



FOOD DRIVE HELD AT KNABE PARK

GOODWILL: With the help of the community, the L.A. Food Bank began passing out over 1,200 food kits at 9:00 a.m. this past Wednesday morning. Each family received up to 80 pounds of food.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provided free food to 1,200 families and those in need at the Don Knabe Community Park Food Distribution Wed. June 2.

With the help of the community the Food Bank began passing out over 1,200 food kits at 9:00 am.

Each family received up to 80 pounds of food which included shelf stable items such as canned goods, cereal, rice, pasta, as well as fresh produce such as bananas, asparagus and bell peppers.

“We are happy to provide nutritious food and resources and on top of that we will also give hand outs where families can find long term food assistance if it is needed,” said LAFB Marketing

Director Victoria Lasavath.

Before the pandemic the Food Bank was consistently helping an estimated 300,000 clients, currently they are assisting over 900,000 clients in one month at various distribution events.

Before the pandemic, an estimated 1 in 5 people in Los Angeles County lived with food insecurity, but after the COVID-19 outbreak, the number of people needing food assistance has increased markedly to 1 in 4.

The Food Bank has over 700 partner agencies with local companies that help with food distribution.

“While the economy is definitely beginning to open, and there are positive improvements, as far as food insecurities, we still see a high need,” said Lasavath.

Senate Bill Will Prohibit Testing on Domestic Animals

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The California Senate passed SB 252, which prohibits toxicity testing on dogs and cats not required by law, by a vote of 30-1. Led by Senator Scott Weiner, the bill now goes to the California Assembly for consideration.

“The citizens of California are being heard, and in a historic step, the Senate has voted to end toxicity testing on dogs,” said Sabrina Ashjian, California State Director for the Humane Society of the United States. “Californians have been trailblazers for creating a more humane world for animals. Dogs used for toxicity testing are subjected to painful experiments, and I am incredibly thankful to Senator Weiner for paving the way to make our state the first in the nation to put an end to this suffering.”

More than 60,000 dogs are used each year for testing and research at some 350 private, public and federal facilities. Most of these dogs come from breeding facilities licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, housing more than 22,000 dogs for commercial sale to laboratories.

For over 100 days the Humane Society of the United

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Developer Unveils Plans to Enhance Norwalk Entertainment District

The district includes the Civic Center, AMC Theater, Doubletree Hotel and surrounding restaurants and businesses.

BY BRIAN HEWS

This past Tuesday, Los Angeles based Primstor, who owns several developments in the county, presented a plan to the Norwalk City Council to redevelop the Civic Center area to enhance the so-called Entertainment District which includes the Civic Center, AMC Theater, Doubletree Hotel and surrounding restaurants and businesses.

The Civic Center is the home to the Norwalk Courthouse,

the Registrar Records Office and several other governmental agencies.

In October 2018, the City Council adopted the Economic Development Opportunities Plan to identify areas within the City to promote economic development and Civic Center was in that plan.

Following the plan, in February 2019 the City entered into an exclusive negotiating agreement with Primstor to undertake a feasibility study for the development of the area and explore opportunities to revitalize the 10-acre Civic Center lawn, parking lot and City Hall site.

Ten months later, Primstor

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Longtime Fixture of Cerritos Boys Basketball Retires After Twenty Seasons as Head Coach

Watanabe went 305-248 in 20 seasons and leaves as the school’s all-time winningest boys basketball head coach.

BY LOREN KOPFF

For 20 seasons, Jonathan Watanabe has been the face of the Cerritos High boys basketball varsity team, first being a co-head coach with another legend, Ian Desborough, then by himself, and finally with Kevin Enomoto by his side the previous six seasons.

The time has come for Watanabe to step down as head coach, something that once surfaced as water cooler talk following the 2015-2016 season but was never definite until now. Watanabe compiled a 305-248 record in 20 seasons and leaves as the school’s all-time winningest boys basketball head coach. Cerritos recently captured its third straight 605 League title and finished the abbreviated season at 11-4, the fewest games played

since the year before Watanabe moved up to the varsity team when the Dons went 7-19.

Watanabe said the pandemic changed a lot in his decision to retire now, especially not being able to be with the team on a full-time basis this past season. He

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Cerritos Receives \$3.135M in COVID Recovery Funds

BY BRIAN HEWS

The United States Treasury, under the Biden administration, established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide monies to cities. The cities can use the money to offset revenue losses and provide funding to support a very broad variety of projects to encourage job growth, provide housing, and assist in the completion of critical infrastructure development and

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VOLUNTEERS loaded 80 pound boxes of food into cars. In addition to the food bank, the event was also sponsored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, the city of Cerritos, local LA County Sheriffs, the city of Los Angeles, and the LA County Sheriff's Advisory Council.



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Artesia Cemetery Honors Veterans



THE ARTESIA CEMETERY District Board of Trustees placed a wreath in honor and remembrance of our fallen military heroes, (l-r) Trustee Osvaldo Palhinha, Chair Mike Wada, Vice Chair Allison Stewart and Trustee Mike Laughlin.

La Mirada Community Blood Drive

The City of La Mirada and American Red Cross will be holding a community blood drive. The blood drive will take place on Wednesday, June 16 from 12 to 6 p.m. at the La Mirada Resource Center, located 13710 La Mirada Boulevard.

To schedule an appointment online, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code CITYLaMirada or call (800) RED-CROSS. It is required to bring a photo I.D. at the time of your appointment.

All donors will be screened before entering the drive. For more information, contact American Red Cross at (800) RED-CROSS.

Norwalk Offering Scholarships for Career Training at Adult School

Funding provided through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has made it possible for the City to offer scholarships to low income residents pursuing career and technical training.

The scholarships, ranging from \$1,050 to \$2,600, will assist with the cost of occupational training in health sciences, medical technology or welding/metal fabrication at Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School (NLMAS).

Scholarships cover tuition costs only, with the student responsible for books, exam supplies and uniforms.

Fall programs at NLMAS begin on August 16, 2021.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Norwalk resident (proof of residency

is required), must be 18 years of age or older, and meet income qualifications.

Applications are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/norwalktrainingscholarships>. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Appointments are required to submit applications and required documentation.

For more information, please contact the Housing & Neighborhood Development Division at (562) 929-5951.

Cerritos Towne Center Giving Residents a Chance to Win \$300

In celebration of Father’s Day, Cerritos Towne Center, cerritostc.com, invites the community to share their favorite words of wisdom from their father, grandfather or father figure on the center’s Instagram page for a chance to win a \$300 prize package.

Entries will be accepted now through June 16th and entrants must be 18 or older to enter and win.

One lucky winner will be randomly selected and contacted via email on or around June 18th; the winner must reply within 48 hours or forfeit the prize, and another winner will be selected. No purchase or payment is required.

To learn more, or to enter the contest: [instagram.com/shopcerritos](https://www.instagram.com/shopcerritos).

Palos Verdes Center Holds ‘Collected Treasures’ Benefit Sale

The Circle, a Palos Verdes Art Center support group, presents “Collected Treasures” this weekend.

Admission is free and the collection

of curated estate items on sale includes antique Chinese slippers, a grandfather clock, linens, a Lalique bowl, china, silver and jewelry. The event takes place at the arts center on 5504 Crestridge Road during the following days and times:

Fri., June 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat., June 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Sun., June 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In past years, Collected Treasures has been part of The Circle’s annual Palos Verdes Homes Tour. However, since the event had to be postponed the last two years, this year’s standalone event will include more than the usual number of high-quality estate items to choose from. The most special items will be in a Silent Auction.

Funds raised from the sale will go to the Palos Verdes Art Center/Beverly G. Alpay Center for Arts Education which is celebrating 90 years of educating, enriching and building community through equal and inclusive access to the visual arts.

Long Beach Museum of Art Auction

Now open, the Art Auction XIX Exhibition Preview featuring over 120 works by leading contemporary Southern California artists.

The 19th biennial fundraiser raises critical support for the Museum's exhibition and education programs.

This year's fundraiser, reimagined as a virtual auction and hybrid event welcomes works by an exceptional list of artists including Young-il Ahn, Terry Braunstein, Brent Estabrook, Cheryl Humphreys, MyungJin Kim, Tony Marsh, Narsiso Martinez, and Elyse Pignolet.

Preview the exhibition in-person, and starting June 12, we invite everyone to participate and bid on these works.

Admission to the exhibition, and access to the online auction are free. Your contributions are vital, and we ask you consider a donation in support of LBMA's mission-driven impact.

EXHIBITION PREVIEW June 3-27, 2021; free admission; you can reserve your ticket online

AUCTION CATALOG can be viewed online.

ONLINE BIDDING opens June 12, 9 a.m. - June 27, 8 p.m.

A live broadcast on June 27 from 6-8 p.m. will be accessible on lbma.org and LBMA social channels.

Register now and be the first to bid on June 12. The online auction is free to access at <http://bit.ly/LBART>.

OC Fair is Back With Limited Tickets Available

It's the start of summer and tickets for the annual OC Fair are on sale, but with limited daily capacity this year, days could sell out.

Tickets must be purchased in advance with no fees on ocfair.com. Fairgoers should make sure to get tickets for special days and group adventures now.

This year's OC Fair will run July 16-Aug. 15, Wednesdays through Sundays, with limited attendance. The theme is "Time for Fun!"

It will be a different OC Fair for guests to explore. With a limited capacity of about 45,000 fairgoers each day, the event is designed to give visitors more elbow room and will have a reduced number of attractions. The OC Fair follows state and county health directives.

Key things to know:

A limited number of tickets are available each day.

Advance online ticket sales only – no

Tickets are \$12 weekday general admission (Wednesday, Thursday) and \$14 weekend general admission (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Admission for seniors (60+) and youth (ages 6-12) is \$7 every day and children 5 and younger are free.

The 2021 OC Fair mobile app is coming soon and will have information on daily activities as well as a map, news & information and tickets.

The Fair will open each day at 10 a.m. and close at 11 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays and midnight on weekends.

General parking is still \$10, \$20 for buses and limos, credit card only. The free shuttle from Experian and OCTA's OC Fair Express bus service will not be available this year. Carnival tickets are also on sale now so fairgoers can skip the ticket booths.

Buy Tickets Online: Buccaneer Bay Open for the Summer

Buccaneer Bay is open for summer fun! Family and friends can enjoy the pirate-themed waterpark which features a lazy river, three water slides, a children’s play structure, spray pad areas, and two new waterslides including a six-lane mat-rider and two new aqua-tube slides.

Splash! Buccaneer Bay will be open daily through Friday, August 6 and on the weekends through Sunday, September 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Purchase a single day admission pass online to save time. Single day admissions are available for \$23 with senior and children below 48” tickets priced at \$18. Children ages 2 and under are free.

Staff will also be enforcing a clear bag policy to minimize direct touching of guest items. For additional information, please visit splashlamirada.com or call (562) 902-3191.

Bellflower's Steelcraft Food Court Events JUNE 2021

Saturday, June 5 – **Live Music: XN-Tricks** (Insta: [@xntricksband](https://www.instagram.com/xntricksband)) 6-9PM.

Tuesday, June 8 – **Sunshine Parent and Me Music Lessons** ([@sunshine_music_ca](https://www.instagram.com/sunshine_music_ca)) 9:30AM and 10:15AM classes.

Thursday, June 10 – **Paint and Sip with Coupe’s and Pigment** ([@coupesandpigment](https://www.instagram.com/coupesandpigment)) 6-8PM.

Saturday, June 12 – **Live Music: MoLove Quotet** 6-9PM.

Tuesday, June 15 – **Sunshine Parent and Me Music Lessons** ([@sunshine_music_ca](https://www.instagram.com/sunshine_music_ca)) 9:30AM and 10:15AM classes.

Saturday, June 19 – **STEELCRAFT Father’s Day Spring Pop-Up** 11AM-5-PM.

Saturday, June 19 – **Bricks and Giggles Father’s Day LEGO Workshop** 11AM-1PM).

Sunday, June 20 – **DJ: Brunch Music!** ([@brunchmusicgrp](https://www.instagram.com/brunchmusicgrp)) 12:30-3:30PM.

Tuesday, June 22 – **Sunshine Parent and Me Music Lessons** ([@sunshine_music_ca](https://www.instagram.com/sunshine_music_ca)) 9:30AM and 10:15AM classes.

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Grab and Go Meals Offered for Free in Pico Rivera



VOLUNTEERS distribute meals at Rivera Park in Pico Rivera. The meals are made available through a program offered by the California Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Meals will be distributed via curbside pick-up between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Nutritional Grab and Go meals will be available free of charge to children ages 18 and younger this summer at select parks in the City of Pico Rivera.

The meals are made available through a program offered by the California Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Meals will be distributed via curbside pick-up between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the following sites every Monday through Friday from June 14 through August 6:

- Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Blvd.
- Rivera Park, 9530 Shade Ln.
- Rio Hondo Park, 8421 San Luis Potosi Pl.
- Smith Park, 6016 Rosemead Blvd.

Parents may pick-up meals on behalf of their children, and there is no application necessary. All Grab and Go meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies last.

The City is seeking volunteers to assist with the Summer Meal Program. Volunteers will help with set up, meal distribution, site supervision, and clean up. To volunteer, fill out a Volunteer application available on the City’s website at www.pico-rivera.org and email the completed application to lreyes@pico-rivera.org.

For more information about the program or volunteers, call the City’s Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.

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29 Home Garden Tour Benefits Local Shelter

After 15 months, the 2021 Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour is back on with 29 gardens on the list.

The event will take place June 26-27.

The printed Tour Guide can be picked-up at any one of the 2021 Supporting Nurseries: Brita's Old Town Garden in Seal Beach, Green Thumb Nursery in Lake Forest; H & H Nursery in Lakewood; Heavenly Vintage Nursery in Fountain Valley; Laguna Hills Nursery in Santa Ana; M & M Nursery, Orange Coast Farm Supply, The Potting Shed and Upland Nursery all in Orange; Nursery by Southwinds in Irvine; Plant Depot and Tree of Life Nursery both in San Juan Capistrano; and Village Nursery in Huntington Beach.

The guide can also be downloaded at heardsgardentour.com.

The gardens will not look quite like they do in May which is the normal tour month, but never the less the garden hosts will be so happy to see smiling faces, even though we will have to wear masks - your smile will show in your eyes. Donations are optional and benefit Sheepfold, a shelter for battered woman and their children. No price will ever be put on viewing the gardens.

The group asks that you let your heart dictate what you give. Net proceeds are collected at the tour and through online donations. The Sheepfold depends solely on private people and needs support.

Each garden will have a donation table where you can leave cash or checks (made out to the Mary Lou Heard Foundation or MLHF). Donate at one home, two homes, or as many as you decide.

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Big Lots Holds Soft Opening in Cerritos



OPENING: from (l-r) Cerritos Mayor pro tem Chuong Vo, Mayor Grace Hu, Big Lots! Manager Tina Lomeli, Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama and Planning Commissioner Jennifer Hong present the Cerritos City proclamation.

products has remained the focus of Big Lots and that has carried through at their new Cerritos location.

The grand opening with city officials and Big Lot executives took place Saturday, May 29, 2021 just in time for some big Memorial Day discounts.

Dan Ursery, a Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce ambassador opened the ceremony saying, “We are very excited to have Big Lots here in our city. This is a great opportunity to show off this great company in such a good location.”

The new store has gathered some of the top managers in the district and has employed approximately 50 local residents, as well as connecting with local charity organizations to see how they can become involved in the community.

Mayor Grace Hu, along with Mayor pro tem Chuong Vo and Councilman Frank Yokoyama presented the new Manager Tina Lomeli with a welcome city proclamation.

“Thank you so much for welcoming us to the city. We are very proud of this new location and we will do our best to ‘be the best’ for our new community,” added Lomeli.

The store offers an extensive assortment of brand-name items and quality products, including food, furniture, seasonal items, electronics and accessories, home décor, toys, and gifts at discount prices.

“Our customers may be on a tight budget, or they may just enjoy our treasure-hunt atmosphere,” said District Manager Stan Peery, "either way, they love the surprise and delight in the items they find in every aisle.”

Sol Sherk founded Big Lots in 1967. Sherk loved making crazy closeout deals, particularly on auto parts and all kinds of vehicles.

In 1970 the company began operating as Consolidated International. and launched the Odd Lots/Big Lots closeout chain which grew into Mac Frugal’s Bargains, Closeouts and Pic ‘N’ Save and finally Big Lots.

The new location can be found at 11540 South Street in Cerritos. The Big Lots chain has renovated the former Babies R’ Us location and will welcome an Aldi’s Grocery store this summer.

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BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

From its closeout store roots to the brand new entrance into their most recent discount retail store, the core purpose of helping people save money on all kinds of

CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ presents WRD Board of Directors with ceremonial check at the Albert Robles Center in Pico Rivera, May 27, 2021. From left, Directors Vera Robles DeWitt and Rob Katherman, Sánchez, Director John D. S. Allen, Interim General Manager Stephan Tucker.

WRD Awarded \$6 Million Grant

BY BRIAN HEWS

The Water Replenishment (WRD) has been awarded a \$6 million grant for the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning (ARC) through the United States Bureau of Reclamation’s (USBR) Title XVI WaterSmart Reclamation and Reuse Grant Program. Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez joined the Board of Directors to present a ceremonial check.

Title XVI grants are awarded to water recycling and reuse projects that are in the Western States and Hawaii. The project is one of 13 identified by the USBR as eligible to receive funding this round.

This facility, which opened in August of 2019, produces 14.8 million gallons a day of advanced treated water which is used to replenish groundwater resources in



the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins. Water from these basins provides 50% of the drinking water for over 4 million residents who reside in southern Los Angeles County. ARC was recently shortlisted for the Global Water Intelligence Global Water Awards Project of the Year alongside projects from Atlanta, France, and China.

“I was proud to support the construction of the Water Replenishment District’s Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning,” said Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez. “The construction of this state-of-the-art facility supported many local, good-paying jobs. The facility also offers an incredible learning center that will help inspire the next generation of water engineers and

hydrologists.”

“This grant allows WRD to continue the positive impact we make in our communities,” said WRD Board President Emeritus Willard H. Murray Jr. “We are grateful for this funding and will continue working to serve over four million people through ARC’s educational and water recycling facility.”

“ARC is the cornerstone project of WRD’s Water Independence Now (WIN) program which eliminated the district’s demand for imported water,” said WRD Board President John Allen. “With its completion, WRD now has access to a drought-proof supply of recycled water used to replenish two of the most utilized groundwater basins in the nation.”

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Mayfair HS Battles the Golf Odds



THE MAYFAIR HS golf team had to practice at school, using nets and plastic balls to chip, with no way to judge how they were doing, and they were still able to do well in the league. The team was given a pizza lunch from Ricci’s as a congratulations.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Mayfair High School Golf Team, which is comprised of approximately 20 students, were recognized by the Bellflower City Council and Bellflower Family Lions on Tuesday, May 23.

City Councilmen Ray Hamada and Victor Sanchez met with the team and Coach Fong to present a Certificate of Merit to the young men and women on the team.

Sandra Espinoza, representing the Bellflower Lions Club also presented the team with an acknowledgment..

Against all odds from last year with school and golf courses being shut down, the dedication and commitment to the golf team was unparalleled. Mayfair Tenth grader Diego Ulloa, told HMG-CN, “against all the odds, our team pushed through. Other schools and teams were

able to go to a driving range or practice on golf courses. We had to practice in school, using nets and plastic balls to chip. There was no way to judge how you were playing. It was a real disadvantage. The district wanted to control safety protocols and could not control this outside of school, so that is why they said we could not practice.”

“Although we were given the choice to not show up for practice and still receive a high grade, every single team player decided to participate regardless of all the obstacles they had during the pandemic,” added Ulloa, “its clear that we can’t be winners in everything we do, but we can be warriors in everything we try.”

As a congratulatory treat, the team was given a pizza lunch from Ricci’s to celebrate their participation in the tournament.

Helping Children Discover Creativity

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

A Los Angeles-based non-profit with the mission of developing children's creativity through hands-on making with sustainable materials, is partnering with the City of Santa Monica’s Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. and Starpoint Properties, to present “Cardboard City,” an innovative, pop-up community art center, which will be located at 1231 Third St. Promenade, opening on July 8 and running through August 29.

Cardboard City is a 10,000 square foot art center with free museum-style exhibitions of large scale cardboard

be "rediscovered" for educational and creative projects. reDiscover Center operates LA's largest public kids' maker-space, a creative reuse materials distribution program, with community engagement events, camps, classes, and school services for sustainable art and maker education.

This free public art gallery will present inspirational cardboard sculptures by local artists and architecture firms, with a capacity for 102,000 visitors. reDiscover will sponsor 25 artists’ residencies, supporting local and nationally prominent artists working in cardboard. Cardboard City’s fee-based art and maker classes, teach children eight years and up, advanced cardboard forming skills.



MEDIEVAL MINI-GOLF was a popular set up during Spring Break Tinkering Camp. Have you been able to mini-golf lately? It doesn't take much to set up your own course in the backyard!

sculptures and architectural models constantly added to by artists-in-residence, free family art activities introducing youth and adults to cardboard crafting techniques, a schedule of fee-based classes for youth and adults, and a Cardboard City Shop selling tools and materials so families can make cardboard art at home. The space will highlight fun, unique, family-friendly cardboard sculptures including a “wow factor” installation facing onto the Promenade.

The mission of ‘reDiscover’ is to develop children's creativity through hands-on activities with sustainable materials. This community non-profit works to move Los Angeles towards a culture where all waste materials can

In keeping with their triple-educational mission of promoting community, creativity, and sustainability, reDiscover is partnering with P.S. Arts, one of LA’s leading art education non-profits, to create a 10-week curriculum for 4th-5th graders on cardboard art and engineering. They will distribute free-of-charge to LA County K-5 schools, based in part on the art created for Cardboard City and featuring reDiscover’s Tinkering Toolkit.

On the evening of August 26th, reDiscover will also present “Cardboard City After Dark,” a fundraiser to raise dollars and awareness for rediscover’s free community art programs across Los Angeles.

More info at rediscovercenter.org.

Wildfire Season Go Bag: Be Ready for the Unexpected

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

If you think you don’t need an emergency kit, think again. Just ask anyone who has needed one. Flashlights, jugs of bottled water, a first aid kit, and ready-to-eat meal packs line the are must-haves. Prepare for a disaster by putting together a “go bag.”

Kevin and Stephanie Valverde never used to worry about natural disasters in their Korea Town neighborhood of Los Angeles.

But after the wildfires of 2020, they didn't want to leave anything to chance.

“It feels good to know that we are prepared for that moment, says Stephanie, “the articles in www.ready.gov helped us organize a great go-bag that includes the necessities we might need in an emergency.”

Preparing in advance with a disaster ready kit has helped families nationwide through extreme and abnormal weather events, which experts warn are on the rise.

Having a personal preparedness plan increases your chances of staying safe, according to a training program from the Columbia University’s National Center for Disaster Preparedness.

Jolted awake by a neighbor’s urgent knocking, Aaron and Jacqueline Pate were horrified to see the encroaching flames of the fast-moving Woolsey fire that had been miles away when they went to bed.

It burned within 100 feet from their Westlake Village home in 2018 as part of California’s deadliest wildfire season on record.

"Because we had go bags, we weren’t running around trying to pack things at the last minute,” said

Jacqueline. “We had the time we needed to comfort our kids and get everyone safely into the car.”

The Pates credited the disaster-preparedness help they received from their church, both through periodic reminders at their congregation meetings and from tips for putting together go bags on www.ready.gov.

"Life is precious, so we encourage all to heed the sound advice to take practical steps to protect ourselves from danger,” said Robert Hendriks III, spokesman [ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) in the United States.

No one is immune to disaster. Preparation is your most important key to survival. First you must prepare mentally. Acknowledge the fact that disasters happen and that you and your loved ones are potentially at risk. It is too late to prepare after disaster strikes. Next, familiarize yourself about disasters that can happen in your area. Know where shelters are. Consider whether the construction of your home and its location are as safe as possible. Remove fire hazards. Install smoke detectors, and change their batteries at least once a year, if not more often. And last, prepare emergency supplies. Power, water, phone, and transportation services can fail. If you own a car, try to keep the fuel tank at least half full, and always have food, water, and an emergency kit in your home.

Disaster-preparedness suggestions and tips for putting together a go bag are available through FEMA at www.ready.gov.

Are you Prepared?
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Online Child Sexual Exploitation Increased During Pandemic

BY ROSEMARY LEWALLEN

During the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the number of youth with an online presence increased substantially as did the number of reports of child sexual exploitation (up 28%) and Amber Alerts.

Over 400,000 children go missing each year in the U.S. These kids are extremely vulnerable to human trafficking. Verizon partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to create the music video, "Run Away Train," which has helped to recover missing children across the country and increased the number of leads in missing children cases.

In late May, St. Irenaeus' Health Ministry, Bridge of Light: Human Trafficking to Human Triumph Ministry, and Youth Ministry sponsored the workshop, "Taking Action to Prevent Online Child Sexual Exploitation." The workshop was presented by Christian Brothers Investment Services (CBIS).

Online sexual exploitation of children has three general characteristics. One is child sex abuse material (CSAM) or child porn. The image may be a digital animated creation showing children in sexual acts or poses. Another is the grooming or online enticement of children for sexual acts. A third is sextortion, using a child's sexual photos as extortion for sexual exploitation, or "revenge porn."

Child sex tourism or trade is widespread. It is estimated that 750,000 people are looking for kids to exploit sexually. One in five kids online are sexually solicited. According to Interpol, in 1995 there were 4000 child sexual images online, while in 2019, there were 69.1 million such images or videos.

Areas of risk for children online include chatrooms, live chat, live streaming, using social media, photo sharing and online dating. Also, interactive online games, gaming, cloud storage and photo storage are areas of concern.

Pope Francis has sought to raise awareness of the online risks to children by promoting digital child dignity. We can mobilize faith leaders to inform their congregations about how to protect children from online predators.

Other tips on how to help protect children include:

Ask our legislators to promote stronger legislation to protect our children's privacy and personal data.

Educate our children about the dangers of sharing personal information online.

Make reporting exploitation incidents more accessible for kids and adults.

Teach our children body safety boundaries.

"Take Action Resource Links" that assist in parenting in the digital world are:

Health Ministry Facilitator, Monica Kovach, introduced Julie Tanner, CBIS Managing Director, and Chele Mitchell, CBIS Managing Director, Investor and Consultant Relations, the principal speakers. How can an investment services company protect kids from online sexual exploitation? CBIS contacts tech and telecom companies to ask about their efforts to protect children from exploitation and discuss how to strengthen their efforts. CBIS represents investors in "content oversight talks" with tech and telecom companies. CBIS also informs consumers about how their marketplace choices can reflect Catholic values.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is 1-888-3737-88; www.Netsmartz.org; www.ecpatusa.org; www.CyberSafetyCop.com; and www.screenready.com (a parental control guide for parents and caregivers).

Artesia Man Dies After ATV Crash at Utah State Park

BY BRIAN HEWS

WASHINGTON, Utah- An Artesia man is dead following an incident in the Bureau of Land Management Sand Mountain Recreation area which is located just outside of Sand Hollow State Park.

On May 30 at around 7:30 P.M. rangers arrived and located the body of 36-year-old Erik Alvarez of Artesia, California. Alvarez was visiting the Sand Hollow area to ride ATVs with a group.

Alvarez was reportedly riding an ATV alone when the accident occurred. Later on, another member of the group located Alvarez and called for help.

First responders from Utah State Parks, Hurricane City EMS, and Washington County Search and Rescue assisted in the search and attempted to revive Alvarez. A life flight was also dispatched and landed in the area Sand Hollow area to assist.

Unfortunately, these efforts were unsuccessful and Alvarez was pronounced dead at the scene. According to officials, Alvarez is believed to have been wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

This incident is still under investigation at this time with no additional information. The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation extended their condolences to Alvarez's friends and family.

Cerritos Housing Element Online Survey

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The city of Cerritos is asking for residents input and feedback regarding the future of housing in Cerritos. The survey is open to the public through June 11, 2021.

As required by State housing law, the Cerritos is currently in the process of updating its Housing Element (HE) for the 2021-2029 planning period. The HE outlines the City's housing policies, goals, programs and opportunities for new housing development over the next eight years. As part of the State's efforts to provide housing opportunities for all income categories and housing types, California quantifies projected housing needs and assigns housing allocations to each County. This allocation, called the Regional Housing Needs Assessment is the total number of housing units that City must plan for in the Housing Element. For the 2021-'29 periods, Cerritos was allocated a total of 1,908 housing units, which must be planned for construction during that time.

If you would like to be more involved or stay up to date or be notified of updates, visit here: <http://bit.ly/Cerritoshousing>

A City Council session and community workshops will be held to allow the general public to provide input.

For information regarding the survey please visit www.cerritos.us or email your contact information to housingelement@cerritos.us



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Manage Mosquitoes to Better Enjoy Your Outdoor Space



PLAN YOUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES when mosquitoes are less active. Use screened-in porches, bug lights, a blowing fan, and eliminate breeding grounds.

BY MELINDA MYERS

Dine, play, and enjoy your outdoor spaces more than ever this year by managing annoying and disease-spreading mosquitoes. Use a multifaceted approach to boost your enjoyment and help keep mosquitoes away.

Plan your outdoor activities when mosquitoes are less active. Females are the ones looking for a blood meal and are most active at dusk and dawn when looking for warmth and food.

Screened-in porches add a layer of protection but only when they are intact and properly sealed. The same applies to your home. Check screens and seals around doors and windows to help keep these pests from entering your home.

Use bug lights in light fixtures by entryways and in outdoor entertainment spaces. These emit yellow light that is not as attractive to mosquitoes and other

insects. Bug lights will not eliminate every unwanted insect but will reduce the number visiting your lights at night and finding their way into your home.

Enhance the ambience and reduce mosquito issues when entertaining outdoors. Use a fan to create a cooler space and keep these weak flyers away. Provide fragrant subtle lighting with citronella oil and scented candles. Scatter them throughout the area and within a few feet of the guests for short-term relief.

Reduce the overall mosquito population in your yard by eliminating their breeding grounds. Empty water that collects in items left outside. Change the water in your birdbath at least weekly. Add a bubbler or pump to keep water moving in fountains and ponds so mosquito larvae cannot survive.

Toss an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) in

your rain barrel, pond, or other water feature. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while the Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. The active ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, a naturally occurring soil bacterium that kills the mosquito larvae but is safe for children, fish, pets, beneficial insects, and wildlife.

Keep your landscape looking its best by managing weeds and grooming neglected gardens. This eliminates some of the resting spaces for hungry adult mosquitoes.

Always protect yourself whenever outdoors. Cover as much of your skin as possible with loose fitting, light colored clothing. Mosquitoes are less attracted to the lighter colors and cannot readily reach your skin through loose clothing.

Further protect yourself by using a personal repellent approved by the EPA. For those looking for DEET-free options, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has approved products with the active ingredient picaridin, IR3535, and the synthetic oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Check the label for a list of active ingredients and safety recommendations when shopping for mosquito repellents. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellent since you need to apply sunscreen more often than the repellent.

Spending more time outdoors is good for our mind, body, and spirit. Using a combination of mosquito-managing tactics will allow you to enjoy and benefit from your time outdoors.

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Huntington Beach's Pacific City Adds Artisan Retailers

BY BRIAN HEWS

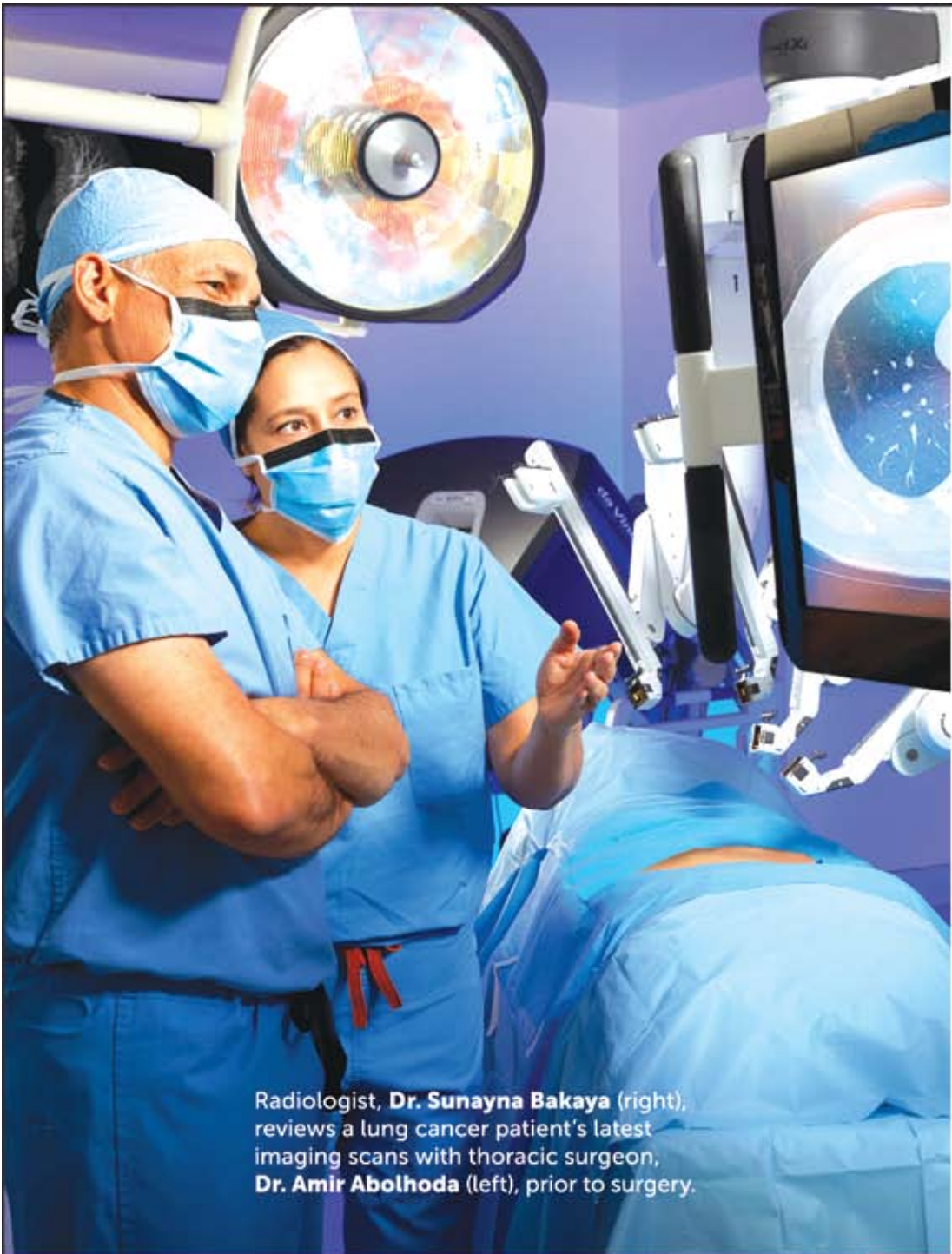
Pacific City, an open-air shopping, dining and entertainment destination located just steps from the beach, across from the iconic Huntington Beach Pier in Huntington Beach, California announced this week that it will soon welcome Open Market OC to its retail lineup.

The 4,163-square-foot Open Market OC will feature the wares of local makers, artisans, and others all under one roof.

Fashion, art, beauty, vintage, handmade items, and specialty foods can all be found at the new Open Market OC, expected to open in early July on the second level across from Ola Mexican Kitchen.

“A trip to Open Market OC is always an adventure,” says Jennifer Williams, Marketing Director for the shopping center. “Since Open Market OC is comprised of hundreds of individual artisans, shoppers will enjoy simply exploring all the incredible items the market has to offer, finding something new and different every time they visit. Plus, it’s a wonderful way to buy local in a convenient department store format that’s beautifully packaged in an incredible beachfront location with crisp ocean air and seaside views.”

Open seven days a week, Open Market OC represents the innovation of small business retail, offering entrepreneurs an affordable brick-and-mortar option for selling. For its shoppers’ convenience, purchases from multiple vendors at Open Market OC can all be made in a single transaction through the store’s sales terminal. See gopacificcity.com for more info.



Radiologist, **Dr. Sunayna Bakaya** (right), reviews a lung cancer patient’s latest imaging scans with thoracic surgeon, **Dr. Amir Abolhoda** (left), prior to surgery.



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(left) La Mirada Mayor Ed Eng, Vice Mayor Anthony Oterero and City Councilman John Lewis lay a wreath at the Battlefield Cross.

Downey Firefighters and Downey police gathered in force to pay tribute to fallen fellow law enforcement

Memorial Day Events Throughout Local Cities

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Quotes from the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrae were read at each and every Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31, 2021. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, designated May 30 “for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion.”

The day began at the historic Downey Cemetery District at 10:00 am. The only

cemetery in Downey opened in 1868, holds many graves of the city’s pioneers. The cemetery was marked as a historical site in May 1981 in conjunction with the Memorial Day service that year. The Downey Historical Society dedicated this occasion with a plaque as members of veterans organizations participated. The ceremony included the numerous Downey Police and Fire Department personnel, a wreath laying and Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes by Davey Armstrong.

La Mirada observance was held in grand style with approximately 200 people in attendance. There was recognition of Gold Star and Blue Star families, a flag raising by Boy Scout

Troop 919 and a Memorial Day address by State Senator Bob Archuleta, a veteran of the United States Army is also the only Senator that has two children currently serving in the Armed Forces. “This is the day that we have set aside to say ‘Thank You’ to all of those men and women who gave everything to keep us safe. It is their sacrifices that lead us to peace.” Memorial wreaths, nine in total, were placed at the foot of the symbolic Battlefield Cross,

A brief remembrance was held at the Albert O Little Community Center in Artesia. “We honor all of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving our country over the last 246 years,” began Artesia Councilman Rene Trevino, “Honor,

courage and selflessness are values that have always driven the brave men and women who laid down their lives, so we could live ours. We pay tribute to what they gave up in order to keep America safe and America free.”

The day finally ended with a virtual tribute through the City of Cerritos TV3. Mayor Grace Hu wanted the community to remember the courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives to secure our liberty. “We offer our condolences to those who have lost loved ones in war and pray for their comfort, knowing how much our country appreciates their sacrifice. These men and women will not be forgotten.”

(l-r) Downey Speakers Corporal Ralph Diaz, DFD Tim Days, Officer Rosanne Truong, and former Downey Mayor Mario Guerra.



(l-r) Vice Mayor Melissa Ramoso, Councilwoman Monica Manalo and Mayor Rene Trevino lay a wreath at Artesia's Memorial.



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605 LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cerritos gets late run, then finally an ultimate wish as it defends its 605 League championship

BY LOREN KOPFF
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In 2019, the Cerritos High baseball team won the inaugural 605 League baseball championship and dogpiled on the pitching mound at Oxford Academy. After the 2020 season was ended abruptly because of the pandemic, Cerritos head coach Brooks Walling wished that his 2021 team could have a dogpile on his mound.

That wish came true as the Dons scored in the bottom of the fifth inning, then saw senior pitchers Matthew Rezendes and Maxwell Shea work the final two innings of no-hit ball as they nipped Oxford Academy 3-2 last Thursday to win the league outright again. Cerritos finishes the regular season at 18-4 overall and won all eight league games. Since there were no league games last season, the Dons have won all 18 league games since moving over from the Suburban League. Cerritos drew a first round bye in the CIF-Southern Section Division 3 playoffs but got top-seeded Hart High for a second round game on Tuesday. The Indians also received a bye in the first round, which did not set too well with Walling when the brackets were released this past Sunday morning.

“I’m just trying to figure out what seed we are because you figured if we got a bye and we draw the No. 1 seed out of

CIF Division 3,” Walling pondered. “I’m not fully understanding it. But you know what, when was the last time Cerritos made it to the second round?”

With the score tied 2-2, Oxford Academy pitcher Chris Gonzalez walked senior first baseman Aaron DeLeon to lead off the fifth inning. Walling then replaced him with freshman pinch runner Lucas Castillo, who moved to second base on a sacrifice from Rezendes. Following a strikeout and a walk, Castillo scored the game-winner when junior catcher Owen Gott was safe on an error.

All season long, the Dons have played with a huge chip on their shoulders. The senior-laden team felt it was cheated out of what could have been the best season in school history had it not been for the pandemic. Some of the members even called themselves defending league champions even though there weren’t any league games played last season.

“I thought we’ve been a bunch of scrappers [this season],” Walling said. “We figured it out. That’s the goal every year; you win league, go to the playoffs and anything happens in a five-game set. Especially after last year, not getting to see the senior class...we were waiting all the way though [and] this year’s group set the goal [of winning league]. Being at home and doing it [here] is even better. I don’t know if Cerritos has ever had a dogpile on their field. So, it’s a great feeling.”

The Dons, winners of seven straight games including a 2-1 victory against



MEMBERS OF THE CERRITOS HIGH baseball team converge on the pitching mound following the final out of its 3-2 win against Oxford Academy last Thursday. The Dons (18-4 overall) won all 10 of their 605 League games to repeat as league champions. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

Division 2 Long Beach Poly High on Apr. 22, crushed Oxford Academy 27-0 on the road the previous day but were in for a battle immediately as the Patriots took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a run-scoring groundout from Gonzalez. However, the hosts responded in their half of the frame with some unsolicited help. On the third pitch, freshman second baseman Carter Chi reached on an error and three pitches after that, sophomore right fielder Paul Kim was hit by a pitch.

Gott, one of just six returning players from last season’s team, brought in Chi with a base hit to left and that was followed by a sacrifice fly from Rezendes to make it 2-1.

“I told our guys to be ready for a dogfight,” Walling said, referring to the difference between the two games. “There’s no way they’re not going to show up. They had graduation on Tuesday, so we jumped on them early and they couldn’t recover. That’s a good ball club and they’re well-coached.”

The Patriots tied the game in the third as Gonzalez singled in Brandon Imai. After that, Rezendes, who earlier in the season threw a no-hitter at Artesia High, would not allow another runner to reach second. In fact, after the base hit from Gonzalez, seven runners would reach base, but none getting to second base. Rezendes, who has won all three of his starts this season, scattered five hits, walked two and struck out nine batters, at least one in every inning.

“He’s been good all year, pumping strikes and he has a good hammer to go with it,” Walling said. “He’s been our guy. We don’t have a true number one; we have three number ones. I’ll tell you that. I went to the lefty late to control the running game. I didn’t want them to steal a bag and get into scoring position.”

With two outs in the top of the seventh and Imai on first, Shea came in and struck out Matt Young to end the game. In the previous 17 605 League games, Cerritos has been involved in one other one-run game and a two-run game, both coming against Oxford Academy, and have posted 11 shutouts.

“We’re Division 3 and everyone else is Division 5 and 6, or even 7,” Walling said. “I’ll tell you what, I tip my hat to [Oxford Academy head coach] Cory Williams. He puts a quality program on the field with the amount of guys he has to draw from. That goes a lot for that school. These guys over here [pointing to the Cerritos dugout]; we have 50 plus guys in the program to choose from. It helps us; it goes a long way.”

Hart, the champions of the Foothill League, went 19-2 this season. Torrance High, Sonora High and Warren High also drew first round byes in Division 3. The last time Cerritos reached the second round of the playoffs, it defeated Hart 4-1 to capture the 1989 4A Division championship.

“It doesn’t make any sense,” Walling said. “You can dummy down your schedule or you can play your schedule up. Hart is in a pretty damn good league. They have West Ranch, which is a D1 school who they beat twice. So, we’re going to go in and we’re going to throw a lefty and see what we can do.”

Walling was quick to mention that when he was at Artesia in 2007, which was in Division III at the time and entered the playoffs as a wild card team, it beat Division I Lakewood High, which was No. 2 in the country, 4-3 in the second game of the season. In the first round of the playoffs, the Pioneers upset second ranked Paramount High 3-2 in the second round of the playoffs before falling to Hemet High in the second round.

CIF-SS DIVISION 7 BOYS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Whitney’s Valiant Effort Dies in Overtime Loss to Second Ranked Sierra Canyon



BY LOREN KOPFF

CHATSWORTH-One thing was sure prior to the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 boys soccer championship-a first-time champion was going to be crowned. On one side, you had Whitney High, the

THE 2021 WHITNEY HIGH

boys soccer team poses with its runner-up plaque following its 3-2 overtime loss to Sierra Canyon High last Friday in the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 championship game. Whitney finishes the season at 9-4-1. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

sixth ranked team in the division whose program had never advanced to the semi-finals in school history.

On the other side was Sierra Canyon High, the second-ranked team in the division which had gone 2-15-5 last season and had posted double digit victories for the third time in the past 12 games. Whitney’s remarkable run came to an end as Jordan Becker scored an unassisted goal eight minutes into overtime to lift the host Trailblazers to a 3-2 victory last Friday afternoon. After a 3-1 loss to Crossroads High this past Tuesday in the first round of the Division V Southern California Regionals, the Wildcats end their season at

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also recently had a second child. Enomoto has also decided to step down as co-head coach for different reasons.

“I think Kevin not coming back, too, is a big factor,” Watanabe said. “If he was able to coach another year, I do think that definitely changes things where we could have worked things out.”

Watanabe said he first thought about retiring following the 2015-2016 season, which was the senior season of Evan Leonard, one of the best athletes to have played under Watanabe. The Dons went 18-12 that season, had compiled the most victories since the 2008-2009 campaign and advanced to the quarterfinals for the second of three times under Watanabe. And Cerritos did that while finishing in 3rd place in the competitive Suburban League.

“At that point it was a little bit of a different feeling,” Watanabe said. “It was more of ‘I was just kind of burned out at the time’. I just felt like I was doing so much, and I was running tired of...a feeling like I had to do everything on my own. And then that final year, we decided that Kevin was going to come up and we were going to coach for that final year. That changed everything and when we coached together, it made it more fun again. We were able to split some of the duties and responsibilities. Everything that happened that year changed and so we were able to extend [the coaching] for five more years.”

Watanabe remembers talking to Enomoto on the bus ride home from Hart High after the 64-49 quarterfinal loss about the possibilities of the two of them returning as co-head coaches and taking it year by year. It was the second straight postseason loss to Hart by nearly identical scores; the first one being 68-47. With Enomoto, who went to La Serna High and was the Cerritos junior varsity coach when Watanabe took over the varsity job, and the 42-year old, 5’ 1” Watanabe as co-head coaches, the Dons went 102-59 and finished above fourth place every time.

“Everything we’ve done has been together,” Watanabe said. “Kevin and I have done this all together. Any success that we’ve had at the varsity level was not just attributed to him being [the co-head coach] the past six years. It’s been the last 20 years. Even though he was coaching j.v., we would bounce ideas off each other all the time. What we would run at the varsity level, he would run at the j.v. level because

that way, it was consistent.”

Watanabe leaves behind a lifetime full of memories that he can share with his two children, Jordan (three years old) and Alyssa (one-year old), when they are grown up, ranging from the consistency of his yearly schedules, which included the going to the Mt. Carmel Tournament in late December and the Staples Center tussles with Downey High to the matchups he would have against Artesia High, La Mirada High and Mayfair High, the powerhouses of the Suburban League, to the connections he had with his players, especially Leonard, Joseph Vitug and Aaron Wright, to name a few.

“It’s been an honor,” he said. “It’s been so much fun. Being an alumnus from Cerritos High School, you’re just already the built-in pride for the school. Then loving basketball and wanting our program to do well...I wanted to win there. That was one of my main goals. I didn’t want to just to win basketball games.

“I played for coach Desborough, I knew [former Cerritos athletic director and golf coach Dennis] McReynolds and I even played for [former head coach Jim] Chapel,” he continued. “When I came in as a freshman, he was the coach at the time. There’s a lot of history there.”

You could say the Cerritos boys program is the Pittsburgh Steelers of high school basketball when it comes to stability in its head coaches. Cerritos opened as a high school in 1971 and it has known only four head coaches-Desborough, Chapel, who coached for a brief stint during Desborough’s time, Watanabe and finally Enomoto. Watanabe graduated from Cerritos in 1996 but never played on the varsity team. He was on the freshman team, then cut before playing on the junior varsity team as a junior. He didn’t play as a senior. He would be the junior varsity coach for the 1996-1997 season, then spend the next two seasons coaching the freshmen team before returning to the j.v. team for two more seasons before being promoted to work with Desborough on the varsity team for the 2001-2002 campaign.

“I remember coach Desborough helping me to be able to get the job initially at Cerritos, and he stayed a year,” Watanabe said. “His wife actually moved to Idaho the year before and he stayed and moved back in with his parents and taught an extra year. He was supposed to retire the year before but...wanted to make sure I had time to get my credential and that I would be able to fill his role as a teacher and as the coach. I

JONATHAN WATANABE (left) and Kevin Enomoto coached their last Cerritos High game together on May 28, a 66-52 loss to Orange Lutheran High in the CIF-Southern Section Division 2AA first round playoffs. While Watanabe is retiring after 20 seasons as the school’s head coach, he and Enomoto were co-head coaches the past six seasons, going 102-59 with three straight 605 League championships.

owe a lot to him; to coach Desborough for believing in me and staying that extra year just to kind of ensure that I was going to be able to get that job.”

During Watanabe’s 20 seasons as either head coach, or co-head coach, the Dons missed the playoffs only once. That came in the 2006-2007 when Cerritos went 10-18 overall and were tied for fourth place in the Suburban League with Bellflower High. Cerritos would lose the tiebreaker because Bellflower defeated the Dons in the second round of league play. Cerritos also didn’t meet the 12-win criteria the CIF-Southern Section had put in place for teams to apply for an at-large bid. But the one thing that eluded Watanabe was a chance to play for a CIF-SS divisional championship.

“The one missing piece there is a CIF championship,” Watanabe said. “When I took over the varsity job, the first thing I wanted was a league championship because I looked at the banner [inside the Cerritos gymnasium] and the last time was 1997, the year after I graduated, and I looked at that banner every single time we were in the gym. I want to have a number up there. I feel like I’m coaching all these years and it was wearing off on me after year 10 and year 15 and no number had been put up there. It’s almost like we’re not here.”

Cerritos never made it to the semifinals and were bounced out in the first round of the playoffs 11 times, including its 66-52 loss to fourth-ranked Orange Lutheran High on May 28 in the Division 2AA playoffs. All three league championships the program ever won have come as members of the 605 League in which the Dons have gone 29-1. Watanabe has won at least 20 games twice, both times coming within the past three non-pandemic seasons, and he has gone through seven losing seasons.

While Watanabe can’t say for sure which of his 20 teams was the best, he said the 2019-2020 was amazing because of



the pieces that were put in place and the division that the Dons were in. He will not, though, tell who his favorite player to coach was because there were just so many of them. But when it comes to opposing players, Watanabe said he really liked playing against, and conversating with Derrick Williams of La Mirada and Casper Ware of Gahr High.

“Those were two guys that were on the opposing team that we would do everything to try to beat them and they were great players,” Watanabe said. “But at the end of the game, I have total respect for them. I would coach Casper or Derrick in a heartbeat just because of their character and who they were as people.”

Watanabe will remain with the program as the freshman coach and will do the paperwork and behind-the-scenes activities for new head coach Lance Convento, another Cerritos alum. Convento, who graduated in 2003, has been the head coach at Whitney High the past two seasons. Convento, who scored 139 points as a junior but led the Dons with 367 points (14.1 points per game) as a senior, was officially named the new Cerritos varsity head coach shortly after the Dons were knocked out of the playoffs.

“If anyone who is taking over the program, I think it’s the perfect fit of somebody who understands the history of the program, what’s expected of him and what’s going to be expected of the players,” Watanabe said of Convento. “I’m fortunate to be coaching the freshman team because I thought that would be an ideal step where I can help develop these guys for the varsity level, having the varsity experience as a coach and knowing what these guys will need to do. But I get to coach from my end of it. I love basketball and I love coaching.”

Whitney’s Defense Comes Out Strong in First Quarter Before Ayala Takes Control for First-Round Win

The Whitney High girls basketball team came ready to play in its CIF-Southern Section Division 3A first round playoff game against 11th ranked Ayala High last Thursday. But it’s how you finish that counts and the Lady Wildcats couldn’t sustain the same intensity in the second half.

After leading for most of the first quarter and trailing by three points at halftime, Whitney was outscored 28-20 in the second half and were eliminated by the Bulldogs 54-43. The Lady Wildcats end their season at 10-7. Seniors Kimberly Hosoda and Julianna Lee each had four points in the first quarter and all five starters combined to grab 10 rebounds as the hosts built a 14-8 lead with 3:26 left in the stanza.

But Ayala went on a 10-0 run and Whitney would be without the services of freshman Kylie Wang, who picked up her third foul with 26 seconds remaining in the opening quarter. After collecting four rebounds, two steals and two points in the first quarter, she would sit out the remainder of the half and finish the game with nine points.

“I felt like they came with more aggression than our girls did, and unfortunately aggression is something we’ve been working with the girls all season,” said Whitney assistant coach Ryan Lacorte. “Tonight is really when they needed to be the most aggressive that they could be. But the Ayala girls wanted it more. They went after the rebounding and our girls, for some reason, they were always caught out of position to box out and get the rebound.”

Whitney tried to stay within a possession or two in the second quarter and tied the contest 24 seconds into the second half on a three-pointer from sophomore Layla Lacorte. But Ayala went on a game-changing 13-0 run to seal the victory. Whitney trailed by as many as 19 points early in the fourth quarter and was outrebounded 31-23.

“It almost seemed like our energy kind of dropped after the first quarter, and it led to us not being where we’re supposed to be defensively,” Ryan Lacorte said. “As a result, they were able to get those rebounds over us.

“I don’t think Kylie has been in foul

trouble all season,” he later said. “And for her to get into foul trouble in easily our biggest game, was a terrible blow. It wasn’t the way we had it planned out. We actually planned to put them in foul trouble by attacking their best players. But the whistles didn’t go our way. We were attacking and we were being called for offensive fouls.”

Layla Lacorte, who made her first start since twisting her right ankle at Cerritos High on Apr. 23, scored a season-high 18 points while Lee had seven points and five steals and Hosoda 10 rebounds.

Elsewhere in the division. Valley Christian High stunned sixth seeded Upland High 46-30 this past Wednesday night in a quarterfinal victory. The Lady Defenders, who have won five straight games to improve to 11-9, will travel to Ayala on Saturday. The Bulldogs knocked off Orange Vista High 46-37 this past Wednesday night. It will mark the first time since the 2016-2017 season that V.C. has advanced to the semifinals. In that season, it lost in the Division 4AA championship game. Before that, the last trip to the semifinals was in the 2010-



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2011 season.

V.C. forced half a dozen turnovers in the first quarter as it led 12-3 after the first quarter. Both teams combined to score 10 points in the second quarter before Upland went on a 6-0 run to begin the second half. But the Lady Defenders responded with a 9-0 run to lead the remainder of the way, then put the game away with an 11-0 run in the middle portion of the fourth quarter.

If it wasn’t V.C.’s suffocating defense, forcing 15 turnovers for the game and limiting Upland to 27 field goal attempts through three periods, then it was the three-point shooting the entire game that did in the third place finishers from the

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Baseline League. The Lady Defenders were nine of 26 from beyond the arc with senior Faith Boss hitting five of them as part of her 16 points. Senior Jordan Ebaló led everyone with 18 points and 10 rebounds while senior Makani Kane was true on a pair of three-pointers and had a pair of steals.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The lone area team that is still alive is V.C. as the third seeded Defenders knocked off Covina High 62-56 this past Tuesday to move to tonight’s Division 3AA semifinals where it will visit second seeded Aquinas High. The Defenders (13-6) have not been this far since the 2014-2015 season and will be seeking the school’s first trip in the finals since claiming the 2007-2008 Division IV-A crown. Aquinas, the champions of the Ambassador League, have lost once in 18 games.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The top two teams in Division 4 will face each other as top ranked Marina High will host No. 2 V.C. on Saturday for the championship. The Defenders are 16-0 and are going for the school’s fourth boys volleyball divisional title since 2007 and first since 2016.

GIRLS SOCCER

La Mirada High captured the program’s first divisional championship since 2016 after defeating Saugus High 2-1 in double overtime last Saturday afternoon in Division 2 action. The Lady Matadores previously had gone back to back in the 2015 and 2016 seasons and won a state championship in 2016. The team’s season came to an end this past Tuesday in a 1-0 loss to Del Norte High in the first round of the Southern California Division II Regionals. La Mirada,

which was the top seeded team in the regionals, lost for the first time all season and finished a remarkable season at 15-1-2 while allowing three goals and posting 15 shutouts.

BASEBALL

The playoff brackets were released this past Sunday and the first round began on June 3 with Suburban League champion La Mirada High (18-11) hosting West Ranch High in Division 1. Gahr High (15-13), which finished in a tie for second place in the San Gabriel Valley League, will visit Moore League champion Long Beach Poly High today in Division 2. V.C., which finished in second place in the Olympic League, will host Barstow High today in Division 6. The Defenders (18-5) are ranked seventh in the division.

SOFTBALL

Five area teams found out the path to a hopeful divisional championship last Saturday as first round action began on June 3. In Division 1, Gahr (14-6) visited Trinity League champion Mater Dei High and Suburban League champion La Mirada (19-5) hosted Cypress High, the second place representatives from the Empire League. In Division 3, 605 League champion Cerritos High (19-1) drew a home game against Patriot High, the second place team from the River Valley League while in Division 4, a pair of second place teams from their respective leagues met as Artesia High took its 6-5 record to Arlington High out of the River Valley League. Finally, in Division 5, Norwalk High (7-8), which finished in third place in the Suburban League, went to Fillmore High, the first place team from the Citrus Coast League. All second round games are on Saturday.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Whitney High girls finished in

27th place out of 53 teams in the Division 3 Swimming Championships while the boys came in 33rd place out of 50 teams. Sophomore Ayden Min came in second place in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:06.63 and fifth place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:55.89 while senior Alex Min placed sixth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:44.62. Junior Kevin Lee finished in 13th place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:01.01 and V.C. junior Luke Struiksmá was third in the diving competition with a score of 444.85.

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States [HSUS] conducted an undercover investigation into one of the world’s largest contract research organization and animal testing laboratory where thousands of dogs are killed every year in toxicity and other tests.

What the HSUS discovered was shocking. Beagles and hounds from two massive dog breeding companies – Marshall BioResources and Covance – were used to test a variety of substances. Some of the dogs were killed within days of arriving at the laboratory. Others were confined to stainless steel cages. Some dogs were used in a year-long pesticide test that is universally considered scientifically unnecessary.

The investigator found that fungicides were force fed to 36 beagles for a period of one year. There are approximately 38 testing requirements and for each new active ingredient in a pesticide, more than 10,000 animals are killed.

SB 252 would prohibit a testing facility, from conducting a canine or feline toxicological experiment. This is defined as any test or study of any duration that seeks to determine the effect of the

application or exposure of any amount of a chemical substance on a dog or cat unless the experiment is conducted for specified purposes, including medical research, or to comply with federal requirements pertaining to the approval or maintenance of a medical device. The bill would authorize the Attorney General, the district attorney of the county in which the violation is alleged to have occurred, or the city attorney in certain instances to bring a civil action for a violation of these provisions, punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for each day that each dog or cat is used in a canine or feline toxicological experiment.

Existing law prohibits manufacturers and contract testing facilities from using traditional animal test methods within the state of California. Existing law exempts certain animal tests from these provisions, including animal tests performed for the purpose of medical research which SB 252 will prohibit.

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began a public outreach campaign , had some progress, but had to stop due to the pandemic. One survey had over 900 respondents and a majority of them expressed their desire to have a destination area in the city. “The community has a strong desire for a dynamic urban center and there is support of a live/work/play district that complements the current entertainment district. The survey also found that the community would like the continuation of events in the Civic Center.”

The redevelopment of the 10 acres of city-owned property along Imperial Highway at Norwalk Boulevard, dubbed “The Walk,” will include more open space, housing, and additional shops and restaurants. The intent of the project is to create a destination that meets the needs of residents, attracts additional economic development, promotes local hiring, and creates high-quality development in the center of Norwalk.

Following the presentation, the Council gave direction to Primestor to work closely with the community once again to solicit feedback on the redevelopment proposal. The community engagement efforts will commence immediately and include virtual meetings, door-to-door canvassing, online surveys, social media advertisement, and a project-specific website, among other efforts.


This development will further the City’s Strategic Plan to increase the number of business and associated jobs in the community. Residents interested in obtaining more information can email publicaffairs@norwalkca.gov or call (562) 929-5319.

Whittier Pride 2021

The 3rd annual Whittier Pride celebration will be on Sat., June 19, 2021, converted to the Whittier Pride Ride.

The vehicle caravan will traverse the city in a predetermined route highlighting inclusive, and safe local businesses. The event will also be live streamed in real time on social media.

Proceeds from donations and sponsorships of Whittier Pride Ride 2021 will benefit the PRIDE Endowed Scholarship for Whittier College students. The scholarship will provide need-based awards to members of Whittier’s LGBTQIA+ student organization. The two-hour event will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Advanced vehicle registration is required to participate in the caravan. Event sponsors and donations are welcome. For more information please visit https://www.lacada.com/whittier_pride/



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.

Cheese Please!

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Solution: 0 letters

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9-4-1.

“We told our kids they have to be proud and to keep their heads up,” said Whitney first-year head coach Juan Luis Arevalo said. “We’ll talk to the kids and tell them it’s a good season. Unfortunately, there always has to be a winner and a loser and today it just happened to be us on the losing side.”

“This is my first year, so I think the whole approach was different, and that’s not a reflection on the previous coaching staff,” said Sierra Canyon head coach Chris Bonawandt. “It’s just that I tried to change the culture a little bit, and Covid actually helped with that.”

Whitney stunned the home crowd in the eighth minute as senior midfielder David Velazquez scored on a free kick 37 yards out and would maintain that lead for the next 20 minutes. While the Wildcats couldn’t generate many scoring chances in the half (four shots on goal), Sierra Canyon was squandering numerous attempts to put Whitney in a deep hole.

In the 18th minute, Whitney senior goalkeeper Salvador Ortiz blocked a point-blank shot from Constantine Theodoratos and three minutes later, a shot from Dylan Nelson was stymied by Ortiz on the goal line. Sierra Canyon, which peppered Ortiz to the tune of 28 shots, most of them sailing over the crossbar or going off to either side, finally broke through in the 28th minute when Danny Pierce fed a pass to Notre Dame University commit Josh Byron for the equalizer.

“That was our game plan again; get an early lead,” Arevalo said. “I know we’re

not the talented team, but we work as a team. We tell them if you put in the work and we work as a team, teamwork always beats talent when talent doesn’t want to put in the work.

“Sierra Canyon is a good team; a well-coached team,” he continued. “Again, when David scored that goal, we told them, ‘okay, here we goal. Let’s try to keep that lead’.”

Just two minutes into the second half, Nelson gave the Trailblazers a 2-1 lead but almost immediately after that, Whitney senior forward Rodrigo Mecol notched his team-leading 16th goal to tie the game. Mecol’s goal marked the ninth game out of Whitney’s 13 he has scored, but in three of those four games he did not score, the Wildcats were shutout. The rest of the team combined to score 10 goals.

“So, number 21 is a monster,” Bonawandt said of the Whitney star. “He’s a lot to deal with. Obviously, the goalkeeper was phenomenal; he was making saves all day. [Mecol] was just a big, strong, hard-working guy and we had to be clinical or else he was going to capitalize on our mistakes. That became tough to balance of trying to get the goal, but deal with [Mecol] and the counter.”

Again, Sierra Canyon had more than enough chances to end the game in regulation with the best opportunities coming in the 61st minute when a shot from Becker barely went over the crossbar and a shot from Theodoratos from the left side was pushed away by Ortiz in the 75th minute. He would make eight saves in the game. Sierra Canyon would also take six corner kicks to Whitney’s one.

“We have a good keeper and we need

to take advantage of all the stops that he’s making,” Arevalo said. “Again, it’s good to have a backup and the last line of defense and our goalie to be one of the best in Southern California.”

“Our idea was to end the game,” Arevalo later said. “But if it came to penalty kicks, we had total confidence on our challenge. Their goalie, I don’t think was challenged as much as ours was, so we didn’t quite see what he had. But I think we were confident enough that if we made it to penalty [kicks], we would have a good chance. But again, we didn’t want it to get there. We didn’t want to get to overtime.”

The Whitney boys soccer team was attempting to win the school’s fourth team championship in school history. The boys basketball team won the CIF-SS Small Division Championship in 1986 and 1987 and the boys tennis team won the 2003 Division V title. The 2005 boys tennis team fell in the Division V finals and the 2012 boys tennis team did the same in the Division 3 title match.

The boys soccer team also played the entire season with the addition of four girls as Whitney did not field a girls team this season after nine of about 17 or 18 opted out in the early portion of 2021.

“Hopefully, this will transfer to other sports,” Arevalo said. “If Whitney boys can do it with girls, why can’t [other sports]? So hopefully we kind of planted that seed; that all the sports at Whitney have a chance to make it to finals and hopefully they come away with a little better luck than we did. But at least we planted that seed.”

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maintenance projects, among other uses.

When the allocation formula was proposed, Cerritos was allocated \$6.3 million.

Since the announcement, Cerritos Staff, led by Finance Manager Ryan Carey, has been working closely with the U.S. Treasury to submit the proper paperwork. According to a June 1, 2021 memo obtained by HMG-CN, the city received its first installment of \$3.135 million with the second payment of \$3.135 million coming in 12 months.

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Bulky Item Drop Off Event at AJ Padelford Park

Volunteers Needed! The City of Artesia will be hosting a drive-thru Bulky Item Drop off Event at AJ Padelford park on Saturday, June 5th from 9A.M.-12 P.M. or until the bins are full. With photo ID/proof of Artesia residence, residents can drop off bulky items like mattresses, sofas, tables, refrigerators, and more for removal by the City’s waste contractor CR&R. Masks are required for all attendees, and those are sick or in self-quarantine period are asked to not attend. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Micah Weichbrodt at (562) 865-6262, ext. 262, or at mweichbrodt@cityofartesia.us

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS
DEMONSTRATION GARDEN
PROJECT NO. CBMWD 2021-100

BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2021 2:00 P.M.
LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) invites and will receive sealed bids for the award of a contract for DEMONSTRATION GARDEN, IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE, PROJECT NO. CBMWD 2021-100, up to, but not later than, **June 15, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.** (“Bid Submission Deadline”) at the offices of the DISTRICT located at **6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California 90040**, after which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the Bid Submission Deadline will be returned unopened. The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. All interested persons are invited to attend the bid opening. The project shall consist of furnishing products, labor, tools, transportation, and services to construct the following:
PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Work involves furnishing all labor, equipment and materials necessary to construct new Demonstration Garden including but not limited to demolition, grading, hardscape, landscaping, infiltration swales, irrigation, electrical, rocks, boulders, signage, and all planting. In addition, Contractor is to:
1. Protect existing facilities in place.
2. Provide traffic control as needed and as required by public agency permits.
WORK SITE: The project area is at the Central Basin Municipal Water District’s offices at the intersection of Washington Blvd. and Telegraph Blvd. in the City of Commerce.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The DISTRICT will conduct a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at the DISTRICT’s offices at **6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California 90040**, and may or may not conduct a Site Walk.
Prospective bidders are to attend a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference with the DISTRICT’s Representatives at **10:00 A.M. on June 7, 2021**. The purpose will be to discuss the scope of work to be performed under these Specifications.
ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PRE-BID CONFERENCES IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A BID. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN ATTENDANCE LOG AT THE PRE-BID CONFERENCES AS CONDITION TO SUBMITTING A BID. Bidders who fail to sign-in shall be deemed absent and shall not be entitled to submit a Bid.
OPENING OF BIDS: The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read at **2:00 P.M. on June 15, 2021** at the above-mentioned office of the DISTRICT.
COMPLETION OF WORK: The Work must be completed within **72 calendar days**, or less, from the date of receipt of the Notice to Proceed.
EXPLORATORY EXCAVATIONS OR BORINGS: Prospective bidders may perform exploratory excavations or borings at the site with written approval from the Engineer and permitting agencies. Prospective bidders shall also obtain all necessary environmental clearances, agency permits, notify Dig Alert, protect all utilities and facilities, provide traffic control, and restore excavations to original conditions to the Engineer’s and permitting agencies satisfaction. Exploratory excavations or borings are at the sole expense and risk of the bidder.
PLAN REVIEW: Plans showing the character of the Work may be seen in person at the offices of Central Basin Municipal Water District, 6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA 90040.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Contract Documents may be obtained by contacting Ms. Sharon Kumar at (323) 201-5502 for information. If Sharon Kumar is unavailable, please contact the Central Basin Municipal Water District general line at (323) 201-5500 for information. The Contract Documents are defined in the General Conditions, Article 1. Bidding procedures are prescribed in the Contract Documents. Bids shall be executed upon the forms bound and made a part of the Contract Documents.
ADDENDA: ALL ADDENDA FOR THIS CONTRACT WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT’S WEBSITE AT WWW.CENTRALBASIN.ORG. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITY TO VISIT THE DISTRICT’S WEBSITE TO CHECK AND VIEW SUCH ADDENDA AND TO INCLUDE THE FORMWORK FOR THE ADDENDA IN THEIR BID PACKAGE. Failure to include all addenda and addendum acknowledgement forms from the DISTRICT’S website with Bids may render the Bid as non-responsive.
BIDDERS WILL HAVE UNTIL **10:00 A.M. ON JUNE 9, 2021** TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT REGARDING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. Requests for clarifications will be accepted via email only. Please send requests to both: **Jeremy Melendez at jeremym@centralbasin.org** and Rudy Viramontes at **Rviramontes@capstone-partnersinc.com**.
BID SECURITY: Bids must be accompanied by a bidder’s bond, cashier’s check or certified check (hereinafter, the “Bid Security”) in an amount equal to no less than TEN PERCENT (10%) of the amount of the bid. The bidder’s bond or certified check shall be made payable to the CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract if a contract is awarded to the bidder, and will be declared forfeited, paid to, or retained by the DISTRICT as liquidated damages if the bidder refuses or neglects to enter into a contract on the terms of the accepted proposal within fourteen (14) calendar days after bidder’s notification of DISTRICT’s acceptance of the proposal. No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.
BIDS TO REMAIN OPEN: The Bidder shall guarantee the Total Bid Price for a period of **one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive calendar days** after the date of Bid opening.
CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE: The Contractor shall possess a valid **California Class “B” General Contractor license** at the time of Bid submission as well as at all times the Contractor is engaged in performing the Work for the DISTRICT. In addition, Contractor and/or subcontractor shall possess the following licenses at the time the Contract is awarded for the work described: **Landscaping - Class C-27 Landscaping Contractors License**.
Failure to possess the specified license at the time of submittal may render the Bid as non-responsive.
CALIFORNIA WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the provisions of California Labor Code Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1, 1773.6 and 1773.7 as amended, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for the locality where the Work is to be performed. It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the Work is awarded and upon any subcontractor under the Contractor to pay not less than said specified rates to all workmen employed by them in the execution of the Work.
APPLICABILITY OF CONTINUITY OF WORK AGREEMENT (PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT): Work performed under the Project shall also be governed by the terms of a Continuity of Work Agreement (commonly referred to in the public works construction arena as a Project Labor Agreement) (hereinafter referred to as the “PLA”). The PLA has been executed by and between the Central Basin Municipal Water District and the Los Angeles and Orange County Building Trades Council and the various trade unions that are signatories to the PLA. The PLA requires, among other things: the use of union personnel as the primary source of the contractor’s labor for the Project; the payment of prevailing wages and other benefits called for under the collective bargaining agreements and policies of signatory unions; compliance with worksite labor rules set forth in the PLA and other applicable collective bargaining agreements of the signatory unions which are incorporated by reference; compliance with worker grievance and dispute resolution procedures set forth in the PLA and other applicable collective bargaining agreements of the signatory unions which are incorporated by reference; a duty that the contractor pay into pension funds for the benefit of workers working on the Project, including the limited number of the contractor’s own core workers; and execution of Letter of Assent wherein the successful bidder agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PLA (the form of the Letter of Assent is included as Attachment A to the PLA). Bidders are expected to independently factor-in all direct and indirect costs attributable or potentially attributable to the application of the PLA to the Project. By submitting a bid, bidders represent that they have reviewed the PLA and have familiarized themselves with its conditions and requirements and in formulating their bids have factored-in all direct and indirect costs attributable or potentially attributable to compliance with the conditions and requirements of the PLA. In the event the PLA calls for the payment of wages rates higher than those set forth under the Labor Code, calls for the payment of benefits not otherwise called for in the Labor Code, calls for worksite management protocols more stringent than those called for under the Labor Code or other applicable laws, the more stringent requirements of the PLA shall be adhered to.
ELECTRICAL SAFETY: Work performed under the Project shall also be governed by electrical safety requirements as stated within the Specifications.
SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES: Pursuant to Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may request the DISTRICT to make retention payments directly to an escrow agent or may substitute certain securities for money withheld by the DISTRICT to ensure performance under the contract, as provided in the Contract Documents.
EXCAVATION AND TRENCH SAFETY: If the work involves trenches or open excavations, which are five feet or deeper, the bid must contain, as a bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or other methods to assure workers safety.
PAYMENT BOND REQUIRED: The successful contractor will be required to file with the DISTRICT at the time of execution of the contract, a Payment Bond (Labor and Materials Bond) in the amount of 100% of the bid amount in accordance with Civil Code 9550.
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE MATERIALS:
This Invitation for Bids **does not** specify locations of possible materials, such as a borrow pit or gravel bed, for use in the proposed construction project which would be subject to Section 1603 of the

Fish and Game Code.
NONCOLLUSION DECLARATION: Each bid submitted for the Project shall be accompanied by a Noncollusion Declaration in the form required by the District.
CONTACT: All communications relative to this Work shall be directed to the DISTRICT prior to opening of the bids. All technical questions regarding the bid documents or addendums must be submitted via email only to both: Jeremy Melendez at jeremym@centralbasin.org and Rudy Viramontes at Rviramontes@capstone-partnersinc.com.
FUNDING: The project is funded with MET Water Conservation Grant Funds and CBMWD Water planning, use & Efficiency Grant.
DISTRICT’s RIGHTS RESERVED: The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in a bid, and to make award to the lowest responsive responsible bidder as it may best serve the interest of the DISTRICT.
DATE: _____
OWNER: Central Basin Municipal Water District
By: _____
Dr. Alex Rojas, General Manager Central Basin Municipal Water District

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTION
AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a Public Hearing to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the item listed below:

HEARING BODY:	Hawaiian Gardens City Council
DATE OF HEARING:	June 22, 2021
TIME OF HEARING:	6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF HEARING:	City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Hawaiian Gardens City Council will hold a public hearing on June 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, California, for ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments within the City of Hawaiian Gardens Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) No. HG-LLA1 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

FY 2021-22 LLAD
No. HG-LLA1:

The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 provides for the levy and collection of assessments by the City of Hawaiian Gardens to fund public improvements, maintenance and servicing landscaping and lighting for the District.

In accordance with the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, an annual engineer’s report has been prepared, and is ready for City Council approval. The engineer’s report proposes to maintain the previous year’s assessment without any increase.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD

PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA’S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 AND N-29-20, AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WILL FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES.

****DUE TO THE EVOLVING SITUATION WITH THE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND HEALTH ORDERS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL MEETING SHALL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC REMOTELY.****

The meeting can be viewed via various platforms as follows:

City of Hawaiian Gardens local cable/channel:
ATT - 99
FRONTIER - 16
Spectrum - 36

Live Stream via City website at: www.hgcity.org.

FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, IT IS ADVISED TO SUBMIT USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- **Via E-Comment** on the City of Hawaiian Gardens website. E-comments may be submitted through our website **PUBLIC COMMENT**, which will become part of the official record. All E-Comments will be distributed to the Mayor and City Council members prior to commencement of the meeting. E-Comment must be submitted by no later than **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** If submitting a comment pertaining to an agenda item, please reference the agenda item.
- **VIA WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE** may also be delivered to the City Hall Drop Box or received via mail. They will become part of the official record and will be distributed to the Mayor and City Council members prior to the commencement of the meeting. All written correspondence **MUST** be received by no later than **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** If submitting a comment pertaining to an agenda item, please reference the agenda item.
- **VIA PHONE VOICE MESSAGE FOR CALL-BACK**: A person may also leave a voice message and provide name and phone number to receive a call back during the public comment section. If the comment pertains to an agenda item, you must reference the agenda item in your voice message. Contact: 562.420-2641, Ext. 251. Each caller will be given 3 minutes to speak. All messages **MUST** be received by no later than **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** If submitting a comment pertaining to an agenda item, please reference the agenda item.

PLEASE REFERENCE THE HEARING TITLE AND DATE OF HEARING IN ANY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641.

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Interim City Manager

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