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WHITTIER AQUATIC CENTER

SUPERVISOR Janice Hahn (center) with Whittier officials at the aquatic center groundbreaking last week. The center will include an Olympic-size swimming pool, a practice pool, a roughly 9,000 square foot pool building and 10,000 square foot of public park space.

Artesia's Urban Forest Plan Continues With \$900K Grant for 1,000 Trees



ENGINEERS planted trees at Artesia Park, AJ Padelford Park and Baber Park. Residents can request trees for their sidewalk grass.

The trees planted will be a variety of species approved by Cal Fire.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The City of Artesia recently planted 26 new trees at all three City parks beginning March 1, to officially kick-off a multi-year tree planting campaign, funded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This is part of the City's efforts to expand the tree canopy coverage in the City and bring benefits to Artesia residents.

Cal Fire will oversee the planting of these more than 700 new trees in public areas and just as many fruit trees distributed to Artesia families over the next few years.

Artesia Park received 20 trees; AJ Padelford Park had five planted and one tree was placed at Baber Park.

The trees planted were from a variety of species approved by Cal Fire, chosen because of their low water use, climate adaptability, and suitable size for their location.

These trees are the first to be planted under a grant received by the city of Artesia.

In 2019, the City was awarded almost \$900,000 grant

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Vaccine Inequity Hits Hawaiian Gardens

Only 9% of residents are vaccinated, compared to 18% in Lakewood and 27% in Cerritos.

BY BRIAN HEWS

The effects of the vaccine inequity are being felt in the tiny town of Hawaiian Gardens. The closest vaccination site and it's 10 miles away in Downey and that's causing problems for many residents in the city.

As of this week only 9% of Hawaiian Gardens residents have been vaccinated compared to 18% in Lakewood and nearly 27% in Cerritos.

LA County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer is in favor of providers giving out the shots instead of "putting a vaccination site in every neighborhood. Our strategy has been to figure out ways to help them build their capacity."

But that has not happened in Hawaiian Gardens.

Trying to get a site has been met with the usual red tape. Hawaiian Gardens Councilwoman Myra Maravilla

and the other elected officials have asked for help from Congressional representatives, LA County Supervisors, local elected officials, and the county's Department of Public Health, so far no answer.

Maravilla says Ferrer's strategy won't work in the city "To say we will partner with local providers is no good, there's really not much here, we are one square mile. In larger cities you can go through your doctor, but a lot of people here don't have a doctor."

That is a reflection of the city's income demographic, which sits around a median of

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Disenfranchised Cities in Southeast L.A. County Join Forces to Form SELA United

The collaborative scored 2,000 vaccines from FEMA and state as its first action, looks forward to bargaining.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Given the vaccine inequity and other factors that cause S.E. Los Angeles cities to always be the "shoemaker's stepchild," city leaders in the area are collaborating to bring more bargaining to the table starting a new coalition called SELA United.

For now SELA counts its members as Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Commerce, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood and South Gate.

But they are thinking of expanding to help similar cities not in SELA, including working with city leaders from Hawaiian Gardens, Montebello, and Paramount.

Cudahy Vice Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar told

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Local Democratic Club Adopts Resolution Condemning Asian, Pacific Islander Violence

Atlanta spa shooting sparks fear in the Asian, Pacific Islander community.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama, Artesia Mayor pro tem Melissa Ramoso, and Matthew Scammahorn recently proposed a Resolution to the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club, which was adopted at their meeting this past Monday.

The resolution was in response to the racism and

violence being perpetrated on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which can be traced to Donald Trump's constant bashing since the outbreak, which included calling COVID the "China Virus," and "Kung Flu" and blaming China for the virus, which originated in the Wuhan Wet Market. Just yesterday Trump used the phrases on Maria Batiromo's Fox "News Show."

Resolution regarding Xenophobia and Racism against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:

Whereas, the COVID-19 crisis has led to a drastic

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La Mirada's Finances Show Resilience

BY MAYOR JOHN LEWIS

2020 was certainly a challenging year, and we all look forward to the gradual return of regular operations for our City programs and events, businesses, schools, and other key areas of our community.

The City of La Mirada has worked to continue providing critical services over the past 12 months. As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were just beginning to be realized last spring, the City commenced its traditional budget adoption process in advance of the new fiscal year on July 1. Given the

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Women's History

Smithsonian pays tribute to famous women chefs. **Page 2.**



Shroud of Turin

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Cap Delivery Fees

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Sports Complex

Downey breaks ground at Rancho Los Amigos. **Page 6.**



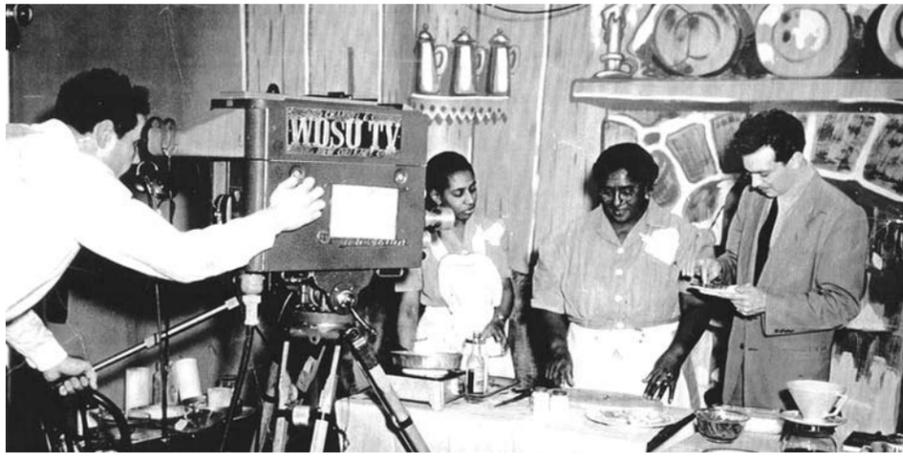
Live Calif. Condor Cam

Big Sur's Ventana Wildlife Society keeps eye on birds. **Page 8.**



Cross County

Cerritos High hold cross timed county event. **Page 10.**



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Smithsonian Highlights Famous Women Chefs

Highlights include a look at Lena Richard and Julia Child's careers.
BY TAMMYE MCDUFF



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Smithsonian Affiliations held a webinar in celebration of International Women's Month on March 10, 2021 taking a closer look at pioneering chefs Lena Richard and Julia Child. Through their cookbooks, teaching, and television programs, these extraordinary women inspired generations of people to take cooking seriously. They challenged perceptions and stereotypes of women in their respective eras and made lasting contributions to culinary history. Their

CHEF JULIA CHILD influenced many chefs with her storied career.

CHEF LENA RICHARD on set of her first show highlighting.

stories, reflective of their very different backgrounds, reveal insights about women, race, food, and culture in 20th-century America.

In 1949, Lena Richard, an African American Creole chef, went live on EDSU-TV for the first time. "Her reputation was very fine," said Marie Rhodes, Richard's daughter and sous chef, "everybody used to call her Mama Lena." Richards shaped the public awareness of New Orleans cuisine by showcasing and celebrating the black roots of Creole cooking during a time when racial stereotypes surrounded the food industry.

The show titled "Lena Richard's New Orleans Cook Book" was one of the earliest offerings on the station and became so popular that her show began airing twice weekly. "Richard's ability to share her recipes on television, in her own words and as the star of her own program, was an important and exception departure within the media culture at the times," said Ashley Young, Historian and Curator at Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Richard owned and operated a catering business, eateries, a fine dining restaurant, cooking school and an international frozen food business in the racially segregated South. She understood culinary training as a tool young African American cooks could use to build a better life for themselves. In 1937 she opened a cooking school specifically for Black students and envisioned it as a place 'to teach men and women the art of food preparation and serving in order that they could become

capable of preparing fine food for any occasion, putting themselves in a position for higher wages." She taught her students recipes for resilience based on professional development and how to navigate the race and gender based barriers.

In the 1950's educational television programming consisted mainly of lectures, book discussions and classical music performances. Julia Child changed the stuffy atmosphere in 1962 with her book review and took husband Paul, a copper bowl, whisk, apron and eggs launching the WGBH-Boston hit series, "The French Chef."

The first TV program was shown on what came to be known as PBS in 1963 and remained on the air for a decade. It brought Child national and international recognition. She also won a Peabody and Emmy Award for the program. She went on to publish several more cookbooks, including a second volume of Mastering the Art of French Cooking.

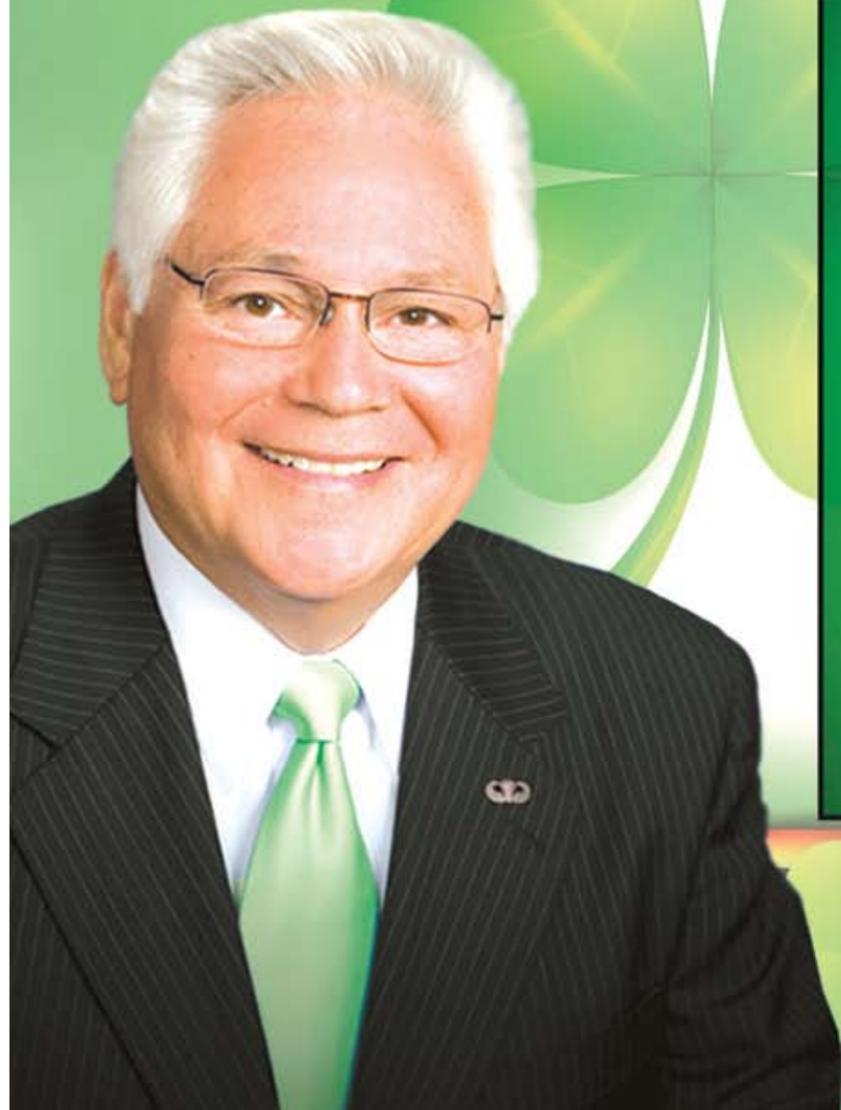
From 1963 to 1973 her program broadcast 300 episodes from Child's kitchen.

In 1948, while her husband was stationed in Paris, Child enrolled in the Le Cordon Bleu cooking school where she met Simone Beck and Louisette Bertholle. Together the three women published 'Mastering the Art of French Cooking', bringing the art to the American public.

She also hosted several other television series, including Cooking with Master Chefs and Julia Child & Jacques Pépin Cooking at Home, for which she won a Daytime Emmy Award. Quite literally, she brought home the original empowering philosophy of The French Chef: "You can do it!"

Through their cookbooks, teaching and television programs, these extraordinary women inspired generations of people to and made lasting contributions to culinary industry.

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ABC Partners with Albertsons/Vons to Vaccinate Teachers



ABC TEACHERS AND STAFF at the gym at Cerritos High School which was configured to public health guidelines for the vaccination clinic.

STAFF REPORT

Nearly 500 ABC Unified School District teachers and staff received vaccinations on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at Cerritos High School.

The vaccination clinic was a partnership between the school district and Albertsons/Vons pharmacies.

Teachers and staff who will likely be returning to schools first were prioritized, and others were slotted into appointments as they became available.

"This vaccination clinic is just another step to reopening our schools safely," said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. "We have spent a great deal of time preparing our facilities for returning to schools, and now we are preparing those who will teach our students, run our schools, clean our campuses, and drive the busses getting our kids to school."

Screening tables, lines with teachers and staff spaced six feet apart, and vaccination

stations filled the Cerritos High School gym. Running from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the clinic was run efficiently and effectively, and 456 ABCUSD teachers and staff members received their first to two vaccine doses.

"We are so pleased to bring vaccinations to our employees," said Board President Sophia Tse. "As a nurse, I know the importance of being vaccinated and how it will benefit our employees now and our students soon."

The school district will run another vaccination clinic in about a month, providing the second dose of vaccine to those who received their first dose at this clinic.

ABCUSD has also joined several other local school districts to offer vaccinations at PIH Whittier Hospital. The district's board of education will meet on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to consider reopening plans.

Su Casa Receives Large Food Donation



SU CASA was a beneficiary of a food distribution provided by the LB East Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 16. Su Casa received over 63 cases of food to be used in its Domestic Violence Shelters. Shown here are Randy Smith & Lilly Lopez, Su Casa Director of Program, loading up the Su Casa van.

16 to 64, Serious Health Conditions, Now Vaccine Eligible

BY BRIAN HEWS

LA County residents ages 16 to 64 with certain serious underlying health conditions are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

This includes those who have:

- Cancer** (current and with a weakened immune system);
- Heart conditions**; such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, and/or cardiomyopathies;
- Type 2 diabetes** with hemoglobin A1c level > 7.5%;
- Sickle cell disease**;
- Chronic kidney disease**, stage 4 or above;
- Down's syndrom**;
- Severe obesity** (BMI of 40 or higher);

Chronic pulmonary disease, oxygen-dependent;

Pregnant women and unhoused people are also included in this new expansion.

Visit the Department of Public Health's webpage to view the full list of qualifying conditions. Other groups currently able to get the vaccine:

- 65 and older; Teachers and school staff ; Health care workers; Long-term care facility residents and workers; First responders and other emergency services workers; Grocery store workers, restaurant staff, and other food service workers; People living or working in congregate living facilities; Janitorial, custodial, and maintenance services workers; Transportation workers.

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Hynes D.E.S. Portuguese Hall Celebrates 98 years

STAFF REPORT

In the latter part of the 19th century, Portuguese immigrants came to the United States, with some settling in California.

Predominantly Catholic, they soon re-established their celebration of the "Divino Espirito Santo" or the Holy Spirit. Paramount was previously the City of Hynes.

This religious celebration originated with Queen Saint Isabel, daughter of King Aragon, who married a young monarch, Diniz, in Portugal. She was known for her religious devotion, her compassionate heart, and her service to the poor

Legend has it that during Queen Saint Isabel's reign there was a terrible famine in Portugal. The Queen depleted all of her funds while seeking food for her people. She had no financial resources left and at Mass she promised the Holy Spirit, "I will give my crown to the church if you will send me a miracle, so my people will be relieved of the hunger." After she left the church, she saw ships coming into the harbor loaded with wheat and corn! For 700 years the Portuguese people have celebrated and honored this event in the Festa do Espirito Santo or Feast of the Holy Spirit with mass and sopas meal.

This year marks the 98th year that Hynes D.E.S. will celebrate its annual Hynes D.E.S. Festa honoring the Holy Spirit. Due to the Pandemic, there will be no Public Celebration this year; however, there will be three fundraiser meals and the annual mass. The Festa mass will be held

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Venerate the Shroud of Turin April 3



THE SHROUD has gone on public display four times since the year 2000, the last time it was presented to the public was in 2015.

For the second time, the Shroud of Turin will be exposed for veneration on social media and websites on Holy Saturday, the archbishop of Turin has announced.

The Shroud, which bears the image of a crucified man and has been venerated for centuries as Christ's burial cloth, will be displayed via live stream on April 3.

"The Shroud is a reality that concerns everyone. The Shroud image that Turin has preserved for almost five centuries testifies to pain and death, but also to resurrection and eternal life," Turin's Archbishop Cesare Nosiglia said in his March 3 announcement.

"In front of the Shroud we can exclaim with our hearts turned to the Lord: 'your love is forever.'"

Nosiglia will also preside over a liturgy on Holy Saturday, which will be live-streamed from the chapel of the Turin cathedral, where the Shroud is kept in a climate-controlled vault. Young adults from Turin will present reflections on the theme of hope.

It will be the second time that the Shroud of Turin has been exhibited over the internet after it was displayed amid the coronavirus pandemic and Italy's national lockdown on Holy Saturday 2020.

But this time will be different, according

to Nosiglia. "It is not the simple repetition of the one celebrated in 2020," he said, because at the time the pandemic was still new and not yet understood, while today we are "aware of the difficulties to be faced and the commitments that we can take."

A public display of the Shroud was supposed to take place from Dec. 28, 2020, to Jan. 1, 2021, during the 43rd international meeting of the Taizé Community, but both events had to be postponed due to the coronavirus restrictions.

"The exposition of the Shroud was proposed by the Turin Church to all young people, and we hope to be able to conduct it because the path is an opportunity to show [we are] 'fratelli tutti' [all brothers]," Nosiglia said.

The Shroud has gone on public display four times since the year 2000.

The last time it was presented to the public was in 2015. Pope Francis prayed before the relic during a visit to Turin on June 21 that year. Afterward, he described it as an icon of Christ's love.

"The Shroud," the pope said, "attracts people to the face and tortured body of Jesus and, at the same time, urges us on toward every person who is suffering and unjustly persecuted."



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L.A. County Junior Lifeguard Program is Back

Five weeks after LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn asked the LA County Fire Department to explore how they could safely resume the Junior Lifeguard Program, Hahn is announcing the popular youth program will return this summer.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is offered to all children, ages 9 through

17, in Los Angeles County and is designed to teach participants beach and ocean skills.

"This is one of those programs that really opens up doors for kids," said Supervisor Hahn. "You would be surprised by how many of our LA County Lifeguards got their start as Junior Guards."



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Solanki, Vo, and Barrows Refuse to Cap Third-Party Delivery Fees Cerritos

Since HMG-CN opined two weeks ago on the lack of action to cap delivery fees - by a majority of the Cerritos City Council, one formed in violation of the Brown Act open meeting laws - an increasing number of cities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and the nation have limited fees third-party food delivery apps, like Doordash and Uber Eats, can charge restaurants.

California has proposed a bill, along with New York and red state Texas, and Washington and Oregon have already passed laws limiting fees.

Yet Mayor Solanki, Mayor pro tem Vo, and Councilman Barrows sit on their hands doing nothing, shooting down any proposal by Councilman Frank Yokoyama.

A social media post from one restaurant showed an invoice from money-grubbing Grubhub. After being docked for commissions and fees, all that remained of the pizza joint's \$1,042 in pickup and delivery sales was a measly \$376.

Mayor Solanki, could you operate your supermarkets at 36% gross operating margin before deducting food, payroll and other expenses?

Before the shutdown, Anca Caliman,



co-owner of Lemon Poppy Kitchen in Glassell Park, told the L.A. Times that less than 15% of her restaurants' revenue came through apps. Now it's more than half, which means her profit margins are thinner.

"The fees are just too high. Restaurant profit margins are maybe 5% on average. Then to have a delivery service charge between 20% and 30% is just crazy. And the way they present themselves: 'You're going to get so many more orders.' Yeah right, 1,000 orders at 30% off does not

help."

Kevin Vaughan, who runs seven Irish bars and restaurants in Chicago complained that GrubHub, which has monopolized search results for his restaurants, takes 35 to 40 cents for every dollar customers pay. "You can't survive on those kind of economics in the restaurant business," Vaughn said. "I'm not one for caps. But I really think they are hurting a lot of small businesses out there. I think it is time for government to step in, at least during the pandemic, to

limit some of this inappropriate behavior.

Artesia, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Angeles, Montebello, Buena Park, Pasadena, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and many other cities sympathize with these owners.

Solanki, Vo, Barrows? They are like three Sergeant Klinks from Hogan's Heroes, "I see nothing, I see nothing!"

Now Huntington Beach is thinking of cracking down on these types of fees limiting them to 15%.

Councilwoman Natalie Moser said, "A lot of restaurants avoided working with food delivery apps before the pandemic because the costs to their business was too high."

The smaller mom and pop restaurants have to endure high fees because they have little negotiating power like Taco Bell or McDonald's.

"In this moment in time, we're just trying to do anything that we can do to help our small businesses and our restaurants," Moser told the OC Voice.

Yes help, which is what local governments are supposed to do when businesses in the city are taken advantage through no fault of their own.

Except for Cerritos.

Re: Not Wearing Masks at Council Meetings

Cerritos Mayor Solanki and Councilman Barrows forgo masks at Council Meeting! These guys are an embarrassment to me, and every City of Cerritos resident! What do we tell ourselves and our children why they don't wear masks, but we have to? Shame on them! Not only for not wearing face masks. But for all their crazy ideas!

Could it be all delusions of grandeur?

I wish they would just go away, very far away! Then maybe we will find people with pride, respect, and real concern for our citizens of Cerritos.

*Errol G Cronos
Cerritos*

Re: Capping Delivery Fees Dear Editor:

Great job Hawaiian Gardens and Myra Maravilla financially protecting your restaurants and residents from price gouging during the pandemic.

I proposed this at the January 14 Cerritos City Council meeting, and Mayor Solanki and Mayor pro tme Chuong Vo and Councilman Bruce Barrows were against it.

Their pettiness is hurting our Cerritos restaurants who need our city's protection from the price gouging of the multimillion dollar third party delivery services. Cerritos restaurants are going out of business. That's bad for Cerritos and Cerritos residents. Who's going to tell Cerritos restaurants that the Cerritos City Council is stubbornly refusing to protect Cerritos restaurants from delivery service price gouging?

Artesia's Melissa Ramoso deserves credit and recognition for protecting Artesia restaurants and residents from delivery service price gouging early on last year. Now Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Hawaiian Gardens, Buena Park, Irvine, Alhambra and South Gate are also protecting their restaurants and residents. Cities across the country have

been prohibiting this price gouging of their restaurants. The other Cerritos councilmembers are not helping our Cerritos restaurants and residents during this pandemic. #cerritosstrong.

*Cerritos Councilman
Frank Yokoyama*

Women's History Month "Hadrat Maryam / Mary"

As we celebrate Women's history month, do you know who one of the most revered woman in Islam is? She is Mary or Maryam, the mother of Jesus. "And relate the story of Mary as mentioned in the Book" (19:17) Besides being identifiable by name in several Quranic verses, Mary or Maryam is also the only woman to have a Surah or Chapter in the Quran named after her. In both Christianity and Islam, Maryam is held as a model of piety and obedience to God's will. In the Holy Quran, Maryam's consistent faith and loyalty to God while facing various struggles, hardships, and temptations brought on by the material world makes her a prime example of devoutness for all true believers.

At the inauguration of the Maryam Mosque in Ireland, the worldwide spiritual leader of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and Caliph to Messiah Ahmad, His Holiness Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad reflected on Maryam's esteemed status in Islam by saying, "She developed a special bond of love with God, whereby Allah conversed directly with Mary and He Himself attested to her truth. Mary believed in the Books of God, she was righteous and attained a special rank in terms of her obedience to God. She was most certainly an example for all true believers." In the Holy Quran, it is stated that all true Muslims, male or female should develop the qualities of Maryam, highlighting the crucial and active role that she plays in Islam. Maryam's qualities such as truthfulness, devotion, steadfastness, nobility, and purity are virtues that all Muslims strive towards. Maryam's elevated status has existed since the beginning of Islam, and while Islam highlights the importance of several women, Maryam without a doubt is one of the most revered.

*Hamid Mansoor
Artesia*

ACLU: Whittier to Allow Live Public Comment at Meetings

Beginning at next week's Whittier City Council meeting, the public will be allowed to speak by teleconference because of an ACLU accusation that the city was violating open-meeting laws.

The city has only allowed emails or comments received from 5 to 6 p.m. the night of the meeting.

City staff gave two options to provide live public comment. In addition to going

to a Zoom-style meeting, which was the one chosen, the public could have been allowed to come into the council chambers, one at a time. City Manager Brian Saeki was in favor of the latter option.

City officials have cited Gov. Gavin Newsom's executive order allowing relaxed restrictions, such as allowing teleconferencing, as justification for not allowing live public comment.

Comprehensive Public Review of the City of Cerritos City Charter on March 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m.



The community is invited to participate in a comprehensive public review of the City of Cerritos City Charter during a study session set for 2:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 22, 2021.**

The agenda and meeting participation information will be posted on the City's website (cerritos.us) by Friday, March 19, 2021.

For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248.



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BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The city of Downey along with L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn broke ground on the construction of a new Downey Sports Complex at Rancho Los Amigos South Campus on Saturday March 13, 2021.

"I think a lot of us over this past year realized how much we took for granted and how many things we weren't allowed to do. And especially for our kid, that was sports," said Supervisor Hahn.

"Sports aren't just about exercise, they build character, comradery, confidence and leadership skills. Sports are an important part of childhood and this sports complex is going to be an asset to Downey residents."

What very few know about Hahn is that she was Athlete of the Year in high school.

"I was a total jock before it was cool for girls to be athletes. And today we are breaking ground on a complex for the residents of Downey and this is very cool for everyone."

The five acre site will include three multipurpose sports fields, lighting for nighttime play and restrooms.

There will be a concession stand, equipment storage room, office space for staff and a surface parking lot.

When completed, the county will lease this facility for one dollar a year to the City of Downey which will operate the facility.

"This is an exciting day for our entire community as we break ground on this brand new sports complex that will provide much needed recreational opportunities for our local youth," said Downey Mayor Claudia Frometa.

"This project would not be possible

Downey Breaks Ground on New Sports Complex



THE FIVE ACRE SITE will include three multipurpose sports fields, lighting for nighttime play and restrooms. There will be a concession stand, equipment storage room, office space for staff and a surface parking lot. When completed, the county will lease this facility for one dollar a year to Downey which will operate the facility.

without the support of Supervisor Hahn, who has been committed to this project and has worked with our City to articulate a vision and a design that reflects the needs of our community. This complex and sports fields will be a legacy to younger generations that health matters to us. Our youth matter! I'm looking forward to its completion and the many years of use and recreation."

In 2016, the Board of L.A. County Supervisors approved the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Sports Project.

Hahn has remained committed to the project and continued to encourage county staff to work with city staff to complete the design and layout of the

multi-use fields. The development of this includes three synthetic soccer fields, with the largest field being able to host football and Lacrosse play, a parking lot, 3,000 sq ft building that includes meeting space, fencing and drought tolerant landscape.

The project is budgeted at \$12.2 million, of which \$10 million will be from Supervisors Hahn's 4th District discretionary funding and the additional \$2.2 million will come from the City of Downey covering the synthetic turf, office space and multi sports scoreboard. The project is estimated to be completed on a very aggressive timeline of November 2021.

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New Playgrounds at Bellflower's Caruthers Park



LITTLE AND BIGGER kids will enjoy a new small enclosed play area designated for toddlers ages two through four, the larger playground is outfitted for rougher play and children ages five to twelve.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The new Caruthers Park playgrounds officially opened this past Monday, March 15, 2021.

As part of the Caruthers Park Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture Project three new play areas have been refurbished and new playground equipment installed.

A new small enclosed play area has been designated for toddlers ages two through five. The play ground is surrounded by wrought iron fencing and monitored for occupancy. A swing set with four regular swings and two adaptive swings are adjacent to a castle structure fit to climb and conquer or sit and slide.

The larger playground is outfitted for rougher play and children age's five

to twelve. A larger swing set has been added to accommodate four regular seats and also two adaptive swings, ADA compliant for children in wheelchairs. The structure in this area has five slides, a double turreted castle also with climbing features.

And last but not least is the new Splash Pad area highlighting numerous water features, with water play set in 15 minute water loop intervals. This new area replaces the outdated wading pool and will be monitored by staff with a maximum of 25 children within the fenced area. The new Splash Pad is set to open April 2021.

The completed storm water project is set to be finished with grass areas and picnic tables sometime in the fall of 2021.

Metropolitan State Hospital Transfers Patients Out of CYA

Norwalk, CA – Metropolitan State Hospital officials notified the City of Norwalk that patients housed at the California Youth Authority (CYA), had been transferred out as of February 11th.

City officials were also notified that the facility will be used solely as a transitional facility for patients prior to being transferred to the Metro State Hospital (MSH), with a maximum stay of 14 days. On Feb. 17, 2021, there were 27 patients admitted to the facility, they were transferred to the MSH two weeks later.

Norwalk City officials have made several attempts to ensure that residents are fully aware of the DSH's use of the facility. Starting in September 2020, a public information campaign was coordinated by City officials and the DSH to inform residents of the plans for the use of the facility on Bloomfield Avenue. "We coordinated two virtual town-hall meetings in collaboration with the Department of State Hospitals and the Metro State Hospital. It was important to the City Council that residents were provided with details and given an opportunity to voice any concerns regarding the use of the facility," said Mayor Jennifer Perez.

Per a signed agreement negotiated between the Metropolitan State Hospital and the City of Norwalk, patients that may be housed temporarily at the annex will have to pass a background check. Both the local Sheriff's Department and Metro Police will continue to monitor the facility.

SELA from page 1

Spectrum1, "Our residents ride the Metro, they walk, they utilize that system, but they don't yet have a seat at the table that really advocates for them to have better service, to have new improvements and to have projects coming to our area."

That is very true, any advertising placed aiming at those in the demographic that take public transit are consistently placed in publications they do not read, such as the Los Angeles Times. Federal funds got to the wealthier cities first, leaving crumbs for the cities in SELA.

South Gate Councilwoman Diaz echoed that fact, "We are the donut hole of L.A. County. Funding tends to go outside neighboring cities and not here," she explained.

SELA is proving that there is strength in numbers, securing 2,000 vaccines from Governor Newsom for their region.

Lynwood Mayor Marisela Santana said she's watched SELA cities be ignored and is happy a group of cities is getting together to do something about it.

Similar to Hawaiian Gardens, Mayor Santana said less than 10% of residents in Southeast L.A. are vaccinated, so they fought, and recently secured a mobile vaccination site.

"Our communities are very resilient and hardworking, but we have been constantly disenfranchised and overlooked," Diaz said.

Now they have a loud voice that will constantly work to get federal attention and obtain funding for their communities.

Commerce Honors Volunteers

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Commerce City Council paid special recognition to a dozen volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts who took it upon themselves to begin a grass roots Washington Boulevard clean-up.

In the 'Model City,' the Commerce City Council will recognize remarkable individuals during the month of April to celebrate National Volunteer Month which is celebrated throughout the county.

Now more than ever volunteerism has become the cornerstone of every community. From the anonymous volunteers who donate their resources to those whose efforts are part of larger national organizations or local grassroots group, their mission is to always provide valuable support to their neighborhood communities in times of need.

Council recognized the following:

Makayla Rice, Ashley Rice, Diego Alvarez, Sofia Alvarez, Robert Sanchez, Susana Larios, Arriana Larios, Steve Viesca, Maria Viesca, Amanda Viesca, Samantha Viesca, Leonard Mendoza

Special thanks was given to Councilman Leonard Mendoza for attending the event with volunteers Robert Sanchez and Steve Viesca. These two men are very active in the community. During the pandemic they went above and beyond to step forward in contributing to the city when it was most needed. Certificates will be hand delivered to each volunteer.

For your public service and volunteerism and your efforts to clean up a section of the Washington Boulevard with other team members, the City appreciates your efforts in beautifying the area," stated Mayor Ivan Altamirano.

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Ventana Wildlife Society's efforts to save endangered California Condors viewable "live"

PICTURES BY TIM HUNTINGTON

After a wildfire all but destroyed their rescue sanctuary months ago, the Ventana Wildlife Society rose out of the ashes to continue saving the endangered California condor.

BY LAURIE HANSEN

Ventana Wildlife Society is a nonprofit based out of Monterey. Before rescuing condors, they successfully reintroduced bald eagles into the wild in Central California. It has been since 1992, that Ventana Wildlife Society has helped protect and repopulate California Condors, according to Kelly Sorenson, who has been executive director since 2003, after starting with the

organization in 1991. After a wildfire all but destroyed their rescue sanctuary months ago, the Ventana Wildlife Society rose above the ashes to continue saving the endangered California condor. "We own an 80-acre parcel of land in the Ventana Wilderness where we reintroduce California condors to the wild," Sorenson said. "The Dolan Fire last August, destroyed our entire infrastructure (i.e., roads and buildings) essential to our work so we are rebuilding." Though condors might not seem important to some because they are "obligate scavengers that feed mainly on dead mammals," eating their carrion or dead flesh, Sorenson sees them in a vital and broader light. "Their importance extends beyond the ecological niche they fill because people all over the world care for these birds and the ideal of restoring nature," he explained. One condor, "Iniko," whose name means "born in troubled times," was just a fledgling when the Dolan Wildfire raced through the Big Sur facility last August. She and her mother, "Redwood Queen," survived but her father, "Kingpin" perished



in the fire. Iniko's mother struggled to feed and protect her but could not be in two places at once. A few months later, another condor named "Ninja" moved into the territory, harassed Iniko and forced her to leave the nest, but she fortunately was prepared to depart. A few days after Ninja occupied her father's territory, Iniko had a possible leg injury noticed by Ventana Wildlife Society biologists. They decided to rescue her, and she was taken to the Los Angeles Zoo. If all goes well, she will be released into the wild sometime this year.

They are the largest bird in North America, considered endangered by the federal government in 1967, and in California in 1971. At the time in 1971, only few dozen remained in the wild, according to www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Birds/California-Condor.

"California Condors are still critically endangered, and as of Dec. 31, 2021, there were only 504 condors living, of which 329 were in the wild and 175 were in captivity," Sorenson said. "Condors are being reintroduced to several areas where they are native, including Central and Southern California, Arizona, and Baja California, Mexico."

"When condors are back to being self-

sustaining, meaning when their level of mortality is reduced, they will once again fly free without the need for us," he added.

For the time being, the Ventana Wildlife Society stands by. With one innovative way, by starting a free non-lead ammunition program, they hope to increase the condor population. Half of all known condor deaths are caused by lead poisoning, with spent lead from ammunition being the biggest source, according to Sorenson.

"As a result, we started the free non-lead ammunition program, and have given out more than \$250,000 and 10,000 boxes of high-performing copper ammunition as way to encourage a switch," he said. "This is a top priority."

Sorenson explained that when a substantial number of hunters and ranchers switch to copper munitions in regions condors inhabit, the species will breed more in the wild and grow in numbers to be self-sustaining, no longer in need of human interventions.

"It is not the fault or problem of hunters or ranchers [though], but rather that they are a part of the solution," he said.

For the present, Ventana Wildlife Society continues to conduct periodic releases of young birds to greater support their populations' growth.

VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY'S work is to save endangered species such as this majestic California condor in flight over the Big Sur coastline.

They currently are assisting the Native American Yurok Tribe and the National Park Service to establish a condor release site at Redwood National Park on the coast near the California-Oregon border. It is anticipated to expand condors into Northern California and possibly beyond, according to their website.

Since first releasing condors in 1997 from their sanctuary along the Central California coast in Big Sur, they created another release site at Pinnacles National Park in Central California. Recently, they also began releasing near San Simeon. Two adult condors recently established their territory in the area and are the first to nest in San Luis Obispo County in more than 60 years, according to Ventana Wildlife Society's website.

Though they have no formal way of educating others they do have a few ways including monthly Condor-Zoom Chats where 200 or 300 people attend to learn about condors and their recovery. <https://www.ventanaws.org/zoom-chats.html>

Prior to COVID-19, they would take 1,200 youth to the outdoors annually to learn about the environment and how to

REDWOOD QUEEN

Close up of Condor 190, one of several endangered California condors protected through the Ventana Wildlife Society's ongoing work.

protect it.

Their website, Ventana Wildlife Society offers three solar powered "live" webcams (which when low on power show previous video). Two come from their Big Sur sanctuary with a third in San Simeon, all on private property. Most condors are active late morning to early afternoon. To help viewers identify a specific condor, they can access a "Condor Spotter" online at www.ventana.org and input the color and number of the wing tag. Viewers might also see mountain lions, bobcats, black-tailed deer, golden or bald eagles, ravens, or blue birds. Webcams are accessible at www.ventanaws.org/condor_cam.html through www.explore.org.

"I'm excited to share that our audience now includes more than a dozen countries and every state in the Union," Sorenson said.

Looking back and towards the future, he feels Ventana Wildlife Society's successful efforts such as with the bald eagle and California condor have served and continue to serve as an international model of success for others to follow Ventana Wildlife Society's example.

"We can co-exist with wildlife if we just try to make a little effort and we believe the condor is worth saving for a variety of reasons, including the restoration of the niche they fill and the joy it will provide to people all over the world who care about protecting our natural world," Sorenson said.

For more information about Ventana Wildlife Society, to donate or inquire about volunteer opportunities (limited at this time due to COVID-19), please visit online at www.ventanaws.org.



BABY CONDOR

Pictured is Condor 190, named "Redwood Queen," at the redwood nest she and "Phoenix" are using located in Big Sur.



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605 LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY TIME TRIAL

Cerritos High hosts first 605 League cross country event

“It was definitely exciting just to see the athletes have an opportunity to get on the course and race.” Cerritos head coach Jason Watanabe.

BY LOREN KOPFF
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It may have been an unconventional form of a cross country event, but for the 64 runners who came out to Cerritos High last Saturday morning, they just wanted to run. The 605 League finally started their very brief boys and girls cross country season with a time trial run around the high school, most of which took place on the back end of the school.

“It was definitely exciting just to see the athletes have an opportunity to get on the course and race,” said Cerritos head coach Jason Watanabe. “Even though it wasn’t head to head, they still compared times and even just with each other, they can have that competition that they didn’t have before.”

Instead of the popular cluster meets or even a dual meet, the 605 League decided to have each school run separately, roughly 50 minutes to an hour apart from the next school, and in alphabetical order. While there were no team scores, the times of each runner were still kept and at the end of the race,

READY, SET, GO!

Cerritos cross country head coach Jason Watanabe (left) sends off the 28 Cerritos varsity and junior varsity runners who ran in last Saturday’s 605 League time trial race. Cerritos was the second of the six schools to race as each school ran separate of each other.

Photo By Loren Kopff

those times were placed in order, just like a normal cluster meet. Cerritos was the only school to have at least six varsity runners for both its boys and girls teams and each league school had at least two varsity runners.

The three-mile course began on the south end of the soccer field just behind the first base dugout of the softball field and made its way north around the baseball field, along the blacktop and back towards the track where the runners would go about 300 yards before exiting the track to run alongside the west end of the tennis courts, running behind the track and back to the baseball field. The one-mile mark was just past the start line and after making a second trip around the baseball field, the runners would make a right turn on the blacktop just before the track and make their way towards the parking lot off Bloomfield Ave. Once they reached the end of the east gymnasium, they would turn left and run through the school to the back side of the front office, turn left and head towards the other parking lot. The two-mile mark was once the runners reached the blacktop for the third time. From there, they would make another loop around the gymnasium and through the school again before going around the baseball field and athletic fields in the opposite direction before finishing the race behind the bleachers of the softball field.

“Since this was a time trial, there’s really no team concept to it,” Watanabe said. “It’s just learning the course and getting the opportunity to run. I just really enjoyed the fact that they could come out here and be in a jersey and run the course.”

Watanabe said it took him longer to set up the race because of the recent rain. But he said a decent amount was set up last Tuesday. Last Friday, the Cerritos coaches spent another three to four hours setting up the course and another hour last Saturday morning prior to the six Artesia High runners making their way to the campus. This will be the same course that the league will run for its meet on Saturday as well as the last one on Mar. 27. And, while one school

is running, the next school is warming up in the baseball field.

For the girls, Cerritos senior Sofia Vasquez and sophomore Sydney Romero had the fastest times at 19:55 and 22:58 respectively. After a pair of Oxford Academy runners had the next fastest times, Whitney High senior Julianna Lee finished with the fifth best time at 23:29, followed by Cerritos sophomore Sofia Padilla at 23:51.

Whitney sophomore Layla Lacorte, who is also an up and coming star on the basketball team, had the eighth best time (24:46) before Cerritos juniors Kailah Usi and Tara Wang finished next at 25:21 and 25:22, respectively. The top Artesia runner, who had the 11th best time, was junior Lizabeth Ortega (25:55) and the lone John Glenn High female runner was senior Kaitlyn Martinez, who had a time of 28:10.

The other three area girls who were part of the 16 varsity runners were Cerritos junior Annabelle Bernardo (12th, 26:30), Whitney senior Kritika Pantha (14th, 27:43) and Artesia senior Marissa Hernandez (16th, 28:26).

For the varsity boys, the second, third and fourth best times were run by Cerritos junior Michael Rafael (17:15), senior Anrei Giordano (17:28) and junior Andrew Hwang (17:37). Following a pair of Oxford Academy runners, the next three times were all from Cerritos-senior Chris Amaro (18:23), junior Kevin Hamakawa (18:30) and senior Eric Perez (18:55). The seventh Cerritos runner to compete was senior Jayson Malhi, who had the 13th best time at 19:43.

The top Artesia runner was junior Jareth Navarro, who had the 10th best time at 19:04 while the lone Glenn runner, with the 14th best time, was sophomore Javier Reynoso (20:07). Sophomore Agam Makkar paced Whitney with the 15th best time (20:14).

Artesia had three other varsity runners-junior Angel Buenrostro (12th, 19:35), junior Fernando Gonzalez-Gallo (17th, 20:32) and junior Michael Jaydan (23rd, 24:58) while the other four Whitney varsity runners were freshman Steven Cao (20:28), senior Jeffrey Fernandez (20th, 20:49), sophomore Colin Choi (21st, 21:14) and sophomore Ethan Choe (22nd, 24:43).

“If the weather gets warmer, the times may not get faster,” Watanabe predicted for Saturday’s second league meet. “But definitely, athletes will get to strategize a little bit more and figure out [how to] be more aggressive. They can shave off 30 seconds to a minute for some of them.”



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WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

Spring season sports underway as athletic directors still working to find non-league contests

BY LOREN KOPFF
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It's been so long since Cerritos High, and other high schools across the Southland, hasn't had any sporting events. In fact, co-athletic director Robert Adams can't remember the last event the Dons had before schools were shut down March 12.

The last game for the Cerritos softball team was Mar. 5 and the last baseball game was Mar. 9 while badminton, boys golf, swimming, boys tennis, track and field and boys volleyball, the other spring season sports, had events scheduled the week of Mar. 9-13.

The same is true for a lot of high schools, especially the public ones, but when Cerritos hosted a 605 League cross country time trial race last Saturday, there were plenty of smiles on the faces of the athletes, athletic directors, coaches and other school personnel.

"It's great to have the kids back on campus to see their enthusiasm and do that stuff," said Cerritos High co-athletic director Robert Adams. "Obviously, some of the remote training has worked, at least for some of our athletes and I look forward to seeing [the cross country team] run against Gahr [on Wednesday]."

For months, athletic directors have been putting together master league schedules in addition to their own school's spring sports schedules in conjunction with the dates put together by CIF-Southern Section when it released the athletic calendar last July. Even when the CIF-SS gave schools the green light to start what was left of the winter season and proceed with the spring season, athletic directors all around have been adding and deleting non-league events day to day.

"The most frustrating thing athletically related is the constant change and updates and planning," Adams said. "Since we started really working on some sort of return to activity starting in late May-early June last year, there's an awful lot of spending hours and hours and hours to make a set of plans that four days later are obsolete and have to be adjusted. I'm thankful that it's starting to smooth out. It's not avoidable; it's an unavoidable issue that we have that happen because if we don't do some of the planning, then we're way too far behind."

While high school athletes have returned to play for the tail end of the fall season and the remainder of the condensed spring season, there is still a lot of planning ahead for the summer months and into the 2021 fall season, which figures to start on time and as early as Aug. 14 with girls volleyball.

Adams thinks that part of the frustration is going to be how quickly do schools move back towards what everyone wants, which is some type of normalcy. He added that the closer it gets to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, the difficulty level rises, including the summer, in which there are still a lot of unknowns.

"They're not quite as extensive as the unknowns of last June," he continued. "But they are extensive for us to be able to try to figure out how do we get the school to start operating again. Basically, operating a school along with an athletic department in a completely different way...how close to the way we were doing it before are we going to transition back? I'm sure it will



HMG-CN Sports Editor
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not go all the way back."

Another obstacle that Adams and Cerritos will face for the next three months, which has been one of the biggest hurdles all along, is transportation. Even though teams won't have as full of a schedule they're used to, there are more sports in the spring season as the CIF-SS put the traditional winter sports-boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer and wrestling-in the spring season. Adams said that transportation is still a difficulty because of the density issues and needs the community and families of the athletes to be open-minded with and try to help out whenever they can. He added that at Cerritos, it hasn't been too big of an issue, but cautioned that it will get more complicated before it improves as the ABC USD begins to bring the elementary students back to the classroom and eventually the middle & high school students.

While the CIF-SS cancelled its fall sports championships in December, it appears that the spring sports will have an opportunity to play for a championship in May and June. But, when it comes to the 605 League, Adams said it will not declare league champions for any sport this year.

"Obviously, though, if there is CIF competition, seeded teams have to be submitted," Adams said. "I think it's going to be a combination of [non-league] play and probably [league] just to confirm that what we are looking at in results of the different sports match up what the 605 League feels is appropriate to submit as CIF sports."

FOOTBALL

A few area schools will play their first football games within the next week highlighted by a Mar. 18 tilt between La Mirada High and Orange High. The Matadors went 7-4 in the 2019 season, finishing in second place in the Suburban League and falling to Downey High 12-7 in the first round of the Division 4 playoffs. Orange won the Orange Coast League in 2019 and advanced to the Division 10 semifinals before the Panthers fell to Simi Valley High 30-14.

On Friday, Norwalk High, which went 3-7 in 2019 and finished in last place in the Suburban League, is scheduled to play a road game at Downey, the third place representative from San Gabriel Valley League in 2019. After knocking off La Mirada, the Vikings fell to Camarillo High 28-27 in the quarterfinals to end their season at 5-7.

Finally, Gahr High is scheduled to begin its season on Thursday against SGVL foe Dominguez High. The Gladiators went 3-8 and finished in fifth place before falling to Santa Barbara High 44-0 in the first round of the Division 8 playoffs.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Cerritos is scheduled to visit Valley Christian High on Saturday morning in baseball while La Mirada is scheduled to face Capistrano Valley Christian today before facing Long Beach Poly High on Monday, Lakewood High on Tuesday and La Serna High on Thursday.

In softball action, scheduled games include V.C. hosting Oxford Academy today and Cerritos on Tuesday before visiting Ontario Christian High on Wednesday, Gahr entertaining La Habra High on Tuesday and Murrieta Mesa High on Thursday and La Mirada facing South Hills High on Saturday, California

Cerritos Centenarian Marcy McMahon Passes Away

"Fewer than one percent of Americans live to be centenarian like me. I'm not going to worry about anything, Cheers!"
~Marcy McMahon December 2020



BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Marcy Kroupa McMahon, long time Cerritos resident who had recently been honored by city council for her 100th birthday passed away March 14, 2021. "I remember the night her mother passed away, our grandmother, it was raining. It rained here too on Sunday evening," recalled her son Jim, "She died peacefully in her bed in her Cerritos Cottage garden home at approximately 10:53 p.m. My brother Ken had just left to go to work, I believe she waited for him to leave because he couldn't handle such things."

Emergency vehicles had been summoned to the McMahon home in February due to complications from the CoVID-19 flu shot. That along with increasing dementia and an AFIB heart, Marcy's health began to decline. "Her vitals were strong, but the muscle had left her body and her joints were painful. I had to massage her body because she refused to take her medication," said Jim, "you could tell her organs were shutting down."

Marcella Kroupa McMahon celebrated her 100th birthday on December 10th, 2020. The City of Cerritos bestowed a proclamation to McMahon honoring this grand life achievement. Born Marcella Kroupa in Jackson Minnesota in 1920, she moved to Los Angeles after graduating with honors from college in Twin Cities, Minnesota, met her husband Raymond, and was married in 1948, being blessed

with four sons. "She really wanted to try and make it to 105," added Jim.

There were only two people Marcy continued to ask for, her sister Eleanor and her brother Wisely, Jim added, "Mom kept repeating something at the end, 'I give everyone a big love hug' and then she closed her eyes. It was reported that she said the rosary, very well just a few hours before her death.

Jim remarked that he has lost his rock, card playing partner, patio sitter and great conservationist but was glad that he was able to be there for his Mother through these past twelve months of the pandemic and the riots.

HMG was fortunate to cover her 100th celebration of life in December. Since the pandemic hit, life had been quiet for her. "It almost reminds me of the Great Recession in the 30's and staying under cover during WW2, when we had to keep most of the interior lights off to secure our homes from air attack," Marcy recalled. "When God is ready for me to come home, Orange County will be my final resting place, alongside my husband," she stated, "fewer than one percent of Americans live to be centenarian like me. I'm not going to worry about anything or anybody. Cheers!"

Marcy's wishes were to be cremated, and her urn will rest at Holy Sepulcher in Orange.

History of La Mirada Book Set for Delivery



THE NEW BOOK by Glen Cantrell and Raymond Fernandez chronicles how La Mirada "began with a vision." Andrew McNally, of the mapmakers Rand McNally and Company, saw the beautiful rolling hills as the perfect place to grow olives and lemons and purchased 2,600 acres of land that would become the modern city it is today. Originally planned as a collection of country estates, the area attracted dairy farmers and citrus growers who operated alongside the McNally Ranch, well known for its olive oil. During the building boom after World War II, families flocked to the area, drawn by idyllic spaces like Neff Park, and voted to incorporate in 1960.

High on Tuesday and Santa Fe High on Wednesday.

BOYS SOCCER

Gahr was scheduled to host V.C. on Mar. 18 while on Tuesday, Artesia High is scheduled to host Paramount High at Fedde Middle School. Two days later, the Pioneers are scheduled to be home against Buena Park High, also at Fedde while on Wednesday, V.C., off to 3-0-1 start after tying Mayfair High 1-1 this past Wednesday, is set to visit the Monsoons on Wednesday. Also, La Mirada, which shutout Troy High 1-0 this past Tuesday, is scheduled to visit Buena Park High on Tuesday and Sonora

High on Thursday.

GIRLS SOCCER

V.C., which tied Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa High 2-2 to go to 1-0-1 on the young season, is scheduled to visit Dominguez High today before scheduled home games with Mayfair on Tuesday and Crean Lutheran on Thursday. Also, on Tuesday, Artesia is scheduled to host Firebaugh High and Buena Park on Thursday. La Mirada blanked Millikan High 1-0 this past Monday and is scheduled to visit La Serna High on Mar. 18 and Warren High on Tuesday before facing La Habra High on Thursday.

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privately and where the existing Queens exchange crowns with the incoming queens in Honor of the Holy Spirit and Saint Queen Isabel.

The Queen, Aids and Hynes D.E.S. committee cordially invite you to join them in the Fund raisers listed below. Proceeds will go towards the Hynes D.E.S. Hall a non-profit organization preserving the Portuguese culture and Catholic faith.

The fundraisers are as follows:

One time only on June 19 the festa sopas, a handed down Century old recipe will be available as a fundraiser to go. This peasant style European meal of roast beef, cabbage, and bread will satisfy your hunger. If you're Portuguese, it will also fill your heart and mind with memories of your past festas with family and loved ones.

They are also offering the Festa Monday night and a community favorite, barbacoa roast beef and Portuguese style pinto beans to go. This savory dinner had lines down the block when offered for dine in only. Now you can order and drive thru picking up the delicious slow roasted juicy barbacoa beef with a side of Portuguese pinto beans and French bread loaf in March and September.

Limited availability be sure to order now and reserve your dinner to go.

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June 19, 2021 , the traditional Holy Spirit meal of roast beef, cabbage and French bread. (Serves a family of 4) pre-order at www.hynesdes.org Drive thru pick up at Hynes DES., June 19 2pm-4:30pm.

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increase in anti-Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) attacks across the nation, with over 2,800 attacks since March 2020 being reported by the Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center, while also recognizing the California Democratic Party's commitment to supporting "a just and inclusive society by speaking out with a public and unified voice against all forms of racism, discrimination, harassment, hatred, and violence directed at racial and ethnic minorities", as stated in the Equality of Rights and Opportunity plank of the California Democratic Party's 2020 Platform;

Whereas, Asian American Californians, who account for approximately one-third of the nation's Asian American population, are all vulnerable to the growing number of xenophobia-fueled attacks, which continue to be fueled by former President Trump and his supporters. This is exemplified by a now-broad use of the racist reference to COVID-19 as the "China virus" despite the World Health Organization's guidelines in disease naming;

Whereas, the history of California and the United States as a whole relating to our Asian

American population is one of discrimination, restriction, and xenophobia, as seen in the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, the formation of the "Asiatic-Barred Zone" in the Immigration Act of 1917, and more;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club denounces the rise in racist acts that strike fear into the hearts of our own communities, as well as the forces which have facilitated that rise, and urges

leaders to counter anti-AAPI hate crimes by bringing communities together;

Be it further resolved that the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club strongly urges the California Democratic Party to adopt this resolution, while calling upon the Biden administration and California elected officials to work with the AAPI community in addressing the rise in anti-AAPI attacks.

Cerritos Councilman Yokoyama told HMG-CN, "From March 19, 2020 to the present, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from all 50 states have experienced racist attacks ranging from verbal abuse to physical assaults, from getting coughed on to getting denied services because of their ethnicity. So far, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders reported about 3,800 hate-related attacks during the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm outraged and saddened by the alarming rise in hate attacks upon the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community across our country. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are not responsible for the pandemic. We must join together in condemning violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. #StopAsianHate #StopAAPIHate."



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that has funded an updated tree inventory for the City.

The urban forest management plan is currently in development with the planting of 383 new trees placed in public areas.

This grant project and an additional Cal Fire grant will provide an additional 325 trees for public areas and 675 fruit trees for distribution to qualifying and

interested residents.

Over the coming months, the LACC will be conducting outreach throughout the City to provide information to residents about tree planting and to find residents that are interested in having a tree planted in the parkway in front of their house.

Davey Resource Group, the company creating the City's urban forest management plan will also be conducting an outreach to expand awareness of the benefits of trees and gaining input from the community on developing the plan further.

City staff appreciates all the input residents have offered in the past as part of this ongoing process.

If you are interested in having a tree planted, email askartesia@cityofartesia.us with your name, address and contact information and the City will contact you in the coming weeks.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps [LACC], one of the City's main partners on these projects, planted the trees with supervision from City staff.

For more information on this project, please visit www.cityofartesia.us, and check for updated information.



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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

Irish Cookery

Grid of letters for the word search puzzle:

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D	C	A	K	E	M	U	S	S	E	L	S	R	S	S

Apples, Beara, Beef, Blaa, BonnyClabber, Boxy, Bread, Buttermilk, Cabbage, Cake, Celery, Celtic, Coal, Coddle, Colcannon, Corned, Crubeens, Drisheen, Dulse, Fish, Fowl, Grill, Honey, Ireland, Lamb, Larders, Leek, Lox, Mussels, Nettle, Onions, Oven, Porridge, Potatoes, Poundies, Rhubarb, Spuds, Stew, Stirabout, Traditional, Trotter, Types, Watercress.

Solution: 5 letters

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HARMON D. VINSON, JR. CASE NO. 21STPB02109
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HARMON D. VINSON, JR.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATHLEEN VINSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATHLEEN VINSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/27/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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uncertainties of the time, it was expected that the City, like many government agencies, would face a deficit. In fact, the City's General Fund was adopted with a projected operating deficit of \$1.8 million.

While the last year has been difficult, the City of La Mirada's financial situation has remained sound. During a recent Council Study Session meeting, staff presented a mid-year budget update that conservatively anticipates a surplus of at least \$2.7 million. The improved budget situation is largely the result of the City's traditional revenue sources remaining stable, the strong local tax base, and prudent planning and financial management. These same factors have resulted in La Mirada routinely being named among California's most fiscally healthy cities according to the State Auditor.

During the past year, the City provided programs to assist residents and businesses adversely affected by the pandemic and is exploring potential uses of funding from the recently approved American Rescue Plan to do even more. The City was able to provide grants of up to \$4,000 to eligible families for mortgage/rental assistance. Nearly 50 families benefited from this program. Additionally, through the small business grant and relief programs, nearly 40 local businesses received up to \$10,000. Combined, these programs generated over \$530,000 in direct funding to support the community. We also supported local businesses through the emergency temporary outdoor dining and commercial programs to help restaurants

and other important businesses operate in compliance with public health orders.

Unfortunately, all Theatre programming was suspended and most Community Services recreational programming was limited or postponed during the past year. While this has resulted in some cost savings to the City, it also eliminated the revenues from ticket sales and participation fees. We look forward to the return of Theatre programming in the fall and plan to offer many recreation programs, including operation of the Buccaneer Bay Waterpark, this summer based on guidance received from the state and LAC Health Department.

The City has also continued to invest in updating our infrastructure. Some \$8.43 million will be spent this year on neighborhood street improvements, Alondra Boulevard street rehabilitation, Valley View Avenue median landscaping replacement, HVAC improvements at the Community Gymnasium, and the completion of new mat-rider and tube slides at Buccaneer Bay Waterpark. Additional improvements to keep our community safe and attractive will be planned for next year.

The City remains committed to prudent fiscal management practices and financial stewardship. As we begin to prepare the budget for next year, we will plan to provide essential programs and services to meet the community's needs and enhance the quality of life in La Mirada. Also, remember to #ShopLaMirada and #DineLaMirada and continue to support our local businesses and economy!

*Sincerely, John Lewis
Mayor of La Mirada*

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\$50,000 with many classified as essential workers.

Hawaiian Gardens officials have been asking for mobile sites but health officials have been slow.

"We've asked for the mobile unit sites several times, no one has answered, it's like the Wild Wild West," said Maravilla.

Meanwhile, shots will remain scarce, with Long Beach and Orange County both having their own health departments,

and access to the vaccine that Hawaiian Gardens residents don't.

For some reason shots from HG doctors are few and pharmacies have it, but they're not on the state's appointment portal.

Maravilla said, "It's vaccine inequity, as witnessed by smaller community's high infection rates, it's a direct correlation with the health department's local strategy. The spotlight is on equity, but not much is going on. They talk of inequity, but there is little action to correct the problem."

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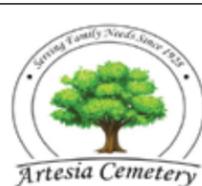
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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE RESIDENTIAL CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, PROJECT NO. 20303, BID NO. 1421-21

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: Project Identification: RESIDENTIAL CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, PROJECT NO. 20303, BID NO. 1421-21 Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of removal and replacement of deficient concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalk panels, driveway aprons, wheelchair access ramps, parkway tree removal; stump grinding; removal of all roots; and replacement of trees required for the construction of concrete improvements and other items identified in the bid schedule. Bids must be received on or before: 11:00 A.M., APRIL 6, 2021 Place of bid receipt: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Cerritos, California 90703. Bids must be marked: "RESIDENTIAL CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, PROJECT NO. 20303, BID NO. 1421-21" All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall.

Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention moneys withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to submit a bid. Furthermore, only subcontractors registered with the DIR to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to perform work or labor or render service under subcontract to the subject contractor. No contractor or subcontractor awarded work on this project shall appear on the federal or state debarment lists. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. This is a federally assisted construction contract. Federal labor standards provisions outlined in HUD-4010 form, including the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), will be enforced. The applicable federal wage decision is the one in effect ten (10) days prior to bid opening; it is online at http://www.wdol.gov/wdol/scafiles/davisbacon/ca.html. In the event of a conflict between Federal and State wage rates, the higher of the two will prevail. The State wage rates are available online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD/index.html. Lower State wage rates for work classifications not specifically included in the Federal wage decision are not acceptable. This is a HUD Section 3 covered construction contract and requires compliance with the hiring goals outlined in Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act. A bid preference may be given to a bidder who provides a reasonable bid and is determined to be a qualified Section 3 Business. A Section 3 Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at City Hall 2nd Floor Public Works Conference Room, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703, to explain the Section 3 bid preference and hiring goals. In order to receive consideration for the Section 3 bid preference, a bidder must complete, sign, and submit the following forms with its bid proposal: a) Section 3 Business Certification form; and b) Section 3 Resident Certification form(s). A reasonable bid must be within the Zone of Consideration factored at the time of the bid evaluation. Direct all questions to Jane Freij, Section 3 Coordinator, at jfreij@willdan.com. Additional federal requirements, as detailed in the Information to Bidders, apply to this project. Apprenticeship Program: Attention is directed to Sections 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 of the California Labor Code and Title 8 of the California Administrative Code, Section 200, et seq., to ensure compliance and a complete understanding of the law regarding apprentices. Conflict of Interest: No employee, officer, or agent of the sub-recipient shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. The conflict of interest provisions in 24 CFR 85.36, OMB Circular A-110, and 24 CFR 570.611 shall apply. By order of the City of Cerritos. Dated/posted/published: March 19, 2021

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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE EL RANCHO VERDE PARK AND LIBERTY PARK FIT CORES, PROJECT NO. 21101, BID NO. 1422-21

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: Project Identification: EL RANCHO VERDE PARK AND LIBERTY PARK FIT CORES, PROJECT NO. 21101, BID NO. 1422-21 Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, material, tools and equipment necessary to remove existing fitness equipment, install new fitness equipment, remove existing sand and install new rubberized playground surfacing at El Rancho Verde Park and Liberty Park and other items as specified in the Bid Sheet. El Rancho Verde Park is located at 7815 Denni Street and Liberty Park is located at 19211 Studebaker Road both in the City of Cerritos. The play equipment installer shall be a certified installer of Game Time Playground Equipment. Bids must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m., April 6, 2021 Place of bid receipt: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Cerritos, California 90703 Bids must be marked: "EL RANCHO VERDE PARK AND LIBERTY PARK FIT CORES, PROJECT NO. 21101, BID NO. 1422-21" All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall.

Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention moneys withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to submit a bid. Furthermore, only subcontractors registered with the DIR to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to perform work or labor or render service under subcontract to the subject contractor. No contractor or subcontractor awarded work on this project shall appear on the federal or state debarment lists. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. This is a federally assisted construction contract. Federal labor standards provisions outlined in HUD-4010 form, including the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), will be enforced. The applicable federal wage decision is the one in effect ten (10) days prior to bid opening; it is online at http://www.wdol.gov/wdol/scafiles/davisbacon/ca.html. In the event of a conflict between Federal and State wage rates, the higher of the two will prevail. The State wage rates are available online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD/index.html. Lower State wage rates for work classifications not specifically included in the Federal wage decision are not acceptable.

This is a HUD Section 3 covered construction contract and requires compliance with the hiring goals outlined in Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act. A bid preference may be given to a bidder who provides a reasonable bid and is determined to be a qualified Section 3 Business. A Section 3 Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at City Hall 2nd Floor Public Works Conference Room, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703, to explain the Section 3 bid preference and hiring goals. In order to receive consideration for the Section 3 bid preference, a bidder must complete, sign, and submit the following forms with its bid proposal: a) Section 3 Business Certification form; and b) Section 3 Resident Certification form(s). A reasonable bid must be within the Zone of Consideration factored at the time of the bid evaluation. Direct all questions to Jane Freij, Section 3 Coordinator, at jfreij@willdan.com. Additional federal requirements, as detailed in the Information to Bidders, apply to this project. Apprenticeship Program: Attention is directed to Sections 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 of the California Labor Code and Title 8 of the California Administrative Code, Section 200, et seq., to ensure compliance and a complete understanding of the law regarding apprentices. Conflict of Interest: No employee, officer, or agent of the sub-recipient shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. The conflict of interest provisions in 24 CFR 85.36, OMB Circular A-110, and 24 CFR 570.611 shall apply. By order of the City of Cerritos. Dated/posted/published: March 19, 2021

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 11:00 AM on the 9th day of April, 2021 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1567 Whitney High School Modernization

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain the website link to bid documents at the mandatory jobwalk on March 29, 2021 at 8:30 AM sharp at the Whitney HS front of Administration Building, 16800 Shoemaker Ave., Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIE G. MALOUF aka ELIE GEORGE MALOUF aka ELIE MALOUF Case No. 21STPB00149

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIE G. MALOUF aka ELIE GEORGE MALOUF aka ELIE MALOUF A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Samar Toska Malouf in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Samar Toska Malouf be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 30, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: JEFFREY WEBER ESQ SBN 283570 BRIGGS & ALEXANDER APLC 2390 E ORANGEWOOD AVE STE 530 ANAHEIM CA 92806 CN975816 MALOUF Mar 5,12,19, 2021

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDITH K. JOHNSON Case No. 21STPB01654

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDITH K. JOHNSON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Althea M. Withers in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Althea M. Withers be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 12, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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Attorney for petitioner: JOSEPH ENGLE ESQ SBN 309630 30721 RUSSELL RANCH ROAD STE 140 WESTLAKE VILLAGE CA 91362 CN975847 JOHNSON Mar 5,12,19, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

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CITY OF COMMERCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 718 AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will hold a public hearing to consider review of an amendment to Development Agreement 718 [Commercial Cannabis Permit (CCP)] for Commercial Cannabis Activities on March 24, 2021 as required by California Government Code §§65090 and 65867.

Project Description: The proposed project includes a request to amend an existing Development Agreement that allows Commercial Cannabis Activities. The amendment proposes to allow change of premises, and change of ownership. The existing approved Development Agreement for this business allows for Manufacturing, Cultivation, Distribution and Non-storefront Retail Delivery of commercial cannabis products at 4220 E. Washington Ave, Commerce, CA 90040.

Proposed Site Location: 2827 Supply Ave., Commerce, CA 90040

Environmental Determination: The proposed projects are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The proposed project does not include any new construction beyond interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances, in accordance with CEQA Section 15301(a).

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMERCE PLANNING COMMISSION

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a regular Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the amendment to Development Agreement 718 will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

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

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this amendment in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the hearing.

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 Act-related 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 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 provided herein.

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.

City Manager
 Edgar Cisneros

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CITY OF COMMERCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION 18-059/
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 715 AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will hold a public hearing to consider review of an amendment to Development Agreement 715 [Commercial Cannabis Permit (CCP)] for Commercial Cannabis Activities on March 24, 2021 as required by California Government Code §§65090 and 65867.

Project Description: The proposed project includes a request to amend an existing Development Agreement that allows Commercial Cannabis Activities. The amendment proposes to allow change of premises, change of ownership and name of business, and the addition of a Type 3A medium indoor cultivation license as an additional activity. The existing approved Development Agreement for this business allows for Manufacturing, Cultivation, and Distribution of commercial cannabis products at 6445 Bandini Ave., Commerce, CA 90040.

Proposed Site Location: 2700 Yates Ave., Commerce, CA 90040

Environmental Determination: The proposed projects are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The proposed project does not include any new construction beyond interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances, in accordance with CEQA Section 15301(a).

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMERCE PLANNING COMMISSION

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a special Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the amendment to Development Agreement 715 will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

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

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this amendment in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the hearing.

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City Manager
 Edgar Cisneros

Published at Los Commerce Community News, March 12, 2021

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUDY C. DOWNEN, aka JUDY DOWNEN
CASE NO. 21STPB02127

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUDY C. DOWNEN, aka JUDY DOWNEN

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **APRIL 21, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: "79"** located at: 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA Central District

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARK E. DARNELL aka MARK EDWARD DARNELL
Case No. 21STPB01501

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARK E. DARNELL aka MARK EDWARD DARNELL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Constance M. Darnell in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Constance M. Darnell be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 19, 2021 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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 CN975956 DARNELL Mar 5,12,19, 2021

CITY OF LA MIRADA

Please take notice that on February 23, 2021, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 716 REGULATING SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES CITY-WIDE AND AMENDING THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

Summary of Ordinance No. 716

Ordinance No. 716 added a new La Mirada Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 (City Wide Regulation of Small Wireless Facilities). The ordinance requires 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 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.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 716 are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers De Ruse, Otero, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor Lewis
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

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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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on April 5, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Michael Magaldi, Household Goods, Dustin Bruce, Dressers, Household Items, Daniel Martinez, Household Items, Esther Perumalla, Household Items, Paul Kiefer, Household Items, Valerie Veak, Household Items, Kevin McMurray, Household Items, Lucrecia Budgett, Household Items, Teresa Knight, Furniture and Boxes, Maria Roldan, Household Items, Isaac Lewis, Hair Salon Furniture, Terri Walters, Household Items, Nichole Weston, T.V., Furniture, Totes, Ashley Brown, Refrigerator, Dresser, Boxes, Recliner, Bags, and T.V. stand, Robert Earl Hollis, Boxes, Glenn Eldridge, Household Items.

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

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