Lakewood Will Resume Street Sweeping Parking Enforcement**

Now that the latest COVID stay-athome restrictions are lifting, the City of Lakewood will resume making full clean sweeps of each street, which requires having vehicles off the streets during sweeping hours.

Lakewood will resume street sweeping parking enforcement in residential areas beginning Monday,

To help remind residents of the change, courtesy notices will be placed on cars parked on the street during street sweeping periods Monday, Feb. 8 and Tuesday, Feb. 16 through Friday, Feb.

The city is observing the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, Feb. 15. There will be no street sweeping or makeup

The city will not issue parkingrelated citations or courtesy notices that

Lakewood issues tickets not for revenue but to encourage people to clear the street during street sweeping so that we can get a clean sweep of the entire street. Street sweeping is mandated by the State of California to avoid polluting the ocean by picking up trash from the gutter, and it is a general public health and quality of life service.

If you are working from home on street sweeping day, there are approved alternatives to parking on the street so you can avoid a ticket and help your neighborhood get a good clean sweep.

If your garage or driveway is full, you may park:

In your front or side yard (on street sweeping day only)

On the apron (the slope leading up to your driveway) including sideways on your apron.

Remember not to obstruct the sidewalk when parking on the driveway or the apron, as that's a violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act and the state vehicle code.

Some Lakewood households with numerous vehicles have parking difficulties on street sweeping day even predating the COVID situation. That's why Lakewood has traditionally allowed parking in these alternative places, which many cities do not.

Lakewood would like to thank residents for doing their part to help keep Lakewood streets clean.





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#### **DEVICES** from page 1

upgrade networks to new 5G capabilities and remove 3G services, some mPERS devices may become obsolete."

"It is hard to say [how many people will be affected] given that most companies keep this information proprietary, but based on our knowledge of the industry there will be at least one milion customers affected in the U.S.," he said.

Holbert explained this is because many of the "panic button" devices were designed using 3G or even 2G and EDGE technologies because the data being transferred by the device is light and does not require the higher speeds of a 4G network, let alone 5G.

"As networks are upgraded, 2G and 3G devices could lose coverage and become less reliable," he added. "This is because telecom companies will be trading out the 2G and 3G technologies on cell phone towers for faster 4G and 5G technologies."

Traditional devices will no longer be compatible with the new network speeds and could experience drops in coverage because they were operating on 2G or 3G networks which will not work with the new network speeds, according to Holbert.

"Companies that provide monitoring services for mPERS devices should be

#### Remember a Loved One

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La Mirada Lamplighter now offer
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at Legacy.com

Click on the Obituary Tab at loscerritosnews.net OR Imlamplighter.com reaching out to customers and informing them that their devices may need to be upgraded to a 4G device in order to ensure ongoing coverage," he said.

The switchover to 5G is expected to be gradual having started last year. However, it will occur at different rates in different regions around the country, according to Holbert.

"Verizon eliminated its 3G networks at the end of 2020, and AT&T is working through a plan to sunset 3G by 2022," he said. "Each provider publishes the regions where they will swap older 3G for newer 4G and 5G towers as they upgrade their networks."

Ericsson, an information communication technology company that installs 5G technologies on cell phone towers, predicts that by 2023, twenty percent of the world's population will have 5G coverage, according to Holbert.

"It is likely that people who live in cities and larger metropolitan areas will be affected by the transition first because providers typically update cell phone tower technology in urban areas first," he said. "But eventually, every area of the country will be impacted."

Companies providing mPERS services are expected to be reaching out to their customers via email or snail mail and customers should not ignore their communications or put off upgrading thinking there's time still before it affects them, according to Holbert.

"Since it may be impossible to predict an exact date that someone could lose their coverage it is important to update devices as soon as possible to avoid a situation where the device is no longer able to communicate," he said.

For more information about SecuraTrac, please visit online at www. securatrac.com.

#### **GARDEN** from page 1

community garden also offers the potential to provide children in an after school program about agriculture and nutrition opportunities.

An area in Frontier Park located in the northeast section would be suitable for a community garden. The area measures approximately 5,000 square feet and could accommodate 24 garden plots.

Once established the garden would be made available to La Mirada residents by either participating in a community garden program or be residents requesting an assigned plot by the City, with an annual basis for a set fee.

The community gardens would be a communal project. Residents would be invited to the gardens during open hour to participate in activities lead by volunteers with gardening experience. Events such as farmers markets featuring produce grown in the garden as well as outside vendors could be hosted on the site. A third option could be a hybrid approach where a number of plots are assigned and a scion is dedicated to open communal use.

The City Council review and discuss the proposed community gardens at Frontier Park.

#### **LAKEWOOD** from page 1

everything that they have done these past few months. As our signs say today...you all ROCK...you're AWESOME...and you are truly HEALTH CARE HEROES!"

John Grah, CEO of LRMC commented, "On behalf of the entire staff here at Lakewood Regional Medical Center, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for today's generous food donation. We are proud to serve the Lakewood community and deeply value the ongoing support throughout these challenging times."

## La Mirada Community Foundation Scholarships Now Available

STAFF REPORT

The La Mirada Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its Scholarship Program for high school seniors residing in La Mirada. Scholarships include the Bob Jenkins Community Service Scholarship, the Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship, and the Ray Haugh Vocational Scholarship.

Recipients are selected based on meeting academic requirements, involvement in the community, and the scope and duration of their community service. Applications and a full list of descriptions for each scholarship, requirements, and qualifications is available by visiting the La Mirada Community Foundation page at cityoflamirada.org.

Applications must be submitted to La Mirada City Hall by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. Scholarship applications are available at La Mirada High School, City Hall, and the City's website.

For additional information, call City of La Mirada City Hall (562) 943-0131.

## Knott's Boysenberry Festival Starts Mar. 5

Knott's Berry Farm announced this week their brand-new food and retail experience to celebrate the little berry that put the park on the map.

While the theme park remains closed, at the Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival, guests can catch a taste of the popular springtime Boysenberry Festival, as it offers all-new boysenberry-inspired savory foods, sweet treats and refreshing drinks.

Over 65 boysenberry-infused food and drink, Boysenberry inspired merchandise including event apparel, kitchenware, and pre-packaged take home sweets will be available.

There will also be handmade and personalized gifts from over 20 artisan local crafters each offering a unique boysenberry item.

Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival will take place on select dates March 5th through May 2nd. The only way to experience the limited time event is with a tasting card purchased in advance.†

Adult tasting cards (ages 12+) are \$45 (plus tax) and include five tastings.

Junior tasting cards (ages 3-11) include three tastings for \$20 (plus tax).

Passholders also receive 10% off Tasting Cards.

Knott's Season Passholders get access to purchase Tasting Cards before the general public that started Feb 9th.

General Public/Regular Tasting Cards go on sale Feb 16th.

#### **PARKLET** from page 1

O'Neal painted the container with festive colors to reflect Pico Rivera's agricultural history.

During the extended pilot period, the City will evaluate the overall effects to the local community. Information gathered could be used to develop a citywide parklet program. If successful, the City is prepared to expand the program with additional parklets located at other restaurants and venues.

"We will evaluate soon, this may not be the first parklet to support local businesses and our residents and stimulate local economic activity," said Carmona.

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

#### Playing in The Snow

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Solution: 6 letters

## February is **National Cat Health Month**

They are the purr that heals, the curtain ninja that entertains, the in-house Zen master. They are the cats we invite into our homes and in February the spotlight is on their well-being during National Cat Health Month.

Dr. Erin Katribe, medical director for national animal welfare organization Best Friends Animal Society, urges people to look at every aspect of their life with you.

#### The Essentials

"Perhaps the most important thing you can do to keep your cat healthy is to ensure that you're providing the basic essentials in the best way possible. These essentials are food, water, litterbox, and exercise.

"Cats' ancestors didn't eat or stay hydrated the same way that our house cats do; the dry kibble that is most convenient for owners to feed is very different than their natural diets. If you are able to feed your pet canned food it is a much closer approximation to their ancestral diets than is dry," Katribe said.

More attention is being paid to the obesity problem in pet cats, Katribe said. "It can lead to diseases like diabetes (feline diabetes is very similar to Type 2 diabetes in people), so keeping your cat at a healthy weight by monitoring and adjusting their food quantity is key to keeping them healthy. Your veterinarian can help you

determine what a healthy weight is for your pet."

"Cats need it, too," Katribe said. "While you can harness and leash train cats and many felines enjoy this, most pet cats prefer a more private form of exercise. Providing toys and engaging them in play with laser pointers or string toys for exercise are great ways to keep them active.

Nobody really wants to talk about litterboxes but for pet cats, this is an important topic, Katribe said. Litterboxes should be placed in convenient places for the cat rather than tucked away in a distant part of the house, in order to avoid behavioral misuse. If a cat starts urinating outside the box, it might be due to a number of causes. Dirty boxes or boxes placed too far out of the way can contribute, or it may be due to a much deeper problem, like urinary infections or kidney disease. See a vet right away if you notice litterbox habit changes.

#### **Veterinary Care**

One way to keep your cat healthy is to schedule regular wellness visits with your veterinarian, Katribe said.

'Cats are masters at hiding illness, what likely evolved as a survival tool in their ancestors; what this means for the cat parent, though, is that when Fluffy starts to actually show signs of sickness, her situation may be much more serious than you think, and something has been going on for a while. If you do notice even small changes in your cat's health or behavior, it's better for both of you to see a vet sooner rather than later. Addressing

problems early will mean a much greater chance of successful treatment and will likely mean less stress on her and less financial expense, too."

#### **Helping Cats Get Back Home**

One of the most stressful events that can happen in a pet parent's life is losing their pet companion.

"One way that we can increase the number of cats returned to their families is by using identification," Katribe said.

"A better solution, in addition to a catspecific collar, is a microchip. Microchips are small pieces of technology, about the size of a large grain of rice, that are implanted under the skin. When the pet is scanned with a microchip scanner, the scanner will display a number unique to that chip and that pet. If registered online (don't forget this important step!), that number will link the pet back to your contact information. Shelters and animal control agencies generally scan pets when they enter the shelter, so this can lead to pets getting back to their homes much more rapidly, and with a greater chance of

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

PEGGY HO CASE NO. 21STPB01034

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

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

(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 objecion 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: 03/18/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

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

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 Spe cial Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk Attorney for Petitioner

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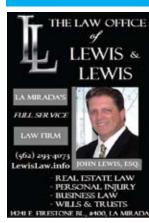
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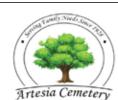
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

STELLA EZEANIOMA

CASE NO. 21STPB00534

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by IBEABUCHI DICKSON EZEANIOMA in the Superior Court of California, County of

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that IBEABUCHI DICKSON EZEANIOMA be appointed as personal representative to admir ister the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/08/21 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 objection 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 DE154) 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 AMY FENELLI CIFTCIKARA SBN 224058. FENELLI LAW FIRM 24800 CHRISANTA DRIVE SUITE 110 MISSION VIEJO CA 92691 BSC 219354

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on the following matter: Review and consideration of the following actions and information related to the lease and improvement of a City-owned property located at 12616 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703: (1) Adoption of a resolution of the City of Cerritos determining that the subject property is not required for other City purposes; (2) Authorization for the City of Cerritos (landlord) to lease the subject City-owned property to Eminent, Inc., dba Revolve Clothing, for general office purposes; (3) Authorization for the City of Cerritos to execute and enter into a Parking and Access Easement Agreement with El Dorado Park Community Church, Inc., property owner of 18422 Bloomfield Avenue, to grant certain parking and access rights associated with the subject properties; and (4) Information related to building and site improvements under Public Referral Project 2019-1.

Review and consideration of an award of contract for the construction of site and building improvements at the City-owned property located at 12616 183rd Street, Project No. 18206, Bid No. 1419-21.

This public hearing will be conducted by teleconference via Zoom video communications, as authorized by State of California Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20. Members of the public may provide public comment by submitting an email to city\_clerk@cerritos.us by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. You may also provide audio public comment by connecting to the teleconference meeting online or by telephone/mobile call, as noted below: Cerritos Zoom Meeting online link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83227698352, Cerritos Zoom Meeting call-in telephone number: (669) 900-6833, Cerritos Zoom Meeting ID: 832 2769 8352. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or participate in the teleconference public hearing. Dated: February 12, 2021 /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 716 REGULATING SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES DE AND AMENDING THE LA MIRADA MUNICIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 716.

Summary of Ordinance No. 716

Ordinance No. 716 would add a new La Mirada Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 (City Wide Regulation of Small Wireless Facilities). The proposed ordinance would require each applicant/ permittee to pay one-time and recurring fees, per each small wireless facility, in amounts established pursuant to Resolution No. 21-04. The proposed ordinance also states that failure to comply with the City Wide Policy Regarding Permitting Requirements And Development Standards For Small Wireless Facilities constitutes a violation of the La Mirada Municipal Code.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 716 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF ALICE MARGRETHA KOOIKER aka ALICE KOOIKER Case No. 20STPB09713

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ALICE MARGRETHA KOOIKER aka ALICE KOOIKER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Thomas Stansbury in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Thomas Stansbury be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the dece-dent.

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 Admin-istration of Estates Act. (This nuthority will allow the personal representative to take many actions with-out obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important ctions, however, the personal rep-resentative will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 17, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles

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 contin-gent 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 representa-tive, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mail-ing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal au-thority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attor nowledgeable 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 n Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF 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

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

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

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 epresentative, 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 tice 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

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.

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#### NOTICE INVITING BIDS OLYMPIC BLVD AND PICO VISTA RD WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT Project number: 21360

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. on March 17, 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 consists of the construction of 2,910 linear feet of 8-inch in Olympic Boulevard, Garrick Avenue and Pico Vista Road and installation of valves, domestic services, fire hydrant assemblies, and any necessary appurtenances, supplies, traffic control, services including 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. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. Time for completion of the Work is fifty five (55) total Working 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

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess either of (a) a valid Class "A" Contractor's license (b) a valid Class "B" Contractor's license and Class "C-34" (Pipeline Contractor) (c) a valid Class "B" Contractor's license held by the prime and Class "C-34" specialty license held by subcontractor 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 March 8, 2021. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by March 11, 2021 as an addendum via e-mail to all plan holders prior to bid opening, Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all 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 (<a href="http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/">http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/</a>). Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal.

#### CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Fiscal Year: 2020					
SUMMARY	Governmental Funds		Proprietary Funds		
Revenues	\$	79,273,842	\$	18,773,141	
Expenditures/Expenses		74,759,579		22,270,370	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions, Transfers, and	\$	4,514,263			
Special and Extraordinary Items			\$	(3,497,229	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(859,130)			
Capital Contributions				252,710	
Proprietary Fund Transfers In (Out) Special and Extraordinary Items		-		859,130	
Change in Fund Balance / Net Position	\$	3,655,133	\$	(2,385,389	
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginnng of Fiscal Year	\$	197,190,018	\$	(7,155,745	
Adjustments (Specify)		-			
Specify Governmental Fund Adjustments					
None					
SpecifyProprietary Fund Adjustments					
Restatement	157,891				
Total:			\$	157,891	
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Fiscal Year		200,845,151		(9,383,243	

<u>Statistics</u>	
Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	12%
Effective Date of Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	3/5/15
Current Utility User Tax Rate	-
Appropriations Limit	\$ 200,774,505
Total Annual Appropriations Subject to the Limit	\$ 54,871,620

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T.S. No.: 201015295

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 uction 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 mplied, 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 hereon, 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. Recorded 3/4/2020 as Instrument No. 20200257101 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 3/2/2021 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,414,239.08 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14640 Industry Circle La Mirada, CA 90638 A.P.N.: 7003-012-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or oth er common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be award that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the ien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that nay exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you onsult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Web site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 201015295. Information about ments that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on he Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website site www.tlssales.info, using the file number assigned to this case 201015295 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 1/26/2021 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: /s/Max Newman, Trustee Sale Officer La Mirada Lamplighter, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19/21

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 542** 2444 SOUTH ATLANTIC BOULEVARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a request from Rolando Cabbio, on behalf of Tacos El Buchon for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 41, On-Sale Beer and Wine) at an existing sit-down restaurant, located at 2444 South Atlantic Boulevard E Washington, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.31, Division 3 of the Commerce Municipal Code, a Conditional Use Permit is required for on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food sales.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of CUP will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

> Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928 Password: 838914

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Actrelated provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings virtually and telephonically. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at www.ci.commerce.ca.us Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public scoping meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Jose D. Jimenez

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Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the 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

Brittman, Containers; Roger Chong, Household Items; James WIlliams, Household items
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. Please publish on 02/05/2021 and 02/12/2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021018733 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SHIN CAN HELP, 17622 VIERRA, CER-RITOS, CA 90703. Registered Owner: SHIN LIU, 17622 VIERRA, CERRITOS, CA 90703. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A 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 ccordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five ears 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. for 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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

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 representave 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 notic o 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 ood 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 ection 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 n 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 vailable from the court clerk.

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

100 CORPORATE POINTE, SUITE 300

CULVER CITY CA 90230

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LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

S. No.: 2014-06033-CA A.P.N.:7044-025-036 Property Address: 19008 Jeffrey Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/10/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST

YOU. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: Eun Ae Kim, A Married Woman As Her Sole And Separate Property

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
Deed of Trust Recorded 07/18/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1573606 in book --- , page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,

Date of Sale: 04/13/2021 at 11:00 AM

Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA, CA 91766. Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 19008 Jeffrey Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. A.P.N.: 7044-025-036 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other com-

tion, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication o the Notice of Sale is:

\$ 1,193,709.00.

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

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the

return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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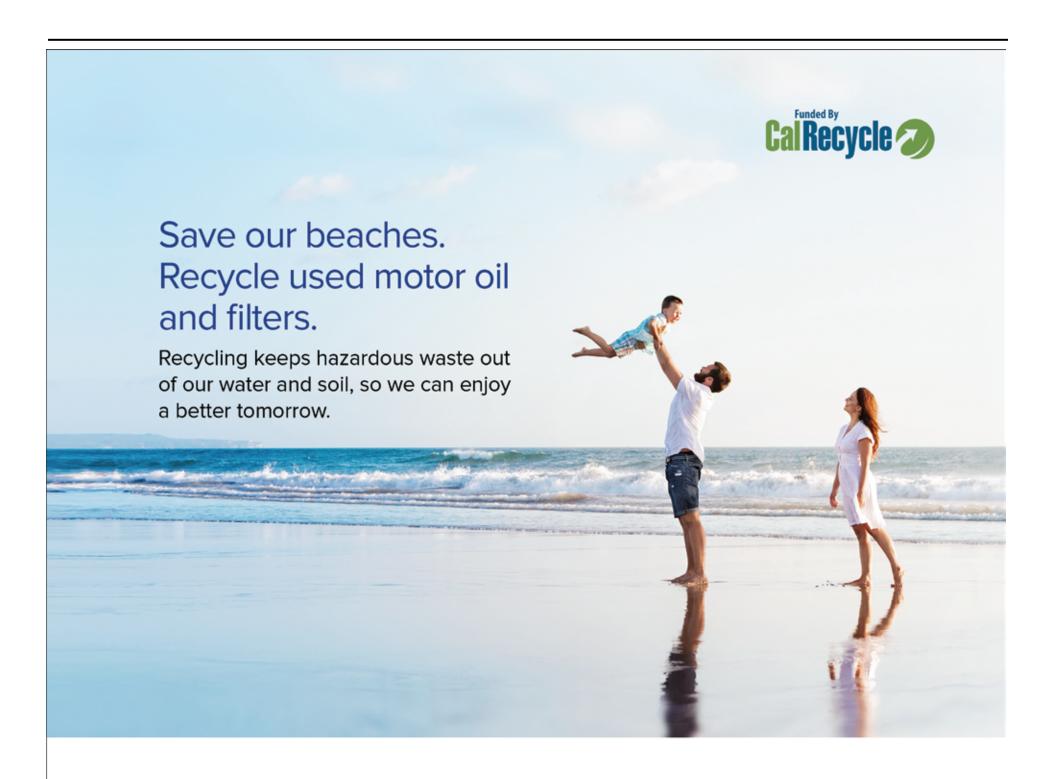
NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auctio. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/Default/Manage-ment/TrusteeServices.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 2014-06033-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held the amount of the last and highest hid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate

professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: January 28, 2021, Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/O 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/Default-Management/TrusteeServices.aspx

WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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.

## **Certified Collection Centers Near You**

#### **Commerce Lube**

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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