



Special Interests, Dark Money Mar Lynda Johnson's Cerritos Council Campaign

By Brian Hews

It's campaign crazy season, and there is never a shortage in Cerritos, where candidates spend nearly \$60,000, and sometimes more, to secure a seat in the halls on Bloomfield.

Witness Lynda Johnson, the Cerritos Council candidate, whose campaign donation documents shows that special interest and dark money is once again attempting to influence a Cerritos City Council election, very similar to donations current Mayor pro tem Chuong Vo took in his last campaign.

Johnson, who works for Los Angeles Sheriff Alex Villanueva, recently took \$5,000 from top executives of the Newport Beach-based Picerne Group and

\$2,000 from KC Towers LLC, an obscure Delaware Corporation.

Johnson tried to hide the donations, waiting until after the first reporting period, which ended mid-February, to file the late donation FFPC Form 497's with the Cerritos City Clerk.

Pay-to-Play

The donation from Picerne reeks of pay-to-play; the Picerne Group built the high-end Aria Apartment Homes on the corner of Bloomfield and Artesia in Cerritos, completed in 2016.

The donation from KC Tower is a classic dark money donation and took researching four Limited Liability Companies to find the connection between KC Tower and Johnson.

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SHEA CENTER FOR THERAPEUTIC RIDING IMPACTING LIVES

KATHIE DUFFIE and therapy horse, Tess, as she enjoys treats after their ride. The Shea Center serves individuals with disabilities of more than 50 different diagnoses who benefit from mental health, occupational, speech and physical therapies through horsemanship and riding.

"There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a person."

~Winston S. Churchill

By Laurie Hanson

Winston Churchill's wisdom on the transformative effects horses have in people's lives is alive and well today at one non-profit in Orange County.

"We say we exist to change

your life, and that's what we do every day, step by step, year in, year out," said Dana Butler-Moburg, CEO of The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding in San Juan Capistrano.

Shea treats more than 50 different diagnoses that their 800+ clients present; more than 80 percent of them have more than one diagnosis.

Shea's goal is simple - that each person leaves there stron-

ger, more independent, and more capable in their daily lives.

"We look at the entire person and ask what CAN you do, not what are your limitations," Butler-Moburg said.

In 2021, Shea served more individual clients than its 44-year history. In the last non-COVID year of 2019, they had 1,800 clients using nearly 15,000 service hours. The average stay for a

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Time Capsule 'Un-Walled' at Cerritos High

By Loren Kopff
HMG-CN Sports Editor

Cerritos High will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Mar. 26 but the school wanted to give a sneak peak of its past this past Monday afternoon.

A time capsule that was stored inside one of the walls

of the east gymnasium 25 years ago was taken out to give the current staff and students a look of what life was like in the mid to late 1990s.

Doing the honors of removing the plastic storage bin of memorabilia was former Cerritos principal Dr. Gary Smuts, who also served as the superintendent of the ABC Unified School District. Also on hand for the festivities was longtime former Cerritos athletic director Dennis McReynolds.

"Schools, I think, are the most fun four years of a child's life," said Smuts. "If done well, what school does is develops and increases the index of our life. When I was in school, I was in athletics, I was in the scholarship association, and I was even in the choir. Now, I have a horrible voice, but I have an appreciation for choral music because I was in the choir."

"Good schools look both backwards and forwards," he later continued. "You want to keep the legacy of what's important; of what works at

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FORMER CERRITOS High principal and ABC Sup. Dr. Gary Smuts retrieves a 25-year old time capsule that was housed inside one of the walls in the east gymnasium.

Battle Opens Up to Close Downey's New Adult Cantina

By Brian Hews

HMG-CN reported last week that Ojos Locos Sports Cantina opened in Downey and caused some Downey residents to question the leadership of the city, with the cantina's scantily, with emphasis on scantily, dressed waitresses.

The controversial restaurant received approval from the Planning Commission, despite concerns over safety issues and the lack of clothing on the waitresses.

Those voting to approve were Chair Patrick Owens, appointed by Sean Ashton; Vice Chair Arturo Montoya (Catherine



OVER TWENTY protestors showed up for the meeting, but very few public comments. The issue was tabled until the 22nd.

Alvarez);, and Miguel Duarte (Mayor Blanca Pacheco).

Some on the Planning Commission said that since it was classified as a restaurant,

they couldn't regulate the clothing, but many residents doubted that.

In response, the Downey

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Pico Rivera Sheriff's Captain Woman of the Year



CAPTAIN HUTAK was a S.W.A.T. officer in her early years with the LASD.

Staff Report

In celebration of International Women’s Day, Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), recognized Pico Rivera Sheriff’s Station Captain Jodi Hutak as Woman of the Year for Senate District 32 for her long record of public service in Los Angeles County.

“Captain Hutak’s record of public service to Los Angeles County and its residents exemplifies leadership, and is a model of professionalism we should all strive to emulate,” Senator Archuleta said. “It is a privilege, during Women’s History Month, to recognize Captain Jodi Hutak as Woman of the Year for Senate District 32.”

Captain Hutak, a 22-year Sheriff’s Department veteran, has led the station and been invaluable during the recent

public health crisis.

She directed her station in many of the city’s public safety programs, such as food and personal protective equipment distribution events, as well as COVID-19 testing and vaccine programs.

“I commend Captain Hutak on her work in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community, while strengthening partnerships with the people living and working in the city, particularly during this public health crisis,” Senator Archuleta said.

The Pico Rivera Los Angeles County Sheriff’s station serves a thriving community that offers opportunities to all who live, work and relax in the City.

Before his election to the State Senate, Bob Archuleta was Mayor of Pico Rivera and worked alongside the Pico Rivera Sheriff’s substation on public safety and community outreach efforts. With his background in law enforcement, Senator Archuleta is familiar with the immense responsibilities our law enforcement.

Captain Hutak was featured in the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s 100th Anniversary of Female LASD Deputies display, a tribute highlighting the history of women in law enforcement and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Outside of her duties, Captain Hutak has dedicated her time coaching youth soccer in the cities of La Mirada, Whittier and Fullerton.

Between her nearly four decades as a competitive athlete, coupled with undergraduate and graduate degrees in the field of Kinesiology and Sports Science, her passion is to share that knowledge to help others not only strive for top sports performance but also to live a healthier lifestyle.

Columbia Space Center Upcoming Events

By Tammye McDuff

Join the Downey Columbia Space Center this Saturday, March 12 and experience Mars in March. Visitors can build and launch their very own rocket and custom design a Mars rover.

From the "story dimension" comes celestial teller of tales, Mr. and Mrs. B. "Our exploration of space continues," said Mrs. B, "These past two years have been challenging for everyone. It seems our lives have been placed on hold. But our drive to explore has not diminished. The future holds much promise for those of us who still look to the skies and stars for new answers and adventures."

"Beyond the Stars" is a read-along presented by former engineer Jerry Blackburn and will be included with general admission.

On April 2, the annual City of STEM Festival will blast off from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is the largest celebration of STEM in Southern California and celebrates the many diverse organizations that provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics programming. The event is outdoors, with extra safety measures to ensure the safety of exhibitors and guests. Hand-washing stations, designated eating areas, and other requirements as per LA County Health Department are already being installed.

Registration is still open for the Virtual School Program. Students and teachers join Space Center educators for a private virtual field trip. This option is available for one classroom at a time. A total of 10-35 students is required.

This school year, Space Center staff will answer some of the most commonly asked questions about living in space!



They will discuss why space exploration is so important, along with all the challenges astronauts face and the solutions that make daily living possible while researching space, eating, exercising and spacewalks.

Designed fifth to eighth graders and aligned with national education standards. Some of the skills used in Destination Moon are geared towards the middle school grade but, with support, all students can have a successful mission.

The class is a one-hour experience delivered from start to finish by a Flight Director; perfect for remote, hybrid, and socially distant classrooms and features small group and whole-class activities.

Each student will need their own device with audio and video capability and an internet connection. Destination Mars at the Challenger Learning Center is held each Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Space Center is expanding, and they are seeking your inspiration; learn about Mars and hear about the new project. The Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way in Downey. For more information, visit www.columbiaspace-science.org

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Cerritos' Fremont College Celebrates Milestone



CERRITOS CHAMBER execs. and staff along with Fremont officials celebrate the milestone from going from college status to university status.

By **Tammye McDuff**

Fremont College held a ribbon cutting Thursday, February 24 to celebrate the milestone from college status to university standing.

Kent Galante, Cerritos Regional Chamber President said Fremont University is an innovator in professional education, “The team believes that anyone can put in the work and the desire to better their life, should have access to a better education.”

President of Fremont University Tony Wong, “We are absolutely thrilled that

you could be here this morning.”

Fremont University in Cerritos offers diploma programs all the way to masters degrees with morning, afternoon or night classes to accommodate busy schedules

The campus also features modern classrooms and equipment offering several diploma and degree programs available from healthcare, legal studies, and business. Some of the programs offered are Healthcare Management, Healthcare Information Technology, Sports and Rehabilitation Therapy, Massage Therapy, Paralegal Studies, Business Administration, and Business Leadership.

La Mirada Ebell Club Membership Drive

By **Tammye McDuff**

The La Mirada Ebell Club is a women's social club that meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Resource Center in La Mirada.

The Ebell Club of Los Angeles was established in 1897; the original Ebell building was erected in 1927 in the Hancock Park neighborhood and is one of LA's most cherished buildings. The Club had 2,500 members in its heyday in the 1920s, and activities included Shakespeare, gardening and art appreciation.

La Mirada Ebell was established over 65 years ago and is still one of the major volunteer groups in the community. The Club awards annual scholarship, volunteers for fireworks stands, and hosts the 'Youth in Government Day' at City Hall alongside the city of La Mirada.

The Club, one of the first of its kind in the country, is met with 21st-century problems: how to convince modern women that such a club has contemporary value.

You can find in this club something you cannot find in wine bars, or other places which offer social interaction: genuine friendship and mutual concern.

It is wondrous to be surrounded by generations of women who only want to help a community grow.

Women's clubs were established in American life shortly after the Civil War. It was a time women all over the country decided a woman's place is not in the home, that they needed to get out, so they got together to study literature, history, philosophy and poetry.

The Ebell was named after Adrian Ebell, a German professor who traveled around California forming study groups for women.

In the beginning of the 20th century, the Ebell was one of the nation's largest and most elite clubs, rivaled only by the Friday Morning Club in downtown L.A. The Ebell evolved greatly in the century, its aristocratic housewives now replaced at least in part by actors, like Patricia Heaton, along with film makers, doctors and businesswomen.

Membership efforts now focus on women from 30 to 40 years old, with programs like such as child-rearing and mind-body workshops. It is an effort all women's clubs face. The membership of women's clubs at ten percent of what it was in the middle of the last century.

With new leadership from women in the community, the La Mirada Ebell Club is recruiting new members. The recent meeting was seasoned with working ideas, serious discussions and lots of good-hearted laughter and camaraderie. For membership information, visit their Facebook site at La Mirada Ebell @EbellLM.

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Councilmember Frank Yokoyama’s Track Record Keeping Cerritos Clean, Safe & Fiscally Strong

- ✓ 81% reduction in residential burglaries from 2017-2020.
- ✓ 29,500 trees trimmed, 450 trees removed
- ✓ Streets paved, sidewalks fixed, potholes filled
- ✓ Brought 4,591 new LED streetlights to Cerritos
- ✓ Approved City balanced budgets five years in a row
- ✓ Maintained healthy City reserves of approximately \$114.5 million. (City Manager’s Budget Message, June 25, 2021)



Councilmember Frank Yokoyama and his wife Wendy Sung-Hee Ha with former Mayor Mark Pulido and his wife Gloria Perlas Pulido at Cerritos Park East.

Frank is endorsed by Mayor Grace Hu, former Mayor Diana Needham and former Mayor Mark Pulido.



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La Mirada Crime Summary

February 28, 2022 – March 06, 2022

- Notable Arrests**
 - Eleven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- Robbery**
 - An armed suspect stole cash during an afternoon robbery on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd. No injuries were sustained during the incident.
- Other Structure Burglary**
 - An early morning door pry burglary was reported on the 14200 block of Rosecrans Ave.
 - A wire cutter was reported stolen during a daytime burglary on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.
 - Several cargo containers were broken into on the 14300 block of Gan-net St.
- Vehicle Burglary**
 - An early morning burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Grayville Dr.
- Grand Theft**
 - A catalytic converter was reported stolen during an early morning theft on the 15700 block of Algeciras Dr.
 - A late-night theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 13000 block of La Mirada Blvd.
 - A daytime theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 15300 block of Valley View Ave.
 - A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 14500 block of Figueras Rd.
 - A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a late-night theft on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.
 - A late-night theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 13700 block of Avion Dr.
 - A daytime theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14700 block of Ragan Dr.
 - A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 14700 block of Richvale Dr.
 - An overnight theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14300 block of Macaw St.
 - Cash was reported stolen on the 16200 block of Phoebe Ave.
- Grand Theft Auto**
 - A cargo container was reported stolen on the 14100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
 - A SUV was reported stolen on the 14100 block of Adoree St.
 - A truck was reported stolen on the 14900 block of Deman Rd.

SIM Swapping: the New Identity Theft

By Police Chief Terry Kim

In 2021 alone, that number jumped to over 1,600 cases with a total loss of \$68 million.

Back in the early 2000's, identity theft was among one of the most prevalent crimes that police departments tackled.

Being a victim of this crime is arduous due to the process of filing a police report and trying to restore financial health. Fortunately, the number of identity theft crimes has dramatically decreased.

Unfortunately, criminals are very sly at keeping up with the technology and figuring out how to take advantage of unsuspecting victims. In this day and age, just about everyone owns a smartphone.

Many of us enjoy the technology and convenience of a smartphone. With this technology being common, a new crime trend has emerged that has impacted many victims who have lost thousands. The scheme is known as 'SIM Swapping'.

SIM stands for Subscriber Identity Module, and every smartphone is equipped with a SIM card. SIM swapping occurs remotely when criminals access and use your personal information to impersonate you and convince your mobile carrier to reassign your phone number to a new SIM card.

Once successful with the SIM swapping, criminals have full control of your accounts, including bank accounts and virtual currency accounts. According to FBI, its Internet Crime Complaint Center received 320 complaints of SIM swapping cases between 2018 and 2020 with a total loss of \$12 million. In 2021 alone, that number jumped to over 1,600 cases with a total loss of \$68 million.

Criminals can use social engineering to impersonate the victim and trick the mobile carrier into switching the victim's mobile number to a SIM card in the criminal's possession. They may also pay off mobile carrier employees to switch a victim's mobile number to a SIM card.

In order to protect yourself from SIM swapping, the FBI has announced the following recommendations. Limit what you reveal about yourself on social media and other online forums. Don't advertise about your financial assets, including investments in cryptocurrency.

Don't post your phone number, address or other personal identifying information. Don't use the same password.

Many phones have ways to easily store your passwords or usernames for quick logins, don't use these features. If possible, use extra multi-factor authentication methods like biometrics, physical security tokens or standalone authentication apps.

If you suspect that you have been a victim of SIM swapping, here are some steps you can take. Call your mobile carrier immediately to get your phone number back. Go into your online accounts and change your passwords. Contact your financial institutions and place an alert on your accounts. Contact the police or your local FBI field office and report the activity to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

Like many other scams and fraud schemes, the key to protecting yourself is to become aware and educated, taking preventative measures to make it more difficult for criminals to take advantage. Don't let the crooks take your hard-earned money.

'Thugs Roaming Lakewood Streets Early in Morning'

By Tammye McDuff

In something that looked like a scene from the horror movie 'The Purge', men with bats and crowbars and reportedly firearms took over a suburban street in the dead of night. in Lakewood

"I've had multiple people tell me a video of the incident looks like a horror movie,"

Several residents commented to the City Council about crime-related violence in the streets, from vehicle burglaries and homelessness to all-out rampant rage during public comments.

The episode occurred on the street between Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street near Lakewood Mall.

According to witnesses, the 'thugs' had been roaming the streets with weapons, placing residents in fear for their safety.

Some residents are now taking shifts at night 'staying up with a gun'.

This past Saturday, a group of six to eight troublemakers took to the streets of Lakewood. It was reported the men had cased a neighbor's vehicle around 2:00 am and then returned three hours later to their weapons to demolish it.

Other crimes that have been reported in the same location over the past 24 months:

- Attempted catalytic converter theft.
- Stolen truck.

The resident told City Council that it has become extremely alarming; however, Saturday's suburban street takeover caused the resident to appeal directly to City Council.

Another resident stated that the homeless situation has worsened and told Council "I was at Winco a couple of days ago and some of the most disgusting, lewd acts were going on in the middle of the day in the middle of the parking lot."

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New Playground at Rio Hondo Park



THE RIO HONDO PARK playground, which was closed in late 2021, had not seen a upgrade since 2001. The new structures boast several new amenities, many of which were selected by area residents through a series of community engagement workshops held during the Summer of 2019.

Staff Report

Last month City Officials, along with Parks and Recreation Staff, celebrated the opening of the new Rio Hondo Park Playground.

The Rio Hondo Park Playground was closed in late 2021 as construction crews tore up the old playground equipment to make way for the new equipment. The park’s playground structures and surfacing were installed in 2001 when Rio Hondo Park was first renovated with new fields and a community center. After 19 years and thousands of hours of children swinging, jumping,

and sliding, the playground structures were showing their wear and tear with replacement parts obsolete due to age.

With the old structures gone, the new structures boast several new amenities, many of which were selected by area residents through a series of community engagement workshops held during the Summer of 2019. In addition to the new structures, new pour-and-play surfacing was installed, replacing the old surface. The entire play area is also conformant with current ADA compliance laws.

Funding for this project came by way of several grant opportunities through the state of California.

Cancio Calls for Increased Domestic Oil Production to Lower Gas Prices

NORWALK, CA—64th Assembly candidate and NLMUSD Board Member Dr. Roberto “Rob” Cancio this week called on state government leaders to reverse recent efforts to discourage domestic oil and gas production.

“\$5 and \$6 per gallon for gas in California is a direct hit on the pocketbooks of middle class and working families,” said Dr. Cancio.

“We must act, we must provide relief. Too many families in my community are struggling to fill their gas tanks and sometimes forcing the choice between gas for driving to work or food on the table.”

“Sacramento politicians can ease this burden,” Cancio continued. “As a group, they have moved too fast, too soon to cut domestic production before our economy is ready for it. I share their concerns about climate change, and I oppose more offshore drilling, but oil and gas will continue to be part of California’s energy portfolio well into the future whether they like it or not. That’s just a fact.

“So, it seems like a pretty easy choice: We can produce it here in California and reap the benefits of lower prices and good paying oil sector jobs or rely on foreign countries like Russia, which President Biden today properly banned imports from, and their higher prices and potential for environmental disaster during transport.”



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 - ✓ Dedicated to Cerritos Residents
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Thank you,
Jennifer Hong

Los Cerritos Community News Endorses Incumbent Frank Yokoyama for Cerritos City Council

This newspaper does not take the choice lightly but believes Yokoyama is the best candidate to battle the Cerritos Old Guard that has had a grip on the City for years.

Yokoyama is engaged, always traveling around the City, donating goods, attending events, and advocating for the City.

Ask yourself if you see any of the other candidates, except for Ernie Nishii, anytime or anywhere in the City.

Yokoyama’s goals are not that of the Old Guard; he wants to protect the full-service Cerritos Sheriff’s Station from being closed or downgraded, as Chen and Barrows wanted to do, and who is endorsing Lynda Johnson.

Keeping Cerritos safe, once again unlike the Old Guard when Bruce Barrows threatened to cut the SkyKnight helicopter if the City Council did not cut advertising from this newspaper.

Yokoyama is fighting for that helicopter; the Old Guard puts other personal priorities ahead of the helicopter.

He also continues to lead burglary suppression efforts, working hard the past five years in partnership with the Cerritos Captain and Deputy Sheriffs to prevent residential burglaries.

As a result, crime has dropped by 81% from 2017 to 2020. He wants to keep Cerritos safe, unlike the Old Guard and their clones.

Yokoyama has worked hard to bring Cerritos residents together to keep Cerritos safe.

He has supported and fully funded the City’s Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers on Patrol (VOP), and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs.

And, if residents want more safety, the City must fund vital equipment and technology, unlike the Old Guard and their clones, who cut the capital improvement budget to balance the budget to gain political points.

It’s time to start changing Cerritos, elect youth onto the Council, not Old Guard clones who are registered Democrats but are taking endorsements from Old Guard Republicans, just to get a seat on Bloomfield.

The choice is clear; elect Old Guard endorsed candidates who want to keep cutting services, who vote no against using the City library for the education of others, and who will take an anti-city stance to pander for votes and garner thousands of dollars in campaign donations.

Or elect those who are more open-minded and inclusive of residents, who advocate for safety, infrastructure, program improvements, and Senior services while keeping an eye on the City’s finances.

Whatever your choice is, please exercise your right as an American and vote on April 12.

Christ's Cathedral Organ Takes Another Step to Activation



THE HAZEL WRIGHT ORGAN at Christ's Cathedral in Orange consists of 302 stops, 293 ranks (or sets of pipes), and 17,106 pipes.

Staff Report

After many years of planning, delays and meticulous work, the process of restoring Christ Cathedral’s Hazel Wright Organ recently took a major step.

On Feb. 7, in front of the organ’s main console, Bishop Kevin Vann, Fr. Christopher Smith rector and episcopal vicar of the cathedral; Dr. Frederick Swann former organist for the Crystal Cathedral; David Ball Christ Cathedral organist and head of music ministry; Kevin Cartwright the organ’s new curator; and Piero Ruffatti the original builder of the organ; signed a special agreement.

In effect, Dr. Swann accepted the organ’s restoration work by Ruffatti’s team, handing it off to Cartwright’s company, Los Angeles-based Rosales Organ Builders, for continued maintenance.

Monday’s signing signaled the end of several weeks of painstaking, detailed voicing work by Ruffatti’s team and its examination by Dr. Swann, who was the Crystal Cathedral principal organist and director of music under the Rev. Robert Schuller from 1982 to 1998.

Dr. Swann’s playing was heard around the world by millions for Rev. Schuller’s “Hour of Power” broadcasts. The organ inside the Arboretum, Rev. Schuller’s original church, is named after Dr. Swann.

After the signing, Dr. Swann played for the signing team and other Diocese of Orange leaders, including Bishop Timothy Freyer and Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk. Gabriel Ferrucci, a leading benefactor to the Diocese of Orange, was also present and was credited with being an instrumental coordinator in making the years-long restoration effort a success.

During the signing ceremony, Ball premiered a new work he commissioned as the inaugural piece for the organ, “Fanfare-Introduction in D” by Daniel Ficarri.

Later that night, Hazel Wright was also played during the World Marriage Day Mass.

The finished pipework in the organ will begin to be used for liturgies in the cathedral while another contractor on the project, Pennsylvania-based Walker Technical Company, works to install the digital portions of the organ.

A blessing and dedication celebration of the fully restored instrument are being planned, as is a Diocese-produced documentary about the organ and its restoration process.

Since Christ Cathedral’s dedication in 2019, the cathedral’s music ministry has been playing on a digital organ on loan from Walker. Its sounds come from speakers placed throughout the cathedral.

The Hazel Wright Organ — named after a Chicago donor who appreciated Rev. Schuller’s “Hour of Power” ministry — contains 293 ranks with 17,106 pipes. It was dedicated in 1982. It has been expanded over the years and is among the five largest organs in the world.

Richard Unfried, organist of the Garden Grove Community Church, contacted the firm of Fratelli Ruffatti in 1970 to manufacture a new organ for the Arboretum.

The magnificent Hazel Wright Memorial Organ, one of the largest in the world, was inaugurated into the Crystal Cathedral in May 1982. The organ was named for Hazel Wright of Chicago who, along with her husband, was a longtime viewer of Reverend Robert Schuller’s television show “Hour of Power” and who donated the funds for its purchase and upkeep.

The completed organ consists of 302 stops, 293 ranks (or sets of pipes), and 17,106 pipes. In addition to these impressive resources, 31 Walker Digital ranks were added in 1996 to provide added color and to support congregational singing.

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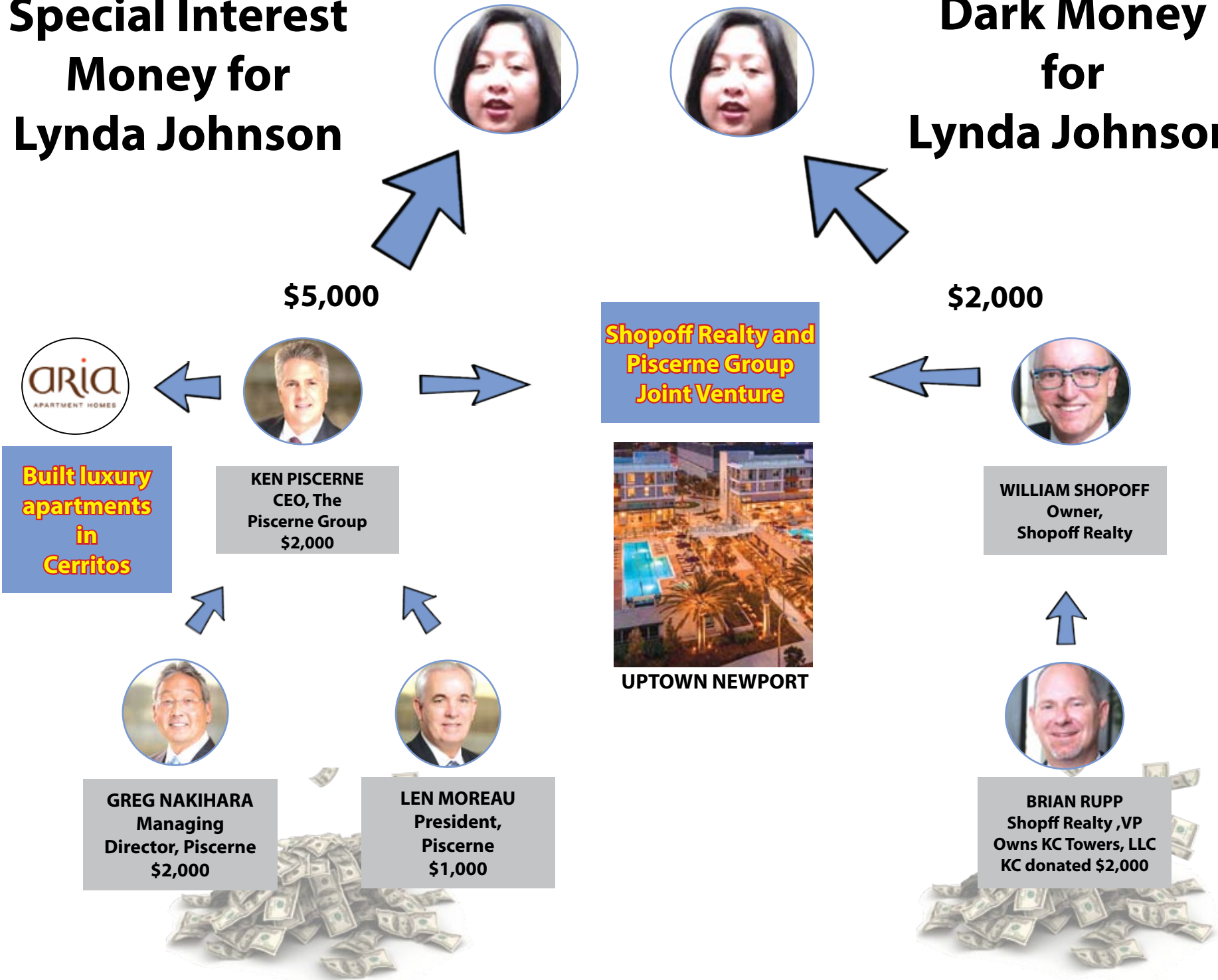
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Special Interest Money for Lynda Johnson

Dark Money for Lynda Johnson



SPECIAL INTEREST and Dark Money flowed into Johnson's campaign coffers from Piscerne (right), who built the luxury apartments homes Aria in Cerritos. It took researching four corporations to find the connection between a \$2,000 donation to Johnson and a company Piscerne worked with on a luxury project.

DARK MONEY from page 1

Piscerne Top Execs Open Their Checkbooks

Donating \$2,000 to Johnson was President and CEO Ken Piscerne, founder and owner of the company, who now operates the philanthropic arm of Piscerne. Donating \$2,000 was Greg Nakihira, who indicated he was a "developer" for Piscerne on the donation form; a quick look at Piscerne's website lists Nakihira as Co-Managing Director. Giving \$1,000 was Leonard Moreau, who, like Mr. Nakahira seemed to forget his role at Piscerne. Moreau indicated on the donation form that he was a "foreman" for Piscerne; the website describes him as the President of Construction at the company. None of the three men live in or around Cerritos; Piscerne lives in Newport Beach, Nakahira in Torrance, and Moreau lives in Tustin. Ken Piscerne has not commented on

questions sent by HMG-CN. **Dark Money** Adding to the donations was another \$2,000 from an obscure company incorporated in Delaware called KC Towers, LLC. California Secretary of State corporation records show KC Towers' members are William Shopoff and Brian G. Rupp. Additional SOS records show KC Towers LLC's members, which are similar to officers in a C Corporation, are three Delaware companies, SRI Managing Member, LLC; SRIMM 2, LLC; and SRIMM 3, LLC. SOS records show that William Shopoff, who owns Shopoff Realty Investments based in Newport Beach, is also a member of SRIMM 2 and SRIMM 3. Researching Shopoff Realty's website showed that Brian G. Rupp, whose KC Towers donated \$2,000 to Johnson's campaign, is employed by Shopoff Realty. Connected to Piscerne

Additional research found that Shopoff Realty once worked in a large-scale joint venture with Piscerne called Uptown Newport, a 462-unit luxury apartment project. Phase I of the development included up to 218 for-sale condos, 6,500 square feet of restaurants and a one-acre public park. Questions sent into Shopoff went unanswered. **Other Donations and Possible Connections** Other questionable donations reported by Johnson include \$1,000 from the engineering firm of Kling Consulting of Irvine, and \$1,000 from Jon DeMorest of Pauma Valley; Pauma is over 100 miles from Cerritos. In addition, Yunmi Martin is the President of Piscerne Residential; records show a \$1,000 donation from Carlos Martin in Irvine. When informed about HMG-CN's revelation of special interests and dark money, a high-level source inside Cerritos City Hall said, " I heard there is

interest to build a high-density housing complex at South and Bloomfield in the Carrows lot." In response to questions about the many donations, Johnson sent a one-sentence statement, "In my 50 years in Cerritos I have developed many relationships because of my personal achievements and my professional career." Johnson's career path consists of a paralegal position with the L.A. District Attorney; as a field representative for Supervisor Janice Hahn and recently as a field representative for embattled Sheriff Alex Villanueva. In addition to the donations, some are questioning the compatibility of offices; if Johnson is elected, she will hold the position with LASD's Villanueva while Cerritos maintains an annual \$12 million contract with the LASD. *All backup documents can be found on loscerritosnews.net*



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WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

By Melinda Myers

You waited all season for that first red ripe tomato only to discover less-than-perfect fruit. Don't worry, you can still have a great harvest and improve things for next season.

Blossom end rot is a common problem on the first set of fruit.

The bottom of the tomato turns black. This is not caused by a disease but is the result of a calcium deficiency in the developing fruit. This deficiency is usually caused by fluctuations in water uptake by the plant. Fluctuating soil moisture, damage to the roots, excessive nitrogen fertilizer and high humidity can all impact water and calcium uptake and result in blossom end rot.

The first set of fruit are most susceptible because young tomato plants are growing rapidly and require more water and calcium. As the plants mature, the problem is less common.

Avoid the problem by watering thoroughly to encourage deep roots. Mulch the soil to help conserve moisture and suppress weeds. Avoid excessive fertilization and be mindful when weeding near the plants. And consider growing more blossom end rot resistant tomatoes like the All-America Selections winner Early Resilience.

Early Resilience is a rounded Roma tomato with a deep red interior color, uniform maturity and good quality flesh for canning and cooking.

Grow as bushy plants they can be staked but it is not necessary.

The variety is very resistant to Blossom End Rot, resulting in a high yield and less fruit loss.

Similar great taste as the compari-



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Help With Tomato Problems

sons but a much healthier plant and fruits.

Overall, it is an excellent variety that would be a home canner's dream.

So when you see end rot, don't throw the tomatoes in the trash. Just cut off and compost the black portion and enjoy the rest.

Cracked fruit is another problem that worries gardeners. Fluctuating temperatures, moisture, high humidity and improper fertilization result in irregular

development of the fruit and cracking.

These cracks often occur when heavy rains follow a dry spell. The rapid change in soil moisture causes the fruit to expand faster than the skin of the tomato. Vertical splits on the side of the tomato are called radial cracks. These are the most serious and commonly occur during hot and humid weather. Concentric cracking appears as rings of cracks around the stem of the fruit.

When cracks appear on green toma-

atoes the fruit usually rots before it ripens. Since this is not caused by a disease, the rotten fruit is safe to compost.

Save affected fruit by harvesting cracked tomatoes immediately and finish ripening them inside. The flavor is not as good as tomatoes that ripened on the vine during sunny weather, but you'll still be able to enjoy the harvest.

If the tomatoes develop a sour smell or begin to ooze, toss them in the compost pile.

It's pretty easy to prevent your tomatoes from cracking. Just give them consistent moisture, especially when the fruits are forming. A layer of mulch will help keep the soil evenly moist.

You can also try varieties that are bred to be less prone to cracking. A few crack resistant tomatoes include Cherry's Delight, Creole FA, Mountain Pride VFF, Marglobe, Peron and Red Calabash.

Cracked tomatoes are edible. They don't keep very long and should be eaten quickly, but that's not much of a problem for a homegrown tomato, is it?

Catfacing is another disorder you may discover when harvesting your tomatoes. The blossom scar on the bottom of the fruit becomes enlarged or perforated. It is not clear what causes the problem, but it appears to be more common when cold temperatures occur during flowering, there are extreme fluctuations in day and night temperatures, excessive pruning has occurred or there's been an overapplication of nitrogen fertilizer. As long as the fruit is otherwise undamaged, it is safe to eat.

When these problems occur make notes to correct your garden maintenance to avoid these problems in the future.

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THE SHOW will feature Amelia Earhart’s Terraplane. The 1932 Hudson Terraplane was the first of its kind and became the best-selling car in America prior to WWII.

By Douglas Westfall, National Historian

The 26th Annual Orange Plaza Car Show, back from a pandemic related hiatus last year, will feature a one-of-a-kind automobile this year, Amelia Earhart’s Terraplane.

The 1932 Hudson Terraplane was the first of its kind and became the best-selling car in America prior to WWII. This one was first owned by Earhart herself.

By 1932, Amelia Earhart was an American heroine, the darling of aviation and a celebrity worldwide. Over the previous decade, she had attained eight aviation records and had just received the National Geographic’s Special Gold Medal, the French Cross Legion of Honor and the coveted Harmon Aeronautical Trophy — all for being the first woman to pilot an airplane solo across the Atlantic ocean — some 2,000 miles.

The Hudson Motor Car Company was started in 1909 by eight Detroit business investors. Joseph L. Hudson put in the most money. In response to the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression, Hudson President Roy D. Chapin acted quickly and ordered a new automobile design under the Essex brand.

The vintage automobile, now owned by Jim Sommers, was stored in a City of Orange garage for years.

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The Hudson Terraplane of 1932 was a totally enclosed, mass produced, low price, five-passenger automobile. With a six-cylinder engine for added power, it was the fastest car on the road. All that, for the low price of \$500.

To launch it, Chapin built 2,000 new cars to put on display and created the Auto Prosperity Drive to premier them in July of that year. He invited prominent

Car Show Coming to Orange Plaza

politicians and special celebrities, including Orville Wright. What better celebrity, Chaplin determined, than the first woman who flew an aeroplane across the Atlantic and could now have her own Terraplane — Amelia Earhart.

The theme would be: Amelia flies an Aeroplane — and you can drive a Terraplane. So she was invited to host the Auto Prosperity Drive. On July 21, 1932 — just three days before her 35th birthday, she flew in to the event in her bright red Lockheed Vega — the same aircraft in which she had just flown the Atlantic.

Chapin introduced Earhart. The large crowd cheered and the new car was unveiled -- Amelia Earhart's Terraplane. She came onto the stage, was given roses and handed a champagne bottle with which to christen the Terraplane.

Amelia Earhart christens the Hudson Terraplane.

Amelia Earhart christens the Hudson

Terraplane.

As she approached the car, she said: “I christen thee Essex Terraplane,” and then broke the left wing off the hood’s ornamental bird. The weld spot can still be seen on the wing.

The Terraplane is owned by Jim Sommers of Sommers Racing Engines -- and has found a home in Orange for the past 40 years. Sommers retired last year so he and the Terraplane now live in Arizona. This may be your last chance to see Amelia’s first car -- unless you plan to travel to Atchison, Kansas (her home town) this July, where the Terraplane will be on display at the annual Amelia Earhart Festival.

Amelia Earhart's Hudson will be the 'belle of the ball' at the Orange Plaza Car Show this year. It takes place Sunday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the center of Old Towne. Entry is free to spectators.





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this school. A lot of the faculty that are here [today], have been here and that’s an indorsement of the history of the school.”

Some of the items Smuts removed from the storage bin was a cassette tape, a Tower Records weekly release of albums for November, a Walkman, a ticket stub for Forrest Gump, posters and some copies of the school’s newspaper, The Informer.

Smuts was a teacher at Cerritos from 1974-1986, then became an assistant principal before coming back to Cerritos in 1990 to serve as the school’s principal until 1998. Seven years later, he became the ABCUSD superintendent until 2012.

While Smuts couldn’t point out a top moment or two during his time at Cerritos, he said that the older you get all the good moments rush together and the times he was the proudest of to be the principal of Cerritos was when the kids were doing something with one another or when they came together.

“Probably one of the proudest moments was when I wasn’t even directly associated with,” he recalled. “When Dennis and Joan McReynolds retired, their past student body presidents all got together and all the student body presidents in the history of the school showed up at their house. That’s unprecedented. These people were all over the country and they came back and they spent the entire night [at their house] telling stories. To me, when there’s that siren call to come back to something that was so important to you, I can’t not be there. I have to be there.”

The 50th anniversary festivities will take place throughout the school from

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mar. 26.

BOYS BASKETBALL

After one season, Cerritos is making another coaching change with a familiar face returning to the varsity ranks. Jonathan Watanabe, who spent last season coaching the freshman team, replaces Lance Convento, who was the co-head coach this past season, as the varsity head coach. Also joining Watanabe will be Kevin Enomoto, who shared the coaching duties from the 2015-2016 season to the 2020-2021 campaign. Former standout Ryan Scammahorn will be coaching the junior varsity team as well as be the program’s strength and conditioning coach and Julian Dimacale, who was the other co-head coach with Convento, will be the coach of the freshman team and serve as the program’s skill coach.

BASEBALL

Artesia High, which has already surpassed last season’s win total, has split its first eight games prior to this past Wednesday’s game against Bolsa Grande High. The Pioneers will host Fairmont Prep on Saturday and travel to Westminster High on Tuesday.

Cerritos edged Downey High 4-3 in nine innings this past Monday and faced the Vikings again this past Wednesday. The Dons (5-1) travel to Los Altos High today before facing South East High and Buena Park High on Wednesday and Thursday in the first two games of the Anaheim Lions Tournament.

Gahr is off to a slow start, winning once in its first six games against CIF-Southern Section Division 1 teams. The Gladiators faced El Toro High this past Wednesday in the first game of the El Dorado Steakhouse Tournament and will be home to Mira Costa High on Saturday, Mission Viejo High on Monday before

facing Hart High on Tuesday.

John Glenn High is winless through four games, scoring eight runs thus far as it hosted Norwalk High this past Wednesday. The Eagles won’t play again until Mar. 24 when they host Western High.

La Mirada High, which has won three straight and not lost in five straight, faced Santa Margarita High this past Wednesday in the opener of the Perfect Game Showdown. The Matadores (5-1-1) then played Poudre High out of Colorado on Mar. 10 and will meet Temecula Valley High today before ending the tournament on Saturday. La Mirada will open Suburban League play on Tuesday at Norwalk.

Norwalk is off to one of the program’s best starts in recent history at 7-2 as the Lancers hosted Garden Grove High on Mar. 10 before another home game against Mary Star of the Sea High on Saturday.

Valley Christian High fell to Ontario Christian High 8-3 this past Tuesday to fall to 5-6 as the Defenders will next be in action on Tuesday when they go to Whittier Christian High.

SOFTBALL

Artesia (2-6) will play a pair of games on Saturday as part of the Santa Fe Tournament before visiting Paramount High on Tuesday while Gahr is off to a solid start at 8-4. The Gladiators hosted Kennedy High on Mar. 10 and will entertain Bishop Amat High on Tuesday.

Glenn is so far proving that last season’s 10-6 mark was not a fluke as the Eagles have won seven of their first 10 games heading into this past Wednesday’s game against Norwalk. Glenn will travel to Buena Park today, host Gabrielino High on Monday and

visit Bravo High on Wednesday.

La Mirada is off to a 5-2 start as it plays in the Tournament of Champions in Bullhead City, AZ through Saturday. The Matadores will then visit Norwalk on Tuesday and Etiwanda High on Thursday.

Norwalk (8-3) hosted Western on Mar. 10 and will play twice on Saturday in the Santa Fe Tournament while Whitney High is winless in three games, being outscored 46-7. The Wildcats hosted Costa Mesa High on Mar. 10 and will go to Cabrillo High on Tuesday.

Pet Clinic in Hawaiian Gardens

By Tammye McDuff

The city of Hawaiian Gardens, in partnership with HEART is bringing a low-cost, mobile drive-through dog and cat vaccine clinic to the C. Robert Lee Activity Center parking lot March 29, 2022.

Pet owners from any city are welcome to attend this clinic, but reservations are required as space is limited. Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be submitted at least one week before the clinic.

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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.

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Solution: 9 letters

2021-2022 HMG-COMMUNITY NEWS BASKETBALL ALL-AREA TEAMS

ARTESIA, LA MIRADA BOYS, CERRITOS GIRLS HEADLINE BANNER SEASONS FOR AREA BASKETBALL TEAMS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

The uncertainties of the first full on-time high school basketball season since the pandemic began, which included cancellations and postponements, were capped off by a trio of area teams advancing to the CIF State Southern California Regionals. For the La Mirada High boys and Cerritos High girls, it was a historic first-time trip to the CIF-Southern Section finals while the Artesia High boys came within a basket of a spot in the finals. It was also a memorable season for the John Glenn High boys, which made history for other reasons.

Here are the members of the 2021-2022 HMG-Community News All-Area Teams for basketball.

BOYS BASKETBALL
FIRST TEAM

Aaron Banks (Artesia High)
Dillon Chelsea (Gahr High)
Julien Gomez (La Mirada High)
Nathan Medina (Valley Christian High)
Zion Staples (Artesia High)

SECOND TEAM

Jacob Bayla (Valley Christian High)
Sean Cervantes (La Mirada High)
Richard Ramos (John Glenn High)
Ethan Wong (Whitney High)
Kane Young (Gahr High)

THIRD TEAM

Isiah Kalaj (La Mirada High)
Daniel Okoro (Gahr High)
Zack Powell (Norwalk High)
Alec Reyes (Cerritos High)
Jayden Thomas (Gahr High)

HONORABLE MENTION

Miles Jennings (Artesia High)
Aidan Nasser (La Mirada High)
Michael Saucedo (John Glenn High)
Armand Soriano (Cerritos High)
Micah Sybesma (Valley Christian High)

PLAYERS TO LOOK FOR IN 2022-2023 SEASON

Steve Anderson Jr. (Artesia High)
Dontaye Hardy (Artesia High)
Andrew Noquez (Artesia High)
Osinachi Agaranna (Cerritos High)
Dominic Dela Cruz (Cerritos High)
Andrew Hartman (Cerritos High)
Dayvon Gates (Gahr High)
Evan Spurlin-Renfroe (Gahr High)
Sebastian Figueroa (John Glenn High)
Seyharmony Somchan (John Glenn High)
Jarrett Cole (La Mirada High)
Yahir Martinez (Norwalk High)
Kaleb Nakano (Norwalk High)
Alec Reyes (Norwalk High)
D.J. Harrington (Valley Christian High)
Myles Harvey (Valley Christian High)
Michael Wright (Valley Christian High)
Sakeef Sekender (Whitney High)
Joseph Whittaker (Whitney High)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

From his first high school varsity basketball game against Whitney High on Nov. 14, 2018, when he scored 22 points to his last game on Feb. 11 at Los Altos High when he scored 27 points, Valley Christian High’s Nathan Medina has been simply spectacular. All he did was become one of the best players in school history and he capped off four remarkable seasons on varsity with 649 points, averaging 24 points a game as a senior. His total was more than 200 points ahead of the next area player, and he leaves V.C. with over 2,000 points scored. He had a career-high 40 points on Dec. 2 against Carlsbad High in the second game of the Mission Viejo Tournament and had at least 12 points in 26 of 27 games played. He also had five games of at least 30 points and accomplished that feat six other times.

CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR:

For over two decades, people laughed and mocked the Glenn boys program. But in one season, first-year head coach Sam Abebe silenced a lot of those people, taking the Eagles to their first trip to the playoffs since the 2013-2014 season. When Glenn kicked off the Division 5A

playoffs with a victory at River Springs High, it was the first postseason win in school history. When the team of eight players defeated Hawthorne Math and Science Academy four days later, it was the first home playoff game in school history. Oh, for added measure, the team’s 14-13 record was the program’s best on over 25 seasons.

History was also made at La Mirada as Randy Oronoz, in his fifth season at his alma mater, took the Matadores to the CIF-SS Division 2A championship game. It was the first time any La Mirada boys basketball team had reached the finals. La Mirada ended the season with an 18-15 mark, which included a 10-game winning streak and a win in the Southern California Division III regionals.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
FIRST TEAM

Amara Hizon (Cerritos High)
Layla Lacorte (Whitney High)
Sydney McKee (Artesia High)
Onyeka Nwanze (Cerritos High)
Jasmine Uy (Cerritos High)

SECOND TEAM

Denise Cortez (Norwalk High)
Keilani Ganancial (Norwalk High)
Katrina Slaughter (Norwalk High)
Kylie Wang (Whitney High)
Samerika Young (Artesia High)

THIRD TEAM

Gillian Doplemore (Valley Christian High)
Keiara Harvey (Valley Christian High)
Jordan Manning (Artesia High)
Madhuri Suresh (Cerritos High)
Haylie Wang (Whitney High)

HONORABLE MENTION

Ruby Chavez (John Glenn High)
Jirah Domingo (La Mirada High)
Makayla Moore (Norwalk High)
Rachel Song (Whitney High)
Lauryn Teramoto (Gahr High)

PLAYERS TO LOOK FOR IN 2022-2023 SEASON

Alana Pascua (Artesia High)
Francine Carrillo (Cerritos High)

Emily Hosoda (Cerritos High)
Alexa Mina (Cerritos High)
Mia Rivera (Cerritos High)
Kim Gutierrez (Gahr High)
Alyssa Miyake (Gahr High)
Maritza Corona (John Glenn High)
Emily Garcia (John Glenn High)
Janessa Leal (John Glenn High)
Aaliyah Ramirez (John Glenn High)
Jael Arreguin (La Mirada High)
Mira Shadban (La Mirada High)
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Katherine Theberge-Torres (Valley Christian High)
Kayla Hamakawa (Whitney High)
Anika Kasula (Whitney High)
Alyssa Truong (Whitney High)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Onyeka Nwanze has been a big time treat for a Cerritos program that is not known for its height. The sophomore led the area with 450 points, averaging 16.7 points a game and led the Dons in rebounds and blocked shots. Nwanze’s high-scoring game was 39 against Segerstrom High on Nov. 24 in the third game of the season during the Corona Del Mar Tournament and reached at least 20 points seven other times.

COACH OF THE YEAR:

After three straight second round exits, followed by two trips to the quarterfinals then two straight first round exits, Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen finally reached the championship game. It was the first time in school history either boys or girls had advanced to the finals and even though the Dons lost to La Salle High in the 3AA title game, plus the first round of the Southern California Regionals to Carlsbad High, he finished with a 20-9 mark and has managed to win at least 20 games for the third time in his eight seasons at Cerritos.

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City Council addressed the issue at the March 8 meeting to establish employee dress standards for all restaurants and bars in the city.

At the meeting, there were very few public comments but about 20 protesters went to the City Council door and shouted “No Ojos Locos, protect our kids.”

Councilman Trujillo decided to come out and speak with the protestors. Trujillo said he would ask to have the discussion tabled to the 22nd so the citizens could have an opportunity to voice concern and vowed to fight against it.

Mayor Pacheco came out and asked Trujillo to return to their meeting. The protestors asked her opinion, and Pacheco said she didn’t want it.

Catherine Alvarez came out and when asked the same question she too, said she didn’t want it.

Horacio Ortiz, Trujillo's appointed city planning commissioner, joined the protest group. He said he voted against it and was very surprised there was no public comments. Protestors asked if children could get a table and dine in Ojos Locos and Ortiz said yes, because they are a restaurant. He vowed to help keep protestors informed and support their opposition.

Ojos is a chain restaurant with 21 locations; the newest addition to the chain will be at 8350 Firestone Boulevard, which is the first California location.

In 2019 at the Ojos Arizona restaurant, Mesa police responded to the area when the restaurant's management reported

"they were having problems" with several male customers. One of the men ignored police commands and assaulted one of the officers. They attempted to restrain the man by tasing and striking him, which resulted in a struggle. One officer fired his weapon and hit the man in the lower left hip.

In February 2021, a man was shot to death, and another injured during a fight outside the Houston Ojos

In August 2021 at the Albuquerque Ojos, a shooting killed one and left three others wounded. According to investigators, the shooting happened around 9:45 p.m. after "some kind of altercation" near the entrance of the restaurant, according to investigators.

A Ojos representative glossed over the criminal activity question and said, "that attire was limited to special events."

Commissioner Art Montoya (approved) said it was a "difficult decision."

Montoya told the local newspaper, "It's a restaurant that has a business model that seems to be successful in other locations in multiple states...but I do see the concerns that there is potential for loud music, that there are concerns regarding the 'costuming' of the employees as well as the safety concerns that could be drawn to the establishment."

In a statement, Mayor Blanca Pacheco was non-committal, "Keeping our residents in mind, we will address their concerns to help regulate employee attire at this establishment."

"Why didn't she address before it was approved," one resident told HMG-CN.

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Update

La Palma's First Annual 'Festival of Nations'

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A Hometown Parade featuring La Palma’s schools, organizations, neighborhoods, and local businesses will march down Walker Street (Houston Ave. to La Palma Ave.) starting at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Festival at 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Central Park. The Festival will feature fun attractions for all ages, kids-zone, Ferris wheel, petting zoo, carnival games, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and more! In addition, musical performances, dances, and exhibitions will be held throughout the day at the Central Park Pavilion.

Want to get involved? Applications for Festival vendors, volunteers, and parade participants are available online at www.cityoflapalma.org/festival.

For more information, please call the Festival of Nations Planning Committee at (714) 690-3350 or email at festival@cityoflapalma.org or visit our website: www.cityoflapalma.org/festival.

National Stop AAPI Hate Survey:

Nearly 11,000 AAPI Hate Incidents in Under Two Years

Staff Report

Stop AAPI Hate has been tracking hate incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nearly 11,000 hate incidents targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. occurred between March 19, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2021, a new report from research and advocacy coalition “Stop AAPI Hate” found.

Stop AAPI Hate has been tracking incidents against AAPI individuals since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their latest survey, released on March 4, recorded 10,905 hate incidents in just under two years.

The report breaks down where those incidents happened and the kinds of people they happened to.

Race was, by far, the most common reason for an discriminatory incident to occur, listed as a reason in 91.5% of the reports. Ethnicity — the specific Asian culture an individual is a part of—was the second most common reason, included in 52.6% of reports.

Of the 4,632 incidents reported in 2020 and the 6,273 incidents reported in 2021, a majority of the incidents occurred in California.

New York, Washington, Texas and Illinois rounded out the top five states with the most reported incidents, according to the report.

Most of the incidents took place in public spaces, the report said. Nearly 58% took place in public streets and businesses, serving as “the top sites of anti-AAPI hate.”

The kind of discrimination experi-

enced in the reports ranges from denial of service and avoidance to physical assault and harassment.

Individuals reporting a hate incident could report more than one kind of discrimination at a time in each report, and 66.9% of the 10,905 individuals who sent responses to the survey said that harassment was part of the incident they were reporting.

The data in the report breaks down “harassment” into “Verbal hate speech and/or harassment,” “Behavioral” harassment such as stalking or bullying, “Gesture” harassment like a middle finger or “slanted eye gesture,” “Written” harassment like propaganda signs, and sexual harassment.

Verbal hate speech was the most common kind of harassment reported.

Physical assault and being avoided or shunned were the second most common parts of reported hate incidents, with each kind of discrimination reported in just over 16% of the 10,905 incidents.

The report also broke down the data by gender, allowing those reporting to identify whether they are male, female or non-binary.

AAPI women were by far the most likely group to report harassment overall, with nearly 70% of reported incidents from women stating they were harassed.

Non-binary AAPI individuals were the most likely to report being shunned, with 21.4% of reports from non-binary individuals including avoidance or shunning as an element in the hate incident.

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SENIOR CENTER RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Project Number: 50036

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

MANDATORY SECTION 3 PRE-BID MEETING. A mandatory Section 3 Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **March 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**, at the project site at **9200 Mines Avenue, Pico Rivera, CA 90660**.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of this Contract, the Notice Inviting Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Proposal (including documentation accompanying the Bid Proposal and any post-Bid Proposal documentation submitted before the Notice of Award), the Bonds, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Plans, Standard Plans, Standard Specifications, Reference Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, and Supplemental Agreements.

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QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions to the City Project Manager online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Questions are acceptable until **4:00 p.m. on or before Friday, April 1, 2022**. Any questions submitted after the submission deadline will not be answered. Questions and answers will be issued by **April 6, 2022** as an addendum. Any addenda and/or supplemental information, as applicable will be posted online and available at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to check online for any addenda that are released. Any changes or corrections to the original Bid Documents or any other information that will affect the completion of the award will be disseminated and posted on the City’s website. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:
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By: Terry Rodrigue 03/11/2022
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CITY OF LA MIRADA

Please take notice that on March 8, 2022, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 722 ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 52 ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF “ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS” AND AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

Summary of Ordinance No. 722

Ordinance No. 722 made the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Title 21 of the LMMC:

- Amended Section 21.76.020 Definitions of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC to include several definitions.
- Amended Subsection (6) of Section 21.76.050 Prohibited signs of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC. This amendment clarifies electronic billboards as being permitted within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) Zoning District.
- Amended Table 21.76.070 Sign Regulations by Zoning District of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC to include Electronic Billboards in the C-F Zoning District. This amendment allows for electronic billboards to be built within the C-F Zoning District with a maximum sign area of 700 square feet per sign face and a maximum height of 50 feet.
- Repealed Section 21.76.130 Off-Site signs of Chapter 21.76 Signs, of Title 21 of the LMMC. This section was replaced with language specific to any new electronic billboards, or conversion of a non-electronic billboard to an electronic billboard.
- Added Section 21.76.140 Electronic Billboards to Chapter 21.76, Signs of Title 21 of the LMMC. This section describes in detail the development standards for billboards and the requirement of a Development Agreement for the installation and operation of an electronic billboard.
- Amended Section 21.114.020 Applicability of Chapter 21.114 Site Plan Review, of Title 21 of the LMMC. This amendment requires the installation of an electronic billboard or the conversion of a non-electronic billboard to an electronic billboard to be subject to a site plan review.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 722 are as follows:

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

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 722 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BUTTER LAB, 5940 OAK AVENUE UNIT 23, TEMPLE CITY, CA., 91780. REGISTERED OWNER ANNA CHAPMAN, 5940 OAK AVENUE UNIT 23, TEMPLE CITY, CA., . THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/22. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ ANNA CHAPMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/27/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/22

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File Number 2022019305

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: RAVENHILL STUDIO, 2122 CYPRESS AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA., 90026. REGISTERED OWNER BRENDAN RAVENHILL, LLC2122 CYPRESS AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA., 90026. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/22. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ BRENDAN RAVENHILL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/27/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/22

T.S. No.: 2021-04615 APN: 8037-058-012 TRA No.: 13684 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/16/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: SUNNY K. TAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Beneficiary Name: POPA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Duly Appointed Trustee: Integrated Lender Services Inc., a Delaware Corporation and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/17/2009 as Instrument No. 20090376856 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 3/30/2022 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$671,515.29 The property heretofore is being sold "as is." The street Address or other common designation of real property is purported to be: 13703 FRANCISCO DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Legal Description: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N.: 8037-058-012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-844-477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.stoxposting.com/sales-calendar>, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-04615. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer" you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-844-477-7869 or visit this internet website site <http://www.stoxposting.com/sales-calendar>, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-04615 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "INTEGRATED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED". THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 2/24/2022 Integrated Lender Services Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee 2461 W. La Palma Ave, Suite 120 Anaheim, California 92801 (800) 232-8787 For Sale Information please call: 1-844-477-7869 MICHAEL REAGAN, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER LML 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:
Recommendation of the Cerritos Planning Commission, on a vote of 5-0, to approve the following: Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CITY OF CERRITOS 2021 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR). This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. To protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the current Los Angeles County Health Officer Order and City of Cerritos COVID-19 Safety Plan, the City Council Chamber will be open to the public. However, please be advised this public hearing may be conducted via teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) (Stats. 2021, ch. 165). As authorized by AB 361, if it is necessary for the meeting to be conducted via teleconference, information for public participation via teleconference will be posted on the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. The meeting will air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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By Loren Kopff

When the Cerritos High softball team is on, there is no stopping them. Or at least that’s what head coach Todd Denhart would like to think as he tries to get the most of a short non-league season.

Entering last Friday’s contest at Valley Christian, Cerritos had played in four games, winning three of them by a combined score of 29-1 while the only loss for the Dons was to Gahr High, an 8-1 setback on Feb. 22 The Dons flexed their muscles against the two-win Defenders to the tune of 10 hits for the second straight game and came away with a 10-1 win on a windy and blustery afternoon.

“I think we can throw strikes and play defense pretty well,” said Denhart. “We need to do a better job swinging the bats. I think that’s the biggest drop-off from last year. I knew there was going to be a little drop-off because we lost three of our better hitters last year. But it’s a little steeper than I had imagined.”

Cerritos wasted little time in getting its offense going as senior shortstop and University of Hawai’i-bound Jadyn Nielsen doubled on the game’s first pitch and moved to second when senior second baseman Katelyn Caneda and Nebraska commit was hit by a pitch.

Both would steal a base and Nielsen came home on a sacrifice fly from senior first baseman Makayla Sur. Caneda would eventually score on a wild pitch and after junior center fielder Camile Lara reached on the first of four errors, sophomore third baseman Toafaoalii Pua cracked her first home run of the season over the centerfield fence.

The Dons added a pair of runs in the second inning when Nielsen singled, stole second, and came home on an error. Sophomore pitcher Kylie Manibusan was safe on an error and would score on a base hit from Caneda. In the third



CERRITOS HIGH sophomore third baseman Toafaoalii Pua is all smiles as she is congratulated by head coach Todd Denhart after hitting her first home run of the season as the Dons routed Valley Christian High 10-1 last Friday. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer.

Caneda, Nielsen, Pua Carry Cerritos in Blowout Win Against Valley Christian

inning, freshman catcher Alianna Calderon was hit by a pitch and scored on an error while in the next inning, Caneda tripled to the right field gap and came home when Sur grounded to shortstop.

Meanwhile, V.C. was held in check for most of the game and got its lone run in the first when freshman shortstop Britton Brown singled, stole a pair of bases, and came home on a single from sophomore third baseman Bella Bulthusis. The Defenders would load the bases when Manibusan walked senior pitcher Chelsea Azevedo and sophomore first baseman Julie Gonzales but couldn’t get any more out of it.; the rest of the game, the Defenders would get 10 runners on base, but none got to third base.

“They came out knowing that they

have a lot of friends on [Cerritos],” said V.C. first-year head coach Chet Kingery. “We tried to talk to them about, ‘hey, it’s war out here and we can be friends after’. But it just seems they came out more for friends today instead of competing.

“It just showed we can score runs off them,” he later said. “We just put the good part of the bat on the ball and we can score runs. Unfortunately, their pitcher did a good job and kept us off-balanced and we hit a lot of balls at them. They made some good defensive plays and just held us down.”

Nielsen went four for five and scored twice, Caneda had a pair of hits in as many at-bats, scored twice and drove in two runs and Pua went two for three. Manibusan went the first three innings

while sophomore Natalie Gardea worked the final four frames of two-hit ball while striking out a pair of batters.

It was the third straight game Denhart started a different pitcher. Senior Erin Gibbs pitched against Gahr and Nielsen got the nod against Portola on Mar. 1 in which she threw a no-hitter.

“Erin graduates this year; we have to find somebody to fill in the circle next year,” said Denhart of his pitching staff. “Today was the day. We have two sophomores that gave it a shot. They did fairly well. I think they represented themselves pretty well today. And it also gives us a chance to get some of the kids in there swinging the bat.”

Cerritos will be off until Tuesday when it hosts Warren High. After that, the Dons have their 10 605 League games plus meetings with La Mirada and Mayfair left on the regular season docket. Meanwhile, it’s a different story for V.C., which is trying to find its grove. The Defenders are now sitting at 2-7-1 as they visited Mayfair this past Tuesday, but Kingery says that record is deceiving. V.C.’s next action will be Thursday at Mira Costa High.

“We’ve been in every game,” said Kingery. “We’ve blown a lot of leads late in games. In Ontario Christian, we were up 5-3 and we blew it in the seventh. There are about five games where if we make simple plays, our record better.”

Despite the team’s record, one bright spot has been Brown, who is quickly showing she can be a force for the next four seasons. Brown had the lead-off hit and had a pair of three-hit games against Troy and Westminster High in the team’s first two games of the season on Feb. 12.

“Britt’s awesome; the kid’s a stud,” said Kingery. “Just the confidence I have in her in the box... knowing that she’s going to hit something hard and do something to get on base to start a rally.”

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