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CHECK PRESENTATION: State Senator Bob Archuleta presents a \$2.750 million check to the La Mirada City Council for improvements to Behringer Park. From left, Councilman Ed Eng, Sen. Archuleta, Councilman John Lewis, Mayor pro tem Steve deRuse and City Manager Jeff Boynton. The improvements may include renovated restrooms, snack bar, new field lights, irrigation repairs, new drinking fountains and water bottle filling stations, and grading improvements to enhance drainage. The city is waiting on a consulting company to prepare a scope of work report.

Metro Board Approves Shortest Alternative for the Eastside Corridor, is Federal Funding at Risk?

By Brian Hews

The Metro Board of Directors, at its meeting on Dec. 1, approved an extension of the Metro Gold Line from East Los Angeles to Whittier, choosing the shorter Alternative 3 as the project's Initial Operating Segment (IOS).

The Gold Line will be extended further east from its current terminus at Pomona/Atlantic in East Los Angeles to

the Greenwood Station in Montebello.

It is far shorter than Alternative Two, which would have traveled through additional parts of Montebello and Pico Rivera, terminating on Lambert Blvd in Whittier.

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Alternative 3 will begin at the Atlantic/Pomona terminus station on the Gold Line and end at the Greenwood Station in

Montebello. The selected line is 4.6 miles, with four stations, and includes design options at the Atlantic/Pomona station, a Montebello alignment and maintenance and storage facility site options and the Greenwood Station.

Over the last few years, Metro has been evaluating the nine-mile extension of the Gold Line from its current termi-

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THE METRO BOARD chose the shorter Alternative 3 (Green) as the project's Initial Operating Segment. It is far shorter than Alternative Two (Red), which would have traveled through additional parts of Montebello and Pico Rivera, terminating on Lambert Blvd in Whittier.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Cerritos Refuses to Disclose Individual Show Ticket Sales and Revenue at the Cerritos Center

Attorney cites voluminous Gov't Code saying sales are proprietary even though the city uses taxpayer dollars to pay the artists and shows.

By Brian Hews

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts has been losing millions every year, with only a handful of Councilmembers complaining and demanding action to curtail the massive losses while City management withheld information.

During its heyday between 2004 and 2014, according to the city's audited financial statements, the CCPA lost \$80 million, averaging \$8 million in the red per year.

At the time, ticket sales and revenue were 30% higher than they are now.

From 2014 to pre-pandemic 2019, expenses were severely cut, and the revenues followed suit; but the losses remained as overhead and cost per show remained high.

But the city was being dominated by Republicans Carol Chen, the late Jim Ed-

wards, and current Mayor pro tem Bruce Barrows, who ignored the complaints, bankrolled the losses with redevelopment funds and refused to be transparent concerning the losses.

Some Republicans complained; business owners and former Mayors George Ray and current Councilman Naresh Solanki constantly complained

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Councilwoman Lynda Johnson Wants to Spend Taxpayer Money... Again

By Brian Hews

Fresh on the heels of a proposal by Cerritos Councilwoman Lynda Johnson to spend an unbudgeted \$63,000 on a Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts festival, Johnson is once again proposing to spend the city's money, asking staff to look into social media and live streaming city council meetings.

Currently, the city broadcasts meetings live on TV 3, which is available to all residents; and if a resident misses a meeting they can watch a

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LA COUNTY SEES SURGE IN HATE CRIMES

By Brian Hews

Reported hate crimes in Los Angeles County rose to their highest level in 19 years in 2021, jumping 23% from the previous year, according to a report released Wednesday.

According to the report, there were 786 reported hate crimes in the county last year, up from 641 the prior year. The number is the highest it has been since 2002.

Cesar Echano, an elderly Filipino man, sustained a black eye after he was punched by a

white man who first verbally attacked him and his wife as they were simply walking together in Don Knabe Park in June 2021.

"The rise in hate crimes across Los Angeles County is deeply distressing," LA County Supervisor Chair Janice Hahn said in a statement. "Our most vulnerable neighbors are facing enough challenges, and now have to worry about a greater risk of being attacked or harassed because of who they are. That is unacceptable."

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Cerritos Hold Xmas Tree Lighting at City Hall

ENJOYING the annual tree lighting at Cerritos City Hall is from (l-r) newly appointed Central Basin Div. IV Director Juan Garza; Garza's wife Mayra, Clerk of the Board at Bellflower Unified, and Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama.

Bellflower Lights Up Its 70-Foot Xmas Tree Downtown

BELLFLOWER kicked off the Christmas celebration with its annual tree lighting ceremony in the downtown area's Friendship Square on Bellflower Blvd. and Belmont St.

By Gabriel Villegas

Bellflower kicked off its Christmas celebration with its annual tree lighting ceremony which took place on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the downtown area's Friendship Square on Bellflower Blvd. and Belmont St.

The ceremony featured Christmas carolers consisting of students from both Bellflower High School and Mayfair High School, a designated snowscape area made of real snow for children to sled in and a 70-foot tall Christmas tree.

The entire block came to life as storefronts and restaurants opened their doors for visitors of all ages to celebrate and spread Christmas cheer.

Booths were spread down the boulevard for children to enjoy making crafts and drinking refreshments.

Mayor Ray Dunton and other city council members gathered onstage to give a big thank you to the Bellflower community before summoning Santa in with the help of the Bellflower Fire Protection District.

The sound of sirens and flash of red lights indicated Santa was on his way as he waved and greeted nearby guests from the window of a fire engine.

Santa made his way up the stage, thanked all for attending and joined with all Bellflower residents who said one great big "Merry Christmas!" which signaled to his elves in the North Pole to turn the tree lights on.

App. Deadline Nears for La Mirada's Traffic Box Contest

Local artists who are interested in participating in La Mirada's Traffic Control Box Art contest have until 4 p.m. Friday, December 16 to submit their proposals. The contest gives local artists an opportunity to showcase their talents while enhancing the beauty of the La Mirada community.

The theme is "Community Life", and all artists must incorporate this theme into their art proposals. Selected winners will receive \$250 each. Entry forms with contest rules are available at cityoflamirada.org.

For more information, call the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

REAL ID Delayed Until 2025

The DHS has delayed the deadline for air travelers to have a REAL ID another two years, the agency announced Monday. The program, which was to begin in May 2023, will now not go into effect until May 7, 2025.

The REAL ID deadline was most first delayed a year from Oct. 1, 2020, to Oct. 1, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was then extended another 19 months from Oct. 1, 2021, to May 3, 2023.

The new identification rules mandate any flyer over 18 will need to have a REAL ID-issued driver's license or another federally approved identification card if they are going to fly domestically.

"DHS continues to work closely with U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to meet REAL ID requirements," DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said in a statement about the latest delay. "This extension will give states needed time to ensure their residents can obtain a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card. DHS will also use this time to implement innovations to make the process more efficient and accessible. We will continue to ensure that the American public can travel safely."

Artesia's Project Joy Lends a Helping Hand

Artesia annually hosts Project Joy to assist Artesia residents most in need during the holiday season.

Through this program, qualified families receive a food basket to help them make a whole holiday dinner at home and toys for the children.

Project Joy food baskets will be distributed on Friday, December 16 at Artesia Park and A.J. Padelford Park.

The distribution to qualified Artesia residents, will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To be eligible, residents must register online at <http://www.tinyurl.com/COAParks> by noon on Tuesday, December 13. All registrants must provide proof of Artesia residency in the form of an ID with a valid address and a CARE, FERA, or LIRA qualified utility bill. A copy of an EBT or Medicaid card can also be provided.

Thanks to the support of community sponsors, who partner with the city to make this program possible, over 100 toys were distributed to children through this program last year!

Help of Artesia bring a little joy to anyone who may need a helping hand this year, by referring them to 562-860-3361 or recreation@cityofartesia.us for more information.

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Hahn Brings Paws for Life to LAC Juvenile Facilities

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PAWS FOR LIFE K9 RESCUE specializes in programs that allow incarcerated people in maximum security prisons to work with shelter dogs in need of socialization and training. Those incarcerated will have the opportunity to work with a formerly incarcerated trainer to learn to train dogs

Staff Report

This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal by Chair Janice Hahn to bring the Paws for Life dog-training program to LA County juvenile detention facilities.

The program aims to benefit the incarcerated young people as well as local shelter dogs.

"The incarcerated young people at our juvenile facilities want something to do and deserve more programming," said Hahn. "The Paws for Life program is special and I hope it gives the young people an opportunity to not only learn new skills but find comfort and companionship with these shelter dogs. Each of these young people has so much potential and it is our responsibility to help them reach it."

The Paws for Life K9 Rescue specializes in programs that allow incarcerated people in maximum security prisons to work with shelter dogs in need of socialization and training. Hahn's proposal will bring this program to the incarcerated young people in LA County juvenile detention facilities who will have the opportunity to work with a formerly incarcerated trainer to learn to train dogs from City of Los Angeles animal shelters to make them more adoptable.

"Paws For Life is so excited to bring meaningful, transformative programming, to enhance the lives of our youth impacted by the justice system," said Paws for Life Chief Operating Officer Jon Grobman. "The power of combin-

ing rescue dogs from our shelters with unconditional love will pave the way for our youth to find purpose and meaning in their lives."

Benefits for youth "trainers" working with dogs include looking outward of oneself to care for others, personal responsibility for the dog's well-being, learning to follow prescribed instructions to elicit desired behavior from the dog, working in cooperative groups, and date and time driven routines that are transferable to any employment opportunity.

"As a person who was formally incarcerated in Barry J. Nidorf, I'm well aware of what the Supervisors had mentioned that oftentimes there's nothing productive for these young men and woman to do," said Chris Murray, a trainer with Paws for Life who will be working with young people at Barry J. Nidorf. "It's about time that programs like this be brought to these facilities and Paws for Life could not be a better program to start with. It teaches maturity, which is what these young men and women need before they re-enter our society. It will help them to be safer, more productive citizens. It most certainly teaches empathy, kindness, compassion and remorse and actually gives them an entryway into showing what making amends looks like."

Hahn's proposal, directing the Los Angeles County Probation Department to enter into an agreement with Paws for Life K9 Rescue, was approved unanimously this week by the Board of Supervisors.

LA Health Officials Warn Parents About Lead in Toys, Clothes and Other Products

Staff Report

Lead is toxic to the body even in the smallest quantity, and it can have lasting impacts on cognition, behavior, reproduction, and cardiovascular health.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a warning for parents and caregivers on Monday over recalled children's toys, clothes, and other products that contain lead levels that violate federal safety standards and pose a risk for lead poisoning.

The list of recalled products is the following:

Green Sprouts Toddler's Stainless Steel Bottles and Cups

E-mail: ContactUs@GreenSprouts.com
Phone: (800) 876-1574

Bentex Children's Clothing Sets

E-mail: recall@bentex.com
Phone: (800) 451-0285

BS Interactive Stashables Children's Ramp Sets

E-mail: customerservice@stash-direct.com
Phone: (888) 808-0173

Tangame Busy Toy Houses

E-mail: 824603123@qq.com

Anker Play Products Bolt Foldable Children's Scooters

E-mail: customerservice@ankerpp.com
Phone: (877) 236-1945

Juvo Plus Recalls Children's Butterfly Net Sets and Army Action Figure Playsets

Email: figuresandnets@realtimeresults.net

BE Jewel Accessories Recalls Children's Hairclips

E-mail: Bejewelacc@yahoo.com
Phone: (212) 273-0887

Big Game Hunters Children's Outdoor Kitchens

E-mail: support@domsports.com
Phone: (833) 415-0078

Children under six are at a higher risk of lead exposure because their bodies are still in development, according to the statement released by public health officials. They are also urging parents and caregivers of young children to stop using those products and consider testing their children for lead exposures.

Testing is crucial when having been exposed to lead due to the fact that lead poisoning may not have any visible signs or symptoms.

Lead is toxic to the body even in the smallest quantity, and it can have lasting impacts on cognition, behavior, reproduction, and cardiovascular health.

You can find further details about these and other recalls on the CPSC website. Visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/lead/> or contact (800) LA-4-LEAD (524-5323) if you have any questions regarding reducing the risk of lead poisoning in children in Los Angeles County.



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Cerritos College Culinary Arts School Finishes Semester



STUDENTS PREPARE for the last banquet of the semester. The Culinary Arts program offers Baking and Pastry, and Culinary Management programs. The school has partnered with the CC Foundation to provide financial assistance to culinary arts students.

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LA City Considering Styrofoam Ban, Cerritos and Other Area Cities Should Do the Same

The Los Angeles City Council is set Tuesday to consider a ban on the distribution and sale of Styrofoam products for businesses with more than 26 employees in April 2023 and for smaller companies in April 2024.

HMG-LCCN is asking Cerritos and other area City Councils to step up and consider the ban.

In January 2019, the San Diego City Council, on a 6-3 vote along “party lines,” implemented a ban on polystyrene, more commonly (and inaccurately) known as Styrofoam, food and beverage containers.

Six Democrats voted yes, correctly arguing it would help the environment, while three Republicans voted no, citing a burdensome requirement on small businesses.

San Diego joins 120 other California cities with bans on containers that have been blamed for poisoning fish and marine life and endangering the health of

people who eat seafood.

The ban includes waivers of up to two years for businesses with annual gross incomes of less than \$500,000; HMG-LCCN believes that is too long, and one-year would be proper.

A polystyrene cup costs 2.5 cents per thousand, a compostable cup costs 10 cents per thousand.

So if a company uses 1,000 cups, the cost to use polystyrene is \$25 versus \$100 for a compostable cup; just add the 7.5 cents to the cost of the beverage and save the waste.

Los Angeles County, Culver City, West Hollywood and San Francisco are the most prominent areas in California to ban polystyrene. Other cities in the nation include New York City; Seattle, Washington; Portland, Maine; Minneapolis, Minnesota and Portland, Oregon.

Global companies are stepping up too. In response to consumer pressure,

Dunkin’ Brands Group finished switching to compostable cups in 2020, while McDonald’s eliminated foam packaging for food and beverages in 2019.

There are many arguments as to why the city should ban polystyrene; it is not biodegradable and can break into small pieces that make it harder to clean up. It is made of fossil fuels and synthetic chemicals, which could leach, especially if they come in contact with hot, greasy, or acidic food. Animals sometimes eat it, especially turtles and fish, and that can kill them.

Finally and most importantly, it can’t be recycled.

HMG-LCCN is asking Cerritos and area cities to join Long Beach, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, San Clemente, Santa Monica, Aliso Viejo, Huntington Beach, Laguna Hills, and Laguna Woods and ban polystyrene.

Join the club Cerritos.

Thanks for Nothing Congress

Congress Drops Media Bargaining Bill Amid Facebook, Industry Blowback

Facebook said it would “consider removing news from our platform” if lawmakers moved ahead with the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act, a threat that publisher groups denounced.

Lawmakers on Tuesday ended what had been an effort to allow media organizations to band together to negotiate revenue sharing deals with tech giants, leaving the provisions out of a massive spending bill amid intense pushback from industry and advocacy groups.

The measure, the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA), was removed from Congress’s sprawling defense-spending legislation.

The move came a day after Facebook said it would “consider removing news from our platform” if lawmakers moved ahead with the measure, a threat that publisher groups denounced.

How is Facebook allowed that much power?

The proposal would have created a carve-out in antitrust law allowing news publishers and broadcasters to collectively push for more favorable distribution terms for their content online.

The effort, led by Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), had been billed by its proponents as a temporary lifeline for reeling news publications whose adver-

tising revenue has plummeted over the past decade amid rapid growth of digital ad titans Google and Facebook.

“Continually allowing the big tech companies to dominate policy decisions in Washington is no longer a viable option when it comes to news compensation, consumer and privacy rights, or the online marketplace,” Klobuchar said in a statement Wednesday after the defense bill was released. “We must get this done.”

A slew of consumer advocacy groups and think tanks had also lined up against the measure, arguing in a letter Monday that it could force tech platforms to carry extreme or harmful content and that it would disproportionately benefit large media conglomerates.

Klobuchar disputed those criticisms in an interview this year, saying smaller publishers would get a seat at the table in the discussions.

“I know the small newspapers in my state are huge fans of this bill,” she told The Washington Post. “I think that what this does is allow for the potential that content is going to be paid for appropri-



ately and that journalists’ work will be compensated for instead of stolen.”

The bill had been endorsed by numerous media organizations, including trade groups like the News Media Alliance, newspapers such as the Los Angeles Times, broadcast giants including the Rupert Murdoch-owned News Corp. and conservative digital outlets like the Daily Caller.

Meta’s threat followed a familiar playbook for the giant, which last year blocked news in Australia in response to similar legislation aimed at forcing tech companies to pay publishers for content. The company issued the same warning last month in response to parallel efforts in Canada.

The U.S. push came as broader efforts to rein in the tech giants over allegations of anti-competitive conduct have stalled in Congress, with time ticking away in its legislative session.

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THE ORANGE COUNTY Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms provide a comforting "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving treatment in OC hospitals. The House has adjusted to a changing ratio in care for children from almost all cancer-related stays to about an even split between families with children who need cancer treatments and those that need neonatal care, which together account for about 70% of those who stay at the House.

By Brian Hews

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association (GGSFA), producers of the free Garden Grove Strawberry Festival held annually every Memorial Day Weekend, continues its support of the Orange County Ronald McDonald House with the completion of their \$50,000 pledge in 2023.

The Orange County Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms provide a comforting "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving treatment in Orange County hospitals. Since their opening in 1989, the House has adjusted to a changing ratio in care for children from almost all cancer-related stays to about an even split between families with children who need cancer treatments and those that need neonatal care, which together account for about 70% of those who stay at the House.

The GGSFA has been a long-time supporter of the Orange County Ronald McDonald House, helping to fund many of their initiatives since 1989: 1989 - \$25,000; 1995 - \$2,167.93; 2007 - \$1,248.79; 2009 - \$3,460; 2011 - \$2,172.42.

"Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is truly about community. In addition to the joy they bring to thousands at the festival, they make a difference by supporting the work of charities such as Ronald McDonald House," said Noel Burcelis, Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Orange County.

By the time this project is completed, the GGSFA will have donated almost \$85,000 to support the efforts of Ronald McDonald House OC.

In the last 3 years (excluding the pandemic period), the Festival Association has donated over \$341,000 to groups providing services to Garden Grove families, including:

- Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club
- Thomas House Family Shelter
- Garden Grove Lions Club
- Garden Grove Elks #1952
- H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity)
- Garden Grove Assistance League
- Healthy Aging Center: Acacia

To learn more about the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, please visit <https://strawberryfestival.org/>

Become a Foster or Foster-Adopt Parent, Attend a Virtual Online Orientation

Children's Bureau is one of the largest private, non-profit adoption agencies in California and one of the few that is nationally accredited by the Child Welfare League of America. In Los Angeles County alone, the foster care population exceeds 33,000 children with 200 of those foster children waiting for an adoptive family.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about foster care and adoption, join them on December 15th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for an online virtual orientation. For questions and/or to get started, call 800-730-3933, email Rfrecruitment@all4kids.org or click here or visit <https://www.all4kids.org/foster-care-and-adoption-inquiry-form/> to complete a quick inquiry form. A link to the meeting will be emailed to you.

Children's Bureau welcomes all individuals regardless of race, age, religion, disability, marital status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression to become a resource for children. Qualifying families receive training and support throughout their journey. Foster Care and Adoption Programs are available in Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

For information about Children's Bureau and the other critical services the agency provides, visit www.all4kids.org. To stay connected with Family Foster Care and Adoption services, visit twwww.all4kids.org/foster.

Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci Announces Retirement

By Brian Hews

After 51 years with the city, Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2023.

The Cerritos City Council will begin the process of recruiting a new city manager tonight at its regular meeting.

The Cerritos Charter states that the City Council will screen all applicants and other qualified persons and appoint "by a majority vote" the person they believe is best qualified.

No one on the current City Council has any, much less extensive business experience, except for Councilman Naresh Solanki who runs a successful grocery store chain and real estate company.

According to City Attorney Bill Ihrke, the City Council "has broad discretion in the recruiting and selection process."

It was recommended that the Council start the recruitment process tonight with a start date of July 1, 2023 and to direct staff to start the process.

The City Council doesn't have to look far, there are two or three very good candidates that have worked for the city for many years; choosing one of those employees would save at least \$100,000 in recruitment fees and costs.

The fees would be an off-budget expense.

Given the current makeup of the Cerritos City Council, there will be a lot of meaningless back-and-forth debate; Cerritos residents and this newspaper know that the City Manager will likely be a Conservative Republican.

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Cerritos Resident First African-American Woman to Manage LA County Assessor East District Operations



CERRITOS RESIDENT Terri Erskin began her career at the Assessor in 2000.

Staff Report

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has promoted longtime Cerritos resident, Terri Erskin, to the executive position of Chief Appraiser at the East District Office where she becomes the first African-American woman to manage operations at the East Office.

“Terri is one of the most innovative and creative thinkers at understanding the need to update the way our office communicates with the public as well as our employees,” said Assessor Prang. “Terri understands that quality public service is a necessity while providing fair and timely assessments.”

Ms. Erskin began her career with the Assessor’s Office in 2000 as an Appraiser Trainee after working in the private sector. Over the years, Terri has had a diverse number of assignments, working in areas as diverse as serving as an Assessor’s Representative at the Assessment Appeals Board as well as being an integral part of the team that has moved technology forward with the

Assessor Modernization Project, AMP while helping small businesses save on their taxes.

Not only does Ms. Erskin have the historic distinction of being the first African-American woman to manage operations at the East District Office, she is also an alumni of George Washington Preparatory High School in South Los Angeles.

“I am honored to be a member of the executive team of Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang,” Chief Appraiser Erskin said. “I look forward to helping the Office get through the many current and future challenges. I’m excited to be a part of the management team that will help lead our Office with advancements in valuations and technology.”

The East District Office, which includes areas as diverse as Highland Park, San Marino, Pasadena and Alhambra, is responsible for Real and Personal Property valuations, appeals and audits. The Office deals with a large volume of commercial and residential properties.

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Now days return to the southland as L.A. County Parks & Recreation reprises its popular Parks After Dark Winter Wonderland festivities at 34 L.A. County parks over three weekends in December.

L.A. County Parks & Rec Snow Patrol teams will bring 40 tons of snow to area parks, allowing families to ride sleds, make memories and take part in a host of holiday-themed activities, including a toy giveaway for park goers ages 1-17, while supplies last!

New this year are Mega Snow Days; double snow to selected parks.

There will also be photo opportunities, snack stations, holiday treats, a teen zone and a craft village where children can decorate their own holiday stocking!

Snow Patrol teams, consisting of dedicated L.A. County Parks & Recreation employees, will arrive 4 to 6 hours prior to the event to begin set-up.

Saturday, Dec. 10

El Cariso Community Regional Park - 13100 Hubbard St., Sylmar – (12-4 p.m.) (Mega Snow)

George Lane Park – 5520 W Ave L-8, Quartz Hill (4-8 p.m.)

Helen Keller Park - 12521 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles – (12-4 p.m.)

Athens Park - 12603 S. Broadway, Los Angeles – (4-8 p.m.)

San Angelo Park - 245 S. San Angelo Ave., La Puente – (12-4 p.m.)

Bassett Park – 510 N. Vineland Ave., La Puente – (4-8 p.m.)

East Rancho Dominguez Park - 15116 S. Atlantic Ave., Compton – (12-4 p.m.)

Ted Watkins Memorial Park - 1335 E. 103rd St., Los Angeles – (4-8 p.m.) (Mega Snow)

Friday, Dec. 16

Ruben F. Salazar Park - 3864 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles (4-8 p.m.)

William Steinmetz Park - 1545 S. Stimson Ave., Hacienda Heights – (4-8 p.m.)

Amigo Park - 5700 S. Juarez Ave., Whittier – (4-8 p.m.)

Amelia Mayberry Park - 13201 E. Meyer Rd., Whittier – (4-8 p.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 17

Stephen Sorenson Park - 16801 E. Avenue P, Lake Los Angeles (12-4 p.m.) (Mega Snow)

Jackie Robinson Park - 8773 E. Avenue R, Littlerock – (4-8 p.m.)

Mona Park - 2291 E. 121st St., Compton (12-4 p.m.)

Franklin D. Roosevelt Park - 7600 Graham Ave., Los Angeles – (4-8 p.m.) (Mega Snow)

Rimgrove Park - 747 N. Rimgrove Dr., La Puente – (12-4 p.m.)

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Crime Summaries

Nov. 28 - Dec. 4

Cerritos

See map at right.

There were a number of grand theft crimes in Cerritos this week including three catalytic converters stolen.

The Los Cerritos Center continues to be a high target area; two cars were stolen on Saturday afternoon and night and they were not recovered; three other cars were stolen within the city.

There were five vehicle burglaries throughout the city, the sheriffs department encourages people to lock their doors and not leave anything within view.

La Mirada

Editor's note: La Mirada Deputies submit this report every week via email, Cerritos Deputies do not, posting crimes in a report difficult to transfer to print.

Notable Arrests

- Nine suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- One suspect was arrested for weapons charges.

Robbery

- A daytime robbery occurred on the 15400 block of Oakbury Dr. No injuries were sustained during this incident and is still under investigation.

Arson

- An arson involving a vehicle was reported in the area of Valley View Ave and the 5 freeway. No injuries were sustained during this incident.

Residential Burglary

- Two residential burglaries were reported on the 13900 block of Visions Dr.

Other Structure Burglary

- A burglary was reported on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.
- An evening burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Valley View Ave.
- An overnight burglary was reported on the 13500 block of Adelfa Dr.
- A burglary was reported on the 14500 block of Alondra Blvd.

Grand Theft

- Golf equipment was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 14400 block of San Bruno Dr.
- Water heaters were reported stolen on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Vehicle Burglary

- An overnight window-smash vehicle burglary was reported on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave. Electrical equipment and tools were stolen.

Grand Theft Auto

- A sedan was reported stolen on the 13900 block of De Alcala Dr.
- A SUV was stolen on the 14300 block of Elmrock Ave.
- A sedan was stolen on the 16500 block of Stonehaven Ct.
- A morning theft of a SUV was reported on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy.



CERRITOS WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY map showing location and type of burglary.


ABCUSD Crossing Guard Struck by Car in Hawaiian Gardens

By Brian Hews

An ABCUSD crossing guard, who reportedly saved a school child from being hit, was herself hit by a car Tuesday in Hawaiian Gardens.

Lety Pantoja, a Hawaiian Gardens resident, is said to be in stable condition at Long Beach Memorial with broken ribs and lacerations to the head.

Witness accounts say that she pushed a child out of the way of the car before she was hit. The incident is under investigation.



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Seegerstrom Center's 48th Annual Concert Raises \$3.1 Million Benefitting Artistic, Education, & Community Initiatives

Guests of the 48th annual Candlelight Concert transcended away to the city that never sleeps for a night of 1980's New York elegance on Friday, December 2, for the premier charity gala of Orange County. Guests arrived at an immersive replica of America's most beloved Central Park.

The elevator lobby was transformed into a luminous garden, with luscious



greenery and dim lighting to give an outdoor feel.

The angularity of the Fire Bird art installation was used to represent the myriad of angles that comprise the Brooklyn Bridge, transforming the terrace into a geometric celebration of the New York skyline. The stage sparkled with a large Brooklyn Bridge.

The evening provided critical funds to benefit Seegerstrom Center for the Arts' nonprofit initiatives from world-class artistic programming to signature Education and Community Engagement programs like Studio D: Arts School for All Abilities, American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School, and ArtsTeach. The funds also support new endeavors such as commissions, productions, and world premieres. Along with the celebrating, laughing, and dancing, the Center was able to raise \$3.1 million for its nonprofit initiatives.

Guests filled the halls with laughter, and enjoyed live entertainment and rich Italian cuisine, while they celebrated in the big apple ambiance.

CHEF and Emmy award-winning television personality, Giada De Laurentis, provided the cuisine for the evening.

ENTERTAINMENT for the night included singer and choreographer Cyndi Lauper.

The tabletops were decorated with a variety of white floral mercury cut glass and, bud vases accented with dark green leaves.

Remarks were given by Seegerstrom Center for the Arts President, Casey Reitz, Chairwoman of the Board Jane Fujishige Yada, and 2022 Candlelight Concert Chair John E. Stratman, Jr.

High praise was lauded to all donors for their gracious support and fundraising. Guests had a special surprise when celebrity chef for the evening's dinner, Giada di Laurentis, made her way on stage and said a few remarks.



Chairwoman of the Board, Jane Fujishige Yada shared "Candlelight has been a longtime tradition at the Center, even before we opened our doors. A tradition meant to celebrate the importance of the performing arts to our audiences, students, artists, and the entire Orange County community." She also thanked the entire Board of Directors of Seegerstrom Center for the Arts and gave heartfelt recognition and appreciation to top sponsors and contributors including: The Argyros Family Foundation, Elizabeth Seegerstrom, Sandy Seegerstrom Daniels, Britt and Bob Meyer, Sally Seegerstrom, Jane and Jim Driscoll, Kaiser Permanente, and

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John E. Stratman shared "It's truly been an honor to chair this 48th Candlelight Concert." He thanked everyone for sharing in the success and announced \$3.1 million was raised in support of the Center.

Guests were entertained with an 80's pop music whirlwind. The Brooklyn-born, Grammy, Emmy and Tony winning superstar Cyndi Lauper was the headliner of the evening.

Casey Reitz, President for Seegerstrom Center for the Arts shared "Cyndi is the perfect artist to celebrate the Center and our commitment to Broadway. Cyndi is passionate about Broadway. Her musical Kinky Boots won six Tony Awards, including her Best Original Score and Best Musical.

It ran for 6 years for over 2,500 performances on Broadway and also appeared on this very stage in Seegerstrom Hall twice in 2014 and 2018." Lauper gave an electrifying performance like no other and stunned guests while performing some of her most iconic pop hits including "Time After Time", "True Colors" and "Girls Just Want to Have Fun". The concert was exciting and warmly received by the audience who gave Lauper a standing ovation through the encore songs. Following Lauper, guests continued to celebrate

PAUSING for a picture is Dave and Jaynine Warner.



with a Studio 54 themed dance party with legendary southern California radio, television, and film personality DJ Richard Blade. Guests danced the night away as he spun the 1 and 2's rocking some wave music and electronica.

As guests danced the night away, New York-style pizza and Giada's cookies were enjoyed as late-night bites. In the Valet Lounge, guests enjoyed New York espressos as their night cap to their evening amongst the city lights. Gifts by

Presenting Jewelry Sponsor, Lugano Diamonds, were shared.

The highly regarded Chef and Emmy award-winning television personality, Giada De Laurentis, provided the cuisine for the evening. Giada De Laurentis is a very successful restaurateur with restaurants GIADA and Pronto by Giada in Las Vegas, both regarded for offering a divine dining experience. On this special night, she curated a decadent arrangement of Italian plates.



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GARDEN GROVE BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHITNEY’S SONG SINGS PERFECT TUNE, HELPS SPARK WILDCATS TO THIRD PLACE FINISH

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

GARDEN GROVE-In case you haven’t been paying attention to the smaller schools, the Whitney High boys basketball team is one that nobody should be sleeping on. Yes, we’re talking about a Whitney program which won eight games last season and hasn’t been to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs since 2015.

Following a narrow 48-47 win over Pacifica High in the third place game at the Garden Grove Tournament last Saturday afternoon, the Wildcats were sitting at 6-1 and off to the program’s best start since the 2004-2005 season when that team won their first three games and six of their first nine games. In fact, it had been 2015 since Whitney began any season with a victory. Dating back to the 2004-2005 season, half a dozen Whitney teams have started their seasons with a win. Oh, the Wildcats are also ranked fourth in Division 5AA.

But what makes this season’s team interesting is that the one player opponents

know more about from the past several seasons and who they key in on, senior Ethan Wong, isn’t even the main priority. Others have stepped up through the first seven games, including senior David Song.

“We talked about that to the team,” said Whitney head coach Joseph Webber. “The team is so young and we especially like our offenses; we like our offensive players. But our main calling card is our defense, and the defensive stops we put up when we needed to, especially when they went up, is the most important thing.

“We give out a defensive award after every game,” he continued. “So, David got it this game. He is the leader of our defense, and everything falls behind him. We’re really proud of the fact that we were able to hang on our defense instead of our offense in the second half.”

Whitney, which has allowed less than 50 points in all six of its victories, scored the first five points of the game and built a seven-point lead three times in the opening quarter with Song scoring six points. But sopho-

more Morgan Marks was the main force early on, scoring eight points and picking up a pair of steals in the stanza.

The lead would balloon to 10 points in the first few minutes of the second quarter as Whitney’s tenacious defense was controlling the game, forcing 10 turnovers in the first half with junior Sakeef Sekender collecting three steals and Wong two more.

“The spring we had, the summer we had, the fall...it was all defensive-oriented and then while we were putting our offenses in and catering the offense to this group, those turnovers are indicative of what we are used to when we are playing our game,” said Webber. “On the flip side, our offenses are fantastic. They’re manufactured for our personnel, and what we are trying to focus on with this young team is execution.”

The Wildcats were up 35-26 at the half and continued to lead anywhere from two to six points for most of the third quarter until Wong connected on five of six free throws in the final 2:23 of the stanza. After going 12 of 30 from the field in



the first half, Whitney missed on all eight field goal attempts in the stanza and its lone field goal of the half came with 2:55 remaining in the contest, a go-ahead bucket from Song.

Pacifica would get a three-pointer from Ethan Lee to open the final stanza, followed by a basket from Kenny Ho and just like that, it was a 44-42 affair two minutes in. Ho’s three-pointer from the right corner gave the Mariners their only lead of the game with 4:23 left to play. Then with the game

tied at 47-47, Song nailed the game-winning free throw with 1.8 seconds remaining. The game was sealed when Wong stole the inbound pass near midcourt.

Marks led the Wildcats with 13 points and four rebounds while Song, who was named to the all-tournament team, added 10 points. Wong chipped in with seven points, three rebounds and three steals.

“Even as his reputation shows, teams come after him,”

[See **WHITNEY** page 13]

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GIRLS SOCCER CERRITOS SCORES LATE IN TOUGHEST CHALLENGE THIS SEASON TO PULL AWAY FROM GAHR

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Possession is nine-tenths of the law and in soccer, if you don't have much or any possession in your opponent's end of the field, chances are you're not going to get opportunities to score. Gahr High found out the hard way this past Tuesday afternoon when it visited Cerritos High the annual non-league tilt between the two teams.

Cerritos kept the ball on Gahr's end for more than 50 percent of the second half and the Gladiators took one shot on Cerritos junior goalkeeper Sofia Arancibia after halftime. The result was a 4-2 win by the host Dons that left them sitting at 3-0.

"When we're really on, that's kind of the way it is," said Cerritos head coach Robert Adams. "The first 25 minutes of the game we're like that as well, except for the opportunity

that they took and scored near the end of the half. Possession wasn't our issue. You have to have possession with purpose though, and a lot of our possessions in the middle of the game wasn't in a positive movement. So, we weren't moving forward well enough with our possessions."

"They outworked us," said Gahr head coach Martin Henry. "We definitely died out there in the last 20 minutes or so. We had nothing left."

The lone shot for the Gladiators in the second half came in the 47th minute off the foot of junior midfielder Kylie Perrey courtesy of a free kick, who was able to arch her shot high and behind Arancibia in the upper left corner of the net. Her goal tied the game, and it remained that way until the 61st minute when Cerritos junior midfielder Tatianna Chavez notched her team-leading fifth goal of the season.

Any chance the Gladiators had of making a furious attempt to tie the game ended when sophomore midfielder Sophia Ueros took a pass from sophomore forward Denise Gutierrez and scored her first goal this season. It was also the last of 23 shots taken against sophomore

goalkeeper Gabby Cortez.

"We're very much a ball-controlled team," said Adams. "And when we play on fields that are less than ideal, which our field is less than ideal...this was our first game that was not on turf, and it's a much larger field than we're used to playing on, which I like."

"But we didn't adjust very well to that," he continued. "We hurt ourselves



in possession a little bit. Luckily the girls have a lot of character and propped themselves back up, got everything under control, kept the whole momentum moving forward and eventually we were able to put enough touches together to get a couple of goals to get ahead."

Not much was going on for either team in the first half, es-

pecially for the Gladiators who took three shots. The game's first goal didn't come until the 31st minute when Cerritos senior midfielder Julianna De La Cruz scored off a rebound for her third tally in three games. Then with a minute remaining in the half, senior midfielder Genesis Mendoza took a long shot that reached the upper left corner past Arancibia.

It was the first goal of the season for Gahr, which was blanked 3-0 by another area powerhouse team, La Mirada High, in its season opener on Nov. 29.

"I think we've been pretty good; I really do," said Henry. "I think we can be very good. Right now, we've had a lot of injuries [and] we've had a lot of people with the flu. So, we're really banged up right now."

This was one of the better contested Cerritos-Gahr games all-time. Since 2004, the Gladiators have defeated Cerritos once, which came in 2007 by a score of 2-0. The teams tied the 2019 contest and for the most part, the Dons have won by either one or two goals. Also, the six combined goals this past Tuesday were the most in the rivalry since Apr. 1, 2021, a 4-3 Cerritos victory.

"We happen to be on the

winning side of it a lot, which is great," said Adams. "But it's a true rivalry game. A lot of the girls know the other girls and it always seems to be really close. It doesn't seem to go easy."

"It's intense; it always is," said Henry. "Both teams go in really hard, but they've had the upper hand and they're a good team. They always seem to just have that edge."

Both teams will participate in the Best in the West Winter Classic on Saturday with Cerritos facing Laguna Hills High and Sierra Vista High at Laguna Hills while Gahr will play Crean Lutheran High, then Immaculate Heart High later in the morning. Those games will be played at Crean Lutheran. Besides the tournament games, Cerritos hosted Portola High on Dec. 8 and will visit Paramount High on Tuesday while Gahr visits Valley Christian High on Tuesday before hosting St. Joseph High on Thursday.

"I think the 605 League is improving," said Adams. "We needed to improve as fast as possible. Until the 605 League does improve a little bit more, then we need to schedule these types of [non-league] games in order to make sure that we're ready for whatever happens if we're fortunate enough to get to the postseason."

LA MIRADA GIRLS BASKETBALL GOES COLD IN FOURTH QUARTER, FALLS TO ESTANCIA



By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

FULLERTON-A third straight win in the Vernie Ford Classic, hosted by Fullerton High, was there for the La Mirada High girls basketball team last Thursday afternoon. But the Matadores were held scoreless for the last 6:43 of the third quarter, then were limited to a single point over the final 6:34 of the fourth quarter.

Those two stretches hurt La Mirada as it fell to Estancia High 31-24. The Matadores would bounce back to knock off Fullerton 37-33 last Saturday to improve to 4-2 at the time.

"It's stressful, but we couldn't get the ball down the middle," said La Mirada head coach Victoria Luong. "They have a lot [more] bigger girls than we do, and a lot of our shots...our shooters just weren't making them today. They were off and like I was just telling [junior Jirah Domingo], she had 25 points last game and today, she had six points. Even [sopho-

more] Jael [Arreguin], who usually gets double digits, had less than 10 points this game."

La Mirada would lead for most of the first half, surrendering the lead twice but never trialing by more than a point. And despite shooting only five of 24 from the field in the half, it was all about the defense. Sophomore Emily Gonzalez had five of her six steals before halftime and scored four of the 12 La Mirada points. The Matadores would collect 10 steals in the half, but also committed 13 turnovers.

With the Matadores up 12-11 at the break, they began the second half strong with Domingo sinking a three-pointer 17 seconds in, followed by a basket from Arreguin. But Estancia would go on a 9-0 run the remainder of the quarter to lead 20-17 with eight minutes to go.

Domingo added another three-pointer from the top of the key with 6:34 left in the game to give La Mirada its least lead at 23-22. The six points were a season-low for Domingo as she and Arreguin led the team in scoring. Arreguin also had nine rebounds and three steals while Domingo added seven boards.

"Usually Jirah is on it," said Luong. "She has a really good field goal percentage. But tonight, was one of those nights where she just wasn't making them. Honestly, it's still a young team. We had one junior and 10 sophomores [tonight] and for a lot of them, last year was their first year playing."

"She's going to be one of our leaders in two years," she later added. "It's one of those

things where it was worth the risk; it was a close game. With her being our second best player, we had to utilize her and just make sure she's smart enough not to foul out."

This past Monday, La Mirada would crush South El Monte High 71-9 for its fifth win of the season, three more than all last season. Domingo, who would score 13 points against Fullerton, posted a career-high 37 points against South El Monte. Arreguin and sophomore Aleeya Willie each added 16 and 12 points respectively, both season highs. The Matadores will visit Bolsa Grande High on Tuesday before hosting Buena Park High on Wednesday and Long Beach Cabrillo High on Thursday.

"They have really been able to work together as a team a lot more," said Luong. "I think the early start on practices [in the summer] and extended practices during fall season helped out a lot. We have a gym now; last couple of seasons, we didn't have a gym to practice. A lot of it was out at the park running and just conditioning. So now, we actually have a court to practice on five days a week. Just access to the court has made a difference for the girls as opposed to starting in mid-October."

In other girls basketball action, **Artesia High** was winless through its first five games as it hosted Mayfair High this past Wednesday and Morning-side High on Dec. 8 as part of the Artesia Tournament while **Cerritos High**, winners of five straight games after beginning

the season with two losses, will face Canyon High on Tuesday and San Clemente High on Wednesday to begin the Santa Ana Elks Tournament.

Gahr High evened its mark at 4-4 after a 39-29 win over Chadwick High this past Monday. The Gladiators, who hosted Fullerton this past Wednesday, will visit El Segundo High on Saturday, Azusa High on Monday and St. Joseph High on Wednesday.

John Glenn High lost to Muir High 43-26 this past Monday to drop to 1-4. The Eagles began bracket play in its co-hosted tournament with Norwalk High this past Wednesday against Los Altos High. The tournament runs through Saturday, then the Eagles will host Blair High on Monday, Baldwin Park High on Tuesday and travel to Katella High on Wednesday.

Norwalk began the week at 5-1 as it hosted Rowland High to begin the tournament and will also travel to La Habra High on Monday and San Gabriel High on Thursday while **Valley Christian High** fell to 3-5 following a 61-43 setback to Aquinas High this past Tuesday. The Defenders hosted Capistrano Valley High on Dec. 8 and will entertain Workman High on Friday before going to Santa Fe High on Tuesday.

Whitney High is the third area team to compete in the Glenn/Norwalk Tournament and after a 40-35 loss to Sunny Hills High this past Tuesday, played South El Monte in the first game of the tournament. The Wildcats will also visit San

Juan Hills High on Monday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

After a 5-0 start to the season, **Artesia** has lost two straight games as it heads to the Inland Empire to face Palm Springs High on Friday and Indio on Saturday while Cerritos has lost seven straight games, including the first three of the North Orange County Tournament. The Dons will face Cypress High on Friday, conclude the tournament on Saturday and travel to La Habra on Thursday.

Gahr is also struggling at 1-5 after a 56-55 loss to Hillcrest High this past Monday in the opening game of the St. John Bosco Classic. When the tournament ends on Saturday, the Gladiators will visit Rancho Dominguez High on Wednesday.

A quick 2-0 start has been replaced with four straight losses for **Glenn**, including a 73-45 loss to Katella this past Monday. The Eagles went to West Covina High two days later and will go to Bellflower High on Tuesday before hosting Norwalk on Thursday.

La Mirada remained strong at 7-3 following a 68-48 win against Rancho Dominguez this past Tuesday. The Matadores hosted Rancho Cucamonga High on Dec. 8 and will visit St. Paul High on Wednesday.

V.C. also is sporting a 7-3 mark after a 79-75 win against Bonita High to wrap up the El Rancho Tournament. The Defenders visit St. Paul on Friday and will go to Chaminade High on Wednesday.

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nus at Pomona and Atlantic boulevards to Whittier via Washington Boulevard. When built, the new line will serve the cities of Commerce, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier, and the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles and West Whittier-Los Nietos.

The Board did approve the Lambert Station in Whittier as the terminus for the entire nine-mile project and authorized the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the full project and make the project ready for construction by 2029 as programmed under the Measure M transportation sales tax measure approved by voters in 2016.

In a statement, the Board said Alt. 3 was the best alternative, “this choice best meets the communities’ needs by having fewer impacts related to construction, traffic, noise, and property acquisitions. This alternative also has more environmental benefits and provides additional regional connectivity.”

“It is important that we finally deliver this project all the way from East LA through Commerce to Pico Rivera and Whittier. This is just one more step

in getting there and we will make this project happen as soon as possible to deliver a one-seat ride for these communities to downtown LA and beyond,” said LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Janice Hahn.

“We worked with all the communities along this corridor to ensure that we heard their concerns and needs and recommended the best possible alignment for the Eastside Transit Corridor. The locally preferred alternative will add rail connectivity and vastly improve transportation options in this corridor,” said Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins. “

“That’s interesting,” one expert observer who did not want to be identified told HMG-CN, “They [the Board] messed up by not planning to secure federal funds early on, and now with monies available, they did not go through the NEPA process. In order to apply for federal funds, organizations have to go through NEPA; they are just starting the process now. Money will be gone before they complete.”

NEPA is the National Environmental Policy Act; it is designed to help citizens and organizations who are concerned about the environmental effects of federal decision-making.

La Palma City Council Election Winners

The results reported by the Orange County Registrar of Voters were certified on Friday, December 2.

With 100% of 2,169 precincts reporting, the turnout was 54.7% of 1,817,149 registered voters. Altogether, 994,227 votes were cast.

Although the current City Council voted to move to district-based elections, districts are not yet defined and do not feature in this year’s election. Two seats were available, so each La Palma voter could choose two from a list of three candidates:

Nitesh Patel got 3,289 votes, 45.85%; Janet K. Conklin got 2,273 votes, 31.69%; Jonathan Dinwiddie garnered 1,611 votes, 22.46%.

LA's SPCA Needs Food Donations to Fill Shortage at Shelters

They're asking for canned pet food, clay cat litter, dog chews, blankets, towels, and more.

Staff Report

The Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals issued a plea to the public on Monday for donations of food for the dogs and cats in its care — saying its reserve levels are "dangerously low."

"If you are out shopping for your family,

als to provide donations, but without public support, it may have to divert funds from programs such as animal cruelty investigations and violence prevention initiatives to fill the need. All donations are tax deductible.

People can drop off donations at any of SPCA LA's four locations, or donate through the agency's Amazon Wish List or Chewy Wish List.

Donors can also ship items themselves to SPCA LA Donations, 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA, 90815.

Drop-off locations are located at:

SPCA LA South Bay Pet Adoption Center, 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne (Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)



please think of shelter pets and grab a can or bag for them," said SPCA LA President Madeline Bernstein. "We go through about 37 tons of pet food every year."

The agency attributed the shortage to an uptick in animal intake and a prolonged kitten season.

Other items such as non-clumping clay cat litter, dog chews, gently used clean blankets and towels, stainless steel dog/cat bowls, newspaper, Kuranda beds, and dog/cat toys are also needed, SPCA LA said.

According to the agency, it routinely works with corporate donors and individu-

SPCA LA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village & Education Center, 7700 E. Spring St. (in El Dorado Park), Long Beach (Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

SPCA LA Administrative Office, 5026 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles (Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

SPCA LA Marketplace, 7700 E. Spring St. (in El Dorado Park), Long Beach (Wednesday - Friday, 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

For more information, including how to adopt animals, go to spcala.com.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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Solution: 4 letters



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said Webber of Wong. “Ethan doesn’t even wince at that. He’s happy to be on a team that has a winning record, finally. We’re so happy for him...and he is very appreciative of the team that is around him for his senior year.”

Whitney blasted Mesrobian High 72-22 this past Monday in pool play action of the Calvary Chapel Downey High Tournament. It would play the host school the next day and El Segundo High on Dec. 8.

“Obviously as a coach, I would like to win every game,” said Webber. “But because of the spring, and it’s been an evolution of the spring, the summer and the fall...let’s just say I’m not surprised when they win. And what we’ve had to talk about more during this evolution has been the other team getting mad because they thought they were going to beat us.

“We always tell the guys this is the most pleasant thing to prepare for,” he continued. “They’re pissed because they thought they should have won by 10 and instead we beat them. That is kind of the chip on [Whitney’s] shoulders; that everyone expects the ‘W’ on us. And when we win, don’t be surprised.”

Elsewhere in the tournament, Norwalk High was playing for fifth place in the 12-team tournament but ran into a scoring machine in the name of Cooper Stearns of Irvine High. All he did was score 28 points to help the Vaqueros knock off the Lancers 48-28 last Satur-

day afternoon.

Two days earlier, Norwalk had no problem with La Quinta High in a 54-39 decision that evened the team’s ledger to 4-4. The Lancers led the entire way, but after seeing a 13-point lead dwindle down to a point with 3:11 left in the third quarter, Norwalk went on a 23-9 run the remainder of the game. Head coach Brent Campanelli attributed the collapse to the inexperience of the senior group. But at the same time, he said his upperclassmen had the maturity to right the ship at the end.

“I thought [senior] James [McGarrah] was huge playing defense,” said Campanelli. “He got some steals when we needed them.”

Norwalk scored the first eight points of the game and had a 17-4 advantage nearly six minutes in. Senior Vincent Hernandez and junior Jakhari Ramey did most of the damage in the opening quarter, combining for 17 points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals.

After the Aztecs scored the last four points of the quarter, Norwalk built a double-digit lead again until La Quinta cut it back down to nine again by half-time. The Lancers were outscored 14-8 in the third quarter and were in jeopardy of losing its lead when the Aztecs scored six straight points to trail 31-30 with 3:11 left in the stanza. But the purple and gold went on an 18-5 run over the next 8:28 of the game.

“We’ve been really preaching energy and intensity and trying to play faster and play with a little more urgency,” said Campanelli. “With this inexperience-

enced group, that can be tough. But this week has been the focus. The days we did get to practice, that was our focus and I think that was what spoke to that start for sure.

“I think they understood what was going on,” Campanelli later said. “That’s a pretty well-coached team and we knew they weren’t going to go away. But it was more focusing on us; good possessions, really staying tactical defensively and just doing our jobs. We kind of wore them down at the beginning of the fourth.”

Hernandez led the Lancers with 21 points and 10 rebounds against La Quinta while McGarrah came off the bench to add 15 points, all but two coming in the second half. Against Pacifica, Ramey scored 17 bench points, grabbed half a dozen boards and had five steals while the starters combined for eight points and 17 rebounds.

Norwalk began the season going 2-3 in the Rumble for Rosecrans Ave. Tournament, however one of those victories was a forfeit against Horace Mann UCLA Community. The team began action in the Bellflower Tournament this past Tuesday against Mary Star of the Sea High and will also face Rim of the World High on Dec. 8, Servite High on Friday and Bellflower High on Saturday. The Lancers will then visit John Glenn High on Thursday.

“I think it probably helped a little bit,” said Campanelli of the first tournament. “But five-game tournaments are tough. We bit off a little bit more than we can chew in the last few years, but

it’s great to co-host that and run that with Sunny Hills. [Head coach] Joe [Ok] is a good friend of mine and so i want to keep doing that with him.”

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recording of the meeting online.

Johnson waited until the end of the meeting during the council comment portion to make her proposal.

Researching other City Councils that implemented live streaming showed that the cost averaged \$50,000 for installation and \$70,000 per year to operate.

Cerritos City Council chamber does have full television broadcast capability, but other equipment would be needed to live stream.

In addition, the City Attorney would have to research any legal ramifications of implementing a live stream program and city staff would likely be forced to author guidelines, policies and procedures to be followed to avoid conflicts.

When the city started its Facebook page, the Cerritos City Council and staff spent hours and thousands of dollars to ensure the page's operations - posts, comments, likes - went smoothly.

The request by Johnson likely stems from her brief experience with LA County Board of Supervisor meetings, which are live-streamed, but LA County has 88 cities.

Other area cities that live stream include Lakewood, Norwalk, Whittier and the city of Los Angeles.

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CASE NO. 22STPB09224
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CELIA LEIBOWITZ.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATRINA MARIE NABOR in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATRINA MARIE NABOR 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 in this court as follows: 01/03/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold an Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022**, to conduct a Public Hearing concerning proposed changes to the fees related to Parks and Recreation Department Programs and adopting the updated Los Angeles County Building and Safety Fee Schedules. The Council will also consider a finding that this project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b) (4).

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them the Artesia City Clerk's Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: jalderete@cityofartesia.us, prior to the start of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed fees and charges, please contact the Artesia City Clerk's Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title II)

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Jennifer Alderete
Acting City Clerk

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ANNUAL SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Project Number: 50080

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. Bids will be received prior to 2:00 p.m. on January 18, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Clerk at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660. Bidders are required to submit all items listed in the BIDDER'S CHECKLIST including acknowledgement of all addenda. A bid received after the time set for the bid opening shall not be considered.

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

SCOPE OF WORK. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer. Time for completion of the Work is thirty (30) total Working Days from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed and shall be inclusive of the procurement time to furnish and install all materials associated with this project.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may download free electronic copies of the Plans,

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess either of (a) a valid Class "A" Contractor's license (b) a valid Class "B" Contractor's license and combination of Class "C8" specialty licenses held by subcontractors as applicable (d) Any of the above stated "C" licenses held by the prime and combination of the remaining state "C" specialty licenses held by the subcontractors as applicable issued by the California State Contractors License Board necessary for the performance of all Work to be performed at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials to the City Project Manager online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials asked by email or by telephone will not be answered. Materials substitutions or questions will be accepted until 4:00 pm on or before Thursday, January 5, 2023. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials submitted after January 5, 2023 will not be answered. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by January 11, 2023 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. Contractor shall not be allowed to make substitution or equal and/or equivalent request of construction material after January 5, 2023.

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By: Terry Rodrigue 12/5/2022
Interim Public Works Director Date

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF BELLFLOWER
ORDINANCE NO. 1420

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 9.04.110 TO THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE ("BMC") PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF INDIVIDUAL CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1420 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1420 would help combat catalytic converter theft by: (1) formally establishing zero-tolerance for catalytic converter thefts; (2) establishing sanctions for possessing stolen catalytic converters; and (3) preventing criminals from profiting from the sale and recycling of stolen catalytic converters.

Ordinance No. 1420 had its first reading on November 14, 2022, its second reading on November 28, 2022, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of November 28, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members – Koops, Sanchez, Santa Ines, Hamada and Mayor Dunton

Effective Date: December 28, 2022. For a copy of Ordinance No. 1420, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804 1424.

Approved as submitted above:
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF BELLFLOWER
ORDINANCE NO. 1419

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.40 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.28 IN ITS ENTIRETY TO REGULATE CONTRACTING INCLUDING PURCHASES OF GOODS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1419 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1419 would amend the BMC to update the City's purchasing regulations including, without limitation, increasing the signature authority of the City Manager and Department Directors.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING OF PARTIAL FEE ACQUISITION AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the ABC Unified School District ("District"), at its regular board meeting to be held on December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office located at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703, will consider the granting of a partial fee acquisition and temporary construction easement to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") for LACMTA's WB SR-91 Alondra Boulevard to Shoemaker Avenue Improvement Project. Said proposed partial fee acquisition and temporary construction easement will be located on the District's property known as Assessor Parcel Number 7012-001-901 in the City of Cerritos, California.

Questions and/or comments should be directed to

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American History Comes to Life at the Autry Museum

PICTURES FROM THE AUTRY MUSEUM

Educating people is at the heart of what the Autry Museum does best. Whether it is by experiencing exhibits up close in person now or through online distance learning, they strive to inspire a shared future among us all.

The Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles’s Griffith Park brings the past to life with the vision of making history relevant in today’s tumultuous times.

The whole idea of the museum being alive among people is the aspiration and accomplishment that President and CEO W. Richard West, Jr., has held throughout his nearly 10-year tenure. Though retiring at the end of June, he still clearly sees this as central to the museum’s future.

“My guiding philosophy is that a museum should serve as a public forum, a civic space where people from diverse communities of interest gather to discuss important and even sometimes controversial issues—not just a house of collections and static objects,” said West, who also is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Oklahoma.

“That aspiration has been crystal clear to me during this past year and a half of great social turbulence and change,” he added.

Educating and bringing people together is at the heart of what the Autry Museum does best. Whether it is by experiencing exhibits up close in person now or through online distance learning, they strive to inspire a shared future for us all.

“The Autry’s Distance Learning website features educational resources in a variety of different learning modalities,” said Director of Education Sarah Wilson. “[We offer] self-paced lessons, digital gallery tours, live webinars, educational videos, and fun activities. Each resource includes relevant state standards, links to associated education resources, teaching tips for different learning environments and levels of interaction, fillable student response sheets, and Spanish translations.”

Historically relevant today is one of their most popular self-paced lessons, Civil Rights for African Americans in Early California. In this lesson intended for

high school students, the discriminatory policies toward African Americans in early California (1849-1865) and how African Americans fought against those policies is covered.

Another popular self-paced lesson, Who Lives in the American West? provides a comprehensive geographic background of the western part of our country complete with mapping activities and analysis for grades K - 5. Feedback on the self-paced lessons has been positive including how students liked learning in independent ways, and how the lessons are user friendly, according to Wilson.

As far as digital tours, their most popular is the Ethnobotanical Garden Digital Tour viewed some 5,881 times. It explores the Autry’s garden and celebrates the importance of California’s native plants for students of all ages. It is also available in video format as well.

The Autry Museum’s most popular live, facilitated webinar is the Animals of the American West Webinar. Facilitated by museum teachers, webinars are designed to be interactive through chats and polls while the students analyze objects from the Autry’s collection. This particular webinar is intended for students grades 3-6. Feedback on it has been positive with viewers feeling part of it and liking how well-organized it was, with many enjoying interaction with the instructor, according to Wilson.

“Some of our lessons are also included in the new Educating for American Democracy Roadmap, which is incredibly exciting,” added Wilson. “It is a wonderful, national tool for classroom teachers looking to incorporate civics learning and engagement into their already-existing curriculum.”

In terms of exhibitions, two of their most current and popular ones which patrons can check out in person or online are When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California and What’s Her Story: Women in the Archives.

Featuring contemporary art by the First Californians and other Native American Indian artists is When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California, an exhibit which spans five decades with strong ties to the state. It showcases more than 65 works of art which transcends borders and utilize cultural resistance to renew and heal communities. This exhibit was conceived by and is dedicated to Nontipom Wintu artist Frank LaPena (1936-2019), a renowned artist, writer, curator, poet, traditionalist, and professor at Sacramento State University for 40 years. It was organized by the Crocker



THE AUTRY MUSEUM of the American West located in Los Angeles’s Griffith Park offers thought provoking online and onsite resources which brings history to life.

Museum in Sacramento with support from the United Auburn Indian Community and is made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities, according to www.theautry.org.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of women garnishing the right to vote, What’s Her Story: Women in the Archives celebrates women’s history as found in the Autry Museum’s collections. Their compelling stories are preserved as a legacy given in their own voice during the 20th to the 21st centuries. Some are about the Assistance League of Los Angeles, Caroline Boeing Poole, Gladys Knight Harris,

COVID-19 has been very tough on museums,” said Director of Communications and Marketing Chris Dzialo. “Thanks to the leadership of our president, Rick West, as well as the leadership and generosity of our Board of Trustees, the Autry was lucky to fare a bit better than most.”

They survived by making what Dzialo calls a “very quick pivot,” to the digital by encouraging everyone across all aspects of the Autry Museum to bring as much as they could online. This meant creating virtual tours of several exhibitions including their popular Masters of the American West Art Exhibition and Sale.



BERTHA PARKER CODY at Southwest Museum expedition, 1929. Photograph by Mark Raymond Harrington. Part of the Autry exhibition, What’s Her Story: Women in the Archives.

the Native Voices theatre ensemble, and stories of the Women’s March movement, according to www.theautry.org.

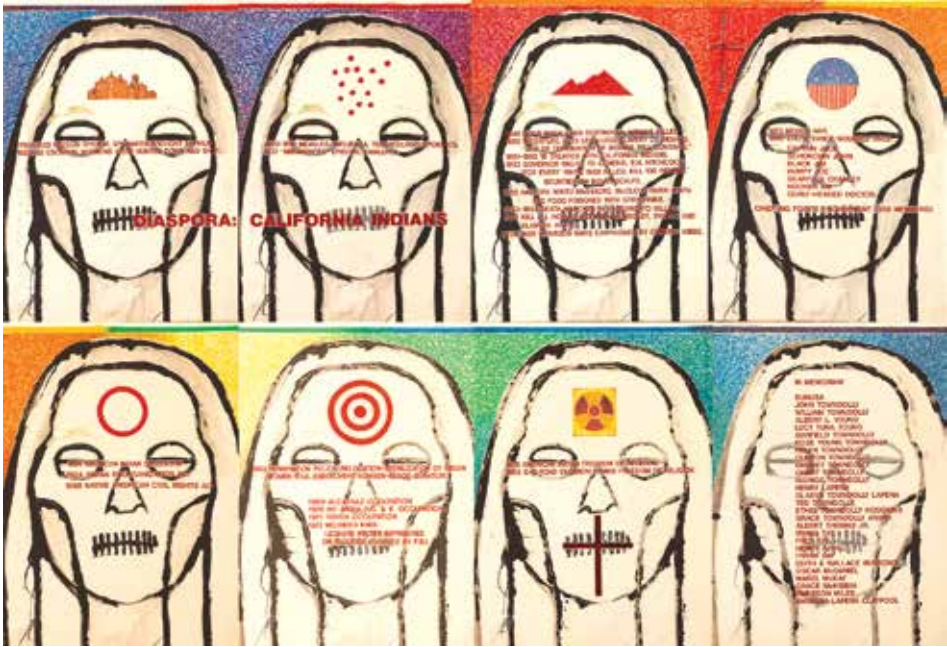
The Autry Museum of the American West was established in 1988 by Jackie and Gene Autry and Joanne and Monte Hale. Named after co-founder, actor, and businessman Gene Autry, it offers a wide variety of exhibitions and programs which include lectures, film, theater, festivals, family events, and music while conducting scholarly research and educational outreach. The museum has two sites in Los Angeles which comprehensively explore the cultures of the American West. Normally, the museums attract nearly 150,000 visitors a year. Given the coronavirus pandemic, times have been tough for the nonprofit which closed its doors in March 2020, just re-opening a year later.

“As with most cultural institutions,

“Our mission is to tell the diverse stories of the American West, and the job of my team is to get those stories in front of as many people as possible,” said Dzialo who has been with the Autry Museum since June 2017. “It is a gift and incredibly rewarding work to promote these important and relevant cultural moments and activations to wider and wider audiences.”

Having both an online and onsite presence that continues to serve the greater Los Angeles community is the vision President and CEO W. Richard West, Jr., holds long term for the Autry Museum even after his tenure ends. He said, “More selfishly, I cannot wait just to be a ‘civilian’ myself at the museum, able to simply revel in Autry exhibitions and programs for the sheer pleasure of the experience as a visitor.” It is his hope that others will also revel in the museum bringing history to life open for discussion even if the world finds itself in turbulent times again.

The Autry Museum of the American West in Griffith Park is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at 4700 Western Heritage Way in Los Angeles. Their Historic Southwest Museum Mt. Washington Campus is currently closed until further notice. The museum is a nonprofit and welcomes individuals, businesses, and corporate donors through membership. For more information, please visit www.theautry.org.



AUTRY EXHIBITION: *When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California*, “History of California Indians,” (c. 1990) hand-colored lithographs, collection of the Artist Frank LaPena.