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Hawaiian Gardens Settles Harassment Lawsuit Caused by Current Employee Fred Licon

Licon was also found by a judge that he misappropriated and misused union funds in October 2020, he is still employed.

By Brian Hews

In May 2021, Los Cerritos Community News was the only media outlet to report that Brianna Gonzalez, an employee of Hawaiian Gardens, was suing the city, alleging the city did not do enough to protect her and other women from being sexually harassed by the former president of the workers' union, Fred Licon.

Gonzales sued for sexual harassment – quid pro quo, hostile work environment, and failure of the city to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent harassment.

Now sources are telling LCCN that the case was settled for an unknown amount.

An attorney for plaintiff Brianna Gonzalez filed court papers Thursday asking that her client's case be dismissed "with prejudice," meaning it cannot be refiled.

It is another mark on Licon's tenure at Hawaiian Gardens; Licon is the former AFSCME union president with a very checkered past, found guilty of misusing union funds in 2020.

Gonzalez was hired in August 2017 and met then-president Licon, "Licon initially was cordial to Gonzalez, the suit stated, "however, he quickly began to focus on her, singling her out and frequently stopping at her desk when he came to City Hall."

> Later, Licon began asking [See HAWAIIAN GARDENS page 6]

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Opens in Downey

By Stepheny Gherig

Capping a months-long effort to restart juvenile operations, the Los Angeles County Probation

Sylmar or Central Hall in Boyle Heights, beating a July 23 deadline set by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to vacate both facilities after the



WORK CONTINUES AT CERRITOS CITY HALL

PARKING at Cerritos City Hall has become very difficult due to resurfacing of the parking lot. Surface sealing and striping is scheduled to be completed at the end of September. Parents dropping off Cerritos High students should avoid utilizing the Civic Center parking area when school is back in session.

Chuong Vo's Appointee Lied on ABCUSD Board Vacancy Application

Barrows stops inquiry by Councilman Yokoyama at City Council meeting.

By Brian Hews

A few weeks ago, Dr. Chris Apodaca resigned from his AB-CUSD District 7 position citing family reasons, setting off the process of the ABC Board appointing an area resident to the vacant seat.

One of the requirements dictated that the applicant must live in Hawaiian Gardens.

Several people applied, including eventual appointee Francisco Noyola, former Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Mike Gomez, Luis Rodriguez, and a candidate named Sean Wang.

Documents obtained by Los Cerritos Community News, signed under penalty of perjury,



CHUONG VO with Sean Wang. Wang indicated he lived in Hawaiian Gardens on the ABCUSD application.

[See WANG page 12]



The city allocated 9.6 million for the CCPA which lost nearly 6 million for the 22-23 season. \$32 million was tabbed for community safety.

Edited by LCCN Staff

The Cerritos City Council recently approved its \$148.1 million combined financial program for '23-'24.

provement projects related to streets and highways, government buildings, water improvement and other projects focused on the reinvestment in facilities and infrastructure throughout the community.

Over \$45.3 million was designated for the Public Works/ Water and Power Department, which consists of engineering, traffic circulation management, parks maintenance, sewer maintenance, facility maintenance, landscaping, trash collection, recycling, custodial services, the City's Water Division and the Cerritos Electric Utility.

geted \$32 million for community participation, recreation services, law enforcement and code enforcement. The budget includes funds to cover an increase in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department contract rate for the ongoing priority of law enforcement and safety services whei was 5% Over \$21.4 million was approved for the Department of Administrative Services, which includes communications. finance, human resources, management information systems, support services, water billing and the Cerritos Library. The department's budget includes costs to



LOS PADRINOS can hold nearly 300 inmates, it needs over 300 deputies and 116 employees to operate the facilities.

Department on Tuesday comagency deemed both to be unsuitpleted its relocation of 106 preable as traditional juvenile halls. disposition youth from its Barry "Reopening Los Padrinos on J. Nidorf facility into the newly this tight timeline was a mamreopened Los Padrinos Juvenile moth undertaking and I am Hall grateful to everyone who helped The move now means that us get it done," said Los Angeles pre-disposition youth are no lon-County Supervisor Janice Hahn. [See **PADRINOS** page 6]

ger housed at Barry J. Nidorf in

The budget focuses on providing quality city services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The city allocated over \$28.5 million for capital im-

To fund Community and Safety Services, the city bud-

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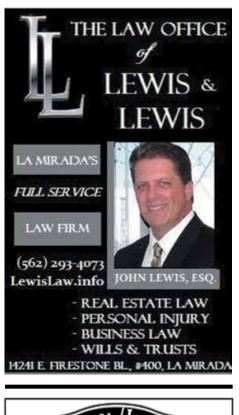


Annual Wiener-National Raises Thousands for Local Shelter

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FASTEST WIENER IN THE WEST Beenie Vonweenie of Fullerton got sweet redemption in the event this year, as he led from start to finish in route to winning the title of Fastest Wiener In the West in front of a huge crowd.

The annual Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals fundraising event for the Seal Beach Animal Care Center, a non-kill shelter in Orange County was held this past Sataurday to the delight of crowded Los Alamitos Race Track in Cypress.

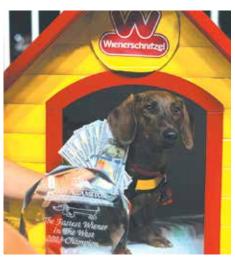
A total of 104 dachshunds raced in this year's Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals.

Nicolee Leonard's Beenie Vonweenie of Fullerton got sweet redemption in the race this year, as he led from start to finish in route to winning the title of Fastest Wiener In the West in front of a huge crowd on Saturday night at Los Alamitos Race Course.

VonWeenie covered the 50-yard distance in 6.80 seconds in front of a crowd of around 7,000 weenie dog lovers to win the 26th running of the event ...

The win was a year in the making after Vonweenie looked all but set to win the 2022 title before he stopped cold right before the finish line, turned sideways and once again bumped with both Cannonball Charlie and Rowdy.

That allowed a doxie named Paisley to come flying late to claim the championship last year. There were no antics in the final yards this time around for the 2-yearold doxie Beenie Vonweenie, as he saved his best running for last as he ran to the arm of Nicolee at the other end of the fin-



FAST DOG: Vonweenie ran 50 yards in 6.8 seconds.

ish line.

"We really focused on keeping him running straight and that was not an easy task," Nicolee said. "He just started running straight when he was playing at the Brea dog park in the last three months. Last year he turned around. Now he's the fastest weenie in the west."

How does Leonard get him to cross the finish line now? Cookie treats? bacon bites? Mini Sausages? A tennis ball?

"My socks," she said. "He loves my socks. Really exciting, I know.\

Beenie Vonweenie earned \$1,000 for the win, a trophy crowning the Fastest Wiener In the West.

Ariana Gonzalez's Burr of Cypress, started slowly, avoided the crossing Cannonball Charlie and made up big ground in the final 20 yards to finish second. He earned \$500 for running second.

Jenavi T's Penny of Torrance, Lois and Luis Hernandez's Kirby QT Pie of Ventura County, and Mark Kim's Cannonball Charlie of Long Beach were all inches apart in a too-close-to-call finish for third. Daniel Gomez's Penny G of Long Beach finished sixth, Amy Long's Bean also of Long Beach was seventh, and Ivan Cano and Kim Estrada's Rowdy was eighth. Suzanne Yeager's Wilbur of Yorba Linda and Erin Argot's Frankie of Santa Fe Springs completed the field.

Total prize money in the final was \$2,300. Three of the 10 finalists, Beenie VonWeenie, Cannonball Charlie, and Rowdy, were all returning finalists from last year. In the second running of the Diaper Dash for runners ages one and under, Dahlia Ordaz's Vyenna, who came all the way from Fresno, California for the race, was the winner and will be one to watch in the main event next year.

The Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals is a fundraising event for the Seal Beach Animal Care Center, a non-kill shelter in Orange County. The Wiener Nationals and SBACC have raised around \$300,000 over the years. Sign- ups for the 2024 Wiener Nationals have already begun at LosAlamitos.com.

Deputies in Schools Virtual Conference Background & Overview

Join the virtual conference for a discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department School Resource Deputy program. School Resource Deputies are sworn law enforcement officers whose duty it is to protect students and faculty and to secure the campus. Their purpose is to improve school safety. In recent years, high profile use of force incidents and several reports indicating racial profiling of students raises concerns about the presence of deputies in schools. We'll bring together experts to discuss how the program began, the purpose and protocols, and areas for improvements. Session 1: Thursday, July 27 9:00-10:30 a.m. Speakers: Mourad Kabanjian Sergeant, L.A. County Sheriff's Kelly Fischer Deputy Director, Violence Prevention Raquel Derfler Co-Chair For Cancel the Contract Dara Williams Deputy, Office of Inspector General To participate, call (213) 306-3065 and enter the access code: 2599 514 8450, or use the QR code below to register.



La Mirada's **Stroll in the Park**

La Mirada's Stroll in the Park returns Thursday, July 27 at Creek Park from 5 to 8:30.

Night Market vendors will be on site selling delicious food at 5 p.m. The evening's musical entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. and will feature performances by New Orleans party music band Alligator Beach, 50's and 60's rock tribute band The Dreamboats, and 70's through 2000's rock and pop tribute group Southland Band. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

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Hawaiian Gardens EV Motorcycle Company Sales Soaring

By Brian Hews

Hawaiian Gardens-based Ryvid, maker in Electric Vehicle (EV) mobility, announced this week that their launch of its "Anthem" edition reservations and introof 400 pounds. It is capable of speeds up to 75+ mph with a range of up to 75 miles / 50 miles in Sport Mode on a single charge and is ideally suited for commuting and urban transport. The electric motorcycle features proprietary technology, including



ductory pricing will end Aug. 31, 2023.

Starting Sept. 1, 2023, The Anthem will be available for reservations at the price of \$8,995 with early adopters and reservation holders claiming the introductory special price of \$7,800 if reserved before Aug 31, 2023.

The Anthem Launch Edition is a firstof-its-kind, customizable electric motorcycle that combines advanced aerospace technology with the simplicity of EV architecture. The Anthem's corrosion-free, ultra-lightweight frame is concealed beneath minimal bodywork bringing its total weight to just 313 pounds with a carrying capacity

a lightweight, aerospace-inspired chassis, Ergo-Easy ride height-adjustable seat - allowing the seat to electrically morph from 30" up to 34", integrated rear drive unit, a modular head tube unit, adjustable front and rear suspension, and removable 4.3 kWh battery pack for easy charging. Additionally, a 4.9-inch TFT display delivers key data such as speed and state of charge to the rider with ultimate clarity in any light.

The Lithium-Ion Battery Pack comes with integrated 3.3kW charger with 110V, empty to 80% takes 2.5 hours. 100% takes 3.5 hours with 220V.

Rokka Grill and Whiskey Bar Opens in Bellflower



(La Puente, CA) - This week California State Treasurer Fiona Ma officially endorsed Senator Bob Archuleta in his campaign for Congress.



Archuleta

positive and impactful representation to the state. In endorsing Sena-

tor Bob Archuleta, Treasurer Ma stated, "I am honored to en-

Treasurer Ma, a

highly respected figure

in California politics,

believes that Senator Archuleta will bring a

dorse Senator Bob Archuleta for Congress. I firmly believe that he will make a positive impact in representing California. Senator Bob Archuleta has consistently shown unwavering dedication to serving the people of this State and our Country. Bob is a veteran, and his experience as a Presidential Appointee under President Barack Obama will bring a unique perspective of service and invaluable insight to Washington, D.C. His commitment to working families, education, and the environment have been cornerstones to his success as a State Senator. Join me and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano in fully supporting Senator Bob Archuleta for Congress."

Expressing his profound gratitude for Treasurer Ma's endorsement, Senator Archuleta said, "I am incredibly appreciative of Treasurer Fiona Ma's endorsement. Her trailblazing journey, breaking many ceilings as the first woman of color and the first woman CPA elected to the position of State Treasurer, is an inspiration to us all. Treasurer Ma has consistently served the people of California, from her time as a County Supervisor to her current role as State Treasurer. Her endorsement further underscores the importance of our shared values and commitment to serving the people of California.

Archuleta has not only secured endorsements across the state, but also demonstrated an ability to raise funds.

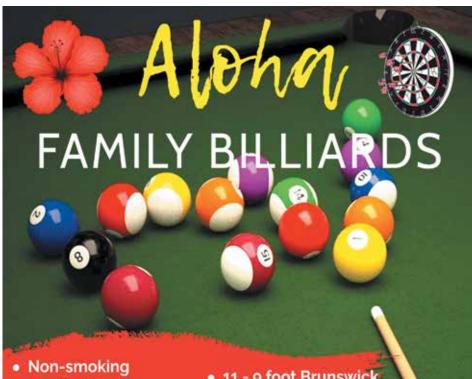
In the most recent quarter, his campaign raised nearly \$335,000, twice as much as his nearest opponent.

His campaign statement read, "This fundraising achievement, coupled with the endorsements and support he has garnered, solidifies Senator Archuleta's position as the leading candidate in the race."





BELLFLOWER City Council, staff, and residents welcomed Rokka Grill & Whiskey Bar to Downtown Bellflower in June. This is their second Rokka Grill restaurant serving up coconut shrimp, steaks, barrel aged whiskeys and more. Rokka is located at 16600 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower.



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Lakewood Tot-Lot Parent Cooperative

LCCN Staff Report

Tot Lot is an innovative program offered by Lakewood for parents of tots who want to get out and play.

Tot Lot is a parent cooperative program for 2- to 5-year-olds held at Del Valle and Mayfair Parks during the fall, winter and spring.

Tot Lots meet Monday-Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in a fenced preschool play area of each park.

Parents are responsible for each Tot Lot's operation and work a rotating schedule to supervise the play area and planned activities.

A limited number of visitors are allowed in the play area during organized Tot Lot activities, limited to one visit per month. Visitors must follow Tot Lot rules.

Registration will be held between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Friday, July 28 and August 4 at Del Valle and Mayfair Parks.

Bring up-to-date immunizations cards, including mandatory TB tests (for adults) and proof of age at the time of registration.

The registration and materials fee is \$60 for Lakewood residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Members may register an additional child for \$40.

Insurance is \$10 per person and is required for each participating child and working member.



TOT LOT is an innovative program offered by Lakewood for parents of tots who want to get out and play in the mornings during the week.





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Artesia Cemetery is your local community cemetery open to all.

Our cemetery welcomes all faiths.

2nd Annual Women's Equality Day Youth Speech and Art Contests Provides Local Youth Opportunity to Win Up To \$300

By Girl Scout Cadets Megan Liao and Miranda Martinez

Students K - 12 who attend local schools in ABC, Bellflower, Centralia, Cypress, Los Alamitos, Norwalk-La Mirada school districts are encouraged to participate in an educational and fun event to mark the 103 year anniversary of women's right to vote. Participants can deliver a speech or create artwork about a historical female political figure or historical suffragist. Deadline for entry is August 1, 2023

The women's suffrage movement was a decades-long fight for equality for women and culminated with the ratification of the 19th Amendment which was formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920, and granted women the right to vote.

Co-sponsored by Aria Arts in Education Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that is working alongside Cadets from Girl Scout Troop #1913 who are taking a leadership role in the event implementation while simultaneously working to earn the prestigious Silver Award.

We invite all local families to encourage their children and grandchildren to enter this contest by August 1 and have the chance to win cash prizes of up to \$300. Winners and speeches will be voted on by the audience and announced August 27 at a local Artesia-Cerritos venue. Please visit the event website at https://linktr.ee/ hhhdcwed or scan the QR code for more information.



Beat the Heat: Cooling Centers Open in Area Cities

Artesia Artesia Library

Tuesday - Wednesday: 12 pm - 8 pm Thursday - Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm

Bellflower

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library Tuesday-Wednesday: 12 pm - 8 pm Thursday-Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm

Cerritos

Cerritos Park East and **Liberty Park Community** Center lobbies, daily 9:00 pm; Friday: 10:30 am to 7:00 pm; Saturday: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Lakewood

Bloomfield Park Mayfair Park Monday:-Friday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Weingart Senior Center open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30.

The Burns Community Center open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Lakewood Center is another great option for staying cool. Hours are: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. George Nye Jr. Library Tuesday - Wednesday: 12 pm - 8 pm Thursday - Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm Angelo M Iacoboni Library Tuesday-Wednesday: 12 pm - 8 pm Thursday-Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm

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La Mirada

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Norwalk

Alondra Library Monday: 10 am - 6 pm; Tuesday - Wednesday: 12 pm - 8 pm; Thursday -Friday: 10 am - 6 pm Norwalk Library Tuesday - Wednesday: 12 pm - 8 pm; Thursday - Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm

Cerritos News Cerritos Hires Firm to 'Assess' Transit System

The City of Cerritos has hired Moore & Associates, Inc. to complete a transit assessment of the City's existing transit services, which include the Cerritos on Wheels (COW) fixed-route service and the Dial-A-Ride demand-response service.

The study will provide a comprehensive analysis of the City's existing transit services, opening up ways to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness, including potential modification and/or discontinuation of City transit services.

As part of the assessment, the City welcomes public input via participation in an online survey, community workshops and/or by email. The online survey is available at cerritostransit.com.

Or use the QR code below-



Community workshops will be held on Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30 at various City facilities. Written comments can be emailed to planning@cerritos.us.

For more information about the transit survey or community workshops, please visit cerritostransit.com or contact Cerritos Transit staff at (562) 916-1202.

Kia Dealership to Undergo Remodel

Cerritos has approved a request to remodel and expand an existing Kia of Cerritos automobile dealership building and complete other site improvements at 18201 Studebaker Road in Cerritos.

The property is owned by Cerritos, which leases it to Kia for automobile dealership purposes. The improvements will be fully paid by Kia.

The project calls for $\pm 7,789$ square feet to be added to the showroom and service areas of the existing buildings.

Interior and exterior improvements will feature Kia of Cerritos' corporate design guidelines, adopting a more modern look to match the updated building designs found throughout the Cerritos Auto Square. Proposed site improvements include enhancements to on-site landscaping, incorporating water-saving trees, succulents, shrubs and groundcover. The project also includes restoring and up-

project also includes restoring and upgrading the existing on-site decorative fountain, and installing a new art piece on the property.

Contract Approved for Street Rehabilitation

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$1,124,750 contract to R.J. Noble Company for the rehabilitation of Dumont Avenue and 183rd Street. The Orange-based company will perform asphalt improvements, tree removal and concrete improvements to existing streets, sidewalks and gutters.

Rehabilitation of arterial streets is in accordance with the City Council's commitment to maintain arterial streets in the "Good" condition category, as established by the City's comprehensive pavement management system.

The project is scheduled to be completed in October.

Emerald Villas Lottery Held

A lottery was recently held for three of the available units for sale in the award-winning Emerald Villas community, which is reserved for very low- to moderate-income seniors age 62+.

Twenty-five names were selected for an opportunity to purchase a very lowincome unit; and 25 names were chosen for the chance to buy the moderateincome unit. All registrants selected during the lottery were notified of the lottery drawing results.

Each registrant was assigned a numerical identification number based on the order in which they were selected. Starting with the first prospective buyer selected within each income category, that individual will be required to complete and satisfy the City's compliance and verification process prior to touring the available unit(s) and being offered the opportunity to purchase. If an individual does not meet the necessary requirements, the next selected prospective buyer will be offered the opportunity. This process will continue until the units have been sold.

A total of 350 seniors registered for the housing lottery, with 181 registered for an opportunity to purchase a verylow income unit and 169 registered to purchase the moderate-income unit.

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maintain the City's water billing system, provide internal support to other departments and continue to provide Legislative and Administrative operating expenses outlined in the budget total about \$3.8 million. This reflects the entire amount necessary to fund the ongoing operations of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk/Treasurer.

The Community Development Department, which includes advance planning, building and safety, current planning and geographic information systems, was allotted approximately \$7.4 million for its operations.

The Theater Department was allocated \$9.6 million for the operation of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The Theater Department budget includes theater administration; business management; marketing and management of the CCPA performances; operations and security; special event services; and ticket office personnel.

The city will post the budget by August.







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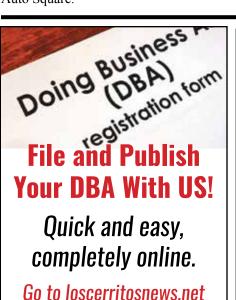
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Cerritos Crime Map July 10-16, 2023



Crime Summary La Mirada

July 10-16, 2023

Notable Arrests

 Seven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. • One suspect was arrested for

grand theft.

Other Structure Burglary

• An afternoon burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• An early morning burglary occurred on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy. One suspect was arrested for the incident.

Grand Theft

• Tools were stolen during an afternoon theft on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

• A sedan was stolen on the 15500 block of Surrey Ln.

• An attempt was made to steal a sedan on the 13900 block of Larwin

the conference room.

The sheriffs have an office inside City Hall.

Gonzales thought that the city officials would hear her concerns, but nothing materialized and undeterred, Licon kept up his harassment.

At that time, Gonzales learned that at least two other women had filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against Licon, one named Claudia Rava, who's case was under investigation.

Licon later learned that Gonzales was going to be a witness to the Rava case, with Gonzalez alleging that he took her outside and tried to intimidate her into a false witness.

Licon's conduct subsided for a short while, but by the end of 2018, Licon was at it again, asking Gonzalez to lunch, bragging about himself, then inviting her to Big Bear for a weekend. Plaintiff was frozen by his words and again felt extremely intimidated.

was reported on the 14900 block of Valeda Dr.

• An attempt vehicle theft was reported on the 14100 block of Adoree St.

National Night Out

National Night Out will be taking place on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM at La Mirada Regional Park.

Come on by to meet Los Angeles County Deputies, Public Safety Officers, and members from local Fire Stations.

Arrested Made in Fatal **Stabbing Near Anaheim**

A 56-year-old Yorba Linda man arrested on suspicion of stabbing another man to death near Anaheim was expected to make his first court appearance Thursday, July 20.

Effrum Maland Burnett, 52, was arrested at around 1 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19 when Orange County Sheriff's Department deputies served a pair of search warrants following the deadly stabbing in the 9000 block of Canton Avenue in an unincorporated part of Anaheim the day before.

Sheriff's investigators have not said why they believe Burnett, who is now being held on \$1 million bail in Orange County jail, stabbed the victim, 50-year-old Toye Mims Jones of Anaheim.

home nearby. Deputies took the man to a

hospital, where he died, the Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

A department spokesman said investigators did not know yet whether Burnett and Jones knew each other.

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From the County employees who worked overtime to remodel the campus in a matter of weeks and made sure this move happened safely, to our partners with the City of Downey who understood the necessity of reopening this facility they had thought was closed for good."

The move follows a similar relocation of youth from Central last week. It consolidates juvenile operations at Los Padrinos, which was reopened last week and houses 274 pre-disposition youth and hundreds of staff at the 26-acre campus in Downey.

"The relocation of nearly 300 predisposition youth safely and in record time demonstrates what public servants across many LA County departments can do when everyone pulls together in the face of daunting odds," said Guillermo Viera Rosa, the County's Interim Probation Chief.

Viera Rosa said consolidating operations at Los Padrinos will help boost staffing numbers so that the department can establish a more normal schedule and deliver the services and safety that the youth and staff deserve.

In all, more than 360 full-duty officers will be reassigned to Los Padrinos with another 116 full-duty officers going to Barry J. Nidorf, which will become a dedicated Secure Youth Track Facility for about 60 older, more serious offenders who are no longer held in state custody.

Meanwhile, the department is in the middle of a hiring campaign that will add more than 300 new recruits to both Los Padrinos and to Barry J. Nidorf by the end of 2024.

Hahn continued, "A new facility alone doesn't mean that challenges are behind us, but it is an opportunity for a fresh start and one we need to take advantage of. We will need to stay vigilant and ensure the problems we had at other facilities are not carried over to Los Padrinos. That means working with our hardworking probation officers to search every person and package entering Los Padrinos to ensure drugs don't get into this facility and ensure there is treatment available on-site so that young people with addiction problems can get the help they need. It also means offering activities to ensure these young people go to school every day and can spend their free time constructively."



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Gonzalez increasingly more personal questions, including whether she had a boyfriend, what she liked to do outside of work, complementing her hair, and manner of dress, asking about her personal life, and finally asking Gonzalez to go to lunch with him.

Gonzalez rebuffed the advances and refused the lunch invitations.

Then Licon turned up the pressure with an alleged outright intimidation tactic, telling Gonzalez about his "power" at City Hall as union president over elected officials while also lying to her that he had influence at the Gardens Casino

He said he knew people who would have influence over Gonzalez' job, how the Council would perform favors for him, and offered to "put in a good word" for Gonzalez.

Rd. • An attempt vehicle theft of a truck

Gonzalez subsequently had a meeting with Licon to talk about union membership, with Licon requesting a oneon-one meeting in the conference room; the meeting required a waiver from the supervisor, which Licon got.

Gonzales alleges that Licon did not talk about union membership; rather he started making advances towards her again, even pulling out a \$100 bill from his "expensive" wallet, keeping it on the table and making certain Gonzalez saw the money inside.

He also told Gonzales he secured a higher classification for her which included higher pay; she ended the meeting by filling out the union membership form.

After that meeting, Gonzales felt compelled to talk to a L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy about the incident in

That was the last straw for Gonzalez, who filed a complaint with human resources in October 2019.

During a subsequent investigation, the city allegedly did not interview any of the witnesses she identified. When Gonzalez inquired about adding witnesses, Patrick Matson at H.R. told her that there was "enough evidence in the witnesses the attorney interviewed who supported her claims and the investigation is closed."

The city issued a ruling June 2020 by sustaining charges that Licon had made comments about Gonzalez's appearance, inquired about her personal life and repeatedly pressured her for lunch dates.

The stabbing was reported at 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18. Witnesses said they saw a man stab another man in the street.

When deputies arrived, they found the victim with stab wounds inside a



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Soroptimist Int'l of Artesia-Cerritos Holds Installation Event



INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos From bottom left: Norma Williamson, Past President; Diana Needham, Co-Treasurer; Mary Ann Tipton, President; Susan Green, Co-Director; Dr. Mary Sherman, Co-Delegate; and Dawn Marie Lemonds, Installing Officer. From top left: Manjula Ramanathan, Co-Secretary; Annie Kim, Co-Vice President; Jennifer Hong, President-Elect; Dr. Sowmya Ananthanarayanan, Co-Secretary; Dr. Phibun Ny, Co-Vice President; Teresita Dillon, Co-Treasurer; and Alice Qu, Co-Director.

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos, a non-profit service organization, recently held its annual Installation with an elegant lunch event at the Hilton Doubletree in Whittier. President Mary Ann Tipton and her 2023-2024 Board of Directors were installed, and outgoing President Norma Williamson and her Board were honored. Over sixty guests and Club members attended the event. The Installing Officer was Dawn Marie Lemonds, Past President of Soroptimist International of the Americas, one of five Federations of a 100 year plus global volunteer organization in 120 countries with approximately 72,000 worldwide members.

The local service club celebrated its 51st year of founding with a "The Light We Give" theme and a successful year

with over \$25,000 in giving through its Club programs as well as donations to numerous local charities. Funding was primarily provided by the Club's successful "Monte Carlo Gala Fundraiser" that raised over \$49,000.

Honorees were Dr. Phibun Ny, Soroptimist of the Year recipient; Dr. Terrisa Ha, Kathy Lovell Award recipient; Manjula Ramanathan, New Member Service Recognition Award recipient; and Dr. Kent Choi, Cerritos chiropractor and head of Ichthus Injury Network, Community Partner Award recipient. The Installation Chair was Marilyn Neece. Outgoing President Norma Williamson was honored with numerous proclamations including those personally presented by State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk Silva (AD 67) and Cerritos Council Member Frank Yokoyama. A warm remembrance presentation of former member, Gayle Reidy, was given.

Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence and Community Family Guidance Center each received \$4,000 checks for their organizations and SAHARA-South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency received a check for \$1,000. Earlier in the year, the Club gave cash awards totaling \$8,000 plus mentoring opportunities to four single mothers who are Cerritos College students through its "Live Your Dream" program, held a "Dream It Be It" event providing career support and mentoring for 35 high school girls within the ABC Unified School District, and provided \$1,500 in scholarships to 3 high school students in the Tracy Teen Parent program.

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"I am honored to be elected President of this club with so many amazing women and a united mission of helping women and girls in our community", said Mary Ann Tipton, incoming President. "I appreciate all the hard work of our members in making this past Club year a success and have enjoyed being your President", said Norma Williamson, outgoing President.

To learn more about becoming a Soroptimist member contact Jennifer Hong, Membership Chair and President-Elect, cell phone: 562-964-9388 or email: JenniferH88@verizon.net. The local service club welcomes new members. Soroptimist's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Push to Expand San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

LCCN Staff Report

Lawmakers and conservation groups are asking President Joe Biden to use his powers under the Antiquities Act to expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument near Los Angeles.

Advocates want to expand the western side of the monument, adding 109,000 from the area above Altadena north to Pacoima, Sylmar and Santa Clarita.

Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., said the expansion would have multiple benefits.

"Yes, it's a matter of conservation. Yes, it's a matter of environmental stewardship. Yes, it's a matter of protecting the unique biodiversity that exists here," Padilla outlined. "But it is also a matter of environmental justice."

Some 18 million people, including many from low-income communities of color, live within 90 miles of the national monument. The area is sacred to several local tribes.

Rep. Judy Chu, D-Calif., has been working for decades to protect the San Gabriel Mountains, recently securing funding for buses to start bringing people from urban areas up to the mountains.

"From increased access to nature for to protecting the source of one-third of this county's drinking water, to improving our region's economy, health and environment," Chu emphasized. "This will all receive a boost."

Belen Bernal, executive director of Nature for All, a nonprofit based in Los Angeles, said the move would also aid in the fight against climate change.

"Permanent protection is also aligned '30 by 30," Bernal explained. "Protecting 30% of our open spaces by 2030."

The proposed expansion is included in the Public Lands Act and the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act currently before Congress, but the bills have stalled in the face of (wait for it) Republican opposition.

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I GOT CANCER

The "I Got Cancer" series is by LCCN Staff Writer Laurie Hanson who was diagnosed earlier this year. The series will appear regularly to help give life and insight into this common condition many find themselves with in today's world. If you'd like to give your take on cancer and its treatment, please contact Ms. Hansen at laurie.hanson1965@gmail.com.



By Laurie Hanson

We never know where life will take us at times, and this is especially true of getting cancer.

For the second time in a year, I was diagnosed with cancer (unrelated to each other) and have been in the middle of treatment for the last several months. I never knew how it would change my life and perspective on living until it hit home.

There are so many things the public doesn't know about cancer care. Some image of an emancipated individual toss-

ing their cookies every moment, that is not accurate. In fact, I had no stomach issues except mild nausea going through my chemotherapy sessions. And, side effects didn't hit right away. It would be days later after completing an infusion that they would hit.

My biggest challenge has been headaches and body aches (an 11+ on a pain scale of 1 to 10). Also the side effects of steroids are something you never hear about either. They are enough to drive the most stable person insane with sleeplessness, mania, and mood swings akin to riding the Colossus at Magic Mountain. No fun, though they seem this way initially. A real nightmare for someone who is already Bipolar, that's for sure.

Another challenge is managing relationships while swinging from the chandeliers and enduring a great deal of physical pain. Some people understand. Others, never. And, it's almost guaranteed your relationships with family and close friends will be impacted. All you can do is hope and pray they understand your "chemo brain," a very real phenomena where you can't think straight, emotions run high, and moods run rather wild.

All of this is on top of knowing you got a life-threatening illness, wondering if you'll make it, wondering if you'll ever see "normal" and if your body will ever truly recover from what amounts to the systematic poisoning chemo brings. Sometimes, people are not strong enough to make it. The job of your oncologist is to access this risk, and your job is to endure.

I am lucky. I have made it through three of four chemo sessions which followed my breast cancer surgery earlier this year. My last chemo session will be July 31. It's taken me three sessions to know Ibuprofen, Tylenol and Milk of Magnesia are my friends, and use them judiciously. It's taken me my whole treatment to realize chemo is simply a bitch, but you got to do it if not for yourself then for your loved ones.

Almost on the backside of chemo, I find myself very glad I have done or almost completed it. And, I will regardless of side effects because I have so much to live for, especially two little people in Virginia who I met for the first time a year ago in October. And, I plan to see them again along with other family for Thanksgiving, when my chemo and radiation are complete.

Cancer changes your perspective on life. You soon realize what's important, and who will stand by you and who won't. I am fortunate in that I have family and friends standing by, especially my "adopted Mom," my best friend of over 23 years along with my sister who has endured my "chemo brain," yet forgives me. But I swear, cancer is something that everyone around you is impacted by one way or another.

When you have cancer, all your loved ones have it, too. It impacts everyone in your life globally, and there's no escaping it.

What's helped me is not only working with my medical team, but also keeping my eyes on the prize ... Thanksgiving coming up in November and a long train ride once again across country to Virginia to see Ollie and Opal, my great nephew and niece. Their preciousness has kept my heart and mind going while enduring long days and nights of side effects, knowing I want to be here on the planet to see them grow up. I never could have kids of my own. My nephews and nieces mean everything to me.

Cancer is a dragon, a real monster. Our society has not yet a total cure for it, and it attacks even the most vulnerable for absolutely no reason at all, children and adults alike. It spares no one pain or heartache, and it leaves no one who has survived untouched.

You wonder why? You wonder why me and why not me. You wonder what you ever did to bring this all on and feel terrible about it. Yet, cancer is really something that happens for complex reasons, some lifestyle, some genetic, and some out of the blue ... We are still searching for answers and the ever-illusive complete irradiation of it.

To fight it, you need to stop asking all the whys, and simply plow into this battle head on, praying with all your might that you see the light at the end of the tunnel, the finish line, where you know you'll make it through your treatments and hopefully into long term remission. You feel a whole host of feelings along the way, anger being huge, sadness everpresent, and find yourself pleading with God above and that your faith sees you through.

Thank goodness, I have a good prognosis. With Stage 1 breast cancer though, you must slay this dragon with everything your oncologist has got. We haven't come far enough in breast cancer to not do this yet. Surgery, chemo, radiation, and 5 to 10 years on an aromatase inhibitor ... all vital to keeping me alive hopefully for a few decades yet to come.

I keep saying to myself, some day they'll have a cure. I pray they do.

Amid all this, you realize how you wish to spend your time. For me, I've needed people a whole heck of a lot, family, and friends. I am fortunate in that where I live, a senior apartment community, I have many here who are supportive, and who take my mind off cancer and its care despite my balding head. Gracious and kind, these folks help me day in and out to stay happy, to have as "normal" of a life as one can with cancer and bipolar disorder. And, God bless them all for it.





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CHAMPIONS CUP EXPLOSION-SANCHEZ TRAVEL SOFTBALL TEAM FALLS IN SEMIFINALS OF SHOWCASE TOURNAMENT

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

IRVINE-Nearly four dozen 18-Under travel softball teams competed in the prestigious Champions Cup showcase tournament from last Wednesday through this past Sunday as the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championship looms. As was the case with the 14-Under and 16-Under teams the previous week, there was some area representation in the Champions Cup, now in its 20th year for the oldest age group as some of the top colleges in the country come to the Southland to scout future collegiate student-athletes.

One of the travel teams with local interest, the Explosion-Sanchez, finished in a tie for second place in its pool, going 3-2. Then the Explosion, with Gahr High head coach Rey Sanchez at the helm, won three straight playoff games before falling to the San Jose Sting-Gron 3-0 this past Sunday in the semifinals. Hailey Sanchez, who recently graduated from Gahr and will be attending California State University, Northridge, went hitless in two-at bats.

"The girls hit their stride this week," said Rey Sanchez. "Even in our two previous losses, they were one-run games and in both games, it was one bad inning. But for the most part, the girls started finding their stride a little bit; the girls started finding their stroke. We started to pitch better. Usually, it takes us a little bit of time in travel from high school to get going in the summer.

"That transition from high school into summer to get the team going in the right direction...sometimes it takes us a couple of weeks," he continued. "But I'm happy with the performance overall. The girl who threw today just kind of kept us off-balanced. She really didn't give our hitters any good pitches to hit, and we got a little anxious and we chased some pitches."

After winning the first three pool play games by a combined score of 35-5, the Explosion fell to the (San Jose) California Riptide-Simon last Thursday and the (Yorba Linda) West Coast Lady Dukes last Friday by identical 5-4 scores. In the single elimination playoffs, which began last Saturday, the Explosion got past the (Pasadena) California Thunder-LeVier/Milton 5-3 as a three-run bottom of the second inning proved to be the difference. Hailey Sanchez had a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth for her only hit in the game. Following that win, the Explosion knocked out the (Highland) Athletics Mercado-Torres 7-1 as they scored three



times in the top of the first and fifth innings and once in the sixth. Hailey Sanchez went three for three, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs. She also had another home run and had one taken away earlier in the game, going for a single instead. The last game of the night was a 2-1 victory over the (Danville) Batbusters-Ching as the Explosion had solo tallies in the bottom of the first and second innings. Hailey Sanchez remained hot, going two for three.

"[Saturday] was a great day," said

Rey Sanchez. "Two of the three wins were tight, but in [the second game], we really did a good job of a full team effort. But we felt really good. Usually when you play three games in a day, you almost feel like you're tired and all that. But we didn't feel that. It didn't feel like three games."

For the Champions Cup, Hailey Sanchez went 13 for 20 with 10 runs scored, 12 runs batted in, four doubles and four home runs. She also pitched two innings, striking out five and allowing one run.

"I'm really proud of the work she has put into her swing, and it came to fruition," said Rey Sanchez of his daughter. "She has been consistent with 'hey, we need a hit, we need a hit, we need a hit'. And she has. That's a testament to her work and her work ethic. She found a groove; she was jiving. She was in a zone. It was great to see and it was almost like everybody knew when Hailey was up, she was going to hit the ball hard."

Also on the team is Sophia Magcale (Gahr High/University of Redlands) and La Mirada High's Amber Valdez, both of whom did not play in the Champions Cup. Magcale was in Italy playing in a softball event while Valdez has a concussion from the previous weekend. Her status for the PGF National Championship is still up in the air depending on what her doctor says, but Magcale is expected to play as the Explosion will bring with them a 12-9-1 record in major tournament games played since May 21. The team will play a pair of pool play games on Saturday and one on Sunday before bracket play begins Monday. The (Downey) Ohana Tigers-Colenzo, with Sienna Contreras (Norwalk High) and Catherine Quibrantar (Cerritos High) on the team, were in the same pool as the Explosion and also went 3-2 prior to the playoffs. The Tigers lost their first two pool play games last Wednesday, the second of those to the Explosion, 10-2. In that game, Contreras and Quibrantar each went hitless in one at-bat and Quibrantar scored the first of the two runs in the top of the first inning, In the playoffs, the Tigers dropped a 9-1 decision to the (Sacramento) Hype Fastpitch-Watson last Saturday morning. In the first four pool play games, Quibrantar went one for six, but scored five runs.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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Solution: 9 letters

No other area players were in the Champions Cup, but some were in other tournaments preparing for the PGF National Championship.

PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW FINAL MAJOR TRAVEL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT OF SUMMER ON TAP FOR 16-UNDER, 18-UNDER TEAMS

By Loren Kopff (a)LorenKopff on Twitter

't's what every travel softball player strives for; the opportunity to play for a Premier Girls Fastpitch title, and for at least 30 area players, they will have that opportunity. The 13th annual PGF National Championship will begin pool play action on Saturday for the 16-Under and 18-Under teams, culminating in the finals a week later.

One local travel program absent from the PGF National Championship for the first time since the PGF was formed is the Artesia Punishers, which finished in a tie for 49th place last year in the Platinum Division.

But this year, area players from seven high schools join their travel teammates in the quest for either a Platinum Division or a Premier Division championship in one of the top travel tournaments nationwide.

Each travel team will have a pair of pool play games on Saturday and one on Sunday and have no bearing on the double elimination playoffs, which begin on Monday.

Games will be played at Bill Barber Park in Irvine, Fountain Valley Sports Complex, Great Park in Irvine, Harvard Park in Irvine, Huntington Beach Sports Complex and Yorba Regional Park in Anaheim Hills.

The Platinum Division championship games will be on July 28 while the Premier Division title games will be played the next day, followed by the PGF High School Futures and Seniors All-American Game.

The six championship games will be played at Deanna Manning Stadium at Bill Barber Park.

Listed below are the area players, their travel teams, and their pool play games.

Note: the players and their teams are based on information given by high school coaches in May and from team rosters obtained throughout the summer. Los Cerritos Community News apologizes if any area player was not included.

18-Under Premier Division

Marley Cortez (Gahr High)

(Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Weil Saturday @ H.B., Field 3 vs. (Conroe, TX) Hotshots National-Nelson 8:00 a.m. Saturday @ H.B., Field 3 vs. (Omaha) Nebraska Gold 9:45 a.m. Sunday @ H.B., Field 3 vs. (Chicago) Beverly Bandits-Conroy 10:15 a.m.

Since June 10, the Wildcats are 25-7-1 and Cortez has batted .271 with 16 hits, 10 runs scored, nine runs batted in and has walked 10 times in 32 games played.

Natalia Hill (Gahr High/University of Nebraska) and Rio Mendez (Gahr High/Univ. of Utah)

(Anaheim) Briggs Softball Club Bengals-Briggs Saturday @ H.B., Field 2 vs. **Birmingham Thunderbolts** 8:00 a.m. Saturday @ H.B., Field 2 vs. (Lee's Summit, MO) Top Gun National 11:30 a.m.

Sunday @ H.B., Field 2 vs. Newtown (PA) Rock Gold-Garvey 8:00 a.m.

Since May 27, the Bengals are 16-3-3 as Hill is batting .490 with 24 hits, 20 RBI, nine doubles and two home runs. She has struck out only three times. Mendez is batting .282, has scored seven times and driven in six runs.

Camille Lara (Cerritos High) and Kayla Martin (Valley Christian High)

(Cerritos) Ohana Tigers-Quarles Saturday @ H.B., Field 2 vs. (Northbrook) Illinois Chill Gold 4:45 p.m.

Saturday @ H.B., Field 2 vs. (Farmington, NJ) Jersey Intensity KOD 8:15 p.m.

Sunday @ H.B., Field 2 vs. (Puyallup) Washington Ladyhawks-Miller 12:30 p.m.

Since June 4, the Tigers are 15-11-1 but Lara is one of the top hitters on the team, batting .429 with 24 hits, 20 runs scored and eight RBI. In 56 at-bats, Lara has struck out just twice. Martin has played in half a dozen games, going four for nine with a double, three runs scored and two RBI.

Hayley Olivas (Gahr High/Loyola **Marymount University**)

(Huntington Beach) Explosion Premier Saturday @ H.B., Field 1 vs. (West Richard) Washington Angels Gold 3:00 p.m. Saturday @ H.B., Field 1 vs. (Houston) Strykers-Esparza 4:45 p.m. Sunday @ H.B., Field 1 vs. (Hagerstown, MD) Tri-State Thunder Gold 2:45 p.m.

The Explosion are 19-12 since June 12 and Olivas is batting .465 with 20 hits, 19 runs scored and 14 RBI.

18-Under Platinum Division

Hannah Bernal (Cerritos High), Melanie Perez (La Mirada High) and Rya **Rivas (Gahr High)**

(Hawaiian Gardens) Wildcats-Amaya/ Jacobsen

Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Downey) Ohana Tigers-Colenzo 8:00 a.m. Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Mesa) Mojo AZ-Vela 11:35 a.m. Sunday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. Las Vegas Blast 8:00 a.m.

Sienna Contreras (Norwalk High) and **Catherine Quibrantar (Cerritos High)**

(Downey) Ohana Tigers-Colenzo Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Hawaiian Gardens) Wildcats-Amaya/ Jacobson 8:00 a.m. Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. Las Vegas Blast

9:40 a.m. Sunday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Mesa) Mojo AZ-Vela 10:15 a.m.

Irma Gonzalez (Artesia High) Santa Ana Extreme-Maguivi

Saturday @ Great Park, Field 6 vs. Fresno Force 3:10 p.m. Saturday @ Great Park, Field 6 vs. Chicago Cheetahs-Bowman 4:50 p.m. Sunday @ Great Park, Field 6 vs. (Puyallup) Washington Ladyhawks-Simpson 2:45 p.m.

Sophia Magcale (Gahr High/University of Redlands), Hailey Sanchez (Gahr High/California State University, Northridge), Amber Valdez (La Mirada High)

(Cerritos) Explosion-Sanchez Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 7 vs. (Fairfield) Northern California Bombers 3:10 p.m. Gold Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 7 vs. (Puyallup) Washington Ladyhawks-Gon-4:50 p.m. zalez Sunday @ Harvard Park, Field 7 vs. Atlanta Vipers-Wiggins 2:45 p.m.

Alea Medina (Artesia High), Vanessa Soto (Artesia High) and Maya Torres (Artesia High)

(Lakewood) Southern California Athletics-Rivera/Blanck Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Riverside) Explosion-Flores 4:50 p.m. Saturday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Louisville, KY) Fusion National Unruh/ Greenwood 5:25 p.m.

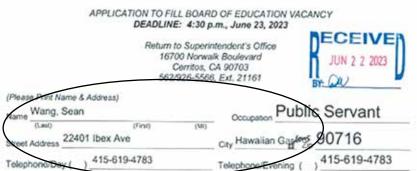
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ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

EDUCATIONAL BACKCOOLING

	Yes	No	I am 18 years of age or older.
<	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		I am a resident in Trustee Area 7 of the ABC Unified School District.
	\checkmark		Lam a registered votor.

I understand a Board Member's responsibility requires attendance at

- twice monthly regular Board meetings;
- special meetings or study sessions;
- school/community events; and (3)this appointment will be until December 13, 2024

I understand this application may be made available to the public in accordance with the Public Records Act. 1. 21

THERE IN BLACK AND WITE: The ABC Unified School District Application to Fill Board of Education Agency filled out by Cerritos Councilman Chong Vo's LFR Committee appointee Sean Wang showing a reported address in Hawaiian Gardens; Wang also checked the box that he was a resident of Trustee Area Seven. To be on the LFR Committee Wang must be a Cerritos resident.

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show Wang indicating he lived at 22401 Ibex Ave. a very run-down tiny twobedroom one bath home in Hawaiian Gardens. Wang also checked a box saying he was a resident of Hawaiian Gardens.

Yet a check of Cerritos' website shows Wang is on the city's Let Freedom Ring Committee, appointed by Cerritos Councilman Chuong Vo.

Wang also proudly proclaims on his Linkedin account that he lives in Cerritos and is on the LFR Committee.

In order to be on any committee in Cerritos, a person must be a Cerritos resident. Yet Wang filled out his ABCUSD application, under penalty of perjury, saying he was from Hawaiian Gardens.

Four days prior to the July 1, 2023 ABCUSD special meeting to appoint a candidate, LCCN obtained the names of the ABCUSD applicants and published an article online June 29, 2023 followed by the article appearing in the print publication on Friday June 30.

Councilman Vo apparently read the article online, on Thursday Wang withdrew his name from candidacy, but the damage was done. And Vo tried to cover it up.

Texts into Cerritos City Councilman Chong Vo asking if he knew of Wang's application went unreturned; Vo would not answer if he would ask Wang to resign from the LFR Committee. Texts into Wang went unreturned.

Councilman Frank Yokoyama told LCCN, "I wanted to inquire about the discrepancy in Sean Wang's residency during Monday's City Council meeting, but for some reason, Mayor Barrows Bruce refused to let me inquire about this discrepancy."

Sunday @ Harvard Park, Field 2 vs. (Thornton) Colorado Stars

12:30 p.m. The So Cal Athletics haven't played in too many tournament games this summer (16), but Soto leads the team with a .393 average and four doubles. She has been walked nine times and has driven in seven runs. Medina and Torres are batting .363 and .393 respectively with a combined 24 hits, 16 runs and seven RBI. Torres has also pitched just over 13 innings with 11

16-Under Premier Division

strikeouts and four walks.

Zoee Barrett (Valley Christian High) and Madison Morgan (Valley Christian High)

(Chino Hills) Empire Fastpitch Premier Elite

Saturday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 4 vs. (Portland) NW Bullets-Smith 8:00 a.m.

Saturday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 4 vs. (Irvine) Southern California Athletics-Thomas/Grimm 11:35 a.m. Sunday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 4 vs. (Mason) Ohio Hawks-Joseforsky 8:00 a.m.

Larissa Flores (Gahr High)

(Garden Grove) 5 Star PlayMakers-Siofele/Mulipola Saturday @ Fountain Valley, Field 4 vs. (The Woodlands) Texas Sudden Impact-Jones 8:00 a.m. Saturday @ Fountain Valley, Field 4 vs. (Chicago) Beverly Bandits-Holloway 11:30 a.m. Sunday @ Fountain Valley, Field 4 vs. (Tempe) AZ Storm-Captain/Monte 10:15 a.m.

Peyton Kingery (Valley Christian)

(Riverside) Briggs Softball Club Bengals-Briggs

Saturday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 1 vs. (Chattanooga, TN) Fury-Moyer/Perry 3:10 p.m.

Saturday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 1 vs. (Spartanburg, SC) Carolina Elite-Fusetti 6:45 p.m.

Sunday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 1 vs. (French Camp, CA) Sorcerers-Gann 2:45 p.m.

The Bengals are one of the hottest 16-Under teams, winning 31 out of 39 games since May 27 and Kingery is one of three players who are batting at least .500 in at least 24 games. Kingery, one of the young up and coming stars for V.C., has 23 hits, 13 RBI and two home runs.

Katherine Villegas (Cerritos High)

(Long Beach) USA Athletics-Rogers/ Gunnar

Saturday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 1 vs.

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(Livermore) AASA-McCafferty/Novitske 11:35 a.m.

Saturday @ Bill Barber Park, Field 1 vs. (San Jose) Warrior Academy-Gutierrez 1:15 p.m.

Sunday @ Bill Barber Park. Field 1 vs. (Chicago) Beverly Bandits Futures-Page 10:15 a.m.

16-Under Platinum Division

Jailynn Banda (Norwalk High) and Angelie Kennedy (La Mirada High) (Pasadena) Firecrackers-Vines Saturday @ Yorba Regional, Field 3 vs. (Salinas) California Storm-Norman/King 8:00 a.m.

Saturday @ Yorba Regional, Field 3 vs. (Murrieta, GA) Southern California Athletics-Marinakis/Jaquish 24 11:30

Sunday @ Yorba Regional, Field 3 vs.

[See **PREMIER** page 14]

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(Highlands Ranch, CO) Rocky Mountain Thunder-Swank/McAllister 10:15 a.m.

Alianna Calderon (Cerritos High)

(Covina) Wildcats-Natividad Saturday @ Great Park, Stadium vs. (Elk Grove) LTG Lions-Carda/Oliver 8:00 a.m.

Saturday @ Great Park, Stadium vs. (Vista) Breakers Labs-Bobby 9:40 a.m.

Sunday @ Great Park, Stadium vs. (Signal Hill) USA Athletics-Rogers/Mathis 8:00 a.m.

Quira Castillo (La Mirada High) and Angelina Ratzlaff (La Mirada High)

(Signal Hill) USA Athletics-Rogers/ Mathis

Saturday @ Great Park, Stadium vs. (Elk Grove) LTG Lions-Carda/Oliver 11:35 a.m.

Saturday @ Great Park, Stadium vs. (Vista) Breakers Labs-Bobby 1:15 a.m.

Sunday @ Great Park, Stadium vs. (Covina) Wildcats-Natividad

8:00 a.m. The Athletics went 19-10-1 since May 21 and Ratzlaff is batting .392 with 20 hits, 11 runs and five RBI. Castillo has pitched nearly 24 innings, striking out a dozen batters and has saved four games. **Kylie Manibusan (Cerritos High) and Kendall Nakano (Norwalk High)**

(Los Alamitos) Wildcats Laufou/Hunter Saturday @ Great Park, Field 4 vs. (Whittier) Briggs Softball Club Bengals-Gurule 11:35 a.m.

Saturday @ Great Park, Field 4 vs. (Louisville, KY) Fusion National Unruh/Hunt 1:15 p.m.

Sunday @ Great Park. Field 4 vs. (Kirkland, WA) NW Grapettes-Wilson 10:15 a.m.

The Wildcats have been busy this summer, going 24-11 entering the PGF National Championship. Nakano is batting a blistering .475, third best on the team with 38 hits, 25 runs scored, 24 RBI, seven doubles and four home runs. In 80 at-bats, she has struck out five times. Manibusan has a .242 average with 15 hits and 17 runs scored.

CITY OF LA MIRADA STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2023-02 NEIGHBORHOOD SLURRY SEAL AREA 4

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2023-02. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting http://www. crplanwell.com/. Work includes roadway slurry seal including providing traffic control, crack sealing, weed abatement, Type II Latex Slurry Seal, and installation of pavement striping and markings in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on August 22, 2023. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. 10438-AK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: JUGUO INVESTMENT, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABIL-ITY COMPANY, 2569 WEST VIA CAMPO MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 Doing Business as: THE FLAME BROILER-146 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s) is/are: THE FLAME BROILER, INC., A CALI-FORNIA CORPORATION, 2569 WEST VIA CAMPO MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD DRY IMPROVEMENT and are located at: 2569 WEST VIA CAMPO MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTE-SIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 8, 2023 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last date for filing claims shall be AUGUST 7, 2023, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: MARCH 20, 2023 BUYER: THE FLAME BROILER, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION ORD-1776259 COMMERCE COMMUNITY NEWS 7/21/23

CITY OF LA MIRADA STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2022-09 CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2022-09. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting http://www. crplanwell.com/.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on August 8 2023 at 9:00 a.m., at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on September 5, 2023. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-611

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5.30 TO TITLE 5 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPOSING REGULATIONS ON SIDEWALK VENDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL 946 AND 972

On July 11, 2023, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted Ordinance No. 2023-611, which imposes regulations on sidewalk vending in compliance with SB 946 and SB 972.

Ordinance 2023-611 is repealing and replacing Chapter 5.30 with a new sidewalk vending regulation that are consistent with SB 946 and SB 972, to implement regulations on both roaming and stationary sidewalk vending that protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community while complying with the requirements of general state law, as amended from time to time, to promote safe vending practices, prevent safety, traffic, and health hazards, and preserve the public peace, safety, and welfare of the community.

The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-611, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	DE PAULA, ROA, VARGAS, FARFAN, DEL RIO
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

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

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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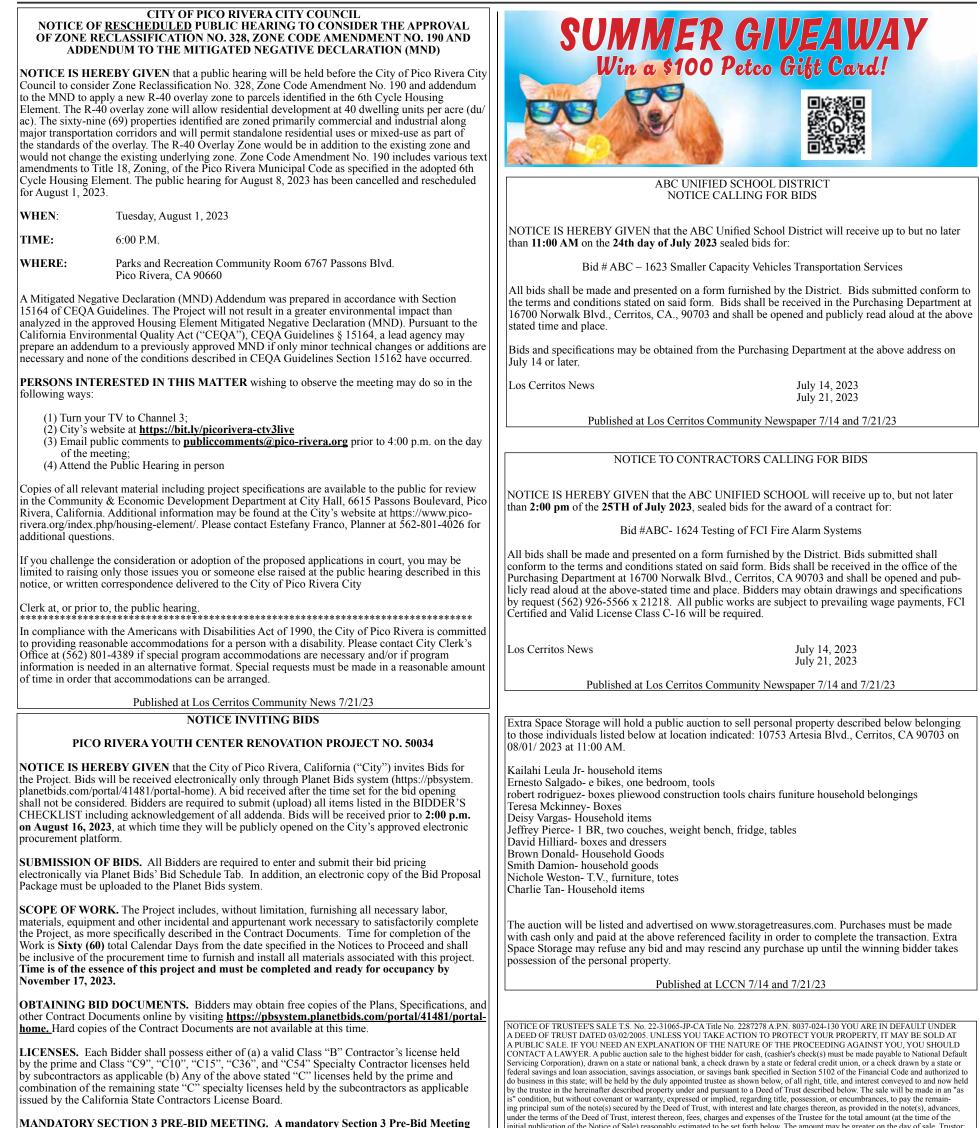
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Èscrow No. 003027-CK (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described. (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: JAHEL CAMPOS AND JUAN LOPEZ, 17411 CLARK AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: KNIGHT & BISHOP ROYALTY, LLC, 5519 HAZELBROOK AVE, LAKEWOOD, ČA 90712 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, ÈQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE of that certain business located at: 17411 CLARK AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: DRINKING WATER & COIN LAUN-(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 9, 2023 at the office of: HANA ESCROW COMPANY, INC., 3580, WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1170 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above (9) The last date for filing claims is: AUGUST 8, 2023. (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE. Dated: JULY 12, 2023 TRANSFEREES: KNIGHT & BISHOP ROYALTY, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILTY COMPANY ORD-1777076 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 7/21/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JEANNE Y. SHIMAZAKI

	CASE NO. 23STPB07402
	To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE	both of JEANNE Y. SHIMAZAKI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said	A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JON S. SHIMAZAKI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS
property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 –1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.	ANGELES.
The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com ending on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 10:00am. The	THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JON SHIMAZAKI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate
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Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:	of the decedent.
	THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority
Name Unit # Dorothy Brandon M055	will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important
Jontha Jonatha M088	actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice
Angela Norris F58	or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an
Angela Norris I10	objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to	A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/11/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS
ruiciases insisto e nade in CASH ONCE and part at the above reference in acting in order to complete the transaction. Safe is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.	ANGELES, CA 90012
Dated this 21st day of July 2023 and 28th day of July 2023.	IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-
Self Storage Management Company	tions with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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	the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters
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will be held on July 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at Smith Park Meeting Room C, 6016 Rosemead

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CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: Dylan Flores; Contact Number: 562-801-4429; E-mail address: dflores@pico-rivera.org

Pamela Yugar Parks and Recreation Director

Bv:

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