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## Hawaiian Gardens Considers Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for Gardens Casino

By Brian Hews

In 2015 the California Legislature approved bills requiring cities and counties to develop an expedited, streamlined permitting process for EV stations, removing obstacles to and minimizing costs of permitting for charging stations. Recent state laws allowed the placement of EV equipment in the landscape setback.

In March of 2022, Tesla approached the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Director about adding charging stations to the Gardens Casino parking lot. City staff drew up plans and reviewed them to determine parking, site plan layout, and safety implications.

Tesla representatives, Gardens Casino management and city staff met to discuss site layout options and agreed that the best place for the equipment was within the existing landscape that would minimize the impact on existing parking stalls; consequently, the city amended its zoning to reduce barriers to the installation of EV charging stations.

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## Judge Dismisses Norwalk Lawsuit Alleging Cerritos Illegally Moved Truck Route

By Laurie Hanson

A judge Thursday dismissed a lawsuit brought by the City of Norwalk against Cerritos alleging the truck route that was moved a couple years ago caused havoc in Norwalk.

Norwalk claimed the route restrictions on big rig travel have forced the large vehicles into Norwalk, to the detriment of citizens and businesses there.

The Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit stated that many of the trucks at issue are traveling to and from the Damco Distribution warehouse in Santa Fe Springs.

Norwalk sought court orders directing Cerritos to put the truck route back to its original location.

Judge Michael P. Linfield ruled that a city has broad statutory authority to establish vehicle weight restrictions on streets within its boundaries.

Even if those measures have a regional impact, the weight limitations are allowed by the "express permission of the sovereign power," the judge said.

The judge further found that

[See TRUCK ROUTE page 6]



## YOUTH CENTER REOPENS IN PICO RIVERA

**CUT THE RIBBON:** This week, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Boys and Girls Club of Pico Rivera Clubhouse. The new youth center was made possible by a \$300,000 grant from Hahn which covered necessary renovations to the building. The new clubhouse was created in what was an unused 3,200 square foot building adjacent to Ruben Salazar Continuation School.

## Winter Field Day for HAM Radio Operators in La Mirada

By Stepheny Gehrig

When disaster strikes, and cell towers are down, what would you do?

On Jan. 28-29, the HAM Watch volunteers, which is part of the La Mirada Disaster Communications, hosted the Winter Field Day to ensure that their radios are fully equipped and working in case of a disaster.

Held in the La Mirada Civic Center Parking Lot, the event hosted visitors, including the Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club, and saw over 188 contacts made.

"Ham Watch volunteers are a public service-oriented HAM radio group where we provide backup communications in case of a disaster to the City of La Mirada, the County of Los Angeles," Bruce Dixon said, who is a general class HAM radio operator and volunteer with La Mirada's HAM Watch.

HAM radios do not use the internet, or cell towers, which makes them reliable resources in the case of a disaster, such as

a major earthquake.

"Winter Field Day," said Dixon, "is an opportunity for us to come out, bring out our equipment, set it up as if it was an emergency situation — using backup battery. We're not hooked up to the power grid or anything or the internet. We're strictly on battery power."

During the 24-hour field day, volunteers met with those interested in becoming new volunteers, explained to visitors the importance of amateur radio, and made contacts with other HAM Watch groups locally, nationally or worldwide.

"We made one contact with Italy, another in North Carolina, and in Vancouver, Canada,"

Dixon said.

Volunteers competed with other Ham Watch groups to gain the most contacts. As contacts were made, volunteers gave their call signs and locations and entered each contact into an online database to keep available for future use.

"Today is all about seeing how many contacts we can make and all of us getting outside and enjoying the wonderful sunshine we have today," Dixon said.

Michelle Bracy, a volunteer with HAM since 2019, said making international contacts during an event like Winter Field Day gives the group bragging rights -- and a future con-

[See HAM RADIO page 16]



### REACHING OUT:

(l-r) Sylvia Graber-Pastrone, Michelle Bracy, Bruce Dixon and Randall Pastrone.

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## 250 LBUSD Girls to Attend AAUW LB STEM Career Conference



**STEM CONFERENCE:** Over 250 7th and 8th grade girls will attend the 19th STEM Career Conference at Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science in Long Beach.

### Staff Report

Since 2003, AAUW Long Beach has conducted an annual Career Conference for Long Beach Unified School District Title I middle school girls to inspire them to consider well-paying careers that utilize science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

On February 24, 2023, 250 7th and 8th grade girls will attend the 19th STEM Career Conference at Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science. Participating schools are Franklin Classical Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, Hughes Middle School, Jefferson Leadership Academies, Lindbergh STEM Academy, Muir Academy, Powell Academy for Success (K-8), Robinson Academy (K-8), Stephens Middle

School, and Washington Middle School.

The Conference features ten female STEM professionals explaining about their careers in a hands-on workshop format. In addition, Keynote Speaker Leslie Gonzalez, a California Polytechnic Pomona graduate and a Developer at Technology Management Consultants, will share her journey in overcoming personal obstacles on her path to a career she loves.

The 2023 event sponsors include Port of Long Beach, Kirsten Larsen & Stephen Pruitt, Long Beach Utilities, MHP Structural Engineers, P2S Inc., SCS Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers/OC Post, Toyota/TABC, Inc., Technology Management Consultants and Teachers Association of Long Beach.

Over 2900 girls have attended the AAUW LB STEM Career Conferences. In 2021, AAUW LB completed a six-year study, in partnership with LBUSD, of the 2015 and 2016 participants' post-conference STEM activity and aspirations which confirmed the effectiveness of the event. The report can be found at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/energizing-potential/>.

About AAUW Long Beach: AAUW Long Beach has been actively involved in the community since 1911. The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, with membership open to those with an AA degree or greater. For details about AAUW and the local branch, please visit [www.aauw-longbeach.org](http://www.aauw-longbeach.org).

## Cerritos' Annual Festival of Friendship February 4

### Staff Report

Celebrate Cerritos' rich cultural diversity at the City's annual Festival of Friendship on Saturday, February 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Los Cerritos Center. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event.

The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural entertainment on stages throughout the mall. Local groups will perform an assortment of cultural songs and dances.

Special commemorative gifts will be available at each stage while supplies last. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

## Supervisor Janice Hahn Launches Re-Election Bid

### Staff Report

This week, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn officially launched her re-election campaign for L.A. County Supervisorial District 4. In a demonstration of her wide-ranging support from local leaders, Hahn launched her campaign with the endorsements of 24 in-district Mayors, state and federal leaders, along with prominent organizations representing working families.

In officially announcing her re-election campaign, Hahn released the following statement:

"My fight for the people of the 4th District is far from over. That's why today, I'm ready and excited to announce that I am running for re-election to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The battle to create transformative, positive, and lasting change on behalf of the hard-working people of L.A. County must go on – and I plan to be at the tip of the spear of this fight."

Hahn added, "While the challenges are urgent - from homelessness to mental health to the housing crisis to the need for more good jobs, safer communities, cleaner air and a stronger economy - I know that together, we can meet this moment and build a better L.A. County for all people and every community."

Upon kicking off her re-election bid, the Hahn for Supervisor campaign released her initial endorsements:

- Los Angeles / Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council
- Southwest Mountain States Regional Council of Carpenters
- (IBEW) Local 11
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Dist.Council 36
- Ironworkers Local 433
- U.S. Congressman Robert Garcia
- CA State Senator Lena Gonzalez
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- Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen
- South Gate Mayor Maria del Pila Avalos

Cerritos Councilmember Frank Aurelio Yokoyama told HMG-CN, "Supervisor Janice Hahn has been a great friend and ally of the City of Cerritos. She generously funded the Arts Education program at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, as well as Santa's Holiday Float. I give Supervisor Hahn my highest endorsement for her re-election."



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## SoCalGas Unveils Hydrogen Powered Home in Downey



**SENATOR BOB ARCHULETA** joined SoCalGas, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, and Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco at the unveiling of the H2 Innovation Experience in Downey.

### Staff Report

Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) joined SoCalGas, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, labor leaders and renewable hydrogen fuel partners in Downey for the unveiling of the H2 Innovation Experience, the nation’s first-of-its-kind renewable hydrogen Microgrid powered home.

“The H2 Innovation Experience hydrogen home demonstrates how renewable hydrogen can be delivered to our homes safely and effectively around the clock. Moreover, this project demonstrates resiliency, by showing California a way to power our homes other than the electric grid. I am thrilled to see a hydrogen project like this, right here in the great City of Downey.”

SoCalGas, the first and largest natural gas utility in the United States to announce its aim to have net zero greenhouse gas

emissions by 2045, operates the Energy Resource Center in the city of Downey. Their [H2] Innovation Experience centers on a state-of-the-art microgrid that is producing clean, renewable hydrogen made from solar electricity on-site. The innovations learned on-site by co-locating hydrogen production near the end-uses will improve best practices ranging from distribution to conversion and potential energy losses, and ensure California is prepared to work in tandem with the Clean Hydrogen Hub Program funded by the Federal Department of Energy.

For more information on the H2 Innovation Experience, please visit <https://www.socalgas.com/sustainability/h2home>



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## Cerritos Approves Painting Contract

Genesis Builders, Inc. of Buena Park was awarded an annual contract to perform paint maintenance on City facilities throughout the Cerritos.

The contract has a provision that allows for four one-year extensions. The cost will be funded through various Maintenance Division operational expenses or Capital Improvement Projects.

## Fence Mending in Cerritos

The City Council awarded a nearly \$261,000 contract to Quality Fence Co.

Quality will refurbish the perimeter fence at the Cerritos Sports Complex, Cerritos Skate Park, Heritage Park Island, Civic Center and the Cerritos Senior Center.

The work is expected to begin in February and be completed in March.

## Resources to Help Pay Your Home Gas Bill

By Brian Hews

SoCalGas says your February gas bill will drop about 70%. That's still higher than usual, thanks to a 128% increase in January bills for a variety of reasons.

So if you’re struggling to pay your monthly natural gas bill, SoCalGas has a few programs that might help. You may qualify for a one-time grant for the amount of your bill, up to \$100.

These funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and eligible customers are able to apply until the funds are depleted.

The Gas Assistance Fund is a joint effort of SoCalGas® and United Way of Greater Los Angeles. They work with non-profit organizations throughout our service territory to administer the program.

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Whether you are a renter or homeowner, you may be eligible to receive energy-saving home improvements from an authorized contractor at no cost through the Energy Savings Assistance Program.

Eligibility for these programs is based on income and how many people live in your home. If you don’t qualify, the utility company also helps customers set up payment plans, so be sure to call and ask for help.

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## Little Lake SD Starts Measure LL Project at Lakeland ES



**SUPERINTENDENT** Dr. Crean, Board President Manuel Cantu, Board Vice President Gina Ramirez, Board Members Hilda Zamora, and Jasmine Sanchez at Lakeland Elementary School for the groundbreaking of two playground sites. Also in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Liz Seymour, former Board Member Gabriel Jimenez, Director of Maintenance and Operations Brent Griffen, and Project Manager Jaime Velasquez.

This week the Little Lake City School District broke ground at the construction sites of two playgrounds at Lakeland Elementary School.

“The Board of Education is continuously looking for ways to improve the lives of our students, teachers, and staff,” said Board President Manuel Cantu. “Thanks to the support of our community, we are making monumental improvements that positively affect our students and future generations to come. We are very excited and looking forward over the next few years to see the transformation of improvements for all of our schools.”

Little Lake City School District has been undergoing various campus updates and upgrades, with more to come throughout the year, thanks to the passage of Measure LL. This critical Measure was passed last June and the district is already making progress. Campus updates and upgrades include concrete and asphalt replacement,

painting murals, shade shelters, new playground equipment, window replacements, security fencing, new roofs, and a room remodel.

“We’re excited to see the incredible improvements being made throughout the District,” said Superintendent Dr. William Crean. “Crews are making quick progress as current Lakeland students are also benefiting from a new shade structure that is being enjoyed as the weather begins to warm.”

Superintendent Dr. Crean, Board President Manuel Cantu, Board Vice President Gina Ramirez, Board Members Hilda Zamora, and Jasmine Sanchez visited Lakeland Elementary School for the groundbreaking of two playground sites. Also in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Liz Seymour, former Board Member Gabriel Jimenez, Director of Maintenance and Operations Brent Griffen, and Project Manager Jaime Velasquez.

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## Cerritos' Organic Waste Recycling Program in Effect

Cerritos' new residential organic waste recycling program expands the list of items to be placed in your green trash cart to include both green waste and food waste. Below are lists of acceptable items to now dispose in your green waste cart.

### Green Waste:

- Flower and hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves and branches
- Lumber, scrap wood and plywood (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

### Food Scraps:

- Bread, rice and pasta
- Cheese and dairy
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Fruits and vegetables
- Flowers and herbs
- Meat, bones and poultry
- Seafood and soft shells
- Pet food (non-medicated)

### Food-Soiled Paper:

Must be 100 percent fiber-based. No materials with petroleum-based plastic, wax or bioplasting coating, liner or laminate.

- Food-stained paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper napkins and kitchen paper towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates
- To-go boxes (no coating)
- Wood and fiber-based utensils

### Unacceptable items include:

- All plastics
- Cacti, succulents and yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)
- Coffee cups and pods
- Fats, oils and grease
- Food stickers (please remove from items)

- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins and paper towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment and wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks and soil
- Rubber bands and twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues and wet wipes

Under Senate Bill 1383, organic waste recycling programs must now accept both green waste and food waste. Approved in 2016, SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to provide organic-waste collection services to all businesses and residents. The bill aims to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

*For more information about the City's new residential organic waste recycling program, all the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.*

## Cerritos City Council Sets Budget Goals for '23-'24

The Cerritos City Council held a Strategic Planning Study Session on January 28 to begin the process of developing the City's Strategic Plan pursuant to City Council-approved Policy No. 2.04 - Strategic Financial Planning Session/Budget Preparation Process. At the study session, the Council was asked to develop and prioritize a list of five goals that it would like to see addressed within the FY 2023-2024 budget.

Cerritos residents attended the study session and shared their suggestions for the development of the City's goals. After receiving public comments, the City Council set the following goals:

1. Increase Tree and Street Maintenance/

Repair

2. Increase Sales Tax Revenue
3. Review Contract Law Enforcement Services
4. Increase Technology Infrastructure/Use
5. Increase Fiscal Transparency

City staff will work on the development of measureable objectives and tasks for achieving the City Council's Priority Goals based on the information obtained from the Strategic Planning Session and input received from the Budget and Finance Committee. Upon establishing preliminary objectives and tasks, City staff will present this information to the City Council for consideration and approval at a budget study session to be held in the spring. Additional guidance will be sought from the City Council to refine the City's Vision and Mission Statements, as staff works toward their adoption as part of the Strategic Plan next year.

## La Mirada Partners With AARP to Provide Free Income Tax Assistance

Free income tax assistance is available to qualified seniors and low-income filers through the AARP Income Tax-Aide program. Income tax assistance will be offered from Tuesday, February 7 through Wednesday, April 12 at the La Mirada Resource Center, located at 13710 La Mirada Boulevard.

Taxpayers will be required to bring the following documents: a driver's license or Cali-formia ID, records of income and deductions including W-2 and 1099 forms.

Space is limited and appointments are required. For additional information or to make an appointment, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

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## La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Meeting

The next meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be February 16 at the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, in the King Palm room, beginning at 6:30 pm with social time. At 7:00 pm - psychologist, Dr. Susan La, will address "Surviving the Pandemic and Taking Care of Our Mental Health."



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## LAC Assessor Honors Top Official in Lakewood Ceremony



**JOHN TORRES** (l), President of the Rancho Southeast Realtors, was honored by Los Angeles County Assessor **Jeff Prang** for his tireless efforts representing one of the finest real estate associations in a recent Lakewood Ceremony. **Photo courtesy of the Assessor’s Office.**

## Celebrate the La Mirada Symphony’s 60th Anniversary

Join the La Mirada Symphony at 3PM on February 19th as they begin celebrating the group’s 60th anniversary.

The free performance features all the music played at the orchestra’s first concert which took place in 1964.

Works include Humperdinck’s beloved Prelude to the Opera “Hansel and Gretel,” the Toccata by Frescobaldi, Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 5 performed by the orchestra’s concertmaster Ruth Bruegger, and the stirring orchestral suite Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov.

The La Mirada Symphony was incorporated in 1963 by concert pianist and La Mirada resident Blanche Nissim along with a determined group of community advocates and local musicians.

Their goal to provide free concerts for the community has blossomed and is still alive 60 years later thanks to the City of La Mirada and generous donations.

Joan Cain, a current board member, joined the La Mirada Symphony in 1963 and performed in the historic first concert.

Joan found out about the fledgling group when she saw an article in the La Mirada Lamplighter about the forming of a new symphony.

She went to a rehearsal and has been involved with the orchestra ever since. From that first concert, Joan played principal flute with the group, a position now shared by her son Brad Cain and fellow board member Laura Scott. Joan has been a loyal and dedicated board member of the symphony since 2000.

When asked about the first performance, Joan recalled that the concert was well received and had a very good turnout. She has seen the orchestra grow and improve over the years. “We started in the multi-purpose room of La Mirada High School and now we play in the beautiful La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.” The first conductor was Jay Dietzer, and after a series of other conductors, the group found stability when conductor Leon Guide accepted the baton and lead the orchestra for 33 years. After Leon’s passing in 2001, the orchestra’s talented concertmaster David Stenske was appointed conductor and lead the ensemble until 2010. Alan Mautner, who was the principal cellist since 2007, became the current conductor in 2014. Mautner has taken the group to new levels with innovative programming, skillful conducting, and devoted leadership that involves the community and student musicians.

In 2002, the La Mirada Symphony embraced an additional mission to keep classical music alive with students through Youth Enrichment Programs that provided enhancement, education, classroom performances, and special daytime youth concerts with the full orchestra. Elements of this program have been on hold, particularly the daytime concerts, for the last few years due to rising costs and fund-raising challenges. The pandemic especially hampered the orchestra’s fund raising, but the board of directors is working diligently to increase funding and revitalize the Youth Enrichment Program so it can thrive again in the future.

As part of this year’s anniversary celebration, the orchestra was offered an extremely generous grant of \$20,000 in matching funds. This means that every donation for this season’s fund drive will be doubled! You can follow the status of the fund drive and provide your own donations online at [lamiradasymphony.com/support](http://lamiradasymphony.com/support). You may also donate in person at upcoming concerts. Every gift brings the orchestra closer to their goal of \$20,000!

Come and enjoy the historic recreation of the La Mirada Symphony’s first concert at 3PM on February 19th at the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts. Conductor Alan Mautner will give a pre-concert lecture at 2:15 PM. The concert is free but you need to reserved your seats online at [lamiradatheater.com/tickets](http://lamiradatheater.com/tickets) or call (562) 944-9801.

**FIRST PERFORMANCE:**  
The front cover of the program for the 1st performance on April 24, 1964 at LM High.



## Elections Have Consequences Millions Could Lose Medicare

In 2020, the federal government recognized that a pandemic would be a bad time for people to lose access to medical care, so it required states to keep people on Medicaid as long as the country was in a public health emergency. The pandemic continues and so has the public health emergency, most recently renewed on Jan. 11.

But the special Medicaid measure known as “continuous enrollment” will end on March 31, 2023 no matter what. It was part of the budget bill Congress passed in Dec. 2022.

Even if the public health emergency is renewed in April, states will begin to make people on Medicaid sign up again to renew their coverage.

And that means between 5 and 14 million Americans could lose their Medicaid coverage, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the nonpartisan health policy organization..

The federal Department of Health and Human Services expects 6.8 million people to lose their coverage even though they are still eligible, based on historical trends looking at paperwork and other administrative hurdles.

Pre-pandemic, some states callously made signing up for and re-enrolling in Medicaid very difficult to keep people off the rolls.

In the three pandemic years, the number of Americans on Medicaid and CHIP – the Children’s Health Insurance Program – swelled to 90.9 million, an increase of almost 20 million.

Research shows that disruptions in Medicaid coverage can lead to delayed care, less preventative care, and higher health care costs associated with not managing chronic conditions like diabetes and substance-use disorder.

The boosted Medicaid rolls mean the country has a historically high rate of people with insurance at 92%. That rate is likely to erode as Medicaid winnows down again.

States do have some discretion on how they re-start the sign up process. It could take a few months to a year. If a state finds someone to be no longer eligible for Medicaid, they won’t be cut off immediately, said Jennifer Tolbert, associate director for the program on Medicaid and the uninsured at the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services said it will take a full year to do this and is working to make sure no one experienc-

es a lapse in health coverage. The federal government also increased Medicaid funding to the states in 2020, and that increased funding won’t start phasing out until the end of 2023. Tolbert added that the move to keep people enrolled on Medicaid continuously is truly unprecedented, but there will be some lasting changes from the pandemic. For instance, Oregon will allow children who qualify for Medicaid to enroll at birth, and stay enrolled until age 6, without having to reapply. Washington, California, and New Mexico are considering similar policies as well.

Another concern is what happens when the federally-funded supply of COVID-19 vaccines and tests ends. Last August, the federal government announced they do not have more funds from Congress to pay for COVID-19 vaccines. In March 2022, the federal government stopped paying for tests for uninsured patients.

George Mink Jr. is a community activist for Health Educated, a nonprofit in Delaware County that has hosted vaccine clinics, health fairs, and webinars. He took advantage of free Covid testing and vaccines early in the pandemic. Mink said he might not have gotten tested if he had to have health insurance or pay for it himself. He has not had any serious health issues, but in 2020, a close family friend died from COVID-19. Mink and his family got tested and found out they were positive.

“Who knows what could have happened?” he says. “We still would have been ... infecting other people. It made a major difference.”

Mink is also up to date with his COVID-19 vaccinations, but worries about what will happen when the vaccines are no longer free: “What if in two months, we got a new variant coming and now I need a new booster, and now I can’t afford it?”

The health departments in Pennsylvania and Delaware say they plan to keep providing free tests and vaccines for the foreseeable future, and that the federal government has yet to say when the free vaccine supply will be cut off.

Pharmacist Kristin Motley, the founder of the Health Educated nonprofit where Mink works, will be sorry to see the free vaccines go.

“It allowed us to go into the community, wherever people were and to say, you don’t have to register, you don’t have to bring I.D., you don’t have to bring insurance. You just come,” she says. “That was really nice to be able to help people in that way with no red tape, no bureaucracy. It was so seamless.”

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## The Bellflower Symphony Orchestra is Back



**SOLOISTS** Natalie Salins and Luvi Avendano singing "Bella figlia dell' amore." Photo by Susan Romero.

**By Susan Romero, Staff Writer  
Talon Marks**

The Bellflower Symphony Orchestra, with guest conductor Alan Medak, presented their first 2023 Concert Series on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the William and Jane Bristol Civic Theater.

The concert opened up with the Bellflower Orchestra and wrapped it up along with four special guest soloists.

The Bellflower Symphony Orchestra consists of 14 violins, four violas, six cellos, four bass, two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four french horns, two trumpets, three trombones, two percussions and one keyboard.

The orchestra played about six composite pieces before intermission and another five after.

These are a few of the composites played: "Star Spangled Banner" com-

posed by F. S. Key, "William Tell Overture" composed by G. Rossini, "Carmen, Habanera" composed by G. Bizet, "Duo des fleurs" composed by L. Delibes and "La Golandrina" composed by L. C. Harnsberger.

The four soloists each had a composite they were singing, but they blew away the audience when they all sang, "Bella figlia dell' amore" composed by G. Verdi, together for the last piece.

"The quartet at the end," said Joseph Derthick, violinist, "It's always fun when you get those voices altogether."

Derthick picked up a violin at eight years old and forgot how to put it down. He has been performing with the Bellflower Symphony since he was in college in 1975 and hasn't left the band since.

James Salazar, a soloist, performed with the Bellflower Orchestra that night for the first time.

"It was great; all the musicians were wonderful. They were top-notch," Salazar said, "it was great to be under an orchestra again since covid."

Salazar has been singing since he was a little boy in church, and as he got older, he joined metal/punk bands but wanted to pursue more.

He went on to study for 5-7 years and auditioned for various things, and since then, he's been a lead soloist for about 12 years.

The orchestra is filled with various people from our community of different ages and races, bringing us an experience unlike any other.

Even from outside the building, the minute they began rehearsing, you could feel all the emotions they want to emote and so clearly project.

Greta Stanton, a local, was there to see and support her husband, a trombone player.

"I thought it was fantastic, wow there were so many really good ones," Stanton said, "I thought 'Carmen, Habanera' was really great."

She went on to mention that despite the language barrier in some of the songs, she appreciated the conductor's background info on the songs. It helped her better understand.

Regardless of your age, ethnicity, or music knowledge, the shows are here to inspire.

The Bellflower Symphony Orchestra will continue to have two more concerts after this, which will take place on April 22nd and Aug. 19th, so be sure to check out their website to join their next musical experience.

If you miss any of the remaining concerts, don't fret because they will release a new flyer for their concerts starting in November, so be on the lookout!

### From the Assessor's Office

## Tax Relief is Available for Winter Storms

**By Jeff Prang,  
Los Angeles County Assessor**

This has been a challenging year when it comes to our weather because until recently the region has had no noticeable rain whatsoever. In its place there has been extreme heat warnings with 3-digit temperatures the common denominator. Since we've been experiencing extremely dry conditions this fall, there's always the concern now with flooding, especially since we've experienced torrential winter rain storms.

Along those lines, I want to remind property owners that tax relief is available in the event of damage to property not only by fires and other natural disasters but rain damage and/or flooding.

By filing a claim for Misfortune & Calamity relief within one year of the incident, properties that have sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage or destroyed may be eligible for a refund of taxes already paid and lower annual tax bills until the property is repaired or rebuilt.

You must file the Application for Reassessment – Misfortune and Calamity claim, which is available online at <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/tax-relief/disaster-relief> or by phone: 213-974-8658; by social media at @lacassessor.

Again, the claim has to be filed with my office within 12 months of the rain damage or flooding or any other natural disaster.

The savings can be for a total loss of the property or a percentage of the damage as long as it's \$10,000 or more.

Sometimes, the tax relief may not be a significant amount but it most assuredly helps in a time of need and can come in handy when you are planning on rebuilding or replacing.

The percentage is calculated by the appraiser using a standard formula, oftentimes in conjunction with other factors such as existing insurance.

As just one example, our reassessments led to more than \$3 million in tax relief a few years back during the Woolsey Fire.

This relief was by way of refunds and adjustments to the 2018/2019 tax bills. The Woolsey Fire had 1,328 homes and businesses affected. Of those, 797 were entirely destroyed.

We believe that every property was identified. Dozens of appraisers were at work around the clock to ensure people received the required reassessment of the property that led to the tax relief.

I estimate for that fire alone my staff logged more than 2,500 hours on the job. We are on the job again this winter.

I'm going to be sharing with your several other savings programs that we offer. Those programs include the Homeowners' Exemption and Senior Replacement to name just a few of those we offer.

The recent rains were a welcomed relief from the extreme heat and dry weather conditions but they proved to be too much for a parched land as there has been significant damage and even loss of life.

*Again, the M&C claim forms can be obtained online at <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/tax-relief/disaster-relief> or by phone at (213) 974-8658. If ever needed, please avail yourself of this tax relief program.*

### TRUCK ROUTE from page 1

Cerritos was entitled to statutory immunity under the state Civil Code.

According to Norwalk's suit, Damco's operations generate a substantial amount of commercial truck traffic affecting surrounding cities, including Cerritos, which altered its big rig routes in such a way that any vehicle weighing more than 6,000 pounds is effectively prevented from traveling on its streets.

Lawyers for the City of Norwalk maintained that while Cerritos was entitled to adopt weight restrictions impacting its own residents, the city does not have immunity for shifting its traffic problems to Norwalk.

Cerritos' weight limitations have caused a substantial increase in heavy truck traffic in Norwalk that has negatively impacted major and residential Norwalk streets, hurt the quality of life for residents and business owners and diminished property values, according to the suit filed on Oct. 18.

Norwalk city leaders also believe that Cerritos does not have jurisdiction over some of its streets and therefore was required under the state Vehicle Code to get approval for those particular truck route changes from the state Department of Transportation.



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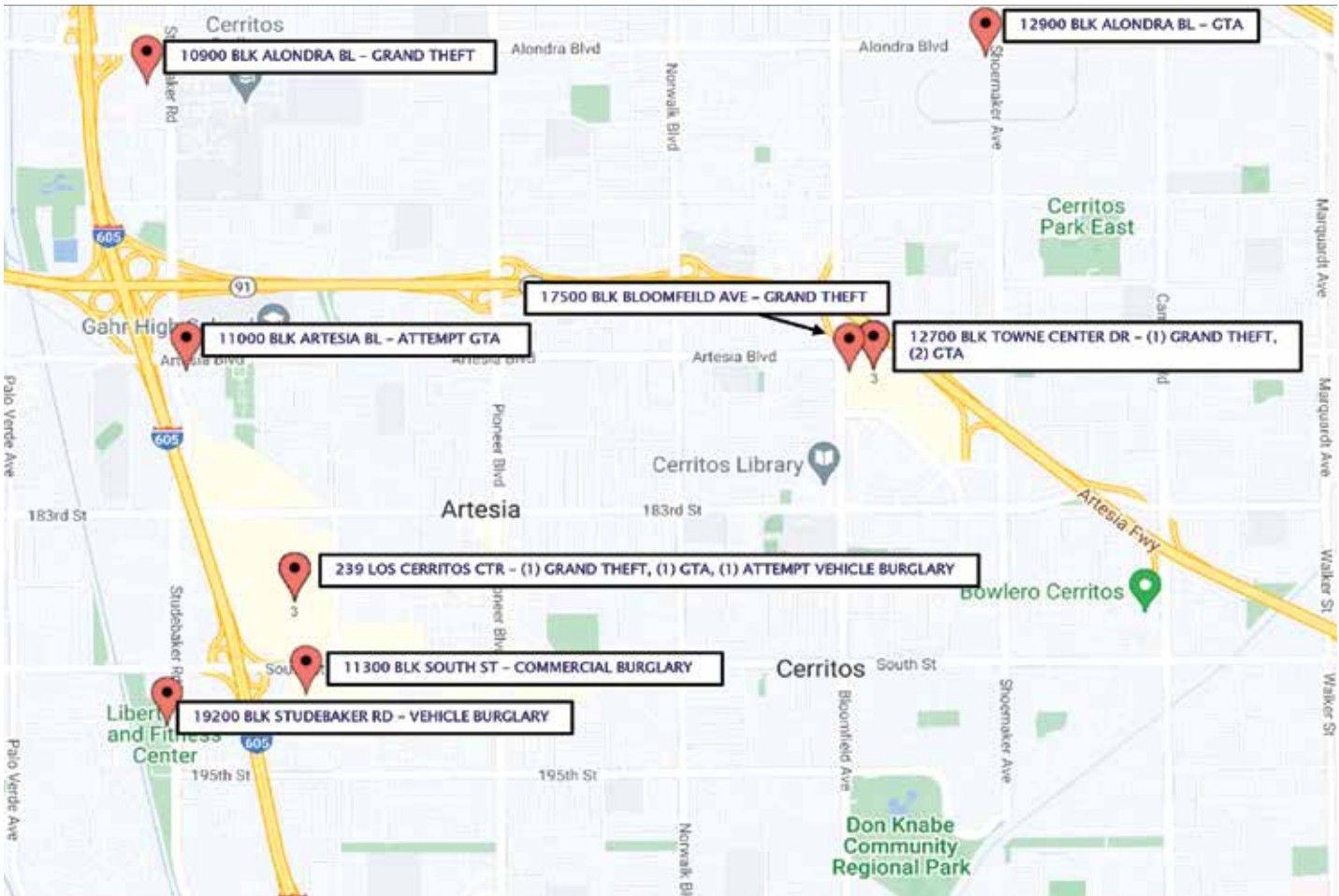
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# Cerritos Crime Map January 23-29, 2023



Hernandez told troopers that "he was just driving when the car suddenly began sliding and he lost control and crashed," according to a police booking affidavit.

A responding trooper, however, noted that the road conditions were dry and he became extremely suspicious of further criminal activity after talking to the two occupants of the vehicle.

The trooper also noticed that Hernandez had a backpack that he "had been carrying around diligently the entire time I was on scene," the affidavit states.

The trooper searched the backpack and found a box containing \$30,000, as well as "magic mushroom chocolate bars."

Hernandez told the trooper the backpack wasn't his and he did not know who the box belonged to."

Searching the back of the car, troopers found a poster advertising an underground internet-based dispensary with a QR code to purchase items.

Hernandez was arrested and charged Wednesday in 5th District Court with money laundering, a second-degree felony; drug possession, a class A misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B misdemeanor.

When troopers began looking at the phone belonging to the passenger, Luis David Niveló, 20, they found suspected child pornography, according to a separate police booking affidavit.

He was arrested and also charged in 5th District Court on Wednesday with money laundering, a second-degree felony; drug possession, a class A misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B misdemeanor.

In addition, Niveló was charged with 10 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, a second-degree felony.

Police also noted that Niveló is currently out of jail on bail on firearms charges filed in California.

## Employee Sues Old Ranch Golf Club, Alleges Sexual Misconduct

SEAL BEACH, CA — A former on-course beverage cart employee filed a lawsuit against Old Ranch Country Club alleging gender discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, negligent hiring and retention, intentional infliction of emotional distress. In addition, the suit alleges that Stover was forced to work without meal or rest breaks.

The lawsuit was filed last week in Orange County Superior Court by Peyton Stover, 26, who is suing the golf club for more than \$15 million dollars.

Named as defendants former supervisor James Poper, manager Mitchel Queen and Old Ranch Country Club’s parent company, Texas-based owned ClubCorp.

Stover alleged that she was forced to drink alcohol with club members then repeatedly groped and propositioned. When she complained, “a supervisor told Stover that members pay enough to do what they want.”

Representatives for Old Ranch Country Club did not comment due to pending litigation.

The complaint also seeks compensation for wage-and-hour violations and underpayment of wages.

## La Mirada Crime Summary

January 16-23, 2023

**Notable Arrests**

- Three suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. One suspect was arrested for robbery. One suspect was arrested for grand theft auto.

**Grand Theft**

- Cash was reported stolen on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.
- Two thefts occurred on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd. Tools were reported stolen.
- A purse was taken from an unlocked vehicle on the 12100 block of Del Vista Dr.
- A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 15900 of Imperial Hwy.
- An attempt was made to steal a catalytic converter on the 14700 block of

Valeda Dr.

- A theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 15700 block of Algeci-ras.
- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 14900 block of La Mirada Blvd.
- A phone was reported stolen on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy.
- Copper wire was stolen on the 15100 block of Cordova Rd.

**Grand Theft Auto**

- A SUV was reported stolen on the 15400 block of La Mirada Blvd.
- A theft of a sedan was reported on the 15300 block of Las Flores Ave.
- An attempted grand theft auto was reported on the 13300 block of Sandown
- A trailer was reported stolen on the 16300 block of Phoebe Ave.

## Norwalk Men Arrested for Possession of Drugs and Child Pornography

**Staff Report**

A crash on I-15 in southern Utah on Tuesday resulted in the discovery of drugs, a large amount of cash and child pornography, St. George police said.

Victor Hernandez, 19, of Norwalk and his passenger were arrested at the scene.

Just before 3 a.m., Utah Highway Patrol troopers responded to a crash on the freeway north of St. George.

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By Mike Stalls

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When I went last month there were many hot rods and custom cars and lost of American muscle with extensive

custom aftermarket work.

Also in attendance was a very nice lipstick red Mustang, looked like it was from the '90s version but it was hard to tell for sure because it was covered in Lighting McQueen decals.

You will see some newer cars like a new Corvette C8 that was parked front and center. That stuck out because of the color, 'Bubble Gum Blue.' All in all worth the trip.

## Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course Remains closed

Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course is currently closed for repairs. In mid-December, a gasoline leak was identified on a privately owned existing pipeline on site. The leak was

stopped and repair work began immediately.

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605 LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Low numbers, unexpected departures, injuries  
sum up John Glenn basketball seasons

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Many wondered what the John Glenn High boys basketball team would do for an encore, coming off last season’s 14-13 campaign, which included a third place finish in the 605 League and a trip to the CIF-Southern Section Division 5A quarterfinals. Even though the Eagles returned four players, one of which was senior Sebastian Figueroa, this season’s team was stacked with five seniors.

But the season turned out to be a domino effect in terms of players leaving, as early as six games in. There were no more than nine players at any time last season and now, as the regular season comes to a close, the Eagles have five remaining from opening day plus two who were recently called up from the junior varsity team.

The first domino to fall was Figueroa, who tore his ACL in the third game of the season and tried to play through it the next two games. He left the team before the sixth game of the season, having scored 35 points in those five games. After that, the team wouldn’t be the same.

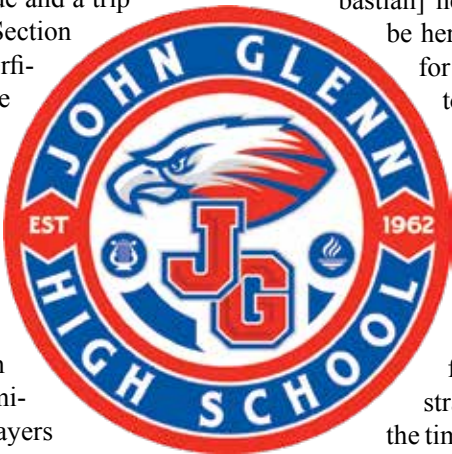
“The kids that come to this school have to have your heart in here,” said Glenn

head coach Sam Abebe. “You can’t come to this school and expect it to be like another school. This is one school that I’ve never seen that...it’s different here. And people are going to ask me, ‘what do you mean different?’ You have to be here to understand what I’m talking about. [Sebastian] never really wanted to be here. He was really here for me. When things got tough, we were on him a little bit harder and once he got hurt and couldn’t play anymore, he began to give up on the team.”

A 2-0 start was followed by five straight losses and by the time Glenn began league play on Jan. 4, it was sporting a respectable 7-8 record. Last season, the Eagles were 7-7 before playing their first league contest. But after losses to Whitney High and Oxford Academy to open the league slate, then a win over Firebaugh High, seniors Armando Arreola and Andrew Donis left the team. Two games later, it would be junior Seyharmony Somchan leaving the nest and all of a sudden, Glenn was sporting a 9-12 overall record and 1-3 in league.

Somchan informed the team and Abebe prior to the Jan. 18 game against Artesia High that he didn’t want to be

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Cerritos girls basketball blown out by another  
Orange County opponent in playoff tune-up

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

FULLERTON-If last Saturday night’s Cerritos High girls basketball game at Troy High was to be a tune-up for the upcoming CIF-Southern Section Division 2AA playoffs, then the Dons still have a lot to work on if they are to go deep in the postseason. Playing its third non-league contest since 605 League play began on Jan. 4, Cerritos couldn’t get much going in a 49-18 loss.

The game was closer in the first half than the final score may have indicated as the Dons trailed 10-4 after the first quarter, 16-9 with 1:46 left in the half and 22-10 less than a minute into the third quarter. But that’s when the wheels came off and the Warriors went on a 12-0 run to put the game away.

“This is one of those games where we just have to work through it and get through it and then get ready for practice on Monday, and then get ready for another big game on Tuesday,” said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen.

After seeing Troy begin the game with five straight points, freshman Cameron Lacorte put the Dons on the board at the 3:39 mark. It would be another

80 seconds before the next score, which was a basket from sophomore Ambar Multani. But a 9-0 Troy run was the first sign that it would be a long game for Cerritos. Compounding the issue was the fact that the Dons turned the ball over 13 times in the first half and shot four of 21 from the field in that time. But they crashed the boards hard to the tune of 16 rebounds in the half and repeated that in the second half.

To say that Cerritos has played a tough schedule outside of league is an understatement. It lost to Division 1 Peninsula High to begin the season, went 0-4 against teams in its own division and split the two games played against teams from Division 1-1. And of the losses to some of the tougher competition, one was an 11-point setback to Yorba Linda High, one was an eight-point loss to El Dorado High and two were five-point losses to Cypress High and South Pasadena High, the latter in overtime. Those games prove that Cerritos can compete in the Division 2AA playoffs.

“We can,” said Chinen. “It’s a team and we have to learn how to close games out. We have to learn how to come back into it, or if we have a lead, try to maintain the lead or extend it. I think that’s something this team is not used to yet because they are younger.

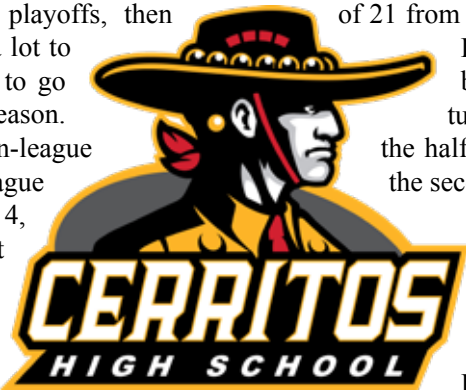
“I do have some seniors on this team,” he continued. “But they’re the ones who are going to have to lead this team going into the playoffs. Tonight, we were missing a few of our seniors.”

It may not have made a big difference in the outcome against Troy, but it would have helped Cerritos had it played John Glenn High last Friday, then the Troy game ahead of the final two regular season games against Whitney High and Oxford Academy. Instead, the contest with Glenn was cancelled.

“It’s kind of hard not getting a game in yesterday because we couldn’t even practice, because we were all ready to go [play], then the game was cancelled,” said Chinen. “It is tough for us. Even playing last night, then coming here might have helped us. But it was good to play this type of game because on Tuesday, it’s going to be a competitive game. We can’t overlook Whitney because they’re going to come at us and we’re going to go at them.”

Lacorte and Multani each led the Dons with four points while junior Denise Hizon and sophomore Kishan Saberon added three points each as Cerritos reached a season-low in points scored. Junior Mia Rivera grabbed nine rebounds and had three steals while Multani pitched in with half a dozen rebounds.

Cerritos would fall to second place Whitney 63-33 this past Tuesday to fall to 11-15 overall and 5-4 in the 605 League. The Dons were in the game through the first 11 minutes before Whitney went on a 14-4 run to lead 33-17 at the half. Then the Wildcats (15-12, 8-1) began the second half on an 11-0 run. Senior Kaitlyn Sugita and junior Mia Rivera each scored six points with the latter adding five rebounds and two assists to





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on the team anymore once Arreola left. There are unconfirmed reports that Somchan also left because of Abebe’s coaching style. Abebe said he was convinced that had Figueroa stayed, the other three would have stayed.

“I’m not going to change who I am,” said Abebe. “This isn’t the type of program where I have to make changes. They have to change to me. Last year’s team... I don’t think I appreciated them enough, and that team bought in from day one. They bought in and knew it was going to be a change of culture. They knew everything about and that’s why that banner is going to be in this gym forever.”

Prior to the season, Abebe said this season’s team was all mental and there were a lot of mental problems throughout the season. If things were able to get right, especially having a great fall league, Abebe was convinced of the team finishing in second or third place.

Last Friday, the Eagles hosted Cerritos High and with seven players suited up, including a freshman and a sophomore recently called up, they were no match for the second place Dons, who posted a 53-43 victory.

Cerritos led 7-1 after the first quarter and put the game away with a strong second quarter, scoring 21 points on seven of 13 shooting from the field. The Eagles tried to stay in the game by launching three-point shot after three-point shot. But even with that, they were true on just a pair of two-pointers in the stanza with the other six points coming from the charity stripe. Glenn missed all 13 perimeter shots it took in the first half and was five of 24 from downtown for the game.

“I’m a very big proponent of driving and kicking,” said Abebe. “But the reason why we have to adjust to this style now is because a lot of these guys are not good ball handlers. [Senior] Mike [Saucedo] is our best ball handler, and we have to put these guys in position where they’re com-

fortable. [Freshman] Sean [DeLeon] has gotten a lot better to become a ball handler, but he’s a better one dribble drive type of player, or a two dribble type of player or a catch and shoot player.”

Glenn (10-15, 2-6) would trail 39-19 with 3:23 left in the third quarter after a steal from junior Luke Rigor, who assisted on junior Shay Pema’s basket. But the Eagles scored consecutive points for the first time and went on a 7-0 run. With five minutes left in the game, the deficit was at 20 again before Glenn closed the game on a 15-5 run.

“At halftime, we told the guys to make the game respectable,” said Abebe. “I think once we made the task at hand a little bit easier, they made themselves believing a little bit. Maybe going to a zone stifled Cerritos a little bit because they missed a lot of open shots as well, too.

“But tonight, it was the second chance points that killed us,” Abebe continued. “In the first half, they really didn’t get a lot of second chance points. In the second half, they got a lot.”

Saucedo led all players with 15 points while DeLeon added 14 points. Junior Justin Rodriguez grabbed eight rebounds as Cerritos dominated the glass to the tune of 43 rebounds to Glenn’s 21. The Dons (11-15, 6-2) were paced by sophomore Benson Cho (12 points, six rebounds), Pema (eight points) and junior Osinachi Agaranna (11 rebounds).

It’s a similar story with the Glenn girls, who were to have played Cerritos prior to the boys contest. But earlier in the afternoon, Glenn head coach Eric Peterson had to cancel the contest because he was down to five players, and couldn’t call up any junior varsity players because they were already at Cerritos for their game. The Eagles began this season with eight players, then called up one more during league season. But injuries have plagued the team, which has already exceeded last season’s 0-21 performance.

Peterson said he would rather forfeit a game than to run five players out there

to play, adding that it wouldn’t be fair to them to go out there and play. Plus, one of those five was already injured and would not have made it through the end of the game.

Glenn, which hasn’t made the playoffs since 2011, lost one starter, Ruby Chavez, from last season’s team of 11 players. As of the Jan. 20 game at Whitney two weeks ago, the team had nine players but was sporting a 5-8 mark before league began. Since then, the Eagles have lost all eight league games, scoring no more than 18 points in any of them.

“A lot of my players are still young,” said Peterson. “I still have no seniors, so they are still not that experienced, even though they are returning players. I know our league is tough; I didn’t have high expectations as far as league. But I have better expectations for our non-league games, and we were able to deliver a few wins there.

“But I still like the future of this team,” he continued. “It’s promising. I like the [junior varsity] squad. I think I have some nice, young talent on that squad. The fact that I don’t have any seniors still, there’s a lot of room for growth on this squad. I’m still excited about the future of this team.”

Some of the same problems from last season still carried over to this season—turnovers and a lack of scoring. The most Glenn has scored has been 38 points, and that came in the first game of the season. Only one other time has the team reached 30 points and the Eagles have been held to single digits six times and under 20 points another five times. Still, Peterson is adamant that this season has not been taxing.

“Not at all,” said Peterson. “I don’t have any problem with it—circumstances beyond my control. My players get hurt or injured and there’s nothing I can do about that. Unforeseen emergencies such as one of them is in the hospital right now because of her parent. Those are things I have no control over. I just go along with

the flow. It’s not taxing, though. I still enjoy coaching this team and we’re going to make it through it.

“Our passing game is just not that great,” he later said. “We just turn the ball over quite a bit, which helps the other team get easy buckets. That’s something we just have to work on and just try to get better at. It’s definitely one of our weaknesses.”

One bright spot this season has been the play of junior Rose Felix, who has scored 76 points, which is tops on the squad. She also leads the Eagles with three games of double-digit scoring. Next in the scoring department is sophomore Aaliyah Ramirez (69 points), sophomore Maritza Corona (55 points). The other seven players have combined to score 81 points.

“Rose is still a first-year player, so she has a lot of raw talent,” said Peterson. “I try to make adjustments with her talent and trying to use them to the best. I was just getting to the point where I was getting the best out of her before she got hurt. I still think she has a lot of promise and I have some plans for her in the offseason, during the spring league and possibly getting her on a travel ball squad.”

Both Glenn teams began the last week of the regular season hosting Pioneer High with the boys edging the Titans 56-53 to improve to 11-15 overall, 3-6 in the circuit. The Eagles visited Artesia on Feb. 2 while Cerritos hosted Whitney this past Tuesday and came away with a split.

The boys had no problems in a 58-46 victory, improving to 12-15, 7-2 and securing second place. Senior Dominic Delacruz had a team-high 14 points and pulled down four rebounds while junior Tobeana Ozoagu added 14 points and six rebounds. Before the game, the girls were trounced by Whitney 63-33 for their sixth loss in the past eight games. Cerritos (11-15, 5-4) was paced by senior Kaitlyn Sugita and junior Mia Rivera, who each had six points. Both Cerritos teams hosted Oxford Academy on Feb. 2.

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her game statistics. Cerritos closed out the regular season on Feb. 2 hosting Oxford Academy. Should Oxford Academy prevail, it would set up a third place tie-breaker game on Friday.

“We stress to them that we do have teams that we’re playing against that are in our division that we may see again,” said Chinen. “I said we could go anywhere. I have no idea what our playoff fate is. I have no idea.”

In other Cerritos winter sports news, the boys basketball team defeated Whitney 58-46 to improve to 12-15 overall and 7-2 in the 605 League, good enough for second place. Senior Dominic Delacruz and junior Tobeanna Ozoagu each had 14 points as the Dons wrapped up the regular season on Feb. 2 against Oxford Academy.

The boys soccer team tied Oxford Academy 0-0 this past Wednesday to end the season at 5-11-4, 4-4-2, barely missing the playoffs by four points in the standings while the girls soccer team, ranked second in the CIF-Southern Section Division 3 poll, was 19-1-0, 7-0-0 heading into its final game of the season against second place Oxford Academy.

The boys wrestling team, ranked second in Division 6, lost to Bell Gardens High 45-31 in the semifinals of the dual meet championships last Saturday at Glenn. The Dons had a first round bye before eliminating Eisenhower High 64-15 in the quarterfinals.

**ARTESIA**

The boys basketball team keeps rolling along notching its 13th straight win after beating Oxford Academy 66-42 this past Tuesday. The Pioneers (20-7, 9-0), winners of a second straight 605 League championship, have won 23 straight league contests.

The girls basketball team (3-21, 1-8) fell to Oxford Academy 50-9 in its lowest scoring performance of the season. Both basketball teams hosted Glenn on Feb. 2.

The boys soccer team, which had already wrapped up the 605 League title, tied Oxford Academy 1-1 this past Monday to go to 13-5-4, 8-0-1. The Pioneers have won five straight league titles, all in the 605 League.

The girls, who had been to the playoffs the last two seasons and three of the last four, also tied Oxford Academy to move its mark to 6-7-5, 1-3-3. The Pioneers will finish in fourth place.

**GAHR**

The boys basketball team, which had missed the postseason the past three seasons and the girls, who had been on a five-season drought, will be heading back to the playoffs. The Gladiators fell to Lynwood High 94-84 this past Tuesday to fall to 13-13, 5-4 in the Mid-Cities League, good enough for third place. Gahr ends the season hosting Norwalk High while the girls are snapping a five-season playoff drought and are on the verge of the program’s first league title since 1999. The Gladiators, tied for third in the 5AA poll, smashed Firebaugh High 61-16 this past Tuesday, improving to 20-6, 8-1 as they visited Bellflower

High to end the regular season. The 20 wins are the most since the 2012-2013 team went 22-10 and advanced to the Division III-AA finals while the six losses are the fewest since going 21-6 during the 1997-1998 campaign.

After the first round of league play, the boys soccer team was on target to advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2006. But a late season slide has knocked the Gladiators to fifth place as they visited last place Dominguez High on Feb. 2. Gahr is sitting at 6-8-2, 3-4-2 and winless in its last four.

But, for the first time since 2020, the girls are heading back to the playoffs and for the first time since 2003, Gahr will capture a league title in girls soccer. The Gladiators have not allowed a goal in league action while sporting a 9-8-0, 9-0-0 record. Gahr hosted Bellflower on Feb. 2 with a chance to go to 10-0 in league play for the first time in at least 26 seasons.

**JOHN GLENN**

Both basketball teams and both soccer teams, who all ended their regular seasons against Artesia High, will not advance to the playoffs. The boys basketball team was 11-15, 3-6, the girls were 5-17, 0-9, the boys soccer team was 6-8-4, 2-5-2 and the girls were winless in 16 games without scoring a goal.

But, the boys wrestling team, ranked fourth in Division 6, went to the quarterfinals in last Saturday’s dual meet championships, falling to Schurr High 45-30. The Eagles had defeated Orange Vista High 74-6 and La Mirada High 53-25 prior to the semifinals. The girls wres-

tling team fell to fourth-ranked Marina High 72-6 in the first round of the Division 1 dual meet championships, held at Northview High.

**LA MIRADA**

The boys basketball team are another 20-win season from the area as the Matadores had no problems with former Suburban League arch-rival Mayfair High, 61-42, this past Tuesday. La Mirada (20-7, 6-1 in the Gateway League) needs to beat second place Downey High on Feb. 3 to win the league outright. The Mats are also the second-ranked team in Division 2A.

The girls basketball team has lost six of its last eight games and will finish the season in fourth place in the Mid-Cities League. La Mirada (9-12, 3-6) is on a three-game skid but hosted last place Firebaugh on Feb. 2.

Both soccer teams will be enjoying respective league titles in the first year of the new Suburban Valley Conference. The boys (9-3-3, 7-1-1) tied Firebaugh 0-0 this past Tuesday and has not lost in five games as they visited Bellflower in Mid-Cities League action on Feb. 2 while the girls, no stranger to winning league championships, were 12-3-3, 7-0-0 heading into their regular season finale against second place Warren High in the Gateway League. The team has allowed four goals in its last 12 games.

Before losing to Glenn, the boys wrestling team eased past AB Miller High 66-18 in the first round of the Division 6 dual meet championships.

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**NORWALK**

When the boys basketball team entered Mid-Cities League action on Jan. 4, it knew it had to go 7-3 in order to finish in third place and make the play-offs. That won’t happen as the Lancers fell to 10-16, 3-5 after its 57-49 setback to Warren last Friday. Norwalk visited Gahr on Feb. 2 while the girls will end up in third place in the Mid-Cities League. The Lancers (16-10, 6-3) are going to the playoffs for the sixth straight season and 14th out of the last 16 seasons, but have yet to get to the quarterfinals. Norwalk visited first place Dominguez on Feb. 2.

If the boys soccer team wants to avoid missing the playoffs for the first time since 2005, it needed to beat Gateway League champion Warren on Feb. 2. The Lancers were sitting at 5-6-4, 2-3-3, a half a game behind idle Lynwood. But the girls are making history by going to the playoffs for the first time since 2014 and the third time in school history. The Lancers (9-9-1, 6-3-0) blanked Dominguez 3-0 this past Tuesday and a win at Firebaugh on Feb. 2 will assure the program of its second ever winning regular season.

The girls wrestling team fell to third-ranked Hillcrest High 51-24 in the first round of the Division 1 dual meet championships last Saturday at Northview.

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN**

For the first time since 2018, the boys basketball team will not have a losing Olympic League record. The Valley Christian High has won four straight games, the last a 79-47 conquest over Whittier Christian High this past Tuesday, to improve to 17-9, 4-3. With a win at Village Christian High on Feb. 2, the Defenders would end up in a tie for second place and if last place Whittier Christian knocks off first place Maranatha High, there would be a three-way tie for first place.

The girls team, which at one point was 5-5, has one victory since and will miss the playoffs for the first time since 2019. The Defenders (6-18, 1-6) lost to Whittier Christian 40-32 this past Tuesday. The girls also visited Village Chris-

tian on Feb. 2.

The boys soccer team will be making its 15th straight trip to the playoffs while the girls are enjoying their seventh straight Olympic League title. The boys blanked Whittier Christian 3-0 this past Monday to improve to 9-7-4, 5-1-1 and are in second place. The girls, whose last league loss was on Feb. 5, 2016 against Maranatha, defeated Whittier Christian 6-1 this past Monday for their 14th straight win over the Heralds. V.C. is 16-4-1, 7-0-0 as it faced Village Christian this past Wednesday, going for the program’s 13th season in the past 26 without a loss in league action.

**WHITNEY**

For the first time since 2015, the boys basketball team will be extending its season as the Wildcats have a 17-8 overall mark and is ranked seventh in Division 5AA. Whitney is in third place with a 4-5 mark as it hosted Pioneer High on Feb. 2. A loss to the last place Titans and a win by Oxford Academy will for a third place tiebreaker game on Friday.

The girls (15-12, 8-1) will be playing for first place and a win over Pioneer will give the ‘Cats a share of their second straight league title.

The boys soccer team ended its season at 0-17-1, 0-10-0 after falling to Pioneer this past Wednesday.



**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-608**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS AMENDING SECTION 18.80.010(C)(4) and SECTION 18.80.040 (C) OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGERS AND EQUIPMENT AND DETERMINING THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3)**

On January 24, 2023 at Hawaiian Gardens City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, California, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens (“City”) adopted Ordinance No. 2023-608, amending Title 18 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code (HGMC) modifying Section 18.80.010 (CC-Card Club Overlay Zone) and Section 18.80.040 (BC-Bingo Club Overlay Zone) to allow electrical utility metering and service equipment for electric car charging systems within a landscape setback. The amendment allows greater flexibility in the placement of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging equipment within existing landscape setbacks. The Ordinance was introduced for first reading by the Hawaiian Gardens City Council at its regular meeting held on January 10, 2023. The Ordinance will be effective 31 days from the date of adoption.

The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-608 at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of January 2023, by the following roll call vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	DE PAULA, ROA, VARGAS, FARFAN, DEL RIO
<b>NOES:</b>	NONE
<b>ABSENT:</b>	NONE
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	NONE

Any interested person may obtain a copy of the ordinance at the City Clerk’s Office, cityclerk@hgcity.org or by calling City Hall at (562) 420-2641. Also, a copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available on the City’s website at www.hgcity.org.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE GRIDLEY ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 23303, BID NO. 1491-23.** Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: GRIDLEY ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 23303, BID NO. 1491-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of cold milling 3” of existing asphalt concrete (AC), and the construction of a 3” AC surface. Additional improvements also include the removal & replacement of deficient concrete curbs & gutters, sidewalk panels, driveways, and wheelchair access ramps; adjustment of utilities to grade; removal of parkway trees; installation of traffic signal loops; re-stripping of lane lines, arrows, and stop bars; and the installation of fiber conduit along Gridley Road. **Bids will be opened: Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“GRIDLEY ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 23303, BID NO. 1491-23.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A”**. The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference, as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s action’s in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF PICO RIVERA**

Community Development Block Grant Program  
Announcement of Citizen Participation  
Notice of Fund Availability  
Request for Proposals

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Pico Rivera is initiating its citizen participation and application process for the **2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded program**. The City is an entitlement community and is expected to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. A maximum of fifteen percent (15%) may fund Public Service activities. Funding will be contingent on availability from HUD.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of community development and housing activities, including public services, social services, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and residential code enforcement and housing improvement projects.

CDBG applications are available now. A Public Services Technical Assistance Workshop will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, to address any questions potential applicants may have. The meeting will take place virtually at 11:00 a.m. Registration for the Zoom workshop can be accessed via the following link: <https://bit.ly/PR23-24>. Applications must be received by the City of Pico Rivera no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2023. Please mail applications to: Community & Economic Development Department located at 6615 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera, CA 90660. Applications may also be emailed to [alfonso.rodriguez@pico-rivera.org](mailto:alfonso.rodriguez@pico-rivera.org), please use “CDBG Public Services Application” in the subject line. Late applications will not be accepted.

Those desiring an application and/or further information should contact:

Contact: Alfonso Rodriguez  
Phone: (562) 801-4025  
Email: [alfonso.rodriguez@pico-rivera.org](mailto:alfonso.rodriguez@pico-rivera.org)

The City will evaluate proposals for CDBG eligibility. After the proposals are evaluated, the staff will make recommendations for the total amount of CDBG funds which should be allocated. The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the funding allocation recommendations. The Pico Rivera City Council approves final CDBG allocations.

**ESPAÑOL:**  
Información en Español puede ser obtenida llamando al (562) 801-4025.

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City of Bellflower Public Notice		
In accordance with the California Government Code Section 40804, the following is a summary of the Annual Report of Financial Transactions for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.		
	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Revenues	\$ 67,197,949	\$ 2,386,065
Expenditures/Expenses	59,086,199	1,839,082
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	8,111,750	
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions, Transfers, and Special and Extraordinary Items		546,983
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	13,030,000	
Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	21,141,750	546,983
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Fiscal Year	64,104,533	3,390,361
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Fiscal Year	\$ 85,246,283	\$ 3,937,344
Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate		9%
Effective Date of Current Transient Occupancy Tax Rate		4/12/1988
Current Utility User Tax Rate		5%
Appropriations Limit		\$ 88,037,083
Total Annual Appropriations Subject to the Limit		\$ 32,675,442
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NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-939

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 45, OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21080.17

Notice is hereby given that on February 13, 2023, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-939 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:  
The proposed ordinance amends the City’s local regulatory scheme for the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) to comply with AB 3182, AB 345, and SB 897.

Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.

Date: January 3, 2022  
Jennifer Alderete  
Acting City Clerk

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CITY OF COMMERCE  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider a Resolution modifying the Small Wireless Facility Fee Schedule, to include a Consumer Price Index based on annual adjustment to the SWF Permit Application Fees.

Said public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Commerce in the Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA, on Thursday February 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance will be heard. Any comments, objections or other information may be offered in person at the time of the hearing or in writing, prior to the hearing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a City Council Meeting pertaining to the items listed below:

HEARING BODY:	Hawaiian Gardens City Council
DATE OF HEARING:	February 14, 2023
TIME OF HEARING:	6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF HEARING:	City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 <b>Limited Members of the Public will be permitted to attend</b>

PUBLIC HEARING: Case No. CITY2021-0001 (6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE) - The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing to review, discuss, and adopt the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact and the Draft 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING AND IN PERSON MEETING.

Zoom: Members of the public may participate via Zoom by logging on via the information below:

Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9643544069?pwd=UWtQamNIaEIxYnlwdjlSUtNiNEhQdz09 Meeting ID: 964 354 4069 Passcode: HG1

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641 Ext 244. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director

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CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 18 AND SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATIONS: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN EXISTING STATIC BILLBOARD AND THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD AT 14447 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, WITHIN THE FREEWAY COMMERCIAL (C-F) ZONING DISTRICT.

At the hearings, the Planning Commission will consider staff’s reports and recommendations as well as all testimony and public input prior to making final decisions. The documents being considered are available for review at the City’s Community Development Department office located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning the project. The Planning Commission’s action on these items will be advisory only, final consideration of the proposed project by the City Council will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The City Council public hearing will be duly noticed.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the Community Development Department, City of La Mirada 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada California 90638.

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g. sign language interpreter).

IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Eric Garcia  
Senior Planner

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos will consider Ordinance No. 1039 for adoption at a Regular Meeting on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: **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 2022-1, 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 proposed 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. The proposed 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 proposed 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 proposed Ordinance can be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. 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.** To protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the current State Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Health Officer Orders and City of Cerritos COVID-19 Safety Plan, the Sierra Room will be open to the public. As authorized by State of California Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and N-08-21, and subsequently by Assembly Bill 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) and City Council Resolution No. 2022-10 adopted pursuant thereto, this meeting may also be conducted via teleconference, if necessary. 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. The meeting will air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. 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 COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE  
PLOT (SITE) PLAN NO. 22-04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will consider a request to allow the construction of a new warehouse building measuring approximately 124,144 square feet on a 5.77 acre site in the City’s M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district, and located at 2425 S. Malt Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.39 Division 10 (Site Plan Review) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), a Plot (Site) Plan Review is required for any new building or structure in excess of 25,000 square feet in area. The project will also involve the demolition of an approximate 118,026 square foot building that was built in 1953.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the City of Commerce City Hall, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, in the Public Safety Conference Room.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Viviana M. Esparza

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY  
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Fischerscope X-Ray XUL series x-ray fluorescence measuring instrument, 2 Fischerscope X-Ray XAN series x-ray spectrometers, 2 kayaks, 3 bikes, computers, computer monitors, keyboard/mouse/ computer equipment, desks, furniture, boxes/bins/ totes, duffle bag/bags, baskets, lamps, office chair, chairs, straw hats, Park Tool bike stand, roll of Heavy Duty Corrosion Protection VW35D VCI Paper, tools, tool boxes, kitchen table, dog cage, 2 dog beds, dog cage, Radio Flyer, printer, shelving unit, trunk, drawer unit, stroller, tattoo supplies, 2 scooters, skateboard, milk crate, luggage, wall art, lamp, PVC pipe, bungee cord, gas can, clothing, shoes, blanket, beach ball, bike pump/parts, dog crate, golf clubs, baseball bat, tools, vacuum, outdoor turkey fryer pot/burner, helmets, clothes, shoes, blankets, and buckets.

NAME	UNIT
ALEX LORENZO ALBERT BUSTAMENTE	B124
JESS GRANILLO	A256
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485
LEISA A WASHINGTON	A294

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.  
**Publication Dates: 01/27/2023 AND 02/03/2023**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **11:00 AM** of the **17th of February 2023**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1612 Calshape Ventilation Services

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. Bidders may obtain bid documents by request to Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218. This work is subject to DIR Registration, prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class B OR all three License Class C-7, C-10, C-20 (must have all three Class C or be disqualified) and DIR Registration will be required will be required. Additional requirements stated in the bid documents

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Request for Proposal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **9:00 AM** on the **15th day of February 2023** proposals for:

RFP 1613 Expanded Learning Program Services

All proposals shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Proposals submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Contact Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218 for a copy of the RFP. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY  
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Schwinn exercise bike, computer, wheelchairs, skateboard, exercise pedal machine, walker, shower chair, toolbox, boxes, bags, bins, heater, furniture, rugs, sleeping bags, comforter, carpet, fan, lampshade, statues, trophy's, piano, dresser, boxes with clothes, totes, storage shed, bedframe, headboard, bunkie board, dressers, end tables, ottomans, bar stools, 3 drawer storage tower, exercise equipment, yoga mat, Simply Fit Board, ladder, step stool ladder, baskets, tv trays, patio chair, mattresses, parking meter lamp, microwave, jeans, clothes, artwork, artificial plants, lamps, 50 state quarters collection map, hula hoop, Target kids shopping cart, toys, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, personal care items and crates belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
MICHAEL RENE MILLS / THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN MILLS JR	B88
SYLVIA SILVER DAVIS	C59

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023002106 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: NETCAST MARKETING, 19573 TURTLE RIDGE LANE, PORTER RANCH, CA., 91326, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: ANDRE HUNOR LOKUSTZA, 19573 TURTLE RIDGE LANE, PORTER RANCH, CA., 91326 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2022. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ANDRE HUNOR LOKUSTZA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 1/5/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 AND 2/3/23

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than 1:00 PM of the 17th of February 2023, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1611 Artesia High School Gym HVAC and Marquee

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. Prospective bidders must attend a mandatory jobwalk on February 6, 2023 10:00 AM Sharp, to meet at Artesia HS by the flagpole at 12108 E Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood. 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. Bidders may obtainxbid documents by request to Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218. This work is subject to DIR Registration, prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class B and DIR Registration will be required will be required. Additional requirements stated in the bid documents

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T.S. No. 096856-CA APN: 7028-017-031 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/28/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/7/2023 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/6/2005 as Instrument No. 05 0793023 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JENNIFER T. LA, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13138 HEDDA DR, CERRITOS, CA 90703-6146 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$453,917.90 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 096856-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website [www.clearreconcorp.com](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 096856-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

BOZINA BOWINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
BOZINA BOWINSKI 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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE  
OF Phuong Quyen Luong  
CASE NO. 23STPB00143  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Phuong Quyen Luong  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kieu Lu in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kieu Lu 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 with full authority . (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 02/10/2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90012 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.  
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 (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.  
Attorney for Petitioner: Kevin Ganser  
8787 E. Pinnacle Peak Ste. 220  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
CA Bar #289994, Telephone: (480) 930-5859  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
WILLIAM STOELZNER  
CASE NO. 23STPB00184  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WILLIAM STOELZNER.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL NG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL NG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: 02/15/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D 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.  
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# "GREASE" IS A MUST-SEE PERFORMANCE AT THE LA MIRADA THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

By Stepheny Gehrig

Taking place at Rydell High School in 1959, "Grease" brings to the stage stories of longing, love, hope and fear as it follows the students' journeys through their last year of high school.

Performances by Ryan Reyes as Danny Zuko, and Dominique Paton as Betty Rizzo, were remarkable. Reyes artfully captures Danny's charismatic nature on stage and can make audiences swoon with his first song, "Summer Nights." Reyes not only delivers vocally but in stage presence as well, as he impressively flipped, twirled and lifted others in the ensemble throughout the show.

Paton successfully embraces Rizzo's attitude in "Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee," and brings a vulnerability to the forefront of her character through her performance of "There are Worse Things I Could Do." Paton is able to bring the audience to understand and love Rizzo in light of her tough and closed-off demeanor.

Despite issues with the microphones by the end of the first act, Jalon Mat-



**NEATO:** Rianny Vasquez, Melissa Musial, Jenna Lea Rosen, Monika Pena, and Domonique Paton star in the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts & McCoy Rigby Entertainment production of “GREASE,” directed by Kari Hayter and now playing at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Photo by Jason Niedle.

thews, who plays Roger, bounced back with a hand-held microphone and a magnetic performance of "Mooning." Matthews' charisma with counterpart

Rianny Vasquez, who plays Jan, is perfect. Matthews and Vasquez play off each other's energy so effortlessly that the audience is bound to fall in love with

their characters. Vasquez's performance as Jan is notable as she carries the show with her character's comedic antics.

Although vocally stellar, Jenna Lea Rosen, who played Sandy, left the audience with little to be wanted emotionally from the character. "Hopelessly Devoted to You" lacked the emotional openness that Sandy classically portrays. However, her deliverance as an awkward yet charming high schooler is enough to sway the audience's hearts.

"Grease" is an eye-catching and visually appealing show; however as this performance is technical in its dance and songs, it remains lackluster in the characters' vulnerability — a fault of the script rather than the actors themselves. Choreographed by Christopher M. Albrecht and directed by Kari Hayter, each lends a hand to remarkable storytelling through the actors.

However, "Grease" exceeded overall expectations. Rightfully earning a resounding applause, the actors' song and dance technicality are enough to get the audience moving.

Grease" will run until Feb. 12 at the La Mirada Theater.

## HAM from front page

tact in the case of a disaster. "In case of an emergency, if the power goes down, if everything goes down, we communicate on radio frequencies," Bracy said.

Dennis Starbird, who has been licensed since 1997 and was a radio operator in Vietnam, explained that HAM radio could be used in simple situations, from traffic reports while driving to watching out for tornados or even talking to the space shuttle. Stabird said that he used the HAM radio installed in his car when he came across an emergency situation while traveling.

"About six or seven years ago, we were traveling through the Los Angeles Crest highway," Starbird said. "We came around a corner, and we just came upon an accident of a car versus motorcycle, and the guy was in terrible shape. As luck would have it, there was no cell service — no cell service — so I got on the radio. I managed to call someone from Los Angeles Crest into Whittier. I said, 'We have a person injured,' and they called the fire department, and we gave them the location, and we coordinated the whole operation."

Volunteers who attended the field day, like Starbird, could recount their tales, varying from making international contacts and interests with the hobby to first-hand accounts of emergency situations. Dixon explained that there is always room in the meetings for those interested in taking up the hobby or learning the trade.

"We probably [have] about 15 to 20 volunteers that are HAMs. I'm always looking for more," Dixon said. "We use people within the group for runners to hand carry messages between city hall and our radio room, and we also help mentor people to get their licenses."

HAM Watch holds meetings every Monday at 7 p.m. in La Mirada City Hall. No license is needed to volunteer, and Dixon said walk-ins are always welcome.

"Knowledge is power. So the more knowledge you have, the more you can make logical decisions to save yourself, your family, and your community members," Starbird said.

## GARDENS from front page

tions inside the city.

HMG-CN was told that the Gardens Casino is asking for twenty EV charging stations.

In other news, the city will be conducting its annual "City Birthday Celebration" in April of 2023. This year's celebration marks the 59th anniversary of the city's incorporation. The event will be held at Furgeson Elementary School and consist of a three-day carnival including live entertainment, food booths, games, vendors, informational booths and carnival rides. The dates of the carnival are Friday, April 21, 2023 through Sunday April 23, 2023.

The city received a contract proposal from Kastl Amusements, a full-service amusement company that will provide services for the carnival. Kastl Amusements has provided rides for the past ten years, and the community gave good feedback regarding their services. The company has provided services to many organizations, including Morongo Casino, Sony Pictures, Warner Brother Studios, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Downey and the City of Cypress. Contract highlights include 12 - 15 carnival rides, a food booth, 3 – 6 game booths, power for food and information booths and uniformed and professional employees. The 2021-2023 city budget has \$100,000 allocated for this event; revenue from ticket sales is estimated at \$30,000. The contract was approved by the City Council.

## AWARD from front page

and dedication of our City staff because it specifically highlights our desired intentions to communicate the city's finances to our community and our stakeholders."

The GFOA uses a checklist to review the county's ACFR to determine compliance. A certificate is only awarded if there is consensus among the Special Review Committee that an ACFR complies with GAAP and program policy. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting a noteworthy accomplishment by a government and its management.

## Bellflower Mayoral Transition



**BELLFLOWER** held its Mayoral transition last week and recognized outgoing Mayor Ray Dunton (center) for his service. With Dunton is from (l-r) Councilman Dan Koops, Mayor Sonny Santa Ines, Dunton, and Councilman Victor Sanchez along with representatives from the Bellflower Salvation Army.

## Free Museum Day Sunday Feb. 5

### Staff Report

As part of the Museums Free-for-All Day, dozens of local museums will be open free to the public on Sunday, Feb. 5.

More than 30 museums are participating including the recently-opened Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, the Japanese American National Museum and the La Brea Tar Pits & Museum and The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

The event is organized by SoCal Museums, a group of museum representatives with the aim of getting people into the museums.

"We hope this will be an opportunity to both revisit old favorites and see new exhibitions or to try somewhere new," said Briana Sapp, president of SoCal Museums, in a statement.

This offer is for general admission only and doesn't include ticketed entry into special exhibitions.

Some museums require advance reg-

istration and parking is not included.

Here are some of the participating museums.

Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana. 714-567-3600 or [bowers.org](http://bowers.org). They are having a chocolate festival this weekend.

American Museum of Ceramic Art, 399 N. Garey Ave., Pomona. 909-865-3146 or [amoca.org](http://amoca.org).

Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. 323-930-3000 or [academymuseum.org](http://academymuseum.org).

Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. 562-439-2119 or [lbma.org](http://lbma.org).

Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. 818-949-4200 or [descansogardens.org](http://descansogardens.org).

Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave, Fullerton. 714-738-6595 or [themuck.org](http://themuck.org).

*For a complete list of participating museums, go to [socalmuseums.org](http://socalmuseums.org).*