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Los Angeles Times Article Mised, Reporters Used Questionable Sources

Article on Central Basin Water left out crucial information while failing to publish negative information about the sources.

By Brian Hews

In January of this year, the Los Angeles Times published an article entitled "Water district roiled by bitter infighting and criminal charges against general manager," which used two disgruntled Central Basin Directors as sources who painted the Commerce-based Central Basin Municipal Water District (CB) as an utterly dysfunctional public agency while the Times' reporters left out information, given to them by CB officials, concerning the article's sources.

Roiled? Central Basin, the favorite SoCal/Sacramento major media punching bag, has seen upgrades to its credit rating due to improved operations and over two million in profit since new management took over in 2020. The agency has refunded its bonds and lowered the interest rate - while keeping the same payoff schedule - and increased its reserves by three million, resulting in three and four notch investment credit rating upgrades from S&P and Moody's, respectfully.

Bitter infighting? Only two of the seven directors, Leticia Vasquez-Wilson and Martha Camacho Rodriguez, are complaining about operations; the other five are in lock-step with each other and have advanced several large revenue-generating projects while selling the old building off the five freeway netting over \$5 million in profit.

Both Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez tried to block the sale of the building, a fact the LA Times reporters did not cite in their article.

In addition, Vasquez is once again using her fee-free attorney

husband, "Sweet James" Ron Wilson, filing yet another frivolous lawsuit against CB that has cost the agency nearly \$100,000, another fact the LA Times reporters did not cite in their article.

Criminal charges? The D.A. did indict CB GM Alex Rojas in August 2022, charging him with fraud, bribery and money laundering while Rojas worked as Superintendent at Bassett Unified, based on an investigative report completed in March 2019 by attorney Francisco Leal of Leal-Trejo. The D.A. also charged Bassett's construction firm Del Terra with fraud, bribery and money laundering.

But what the Times article did not elaborate on was that months earlier, Bassett Unified used that same Leal report and allegations to sue Del Terra in civil court.

The first complaint was filed, Del Terra's attorneys filed a demurrer - which is an objection to all facts in the complaint - Bassett then requested to amend their original complaint and file a new complaint.

The amended complaint was filed, Del Terra's attorneys filed a new demurrer; once the judge looked at the purported evidence

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Photo by Diandra Jay

COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

SOUTH WHITTIER: Public Works Director Mark Pestrella, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Parks and Recreation Director Norma Garcia-Gonzalez, and Director of Orchard Dale Water District Yvette Stevenson Rodriguez break ground on Adventure Park Stormwater Capture Project. See page 2.

Disneyland Issues Warning After Dangerous Tiktok Trend Goes Viral

By Fatima Durrani

ANAHEIM, Calif. - A dangerous new TikTok trend is encouraging riders of Guardians of the Galaxy - Mission Breakout! to unfasten their seatbelts during the ride to increase "air-time."

In response, Disney officials issued a safety warning on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The theme park is reminding riders to keep their seat belt securely fastened. Disney California Adventure posted signs

at the drop-zone ride that read: "Failure to follow instructions may result in being asked to leave the park."

Disney officials told guests who refuse to follow safety procedures that they may be removed from the park. Multiple safety incidents have occurred due to the refusal of following ride safety instructions.

The Kelly family is a content creating family with over 1 million followers on TikTok.

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GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY "Mission Breakout" opened in 2017. Photo by Fatima Durrani.

La Mirada Recognizes La Mirada Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

The La Mirada City Council recognized Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9148 and presented Post Commander Angelo Maldonado with a Community Spotlight Award at the City Council meeting held on February 14.

Each year VFW posts around the nation are presented with the "All State" and/or "All American" Post status. The All State or All American status recognizes outstanding VFW Posts for their membership and contributions in their communities.

La Mirada VFW Post 9148 achieved All State and All

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LA MIRADA MAYOR Anthony Otero presenting the Community Spotlight Award to VFW Post 9148. Courtesy La Mirada.

Downey Will Vote for District 3 Candidate in November

Winner will replace Catherine Alvarez who was recalled Jan. 31

By Brian Hews

Voters in Downey's Third District will head to the polls in November to select a new City Council representative after ousting their previous one last month.

The City Council voted this week to certify the results of the Jan. 31 recall and also called for

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The World in Pictures: First Anniversary of Ukraine War



MEMORIAM: A woman looks at shoes symbolizing war crimes committed against Ukrainian civilians at the Old Town Square in Prague to mark the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. David W. Cerny, Rueters.

Sen. Archuleta Bill: Employers Must Give Veterans Day Off to Veterans

By Brian Hews

Last week Sen. Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) introduced Senate Bill 855 to prohibit veterans from working on Veterans Day. Current state law prohibits employers in the state from discriminating against employees who have certain characteristics, including veteran or military status.

SB 855 would make it an unlawful for an employer to require an employee who is a veteran to work on Veterans Day if three requirements are met.

First, the employee must provide at least three weeks' notice that the employee intends to take November 11 off.

Second, the employee must provide his or her employer with proof of the employee's status as a veteran.

Third, the employee's absence does not negatively impact public health or safety or cause the employer significant economic or operational disruption.

In addition, if an eligible employee is denied November 11 as a holiday, then the employee is entitled to choose another day to observe Veterans Day, subject to employer approval.

Archuleta, a veteran himself, told HMG-CN, "To honor the service and sacrifice of military families, I introduced SB 855 to celebrate veterans for their love of country and willingness to serve. SB 855 will ensure veterans have the ability to take the entirety of Veterans Day off as a non-paid holiday. Every veteran deserves the right to have Veterans Day off to honor our Nation's veterans who have given so much to protect our freedoms and freedom of others around the globe."

Apply For College Scholarships

The La Mirada Community Foundation is accepting applications for its scholarship program for local high school seniors. Scholarship recipients are selected based on meeting academic requirements and demonstrating community involvement. An application for the scholarship including requirements and qualifications is available on the La Mirada Community Foundation page at cityoflamirada.org.

Applications and all required documents must be submitted to La Mirada City Hall by Thursday, April 6. For more information, call (562) 943-0131

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Work Begins on \$41.2 Million Stormwater Project



RENDITION of the Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project which consists of a 6.4-million-gallon capture system almost entirely underneath the park.

This past Wednesday L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn joined Los Angeles County Public Works Director Mark Pestrella and Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Director Norma Edith Garcia-Gonzalez to break ground on an innovative \$41.2 million project to build a stormwater capture system under Adventure Park in South Whittier. The project is part of a county-wide effort led by the Department of Public Works to capture, treat, and store rainwater and make our region more drought resilient.

"This winter has been one of our wettest in years and every time it rains, residents say they want to see us capture more of that stormwater and put it to good use," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "You won't notice this project when it's done, but it is one of the project voters had in mind when they passed Measure W and will allow us to fortify our water supply and be better prepared for coming droughts."

The \$41.2 million Adventure Park

Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project consists of a 6.4-million-gallon capture system almost entirely underneath the park that will capture, clean and conserve stormwater to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and increase regional water resiliency.

The project will also make investments in Adventure Park itself with improvements to park exercise equipment, walking paths, sports field, restrooms, and outdoor seating areas.

"Much of Adventure Park will be closed during construction. At the groundbreaking Supervisor Hahn thanked South Whittier residents for their sacrifice so that the entire county could benefit from this project.

The project is funded through \$16.5 million from the County's Safe, Clean Water Program via taxes collected through voter-passed Measure W, a \$15 million grant from CalTrans, and \$9.7 million in County Stormwater Capital Project funding

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Day of Remembrance at ABC Middle and High Schools



THE ABCUSD held its fourth Annual Day of Remembrance this past week. Attending was survivor Kyoko Oda, 3rd from left, ABC Clerk of the Board Ernie Nishii's aunt and the only surviving member of his family- a family that was incarcerated and split into different camps. Korean War Veteran Bacon Sakatani, 4th from left and June Aochi Berk, 5th from left. Berk's family were housed in stables at Santa Anita Racetrack for 5 months before being sent to a camp in Arkansas.

By Linda J. Hernandez, M.S. Ed.

On February 17 and 21 the ABC Unified School District held its fourth Annual Day of Remembrance. This year the event was held online and in person over two intense days at all High Schools and Middle Schools. Whitney High School and District Staff, along with community members, gathered in the Grace Hu Auditorium for 3 Assemblies of the entire student body. After listening intently to Mr. Ernie Nishii, ABC School Board Clerk, and the Panel of Survivors, the students asked thoughtful questions and were given the opportunity for further discussion in class with their teachers. "How were you treated after the war?", one student thoughtfully asked. Mr. Nishii noted, "We want our history to be taught deeply - for the students to understand that civil rights must be believed strongly or something like this could happen again to another disfavored group.- These students are our future leaders and it will be up to them to defend ALL people from injustice." The Cerritos High School In-Person event was held February 21 in 3 different assemblies.

Survivor and Korean War Veteran Bacon Sakatani, 4th from left, informed the group that while he was only ten, 800

incarcerated young men enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces. In 1983, a Presidential Commission proclaimed that the incarceration was not necessary, a product of wartime hysteria, poor leadership and racial prejudice.

Survivor June Aochi Berk, 5th from left, and her family were housed in stables at Santa Anita Racetrack for 5 months before being sent to a camp in Arkansas. They were given numbers, not names, and she was there from ages 10 to 13 1/2. Upon being released at the end of the war, each was given \$25 and a bus ticket. She now volunteers at the Japanese-American Museum in Los Angeles, where all are encouraged to visit.

Kyoko Oda, 3rd from left, is Ernie's aunt and the only surviving member of his family which was incarcerated and split into different camps.

Ernie Nishii displayed two pieces of his mother's art work which reflect the horror of the incarceration experience. She was only 4 years old when she, along with her entire family, was declared an enemy of the state. All were U.S. Citizens. Ernie reminded the students that the Bill of Rights is only a piece of paper unless we citizens truly believe in and enforce these rights. The Manzanar

Committee is sponsoring an Art, Essay, and Multi-media Contest due February 24 for students to express what they have learned. Ernie also presented a description of the ABC program on February 20 to the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club at a local Cerritos restaurant from 7-8:30 pm. His sincerest hope is that these multiple observances in our community will inspire the public, especially the younger generation, to speak out against injustice whenever and wherever they find it.



ABC CLERK OF THE BOARD and Trustee Ernie Nishii displayed two pieces of his mother's art work which reflect the horror of the incarceration experience. She was only 4 years old when she, along with her entire family, was declared an enemy of the state.

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VISITORS are able to walk among the butterflies in NHM's open-air netted enclosure.

Staff Report

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) will open its seasonal Butterfly Pavilion for the starting Sunday, March 5. Visitors are able to walk among hundreds of butterflies in NHM's outdoor, open-air netted enclosure. The experience also features colorful native plants and plenty of natural light to help you see these creatures flutter and fly.

Visitors can expect to see the stages of the butterfly lifecycle - from eggs to caterpillars and chrysalises. The Butterfly Pavilion houses up to 30 different species, including California natives like the Western tiger swallowtail and Common buckeye. Museum educators and animal care specialists will also be onsite to share what makes these animals so special.

The Pavilion will be open Monday

through Sunday from 10 a.m to -5 p.m. March 5 - August 13, 2023. Timed tickets are for 30 minute sessions and are \$8 per person with a general admission ticket (free for members). For more information: NHM.ORG/butterflies



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Increases in CA. Car Insurance Rates Coming Soon

By Brian Hews

California Insurance Commissioner and former East Los Angeles political operative Ricardo Lara has approved some big rate hikes, capitulating to insurance companies who were complaining they were losing money and were going to cut back coverage in the state.

Higher rates for Mercury, Geico, AIS and others will be hitting homes soon.

Geico, Mercury and Allstate received 6.9% increases, while some smaller insurers got larger hikes; the average request is 6.9% because anything larger than that can trigger a public hearing.

Geico received a 6.9% rate increase in December, which equates to an average increase of \$125 a year.

Some drivers will be hit harder than others depending on their job and educational background.

Various consumer groups have challenged companies for charging higher base rates for lower-income workers than for professionals with a college degree.

Mercury uses five separate education/occupation rate tiers, so working-class Californians without a professional occupation and advanced degree will pay up to 18% more.

The insurance industry says rate increases are overdue.

Remember the insurance companies were going to refund drivers during the pandemic? Sure. Californians are still waiting for about \$3.5 billion of the \$5.5 billion that policyholders are owed for pandemic-era overcharge



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The Friends of the Artesia Library will be having a book sale on Saturday, March 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The sale will be at the library at 18801 Elaine Avenue. Come by and check out our selection of novels, children's books, and non-fiction. We currently have quite a few children's books and DVDs and a selection of antique books (priced separately) that have been donated to the Friends. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardbacks are \$1.00, and DVDs are \$1 a disc or buy a bag for \$10 and fill it up with books and DVDs.

As an extra treat, starting at 9 a.m. there will be a pancake breakfast for \$10 at the community center in conjunction with baseball's opening day at the park.

Oil & Filter Recycling Event

La Mirada is partnering with AutoZone to sponsor a used oil and filter recycling event for La Mirada residents on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

The event will be held at AutoZone Auto Parts, located at 12320 La Mirada Boulevard.

Residents must bring a used oil filter to the store to receive a new free oil filter. Residents may receive up to two new filters, while supplies last. Used oil must be properly stored in a clean, uncontaminated container.

The limit is five gallons. This event is limited to La Mirada residents only. Proof of residency (i.e. driver's license or a utility bill) will be required.

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Passings: La Mirada Resident Brian Davies

Brian Davies, La Mirada resident, passed away on February 13, 2023 at age 90. Brian was involved with AYSO and founded Region 22 in La Mirada. He was Coach, Referee, Regional Commissioner, Area Director, National Director of Officiating, and later, Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee. He was awarded the Community Spotlight Award by the City of La Mirada for his outstanding work in the community. He is survived by his wife, Joan, daughters Alison Rice and Jessica Nimmo, grandchildren Dustin Rice, Jacob Rice, LilyAnne Stewart, Eric Nimmo, Emily Thompson, Robert Nimmo, great-grandchildren Kenzie, Luke, and Wyatt.



Brian Davies

Cerritos College Offers Virtual English-Language Camp for Taiwanese Children

Staff Report

Cerritos College recently offered a virtual English-language camp to 300 Taiwanese children.

Led by 60 college student volunteers, the three-day camp taught English and the American culture and introduced various areas of study that the U.S. colleges offer to the participants from Taiwan.

In addition, community members and high school students shared their experiences working with Taiwanese students.

“We enjoyed meeting volunteers from different backgrounds,” said one participant.

In 2017, Cerritos College Board President Dr. Shin Liu, a long-time educator and advocate for student study abroad programs, created the College’s Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP).

Approximately 130 Cerritos College students and alumni have participated in the study abroad and teaching program in Taiwan.

When the TEEP program was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Liu launched a virtual English-language camp in 2021.

This year marks the third virtual camp.

“At Cerritos College, one of our core missions is to prepare students to be productive members of the global community,” said Dr. Shin Liu, board president at Cerritos College.

“We are excited to offer these international education opportunities that expose students to rich experiences and allow them to broaden their global and cultural awareness.”

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American Post status for 2021-2022 and was recognized during the 123rd National VFW Convention in Kansas City last summer. Post Commander Angelo Maldonado and Quartermaster Jeff Enomoto were presented with a Red White and Blue Cap for All American and a White and Gold trimmed Cap for All State. VFW Post 9148 is ranked in the top 25 for its Division in the state and 159th in the nation for its membership and contribution to the community.

Requirements for achieving All State and All American include maintaining and increasing membership from the previous year, maintaining an internet presence and marketing of VFW programs, and increasing community and Veteran outreach.

The Community Spotlight Award recognizes exceptional members and organizations of the community who, through their actions, reflect positively on themselves and the City of La Mirada.

For more information, call the La Mirada City Hall at (562) 943-0131.

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Valentine's Day Bash at Cerritos Senior Center



THAT'S AMORE Valentines Luncheon Dance at the Cerritos Senior Center last week. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon of live music, dancing, prizes and great food at the Valentine's celebration. Joyel Dandie, Senior Services Recreation Coordinator and her staff organized the sold out event. Seen here is Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama, Dandie and 94 year old "Joe."

Cerritos Library Book Sale Set for Feb. 25 & 26

Staff Report

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26.

The sale will be held inside the library, near the Craftsman Area.

A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign

languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25. On Sunday, February 26, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

San Diego Waterfront Park Project to Start Next Year

By Brian Hews

As part of efforts to increase park and plaza space throughout the entire North Embarcadero, the Port of San Diego and USS Midway Museum are worked with the California Coastal Commission to convert Navy Pier into a new public park. The park will be called Freedom Park, with nods to San Diego's military history throughout.

By early next year, work will begin on the more than \$60-million project that will transform a parking area, com-

concessionaire, and parking.

Other park features will include:

Wide public promenade along north side of pier to connect the east and west ends with well-connected pathways and trails throughout the entire park with educational programming elements incorporated

Monuments: John Finn Memorial (San Diego native, first Medal of Honor recipient in WWII), Family Homecoming at end of pier, Navy Supply Corp Foundation history of Navy Pier

Flagpole memorial at west end of



ARTISTS'S RENDITION showing the design of the 3.6-acre Freedom Park on the Navy Pier next to the USS Midway Museum.(Wimmer Yamada and Caughey.)

plete with a bay-view promenade and amphitheater.

Freedom Park will be designed to connect with the adjacent park areas surrounding the Midway, including areas along the promenade and extending into G Street Mole to the Bob Hope Memorial, resulting in the largest veterans park on the West Coast.

The five-acre park will include pedestrian pathways around and through the park, landscaping, enhanced paving, benches, play structures, memorials and monuments, coastal access and interpretive signage, signage, restrooms,

pier

Up to an approximately 1,000 square foot-pavilion for a snack concessionaire limited to low-cost offerings to be located in the southwestern portion of the pier

Of the 442 parking spaces currently on Navy Pier, the new park will usurp most of those spaces, with 100 remaining for public use. The USS Midway, though, is expecting plenty of additional parking to be available once the nearby life science office project by developer IQHQ is completed.

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Biola Will Hold a Large-Scale Active Shooter Exercise



PREPARING for an active shooter at colleges has been a regular part of safety planning.

Staff Report

Biola University will be hosting a large-scale, simulative active shooter training exercise for personnel from nine local law enforcement units, university campus safeties and one fire department on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

With university campus safety being of utmost importance due to the recent tragic events at Michigan State, this exercise could not have come at a more timely date. John Ojeisekhoba, chief of campus safety at Biola and President of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, was recently

quoted in the Los Angeles Times about the importance of schools conducting training with local and federal agencies.

"After Virginia Tech, the pendulum swung to ... 'It can actually happen to my campus. We're not immune,'" he said.

Preparing for an active shooter at colleges has been a regular part of safety planning for nearly two decades in California — home to the nation's largest systems of public higher education and a state that has experienced its share of campus tragedies.

The exercise begins at 9:30 a.m. at Biola University 13800 Biola Avenue, La Mirada, CA 90639.

Cerritos Crime Map February 13-19, 2023



Crime Summary

La Mirada

February 13-19, 2023

Notable Arrests

Ten suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Two suspects were arrested for aggravated assault.

Robbery

A daytime robbery was reported on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd. Miscellaneous items were stolen and there were no injuries sustained from the incident.

Aggravated Assault

An aggravated assault occurred on the 14200 block of Rosecrans Ave. One suspect was arrested for the incident.

Other Structure Burglary

A burglary was reported on the 13900 block of Valley View Ave.

Vehicle Burglary

An overnight smash and grab vehicle burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Rosseau Ln.

A vehicle burglary was reported on the 11900 block of La Mirada Blvd.

A smash and grab vehicle burglary occurred on the 14900 block of Imperial Hwy.

A vehicle burglary was reported on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

Grand Theft

An evening theft was reported on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

A catalytic converter was stolen on the 15000 block of Neartree Rd.

An early morning theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 13600 block of Duffield Ave.

A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 15400 block of Escalona Rd.

An overnight theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

A cargo container was stolen on the 16300 block of Phoebe Ave.

A pickup truck was stolen on the 14400 block of Alondra Blvd.

An overnight theft of a pickup truck was reported on the 15800 block of Alicante Rd.

A pickup truck was stolen on the 15900 block of Algeciras Dr.

A semitruck was reported stolen on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

Cerritos

PART 1 CRIMES were 35 for the week, up from 34 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 42.8, 2022 YTD average is 37.6, an increase of over 17%.

MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES were 14 for the week, flat from 14 the week before; YTD 2023 average is

12.5, 2022 YTD average is 11.1, a 9% increase.

ALARM CALLS were 48 for the week, up from 41 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 43.3, 2022 YTD average is 45.4, an decrease of nearly 9%.

CALLS FOR SERVICE were 316 for the week, up from 306 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 316.6, 2022 YTD average is 322, negligible increase.

Several Wounded in Shooting at Bellflower Denny's

A fight outside a Bellflower Denny's restaurant led to gunfire Tuesday morning, sending one person to the hospital.

The shooting was reported at 2:57 a.m. in the parking lot of the Denny's restaurant at Artesia and Lakewood boulevards, said Lt. F. Maldonado of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station.

"Multiple people were fighting in the parking lot," Maldonado said. "Three or four shots were heard."

One victim went to a hospital in the Lakewood area, another was taken to a Long Beach hospital for treatment, he said.

The victims had gunshot wounds to the head, back and chest.

Pursuit Ends In Fiery Cerritos Crash

Two people were taken into custody after a police pursuit and fiery crash early last Monday.

The incident began shortly before 7 a.m., when L.A. County sheriff's deputies spotted a vehicle in Hawaiian Gardens that had been carjacked Friday by a person armed with a long rifle, police said.

A short chase followed and when police caught up with the vehicle, it had struck a pole at 195th Street and Pioneer Boulevard in Cerritos and was on fire.

The suspects fled the scene of the crash but were apprehended quickly and charged with vehicle theft, police said, adding the carjacking is under investigation.

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Nintendo World Restaurant at Universal Studios



By Cathy Chaplin
Photos by Wonho Frank Lee
Eater.com

Super Nintendo World opened at Universal Studios Hollywood last week and amusement parkgoers were treated to a highly immersive themed land straight out of the iconic

THE PRINCESS Peach Cupcake.

THE RESTAURANT'S dining room brings together warm and blonde faux-wood veneers punctuated by pastel pops.

Super Mario Brothers video games.

The lineup of new attractions includes the Mario Kart-inspired ride Bowser's Challenge, a merch shop called 1-Up Factory, and the Mushroom Kingdom's signature restaurant, Toadstool Cafe.

A collaborative effort between Nintendo, Universal Studios Hollywood, and Universal Studios Japan, Toadstool Cafe takes many of its design and culinary cues from sister restaurant Kinopio's Café, which opened in 2021 inside Osaka's Universal Studios Japan. (Kinopio is the Japanese name for Toad.)

Upon entering the mushroom-shaped fast-casual restaurant, diners were greeted with a digital rendering of Chef Toad prepping in a virtual kitchen.

The restaurant's expansive dining room brings together warm and blonde faux-wood veneers punctuated by pastel pops. Fans of the video game will appreciate the power-up

THE PIRANHA Plant Caprese.

icons and bright green Warp Pipes adorning the dining room's ceiling. Television screens made to look like windows within the space provide views of Mushroom Kingdom on one end and a peek inside Chef Toad's kitchen on the other.

The chef's signature polka-dot mushroom motif shows up throughout the interior, from the wallpaper to the central seating area and even the pendant lamps.

The seating options include colorful booths and roomy tables paired with seemingly larger-than-life chairs to fit up to 265 diners.

A peppy soundtrack featuring remixed music from various Super Mario Brothers video games helps create an ambiance befitting the plumber brothers.

The menu leans Italian American, of course, and the culinary team drew upon the



THE MUSHROOM-SHAPED entrance at Nintendo World's Toadstool Cafe.

video game characters' physical traits and personalities to develop the cafe's whimsical dishes and drinks. The resulting menu is a significant level up from standard concession fare.

A handful of hits from the original Kinopio's Café, like the Piranha Plant Caprese and the Mario Burger

with bacon, mushrooms, and cheese, appear on the menu alongside unique-to-LA creations like the Super Star Chicken Salad and the Luigi Burger with pesto and chicken.

The toadstool-shaped garlic knots dusted in Parmesan cheese and parsley are entirely made in-house,

including the accompanying marinara sauce. The Chef Toad Short Rib Special features goat cheese polenta, a red wine reduction, and puddles of sour cream that mimic the namesake character's hat.

According to a park representative, the chef's special will likely change with the seasons.

For dessert, diners can choose from a glittery pink Princess Peach cupcake, a matcha-topped slice of Mt. Beanpole cake, or a serving of tiramisu that resembles the Question Mark Blocks that are a mainstay of the Super Mario gaming experience.

Wash everything down with the Super Star Lemon Squash, a fizzy lemonade drink brimming with boba and star-shaped jellies. Prices range from \$6 for the garlic knots to \$22 for the short rib special.



THE SHORT RIB special by Chef Toad

THE LUIGI BURGER with green bell pepper, pesto, and grilled chicken.

"Universal is known for putting you in an immersive environment, usually from a film, but in this case, we're actually going into a game," says Jon Corfino, vice president of Universal Creative. "There was really never an option of saying, 'We're just going to serve chicken fingers or pizza.' It was always the opportunity to do something special."

To fully immerse diners into the Mushroom Kingdom fold, every element of each dish — from the placement of ingredients to the angling of specific garnishes — is given careful attention.

The kitchen staff understands that placing Yoshi's eggs slightly off-kilter on the fruit and vegetable salad can take diners out of the fantasy, and they operate accordingly.

Scattered about the restaurant are numerous Easter eggs, including cleverly printed mustaches on hamburger buns that match up to diners' upper lips at first bite.

Toadstool Cafe fits perfectly into the greater trend of pop culture-driven immersive experiences.



Catering to a nostalgic millennial audience, the cafe and smaller-scale pop-ups like it are ripe for social media consumption. Newer big-budget additions to theme parks, like Universal Studios Hollywood's Wizarding World of Harry Potter and Disneyland's Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, suggest that the enthusiasm for tapping into the zeitgeist of yesteryear won't be abating anytime soon.

"There are gamers, and there are people who kind of understand games, and then

there are non-gamers," says Corfino. "And the important part is no matter which one of those three categories you fall into, it's all about immersing you in a magical environment and having a great time."



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 4 GIRLS SOCCER PLAYOFFS

Second Half Shots Do Not Go in For Cerritos in Semifinal Loss to El Rancho

By Loren Kopff
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PICO RIVERA-Cerritos High head coach Robert Adams said El Rancho High's greatest talent is playing off the ball. Almost immediately after the opening kickoff in last Friday's CIF-Southern Section Division 4 semifinal game, it was a defensive mistake of not layering properly, according to Adams, by his team that led to the first goal of the game some 45 seconds in.

Even though top-ranked Cerritos scored the next two goals, the 605 League champions fell short of the program's second trip to a divisional championship game and lost to fourth-ranked El Rancho 3-2 in a black and blue battle of the Dons.

"We definitely had our opportunities today, and the girls really worked hard," said Adams. "It just didn't bounce our way today. They had some goals go in that weren't created; we gave them the opportunity to shoot and score and they took advantage of that. They did a really good job and I wish them well."

El Rancho's Crystal Moreno took advantage of the early miscue and fed a pass to Yammile Picon who sent a shot to the right of Cerritos junior goalkeeper Sofia Arancibia for the very early 1-0 lead. It was Picon's team-leading 20th goal. But on a shorter than normal field, Cerritos would have numerous opportunities and the first came in the fourth minute when junior defender Olivia

Mendoza's shot was saved by Ayannara Flores. Four minutes later, a booming shot from junior midfielder Cayla Oliveria bounced off the crossbar.

Midway through the first half with Cerritos (22-1-2) still dominating, senior midfielder Kristin Mijares took a shot from roughly 20 yards out and tied the game. It was her 25th goal of the season, tops on the team. She ends her Cerritos career as one of the best players in school history.

"I want to give Kristin all the credit all that she deserves, for sure," said Adams. "But there are a lot of people that contributed to this program. I think one of the things is an example to the younger kids. We get an awful lot of good play out of sophomores and juniors and part of that is the bar that is set by Kristin and the other seniors on how hard to compete and where to go."

Then in the 37th minute, Oliveria had a shot just sail off to the right of Flores, but she redeemed herself a minute later when she took a pass from senior midfielder Vivian Lopez and de-

posited her 22nd goal of the season, tied for second on the team with sophomore forward Denise Gutierrez.

Cerritos would own an 8-1 shot advantage in the first half but just like the first half when the host Dons scored early, they repeated that four minutes into the second half when Gabriela Perez launched the tying goal from about 25 yards out. In the 55th minute, Moreno would tack on the game winner in the form of a penalty kick.

Although Cerritos would collect 10 more shots on goal in the second half, none of them would find the back of the net. The best chances came in the 58th minute when Gutierrez had her shot from the right side sail over the left corner of the net. Then in the 77th minute, a long free kick from Mijares near the sideline was punched away by Flores at the far post. Flores would come up huge with nine saves.

"Our two shots were also from 20 to 25 yards out," said Adams. "The difference is their free kick shots were from probably 35 or 45 yards out. They definitely have a talented player that

can take advantage of that. That's not unusual; it's one of the ways teams can be effective in soccer. There are not very many ways for one player to make a huge difference.

"We did adjust a little bit and I think the girls adjusted on their own, too," Adams later said of the short field. "In the first half, that's where the length of the field or the size of the field made differences. We're so used to running up and down a really long field that we over-attacked them in the first half. If we could have moved the ball through the midfield a little bit more efficiently and patiently, we probably could have created some chances without just creating large numbers in the box."

This was the second time in the past three seasons that the lone loss for Cerritos occurred in the postseason. In the Covid-shortened campaign in which there were 10 regular season games, the Dons lost in the first round. This season, Cerritos yielded three goals in a game for the first time and wrapped up the season yielding 14 goals, half a dozen coming in the last three games. The 18 shots Cerritos got brings its season total to 544 and it was held to under 20 shots 12 times.

"That's typical for us," said Adams. "I don't want to take anything away from El Rancho. I think that we're an attacking team. So, unlike teams in the past at Cerritos where we hang our hat on a solid defensive team, we can generate an awful lot of attack and power."

For Adams personally, he now sports a career 109-38-18 record in eight seasons coaching the girls program. Previously, he was the head coach for the Cerritos boys from the late 1990s to 2008, winning over 90 games but going to the playoffs just three times, the last coming in 2000. He has yet to lose a 605 League contest as the program has won five straight league titles.

"Soccer is a great sport and it's something I've been doing all my life and I love it, obviously," said Adams. "But it's not football. So, the coaches in some of the other sports have far more to do with moment to moment play in the contest. In [soccer], it's the players; the players have to play the game. There's not a lot you can sub and do some other things. So, the pressure on me is really to make sure that I try to prepare them as best I can and do my small part with the team. After that, it's the kids that have to direct the success, and they certainly did a fantastic job this year doing that."



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CIF-SS DIV. 2A BOYS BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

La Mirada Turns Up the Heat in Fourth Quarter, Advances to Second Straight Title Game

By Loren Kopff

For the first 22 minutes of last Friday night's CIF-Southern Section Division 2A semifinal game, La Mirada High played Pacifica Christian/Orange County High to a tight game that was within a couple of possessions. But it was a three-pointer from sophomore Julien Gomez that was the beginning of the end for the visiting Tritons.

With 1:43 left in the third quarter, Gomez nailed down his only perimeter shot to give the third-ranked Matadores a 34-27 lead. It would be the start of a 9-1 run that enabled the Gateway League co-champions to maintain a double-digit lead throughout the fourth quarter and send them on their way to a 55-37 win. La Mirada advances to the 2A championship game for a second straight season. Last year, it fell to San Juan Hills High 59-49 in the finals.

"I'm just happy for our guys," said La Mirada head coach Randy Oronoz. "I told them before the game, all the morning lifting and shots...everything comes out to one game to make it back to the finals. It's kind of crazy when you think about it. Thirty-two minutes for all the work they put in. I just told them, 'take advantage of

your opportunity and be ready to try and get back there.'"

"To be honest with you, I'm extremely blessed," said Gomez. "There are not a lot of kids in this situation right now. I'm living in the moment, and I don't take it for granted. I'm very thankful for it."

The Matadores (24-8) will face top-ranked Rancho Christian High, the Ivy League champions, in the finals on Saturday at Colony High in Ontario. Game time is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. After seeing PC/OC score the game's first basket 15 seconds following a steal from Alex Stewart, senior Sean Cervantes responded with a three-pointer. The Tritons would lead one more time at 4-3 but couldn't add to it and would never get closer than a point the remainder of the game.

In fact, it was a steal and subsequent three-pointer from Cervantes 1:35 into the fourth quarter that gave La Mirada its largest lead of the game at that time, 40-28. The hosts would outscore the Tritons 18-9 in the final stanza to seal the deal.

"It's great man, I'm very appreciative," said Cervantes. "It's something that not many people are going to get. We have a great coaching staff, and we have great players like [Julien] on our team. So, it helps out; it's very nice.

"I thought we controlled the whole



Photo By Armando Vargas, Contributing photographer

LA MIRADA HIGH sophomore Julien Gomez goes up for a second half shot against Logan Stewart of Pacifica Christian/Orange County High in last Friday night's CIF-Southern Section Division 2A semifinal game. Gomez scored 17 points on seven of 13 shooting from the field and had four steals as the Matadores won 55-37.

game pretty much," he later added. "But when our shooters, [senior] Athan Sierra and [junior] Isaiah Valenzuela hit two big three's, I think that really brought us momentum because it's always great having our shooters hitting."

It was a steal from Gomez, who as-

sisted on a Valenzuela three-pointer that made the score 49-34 with 2:16 left in the game. Nearly a minute later, Sierra added the first of consecutive downtown baskets to end the scoring for La Mirada.

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CIF-SS DIV. 5AA GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

Ho's Three-Pointer Tops Gahr's Fourth Quarter Rally, Puts Gladiators in Championship Game

By Loren Kopff

When Gahr High senior Lauryen Teramoto was a freshman, the Gladiators went 4-24 and winless in the old San Gabriel Valley League. Over her next two seasons, Gahr went a combined 8-32 but now, she has a chance to end her high school year as a CIF champion.

Once down by eight points nearly midway through the fourth quarter against Marina High in a CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA semifinal game, the Gladiators battled back and took the lead when sophomore Christine Ho, standing at the top of the key, took an inbound pass from Teramoto and sank a three-pointer with 28.8 seconds left. Gahr then held on to edge the Vikings 39-38, advancing to the program's first championship game for the first time since 2013.

"I can't even explain it," said Teramoto. "I'm so happy, especially with the people we have here. They're the ones who made it happy. So, I'm just so happy my last ride I get to be with them, and we were able to turn [5-23] into 25-6."

"I never really expected it, and when I took that shot, I didn't notice the time or how much we were down by," said Ho. "I just focused on my job."

Gahr, the third-ranked team in the division, improved to 25-6 and will face top-ranked St. Margaret's High at Edison High in Huntington Beach on Saturday with a scheduled tip-off time for 6:00 p.m. The 25 victories are the most in over 26 seasons for the program and just the fifth time since the 1997-1998 season Gahr has won at least 20 games in a season.

"These seniors, it's what they wanted," said Gahr first-year head coach Al Howard. "It's what they came back for, for a chance to do it. And they're doing it. It's them; it's all of them."

The Mid-Cities League champion knew it was in for a battle with the 10th-ranked Vikings out of the Wave League, trailing 10-5 just five seconds into the second quarter before turning the tables and going on a 10-0 run. Ho, who had opened the game's scoring with a three-pointer 1:14 in, added another one at the 5:36 mark of the second quarter to put the hosts back in front. Almost a minute, she had a steal and basket, was fouled, and converted a free throw to make it 15-10. Then with 1:17 left in the half, her perimeter shot gave the Gladiators an 18-14 lead. She would not have another point until the game winner.

While Ho scored 12 points in the first half, the rest of the team combined for the other six points as senior starters Kameryn Mitchell, Alyssa Miyake, Amanda Ulloa and Teramoto combined to go one of 11 for four points. The other two first half points came from sophomore Jody Colbert.

"I told you earlier in the season, we had some youngsters who were going to be big for us," said Howard. "And [Ho] was the one tonight. [Sophomore] Simar [Sogi], Christine, Jody...these kids were getting a lot of experience and tonight was Christine's night."

"I just tried to do my best and just help the team," said Ho. "If they were at their worst, then I tried to pick them up and help them."

Although Gahr scored 18 points on five of 24 shooting from the field in the half, the other component of its game all



Photo By Armando Vargas, Contributing photographer

GAHR HIGH SENIOR Lauryen Teramoto drives between Kim Nguyen (#5) and Tiana To of Marina High in last Saturday night's CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA semifinal game. Teramoto scored nine points, had eight rebounds, four steals and six assists as the Gladiators edged Marina 39-38. Teramoto assisted on sophomore Christine Ho's game-winning three-point basket with 28.8 seconds left in the contest.

season was staying true to form-its defense. The Gladiators limited the Vikings to half a dozen baskets and when the game was over, had held an opponent to under 40 points for the 23rd time.

"We got steals, we got turnovers, we got easy lay-ups," said Howard. "The defense turned into the offense. We held this team to 38 points."

"[The coaches] said this is the semifinals, so no one is going to give up and we have to play our hardest and do the best we can," said Ho.

Marina would own the third quarter, outscoring Gahr 14-8 as the lead

changed hand five times, the last coming on a three-pointer from Rylee Bradley with 2:43 remaining in the stanza. On Gahr's ensuing trip down the court, Maria Tejeda had a steal and scored and when Bradley began the fourth quarter with a basket, the Vikings were up by five points for the second time in the game. That lead would balloon to eight points when Sydnie Smith scored her only points of the game with 4:38 remaining. After that, it was all Gahr, and Teramoto, who found her groove again. She scored consecutive baskets to make

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But the parents were excoriated in their comment for putting their son in a potentially dangerous situation.

The son's father, Ty Kelly, refers to his son as a "thrill-seeking boy who can't get enough of Disney theme park rides" in the video. Kelly mentions that height restrictions get in the way of his love for theme park rides, which is why the couple created a pair of shoes to make him taller.

The TikTok showed the couple proudly displaying their "ultimate theme park hack" as users on TikTok pointed out the danger.

"We crafted a shoe so that the risk of death will increase," one user wrote.

Social media influencers have a significant impact on minors today. Many of the trends that fans of influencers follow on social media are to gain "clout."

Guardians of the Galaxy - Mission: Breakout! first opened in 2017 as it replaced the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror. The drop tower attraction is a 60.6m elevator drop with sudden movements.

"Riders experience several moments of weightlessness during the drop sequences on the Mission: Breakout attraction," The Orange County Register said.

Disney officials told The Orange County Register that multiple events of unsafe guest behavior have occurred on

the Guardians of the Galaxy - Mission: Breakout! ride.

With three free-fall drops, riders can briefly rise out of their seats as they ride on the thrilling mission. Without safety protocols, riders can be seriously injured.

According to MiceChat, the "stupid guest trick" led to the Disneyland Resort's safety crackdown.

"You'll see all sorts of things on social media these days," MiceChat wrote. "But blindly following an influencer to do potentially dangerous things can hurt more than just yourself."

Disney is now installing extra signage starting Feb. 22 to warn guests of the consequences when following these dangerous actions. Cast members are also taking extra safety measures such as calling security on those who don't follow the safety rules.

Following harmful social media trends can lead to injuries and even death, according to the FDA. These include trending challenges such as kids biting into laundry detergent packets or taking large doses of antihistamine to induce hallucinations.

Teens are tempted to follow behavior that follows attention - especially if it means getting views on social media.

"Folks can be as foolish as they want on social media, but when they start ruining the park experience for everyone else, it's a step too far," MiceChat said.

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another election to take place on Nov. 7 to fill the vacancy.

The winner of that election will succeed now-former Councilmember Catherine Alvarez as Downey's northwest quadrant representative until November 2024.

Alvarez was elected to the City Council in 2020. But last year, a group successfully petitioned to force a recall election to oust her from office.

The political action committee that led the recall effort — Downey Residents Supporting the Recall of Catherine Alvarez — said the reason for wanting to oust the councilmember was because she didn't publicly disclose past criminal charges, which include a welfare violation and perjury. The latter charge was dismissed and the welfare violation was eventually expunged.

Alvarez, during and after the recall campaign, argued that the effort to get rid of her was actually because of her support for tenants' rights, particularly rent control.

Either way, voters overwhelmingly backed the recall during the special election — so much so, in fact, that it was clear the effort had succeeded after the Los Angeles County registrar's office released the first round of results on Jan. 31.

"They have been getting more aggressive about evicting tenants. And

now they got their wish to evict the only tenant on the Downey City Council," Alvarez said in a statement on election night. "They want zero representation for working class families."

About 90% of the more than 3,700 ballots favored ousting Alvarez, according to the final results from the registrar's office.

Alvarez's now-former colleagues wasted no time in formalizing her ouster on Tuesday night, Feb. 14.

Besides certifying the recall election results and declaring the District 3 seat vacant, the four remaining City Council members also voted to remove District 3 appointees from Downey's various boards and commissions.

Those board and commission seats will remain vacant until District 3 voters elect a new councilmember in November.

Downey is in uncharted waters: This is the first time in its 66-year history as an incorporated city that a recall has succeeded, Frometa said.

Given that, Frometa attempted to reassure District 3 residents that won't be ignored during this nine-month interregnum.

"We are looking at the needs of the entire city," Frometa said during Tuesday's meeting. "Just because there isn't anybody (on the council) in District 3, doesn't mean you will not be represented."

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it 37-33.

"Hey, it's a semifinal game," said Howard. "It's tight; the walls start closing in. But we had to settle ourselves down and just realize that hey, we've been playing basketball for a long time. It's just playing basketball."

"It was definitely challenging," said Teramoto. "It definitely lowered the confidence a bit. But I knew I had to do something. Our coaches, anytime we're in this situation during half[time], they're always talking to each and every one of

us. And we all have each other's back."

With 2:19 left in the game, Colbert scored and 23 seconds later, a free throw from senior Kayla Kodua made it 37-36.

Teramoto would drive to the basket but her shot with 30.3 seconds left was blocked out of bounds by Mia Grasse. That would lead to the biggest basket for the program in years as Ho was left wide open at the top of the key for the game-winner.

"It's just amazing because no one thought we would get here," said Ho. "We just proved everyone wrong each day and we worked hard for it. So, we got it."

Teramoto scored eight of her nine points in the second half and also grabbed eight rebounds while collecting four steals and two assists. Colbert had nine rebounds while Mitchell and Miyake each had six boards.

"It's her senior year," said Howard of Teramoto. "That's all I had to say. She gave me a look and you saw what she did after that."

Besides the 2012-2013 season, Gahr hadn't had much success of making deep runs in the postseason. The program had been to the quarterfinals in 2006 and 2012 and before that, the Gladiators fell in the 1997 title game against Laguna

Hills High 54-40. Gahr did win the whole thing in 1992, a 74-37 conquest over Tustin High. On top of all that, this is the program's first winning season since going 15-12 in 2016-2017 and the fourth winning season in 12 years.

"Never," said Teramoto when asked if she thought she would be playing for a championship. "First three years, it was I can't wait for this to end. And now we're here, it's like I don't want this to ever end. It's a completely different feeling, 180 all the way around I couldn't be happier."

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As it has been doing most of the season, La Mirada's defense set the tone for the game, allowing eight points in the first quarter and limiting PC/OC to 16 shot attempts in the first half. In fact, the Tritons were held to 11 points until 2:51 remained in the half when they went on an 8-2 run to close out the half.

"Our defense...we take a lot of pride in that," said Gomez. "We have a phenomenal coach, coach Dave Martinez. He sets the bar with defensive schemes and also coach Randy. We just go through our schemes. What we did in practice, we executed out here on the court and man, it was amazing. I feel like we're one of the best defensive teams in the area."

"Our team is a very great defensive team," said Cervantes. "Coach Dave and coach Randy drove defense in our heads, and I feel that is staple of our game. We're always going to be known as a tough, gritty team. I feel our defense carries our offense a lot."

La Mirada, which forced 13 turnovers and got four steals from Gomez and three more from Cervantes, held an opponent to under 40 points for the second time all season. The other time came in the second game of the season when Aquinas High managed just 30 points against the Mata-dores. But this game was a combination

of the work put together from the seniors and the future of the program. Cervantes scored a game-high 18 points, Sierra came off the bench to add seven points and senior Anegi Castillo grabbed six rebounds while Gomez scored 17 points and junior Michael Torres had five rebounds.

"It's senior leadership," said Oronoz. "Everyone looks at Sean Cervantes and... that's the best true point guard in Southern California. I've been saying that all year. People look at him and don't believe it. He's never rattled, but what a true point guard. He scored tonight, but he makes the game so much easier for everyone. I've said it all year, when I have Sean and Julien and my other guards, I'll take these guards over anyone and that's going to be put to the test next game."

"Sean and Julien work out religiously," he continued. "They believe in each other so much because they put in the amount of hours and work to do it. So, when one is going, the other one is not going to be a hater. When the other one is going, they let him rock. I'm just super proud of them."

Cervantes and Gomez were causing havoc for the Tritons as they didn't know who to cover at any one time down the court. Cervantes attempted the first two shots of the game before Gomez shot three of the next four. In the second quarter, Cervantes was three of four from the field while Gomez attempted one shot.

But in the third quarter, both attempted four shots while three other players combined to go two of four.

"We were taking shots back and forth," said Gomez of his scoring partner. "Our coach has been preaching all year and thinks me and Sean are the best guards in the area. I think we've been proving that and it's hard to stop both of us when we're both going. Sean is such a phenomenal player and that's why he's going to be playing college ball next year."

Gomez has been the team's leading scorer all season and has a dozen games of scoring at least 30 points and another six of scoring at least 25 points while Cervantes has reached double digits in scoring 14 times. In contrast, half a dozen other players have combined 15 times to score at least 10 points.

"I feel it all starts from our offseason where me and him pretty much see each other every day," said Cervantes. "We're in the gym every day and it builds chemistry for us. I feel like we can reach each other's minds and when it comes to that, it's hard to stop."

"Everyone gives Julien a lot of credit for scoring," said Oronoz. "But look at the score defensively. I'd be remised if I didn't say our guys that guard Julien every day [in practice] make Julien better. So, when they have to guard the other guys, it's a little easier. I'm not saying that, but Julien get better because he plays

against our defense every day and our defense gets better because they play against Sean and Julien every day."

Even though the steal and basket from Cervantes opened the fourth quarter scoring to give La Mirada its first double digit lead, there was no easing up. The Tritons had entered the game scoring at least 60 points in seven of their previous nine games. But as it turned out, they scored a season-low 37 points and had been held to under 50 points just twice all season.

"I think you have to get stops," said Gomez of the fourth quarter. "You have to get a lot of stops, you have to get a lot of kills and our shooters just hit. We passed it out to them on the corners and on the wings and they were just hitting them. When we're playing good defense and our shooters are knocking down shots, it's hard to stop us."

"They have a good backcourt," he continued. "Those are some good guards, and they play together as a team. So, heading into this game, our defense needed to be on point and our communication, too. We also needed to execute down the stretch and I think we checked all those boxes. That's why we came out victorious and blew them out here at home."

Rancho Christian, out of Temecula, enters the championship game at 22-10 and is on a six-game winning streak while the Mata-dores have won 11 of their last 13 contests.

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in the Leal report and Del Terra's demur, he dismissed the major allegations of fraud and punitive damages against Del Terra, which were the main thrusts of the lawsuit.

But it wasn't just any dismissal; the judge dismissed the allegations with prejudice and without leave to amend. In the formal legal world, a court case that is dismissed with prejudice means that it is dismissed permanently, it is over and done with and can't be brought back to court; another fact the LA Times reporters did not cite in their article.

In addition, civil cases are much easier to win in court than criminal cases, yet Bassett Unified lost, and lost horribly.

Further showing the fallacy of Leal's report, the firm that filed the lawsuit, Tao and Rossini APC, has "major experience" related to public school construction, writing on their website, "We recognize construction problems, their genesis and how to resolve the disputes. We have experience with the Division of State Architect, Office of Public School Construction, State Allocation Board, and many other local and state government agencies." Yet Bassett still lost the case...in civil court.

The dismissal in Del Terra's favor was in January of 2022, seven months before District Attorney Gascón's indictment of Alex Rojas & Luis Rojas, Del Terra's CEO.

Did the D.A. Know of the Bassett v. Del Terra Dismissal?

According to Alex Rojas and Del Terra's attorneys, Gascón's indictment used much of the Leal report to file charges against them, which were summarily dismissed in the civil case against Del Terra.

But did the D.A.'s office know that the allegations were dismissed?

Emails sent three weeks ago into the D.A.'s office pointing out that the same charges filed against Alex Rojas and Del Terra were dismissed in the civil court went unanswered; it is highly unusual for the D.A. to go silent on an email request.

Alex Rojas's attorney Craig Missakian told HMG-CN, "the criminal case is based on the same discredited report that formed the basis for the related civil action against Del Terra. The judge threw those claims out and we expect the criminal case to suffer the same fate."

Times Used Questionable Sources

The article also gave gratuitous oxygen to two of the most disruptive directors in the history of Central Basin, Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez, painting the two as whistleblowers and heroes for taxpayers while failing to publish crucial information concerning the two that, according to officials, was given to the LA Times reporters.

In 2020, HMG-CN exclusively obtained documents via a public records request that showed two public relations

firms submitting \$42,000 in bogus consulting fees to CB GM Alex Rojas, with one invoice indicating that Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez authorized the payment; yet another fact the LA Times reporters did not cite in their article.

The first was submitted by Dallas Fowler, a consultant whom HMG-CN's investigation found very questionable with connections to Vasquez-Wilson's good friend Jasmine Cannick; Vasquez-Wilson handed Cannick a three-month \$9,000 contract shortly after her election in 2012.

In an email to GM Rojas, Fowler wrote, "I'm Dallas Fowler, I was referred to you by Directors Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez to submit my invoices for work performed."

Rojas told HMG-CN at the time that no agreement between Fowler and CB existed, and three CB officials, then- VP Art Chacon, and Directors Bob Apodaca and the late Phil Hawkins went on the record as never discussing or meeting Fowler.

The second invoice was submitted by former California Assemblyman Rudy

Bermudez in the same manner as Fowler.

Bermudez wrote Rojas, "Attached is the invoice that I have been instructed to submit to you for my work rendered on Senate Bill 625 for the Central Basin."

Rojas countered, "We do not have authorization or a contract to pay this. I am not sure what instruction or approval you received, but if you send me the documents, I will be happy to look into it." No other emails were available.

Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez countered by saying Chacon brought Fowler and Bermudez in despite Fowler clearly citing Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez in the email.

Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez never answered emails from HMG-CN asking about Fowler and Bermudez.

Another fact the Times' article left out was Francisco Leal's law firm gave over \$8,000 to Gascón's 2020 campaign for District Attorney.

Several emails to the Times' article's authors, reporters Ian James and Dorany Pineda, went unreturned.

On Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:37 AM, dallasfowler.com wrote:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: **Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR OPERATION OF TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS, AND PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND OTHER LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS RELATED THERETO WITHIN THE CITY FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS.* Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR OPERATION OF TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS, AND PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND OTHER LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS RELATED THERETO WITHIN THE CITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN (10) MONTHS AND FIFTEEN (15) DAYS.***

***Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), 15306, and 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this project is categorically exempt from CEQA Review.** This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the **Sierra Room at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 18000 Park Plaza Drive, Cerritos, California, 90703.** The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public meeting. Additional public observation and participation in this meeting will be facilitated through the methods described below. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos will review and consider the item listed below at a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.:** **Waive full reading of and adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING CHAPTER 3.20 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CODE PURCHASING STANDARDS TO ALIGN WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH WITHIN THE RECENTLY ADOPTED CITY OF CERRITOS POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL. City Attorney Summary:** As a charter city under California law, the City of Cerritos has broad legal authority to procure and enter agreements for supplies, equipment, and services relating to City programs and projects. Among other sources of legal authority, such as the Cerritos Charter, the City's legal authority to procure and contract for supplies, equipment, and services is governed by the Cerritos Municipal Code and applicable procurement policies and procedures. Adopted in 1995 and amended most recently in 2017, Chapter 3.20 of the Cerritos Municipal Code sets forth procedures for the City's purchasing of supplies, equipment and services, including procedures for formal bidding, informal bidding, and exemptions from bidding for contracts, among other provisions. Adopted in 2022 by Resolution No. 2022-20, the Cerritos City Council adopted the City's Policy and Procedure Manual that includes, among other provisions, procurement and contracting policies and procedures. This proposed Ordinance will amend various sections of Chapter 3.20 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to clarify and align Chapter 3.20 with the recently adopted procurement and contracting policies and procedures in the City's Policy and Procedure Manual.

The full text of this proposed Ordinance can be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Additionally, the City Council will review and consider by separate Resolution proposed amendments to various procurement and contracting policies and procedures in the City's Policy and Procedure Manual. This meeting will be conducted in-person in the **Sierra Room at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 18000 Park Plaza Drive, Cerritos, California, 90703.** The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public meeting. Additional public observation and participation in this meeting will be facilitated through the methods described below. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. Any person interested in this matter may contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the meeting in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CASE NO. DR 11-21-12564**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider a Development Review application, and to adopt Resolution No. PC 23-01 – A Resolution approving Development Review Case No. DR 11-21-12564 to allow construction of four, detached, two-story, multiple family dwellings with approximately 9,305 square feet of total living space, on a lot within the R-1 (Low Density Residential) zone on property located at 14721 Blaine Avenue. The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), because the proposed project includes the construction of four dwelling units in an urbanized area.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City’s website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division’s Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2314. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to Kathryn Brun at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at kbrun@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

**ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF BELLFLOWER
ORDINANCE NO. 1423**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE (ZC 22-02) FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO R-1 PD (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT) ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10343-10351 MAPLEDALE STREET AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1423 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1423 would approve a Zone Change (ZC 22-02) from R-1 (Low Density Residential Zone) to R-1 PD (Low Density Residential Planned Development Overlay District) on the property located at 10343-10351 Mapledale Street and amending the zoning map.

Ordinance No. 1423 had its first reading on January 23, 2023, its second reading on February 13, 2023, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of February 13, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

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

ABSENT: Council Members – Mayor Pro Tem Hamada

Effective Date: March 14, 2023. For a copy of Ordinance No. 1423, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 804 1424.

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

ATTEST:
Mayra Ochiqi, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: **A REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY’S EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, THE CERRITOS ON WHEELS FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE AND THE DIAL-A-RIDE DEMAND-RESPONSE SERVICE.** This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the **Sierra Room at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 18000 Park Plaza Drive, Cerritos, California, 90703.** The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public meeting. Additional public observation and participation in this meeting will be facilitated through the methods described below. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted Ordinance No. 1039, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS APPROVING DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2022-1, A REQUEST TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE ALLOWING FOR DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE RESTAURANTS TO BE CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) ZONES, AND AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF THESE USES IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS.* *One Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved and certified by the City Council on January 26, 2023, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Development Code Amendment 2021-1, Tentative Parcel Map 83312, Conditional Use Permit 2022-1, and Precise Plan 2022-1. **City Attorney Summary:** Since March 1997, Section 22.27.400 of the Cerritos Municipal Code has permitted drive-through service restaurants as conditionally permitted uses within the Regional Commercial (CR) zone. This Ordinance will amend various sections of, and add Section 22.40.960 to, the Cerritos Municipal code to allow for drive-through service restaurants, as defined to be conditionally permitted uses in both the Community Commercial (CC) and Neighborhood Commercial (CN) zones in addition to the CR zone. This Ordinance is one of several applications approved by the Cerritos City Council at the request of an applicant for a drive-through service restaurant at 20200 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA, which is located in the CN zone. Among other provisions, the Ordinance specifies that drive-through service restaurants may be only within a shopping center or site containing contiguous commercially zoned parcels exceeding nine acres, may not be within four hundred feet from residentially zoned property or other sensitive land uses, and must comply with design standards, as specified, for on-site vehicular and pedestrian circulation.

The full text of this adopted Ordinance can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1039 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 9th day of February, 2023, and that it was so adopted as follows: **AYES:** Johnson, Solanki, Yokoyama, Barrows, Vo **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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BOZENA SOWINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: BOZENA SOWINSKI TO BOZENA BIELAK. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 3/29/23, 10:30 am, Dept C, RM 312. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24/22. Case number 23NWCP00031.

**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **9:00 AM** on the **17th day of March, 2023** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1614 Roofing at Various Sites

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Only Bidders participating at the **mandatory jobwalk** on March 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Adult School, 12254 Cuesta Dr., Cerritos will be emailed the bid documents. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class C-39 Contractor’s License and DIR Registration will be required.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
SHARON CASTRO
CASE NO. 23STPB01265**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SHARON CASTRO.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SU N. GIPPAIK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SU N. GIPPAIK 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: 03/14/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 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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2/17, 2/24, 3/3/23
CNS-3668788#
LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KENNETH G. McMAHON aka KENNETH GERARD McMAHON
Case No. 23STPB01042**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KENNETH G. McMAHON aka KENNETH GERARD McMAHON
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Theresa Marie Timko Kelley in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Theresa Marie Timko Kelley be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 7, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 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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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
YODHIN ANAVIL
CASE NO. 22STPB12782**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of YODHIN ANAVIL.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SARITA ANAVIL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SARITA ANAVIL 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: 03/09/23 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.
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