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ABCUSD Trustee Area Seven Board Member Dr. Chris Apodaca Resigns Due to Family Reasons

By Brian Hews

Los Cerritos Community News has learned that ABC Board Member Dr. Chris Apodaca, who has served for eight years, will resign his seat tonight to take care of an ailing family member.

Dr. Apodaca will make the announcement at tonight's board meeting, which starts at 5:30.

Dr. Apodaca served as president and was instrumental

in passing the infrastructure bond for the district.

In 2012 and again in 2014, he was named a "Presidential Management Fellow" semi-finalist. A competitive and prestigious program offered by the United States Office of Personnel Management on behalf of the President.

Dr. Apodaca is actively involved with various non-profits and faith-based organizations. Among them are: the ABC Education Foundation, Community Family Guidance Center, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Order of St. Lazarus, and the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

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ARTIST'S RENDITION of one possible station configuration for Pico Rivera's commuter rail station to be located near Paramount Blvd. and the L.A. to Anaheim rail corridor.

Metro Initiates Study to Build a Commuter Rail Station in Pico Rivera

By Brian Hews

An ambitious plan by Pico Rivera to pursue a community revitalization program that would position the city as a regional destination and includes a complete transit community plan using the future Eastside Gold Line Extension and the Los Angeles to Anaheim commuter rail corridor was given a stamp of approval recently by the Metro Board.

Pico Rivera's plan also includes improvements to the Rio Hondo and LA River bike paths and a Complete Street and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor along Rosemead Boulevard, a regional north-south rapid trans-

it corridor along Rosemead/Lakewood Boulevard that will eventually run from the Foothill Gold line on the 210 freeway to the Metro Blue Line in Long Beach.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high-quality bus-based transit system that delivers fast and efficient service that may include dedicated lanes, busways, traffic signal priority, off-board fare collection, elevated platforms and enhanced stations. BRT has advanced throughout the U.S. in the last decade as congestion has increased and community leaders have sought affordable transit alternatives.

At its February meeting, the Metro Board, via a motion made

by Supervisor Janice Hahn, Glendale City Councilman Ara J. Najarian, and Whittier City Councilman Fernando Dutra, directed Metro's CEO to work with the cities of Pico Rivera and Commerce to conduct a feasibility study and strategic plan for a new commuter rail station in Pico Rivera along the Los Angeles-to-Anaheim rail corridor.

The rail station would be located ¼ of a mile from Pico Rivera's Eastside Goldline extension on Washington Blvd.

The L.A. to Anaheim corridor uses passenger commuter rail and both Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe

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Bragg Elementary Students Presented With 2023 President's Environmental Youth Award

By Stepheny Gehrig

Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency visited Cerritos' Mary

mental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects developed by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD sixth graders Emma Cardoza, Hailey Cruz and Lauren Magsino, were awarded the 2023 President's Environmental Youth Award.

Bragg Elementary on May 8, who's three-member Green Team of sixth graders Emma Cardoza, Hailey Cruz and Lauren Magsino, were awarded the 2023 President's Environmental Youth Award.

The President's Environ-

mental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects developed by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people for protecting our na-

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MAN BRANDISHING WEAPON ARRESTED INSIDE COMMERCE CITY HALL

By Brian Hews

Yesterday at approximately 10:30 am, Commerce resident Dan Griffith, who sources say is friends with former Commerce Councilmember Leonard Mendoza, walked into Commerce City Hall and brandished what looked like a 9-millimeter

pistol but turned out to be an imitation handgun that shoots metal B-B's using a pressurized air cartridge.

"It looked like a real gun," said one resident who contacted Los Cerritos Community News, "as soon as I saw the gun, I ran out of the building."

According to witnesses, Griffith said he was going to shoot up the building and then fired a B-B into the ceiling.

Witnesses told LCCN that frightened customers and employees inside the building screamed and scattered, thinking it was an active shooter situation, only to finally see it

was a B-B gun.

Many were shaken and wanted to leave for the day; some called in today, still affected by the incident.

Residents who contacted LCCN said Griffith "seems to be mentally ill and has caused issues throughout the community, including trying to fight Commerce City Hall employees."

Sheriffs from the East L.A. Station arrived and took Griffith into custody around noon.

Griffith was arrested and charged with brandishing an


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Cerritos High School Mun Team Honored For Awards



WINNERS: the Cerritos High MUN team represented Japan and United Arab Emirates, clinching the Award of Distinction in Debate and the Award of Distinction in Research & Preparation.

Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council presented a proclamation to Cerritos High School for its winning performance at the 49th annual National High School Model United Nations Conference in New York in March.

The event provided high school students with unique opportunities to explore global problems in an interactive setting.

Under the direction of advisor Jason Watanabe, the Cerritos High MUN team represented Japan and United Arab Emirates, clinching the Award of Distinction in Debate and the Award of

Distinction in Research & Preparation.

Representatives of the Japan team included Kate An, Nikhil Bhakta, Jacob Cha, Ben Giordano, Mukta Dalal, Alisha Khan, Olivia Mendoza, Michal Mengistu, Madeline Jean Miranda, Shawn Nguyen, Tripura Sai, Yash Samineni, Khushi Sharma, Siddhartha Suresh, Sophia Wainwright and Yikai Zhu.

Representatives of the United Arab Emirates team consisted of Brooke Donar, Jonathan Guerrero, Xavier Juarez, Aaron Kim, Evan Kishiyama, Andrew Martinez, Shay Perna, Adarsh Saranathan, Logan So and Preston Yi.

\$30,000 Reward for Murder of Hawaiian Gardens Man

Staff Report

A \$30,000 reward is being offered in the search for a gunman who killed a 40-year-old father in Hawaiian Gardens.

The victim, Carlos Alvarez-Diaz, was driving with a 14-year-old relative when shots rang out, striking and killing him on the morning of Oct. 8, 2022.

Carlos was shot while driving northbound on Norwalk Boulevard at 226th.

Police found Carlos lying on the ground near his vehicle, with a gunshot wound in his upper torso. The 14-year-old passenger was also shot but survived.

“He leaves behind a wife, two girls, and a baby boy said the victim’s brother, Adrian Alvarez.

The shooter is described as a Hispanic man in his late teens or early 20s. He was

last seen wearing a black t-shirt and a black beanie.

Carlos’ family said they still have no idea why he was targeted. They feel heartbroken he died in an area where he grew up and felt the safest.

Loved ones said Carlos was a family man whose greatest joys were his two daughters and his unborn son. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

“My brother was not a gang member,” said Adrian. “He was not looking for trouble. He was just driving his car around and unfortunately, he was the victim of a senseless act of violence.

Anyone with information is asked to call LASD at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at lacrimestoppers.org.

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FENTANYL-RELATED DEATHS AMONG KIDS ON THE RISE

Illicit opioids are now driving a new crisis among kids in the United States: Fentanyl poisonings.

A new study published in JAMA Pediatrics by Yale Medicine's Julie Gaither, PhD, MPH, RN, examines the extent to which the nation's fentanyl crisis affects kids across America.

Fentanyl was implicated in 5,194 (38%) of the 13,861 fatal pediatric opioid poisonings between 1999 and 2021.

In 1999, only around 5% of opioid deaths in children were due to fentanyl.

In 2021, the drug was responsible for 94% of deaths; nearly 70,000 U.S. adults fatally overdosed on fentanyl, the biggest spike in overdose deaths in the country's history. That same year, there were 1,557 pediatric deaths from fentanyl, and 40 infants and 93 children between the ages of 1 and 4 died because of the opioid, according to the study.

Pediatric deaths from fentanyl began to rise substantially in 2013, around the same time fentanyl deaths also trended upward for adults.

Since 2013, pediatric deaths from fentanyl have risen 3,000%.

Gaither wants parents and caregivers to know these deaths are entirely preventable. Having Narcan or naloxone on hand can save a child's life. Naloxone is safe for kids of all ages and most states now have standing orders that allow pharmacists to dispense the medication to anyone in need.

Given that the majority of fentanyl poisonings in kids occur in the child's own home, it is also important that parents know to keep their drugs/medications in a locked medicine cabinet or box and properly dispose of them when they are no longer needed—police stations and pharmacies often can collect and dispose of these old or unused prescriptions.

Gaither notes that since the opioid epidemic began nearly twenty-five years ago, no study has yet reported on national trends in fentanyl poisonings among young children.

In the sturdy Gaither says, "Fentanyl is increasingly taking a toll on the most vulnerable in this country. In 2021 alone, there were 133 deaths from fentanyl among children younger than 5 years of age. We must do more to protect kids from this lethal drug." Fentanyl-related deaths among children increased more than 30-fold between 2013 and 2021, illustrating the opioid crisis' unrelenting impact across the United States.

"No child should be dying from an opioid," Gaither said. "It is not just a crisis that is affecting the adult population. It is something that's affecting everyone in this country, the most vulnerable, even infants."

When the crisis ramped up in the late 1990s, opioids were overprescribed and people developed substance use disorders. Since 2013, most fatal overdoses have been caused by illegally manufactured opioids, but the death data do not distinguish where or how the drugs were obtained, Gaither said.

"The problem is getting worse, and we haven't addressed it," Gaither said.

Trends among teens mirror those seen in adult opioid misuse, according to the study. There was a nearly threefold increase in deaths among older adolescents between 2018 and 2021. Most deaths (89.6%) were among adolescents aged 15 to 19 years.

"I've talked to families, and they didn't even know they were using fentanyl, and then they're gone," said Dr. Keith Humphreys, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University.

But for young children, exposure usually happens at home, Gaither said.

According to the study, 43.8% of deaths among people under 20 occurred at home. About 87.5% of those overdoses were unintentional, and benzodiazepines were found in 17.1% of cases.

Deaths peaked across all age groups in 2020 and 2021, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly half of all youth fatal overdoses occurred during the pandemic, according to the study.

Gaither said safe storage and disposal of prescription medication is needed to prevent children from accessing opioids at home. Greater emphasis should be put on harm reduction, she said, including increasing access to the overdose-reversal drug naloxone, also known as Narcan, in homes.

"By taking these protective measures and looking at how kids are affected by this crisis, we can do better to protect them," Gaither said.

AC Retrofit Pilot Program at Los Cerritos Center

LCCN Staff Report

The Macerich Company, owner of Los Cerritos Center, and one of the nation's leading owners, operators and developers of retail and mixed-use properties in the US, is working with Motus Power and Turntide Technologies to help decarbonize and reduce energy consumption at 23 of its mall locations across the country.

Motus is using Turntide's AC motor and running a pilot program at the Los Cerritos Center that came back with impressive results; 56% in energy savings over the existing AC.

"Macerich has a goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. By working with Motus Power and Turntide, we're able to accelerate our energy reduction program

without impacting our daily operations or shopper experiences," said Ryan Knudson, vice president of corporate responsibility & sustainability, Macerich. "Like upgrading to LED lighting, retrofitting our HVAC systems with high-efficiency motors offers the benefits of reducing both operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions."

Turntide's motors are currently in 18 shopping center locations across the U.S.

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Range hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, except for Thursday when hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The main golf course remains closed.

The golf course was closed last December after a gasoline leak was identified on a privately owned existing pipeline on site.

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CERRITOS CITY COUNCILMEMBERS Frank Yokoyama and Lynda Johnson attended "Lakewood Celebrates" a ceremony honoring community volunteers, recognizing notable accomplishments of residents and introducing new members of local legislative offices and city employees.

Fight Cancer at Your Local Stater Bros.

Staff Report

Stater Bros. Charities and Stater Bros. Markets are joining forces for a third year to raise funds to support pediatric cancer patients at City of Hope now through Sunday, May 21, at all Stater Bros. locations using the Kids 4 Hope in-store campaign.

City of Hope, is a renowned research and treatment center for cancer, and a world leader in treating blood disorders that occur most often in children, adolescents and young adults.

Stater Bros. shoppers will be able to donate at any check stand by purchasing

\$1 and \$5 mobiles when they check out with their purchases. Donations will also be accepted online or by texting KID-S4HOPE to 41444.

Funds collected during the campaign will support programs at the City of Hope including Child Life Services, Patient Navigation, Academic Advocacy, Transportation Assistance, and Pediatric Palliative Care.

To learn more about the Kids 4 Hope campaign, visit staterbros.com/help-take-precious-steps-in-the-fight-against-pediatric-cancer.

West Coyote Hills 'Initial Trails' Now Open in Fullerton

By Huy Nguyen

Fullerton residents looking for a new local hike to conquer can now visit West Coyote Hills Initial Trails, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at Sunny Hill Church of Christ on Saturday to celebrate the trails' opening to the public.

In 2021, Fullerton purchased two plots of 24.1 acres of West Coast Hills for \$18.04 million from Chevron solidifying the city's ownership of the entire east side of West Coyote Hills at 218 acres, including the Robert Ward Nature Preserve.

To build the trail, the city raised more than \$20 million in grant funding from multiple agencies, including the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the California Wildlife Conservation Board and the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Fullerton Mayor Fred Jung said the West Coast Hills Initial Trails took 50 years to make, and it is critical for the Fullerton community to have this open space for every generation.

"There is a necessity to have the ability to connect with nature," Jung said. "And this gives a visceral opportunity for everyone, young and old, in our community to come and enjoy the outdoors.

"This is a real collaborative effort between the government in terms of our city staff and the private sector work-

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La Mirada Memorial Day Service Honors Local Veterans

VFW post 9148 and the City of La Mirada have partnered to host a Memorial Day service honoring those who have served in our nation's Armed Forces. The event will be held Mon., May 29 at 10 a.m. at Olive Lawn Memorial Park, 13926 La Mirada Boulevard.

The service will feature presentations, guest speakers, a tribute to

fallen soldiers, and the placing of floral wreaths by the LM City Council, local community organizations, and VFW.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, as seating is limited. For additional information, call La Mirada VFW Post #9148 at (562) 903-1185 or the La Mirada Resource Center at (562) 943-7277.

Newport Dunes Inflatable Water Park Opens

The arrival of Memorial Day Weekend is one sign that summer is upon us. Another is the opening of Newport Dunes' Inflatable Water Park on May 26. Hours are 11 am-4 pm and the opening day's aquatic amusements will feature a giant iceberg, a jungle gym,

floating trampoline, and slides.

The Dunes describes this year's inflatable water park as being their biggest ever.

Newport Dunes Inflatable Water Park is located at 1131 Back Bay Dr. in Newport Beach.

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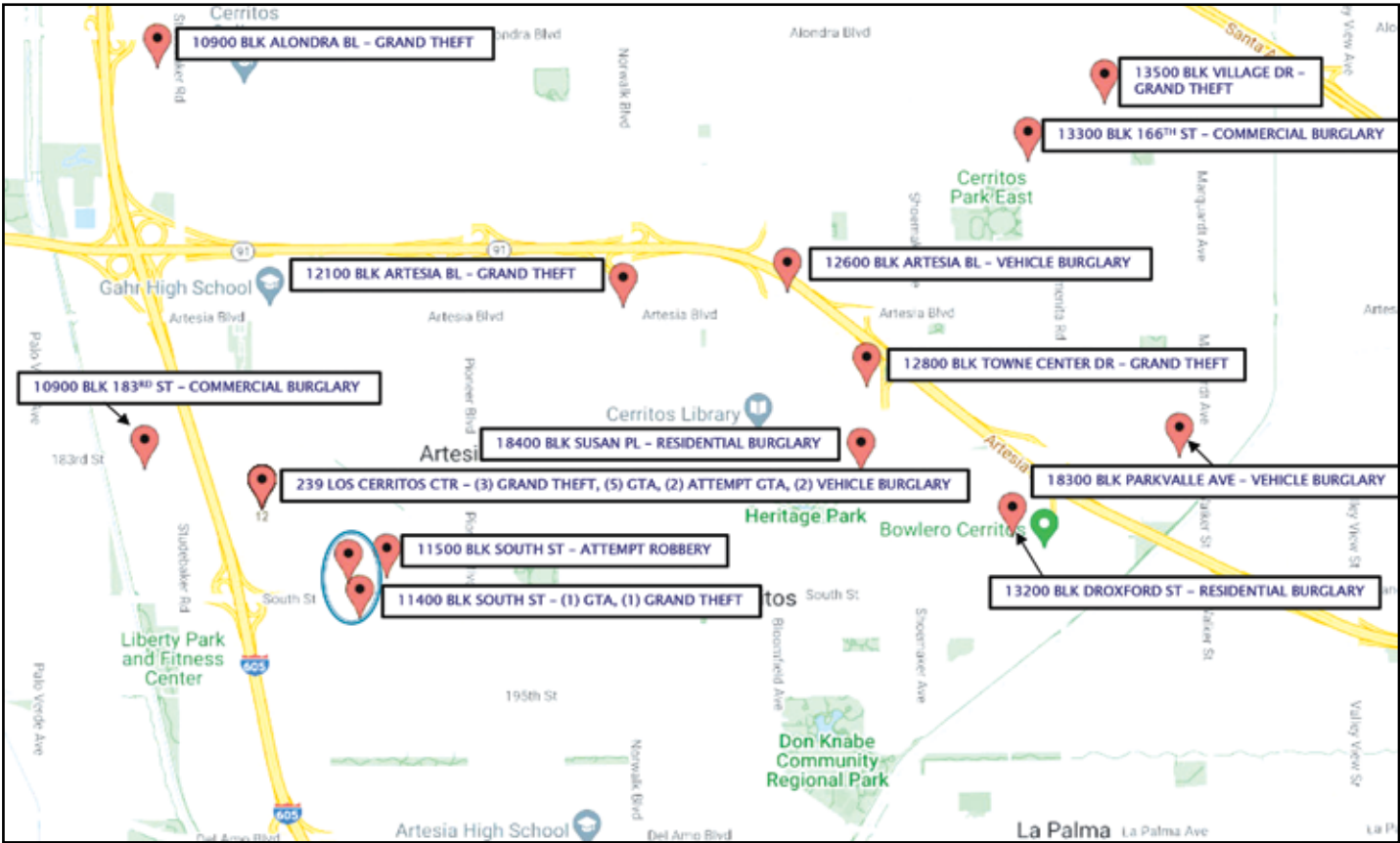


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Cerritos Crime Map May 8-13, 2023



Crime Summary

La Mirada

May 8-13, 2023

Notable Arrests

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

Residential Burglary

- A residential Burglary was reported on the 15000 block of Ocaso Ave. This incident is still under investigation.

Other Structure Burglary

- Tools were reported stolen from a structure burglary on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Arson

- A trash can was lit on fire on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave. No injuries were sustained from the incident and one suspect was arrested.

Grand Theft

- Alcohol was stolen on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave. One suspect was arrested for the theft.

Vehicle Burglary

- Two vehicle burglaries were reported on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.
- A window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 14700 block of Gardenhill Dr.

Grand Theft Auto

- A cargo trailer was stolen on the 14100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- A sedan was reported stolen on the 14300 block of San Esteban Dr.
- A sedan was stolen on the 14900 block of Costa Mesa Dr.
- A theft of a sedan was reported on the 14200 block of Foster Rd.
- A sedan was reported stolen on the 12800 block of Valley View Ave.
- Three trailers were reported stolen on the 16700 block of Knott Ave.
- A sedan was stolen on the 13800 block of Ramsey Dr.

Former Cudahy Mayor

Chris Garcia Found

Dead at His Home

Los Cerritos Community News was first told Wednesday that former Cudahy Mayor Chris Garcia was found dead in his home. Garcia was in his late 30's.

LCCN later learned that concerned friends called the police and requested a wellness check, that is when they found Garcia deceased.

A Gofundme page has been set up to help with expenses at: [gofundme.com/f/chris-garcia-memorial](#)

Simple Prevention Tips:

Residential Burglary

Cerritos Sheriff's offer advice:

- Keep all doors and windows locked, even if you are at home or will only be gone a short time.
- Make your home look occupied. Leave lights on when you go out and if you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps and a radio to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Install motion sensor lighting around your home especially at entrances.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked, even when home. If you do leave your garage door open and it is an attached garage - lock the door into the house.
- Secure your vehicle and don't leave the garage door opener in your vehicle.
- Be alert to persons going from house to house, looking in windows or knocking on doors. Report suspicious persons immediately. Make note of the person's physical description, clothing, tattoos or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Keep all entrances to your residence well-lit and maintain landscaping.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.

Cerritos Crime Summary

Seems like residents must be more careful at the Los Cerritos Center.

A rash of auto theft occurred this week in Cerritos seven out of the eight were at the Los Cerritos Center.

Most of the cars were recovered, and majority of the cars were Hyundai and Kia's

In addition, two vehicle burglary occurred at the Los Cerritos Center where two purses were stolen.

The sheriffs advise, those who are

parking cars to not leave anything valuable visible in the car. Three grand theft incidents occurred at the, all three involved theft from stores.

Target Loses \$1 Billion, Blames Theft, Pullback

Target on Wednesday reported another quarterly profit decline blaming it on shopper pullback and theft, not the fact they stopped advertising that beautiful full color shopping insert in all Sunday papers.

Target said theft is cutting into its bottom line and it expects related losses could be \$500 million more than last year, when losses from theft were estimated to be anywhere from \$700 million to \$800 million. So that means losses could top \$1.2 billion this year.

The company said it's seeing an increasing number of violent incidents at stores as well, but does not want to close stores and is expanding security and locking up some items.

Retailers are being hit with a rash of thefts and in some case, closing stores and pulling out of locations because of massive losses.

The issue has received more notice in the past few years as high-profile smash-and-grab retail thefts and flash mob robberies have garnered national attention.

Shoppers are focused on buying necessities like groceries over non-essentials, but they still rely on Target for affordable, trendy fashions.

Comparable stores sales grew 0.7% but comparable online sales declined.

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Area Residents Support Taiwan Book Drive



AREA RESIDENTS have helped to collect 155 boxes of books weighing 3,850 pounds to be donated to create English book libraries. Taiwanese students may check-out these books to improve their English literacy level.

By **Linda J. Hernandez**

Dr. Shin Liu of Cerritos and Rio Hondo Colleges is spearheading an effort to provide Taiwan with English books for their libraries. The island nation has adopted a policy of becoming a bilingual English-Mandarin Chinese nation by 2030, focusing on K-12 students and its civil service. Area residents have helped to collect 155 boxes of books weighing 3,850 pounds to be donated to create English book libraries. Taiwanese students may check-out these books to improve their English literacy levels.

The CEO of Macro International located in Irvine, Karen Kuo-Limb, donated all the shipping costs from the Port of Long Beach to the Port of Taipei. Here books will be delivered to the New Taipei City Government’s Education Department. They will then distribute the donated books to schools in rural areas to build up their English libraries. These schools

have been involved in remote English camps organized by Professor Liu. Dr. Liu would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their generous participation in the book donation project:

- Cerritos College and Community Members.
- Trustee Dawn Green
- HS2 Academy in Irvine
- Cerritos Tzu Chi Youth Association
- Fullerton Chinese School
- The Irvine Tzu Chi Academy
- Fruit Tree Inc, organized by local elementary students
- Full of Love, organized by Whitney High School students
- Cerritos Chinese School
- Fullerton Chinese School

For further book donations to the project, please contact Dr. Shin Liu, President of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Lakewood Pan American Association's Scholarships Awarded



WINNERS: The 2023 scholarship recipients of the Lakewood Pan American Association's annual scholarship program.

The Lakewood Pan American Association's annual scholarship program invites high school seniors who reside in Lakewood, regardless of where they go to school, to apply for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1500 to help pay for future college or trade school costs. This year, the Pan American Association chose to honor 11 high school seniors from Lakewood whose character is of high caliber. They each have:

- Demonstrated good citizenship and respect for human values.
- Volunteered in their community and school.
- A sincere desire to complete a post high-school education.
- Excelled academically.

The 2023 scholarship recipients are:

In order from left to right

Olivia White (Lakewood High School)
Neha Neelankavil (Artesia High School)
Michael Hurtado (Lakewood High)

Nina Fife (Polytechnic High School)
Kayla Chavez (Mayfair High School)
Crystal Duncan (Millikan High School)
Christina Klein (Ernest S. McBride High)
Hazel Meara Castro (Saint Anthony High)
Zahid Ponce (Saint Anthony High School)
Valerie Moreno (Saint Joseph High)
Meghan Patterson (Valley Christian High)

Scholarship winners served as Pan American Ambassadors during Lakewood’s week-long celebration of Pan American friendship in early May. Congratulations and best wishes to each of them!

The Lakewood Pan American Association is a longstanding civic organization that provides diverse cultural and educational opportunities for residents of Lakewood. Since its creation, the scholarship program has awarded over \$225,000 to recipients to help with their higher education costs.



ABCUSD Needs Your Feedback

The ABC Unified School District is seeking the community’s input on the District’s Local Control Accountability Plan, or LCAP. The LCAP is a three-year plan that outlines the actions and services that improve student outcomes. The District is required to get feedback from its educational partners every year. This year, we are being asked to get feedback from the communities we serve - which is you! Please take a moment to scan the QR code taking you to a feedback form which you can complete and return to the ABCUSD District Office or any ABCUSD school.

Your input and feedback are important to continuing to provide the finest education possible to our over 18,000 students



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Houseplants 101

By Melinda Myers

Lift your spirits and improve your indoor environment by taking part in the indoor gardening movement. An apartment or home filled with tropical, succulent and flowering plants can provide beauty, extend your garden season, improve air quality and create a peaceful environment to de-stress.

Though some may find indoor gardening a bit intimidating, don't let past failures or the thought of tending living greenery stop you from enjoying the many benefits. Knowing some basics in care and making needed adjustments to the grow-

ing environment can turn past failures into success.

Water, humidity and light are key to growing healthy plants. When you match these to a plant's needs and the growing media, you're sure to experience success.

Use a container with drainage holes to avoid overwatering that can lead to root rot and plant death. It should be no more than an inch or two larger in diameter than the plant's root ball. Growing in a larger pot results in the soil staying too wet, increasing the chance of root rot.

Select a quality potting mix that holds moisture but drains well. Cacti and succulents prefer a fast-draining mix while tropicals and African violets prefer a mix that stays moist,

not soggy, yet drains well.

Set your plant in a location that's free from drafts of hot and cold air, but in the preferred light conditions. An east- or west-facing window usually provides adequate light for most plants. Keep cacti, succulents and other plants requiring high light within two feet of an east- or west-facing window. Pothos, philodendron, Chinese evergreens and those that tolerate low light can be placed near a north-facing window or up to six feet back or off to the side of an east- or west-facing window. Shears, awnings and trees can impact the light reaching your plants. Adjust their location as needed.

Always water thoroughly and pour off the excess water that collects in the saucer. Allow the top few inches of soil to dry before watering drought tolerant plants like cactus. Water tropical and flowering plants that prefer moist conditions when the top few inches of soil are barely moist, like a sponge that has been wrung out.

Reduce maintenance and improve plant health with gravel trays. Fill a tray or saucer with pebbles. Allow excess water to collect in the tray. The pebbles keep the pot elevated above the water to avoid root rot. As the water evaporates it increases the humidity around the plant.

When pest problems occur, consider an organic approach safe for people, pets and plants.

Manage fungus gnats, those tiny fruit fly like insects found flitting around the house, with a naturally occurring bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, found in Summit Mosquito Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). Just sprinkle on the soil surface and repeat as needed until these pests disappear.

Mites, aphids, scale and mealybugs can be controlled with an organic horticulture oil like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil. This product coats the pests and kills all stages from egg

to adult. Repeat as needed to control any that were missed. Once the pests are managed, check the growing conditions and make needed adjustments to the growing environment.

The more plants you grow, the easier it becomes and soon enough you may find yourself immersed in a tropical or desert paradise inside the comfort of your own home.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, her web site is melindamyers.com.



Purchased Plants Are Root Bound

By Jessica Damiano

I planted a lot (a LOT) of perennials on Friday and discovered some of them were root-bound when I slipped them out of their pots.

When roots reach the sides of the containers they're growing in, they have nowhere to grow but around and around the inside perimeter of the pot until they ultimately strangle themselves.

But if this is caught in time, and the roots are still healthy, they can be rescued by teasing them apart, which reminds them to grow outward.

This is really easy, and you can use a gardening or kitchen fork, pruners or even your bare

hands.

Gently pry the root ball apart or make several pruning cuts all around it or scrape it with a fork just before planting. That's it.

The goal is to break the roots a bit, and once you do, their cut ends will grow outward into the soil, where they can avail themselves of water and nutrients.



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Balboa Park Museums Offer Three New Exhibits Spring and Summer

By Lydia E. Ringwald



JULIA MARGARET CAMERON'S portrait of two women, at the San Diego Museum of Photographic Art.

Balboa Park is always a great destination for a day get away. After only an hour and a half drive from Cerritos, one is walking on lovely landscaped paths and through gardens and greenbelts in the 1400 acre cultural park that includes a theaters, amphitheaters and several museums.

The recently opened Georgia O'Keeffe and Henry Moore exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Art (SDMA) is an added highlight to the museum's impressive permanent collections and continuing 'Modern Women' exhibit that includes the artworks of Helen Frankenthaler, Elaine de Kooning, Sonia Delaunay and Lee Krasner and other prominent women artists.

The special exhibit of O'Keeffe and Moore artworks also includes an inspiring learning component. In a studio

space adjacent the exhibit are paper and colored pencils for art patrons and their families to visually interact with the art in the exhibit and create their own artworks on paper with the natural wood, shell and rock materials that inspired the art of O'Keeffe and Moore. This interactive art experiences gives art patrons an opportunity to really see, appreciate and experience the subtle expression and unique techniques of these famous artists.

The Georgia O'Keeffe and Henry Moore exhibit is installed until August 27 and 'Modern Women' continues until November 7, 2023.

At the San Diego Museum of Photographic Art (MOPA) throughout the Spring and Summer, visitors may enjoy an exhibit of the historical photographs of Julia Margaret Cameron who over a hundred years ago photographed some of the iconic personalities of the era, including Charles Darwin, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Virginia Woolf along with her series of staged photographic tableaux highlighting mythological and religious themes.

Starting later in life at the age of 48, after raising 11 children, Julia Margaret Cameron produced over 900 photographic plates and experimented with innovative photographic methods that are still admired and in use today.

The San Diego Museum of Photographic Art is the first museum venue in the U.S to exhibit the expansive collection of photographs of this renown British woman photographer.



THE RAMS HEAD BLUE MORNING GLORY painting by Georgia O'Keeffe merges two important elements of life. The exuberance of a morning glory flower in fresh bloom is juxtaposed against the skull of a ram, motionless but not quite silent in death.

Enjoy this until September 3, 2023.

With a technology a hundred years later, Robert Wilson exhibits his life size digitally illuminated video portraits of celebrities of our time. Lady Gaga, Brad Pitt and other rock and movie idols are set in scenes referencing historical paintings.

Robert Wilson's portraits are on view until September 24, 2023

Another MOPA highlight is the installation of underwater photography 'The Water Holds Me' by Suda House. While treading water, Suda House photographs images of swimmers in the water's ripples and swells, revealing the strange beauty of the distorted human form in an undulating watery medium. The photographs of Suda House are on display until October 3, 2023.

The third attraction are the exhibits in the San Diego History Center highlighting important events and personalities in San Diego's vivid history and including permanent exhibit of Lomaland, a Theosophical Center founded and directed by Katherine Tingley, dedicated to exploring the wisdom and mysteries of ancient civilizations and bringing art and culture to

San Diego.

Katherine Tingley staged Ancient Greek and Shakespeare dramas in the Lomaland's amphitheater, with costumes and sets created by Lomaland artists and artisans. Lomaland boarding school students who lived in the charming 'Lotus Houses' were required to not only play a musical instrument and study the arts but also to respect the ecology of the arid landscape and cultivate its gardens with vegetables, avocados, oranges and other fruit trees.

Photographs of Lomaland and from its inception in 1897 and early buildings of the Raj School and Greek Amphitheater on a cliff overlooking the ocean are installed as a photo montage background for a display of Theosophical artist Reginald Machell's dramatically carved wood doors for the 'Temple of Peace' and his esoteric paintings 'The Bard' and 'The Path.'

The spinning sanskrit logo for the Theosophical Society hearkens back to the ancient Hindu symbol for prosperity and good fortune and links the Theosophical Society at Lomaland to Adyar, it's sister city location in India.

An Emmy award winning documentary about Balboa Park that screens in the mini auditorium of the Historical Center enriches the experience of this famous place that in 1915 was built to promoted the port of San Diego the commerce that traversed through the newly constructed Panama Canal.

In the middle of a day of artistic and intellectual delight, visitors may enjoy dining delicacies at the cafes and restaurants in the Balboa Park.

The splendid dining room of the Prado offers enticing entrees and a full bar. Patrons may enjoy the outdoor ambiance at the patio tables shaded by gorgeous umbrellas or may prefer seating in the historical Spanish style dining room interior.

Panama 66 in the courtyard



Jack in the Pulpit by Georgia O'Keeffe on display at the San Diego Museum of Art.

adjacent the San Diego Museum of Art also offers an array of sandwiches and salads, a full bar and music.

Those who visit on a Sunday may enjoy an organ recital at 2 pm at Spreckles amphitheater and free concerts during summer evenings.

A day off. A day of delight. A different drumbeat. Then return home to Cerritos in the evening and start the week refreshed.

ROBERT DOWNEY JR. at the Video Portraits Robert Wilson exhibit, now through Sept. 24, 2023.

25th Anniversary Celebration of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club



PICTURED at the May 13, 2023, 25th Anniversary Celebration of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club are members of Na Kupuna O' Cerritos dancing one of two hulas that they performed at the picnic.

By Edna Ethington

Members of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club gathered at Liberty Park in Cerritos to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Club on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Almost 100 members and guests started arriving at 10:30 a.m. to register for the event and receive name tags and drawing prize tickets. The front of the stage was decorated with beautiful flowers, and the club's red and gold banner and two red and gold kahilis were placed at the back of the stage. (Kahilis are Hawaiian feather standards that represent royalty.) The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and green Monstera leaf place mats.

At 11:15 a.m., President and Master of Ceremonies Carmelita Tionson welcomed members and guests to the celebration. Larry Anduha led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Hedy Anduha led the singing of Hawaii Pono'I and "Happy Birthday" to May birthday members. Hedy also said an invocation before the meal and prayed for members Frank Yoshii and Harry Aipia who were not feeling well on this day. The afternoon was filled with music that people enjoyed hearing, hulas that they enjoyed watching, and eating the abundant and ono pot-luck dishes that members brought for lunch. Carmelita said that the special 25th Anniversary cake was

purchased by the club from a donation received from the club's Festival of Friendship participation.

Entertainment Co-Chairs Susan McCormick and Frances McCormick introduced the different groups who performed. They included Ann Kho doing a solo of "In This Life," and her Angklung Group of Cerritos playing "I Have a Dream" and "It's a Small World" with their Angklungs, Rosaria Manetta doing a hula to E Kolu Mea Nui, John Yanagihara and Friends singing "Memories Are Made of This" and "Yesterday," Na Ipo Hula group dancing the "Aloha Week Hula," the E Mele Hana singing "I Am What I Am" and "Sing", Larry and Hedy Anduha singing "My Yellow Ginger Lei," the Kupuna O' Cerritos dancing to "Blue Hawaii" and Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai."

Carmelita thanked everyone for coming and said that "every single Picnic Committee team member contributed to the success of the picnic and every single member made it happen." There were about 25 members of the Picnic Committee and other members who helped to do whatever was needed. She wanted to especially acknowledge and thank the following head team members: Picnic Co-Chairs Liberty Santiago and Georgina Onaga for planning and overseeing the entire Picnic from start to finish; Howard Koga for his help with Audio Tech; Amy Tong and Annie Kelly for e-mail Communications and Reminders; Janie Aguirre for Registrations; Marion Tesoro and Carol Roxas for being in charge of the Games and Raffles; Bette Kurihara for chairing the Refreshments and Food Committee; Ann Kho for Set Up and Decorations; Gilbert Aguirre and Larry Anduha for guarding the entrance; Ed McCormick for setting up two Pop-Up tents to protect the performers; and David Ethington for taking photos of the celebration. Liberty thanked everyone for helping with the different sub-committees. She especially thanked everyone who helped as part of the Clean-up Committee at the end of the day.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration ended with the singing of Aloha O'e and Hawai'i Aloha led by Danny and Winona Chang. As a surprise, all mothers and grandmothers went home with flowers for Mother's Day from the club. All members received raffle prizes because members donated so many prizes. Some lucky members also went home with leftover food from lunch!

Persons interested in joining Da' Hawaii Seniors Club can contact Mryna Matsuno at 310-538-2148.

Mahalo and Aloha to everyone!

Whittier Union High School District's 2023 Teacher of the Year

WHITTIER – There are few things that Santa Fe High School architectural design teacher Mike Griffie enjoys more than a good tailgate party and seeing his community come together to share a hamburger or hotdog before a home football game. As Santa Fe's football announcer, Griffie revels in the opportunity to be the tight-knit school's No. 1 booster.

Griffie, who has been at Santa Fe High for 30 years and is the director of the school's Mechanical and Architectural Drafting (MAD) Academy, is fully committed to student achievement, whether by encouraging students to pursue careers in fields that interest them or by helping struggling students get back on track for graduation.

For his dedication and generosity, Griffie was named Whittier Union's 2023 Teacher of the Year. The Whittier Union Board of Trustees presented Griffie with his award during the May 9 Board meeting.

"Santa Fe High School is a great school and great place to work. The administration and staff make it fun for me and the students make it a special place," Griffie said. "If you come to the school and visit, you will see why. Whether they are deep in their studies, immersed in an extracurricular activity or helping a student with special needs, Santa Fe students have a tremendous amount of heart and pride."

Griffie's teaching career began nearly 40 years ago as a metal shop teacher in a neighboring school district. Upon coming to Whittier Union, he spent seven years teaching students with mild and moderate disabilities before moving into architectural design and mechanical drafting; the MAD Academy was launched in 2008. In his long career, Griffie said he has had many memorable experiences.

"I once had a woman go into labor in my class. That was about 15 years ago," Griffie said. "This year I have at least two students who are grandchildren of students I taught in my first years at Santa Fe. Back when I started, we used overhead projectors for class lessons. Now, everything is done on computers. I can put an assignment in Google Classroom and the students can access it on their Chromebooks."

The MAD Academy is a three-year California Partnership Academy pathway that prepares students for careers in design, engineering, architecture and other related fields. Santa Fe students enter the academy as a sophomore cohort, learning mechanical and architectural drawing and design, with the rest of their schedules



SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL teacher Mike Griffie was named Whittier Union's 2023 Teacher of the Year. The Whittier Union Board of Trustees celebrated and presented Griffie with his award during the May 9 Board meeting.

geared toward fulfilling their A-G college requirements.

MAD Academy students take field trips to locations such as downtown Los Angeles for an architectural tour, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and even Dodger Stadium, where the students got to sit in Vin Scully's chair.

Griffie also arranges for professionals, such as architects, to visit the classroom as guest speakers. The MAD Academy's board of directors are students, ensuring that all activities are student-driven.

The bonds that Griffie has made at Santa Fe and throughout the community were solidified eight years ago after his wife became sick with a life-threatening illness. Faculty, staff and students responded by continually offering their assistance and encouraging words. After his wife died, he was stunned and humbled when more than 600 students attended a memorial service in her honor.

Griffie repaid Santa Fe for its benevolence when longtime football announcer and former Santa Fe soccer coach Carlos Casillas died in 2021, volunteering to become the new voice of the Chieftains. Griffie, who is careful to pronounce every athlete's name correctly, loves to chat with parents and fans in the stands, and said that he cannot wait for the start of the 2023-24 football season.

"Mike Griffie brings heart and passion to everything he does at Santa Fe," Principal Craig Campbell said. "Mike has been the backbone of this school for 30 years, always ready to lend a hand, help a fellow teacher, talk to a struggling student, or create opportunities for our students with special needs to grow. We are extremely proud that he is representing Santa Fe as Whittier Union Teacher of the Year. He has earned it."



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 1 BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

LA MIRADA'S FAST START UPSTAGED BY SANTA MARGARITA'S LATE RALLY IN QUARTERFINALS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA-La Mirada High did everything it had to do in the early innings of its CIF-Southern Section Division 1 quarter-final game against host Santa Margarita High. The Matadores jumped all over Collin Clarke for three runs in the top of the first inning and added one more in the second.

After that, the tide shifted towards the second-ranked Eagles as La Mirada was held to two hits over the final five innings and Santa Margarita jumped all over three pitchers in the sixth inning, scoring eight runs in a 9-4 victory last Friday. The seventh-ranked Matadores conclude a spectacular season at 22-8.

“We had a gameplan coming in off their guy,” said La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn. “He’s a good pitcher and we did exactly what we wanted to do. We were ready to hit from the first pitch that he threw. We got a little help with a sun-led double and then we bunted, and [sophomore first baseman Maverick Russell] got a hit and then obviously [se-

nior pitcher] Eric’s [Jeon] home run. We hit some balls hard today. I can’t be disappointed with my offense. If you would have told me coming into this game we were going to score four runs, I would say we win.”

The game began with senior second baseman Aidan Haller reaching on an error and moving to second on a sacrifice from sophomore Aiden Aguayo. Two pitches later, Russell was safe on another error, allowing Haller to come home. Following a pop-up on the next pitch, Jeon sent a first pitch drive over the centerfield wall for his third home run of the season.

In the next inning, sophomore center fielder Travis Friend singled and moved to second on the host’s third error. Sacrifice bunts from freshman left fielder Noah Rodriguez and senior third baseman Alejandro Diaz put the Gateway League champions in good shape at 4-0. But La Mirada would get just three runners on the base the remainder of the game, none getting past second base.

Through the first three innings, Jeon was dancing around scoring threats from the Trinity League champions. He walked

Tyler Ankrum to load the bases in the first but got Zach Fjelstad to fly out to Rodriguez to end further damage. In the next inning and with Luke Johnson standing at second, he struck out Blake Balsz to keep it 4-0. But in the third, Logan de Groot tripled over Friend’s head and scored two pitches later on Luke Lavin’s single.

“That’s kind of been his M.O. a little bit,” said Zurn of his star pitcher. “Even the first run they got...Travis just couldn’t get to that. So, it’s a leadoff triple, but we get out of it. We’re six outs away from the semifinals and we’re in control of that game. The baseball gods weren’t with us today.

“I’m proud of my kids,” he added. “Not many people gave us a shot to win that game. Let’s make that very clear. And we had them on the ropes.”

Entering the sixth inning, Jeon had thrown 99 pitches and was a few batters away from being replaced due to the pitch count. But he hit Fjelstad on a 2-2 count and gave up a double to Drew Rutter to end his day with the score 4-2. Bryce Humphry would be safe on an

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CIF-SS DIV. 6 SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

TORRES, ARTESIA GIVE J.W. NORTH A SCARE BEFORE FALLING IN SEMIFINALS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

The numbers didn’t stack up favorably for Artesia High when it hosted J.W. North High in last Saturday morning’s CIF-Southern Section Division 6 semifinal game. The Pioneers, ranked fifth in the division, finished in third place in the 605 League and had to play a wild card game while the Huskies, the top team in the division, lost three games all season, batted .490 as a team and had eight starters hit at least .429.

Artesia didn’t seem concerned about those numbers and junior pitcher Maya Torres proved that early on, taking a perfect game into the sixth inning and a no-hitter into the seventh before it all fell apart. The Huskies, with three freshmen and two sophomores starting, finally got to Torres for all four runs in the last inning, advancing to the championship game in a 4-0 victory that lasted 76 minutes. Artesia dropped to 16-8 and will wait to see if it is going to the CIF Southern California Regionals next week.

“My thoughts right now is when I see the girls’ faces [and] I hurt for them because they’re hurting right now,” said Artesia head coach Ed Blanck. “But they played an awesome game all seven innings. They just got in a little bit of trouble. We knew whoever was going to make the first error [the other team] was going to win.”

“I give all credit to their pitcher,” said J.W. North head coach Ernie Tamayo. “She was throwing; she was dealing. It was really going to come down

to who came with the big hit, who was going to bend first or a mistake. Luckily, we got some bats going, but it was a pitching duel. That’s what it was.”

Torres was as hot as one could be for most of the game. She threw no more than 11 pitches in any of the first five innings and got to a three-ball count once during that time. Of the first 15 outs, seven were groundouts, four were flyouts and four were strikeouts. Even in the sixth inning when Brooklyn Baray reached on the only error of the game, Torres got out of the jam when Baray was forced at second and Laela McDaniel, who was pinch running for Remi Martinez, was caught stealing third.

But the seventh inning was different as Torres walked Makayla Noone and Angelina Martinez and hit Bobbi Arce to load the bases with none out. On the next pitch, Jade Jorin singled in a pair of runs and after a sacrifice from Nicholl Stearns, Baray provided the knockout punch with a two-run base hit to right.

“I was so impressed with Maya,” said Blanck. “And then, I don’t badmouth umpires, but he really was inconsistent both ways. It’s hard as a pitcher to know where the strike zone is. She was struggling there, but she kept them off-balanced with her off-speed and changeups.”

Through the first five innings, Torres threw 35 strikes and 15 balls. But in the last two frames, she threw 22 strikes and 19 balls, walked three, allowed two hits and hit a batter.

“The stats say it right there,” said

NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

UDENGWU GIVES JOHN GLENN RARE RECORD IN TRACK AND FIELD, ADVANCES TO MASTERS MEET

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

John Glenn High has not had a history in a lot of sports, especially track and field. But senior Mikel Udengwu made the biggest historical mark the school has ever seen in the sport.

At last Saturday’s CIF-Southern Section Divisional Track and Field championships at Moorpark High, he set a Division 3 record in the discus event when he had a mark of 193-0, clearly beating Brendon See of JSerra High, who threw 179-4. The previous CIF-SS Division 3 record was 190-06, accomplished by Blake Ayles of Orange Lutheran High in 2007.

Udengwu qualified for the finals with a mark of 171-9 the previous week in the divisional preliminaries, which was the second best mark in Division 3. But in the finals, he got the



mark on his first throw, which put him into Saturday’s Masters Meet. He will be seeded first as his mark not only was the best in the division, but in the Southern Section from last Saturday. The next best mark is 180-08 from Redondo Union High’s Kai Deines.

The top six finishers in the Masters Meet advance to the state preliminaries in Clovis on May 26.

Elsewhere from the divisional finals, the Gahr High boys 4x400 meter relay team of senior Jacob Joseph, juniors Jared Joseph and Jaiden Powers and sophomore Dylan Thompson advanced to the Masters

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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Solution: 13 letters

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In his farewell speech Apodaca stated, "Due to my family's concern for my mother's deteriorating health, I am resigning from the board effective immediately. This is not a decision being made lightly. I am thankful for those who have offered me wise counsel during the last year.

"My heart is especially grateful for all of you who have reached out to offer prayer, kind words, and encouragement. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this District as well as its wonder

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ing together uniting to make something really good happen for our city and our county," Jung said.

Fullerton councilmember and Cal State Fullerton associate professor of public health Shana Charles said she is really excited about the opening of the West Coyote Hills Initial Trails because "Fullerton has a beautiful culture of having many trails and parks."

"We believe in keeping space for not only ourselves but for the future generations," Charles said. "And I'm just excited that we've added this whole new section on the West side of town."

Stephen Bise, city engineer for the city of Fullerton, said he came to the event to enjoy walking with his family. "It's a beautiful trail," Bise said. "It's actually good timing because everything is booming and everything is blossoming."

Bob Hayden, the spokesperson of Open Coyote Hills, said the trail is adding benefits for the community. Open Coyote Hills worked with Chevron Pacific Coast Homes and Fullerton to develop the plans for opening two miles of trail.

"I've worked with them on other aspects of amenities that would potentially happen on the rest of the acreage here. And so we've been intimately involved in the planning process of that," Hayden said. "And it's nice to see it come to fruition."

Helen Higgins, a volunteer from Friends of Coyote Hills, said she expected this new trail will become more popular with Fullerton residents, "We don't have many open spaces left in this region," Higgins said. "So, this opening up, and especially for old timers who are so used to the other trails, to have a whole new trail opened up is fabulous. It gives us, like a breath of fresh air."

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Meet as the first alternate with a time of 3:21.89, which was the 10th best time from the finals. Thompson also had a time of 21.86 in the 200 meter dash, which was the fourth best time in Division 2, and had the fifth best time in the 100 meter dash at 10.72.

Also in Division 2, Cerritos High junior Osinachi Agaranna had a mark of six feet in the high jump while senior Kailah Usi ran a 16.25 in the 110 meter hurdles.

In Division 3, Artesia High sophomore Keiasja Carbins was third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.21 while Valley Christian High was well represented in Division 4.

The 4x100 relay team of seniors Mickyas Beneye, Nick Bozanic and Haruto Imai and sophomore Jayce Shields finished seventh in the division with a time of 44.17. Bozanic also ran the 100 meter dash and had a time of 10.90 while senior Matthew Kubler came in fourth place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:20.81. The 4x400 relay team of Imai and Shields, sophomore Jonas Arana and Wyatt Barker finished in fifth place with a time of 3:33.40.

In the high jump, freshman Oliver Boateng had a mark of 5-8.00 while senior Aaron Cheng finished fourth in the shot put with a mark of 49-4.00.

BASEBALL

Four area teams advanced to the quarterfinals last Friday and all four saw their season's end. In addition to La Mirada High falling to Santa Margarita High 9-4 in Division 1 action, Artesia lost to Fillmore High 7-1 to finish with a mark of 13-14. It's the second straight season the Pioneers have had double digit win totals and the combined 28-26 since last season is the program's best two-year record since 2004-2005 when those teams also went a combined 28-26.

Gahr went on the road and fell to Calabasas High 3-1 in Division 2 action to wrap up another banner season at 23-7-1. It's the 14th time since 1999 the Gladiators have won at least 20 games, but the first time since 2018. This was also Gahr's sixth quarterfinal loss since 1999.

Finally, the dream season for Norwalk High came to a halt with a home loss to Hesperia Christian 8-3, the fifth defeat in 28 games for the Lancers. This was the first time since 1999 Norwalk had reached the quarterfinals and the first time in at least 25 seasons the program had won more than 16 games. The 37-18 two-year record is also the best for the Lancers since the 2005 and 2006 squads went a combined 30-21.

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infield hit off freshman Jacob Oropeza, went to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch before Balsz put the Eagles in front with a home run over the right field fence. Four more runs came across in the frame as La Mirada set season highs for most runs allowed in a game and most runs allowed in an inning.

"He's our guy," said Zurn of Jeon. "That 2-2 pitch that hit [Fjelstad] was actually a really good pitch. We thought we had strike three and [the umpire] said it grazed his elbow and I thought it was a strike. Obviously, we pulled him after the double. Let's call it what it is. The game is made of errors; errors happen. We make a throw on a bunt and it's 4-3 with [actually] two outs with the fly ball to right and we're not sitting here in this situation. It just kind of got away from us.

"We controlled that game; we had that game," he continued. "They're a quality team, but we're a damn good team. And that one is going to sting for a while because that game does not indicate what that [final] score [was]."

Jeon, who will be going to Columbia University in the fall, finishes his senior campaign with a 7-2 record and a 1.40 earned run average, had 54 strikeouts and gave up 11 earned runs. He pitched 55 innings, over 20 more than the next guy.

"I just told him I love him," said Zurn. "I simply told him I love him, and he gave us his heart and he gave us everything he had. That's a darn good team and he gave us a chance."

La Mirada, which had defeated Ayala High and Torrance High in the first two rounds of the playoffs, went 5-5 against CIF-SS Division 1 opponents. The other three losses came to Capistrano Valley Christian, Gateway league rival Gahr

High and Tesoro High, all in Division 2. This is the second straight season the Matadores won 22 games and the 10th time since 2006 the program won at least 22 contests.

"We're really happy with where we're at," said Zurn. "I told the kids after the game that a lot of times [at] La Mirada, you come up against these Trinity League schools and people think, 'oh, it will be that they put up a good showing'. No, our kids have showed that we're not just here to put up a good showing; that we can win this thing. We might be a year away or two years away, but we're not going anywhere.

"Playing in a very, very good league, playing in the Boras Classic, playing in the Perfect Game Showdown...that's one heck of a year," Zurn later added. "And it's a tribute to our coaching staff that pours their hearts in these kids and a tribute to the kids and how hard they work."

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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, using the file number assigned to this case 109747-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. LCCN 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/23

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but no later than **11:00 AM** on the **2nd day of June 2023** sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1621 Rotary and In-Line Filling Machine

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in 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.

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on May 26, 2023 or later.

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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 lost 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 lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost 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: 06/15/23 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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Proof of Publication of
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023094630 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SENIORS HELPING SENIORS 13066 POINT ARENA PL., CERRITOS, CA. 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: SONLIGHT 7 INCORPORATED, 13066 POINT ARENA PL., CERRITOS, CA. 90703, INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. 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/SONLIGHT 7 INCORPORATED, LUIS HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 4/28/2023. 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 of notice 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 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/23

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 06/06/2023 at 11:00 AM.**

Jennifer Garcia- Personal items
Patrick Kimble- Books, Bikes, Tent
Jeff Fant- Decorations, camping gear
Fernando Menchaca- 5-10 boxes, couch, bedroom dresser
Hermelinda Monroy- boxes of clothes and living room set
Ernest Wain- Boxes, clothes, household items
Hilario Maria- Household Goods
Myeon Jamelah Johnson- papers
Emile Bellinger- Telephones, Computers, Cameras, Speakers and Wire Telephones, Computers, Cameras, Speakers and Wire
Charles Desmond Jr.- clothes and shoes
Marcella Barraza- household items
Donald Turner- Couch, bed, totes, clothes
Nichole Weston- Household items

The auction will be listed and advertised on 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24074 et seq.)
Escrow No. 130-7033-RK
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, and address of the Seller/Licensee are: BLANCA ESTELA LEON AND JOSE OCTAVIO LEON, 140 SOUTH 5TH STREET, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640
The business is known as: ALVARADO MARKET
The names, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: AHMED HASSAN, 2425 OAKLEAF CANYON ROAD, WALNUT, CA 91789
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in general as: CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND OTHER ASSETS OF A CERTAIN BUSINESS KNOWN AS ALVARADO MARKET and are located at: 140 SOUTH 5TH STREET, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640
The kind of license to be transferred is: 20-OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE/LICENSE NO. 550903 now issued for the premises located at: ALVARADO MARKET LOCATED AT 140 SOUTH 5TH STREET, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is JUNE 12, 2023 at the office of: GLEN OAKS ESCROW, 8447 WILSHIRE BLVD, STE 450, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211.
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$40,000.00 which consists of the following:
CASH \$40,000.00; TOTAL AMOUNT \$40,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
Dated: APRIL 25, 2023
BLANCA ESTELA LEON AND JOSE OCTAVIO LEON, Seller/Licensee
AHMED HASSAN, Buyer/Transferee
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF RICHARD CHAN
Case No. 23STPB04654
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD CHAN
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William Chan in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William Chan be appointed as personal representa-tive to administer the estate of the decedent.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 6, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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 rep-resentative 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 Cali-fornia law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 6/15/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Antoinette Cox-Nicholson; Marco Antonio Leon; Ernesto Danan Vitug; April Marie Perez; Eduardo R Gutierrez. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/15/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Claudia Raquel Rodriguez; Eileen Alvarez; Isabel Abigail Robles; Norma Ysela Carrillo-Salinas; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Ruemy Ixcoy; Veronica Chavez Jimenez; Sandra Cortez Carrion; Virginia Caldera Madrid; Marleen Alamilla; Jason Micheal Lockwood; Joyce Audrey Salgado; Blanca Arely Zuniga; Dani Cano Flores; Josefina A Linares; Samuel Ramos; Felipe Palma; Adeline Christlieb; Euridice Richardson; Maria de Los Angeles Mendez; Antonio Sierra Diaz. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
SCOTT DELANE WILLESON
CASE NO. 23STPB05062
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SCOTT DELANE WILLESON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAMI SOBER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TAMI SOBER 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: 07/31/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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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freight railroads, with over eighty freight trains and fifty passenger trains using the Burbank-to-Anaheim corridor every day, including the nation's second-busiest Amtrak train, the Pacific Surfliner.

Also included in the study were the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSR), Amtrak (LOSSAN), and freight rail operators.

The Metro letter read, "The downtown area of Pico Rivera is uniquely situated along the Burbank-to-Anaheim rail corridor, which would be well-served by a new commuter railroad station for Metrolink, the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, and a future California High-Speed Rail. A new commuter station would enable Pico Rivera to offer long-term equitable community development, environmental resilience, and sustained economic growth, in support of the State's Rail Plan (Plan) to increase passenger rail ridership."

The plan calls for an integrated, state-of-the-art railroad system to transform mobility, invigorate economic activity, and enhance the quality of life. The plan seeks to increase passenger rail trips more than tenfold by 2035, to 1.3 million per day across the state. To do this, the plan emphasizes investing in and delivering capital improvements, such as Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE), which prioritizes major capital improvements systemwide and includes the Burbank-to-Anaheim rail corridor, which is also significant for the future California High-Speed Rail project.

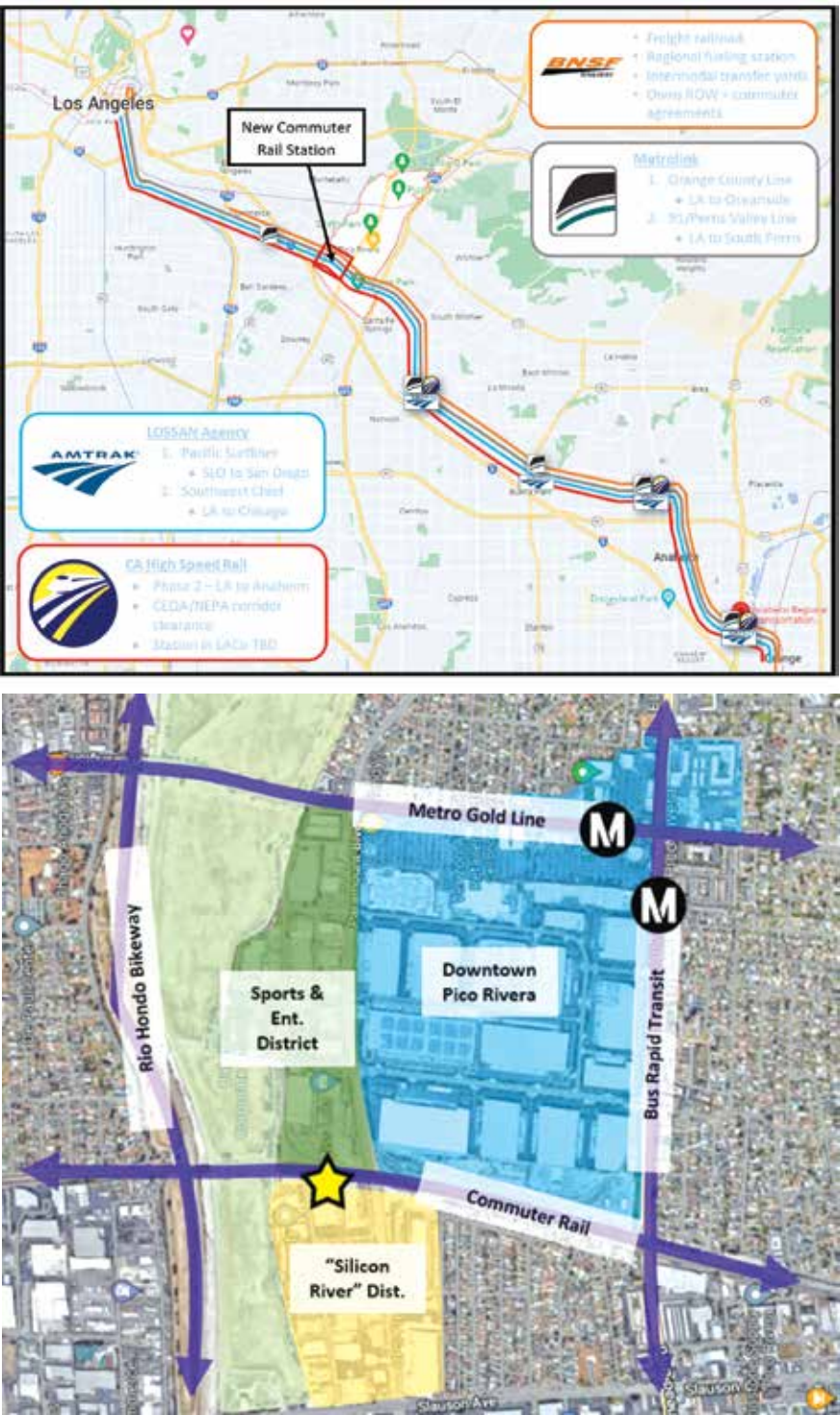
Under Metro's plan, the study will look at existing and planned land use and

transportation conditions that would best support a new commuter rail station in Pico Rivera.

The study will also formulate preliminary cost estimates for the Pico Rivera station, including planning and design, right-of-way, environmental, construction, and maintenance costs, while identifying potential funding sources.

Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona told LCCN, "As the City of Pico Rivera embraces a future of diverse transportation options, plans for the LA Metro Eastside Gold Line Extension Project and a rapid bus transit line along Rosemead Boulevard are progressing. LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn initiated a motion for LA Metro to investigate the potential for a new commuter rail station in the same area as the light rail and bus transit lines. The intercity commuter rail corridor, which links San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS), Anaheim, and Downtown San Diego, also passes through Pico Rivera. Currently, this commuter rail line is operated by Metrolink, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, and in the future, the California High Speed Rail. Adding a new commuter rail station in Pico Rivera would create a dynamic, transit-oriented downtown community, offering high-quality transit options for living, working, and playing. This marks an exciting era for Pico Rivera and the wider region."

TOP: Illustration showing the area of the commuter station as compared to the L.A. to Anaheim corridor. **BOTTOM:** The future of transportation and entertainment is shown on the map with the Metro line, the commuter rail, and the city's commuter rail station.



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tion's air, water, land, and ecology. It is one of the most important ways EPA and the Administration demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's youth.

The students involved with Green Team are focused on sustainability, reduction of waste and finding ways to improve the environment. Cardoza, Cruz and Magsino encouraged the school community to utilize a new trash organization system. The system, located near the school's lunch tables, has stations for unopened food, liquid like orange juice and milk, cartons, meal trays and food scraps.

The leftovers are sent to a pig farmer, where the scraps are used to feed the pigs to reduce food waste. With the system implemented, Bragg Elementary has reduced its lunchtime waste to two bags per day compared to its previous 35 bags.

The trio stated that to explain and entice the school to use the new system, the Green Team created a song blasted through their school news system that describes the stations and where each



MARY BRAGG ELEMENTARY'S GREEN TEAM was recognized for their environmental sustainability efforts while Emma Cardoza, Hailey Cruz, and Lauren Magsino were awarded the 2023 President's Environmental Youth Award.

parcel of trash goes.

"We have a news system in our school with like little videos that say what's going on in our school and stuff like that so then we put the song and how to use [the trash system]," Magsino said.

Cardoza, Cruz and Magsino said the project has been in effect for the past year, starting when the students were in the fifth grade. Cardoza, Cruz and Magsino noted that to get the project rolling, they needed the support of Principal Jeff Heilig.

"If you trust kids and you listen to kids and you support and guide them, they can do great things," Heilig said. "You're all doing great things. You're changing the district, the community and the greater community."

The three sixth graders were able to advocate for change in policies regard-

ing food waste. "They researched sharing and donation laws; reviewed the LA County Department of Public Health's manual on Share Tables and Food Donations in Schools; contacted Food Finders about other schools with similar programs; circulated a petition; presented to their principal and emailed the school board. After six months of advocacy, the Nutrition Services department agreed to allow the Share Box and Donation Program to restart," according to a statement from Michael Brogan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To keep up with Bragg Elementary's Green Team, look into their blog at marybragggreenteam.org.

"We are very proud and we're happy that we're helping the Earth," Cruz said.

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imitation weapon under penal code 417.4 PC.

417.4 states, "Every person who, except in self-defense, draws or exhibits an imitation firearm in a threatening manner against another in such a way as to cause a reasonable person apprehension or fear of bodily harm is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a term of not less than 30 days."

A person who violates 417.4 is charged with a misdemeanor punishable by custody in county jail for a mandatory minimum of 30 days and up to 6 months.

A judge can award the perpetrator with misdemeanor (or summary) probation in lieu of jail time.

Residents and elected officials told LCCN that Griffith is friends with former Councilmember Leonard Mendoza, who has a violent history similar to Griffith.

In 2019, Mendoza got into a fight at the Contract City's Convention and was knocked out; he was banned from the convention for three years.

In 2022, LCCN obtained documents that showed Mendoza was fired from his job at the city of Commerce for systematic harassment, intimidation, fighting, and ignoring safety policies that resulted in serious injuries to his crew.

Mendoza's behavior was so abhorrent that the city was forced to hire outside attorney Sally Woolley; after she investigated, Woolley recommended the city fire Mendoza. The report stated that several of the witnesses involved in the investigation expressed concern about retaliation by Mendoza, that was the last straw, in mid- 2014, the city terminated Mendoza.

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