



Invoices Show BUSD P/R Firm Questionably Charged \$5,500 for Letter Faulting State Audit

Firm was already paid \$5,000 per month. It charged \$350 per hour, spending 16 hours to write the letter.

By Brian Hews

When HMG-CN exclusively reported in late June the results of a Bellflower Unified School District audit by the state of California that found complete incompetence and negligence by the BUSD administration, many were shocked but not surprised, the blame laying inside the

BUSD Superintendent's office.

The article led to Superintendent Tracy McSparren's release.

Two days after the report, HMG-CN received a 2,209-word statement defending the actions of Bellflower Unified from the Blaine Group and owner Devon Blaine.

Unknown to many and highly unusual for a public school district, BUSD, authorized by Associate Superintendent Sulema Holguin, had retained Blaine's company, a pricey Beverly Hills public relations firm with a small client list and a corporate

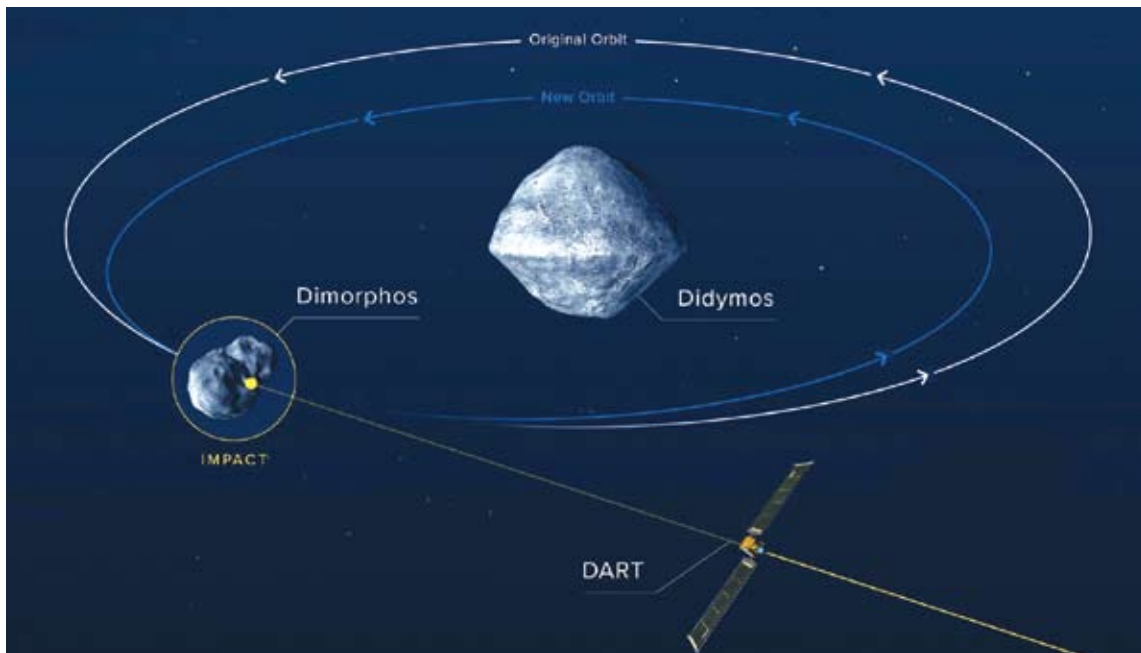
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22ND ROBERT CANADA POW WOW IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS

HAWAIIAN GARDENS held the The Friendship Pow Wow this past weekend at Furgeson Elementary School Baseball Field. The Pow Wow took place over two days and drew in dancers, singers, artists, and traders from as far away as Arizona. Photo by T. McDuff. Story on page 4.

NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) Mission Nearing End



NASA'S DART is the world's first full-scale mission to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards. DART's one-way trip is to the Didymos asteroid system, which comprises a pair of asteroids. DART's target is the moonlet, Dimorphos, which is approximately 530 feet in diameter. The moonlet orbits Didymos, which is approximately 2,560 feet in diameter. The spacecraft will intercept the Didymos system between Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, 2022.

By Brian Hews

NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), the world's first full-scale mission to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards, launched Wednesday Nov 3, 2021 and is nearing the end of its mission.

Just one part of NASA's larger planetary defense strategy, DART – built and managed by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland – will impact a known asteroid that is not a threat to Earth.

Its goal is to slightly change the asteroid's motion in a way that can be accurately measured using ground-based telescopes.

DART will show that a spacecraft can autonomously navigate to a target asteroid and intentionally collide with it –

a method of deflection called kinetic impact. The test will provide important data to help better prepare for an asteroid that might pose an impact hazard to Earth, should one ever be discovered. Several remote cameras will be released prior to DART's impact to capture images of the impact and the resulting cloud of ejected matter. Roughly four years after DART's impact, ESA's (European Space Agency) Hera project will conduct detailed surveys of both asteroids, with particular focus on the crater left by DART's collision and a precise determination of Dimorphos' mass.

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Since Dimorphos orbits Didymos at much a slower relative speed than the pair orbits the Sun, the result of DART's kinetic impact within the binary system can be measured much more easily than a change in the orbit of a single asteroid around the Sun.

A sophisticated guidance, navigation, and control system, working together with algorithms called Small-body Maneuvering Autonomous Real Time Navigation (SMART Nav), will enable the DART spacecraft to identify and distinguish between the two asteroids. The system will then direct the spacecraft toward Dimorphos. This process will all occur within roughly an hour of impact.

The spacecraft will intercept

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Only weeks after son assaulted councilman

Councilman Sarega's Father Ignores His Son's Assault, Calls for Resolution Against Lamplighter

By Brian Hews

Instead of apologizing for his police-officer-son who was ready to beat up Councilman Steven DeRuse-and is the subject of an internal affairs investigation by the Anaheim Police-John Sarega, father of City councilman Andrew Sarega, urged the city council to write a resolution against "the fake news of La Mirada Lamplighter."

Sarega stated, "What I want to say is this. You should write a resolution, about the fake news of La Mirada Lamplighter. Why only four councilmen in the pictures and Andrew is not showing up? You know very well, that Hews cut Andrew out. I challenge you to right now. You don't have the guts to condemn Hews for cropping out Sarega from the pictures. Like at the Mayor's Prayer breakfast. Andrew was there, and Mr. De Ruse didn't say anything. I have a lot to say about the meeting and the reorganization. Don't think I am going away, because I am watching you. I urge you as a council to hold the Lamplighter accountable for being dishonest and cropping Sarega from the pictures. If you have any ounce of integrity, you will do this."

"Yes I cut him out," said Lamplighter Publisher Brian Hews said, "it is called Photoshop Fun. John and his son served a subpoena for a bogus case I won filed by Letica Vasquez. Then John came to my house and served a subpoena for Andrew, who was attempting to stop the rightful legal advertising the city places in the paper. The lawsuit cost me \$5,000; it did not cost Andrew anything

because he was his own attorney. And a miserable attorney at that, misspelling exhibit several times in court papers he filed."

No comment was heard from John's son, known in the city as Absent Andrew.

In other news, a La Mirada

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NLMUSD Nixes Planned Parenthood Clinic at John Glenn

Following "internal discussion and public feedback," the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District has decided not to move forward with the proposed Planned Parenthood Clinic at John Glenn High School (JGHS).

In place of the clinic, and in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Community Schools Initiative (CSI) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), the District plans to provide health and resource education as part of the "Wellbeing Center at JGHS" to support students, parents, and families at JGHS and Southeast Academy High School (SEAHS).

John Glenn High School began implementing the Community School model in 2019 to serve as a hub for a wide range of services through a grant provided by LACOE. One component of the Community School model is the Wellbeing Center. The implementation of the Wellbeing Center was initially set for 2020 but

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By Tammye McDuff

West Covina Unveils Joe Ramos Memorial at Central Park

Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri promised Vietnam veteran Jose Ramos that the community would never forget his advocacy for veterans.

Ramos was born in East Los Angeles and enlisted in the Army in 1965, while a sophomore at Garfield High School. Upon returning home, he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, yet his passion and commitment to fellow service members did not end.

Believing no veteran should be treated disrespectfully, Ramos launched a campaign to honor all Vietnam veterans. Ramos and a team of veterans rode their bikes across the United States, from Whittier to Washington D.C., to petition the federal government to proclaim March 30 as ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day’, in memory of their last day of service in Vietnam. On September 3, 2017, Ramos succumbed to pancreatic cancer.

This past Friday, August 19, the community of Whittier unveiled a ten-foot memorial in Central Park honoring the



HONORING A TRUE ADVOCATE- State Senator Bob Archuleta and Veterans gather to unveil a memorial honoring the late Jose Ramos August 18 in West Covina. Ramos was an Army combat medic from Whittier who was a staunch advocate for Veterans.

Vietnam generation. The monument depicts Ramos on his trek to Washington by bicycle and scenes from the war.

In 2004, he rode his bicycle from Whittier to Washington, D.C., to petition President George W. Bush to proclaim a special holiday remembering Vietnam

veterans.

Ramos has been honored by Whittier’s Michian Post Office being renamed in his honor and a permanent exhibit was opened in 2019 at the Whittier Museum.

“This is one of the most outstanding Vietnam veteran memorials I’ve seen,”

said State Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), “it’s an incredible piece of artwork. It’s wonderful. I hope the city of Whittier takes pride in what it has done for veterans. It is so essential for those guys who came home and weren’t welcomed.”

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22nd Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow in Haw. Gardens



SPECTATORS WERE WELCOME to dance as the local native tribes sought to share the positive aspects of their culture with beautiful cultural outfits.

By **Tammye McDuff**

Hawaiian Gardens held the 22nd Annual Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow this past weekend at Furgeson Elementary School Baseball Field.

As the noon hour approached, an elder and four tribal representatives gathered at the fire mound, which was built in the center of an enormous circle comprised of many tribes.

Elders walked the circle's parameter with sage, blessing those who wished to be engulfed in the sweet incense. Tobacco was placed at the fire arena for those who made offerings. Tobacco is used in prayers, for as it burns, the smoke rises and prayers are sent to the heavens.

Drums began to thump in a rhythmic beat, and the ceremonial Bear Dance began. Long before the Spanish missionaries came to Southern California, native tribes performed this dance each Spring. This ritual is held at spiritual and social gatherings, honoring the creation, the World Maker and the Earth while paying homage to the grizzly bear and rattlesnake.

The local version of the Pow wow was called the "big time". Hawaiian Gardens PowWow took place over two days and drew in dancers, singers, artists, and traders from as far away as Arizona. Spectators were welcome to attend, as the local native tribes sought to share the positive aspects of their culture.

After the round dances, intertribal dancing songs were sung and everyone danced to the beat of the drum.

As various tribes gathered, they shared their songs, changing the songs so singers of different tribes could join. With these changes came the use of "vocables" to replace the words of the old songs. Some songs, even today, are sung in "vocables" with no words.

Yet they still hold special meaning to those who know the song.

Lakewood Not Affected by MWD Pipeline Repair

From Sept. 6-20, MWD will be making emergency repairs to one of its large pipelines that brings imported water from the Colorado River to many, but not all, areas of L.A. County.

Those emergency repairs mean that MWD water supplies to its service areas will be severely limited during the 15 days from Sept. 6-20, and MWD has therefore mandated that customers receiving MWD water cease outdoor watering during the Sept. 6-20 time period in order to prioritize its limited water supplies.

Because Lakewood DWR does not receive any water from MWD, customers of Lakewood DWR are not impacted by the outdoor watering ban.

However, existing Lakewood DWR conservation restrictions will remain in place, such as limiting outdoor watering to three days a week for 10 minutes per day (20 minutes a day if hand watering or utilizing high-efficiency, water-wise irrigation devices).

The area of Lakewood that is east of the San Gabriel River is served by the Golden State Water Co., which will be issuing guidance to its Lakewood customers via a separate email notification regarding the impending MWD emergency repairs.

For up-to-date information or for questions, please feel free to contact Lakewood City Hall at 562-866-9771, ext. 2140 or Service1@lakewoodcity.org. To contact the Golden State Water Co., call 800-999-4033 or go to www.gswater.com.



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Can You Get Omicron Booster After Second Booster?

Back in March, people 50 and over—and younger people with weakened immune systems—became eligible to receive a second booster shot.

If you got your second booster recently, can you still get the new Omicron-specific booster that health officials are expecting in September or October?

The answer is yes. The FDA and CDC considered this very scenario in the spring before authorizing a second booster for this group, since they knew Omicron-specific boosters were likely forthcoming.

They decided that taking a second booster would not preclude people from also getting the Omicron booster if and when it was authorized.

The reason for that is because boosters

are an important way to enhance waning immunity.

Getting a second booster shores up protection, and when those antibody levels wane again, people would be eligible for the new Omicron-specific booster.

If you qualify for one, getting a second booster as soon as possible is a good idea. “The threat to you [from BA.5] is now,” said Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical advisor to the White House.

Cases and deaths are still relatively high across the country; BA.5 is more transmissible than past variants and while vaccines won’t protect you from getting infected in the first place, they will provide some defense from getting hospitalized and getting severe COVID-19.

The booster doses that the FDA is reviewing now—made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna—are different from those that people have received so far. They are bivalent vaccines, meaning they’re directed against two strains of the virus: the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 that previous vaccines targeted, as well as the Omicron subvariants.

Recent data show that even people who are vaccinated and boosted with the original strain are still susceptible to developing mild-to-moderate COVID-19 from the Omicron variants, so experts hope that the new booster shot will better protect people from getting sick from these circulating Omicron viruses.

The FDA and CDC have not yet decided who would qualify for Omicron boosters.

Pfizer-BioNTech recently asked for authorization of their shots for all Americans 12 & up, and Moderna submitted its application for adults 18 and older.

Not decided yet is when they would be available, and how long after a previous dose people should wait before getting it.

The CDC’s vaccine advisory committee is scheduled to meet on September 1 and 2 and may issue more guidance then.

Soroptimist Int'l of Artesia-Cerritos' Installation



Bottom (l-r) Gabrielle Babcock, Past-President; Norma Williamson, President; Mary Ann Tipton, President-Elect. Top (l-r): Diana Needham, Director and Installing Officer; Marilyn Neese, Vice President; Sowmya Ananthanarayanan, M.D., Secretary; Teresita Dillon, Co-Treasurer; and Susan Green, Director. Not in photo: Doris Medina, Co-Treasurer; Dr. Phibun Ny, Co-Secretary; and Mary Sherman, M.D., Delegate.



Bottom (l-r) Norma Williamson, Pres.-Elect; Gabrielle Babcock, President; Mary Ann Tipton, Co-Secretary; and Rose Reets, Delegate. Top (l-r) Sowmya Ananthanarayanan, M.D., Past Pres.; Teresita Dillon, Co-Treasurer; Marilyn Neese, Delegate; Pat Law, Co-Vice Pres.; Lou Kaku, Co-Secretary, and Barbara Dunstan, Co-Vice-President. Not in photo: Doris Medina, Co-Treasurer; and Dr. Phibun Ny, Director.

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist Int'l of Artesia-Cerritos recently held its annual Installation Event with a celebration of its 50th anniversary. President Norma Williamson and her 2022-2023 Board of Directors were installed, and outgoing President Gabrielle Babcock and her Board were honored. Over sixty guests and members attended.

The local service club had a successful year with over \$20,000 in giving through its “Live your Dream” Award program as well as its donations to local charities. The Installing Officer was this writer; Pat Law was honored as the Soroptimist of the Year; Lou Kaku and Amy Dominguez were honored as the recipients of the Kathy Lovell Award (formerly the President’s Award); Installation Chairs were Pat Law and Barbara Dunstan.

Representatives of Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence and Community Family Guidance Center were each presented \$3,000 checks for their organizations and SAHARA received a check for \$1,000.

Earlier in the year, the Club gave awards totaling \$9,000 to eight female Cerritos College students through its “Live Your Dream” program, gave \$3,000 in total donations to three Ukraine relief programs, and numerous other donations.

Funding was provided in large part by the Club’s successful “No Show Monte Carlo Event” that raised over \$10,000.

“I am honored to be elected President of this wonderful club with so many amazing women and a united mission of helping women and girls in our community”, said Norma Williamson, incoming President. “I appreciate all the hard work of our members in making this past club year a success and have enjoyed being your President”, said Gabrielle Babcock, outgoing President.

To learn more about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact Mary Ann Tipton, Membership Chair and President-Elect, cell phone: 562-706-2881 or email: marycerca@aol.com. The local service club welcomes new members.

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\$243 Million Allocated for Homekey 2.0



THE MOTEL 6 that was converted during Homekey 1.0 is located on the corner of Pioneer and Imperial at 11734 Imperial Hwy.

Thanks to Homekey 1.0, launched in 2020, Los Angeles County now owns and operates ten hotels and motels with a combined total of 847 units that have provided interim or permanent housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Located in Baldwin Park, Compton, Hacienda Heights, Harbor City, Long Beach, Norwalk, Whittier, and unincorporated Los Angeles, Homekey 1.0 properties have provided more than 1,000 vulnerable men, women, and children a safe place to stay indoors during the pandemic. Most Homekey 1.0 units started out as interim housing, but all of them will be converted into permanent supportive housing by 2024.

Building on the success of Project Homekey 1.0, Los Angeles County has secured \$243 million in state funding for Homekey 2.0 which it will use to convert 14 hotels and multi-family apartments.

This will add 720 units in Boyle Heights, Compton, East Hollywood, Inglewood, Koreatown, Redondo Beach, Lancaster, San Pedro, Westlake, Wood-

land Hills, and unincorporated Los Angeles.

Nine of the Homekey 2.0 properties will provide interim housing, including 291 units for families, 69 units for youth, and 61 units for veterans, all of whom will receive support towards permanent housing solutions.

Homekey 2.0 projects include Dunamis House, a 40-unit property in Boyle Heights that will be converted into interim housing for youth at risk of homelessness. It once served as a boarding house for repatriated Japanese Americans who had been forced to live in internment camps during World War II.

The remaining five properties, with a combined total of 299 units, will provide permanent supportive housing into which particularly vulnerable people who have experienced homelessness can live and be connected to health care, mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, public benefits, and other services that can help them stabilize and avoid returning to the streets.

Pico Rivera to Rename Street After Legendary Mexican Artist

By Brian Hews

The city of Pico Rivera will re-name its Sports Arena Drive to Avenida Vicente Fernández in a tribute to the late Mexican singer in a ceremony today at 10 a.m.

The Pico Rivera City Council approved the change in May of this year.

Traveling in to join in the ceremony and celebration will be his son, Vicente Fernandez Jr.

A ceremony and sign unveiling will be held in front of the Pico Rivera Sports Arena, at the corner of Sports Arena Drive and Rooks Road, and will be attended by the Pico Rivera City Council, Supervisor Janice Hahn, State Senator Bob Archuleta, and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, among many other dignitaries and local elected officials.

City Manager Steve Carmona said he was approached by the operator La Nuria, about renaming Sports Arena Drive to Avenida Vicente Fernandez after he died in December 2021.

"Fernandez performed at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena on many occasions, which drew thousands of residents and concert goers to the city, he is a beloved figure among city residents, and, as a result, City Council has expressed interest in honoring the distinguished career and significant cultural impact of this icon," Carmona wrote in the staff report.

Fernandez received 14 Grammy Nominations and 4 awards; 14 Latin Grammy Nominations and 8 awards; 30



Vicente Fernández

Premio Lo Nuestro Nominations and 14 awards

For decades Fernández had been recognized and honored for his accomplishments in the world of music. In a career spanning five decades, Fernández has been awarded every honor and accolade in the entertainment world and beyond.

He's regularly topped the charts in Billboard and has been recognized with lifetime achievement awards, hall of fame honors and even a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

With his trademark charro outfit, wide sombrero and impeccable backing mariachi ensemble, he has performed on the world's biggest and most prestigious stages. He has headlined Mexico City's Auditorio Nacional and the Plaza de Toros Mexico to New York City's Madison Square Garden and Radio City Music Hall.

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The Fantasy of the Middle Ages at the Getty Museum

PICTURES FROM THE GETTY MUSEUM

By Laurie Hanson

The exhibition took two and half years from conception and involves much from the fairy tale culture including Disney animated films, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, and Game of Thrones.

Romantic medieval times are relevant and alive today at “The Fantasy of the Middle Ages” exhibition going on now thru Sept. 11 at the Getty Center in Brentwood.

“Because medieval-inspired stories are still so prevalent in our popular culture today, I believe it’s crucially important to think about why we believe certain things about the me-

dieval period, and how those expectations have been shaped,” said Assistant Curator of Manuscripts Larisa Grollemond, who has been with the Getty Museum for 6 years. “[It’s] not [shaped] just by ‘real’ medieval art, but so much so by later iterations of the stories and all different kinds of artistic and narrative interventions over the course of many centuries.”

She said some examples of medieval-inspired stories told today include Rings of Power—the new Lord of the Rings prequel series on Amazon Prime, House of the Dragon—the new Game of Thrones prequel series on HBO, and the recent retellings of Arthur stories in Netflix’s Cursed and A24’s The Green Knight).

“The Fantasy of the Middle Ages” exhibition took about two and half years from conception to installation, including the writing of the related publication of the same name. It involves much from popular culture (as in fairy tales, Disney animated films, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, and Game of Thrones).

“It feels it has been in the works for a lifetime,” said Grollemond, who has had interests in the Middle Ages since childhood. “Anything that

draws upon [this time] for inspiration, is so present in our visual culture today.

“The Fantasy of the Middle Ages came together because it’s endlessly inspiring for artists and creators, and especially in contemporary popular culture,” she added. “The period provides a seemingly endless well of inspiration [with] beloved character archetypes, architectural spaces that spark the imagination, and dramatic narratives.” “[These] are perfectly suited to retellings, each iteration adding something new.”

According to Grollemond, medievalism tells people today more about the period and place in which they were created than about the period itself.

In such, artists have been able to use its history to explore aspects of their own worlds.

“I think the Middle Ages, in its connection to the idea of fantasy, has proven to be so flexible and so applicable to people in many different moments in history, and that makes the

THE GETTY CENTER in Brentwood. The Getty also has a Villa Museum in Malibu. Both offer an extensive collection of a wide variety art including paintings, sculptures, prints and photography for the public to see free of charge.



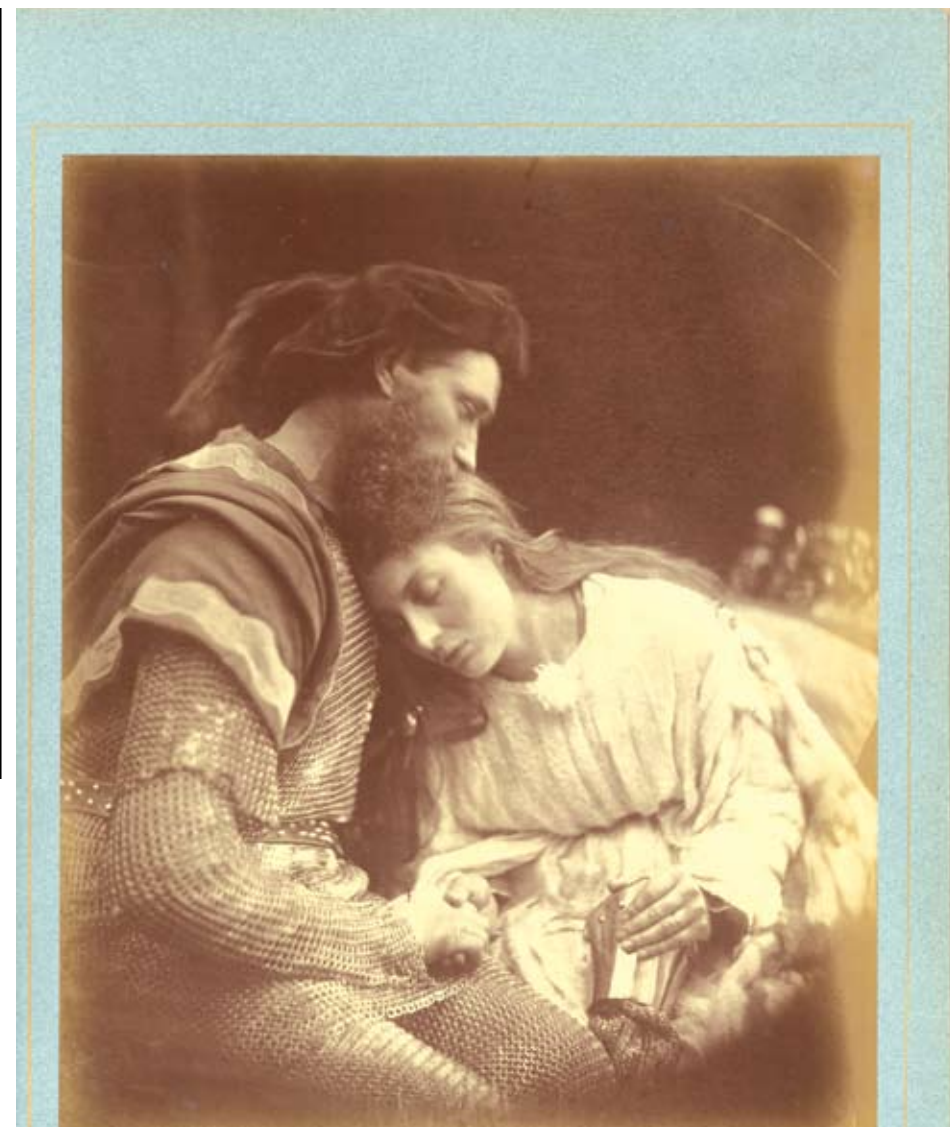
CONCEPT ART 1958. Eyvind Earle (American, 1968 – 2000). From Sleeping Beauty (Walt Disney Productions). Hilbert Collection. Disney Enterprises, Inc.

terpieces of illuminated manuscripts from the Getty’s permanent collection, alongside illustrated books, prints, photographs, and drawings from a variety of California lenders.

The atrium space between the two exhibition galleries is home to an eclectic mix of objects representing the ways the Middle Ages still lives today and includes books, DVDs, toys, costumes, and other memorabilia lent by Getty staff.

“There’s a lot in the exhibition

PARTING OF SIR LANCELOT and Queen Guinevere, 1875. Juliet Margaret Cameron (British, India born, 1850 – 1879). Albumen silver print. Getty Museum.



that I think visitors will already be quite familiar with, and I hope that the works on view prompt them to think about the Middle Ages perhaps slightly differently than they have in the past,” Grollemond said. “Being able to see objects in popular visual culture [all together] from many different centuries really crystallizes the considerable impact that the Middle Ages has had on our imaginations, and its long visual legacy that continues to this day.”

She went on to say that though most of the artists in the exhibit may be unfamiliar to many visitors, their subjects are well-known. Works include those of William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones, Arthur Rackham, Howard Pyle, Andy Warhol, Stephen

Mines, and Eyvind Earle alongside others.

One of the most popular recognizable works is concept art by Eyvind Earle, the art director for Disney’s animated film, Sleeping Beauty (1959). Earle took his inspiration directly from 15th Century French illuminated manuscripts.

Another is Andy Warhol’s Index Book, which opens to a pop-up page depicting a medieval castle beset by a besieging army.

It is a commentary about Warhol and his associates’ criticism summed up by the caption, “We’re attacked constantly,” according to Grollemond.

“Enthusiasts of fairy tales might recognize the work of Howard Pyle and Arthur Rackham, two highly influential artists who helped bring medieval stories and images to droves of young readers in the 19th and 20th centuries,” she added.

Other romantic photographs by Julia Margaret Cameron depicting friends and family dressed in medieval garb show them acting out scenes from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s version of the King Arthur tales. Each brings their medieval characters to life and are capable of captivating modern audiences in the same way that they must have in the 19th Century, said Grollemond.

Works for the exhibition were brought together by several LA-based institutions including the Getty Research Institute, LACMA, UCLA Libraries, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, the Hilbert Collection, the Disney Animation Research Library, and the Disney Archives.

THE BATTLE BETWEEN Arnault de Lorraine and His Wife Lydia, 1467 – 1462. By Flemish artists. Tempra colors, gold leaf, and gold paint on parchment. Getty Museum.

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La Mirada will face Yorba Linda High tonight in a battle of undefeated teams. The Mustangs knocked off Damien High 28-19 last Friday night, turning a 15-7 halftime lead into a 28-13 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Quarterback Reyn Beal was 12 of 14 for 161 yards and a touchdown while William Saucedo rushed 30 times for 153 yards and scored three touchdowns. Yorba Linda won all 10 regular season games last season before falling to Bishop Amat High 44-21 in a CIF-Southern Section Division 2 first round contest.



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2022 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

NORWALK HOPES TO GAIN MOMENTUM IN NEW LEAGUE WHILE CERRITOS AIMS FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT TITLE

By Loren Kopff

Outside of the 2020 season in which there was no girls volleyball, no one has been able to figure out Cerritos High in the 605 League. Could this be the season that there is a new league champion? La Mirada High and Norwalk High are banking on better days in its new lower league of the Suburban Valley Conference while Valley Christian High continues to stay strong in the tough Olympic League.

ARTESIA PIONEERS

9-11 overall last season, 5-5 in the 605 League, tied for third place, lost to La Mirada High in three sets in the Division 7 wild card playoffs

23-88 overall last five seasons

Head coach: Tommy Dube (third actual season, 16-30)

Last time missed the playoffs: 2019

Division 7

Years of frustration came to an end last season when the Pioneers advanced to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs for the first time since 2010 and finished above fourth place in league play for the first time in over 25 seasons. In two full seasons, head coach Tommy Dube has nearly as many wins as the program had from 2014-2017.

“The team worked very hard to get into the playoffs,” said Dube. “It was a challenge coming out of COVID, but the girls did a fantastic job staying focused on making the playoffs.”

Last season, Artesia High was loaded with all varsity rookies and the team returns only two players-senior Andrea Arzate and sophomore Rylee Asumbrado. The other nine players are a combination of players called up from the junior varsity

team and varsity rookies. Dube says the team is working on its chemistry and the void of a seasoned setter, vacated by the graduated Kira Magdaleno.

Of the newcomers to the program, junior transfer outside hitter Shynia West, freshman outside hitter D.J. Gore and junior middle blocker Jocelyn Villarreal are going to bring some offensive confidence according to Dube. As far as staying in the upper half of the 605 League and returning to the playoffs, Dube says, “we are striving for the playoffs again this season. The team’s chemistry and drive to win will be the key to our success being so new.”

CERRITOS DONS

24-5 overall last season, 10-0 in the 605 League, first place, lost to Walnut High in four sets in the Division 4 first round playoffs

105-31 overall last five seasons

Head coach: David Cuthbert (ninth actual season, 143-64)

Last time missed the playoffs: 2002

Division 5

When Cerritos was in the Suburban League until 2017, its biggest rival was Mayfair High and at one point, the Monsoons won 113 straight league matches. In three seasons of 605 League girls volleyball action, the Dons have won all 30 league matches, 28 coming by way of a sweep. During that three-season stretch, head coach David Cuthbert has won 73 matches opposite 15 losses and is possibly the school’s all-time winningest girls volleyball coach. But, for the third time in his eight seasons at the school, his team failed to get to the second round.

“Losing any game is disappointing, but it did sting,” said Cuthbert. We played

against a strong team but still felt we left something on the table from last year.”

Even though Cerritos had a stellar season in the wins column, the team was without the services of middle blocker Halyne Buycks, who was injured early in the campaign and never suited up again. Cuthbert said she would have made an impact but losing her afforded some time to younger players which will hopefully help going forward. Buycks graduated, along with seven others and as this season is upon us, senior outside hitter Jordynn Hollins is recovering from a torn left ACL from last spring and is not expected to play. Still, the Dons have enough firepower in senior middle blocker Somto Eze, junior middle blocker and outside hitter Isabella Dantzler and junior outside hitter Leila Tolentino, all returners.

“You can expect to see a lot more from Somto Eze and [senior] Isa Cilloniz in the middle,” said Cuthbert. “Leila Tolentino has also made great strides and will have a bigger role this season.”

Cerritos will have eight varsity newcomers with junior defensive specialist Jasmine Kastner, who brings a lot of ball control into her position, according to Cuthbert, and junior outside hitter Nicole Sales, who brings some athleticism to the outside position, as the top ones to keep an eye on. Cerritos will field eight seniors, including Hollins, six juniors and one sophomore this season.

But the big question will be if the Dons can make it four straight undefeated seasons. Cuthbert believes the league will be tough in 2022 and expects some competitive matches. As always, the goal is to win league no matter how many wins

it takes to accomplish the feat.

GAHR GLADIATORS

11-14 overall last season, 5-5 in the San Gabriel Valley League, tied for third place, lost to Oaks Christian High in three sets in the Division 4 second round playoffs

72-48 overall last five seasons

Head coach: Charity Dennis (second season, 11-14)

Last time missed the playoffs: 2008

Division 5

Even though Gahr High finished with 11 victories, the third straight season of double digit victories, and advanced to the playoffs for the 12th straight season, the only thing Charity Dennis wanted in her first season as head coach was to go farther in the postseason. The Gladiators have not reached the quarterfinals since 2002 and have played a second round match twice since then. Now, the Gladiators are hoping for better results.

“There were some breakdowns in team chemistry that we needed to work through that didn’t push us as far as we should have gone,” said Dennis. “But I think we could have gotten further.”

Last season, Gahr had seven seniors on a team of 12 and this season, it’s nearly the same as the team is made up of five seniors, four juniors and three sophomores. However, there are just three returning players-senior opposite hitter Simone Johnson, senior defensive specialist/libero Analyn Baculod and junior setter Cassie Zoellers. Dennis says that Baculod is a great athlete who is a very caring individual on and off the court and brings a lot of

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Short-handed Cerritos girls volleyball starts strong, holds on to sweep Gahr

By Loren Kopff

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As with every team in the first few weeks of its season, it takes a while before coaches get a true reading of what their team is all about. The Cerritos High girls volleyball team made the trek to the north side of the city to face Gahr High and even though the Dons had five matches under their belt, there were still unanswered questions.

Without the services of senior outside hitter Jordynn Hollins, who is recovering from a torn ACL early last spring and junior middle blocker Isabella Dantzler, who has a stress fracture in her right tibia from May, the Dons were wondering who would step up. Problem solved, as the Dons had enough to sweep the Gladiators 25-12, 25-22, 25-19 this past Tuesday.

“It’s a challenge for the coaching staff to rebuild from that, but the nice thing about it is it gives a lot of opportunities to some of our younger players,” said Cerritos head coach David Cuthbert. “Had those injuries not occurred, [junior outside hitter] Nicole Salas wouldn’t be playing big minutes for us. She had a great game today. She had some nice kills in big moments, and that’s only going to really help her for later this year and next year.”

After Cerritos built an early 5-2 lead

in the opening set, the Gladiators tied it before the defending 605 League champions reeled off nine straight points to put it away. Six players accounted for the nine kills Cerritos got in the set while senior defensive specialist Justine Reginaldo served five aces and junior libero Jasmine Kastner and sophomore defensive specialist Gabriella Colombo each had a pair of aces.

The second set would be much tighter and although Gahr rallied from deficits of three and five points early to tie the set at 12-12, it couldn’t put together another stretch or two of more than three consecutive points. With the score knotted at 18-18, a double hit violation, followed by two straight kills from senior defensive specialist Audrey Lee gave the Dons (3-3) a 21-18 lead.

Gahr tried to stay close with its city rivals in the third set, taking an early 604 lead on back to back aces from senior defensive specialist Analyn Baculod.

“We came off our service pressure a little bit and Gahr responded; they played better,” said Cuthbert of the second and third sets. “I think the second and third sets are perhaps a truer reflection of the competitiveness of the game rather than the first set. I think in the first set, we just played really clean and it just worked out really nice for us.”

But the Dons took the lead for good at 14-13 when Colombo added her sixth ace of the match. The Gladiators (1-3) got as close as three points four times down the stretch but kills from junior outside hitter Nicole Sales, Kastner and senior middle blocker Isa Cilloniz ended the match.

Cerritos, which hosted Warren High on Aug. 25 and will visit Sunny Hills High on Thursday, was led by junior

outside hitter Leila Tolentino (nine kills) and Sales (six kills). Gahr’s kill leaders were senior outside hitter Leslie Solorzano (seven) and junior middle blocker Zyon Aubrey (six). The Gladiators were home to El Rancho High on Aug. 25 and will visit Bellflower High and Norwalk High on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

FOOTBALL

Garden Grove High (0-0) @ Artesia High (0-0)-The Pioneers got a rude awakening to the 2021 season as Garden Grove blasted them 48-0. A quartet of running backs, all juniors, combined to rush for 269 yards and score four touchdowns, led by Malachi Bey, who had 177 yards on 15 carries and scored three times. In fact, Bey outgained Artesia’s total offense in the game. Garden Grove would go on to finish in second place in the Big 4 League before falling to Northview High 30-14 in the CIF-Southern Section Division 10 first round playoffs.

It was the first of six straight losses for Artesia, which won two games and lost to Division 14 finalist Rialto High 30-28 in the first round.

Prediction:

Garden Grove 38, Artesia 20.

Woodbridge High (0-1) vs. Cerritos (0-1) @ Artesia-This game was played on Aug. 25 and marked the first of six Thursday night games for the Dons, who lost to Buena Park High 48-21 in the season opener. Woodbridge fell to former Pacific League rival Northwood High 21-7 in a battle of Irvine schools. The Warriors, who edged Norwalk High 24-21 in the Division 12 first round, advanced to the quarterfinals and finished with a 5-8 mark.

Prediction:

Woodbridge 31, Cerritos 21.

Gahr (0-0) @ Valley Christian High (0-1)-This game originally was to be played at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium, but new field turf and all-weather track surfaces are being installed. V.C. defeated the Gladiators 34-14 in an unscheduled contest at the end of last season. It was one of two games Gahr scored in.

V.C. was on the short end of a 35-0 decision to El Dorado High, which had over 400 yards in offense last Friday in the coaching debut for Nick Walker.

Prediction:

V.C. 35, Gahr 7.

Firebaugh High (0-1) @ Glenn High (0-1)-Both teams are coming off bad losses last Friday with Glenn falling to Rowland High 34-7 and Firebaugh getting trounced by Trinity Classical Academy 50-0, giving up 310 yards and allowing six quarterback sacks. Last season, Glenn blasted the Falcons 40-8. Expect the Eagles to pull out all the stops as they want to take advantage of its favorable schedule.

Prediction:

Glenn 42, Firebaugh 7.

La Canada High (1-0) @ Norwalk (1-0)-This game was played on Aug. 26 and is one of the better early season matchups involving an area team. Norwalk had no problems with San Marino High, 55-33, last Friday as the Lancers led 20-6 after the first quarter and 41-21 at the half.

Meanwhile, the Spartans defeated Rosemead High 56-26, racing out to a 28-6 first quarter lead and never looking back. This is the first meeting between the programs in at least 25 years.

Prediction:

Norwalk 38, La Canada 31.

Last week’s predictions: 3-2

Season: 3-2

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leadership to the team while Johnson has that physicality that the second-year coach is looking forward to seeing over the next few months. In Zoellers, Dennis added that she is a great leader and understands the emotions on the court and is able to pull things out of players.

“They had a huge impact on the team,” said Dennis of her seniors last season. “It was an interesting turnover to see them go, but we were able to have a lot more opportunities for our younger levels. We brought kids up from j.v. and they have had significant growth.”

Of the nine newcomers to the high level Dennis projects junior outside hitter Leilani Choe and sophomore setter/libero Minerva Rodriguez as the one to look out for throughout the season. As for the season, Gahr’s path to the program’s fourth title in the past six seasons just got a bit tougher as Mayfair joins Downey High and Warren High as the teams to beat. With the merger of the San Gabriel Valley League and Suburban Leagues, who formed the new Suburban Valley Conference, it will be more of a battle for the top spot.

“I’m looking forward to it,” said Dennis. “I expect [my team] to give their full effort. Of course, the goal is to win. But as long as they’re giving their full effort and they’re working hard, that’s the goal.

“There are no breaks in this schedule,” she continued. “It’s go, go, go...go, go. We were looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to play such good teams.”

JOHN GLENN EAGLES
1-16 overall last season, 0-10 in the 605 League, sixth place

30-79 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Daniel Reyes (third actual season, 12-28)

Last time made the playoffs: 2009

Division 7

Very little went right for Glenn High as the program had its worst season since 2016 when that team posted a 2-22 season. Before that, only the 2010 team (3-15) and the 2012 team (2-12) had won fewer than five matches since at least 1998. Last season’s performance comes off the heels of an 11-12 mark in the first season for head coach Daniel Reyes.

“Last season was a very tough one,” he said. “No one enjoys going through a season like the one we went through last year. As tough as it was, we had to constantly remind ourselves we were lacking not only varsity experience, but volleyball experience altogether.”

Reyes went on to say that last season left a bad taste in a lot of the players’ mouths and that they realized that when they don’t show up until the last minute before the season begins, it puts them far behind compared to other programs. With that said, he added that the commitment has improved tremendously, and he has a group of girls who are anxious to improve day in and day out.

Glenn returns five players-senior opposite hitter Joey Abugotal, senior outside hitter Kaylani Moncada, junior libero Heaven Lee, junior middle blocker Janessa Leal and junior setter Abbey Zavala, all of whom figure to make huge impacts in the offensive department.

“Heaven Lee and Janessa Leal have improved so much from last year,” said Reyes. “They are an example of how much you can improve when you put the time in the offseason. Janessa, being a softball player and being part of a program that has had success, understands what it takes to become successful and is using that mentality with volleyball. Heaven, being around the program, has pushed herself to get better day by day and constantly holds herself accountable and never settles for

anything less than her best.”

The Eagles have a dozen players on this season’s team with 25 percent being seniors. Some of the top newcomers to varsity are sophomore setter Nathalie Jacobo and sophomore middle blocker Aaliyah Ramirez from the basketball team and sophomore outside hitter Sugey Mancilla. Jacobo will give the Eagles some much needed help as a setter, according to Reyes, and Ramirez brings the height that the team needs to be better offensively.

The big question will be if the Eagles have enough to grab at least third place and an automatic berth in the playoffs. It’s been since 2009 when Glenn last experienced life in the playoffs and Reyes believes consistency will be the one component that will end the drought.

“Speaking from a talent standpoint, the team has some pieces that can really get us there,” said Reyes. “The girls know that nothing will come easy. And everything has to be earned by them, but it can’t just come in spurts. They have to stay the course and keep persevering.”

LA MIRADA MATADORES
12-19 overall last season, 6-3 in the Suburban League, second place, lost to Coachella Valley High in four sets in the Division 7 first round playoffs

47-80 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Kimberly Mahan (second season, 12-19)

Last time missed the playoffs: 2018

Division 7

With only the top two teams from the four-member Suburban League advancing to the playoffs last season, La Mirada and Norwalk had to battle for that second spot behind league champion Mayfair. It went to the Matadores under rookie head coach Kimberly Mahan, who admitted it was not what she had expected, but thought a lot of it had to do with all the obstacles during the pandemic. La Mirada had some challenges to overcome; while a lot of those were the same as the next team, others were not.

“My players did not have a volleyball season in 2020, so it had been almost two years since many of the girls had played. We had to do COVID testing every week during practices. We didn’t have a gym, which meant no home games and a lot of traveling. Game times were being moved frequently due to a shortage of refs and we started the season late since I wasn’t hired on until the end of July, which didn’t allow much time to get my players ready for the season.”

The Matadores lost their first 11 matches of the season and were swept in six of them before turning around their season late. Senior outside hitter Bailey Mahan (102 kills last season, 135 digs), senior middle blocker Milan Nimeh (77 kills, 118 digs), and junior outside hitter Alyssa Merez, who had a 30 percent kill percentage and led the team in aces, are the top three players from last season’s team and bring with them a lot of varsity experience.

Kimberly Mahan lists senior libero Andrea Rosiles and sophomore middle blocker Natalie Ojeisekhoba as newcomers to keep an eye on.

Now that Mayfair is in a different league, La Mirada and Norwalk should be the favorites to win league with the bottom of the SGVL coming over to see who will claim the last automatic playoff spot.

“I do like the new league we are in,” said Kimberly Mahan. “I think it will help make [us] evenly matched and be a more competitive season for [us]. The only hard thing is that I really do not know what to expect from some of these schools because I have never seen them, and we have never played them before.

“I still have the same expectations for my team this year even though we are not playing Mayfair,” she continued. “We want

to be strong, always giving 100 percent, perform well, have fun and win.”

NORWALK LANCERS
8-11 overall last season, 3-6 in the Suburban League, third place
50-67 overall last five seasons

Head coach: Paola Nava (second season, 8-11)

Last time made the playoffs: 2017

Division 8

Another head coach who was in her first season in 2020 was former Norwalk player Paola Nava, who won her first two matches of the season, three of the first four and four of the first six. After that, three of the team’s next four victories came against last place Bellflower High in league. Despite the 8-11 mark, she said the season was everything she expected, and more. She went on to say that she didn’t believe it was a bad season considering the COVID situation and it was a brand new team.

“Our girls had the talent and proved that they were able to compete with the schools,” said Nava. “Unfortunately, we did not get the wins, but they improved tremendously from day one.”

Leading the way this season will be five returning players-senior defensive specialists/liberos Leilani Juan and Kimberly Lopez, junior setter Alyssa Dorado, junior outside hitter/defensive specialist Kendall Nakano and sophomore middle hitter/opposite hitter Samantha Munoz. Nava says they understand the faster paced game compared to the lower levels and they want to be better. Of the remaining nine players on the team, Nava lists senior defensive specialist/libero Tatianna Navarro and junior outside hitter/defensive specialist Marisol Roseboro as the ones who will bring an impact.

“Marisol has really stepped up on the outside and continues to progress every day,” said Nava. “Her arm swing has gotten faster, stronger, and smarter. Tatianna has really stepped up and has now taken the role as one of our captains. She is definitely one of our top defensive specialist players. I am confident that these two student-athletes will help our team strive for our goals this season.”

While Nava shares the same sentiments as Kimberly Mahan does with the new league, her expectations are for her student-athletes to prove themselves that they can be great and that by the end of the season, she expects them to master the mechanics of volleyball and just play.

“Yes, we would love to just win, win, win,” she said. “I learned that as a coach, if I just expect them to win, we will not improve.”

VALLEY CHRISTIAN DEFENDERS
18-13 overall last season, 5-3 in the Olympic League, tied for second place, lost to Orange Lutheran High in three sets in the Division 3 first round playoffs

101-54 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Jeff Ornee (fifth actual season, 83-43)

Last time missed the playoffs: 2009

Division 4

Beside Cerritos, the other consistent girls volleyball program over the years is Valley Christian and the Defenders figure to be in another competitive season. While the Defenders were ousted in the first round last season, head coach Jeff Ornee stated he could not have been prouder of the team, especially with the ‘grit and toughness they showed through a ton of adversity’. The team battled through season-ending injuries, COVID-related absences long with one of the toughest schedules around.

“The team never complained and came to practice with the right attitude every day,” said Ornee. “Losing in the first round to Orange Lutheran was tough, but they

proved to be one of the better teams in Division 3 and I believe we battled with them valiantly.”

V.C. has enough returning talent to make a strong bid to win the Olympic League for the first time since 2016 and it begins with senior outside hitter Ari Schmidt and senior opposite hitter Brooklynn Wybenga, both of whom play club volleyball. But Ornee wants to credit the other returning seniors-defensive specialist/libero Anneke DeKraker and Francie Leffler, middle blocker Lauren Thorpe, outside hitter/opposite hitter Chloe Westra and setter Carissa Kamstra.

“It is a calming feeling as a coach knowing you have so many experienced players to help lead the newcomers,” said Ornee. “Many attended my optional camps and clinics over the summer to stay in volleyball shape and get some reps.”

The Defenders will have five new players to varsity and all of them bring something different to the table. According to Ornee, senior middle blocker/opposite hitter Samantha Gerdes brings size and a solid block to the front row, junior middle blocker Abby McGuyre has a quick arm, approach and good speed along the net defensively, junior outside hitter Allison Smith is a good offensive pin hitter with an array of shots and power, junior opposite hitter/setter Samantha Van Duyn has a good arm and block on the right side and can step in as a setter when needed and freshman middle blocker Aubrey Ericks brings great communication, energy and quickness to the experienced squad.

Winning the Olympic League is no easy task for all five members and over the past 30 years, several of them, including V.C., have gone on to win CIF-SS championships. Ornee insists every league match is a battle, but that’s what makes it fun.

“I’m looking forward to seeing how some of our league competition has retooled with various coaching changes and senior classes graduating,” he said. “But I do know that it will always be an incredibly competitive environment to play in.”

WHITNEY WILDCATS
8-19 overall last season, 5-5 in the 605 League, tied for third place
49-69 overall last five seasons

Last time made the playoffs: 2019

Division 7

Whitney High did not provide any information on this season’s team. In 2022, the Wildcats had 10 seniors on a 12-member team. The two returning players, if they are back, are senior middle blockers Samantha Candelaria and Eva Matentsian. Whitney had gone 29-16 in the two seasons prior to last season. Before that the program had gone 16 straight seasons of finishing under .500 and not recording more than nine wins in any season.



NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following project:

Project Description:

The City of Artesia is noticing a Special Meeting to hold a scheduled public hearing for the Planning Commission to consider recommending a zone text amendment to the City Council which amends Article 44 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Artesia Municipal Code regarding commercial cannabis use and cultivation. Among other things, the amendments establish that retail commercial cannabis may be a permitted use subject to the review and approval of various entitlements within portions of the commercial general and commercial planned development zones, as well as in portions of the Artesia Boulevard Specific Plan, Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, and South Street Specific Plan areas. Commercial cannabis use will be prohibited throughout all other zones in the City. All other commercial cannabis uses, such as commercial cultivation, manufacturing, testing, distribution, and transportation are still prohibited within the City. Additionally, the amendments will move existing provisions related to cannabis cultivation to another chapter in the Code and make minor changes, such as eliminating certain cannabis definitions in Title 9.

Applicant:

City of Artesia

Location:

The regulations will apply citywide.

CEQA Determination:

The zone text amendments are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3). The activity is not subject to CEQA because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Hearing Date:

The Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on August 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701.

This Planning Commission meeting is in-person. The public has the option to attend the meeting in person to provide comments or to provide comment before the meeting. Written public comments can be submitted via email to PublicComments@cityofartesia.us or US Mail (submit early) to the Community Development Department, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 provided that the comments are received prior to the time of the public hearing. Comments received prior to 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting will be posted as an addendum to the agenda. Challenge to the action in court will be limited to issues raised at the public hearings or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the close of the public hearing. The project staff report will be available for review on the City’s website (<https://www.cityofartesia.us/AgendaCenter>) on the Friday preceding the hearing. If you have any questions or have trouble accessing the staff report, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 865-6262 or via email at Planning@cityofartesia.us.

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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE METRO INTERSECTION (HOT SPOTS) PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 19301, BID NO. 1475-22.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: METRO INTERSECTION (HOT SPOTS) PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 19301, BID NO. 1475-22.**

Project Description:

The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents, including but not limited to, modification of existing northbound and southbound left turn lanes at the intersection of Carmenita Road and South Street, construction of new medians, removal of existing traffic signal cabinet and installation of a new traffic signal cabinet, etc. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: “**METRO INTERSECTION (HOT SPOTS) PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 19301, BID NO. 1475-22.**” It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), only if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): “A”. The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, *et seq.*, of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):
20NWLC18347
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Sydney Jansuy, an individual
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DE-MANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a non-profit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al de-mandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of CA, Los Angeles, Norwalk Court-house, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA, 90650
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandan-te que no tiene abogado, es): Hanna Kerfan (State Bar #: 327122), Collection At Law, Inc., A.P.C., 3835 E. Thousand Oaks Bl #R349, Westlake Village, CA 91362, (818) 716-7630
DATE (Fecha): 08/03/2020
Sherri R. Carter Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Clerk (Secre-tario), by V.Owens, Deputy (Adjunto)
(SEAL)
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8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26/22
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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www. storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com) ending on or after Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: boxes, pallet jack, pushcart, table base, shelving racks, couch, phones, scale, bins, step stool, poster tube, bike, trade show storage boxes, lateral filing cabinet, vacuum, whiteboard, bulletin board, Adirondack chairs, large yoga mat, beach umbrella, luggage, guitar case, computer equipment, printer, fax machine, tools, dolly, furniture dolly, mattress, table, wall art, coat rack, duffle bag, hamper, pillow, cups, table lamp, broom, metal panels, washing machine, dryer, refrigerator, furniture, exercise equipment, folding tables and chairs, ladder, tools, car seat, ice chest, tires, car jack, kitchen appliances/supplies, life jackets, gardening tools, dolly and crates belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
UPSIDE DOWN GAMES CORP/Matias Gutierrez	C48
UPSIDE DOWN GAMES CORP/Matias Gutierrez	C53
Abraham Turner	111

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PICO RIVERA

Unclaimed Deposits

This is a public notice that the City of Pico Rivera (“City”) is in possession of certain unclaimed monies. A specific list of unclaimed monies and individual names of potential claimants is available on the City’s website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/unclaimed-property/> and at the Administrative Services Department.

Anyone who has a legal claim to the Unclaimed Property must file a written claim at the address below within 45 days from the first publication date of this notice, or else funds will become City property.

City of Pico Rivera, Administrative Service, Finance Division

6615 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera CA 90660

www.Pico-Rivera.org

Ph: 562-801-4392 or Email: FinanceDepartment@Pico-Rivera.org

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KAZUO OTOMO

Case No. 22STPB07922

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Myles Otomo be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 13, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

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Former Lakewood Council Member Joe Esquivel Passes

Former Council Member Joe Esquivel passed away Thursday night.

Joe Esquivel served on the Lakewood City Council for a total of 21 years, from 1990 to 2011. He served five terms as mayor.

Before he was elected to the City Council, Esquivel was a member of the city's Recreation and Community Services Commission for 18 years, and he had been a Lakewood Youth Sports volunteer coach for 13 years.

He was active in many Lakewood community groups and causes over the years, including the Lakewood Jaycees, Lakewood Family YMCA, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Lakewood Pan American Association, Lakewood Regional Medical Center board of directors, St. Pancratius Church, Meals on Wheels, and the Rotary Club of Lakewood, where he served for many years as the coordinator of the annual Project Shepherd holiday assistance program for families in need.

"Joe was beloved by thousands of Lakewood residents for his friendliness, jovial personality and decades of service to the Lakewood community," said Mayor Steve Croft.

"I will always remember my years with Joe on the City Council," said Croft, "and I'll also remember Joe for continuing to lead an active life, including volunteer work, after retirement from the City Council. He and his longtime friend Wayne Piercy (also a late former council member) were a regular presence with Meals on Wheels and Project Shepherd well into their 80s. Joe will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him on the City Council and by so many residents who appreciated all that he did for Lakewood."

Wayne Piercy (at left) and Joe Esquivel helping Project Shepherd in 2016.

Esquivel's service as a city council member was closely identified with major accomplishments in Lakewood in the 1990s and 2000s, including:

- Creating a team of Deputy Sheriffs (Special Assignment Officers or SAOs) who work with residents and merchants



Joe Esquivel

to target crime hot spots;

- Successfully preventing the imposition of costly federal flood insurance on Lakewood properties by advocating for completion of the Los Angeles River Flood Protection Restoration Project.

Esquivel was born in 1932 and grew up in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, located along the Mississippi River between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. After serving in the Navy and being discharged in Long Beach, he and his wife Pat settled in Lakewood in 1963. They raised a family here with children Debbie, Diane and Doug. Joe worked for the American-National Can Company in Carson for 35 years and served in the leadership of the United Steelworkers local district 39.

Joe said that one of his biggest joys as a resident of Lakewood was serving as a volunteer coach of 8- and 9-year-old youngsters in basketball and football at Bolivar Park. He received the Mayor's Award for 13 consecutive seasons of volunteer coaching in the Lakewood Youth Sports program.

Joe was predeceased by his wife Pat and is survived by his children Debbie, Diane and Doug and four grandchildren.

Plans for a memorial service are pending.

Researchers will precisely measure that change using telescopes on Earth. Their results will validate and improve scientific computer models critical to predicting the effectiveness of the kinetic impact as a reliable method for asteroid deflection.

For more information about the DART mission, visit: <https://www.nasa.gov/dartmission>.

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homeowner addressed the council regarding the homeless in the city. She alleged her children have been approached on school property and alerted the school and public safety. "I needed after-school care for my children so I went to observe Garden Hill's after-school program; I will never leave my children at that facility."

She alleged that the teachers in the program were severely stressed trying to protect the kids from the homeless, drug dealers and bullies that constantly approach underage kids.

Mayor Otero referred her to the Sheriff's Captain at the meeting.

The city council approved two of Sarega's commissioners but voted not to reappoint Jack Miranda. The vote was 3-1, with Sarega voting no, Otero abstaining.

Biola University requested the authority to issue and sell revenue bonds not to exceed \$34.5 million. The proceeds will be used to finance the cost of construction, renovation, equipping and improvement of certain educational and ancillary facilities such as dormitories, parking facilities, heating and cooling infrastructure and capital improvements.

Finally, the ordinance prohibiting the unlawful possession of catalytic converters was addressed, the theft of which is a huge problem all over the county; in essence, you cannot run around with converters in the back of your truck or car without ownership documents.

Other cities have passed similar ordinances, including Artesia.

Councilman Sarega called it a redundant ordinance because one already exists in the penal code.

"My concern with this ordinance is that the owner of a [visible] converter must provide lawful ownership. A buyer is entitled to documentation, but a seller often fails to provide it."

The ordinance says the converter must be attached to the vehicle to be legal. I believe this needs to be vetted more. This seems to be a kneejerk solution to a long-term problem."

Councilman Lewis countered that the ordinance had been vetted in a full study session, with the attendance of sheriff's sergeants testifying on this ordinance.

The sheriff's commented, "At the very least, this ordinance will send a message to criminals in La Mirada that if you are transporting converters in your truck or car, the city will charge you with theft."

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was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, in coordination with the District, LACDPH and the Community Schools Program Specialist, they will offer workshops to provide a safe space for parents and families to learn how to support the physical and mental health of students at John Glenn and Southeast Academy High Schools.

These workshops will be available in English and Spanish during the 2022-23 school year.

The District stated that it appreciates the community feedback and will continue to provide services and resources to best serve its students, families, and community.

The statement ended, "The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District will have no further comment on this matter."

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address near Rodeo Drive.

A public records request revealed that Holguin signed a contract with Blaine for a whopping \$5,000 per month. The contract was dated December 20, 2021 and read more like a retainer agreement with an attorney than an agreement with a communications company.

In addition to the \$5,000 per month, Blaine was authorized to charge an unheard of \$350 per hour in addition to the retainer for "urgent needs."

Blaine would also charge \$350 for any of her other employees that worked with the BUSD.

If that was not enough, the contract allowed Blaine to submit expenses "without prior approval" for postage, mileage, long-distance telephone calls, publications, copied materials, and other "individual expenses under \$100."

The contract was signed in December, but a purchase order, which is a legal document that a buyer creates (BUSD) and sends to a seller (Blaine) to confirm their intentions, was not approved by the board until its April meeting.

By that time, Blaine had racked up nearly \$20,000 in fees under the radar and out of sight of the BUSD Board.

After learning about the fees, HMG-CN requested all invoices submitted by Blaine and found what looks like evidence that Blaine and the Superintendent's office were trying to keep the contract out of sight.

The Superintendent's office uses a time and date stamp to establish when documents were delivered; the Blaine invoices had the time and date stamp.

On March 2, 2022, three Blaine invoices were stamped, one for December 2021 for \$5,000; January 2022 \$2,500 and marked "50% discount; and February for \$5,000.

Why did Blaine wait to submit her invoices when the contract was signed in December?

Then on March 17, 2022, the March invoice for \$5,000 was stamped (14 days before the end of the month), but this one was different; it had a handwritten purchase order number that was not on any BUSD Board documents until its April meeting.

All four invoices amounted to nearly \$18,000 remaining under the Superintendent's office spending limit because Blaine discounted her January invoice by 50%.

The \$5,000 April invoice showed a time stamp of March 18, that's five invoices between March 2 -18, 2022.

The time stamps for May, June and July were illegible, but an invoice register shows the invoices received and posted on 5/25, 6/13, and 6/30, respectively; Blaine once again allowed to submit her July invoice two weeks early. And why was that?

The July invoice contained Blaine's charges for her 2,000-word crisis communication letter sent to the press after the audit revealed complete incompetence at the Superintendent's office.

Not only did Ms. Blaine charge the \$5,000 under the agreement, but she also charged an additional \$5,500 for the 2,000-word crisis communication letter.

According to Blaine, it took three people, at \$350 per hour, to write the letter.

Blaine herself spent 12.5 hours and charged \$4,375; one employee spent 3.5 hours and charged \$1,137; another employee spent 15 minutes perusing the document, racking up \$87.

Several emails into Blaine Group owner Devon Blaine have gone unanswered.

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the Didymos system between Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, 2022, intentionally slamming into Dimorphos at roughly 4 miles per second. Scientists estimate the kinetic impact will shorten Dimorphos' orbit around Didymos by several minutes.



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