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## Conflicts of Interest are Rife as Cerritos City Council Attempts to Change Its Election Date

Council wants to move election from '24 to '25, Vo, Barrows and Solanki are up for re-election in '24, which should preclude them from voting to approve moving the election date.

By Brian Hews

The Cerritos City Council, at an upcoming, hastily called and questionably public noticed Monday, April 10 "Special Meeting," will vote to change the city's election date by repealing a 2021 city ordinance, moving the election date from April 9, 2024 to March 4, 2025, taking the election from a California primary election year

with a larger turnout to a non-primary, lower turnout year, while adding another year to all council member's terms.

If taken and approved, the vote will expose a conflict of interest involving Mayor Chuong Vo, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Barrows, and Councilman Naresh Solanki that should attract the attention of California's Fair Political Practices Commission and the California Secretary of State.

The idea to move the election date to 2025 was approved during two sparsely attended Cerritos City Council summer meetings conducted April 28, 2022 and July 28, 2022, with Councilmember Bruce Barrows making

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## 'Involuntarily' Removed Cerritos High Principal Pat Walker to be Reinstated

By Brian Hews

On March 18, 2023, Los Cerritos Community Newspaper learned that Cerritos High Principal Patrick Walker was "involuntarily" removed from his position this past Friday.

An email obtained by LCCN from Walker to CHS parents read, "For those of you who could not make it to today's lunch meeting, I wanted to give you a brief synopsis: I am being involuntarily transferred to another school site (the location has not yet been determined) for the 2023-24 school year. Dr. Lois explained that the new Principal could be appointed by the district or could be selected through an interview process. There will be more information by the end of next week. I am heartbroken to be leaving the school I love. Yet, I am proud of all that WE have accomplished together these past nine years. No matter what the future holds for me...rest assured...I will always be a Don!

In addition, sources told LCCN that some CHS front

office administrators would be removed.

"Certain parents are running the school," an inside source who wanted to stay anonymous told LCCN, "if you

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## New Resources for Students Offered at ABCUSD

By Fatima Durrani

Many new and continuing opportunities for students within the ABC Unified School District were announced at the ABCUSD board meeting on April 4.

President of Cerritos College, Jose Fierro, noted a significant increase in students finishing their degree or certificate within two years at Cerritos College. There has been an 87% increase in comparison to four years ago.

The Falcon's Nest at Cerritos

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## HISTORY DAY CHAMPIONS IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS

HISTORY DAY is a national competition where students select a historical topic related to an annual theme. Three teams from Fedde MS won in their category and will advance to the 2023 National History Day-CA state contest to be held from April 14-16 at Sacramento State University.

## Hawaiian Gardens Students Triumph at Los Angeles History Day

By Brian Hews

Fedde Elementary School (Fedde) students participated in History Day LA early this month. Over 450 students, including teams from the Los Angeles region, participated in the event. The Fedde team was comprised of 17 students.

"We are beaming with pride," said Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio. "We applaud our local students for their success and are rooting for those who will advance to the state competition."

The Fedde team's projects focused on this year's theme, Frontiers in History, and included exhibits, performances, and a documentary. The school's students were triumphant at this year's event, winning multiple awards. Three teams prevailed in their category and will advance to the 2023 National History Day-CA state contest to be held from April 14-16 at Sacramento State University. Those advancing will represent the school, the city of Hawaiian Gardens, and Los Angeles County while competing for a chance to advance to the Na-

tional in Washington, DC.

History Day is a national competition where students select a historical topic related to an annual theme. Team members must conduct extensive research, write detailed annotated bibliographies, compose a 500-word process paper, build a 6-foot-tall display exhibit, script and perform a 10-minute play or create a 10-minute documentary, and interview with judges.

Students who participate in

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## CSULB Students Protest to Walk the Stage for Graduation

By Fatima Durrani

More than 20 angry students gathered in front of Brotman Hall on the campus of California State University Long Beach, protesting the university's decision to hold their commencement at LA Angel's Stadium; an event that will exclude calling the names of graduates or letting them

walk the stage.

Students are enraged that they don't get the same experience as other universities where they get to walk the stage proudly.

For three years straight, the university hasn't called names or let graduates walk the stage but instead displayed it on a jumbotron's slideshow. Students have continued to protest

hoping to change the CSULB administrator's decision.

"Communication from the university hasn't really been clear, so there are a lot of potential unknowns," said Elrachid to the Daily 49er. "I personally really want my family to watch me walk across the stage...my parents are both immigrants, and I'm the first

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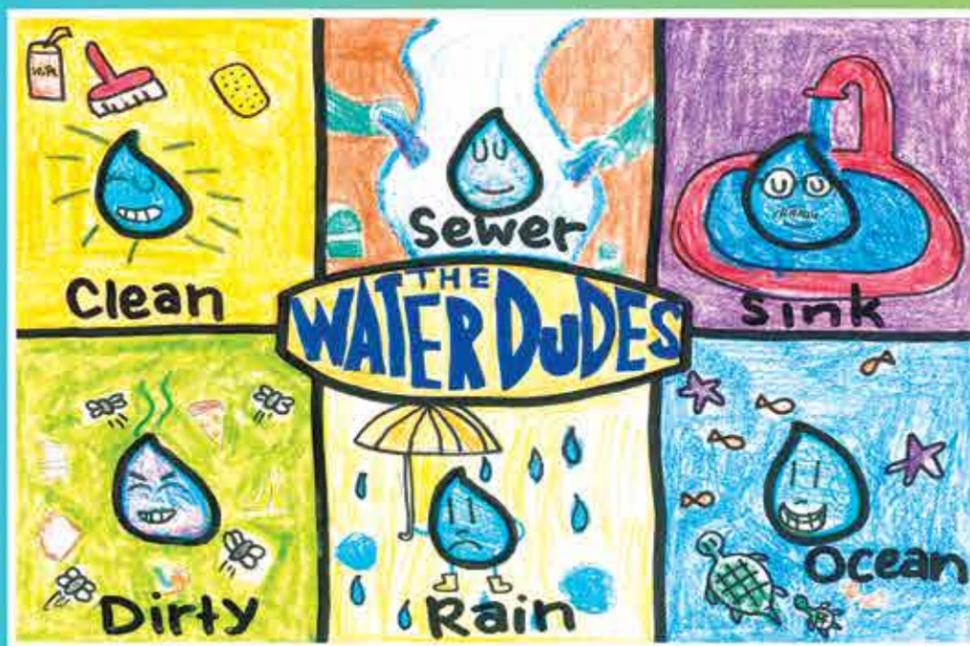
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**BAKER TO VEGAS TEAM:** B to V is a grueling 120-mile course run similar to a relay race, teams run for a few miles then hand off to another team ending in Las Vegas at the Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino.

The 2023 Lakewood Station Baker to Vegas team placed 3rd in the station category only behind LAPD/Southeast Division and LASD/Century.

The Challenge Cup / Baker to Vegas Relay was the vision of Los Angeles Police Officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore. It was spawned following the format laid by the LAPD Metro Division's "Death Valley Relay."

The first Challenge Cup Relay start line was located on California Highway 127 in front of Baker High School.

The finish line, as it was in 1985, was on Nevada Highway 160 at the intersection of Blue Diamond, 119 miles away and just 13 miles short of Las Vegas.

Today it is the largest law enforcement event of its kind in the World with teams participating from Calgary Canada, RCMP both men and women, Berlin and Hamburg Germany and law enforcement

teams throughout the United States.

The Challenge Cup/Baker to Vegas Relay is truly a National and International event.

Eight hours after the last team finishes, an Awards Ceremony is held in the Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino Pavilion for over 6000 runners and support personnel; several thousand family members and friends; and almost a thousand race volunteers.

The Lakewood team trained very hard all year, determined to improve their time from last year, and they accomplished their mission.

The team averaged an under 8-minute mile pace for the grueling 120-mile course, which is a great accomplishment.

The team captains and support team are very motivated and will continue to train with lots of determination for next year.

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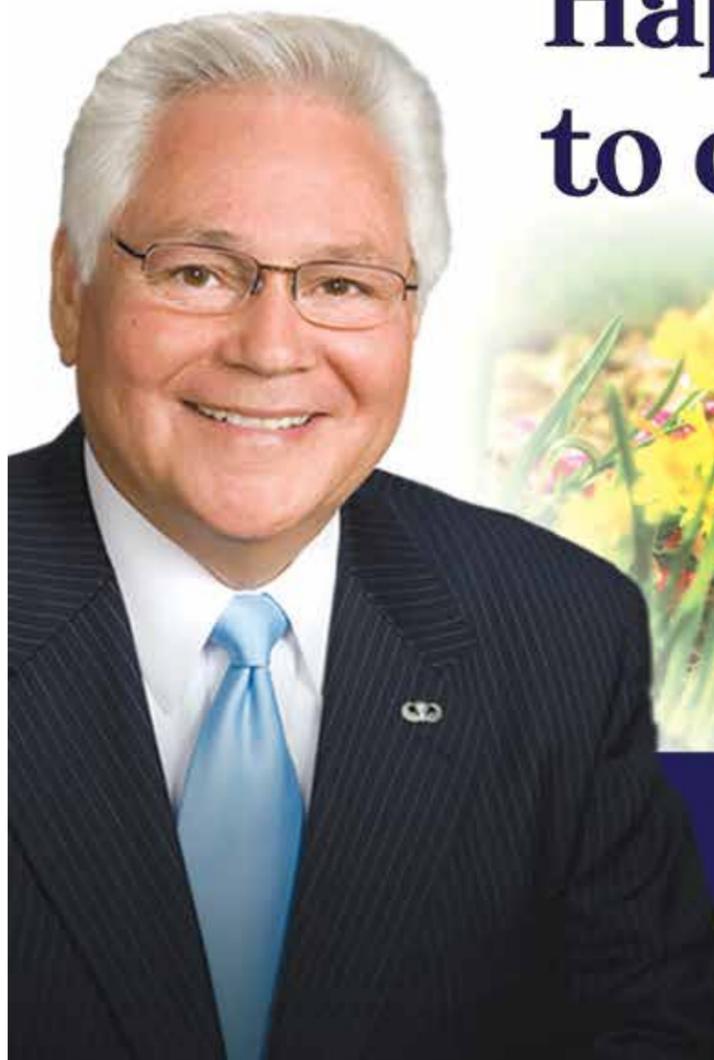
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## Asm. Carrillo's Bill Will Cut Community Newspaper Revenue, Violates Gov't Code

Former Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco is also in favor of the bill.

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 dealt economic blows to many industries, the newspaper industry being one of them. It was already hard enough after internet giants like Google took advertising while taking news for free, now a bill being supported by a California local politician wants to further harm newspapers and possibly create even more "news deserts."



Newly elected Asm. Juan Carrillo.

AB 542, by newly elected Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-39), pertains to self-service storage facilities, their lien property sales and how they are announced.

The bill has already passed through the Asm. Judiciary Committee 11-0; on that committee - casting a yes vote to hurt community newspapers - is another Assembly newbie and former Downey Mayor or Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco.

As it stands now, storage facilities are required to advertise lien property sales twice in a local newspaper of "general circulation" — once a week, for two consecutive weeks.

A newspaper of general circulation, as defined by Gov't Code 6008, is a paper that has been adjudicated in court certifying the paper is circulated in a certain city. The owner of the newspaper had to publish and had an office in the city for three years before even contemplating applying as a newspaper of general circulation in court. A judge looks at the documents and renders a decision; if approved, the paper is "adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation."

Carrillo's bill allows a storage facility owner to bypass adjudicated print publications and post on any publicly accessible non-adjudicated Internet website that customarily conducts or advertises online auctions or sales, violating Gov't Code 6008.

This would result in substantial lost revenue for newspapers, it is also grossly unfair to those newspapers who have attained the title general circulation.

The California News Publishers Association-made up of 66 daily, 310 weekly, 19 monthly and 30 campus newspapers-opposes the bill. Brenda Contreras, legislative director from Carrillo's Sacramento office, said in an email to a Valley Press reporter that they have a meeting with the CNPA scheduled soon.

The CNPA sent a letter dated March 6 to Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee and other members of the committee, to express their strong opposition to the bill "because it would deny those without Internet access to notices that are legally required to inform the public of various issues," the Valley Press report said.

"Public notice newspaper advertising is an extension of journalism that protects the authenticity of and access to public information," the letter said. "Please do not disrupt this vital aspect of service to the people."

The letter cited several key flaws in the proposed legislation, including eliminating necessary transparency that prevents conflicts of interest. "AB 542 contemplates reliance on [unadjudicated] niche websites as a resort for public information," the letter said. "Information consumption in the state contradicts this belief. More than 10 million Californians rely on home-delivered [adjudicated] print newspapers or their e-editions for news. The weekly circulation, unique web visitor counts and social media following of newspapers is a million-fold of websites that conducts or advertises online auctions or sales. "We don't understand why Carrillo would want to interfere with how news is delivered to Californians. We also don't know if he realizes the great financial impact that his bill will have on all newspapers in the state." Members of the CNPA and editors and publishers of newspapers across the state will reach out to Carrillo in the coming weeks asking him to pull the bill. Attorney Scott Talkov of Talkov Law, an expert on newspaper adjudication having successfully obtained adjudication for several local California newspapers while also defending adjudicated newspapers from unscrupulous attacks, told Los Cerritos Community News, "Another chance for certain industries to hide their actions from the public to the detriment of those whose rights are at issue."

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*If readers want to reach out to Carrillo and ask him to pull the bill, he can be reached at or [juan.carrillo@asm.ca.gov](mailto:juan.carrillo@asm.ca.gov) or [juan@juancarrillo.vote](mailto:juan@juancarrillo.vote) or [info@juancarrillo.vote](mailto:info@juancarrillo.vote)*

## New Rules to Know if Purchasing an Electric Vehicle and Hoping for a Tax Credit

Under complicated new rules released last week by the Treasury Department, only a handful of more than 90 electric car models for sale in the U.S. will be eligible for incentives that allow car buyers to claim a tax credit of up to \$7,500.

Since Jan. 1 vehicles have had to be assembled in North America and cannot cost more than \$55,000 (or \$80,000 for trucks and SUVs) to qualify for the full credit.

To be eligible under the new standards, they'll also have to be built with specific percentages of materials from the U.S. or countries with which the U.S. has a free trade agreement. This year, at least 40% of battery minerals, increas-

ing annually until reaching 80% in 2027, 100% in 2029.

The list of vehicle models that meet the new standards won't be available until later this month.

Getting out in front, Tesla announced the lowest-priced version of its Model 3, the bestselling car in California, will not be eligible for the full credit under the new battery-sourcing requirements, but General Motors said the Cadillac Lyriq, Chevrolet Equinox EV SUV and Blazer EV SUV will qualify fully.

The Biden administration argues that while the number of eligible models will be small at first, over time the standards will push automakers to manufacture EVs and parts in the U.S., strengthen the

domestic supply chain and create clean energy jobs.

EV adoption has started to pick up, with plug-in vehicles accounting for nearly 6% of new U.S. sales in 2022 and nearly 1 in 5 in California. But their higher prices still put them out of reach for many households. Nationwide, new EVs sell for about \$10,000 more, on average, than gas-powered models. That disparity hurts lower- and middle-income Americans, who are missing out on the benefits of EVs, including cleaner air and savings from lower fuel and maintenance costs.

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# Whittier Union Students Receive Real-Time Insight to Dangers of Impaired Driving



**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** from Pioneer High School receive theatrical makeup from the school's Cosmetology Club and a professional makeup artist during the "Every 15 Minutes" program on April 3.

WHITTIER – Pioneer High School students were witness to the real-life consequences of impaired driving during the "Every 15 Minutes" program, a two-day event held April 3-4 that included a simulated live-action car crash, rescue efforts, the dramatized death of students, an overnight retreat and a mock funeral.

During the program, Pioneer High students watched as a staged 911 call triggered an emergency response by local law enforcement agencies, firefighters and paramedics. The students saw victims treated by medical professionals, a crash survivor questioned by police and arrested, and a mortally wounded passenger placed on a stretcher and taken to the morgue.

The staged crash involved Pioneer High students serving in a variety of roles, including as car crash victims

and as a group of gruesomely made-up "walking dead" who stood silently observing the crash scene, while the Grim Reaper, portrayed by a Pioneer High assistant principal, moved about the crash scene with his sickle.

Pioneer High senior Ashley Villaseñor volunteered to play a crash victim survivor, channeling the memory of a car crash that her older sister was involved in, an accident that claimed the life of her sister's friend.

"I wanted to do this because it's important for my classmates to know what can happen when you drink and drive," Villaseñor said. "We think alcohol and smoking are fun things to do, but it can lead to tragedy if you are behind the wheel of a car...and not just for those in the car, but innocent bystanders and pedestrians too."

Pioneer High Associated Student Body president Jose Aguilar, whose parents were in a car accident in which the vehicle spun out and flipped over, echoed a similar sentiment, urging his classmates to be cautious about their actions.

"As high school students we can be a little naïve when it comes to driving. We think we can speed or drive recklessly and get away with it," Aguilar said. "We need to be more knowledgeable about how being distracted accelerates the risks when we are driving. It's a good lesson for all of us." For Pioneer High Principal Mary Chapman, the event required the participation of nearly every school administrator, teacher and staff member. Counselors and mental health professionals were available throughout the day to talk to students who found the simulation frightening or just needed to talk.

"We started planning this in the fall. It's all hands on deck," Chapman said. "Every Pioneer administrator, teacher and counselor was on board for this. Our own Cosmetology Club students, working with a professional artist, did the makeup on all our student volunteers. This is Titan pride at its best."

After the staging of the car crash, individual students were pulled from their classes to underscore the dire reality that every 15 minutes someone dies from an alcohol-related traffic collision. These students were taken to an isolated location on campus, and not allowed to communicate with friends or family, to further emphasize that they were no longer part of the community.

During an overnight retreat on April

3, student participants lost contact with family and friends and heard emotional stories from people who had been involved in or affected by drunken driving.

On April 4, a mock funeral was staged inside Pioneer High's gymnasium, during which parents of the student participants shared the emotional impact they felt in losing their child, albeit just for one day. Students then watched a video recap of the previous day's events and heard from guest speakers who spoke about drunken driving and the importance of understanding how it impacts family members and communities.

"Every 15 Minutes" is a national campaign focused on high school juniors and seniors that aims to challenge students to think about the dangers of drunken driving. The campaign encourages students to think about the impact that their decisions can have on their family, friends and community.

The two-day program was held in partnership with the City of Whittier, Whittier Police Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department and California Highway Patrol.

"Every life is precious, and we present the 'Every 15 Minutes' program to our students because we want them all to be in their caps and gowns when they receive their diploma during commencement," Superintendent Dr. Monica Oviedo said. "We want our students to have conversations with their friends, with their families, and understand the importance of being responsible adults at all times, but especially when they are driving."

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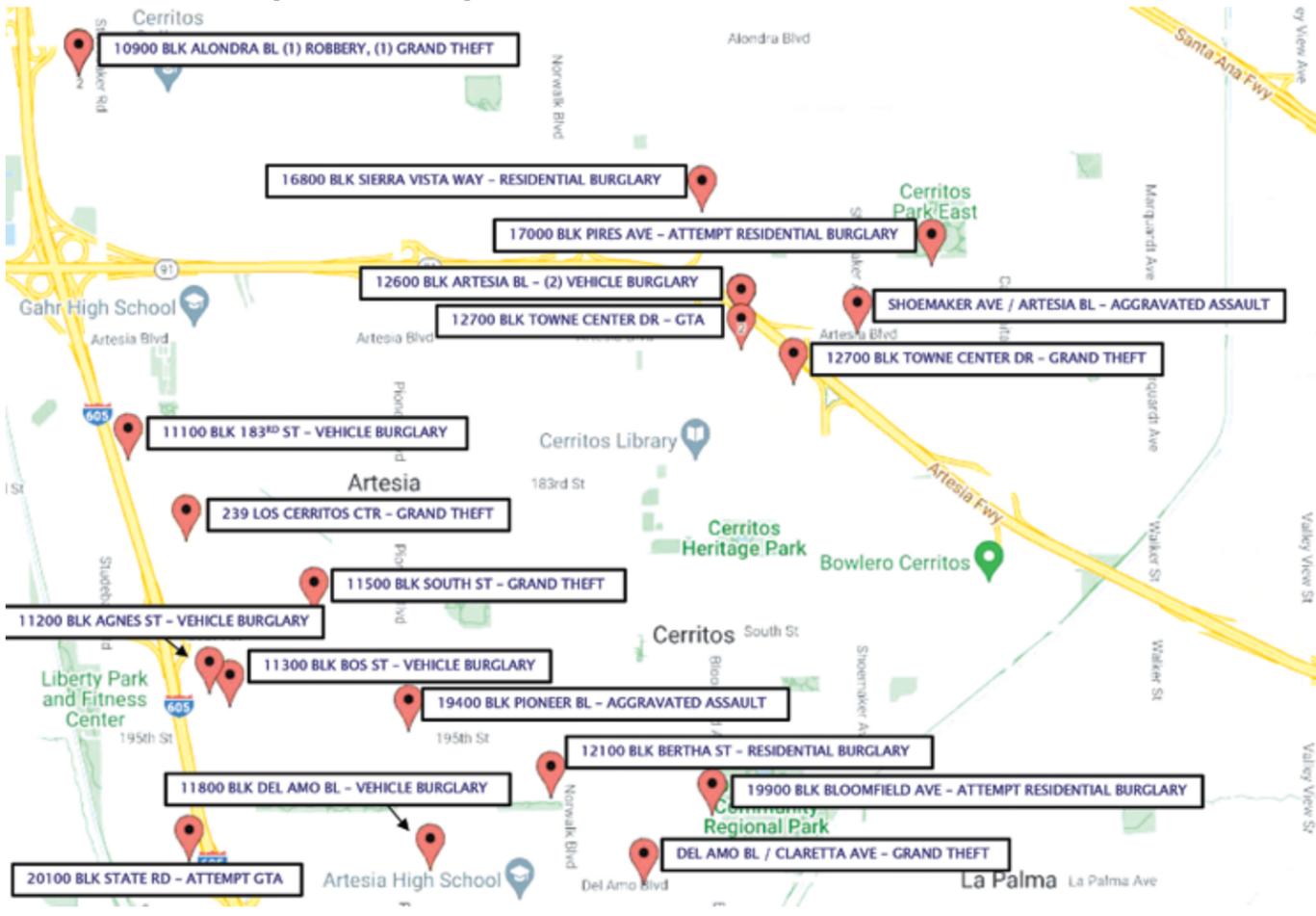
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# Cerritos Crime Map March 27-April 2, 2023



## Crime Summary

### La Mirada

Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023

#### Homicide

• A man was shot to death in La Mirada on Wednesday night.

Deputies responded at 9:16 p.m. to the 13900 block of Rosecrans Avenue, where they found the victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Lt. Mike Gomez of the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau.

Anyone with information regarding this shooting was asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500. Anonymous calls can be made to Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or sent to [lacrimestoppers.org](mailto:lacrimestoppers.org)

#### Notable Arrests

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

#### Robbery

• An evening robbery occurred on the 14700 block of Beach Blvd. This incident is still under investigation.

#### Residential Burglary

• A residential burglary was reported on the 13800 block of Foster Road.

• A daytime residential burglary occurred on the 14600 block of Dalmatian Ave.

#### Vehicle Burglary

• An attempt vehicle burglary was reported on the 14900 block of Valeda Dr.

• A burglary to a vehicle occurred on the 12000 block of Santa Gertrudes.

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

#### Grand Theft

• A theft was reported on the 15900 block of Imperial Hwy.

• An overnight catalytic converter theft occurred on the 14700 block of Valeda Dr.

• A catalytic converter was stolen on the 14900 block of Oakbury Dr.

• An early morning catalytic converter theft occurred on the 11700 block of Hollyview Dr.

• A theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14700 block of Jalisco Rd.

## Cerritos

A robbery occurred at the 10900 block of Alondra Boulevard inside a store. An employee asked the suspect as they were exiting the store to show him their receipt. This suspect lifted his shirt and showed the victim a handgun in his

waist band then walked out of the store.

There was four residential burglaries with various points of entry, including a window, rear patio, glass door, side, bedroom window and walking into an open garage. The burglaries occurred on the 12100 block of Bertha Street, the 17000 block of Pires, the 19900 block of Bloomfield and the 16800 Sierra Vista Way.

Only one catalytic converter was taken from a Mitsubishi. The car was parked at Del Amo and Claretta.

**PART 1 CRIMES** were 40 for the week, down from 45 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 44.5, 2022 YTD average is 37.6, an increase of over 18%.

**MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES** were 12 for the week, up from 6 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 12.2, 2022 YTD average is 11.1, a 6% increase.

**ALARM CALLS** were 38 for the week, down from 32 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 44.3, 2022 YTD average is 45.4, an decrease of .05%.

**CALLS FOR SERVICE** were 295 for the week, up from 309 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 321.9, 2022 YTD average is 322, negligible decrease.

## Body Found in Pico Rivera, Investigation Underway

A homicide investigation is underway in Pico Rivera, after a body washed ashore the San Gabriel River on Saturday.

According to a report from the Sheriff's Information Bureau, the body was reported at around 2:50 p.m., in the portion of the river nearest Washington Boulevard and Slauson Avenue.

The person, a male, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Anyone with additional information was asked to contact LASD homicide detectives at (323) 890-5500.

## Man Shot in Artesia

A homicide investigation is underway after a man was fatally shot in Artesia.

It happened just before 10 p.m. Saturday in the 11900 block of 168th Street near Clarkdale Avenue.

According to police, the victim was taken to the hospital where he later died. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500.

## SunSetter Accused of Delay in Reporting Dangerous Awning Covers

The Justice Department and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) jointly announced yesterday the filing of a complaint against SunSetter Products LP (SunSetter), alleging that the company delayed reporting a hazardous

defect involving protective vinyl covers for its retractable awnings.

The complaint alleges that SunSetter knowingly failed to immediately report to the CPSC that when bungee tie-downs securing its protective awning covers were removed, the retractable awnings could spring open unexpectedly with enough force to strike consumers and cause them to fall and suffer death or serious injury.

According to the complaint, the protective covers at issue were sold separately or given away as a promotional item with the company's motorized awnings between June 1999 and January 2019. The covers were recalled in August 2019.

"SunSetter knew for years that its product was hazardous, yet failed to tell CPSC as required by federal law," said Chair Alex Hoehn-Saric of the CPSC. "It took a tragic death and numerous other injuries before they finally took action - which is unacceptable. When a company continues to sell dangerous products - knowing they can cause injuries and death - it must be held accountable."

The Consumer Product Safety Act requires manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products to report "immediately" to the CPSC information that reasonably supports the conclusion that a product contains a defect which could create a substantial product hazard or creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death.

Additional information about the Consumer Protection Branch and its enforcement efforts may be found at <http://www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch>.

The claims made in the complaint are allegations that, if the case were to proceed to trial, the government would be required to prove by a preponderance of the evidence.

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## Hahn Allocates \$10 Million for Pico Rivera's Smith Park Pool



**SMITH PARK POOL** in Pico Rivera is in dire need of renovations. Its Aquatic Center was constructed in 1981 as a training facility for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, the facility will be called the Smith Park Aquatic Center.

This week, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn allocated \$10 million to fund the renovation of the Smith Park Pool in the Pico Rivera.

The pool closed during the pandemic.

During the closure, the city identified major issues with the pool that made its operation unsafe, and it has remained closed ever since.

The renovations, made possible by the funding allocated today, will allow the Pico Rivera to reopen the upgraded facility as the new Smith Park Aquatic Center.

“Community pools like the one at Smith Park make for great neighborhoods. Kids, student athletes, seniors, and everyone in between benefit from access to a pool and all the classes and exercise programs it provides,” said Chair Janice Hahn, who represents Pico Rivera. “Pico Rivera residents have missed their pool. I look forward to throwing these doors open again.”

Smith Park is located next to two high schools, an elementary school, and a senior center. Its Aquatic Center was constructed in 1981 as a training facility for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

Since then, it served over 10,000 patrons annually until its closure. The

renovation will include replacement of the entire pool casing, replacement of the deck, pool furnishings and equipment, heaters/boilers, and a new chemical room, storage area, pool building, lighting, and security enclosure fencing. Hahn’s \$10 million contribution from the County represents the largest single source of funds for the center’s renovation.

“On behalf of the Pico Rivera city council and the entire community, we extend our deepest gratitude to Supervisor Hahn for her unwavering support in securing the 10 million dollars to fund our Aquatics Center at Smith Park. This investment in our community will provide a safe and fun place for our families to enjoy for generations to come. We are proud to have a partner like Supervisor Hahn who shares our commitment to the health and well-being of our residents,” said Mayor Erik Lutz, Pico Rivera City Council.

Hahn has made aquatic facilities and programming a priority. In October she opened the new Greater Whittier Aquatic Center, and in December allocated \$4 million to transform a pool in Bell Gardens into a regional Aquatics Center. In January the Board approved her motion to allocate \$8.9 million for needed capital improvements to 19 of the 30 County-owned pools.

## Interact With Taiwanese Kids at Virtual Summer Camp

Dr. Shin Liu of Cerritos and Rio Hondo Community Colleges has announced another opportunity to interact by Zoom with students in Taiwan.

Volunteers share conversational topics about California, their cities, culture, activities, tour attractions and their work experiences.

Volunteers for the Virtual Summer Camp last year found the students very eager to learn about Southern California.

Volunteers took them on a virtual tours of their houses and they were fascinated to see a swimming pool along with many fruit trees.

Many of them live in apartments and do not have the spacious backyards that U.S. residents have here.

They were very impressed at the size of a typical, 2-story Cerritos house.

Some students were also taught American Sign Language, as the curriculum is quite open and depends on the interests and expertise of the volunteers.

Students come from various el-

ementary and secondary grade levels in both Taipei and New Taipei City on the island of Taiwan.

While it is morning there, the teaching times for volunteers here is 7-9 pm. There is a relatively small time commitment of 3 evening classes at either session:

Week 1 is 7/18-7/20.

Week 2 is 7/25-7/27.

Volunteers are both local students and adult community volunteers from many walks of life.

Registration to participate in this fun, international experience is now until May 30, 2023.

A link for suggested teaching material is suggested at: <https://talk2native-speakers.com/teaching-materials/>

**To sign-up for this brief time commitment to an enriching experience promoting international relations, email Professor Liu: [shinliu2020@gmail.com](mailto:shinliu2020@gmail.com)**

## Cerritos Officials Attend Conference in D.C.



**CITY LEADERS** were presented with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in their communities thanks to historic federal investments in infrastructure and advanced manufacturing through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022. The Congressional City Conference (CCC) provided local leaders with the tools and connections to help build a brighter future for their cities. First Lady Dr. Jill Biden spoke at the Closing General Session. Pictured here is (l-r) Cerritos Senior Assistant City Manager Torrey Contreras, Councilpersons Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama and Nezly Silva and Richard Cesar, both with the United States Department of Labor.

## Linda Sánchez Delivers \$977,000 to Norwalk



**NORWALK OFFICIALS** with Congresswoman Sánchez and the check tabbed for generators at Norwalk’s Senior Center and the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

This week, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) delivered a check in the amount of \$976,962 to the City of Norwalk, funding she secured as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

Norwalk’s Senior Center and the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex function as emergency, temporary shelters for those in need during emergency events. However, these facilities do not currently have generators. The funding Sánchez secured will be used to procure and install dedicated emergency backup generators at each of these locations.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 was signed by President Biden in December and included funding for community projects that were requested by residents, organizations, and local partners in the 38th Congressional District.

Sánchez secured a total of \$28,428,707 for 15 community projects in her district.

“Having a reliable power source is incredibly important during an emergency,” said Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez. “These funds will be used to acquire backup generators and help ensure the lights stay on in our temporary shelters. I am proud to be here today to deliver this funding, and I will keep fighting to ensure our communities get the resources they need and deserve.”

“Norwalk Councilmembers and I are grateful for Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez’s unwavering dedication to our city,” said Mayor Ana Valencia. “Through her efforts, the funding for the installation

of dedicated emergency backup generators has been secured. This vital addition will not only provide a reliable power source during emergency events, but also guarantee the safety and well-being of those seeking shelter. We are immensely grateful for Congresswoman Sánchez’s continued support for the City of Norwalk.”

In addition to this project, Sánchez delivered funding for the following community projects:

- \$3,000,000 for the City of Artesia
- \$4,000,000 for Foothill Transit
- \$500,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles
- \$1,420,000 for the City of Hawaiian Gardens
- \$2,500,000 for the LA County Department of Public Works’ South Whittier Communities Bikeways Access Project
- \$620,000 for the LA County Department of Public Works’ Sunshine Shuttle Route C Electric Buses and Charging Infrastructure Project
- \$2,500,000 for the City of La Mirada
- \$2,211,745 for the City of Montebello.
- \$2,200,000 for the Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School District (NLMUSD)
- \$1,050,000 for the City of Pico Rivera
- \$2,000,000 for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments’ Workforce Development Program
- \$2,200,000 for the City of Santa Fe Springs
- \$750,000 for the City of Whittier
- \$2,500,000 for Water Replenishment District of Southern California

# Fun Easter 'Egg-turnatives'

## 4 creative alternatives to decorating eggs this Easter

**FAMILY FEATURES**

While decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back centuries, the high cost of eggs may make it more difficult for some families this year. However, that doesn't mean you can't find creative ways to keep the season special and create memories with loved ones.

With more than 140 years of experience, the Easter egg decorating experts at PAAS® are sharing some ideas and inspiration on fun things to do with your Easter decorating kit. These "egg-citing" alternatives to using traditional eggs can help keep those simple moments of connection and creativity alive:

**Pretty in Plastic**

Dyeing plastic eggs is an activity perfect for all ages with less stress and less mess since they don't crack or break when dropped. Dyeable plastic eggs also typically come in packages of more than a traditional dozen, offering more opportunities for creativity. Another added bonus: You can decorate your home every year with the finished product since they don't go bad. They are also perfect for DIY projects, such as making them into garland, hanging ornaments, place settings or gifts that can be used for years to come.

**Baked Easter Decor**

Instead of buying eggs, you can make your own baking soda dough eggs using 1/2 cup corn starch, 1 cup baking soda and 3/4 cup water. Combine the ingredients, roll into egg shapes and bake in the oven for 1 hour at 175 F then simply dye them as you would real eggs using your favorite PAAS egg decorating kit. Fun for all ages, these eggs can be turned into a variety of decor and mementos with kids taking the lead on mixing the dough batter and shaping the eggs before an adult helps with the baking.

**Creative Kitchen Canvases**

Coffee filters are good for more than just making coffee; they make perfect canvases for Easter decorating and naturally take dye. With 100-250 coffee filters per package, they're a cost-effective way to maximize crafting opportunities and let creativity run wild. Once dyed and dried, you can turn the filters into flower centerpieces, papier mache eggs, artwork to frame and more.

**Repurposed Treasure from Nature**

Kids often love to hunt for fun-shaped and colorful rocks when exploring outdoors or collect seashells while on vacation or taking a walk on the beach. Now, rather than storing them in a "treasure box" or throwing them back outside, they can be creatively decorated for Easter using paint, stickers, glitter, accessories and other add-ons. Some seashells can even be dyed. Using rocks and shells of all shapes and sizes is a cost-effective, low-waste alternative that allows children to use their imaginations for creative play once they're done decorating.

For more tips and ideas to make Easter "eggstra" special this year, visit [paascastereggs.com](http://paascastereggs.com).



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**Sustainable Tips to Avoid Egg Waste**

If you plan to keep the tradition of dyeing eggs alive this year, you can take steps to avoid food waste once you're done decorating. Consider these sustainable tips from the experts at PAAS:

- **Make Deviled Eggs:** As long as you refrigerate the eggs shortly after dyeing them, you can use them to make deviled eggs – an Easter brunch staple – for your family meal.
- **Create Centerpieces:** Dyed eggs can be used to make a beautiful centerpiece for your family dinner. Simply spread them over your table runner around other decor, fill a glass bowl or jar with the eggs or place them within a floral arrangement to add pops of color to the table.
- **Serve a Salad:** Eating the eggs saves you from food waste, and eggs can be used in a variety of salads, including egg salad, potato salad or chef's salad, to add a boost of protein and flavor.
- **Start a Compost Pile:** If you don't plan to eat the eggs once you're done decorating, you can create a compost pile near your garden. Hard-boiled eggshells are a rich source of calcium and other essential nutrients plants need.

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### Easter Bunny Rolls With Spinach Dip

Serves: 24

- 16 ounces frozen spinach, thawed
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 crescent roll tubes (8 ounces each)

Heat oven to 375 F.

In skillet, over medium heat, cook spinach, cream cheese and garlic 3-4 minutes until cream cheese is melted. Stir

in mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Keep skillet on burner over low heat.

Remove dough from tubes. Leaving dough intact, roll and stretch into 18-inch ropes. Cut each rope into 12 pieces for 24 total.

On baking sheet with parchment paper, form bunny head by placing one piece of dough in middle then surrounding it with six more pieces. Use 13 pieces to form round body. Use remaining pieces to form ears on top of head.

Scoop hot spinach dip into center. Spoon small portions on each ear. Sprinkle ears and belly with remaining mozzarella cheese.

Bake 18 minutes, or until crescent dough is golden brown and thoroughly cooked

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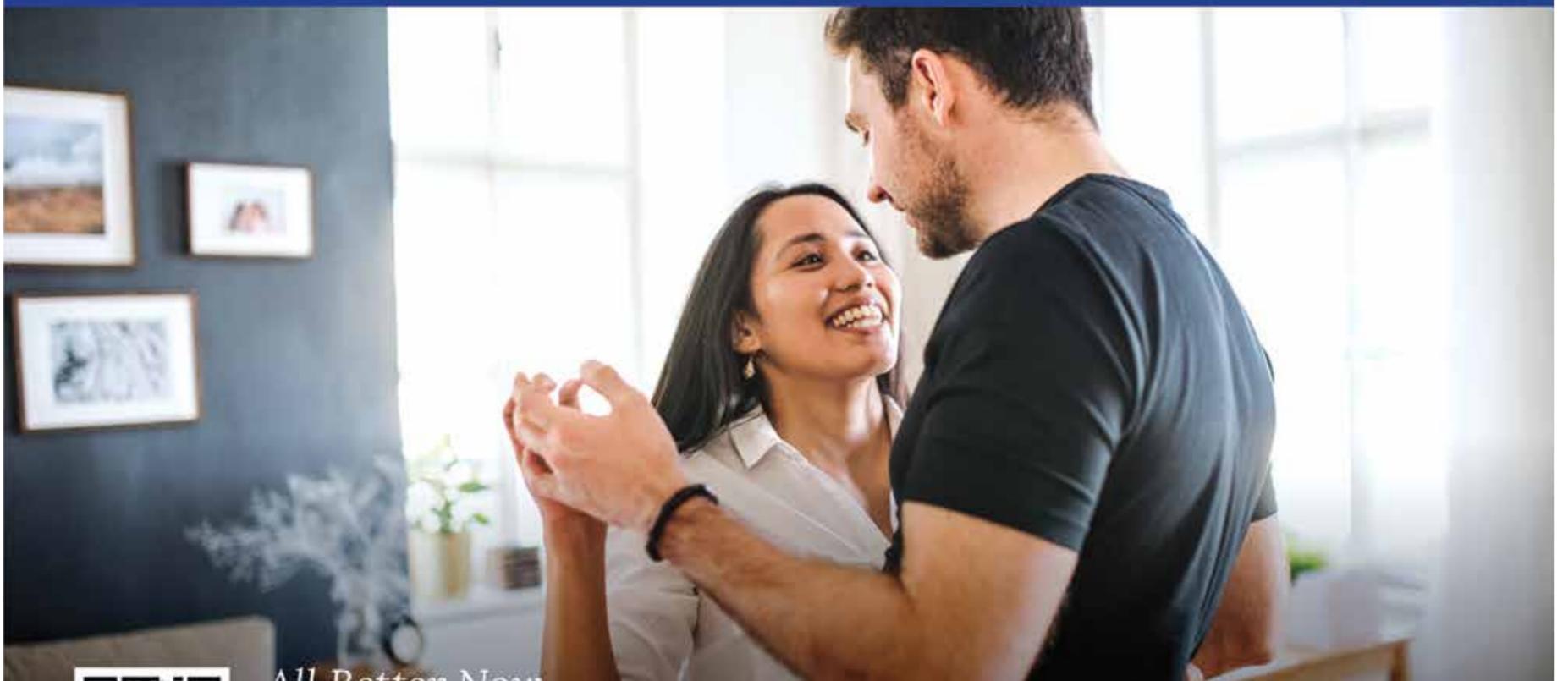
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**BASEBALL**

**Jeon's Performance Wasted by Poor Defense, Untimely Hitting, as La Mirada Falls to Servite**

**By Loren Kopff**  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

ANAHEIM-La Mirada High pitcher Eric Jeon was cruising against Servite High to begin last Friday's non-league game. But that's nothing new for the senior who had entered the contest with a perfect earned run average over 19 innings of work in five of his team's first dozen games.

But then the defensive walls caved in, making three errors in the bottom of the fifth inning and the Matadores came up short in a 4-3 loss. Three of the four runs Jeon allowed were unearned and he only allowed two hits in five innings of action.

"I thought he threw good the entire time," said La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn. "We made three errors in one inning. He gave up one hit that kind of hurt us and that was on an 0-2 count with the infield up. He gave up two hits in that inning, but the one that really hurt us was the one on an 0-2 count.

"He's tough to beat," he later said. "He hasn't given up a run all year and he still shouldn't have given up a run if we can make routine plays. But we have to make routine plays."

Through the first four innings, Jeon had thrown 45 pitches, struck out six batters, got four batters to groundout, one to fly out and the other to pop up. The only three-ball count he had to any batter was to Tomas Cernius but came back to throw three straight strikes to end the fourth.

However, things would change quickly in the next inning. An error allowed Austin Boatright to become Servite's first baserunner. Avery Jones would replace him as a pinch runner and



stole second, moved to third when Tyler Thorsteinson singled and scored on another error. A fielder's choice from Luke Wilson put runners at the corner before a two-out base hit from Kyle Buchanan on an 0-2 count made it 3-0. He would score the last run for the Friars on the third error of the inning.

Despite the pitching of Jeon early on, the turning point of the game came in the top of the second inning when a bad call from the umpires cost the Matadores of at least one run. Servite pitcher Miles Scott walked Jeon to begin the inning and two

pitches later, gave up a single to sophomore center fielder Travis Friend. After a strikeout, senior third baseman Alejandro Diaz laid down a bunt and a bad throw allowed Jeon to score the game's first run.

However, the umpires ruled that Diaz ran inside the base line, drawing the ire of Zurn who argued with the umpires for several minutes before the crew got together to discuss the play. In the end, Diaz was out on an interference call, Jeon and Friend had to return to their respective bases and a bases-loaded walk to senior Aidan Haller allowed Jeon to score the only run in the frame.

"That was a bad call," said Zurn. "The first baseman picked up the ball five to seven feet inside the line on the grass and happened to hit my runner. It

would have been a bang-bang play. So obviously as we can see sitting here right now, the first base bag is inside that line. He has to come back inside to touch the base. He said my guy, when the ball hit him, was inside the line and I argued and said that he's lunging for the base; he's striding to first base. What more do you want him to do? If we stay in the running lane, we're not going to touch first base. He said it was a lane violation and it was a turning point."

La Mirada left the bases loaded in the second and fourth innings and stranded 11 runners on base for the game. A strikeout with two outs and Jeon standing at second base in the third inning ended that threat and the bases were loaded with two outs in the fourth before a strikeout ended that opportunity. In the fifth, senior right fielder Benjamin Kim singled and stole second, then two outs later, junior left fielder Tyler Primanto was walked before a fielder's choice kept it a 1-0 affair.

"We've got to do a better job getting runners [home]," said Zurn. "I thought our at-bats were absolutely incredible today. We had a lot of hard hit balls, we took a lot of tough pitches, we got guys on base all day. Those clutch hits will come and hopefully they'll come when it matters the most come league time and playoff time. But we've been doing a good job all year long getting guys on. Now we've got to cash them in."

The Matadores (9-4) chipped away in the last two innings with solo runs. First, a two-out base hit from sophomore first baseman Maverick Russell followed by a double from sophomore shortstop Aiden Aguayo made it 4-2. In the seventh, Jeon led off with a double to the right field gap, went to third on a single from Friend and scored when senior pinch hitter Jonah Rouwenhorst grounded into a double play. Jeon and Friend each had two hits while four other players accounted for the other four hits the Matadores got off four Servite hurlers.

"That's the makeup of the group of guys we have," said Zurn. "They're going to fight to the very end. We say it every time before we take the field, 'play seven, play hard'. Jonah hit that ball hard and the shortstop happened to be shaded right there. But even in the seventh, we threatened with a couple of base hits in a row, and he smoked that ball up the middle into a double play. I can't fault that; you can't direct where the ball goes. All you ask is that you want to hit the ball hard."

La Mirada, which had two games from the Perfect Game Showdown at Great Park rained out Mar. 10 and 11, plus Gateway League contests with Gahr High and Warren High rescheduled for later this month, still has one more prestigious tournament on the docket-the Boras Classic, which will be played Tuesday through Apr. 14. But before that, the Matadores have a home and home series with Downey High with the second game being played on Apr. 6. On Saturday, they'll makeup a Feb. 28 rained out game at Warren. La Mirada is currently 3-0 in league action.

"Downey is good; [head coach] Jess Gonzalez does a great job," said Zurn. "They're well-coached, they're going to be scrappy, they're going to make routine plays. We have to show up with the energy we brought today to have a chance to win. If we don't, then it will be a dogfight."



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## 605 LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Cerritos Nearly Perfect in Rout of John Glenn, Moves One Step Closer to Bigger Prize

By Loren Kopff  
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Cerritos High nearly played a perfect game against John Glenn High this past Tuesday afternoon as the Dons began the second half of their league slate. Offensively, there was no stopping the Dons, who collected season highs in hits and runs as they blasted the Eagles 22-0.

Pitching-wise, Cerritos was one out away from a combined perfect game, only to be broken up by senior third baseman Joseph Chavez, who took a 1-0 pitch from senior Ryan Chamberlain and sent it into left field. Two pitches later a groundout from junior Benjamin Iniguez ended the game.

But the contest wasn't just about the final score as both teams have something to look forward to for different reasons. The Dons, who had lost two straight games, improved to 11-7 overall, 5-0 in 605 League action and are on target to win their fourth straight league title. It was also their third straight league shutout.

"Today was a big win, especially after we lost yesterday to Summit, and then coming back today to put it all together and get one more victory in league and one more win closer to that title," said Cerritos first-year head coach Chris Masella. "Hopefully we can bounce back on Thursday at their yard and continue to

play well."

Playing well was not a problem for Cerritos, which scored nine runs in the bottom of the third inning to bust the game wide open, leading 12-0 at the time. The hosts scored at least one run in each of the six innings they batted, and when the dust had settled, every starter had at least one of the 23 hits the team collected, eight had at least two hits, every starter crossed home plate at least a run and eight drove in at least one run.

The top offensive stars were sophomore shortstop Dalton Chi (four for six, three runs, two runs batted in), senior third baseman Paul Kim (four for five, five runs, four RBI), junior first baseman Elijah Pannell (three for five, five RBI, one run) and senior left fielder Raymond Sierra (three for five, three runs scored, two RBI, a double and a triple). Senior designated hitter Wyland Aulick and junior center fielder Johann Gibbs also drove in three runs each and the Dons batted around in the third and fourth innings.

"We're getting production up and down [the lineup], which is key," said Masella. "We can do a lot of things when that happens. We can be able to drive runs in, get on base; we're stealing bases. Everybody feels a part of the team; it's a team win. That's what it comes down to. When everybody is producing, it's a team win."

When the Dons were on defense, it was

all about junior pitchers Carter Chi and Jake Lake and Chamberlain. Carter Chi pitched the first three innings, throwing 30 pitches and striking out six. Lake threw 27 pitches over the next three frames and struck out four while Chamberlain needed a dozen pitches to get three groundouts. The only three-ball count to a Glenn batter came in the seventh when freshman starting pitcher Evan Perez grounded out on a 3-1 count. There were seven groundouts, three pop-ups and a lineout on top of the 10 combined strikeouts.

Because Cerritos, which is shorthanded in the pitching department, has four games this week, Masella didn't want to use Carter Chi a lot, hoping to save him later in the week since he still has a lot of pitches and innings to work with. He added that after the third inning, in which it was 12-0, it was clear that the game was secure and he could use other pitchers to help the team out.

In the other dugout, the Eagles have already eclipsed their win total from the last three seasons combined. In 2022, Glenn was 1-15-1 overall with the lone win coming at Pioneer High in a 10-8 affair and scored 43 runs. Glenn was shutout seven times and lost to Cerritos 6-2 at home before falling 11-0 at Cerritos two days later in the last game of the season.

This season, the Eagles won their season opener against Bell Gardens High 13-5, shutout Firebaugh High 5-0 in the fifth

game and blasted Firebaugh again 14-3 to improve to 3-5 at the time. The team also picked up a forfeit victory against Hawthorne Math and Science Academy.

"It's all about the demeanor," said Glenn head coach Gabriel Guzman. "Last year, our boys put their heads down too soon. There was a slight turnaround but it wasn't enough to come through as opposed to this year. We're just trying to keep the kids motivated regardless of what the score is. I don't see a score; I see them going out there to get hits and get outs."

After hosting the Dons on Apr. 6 to wrap up the home and home series, Glenn will be off until Apr. 14 when it travels to Lynwood High in a non-league contest. Glenn (4-7, 0-3) is hoping to pick up some wins against fellow CIF-Southern Section Division 7 counterparts Artesia High and Pioneer High in the final two weeks of the season and get back to the playoffs for the first time since 2019. Cerritos will face St. Paul High on Saturday and Paramount High on Wednesday in the St. Paul Tournament.

"They have a great program," said Guzman of Cerritos. "You can't take anything away from them. All the players come to play. Call it what it is, whether it's rhythm, brotherhood, gelling...it's everything. I have to tip my hats to them. They're a great organization; they're a great ballclub."

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

## Norwalk Continues Torrid Streak as Potential Mid-Cities League Title Looms Ahead

By Loren Kopff  
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If last season was a breakout season for the Norwalk High baseball team, then the Lancers are putting on a superb encore for this season. A trio of pitchers combined on a one-hitter against Lynwood High and Norwalk posted its sixth shutout, five coming in league action, as it blanked the Knights 10-0 this past Wednesday.

"The team right after we came out of Covid, we missed the playoffs by one game," said Norwalk head coach William Wenrick. "These guys...last year making the [CIF-Southern Section playoffs] and now, with all the seniors, it's the best season I've had since I've been here."

The Lancers went 4-19 in 2019, then split eight games in the Covid-shortened season. In 2021, Norwalk went 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the Suburban League before ending a seven-season playoff drought by going 14-13 last season.

But look at what the team has done this season. Since falling to El Rancho High 4-3 in eight innings on Feb. 17, the Lancers have now won 12 in a row with nine coming in league play. Norwalk needs two more victories to match the total the 1999 and 2005 teams had. And there are still six more league games plus three in the St. Paul Tournament left in the regular season. For added measure, the Lancers are ranked seventh in the Division 6 poll.

Senior pitcher Kaleb Nakano got the start and worked the first three innings, facing 10 batters, throwing 32 pitches, striking out four and walking one. Senior Gabriel Cancino worked the fourth and needed 11 pitches while senior Angel Rudy Gonzalez worked a perfect fifth

and sixth innings, striking out three and throwing 16 pitches.

Offensively, senior center fielder Randy Martinez and junior first baseman Joseph Davis each had a pair of hits with Martinez collecting two doubles while Cancino touched home plate three times. Eight of the nine starters had at least a hit.

"Like today's game, early in the game, they made a few mishaps, and we were able to score some runs, and I liked the way we finished the game," said Wenrick. "We were hitting the ball hard; hit a couple of ground rule doubles and we got a home run from Gabriel. So, the last five runs we scored, I was proud of the team there."

In the nine league games, the Lancers (14-2, 9-0) have outscored their opponents 102-7 and have yielded 27 hits. Even outside of league, Norwalk has quality wins over California High and La Salle High, both in Division 3 and Mayfair High, a Division 4 opponent which figures to battle Norwalk for the league title. It's two losses have been to California and El Rancho, another Division 4 team. But Wenrick is not going to make excuses for the new league, which has presented the program a golden opportunity to win a league title for the first time in over 26 seasons.

"These guys take it upon themselves," said Wenrick. "They get motivated for games like that. They're a mature team and they can kind of see what is out there and what they need to do to win. They really get up for the games."

"Our pitching is the strength," he later said. "We knew going in our pitching was the strength. During practices in the winter, we did a lot of inter-squads, having our guys face our guys because we knew our pitching was going to be that good,

and I think that helped."

The Lancers, who have 10 seniors out of a team of 15 will host Firebaugh High on Friday before facing San Pedro High on Saturday and Leuzinger High on Monday in pool play action. The final game of the tournament is slated for Wednesday before the team is off until Apr. 17. Not to look too far ahead, but the games to circle on the calendar will be Apr. 21 and 26 when Norwalk visits Mayfair.

"I've never won a league title and it would be nice to make a run in the playoffs, especially with these guys," said Wenrick. "It's a special team for me because I've built relationships with these kids and it's been a nice year so far."

In other baseball action, Artesia High, ranked 10th in Division 7, began a home and home series with Pioneer High this past Wednesday with the second game today on the road. The Pioneers (4-8, 0-2 in the 605 League) will also host Costa Mesa High on Saturday before visiting Kennedy High on Tuesday, Estancia High on Wednesday and Godinez High on Thursday.

Gahr High, the top-ranked team in Division 2, began the week with a 7-6, nine-inning win over Aliso Niguel High this past Monday and a 6-0 victory over Laguna Beach High the next day in the Ryan Lemmon Tournament. The Gladiators (13-2-1, 4-0 in the Gateway League) wrapped up the tournament this past Wednesday and will get back to league play on Monday with a road game at Downey High before hosting Warren High on Tuesday and going to Warren on Thursday.

Valley Christian High has dropped three straight Olympic League games plus a 2-1 non-league contest to Bishop Montgomery High this past Wednesday

to see its record fall to 5-9, 3-4. The Defenders wrapped up their home and home series with Village Christian on Apr. 6 and will host Torrance High on Thursday.

## SOFTBALL

Artesia went to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in league after slamming Oxford Academy 16-1 this past Monday before falling to John Glenn High 2-1 this past Tuesday. The Pioneers went to Whitney High on Apr. 6 in their last action until Apr. 18.

Cerritos High defeated Pioneer 9-1 this past Monday and Oxford Academy 14-0 the next day to move to 8-2, 3-0. The Dons visited Pioneer on Apr. 6 and will be off until Apr. 18.

Gahr fell to La Mirada High 7-1 this past Wednesday to drop to 9-8-1, 2-2 in the Gateway League as the Gladiators will visit Mayfair on Apr. 6 while Glenn, ranked sixth in Division 6, improved to 9-0-1, 4-0 as it visited Oxford Academy on Apr. 6 ahead of its home game against Bell Gardens High on Tuesday. The Eagles will then visit Pioneer on Thursday.

A 5-1 win at Downey this past Tuesday and the win over Gahr sent La Mirada to 14-6, 4-0 as the Matadores hosted Warren on Apr. 6.

Norwalk got past Paramount High 7-5 this past Monday and blanked Lynwood 15-0 the next day to move its mark to 10-5 overall, 5-0 in the Mid-Cities League. The Lancers went to Firebaugh on Apr. 6 and will entertain Legacy High on Monday.

Valley Christian got by Village Christian 5-4 this past Tuesday to improve to 4-2, 2-0 as it wrapped up its season series with the Crusaders on Apr. 6 while Whitney lost for the fourth straight time after a 13-0 defeat to Pioneer, falling to 4-5, 0-4.

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is a program that provides resources to students who need access to necessities. The resources include transportation that offers unlimited rides, food at Franco's Market and housing resources for homeless students.

"Asking a student to do well in a calculus class or algebra class when they have not had dinner the day before or breakfast - it's not fair," Fierro said.

Cerritos College has a network of food resources for students, including Franco's Market, a Trader Joe's style grocery store offering fresh food free of charge. The community college aims to support the students academically and meet their basic needs.

The ABCUSD is also offering summer extended learning opportunities for students within the district. The summer school programs for the year are for elementary, middle and high schools as well as for migrant and special education.

For grades kindergarten through sixth, both virtual and in-person enrichment and academic support programs will occur from June 20 - 30. The virtual opportunity offers a writing camp and math enrichment (if the parent chooses the option).

Middle school learning opportunities for incoming seventh and eighth grades offer the following program opportunities: Bridge to Accelerated Math, ELA and Math support, Prep Academy and Language Excels. The programs will begin June 14 with instruction at Fedde and Haskell Middle School.

The summer opportunities for migrant education offer educational programs at Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State San Marcos Migrant Scholar Institute. These programs focus on career and student leadership aspects.

For special education programs, early

childhood intervention and elementary programs continue to add more resources for those in need. All of the programs occurring this summer are mainly extracurricular.

During the public comment section, a community member suggested that pickleball be an incorporated sport throughout schools as it grows in popularity. He mentioned that he saw the tennis courts at Gahr High School hardly being used.

Pickleball is a two to four-player indoor/outdoor sport where players use a racket or paddle to hit a hollow plastic ball over a fence. With the growing popularity at Liberty Park, the resident suggested using Gahr High School's tennis courts.

During the public comment section, a Cerritos High School student said her basketball coaches started teaching her differently as the only Mexican player on the team. She said she was cut from the team without even being evaluated - which caused emotional distress.

"I don't know how this looks to you, but to me, this looks like racism, which shouldn't be tolerated," said the student, "especially not from five adults against one child."

Multiple residents expressed how the ABC board member's actions most impact students within the district and that the board should be more involved on the campuses interacting with students.

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are not in the clique, nothing you want will get done. Those in the front office are rude and very snotty too; this is a good thing."

Interim Superintendent Toan Nguyen, who removed Walker, had complete authority to remove administrators and could only be overridden by a majority

vote by the ABCUSD Board at a regular meeting.

Sources told LCCN that if it were placed on a meeting and brought to a vote, Walker would not be reinstated essentially exposing who wanted Walker removed.

Fast forward thirteen days and it seems certain ABCUSD Trustees have had a change of heart, maybe they saw their Cerritos City Council aspirations disappearing with the removal of Walker

LCCN has been told that Patrick Walker will be reinstated as Principal of Cerritos High School, which will please the sizable crowd of parents who voiced their displeasure at the Mar. 21, 2023 board meeting.

**Cautious of Coyotes in Cerritos**

Residents are advised to take the following precautions to avoid encounters with coyotes:

- Feed pets indoors.
- Eliminate potential food and water sources, such as fallen fruit or standing water.
- Keep yards free of thick brush and weeds.
- Enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times when outdoors.
- Keep small animals inside or supervised when outdoors.

A fenced yard will not protect small animals because coyotes can easily scale residential fences.

Domestic dogs are especially vulnerable to coyote attacks. Adult coyotes are mainly active at night or in the early morning hours, while young coyotes are often active during the day. California coyotes have adapted to residential neighborhoods, parks and open spaces in urban and subur-

ban areas. They are especially prevalent in areas bordering a flood channel.

Residents who see a coyote in their neighborhood should try to scare it away by shouting, throwing rocks, blowing portable air horns or acting in other aggressive ways in order to reinforce the coyote's fear of people. Motion-sensitive lights on houses or outbuildings may also deter coyotes from approaching.

If an aggressive or fearless coyote approaches you or your pet, consider the following tips:

- Shout in a deep voice.
- Wave your arms.
- Throw objects at the animal.
- Look the coyote directly in the eyes.
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one to own a degree."

A change.org petition, organized by student Zeina Elrachid, has gained over 18,000 signatures in support of the 2023 graduates demanding to walk the stage. Students also made a public statement to the California State University Board of Trustees meeting on March 21.

According to Elrachid, the administration appeared "dismissive" to the students' concerns. The organizer of the protest said that CSULB administrators are refusing to meet with students and respond to emails.

"It seems like not only are students not being heard, but we are actually

being ignored," Elrachid wrote on the campaign. "This is why we have decided to hold a protest on campus."

In response to an email request Elrachid made to Dr. Jane Conoley, president of CSULB, Conoley wrote: "You and other students are certainly heard. We've been working on this for two years to accommodate our thousands of graduates. I won't repeat all the issues I've already shared...I understand the disappointment but have heard very clearly that students reject even bigger fees. Angel Stadium is actually the more frugal alternative."

In contrast, Long Beach State will hold its cultural graduation celebration to honor different cultures with a personalized recognition of the graduates.

Participants in these cultural graduations will get the opportunity to walk the stage.

CSULB spokesperson Jim Milbury said that it's not practical for graduates to have their names read during the ceremonies. Milbury said the university is confident it will be a rewarding and celebratory moment.

In addition to the efforts being made the past month, students created an Instagram account titled @letsulb23walk, which provides daily information for students interested in protesting for the change. Flyers are also being put up throughout the campus that read "Let '23 walk."

"Even if it only took five seconds per person to walk across a stage and

announce a name, that would equal just under 21 hours of name-reading and stage-walking alone," Conoley wrote in a letter sent out to graduates.

Students have told other news outlets that they worked hard for this moment and are upset they don't get to celebrate it on stage.

Amelie Hernandez told a local online site, "This is just a slap in the face. My mom is blind, and I would love for her to hear my name. She's not going to be able to hear anything about me during the entire ceremony. It really means a lot to me."

Elrachid said that she's hopeful the media attention and pressure from students might allow the administration to reconsider its decision.

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CASE NO. DR 8-22-13345 AND  
MINOR MODIFICATION CASE NO. MDV 3-23-14079**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider a Development Review to allow the construction of five, two-story multiple family dwellings; and a Minor Modification to allow a 21'-0" front yard setback instead of the required 23'-4" front yard setback (a 10% reduction) on a 18,910-square foot lot within the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) zone on property located at 8721 Ramona Street. The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), because the proposed project includes the construction of five dwelling units in an urbanized area.

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

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

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

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**CITY OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 23-01  
5427 East Washington Boulevard**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a request from IL Saggio Restaurant for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 47, On-Sale General – Eating Place) at an existing sit-down restaurant, located at 5427 East Washington, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.31, Division 3 of the Commerce Municipal Code, a Conditional Use Permit is required for on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food sales.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Public Safety Conference Room, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, 90040, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Conditional Use Permit in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Viviana M. Esparza

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD  
DRAFT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

**Public Hearing:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Bellflower ("City") has prepared its Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan. The City is proposing to submit the Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funding from HUD, the City is required to prepare and submit to HUD an Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan generally describes how the City will utilize and distribute funds between eligible activities during the program year. For FY 2023-2024, the City expects to receive approximately \$866,001 in CDBG funds and approximately \$401,503 in HOME funds.

In accordance with the City's current Citizen Participation Plan, the City hereby notifies the general public of a public hearing on **May 8, 2023, at 7:00p.m., or thereafter, held at City Council Chambers, Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706** to accept comments on the City's Draft FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan. Please reference the corresponding Agenda posted at City Hall and on the City's website ([www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org)) for further meeting details, or contact the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220; or via email at [cclerk@bellflower.org](mailto:cclerk@bellflower.org).

**Public Review and Comment Period:**

The Draft Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on **April 7, 2023** and ending on **May 8, 2023**. This document will be available for public review on the City's website ([www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org)) and at the Front Counter of the Economic Development Department, Bellflower City Hall, Second Floor.

Questions and written comments regarding the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan may be addressed to the following: City of Bellflower, Economic Development Department, Attn: Management Assistant, Karla Pineda, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 or email [kpineda@bellflower.org](mailto:kpineda@bellflower.org).

Those desiring further information should contact Management Assistant, Karla Pineda, at (562) 804-1424 Ext. 2013 or [kpineda@bellflower.org](mailto:kpineda@bellflower.org).

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA  
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on April 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to approve the issuance of revenue bonds by the California Enterprise Development Authority for Heights Christian Schools, located at 12200 Oxford Drive, La Mirada, California 90638.

At the hearing, the City Council will consider the request, staff's report, recommendations and all other testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. If you wish to be heard concerning the item, 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. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. Please notify the City Clerk at least four days prior to the public hearing should you require a disability related accommodation.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk  
City of La Mirada

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPE RENOVATION  
AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 2023-02MISC**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPE RENOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN PROJECT and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, May 18, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

The work shall be done from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday thru Friday. The work shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment as shown in the PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The work shall be completed within 75 working days after the City's Notice to Proceed.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:00AM**, meet at City Hall Main Entrance at 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA 90040.

Estimated cost is in the range of \$362,000.

Contractor shall have a valid Class A OR Class B and C-27 California Contractor License for this project.

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC Sec. 6105)**  
Escrow No. 36779-AU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: B & B LAUNDRIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 12010 GARFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280  
Doing business as: SPINCYCLE LAUNDRY LOUNGE

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: SPINCYCLE LAUNDRY LOUNGE, 4876 EL CAJON BLVD., SAN DIEGO, CA 92115; SPINCYCLE LAUNDRY LOUNGE, 3553 W. TEMPLE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004

The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12020 GARFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280  
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) are: SOUTH GATE LAUNDRY, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 12020 GARFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280

The assets being sold are generally described as: THE BUSINESS, GOODWILL, FIXTURES, FURNITURE, AND FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, TOOLS, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, WEBSITE, LIST OF CUSTOMERS, TRADE NAMES, SIGN, ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS, FRANCHISES, LEASES, CUSTOMER DEPOSITS, AND SALEABLE MERCHANDISE FOR RESALE, STOCK IN TRADE, AND WORK IN PROCESS ON HAND and are located at: 12010 GARFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ESCROW MATTERS INC, 20300 VENTURA BLVD, #325, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364 and the anticipated date of the sale is APRIL 25, 2023

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. The person with whom claims may be filed is: ALEXANDRA ULLMAN C/O ESCROW MATTERS INC, 20300 VENTURA BLVD, #325, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be APRIL 24, 2023 which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.

Dated: APRIL 3, 2023  
SOUTH GATE LAUNDRY, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Buyer(s)  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
LOUIS J. COROSU  
CASE NO. 23STPB03267

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LOUIS J. COROSU.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LOUIS SCIARROTTA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LOUIS SCIARROTTA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower Ca. 90706 on 4/25/2023 at 12:30 p.m.

Najah Small – Cabinet

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Please publish on 04/7/2023 and 4/14/2023

# Whittier Motel 6 to be Converted to Supportive Housing



**SUP. JANICE HAHN** with officials from Holos Communities at the groundbreaking of a former Motel 6 located off the 605 Freeway Slauson exit across from Pioneer High School.

WHITTIER, CA – Holos Communities Executive Director & CEO Cristian Ahumada was joined by LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn (District 4), Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Executive Director Cheri Todoroff and others for the ceremonial groundbreaking of Holos Communities' newest Homekey site on Thursday, April 6th. The project, known as Laurel Grove, will repurpose a former Motel 6 located off the 605 Freeway Slauson exit across from Pioneer High School into 97 studio apartments and a community park. Laurel Grove is funded through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Project Homekey and the County of Los Angeles.

"Motel conversions are one of our most effective tools in our response to the homelessness crisis. They are quick and cost effective and I am proud that I have more Project Homekey motel conversion

sites in my district than any other Supervisorial district in LA County. I am grateful for the support we have gotten from local residents here in West Whittier and I appreciate the care that Holos Communities has taken to make this project an asset to the neighborhood. I am looking forward to being back here next summer when there aren't just motel rooms here but homes for 97 people who need them." said LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Laurel Grove will provide 97 units of housing and features several sustainability features for tenants and the community, including a pocket park that builds community and reduces temperatures during periods of extreme heat. Laurel Grove will be the second Holos properties to feature a Living Lung – an extensive landscape of carefully selected trees and plants designed to reduce air, noise, and light pollution from the 605 freeway.

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the motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Naresh Solanki.

The City Council staff report cited "significant operational and legal challenges [would be] anticipated due to the election's close proximity to the California presidential primary scheduled for March 5, 2024," despite the fact Cerritos' municipal election was 34 days later on April 9.

The council opened the floor for public comment at the July 28 meeting, but it was reported that no one was there.

The motion to move the election date passed 3 to 2, with Vo, Barrows and Solanki voting yes and Councilmembers Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama voting no.

The approval set into motion a time-sensitive process to move the election date from '24 to '25, which was placed on the upcoming April 10, 2023 Special Meeting agenda, item 9D.

Under city and state law, the meeting to change the election date must be properly noticed, meaning the public must be given an opportunity to read the proposed changes and provide public comment; but even that process was questionable.

According to the staff report, the April 10 meeting was "properly noticed [Wednesday] April 5, 2023. Under normal circumstances, the city would also publish a "Notice of Special Meeting" in Los Cerritos Community News, which is the paper of record, alerting residents of the April 10 meeting, but a notice was not published.

Instead, the staff report indicated, "the meeting notice and agenda report materials were distributed [Wednesday, April 5] to the City Council and city staff, posted on the city's website and made available at the city clerk's office. The notices were also posted at the city's designated posting location and was emailed through the city's GovDelivery system to over 1,100 subscribers." There are nearly 50,000 resi-

dents and 16,000 homes in Cerritos

The April 10, 2023 staff report described in detail the reasons and process to move the election from '24 to '25 - but failed to mention the obvious conflict of interest that Vo, Barrows and Solanki will financially [and politically] benefit when they vote to move the election to 2025.

It was not a certainty that one or two of them would have been reelected in 2024; Barrows was appointed and has served nearly twenty years, residents have complained saying they want someone new, and those same residents complain that Mayor Vo is seldom seen in Cerritos.

Under FPPC rules and regulations, "a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on his or her personal finances. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests."

If Vo, Barrows and Solanki vote to repeal 1036 on April 10, they will add another year of financial benefits paid to them by Cerritos, while also cashing checks as members of outside municipal committees which amounts to thousands of dollars.

In one situation, Mayor Chuong Vo is taking "cash in lieu" related to his health coverage with Cerritos, meaning he has health coverage with his employer, the Torrance Police, and coverage with Cerritos, but instead of declining to take the coverage from Cerritos and saving taxpayers thousands, Vo takes the cash, which is nearly \$20,000 a year.

"To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties," the FPPC clause stated, "the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision."

Vo, Barrows and Solanki are in clear violation of FPPC rules if they vote to move the election date.

Several emails into all elected officials and the city went unanswered.

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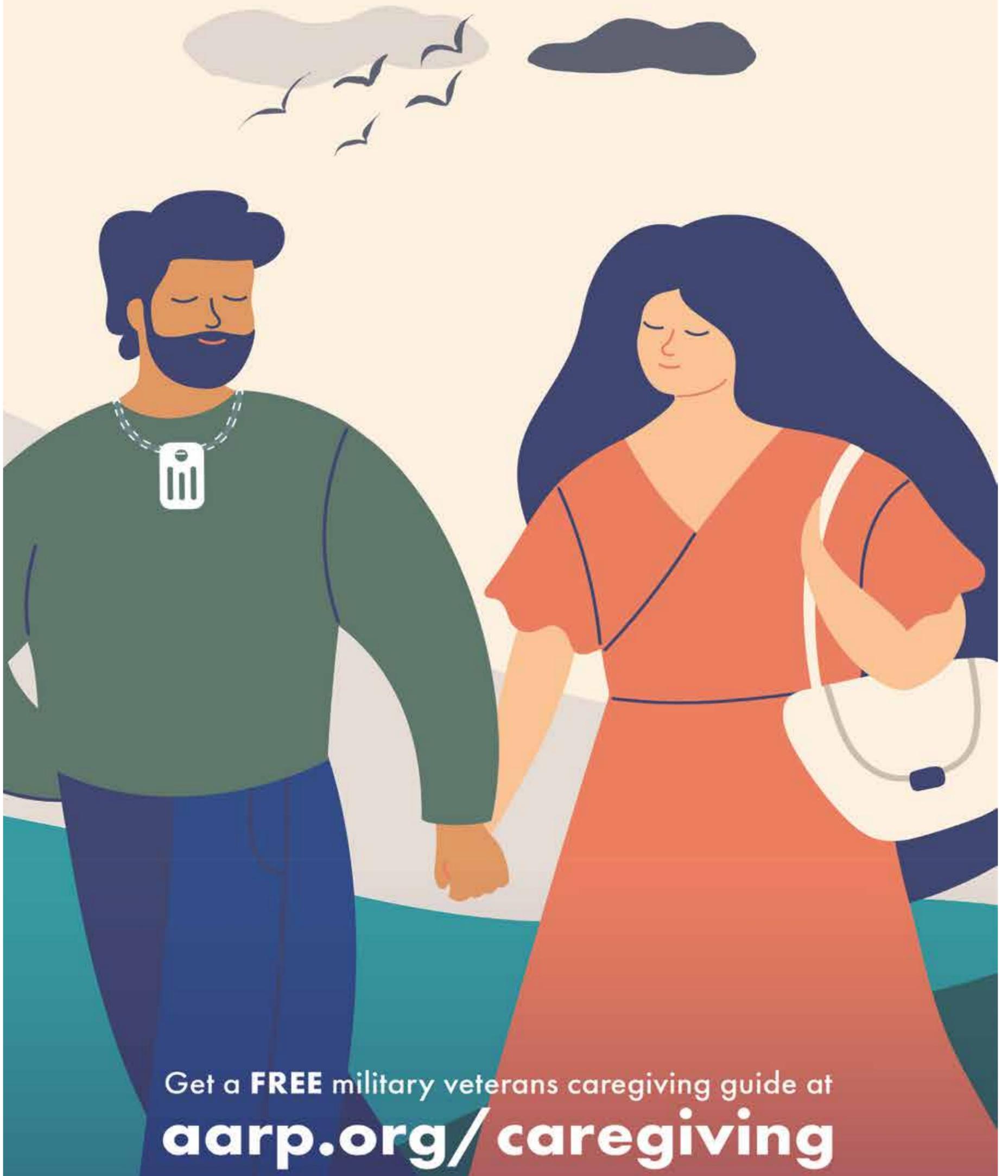
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