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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 reason-

able steps necessary to prevent harassment.

Licon is the former AF-SCME union president with a checkered past, found guilty of misusing union funds in 2020.

Nine days ago, LCCN, speaking to sources close to Gonzalez, exclusively reported that Hawaiian Gardens had settled the lawsuit with Gonzalez.

Now LCCN, via a public records request, has obtained the Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims between the two parties, and it is not pretty.

Hawaiian Gardens residents, some of who had called for Licon to be fired after he was found misusing union funds and again after Gonzalez sued, are not going to be happy, with Licon adding yet another black mark on the city, his em-

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## Senator Archuleta Garners \$6.4 Million for Santa Fe Springs Aquatic Center

By Fred Zermeno

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) celebrated a major bud-

that will upgrade the facility and enhance the community's ability to enjoy this recreational resource for generations to come.



SENATOR ARCHULETA is pictured with SFS Mayor Juanita Martin, Council members Annette Rodriguez and Bill Rounds, City Manager Rene Bobadilla and community leaders and city department directors.

get win for Senate District 30 by announcing \$6.4 million in funding for the Aquatic Center in Santa Fe Springs tagged for improvements and renovations

The improvement project and its funding was publicly announced during a community

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ZERO-ZERO-TWO: Area residents playing on the new Pickleball courts at Don Knabe Park. Attendees were treated to coffee and doughnuts and free play with lessons. Courtesy Supervisor Hahn's office.

## Picklemania! Ten Pickleball Courts Open at Cerritos' Don Knabe Park

By Stepheny Gehrig

Pickleball is the new sport of the summer - rocketing in popularity - and Cerritos just gained new courts for residents opening ten at Don Knabe Community Regional Park yesterday, all thanks to the efforts of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Pickleball is a sport that shares similarities with tennis,

ping-pong and badminton, according to USA Pickleball. Played on a badminton-size court, with a paddle and a ball with holes, players can enjoy this sport in pairs or as singles.

Earlier this year, Supervisor Hahn received a petition from long-time Cerritos resident Norma Williamson signed by more than 300 people requesting pickleball courts be added



A \$250 Pickleball paddle.

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## Report Alleges Graft and Corruption Inside Anaheim City Hall

A "criminal conspiracy" regarding \$1.5 million in COVID-19 relief funds; the report initially cost \$750K ended at \$1.5 million

By Brian Hews

An outside investigation into political corruption in Anaheim was made public Monday and found a "potential criminal conspiracy" regarding \$1.5 million in COVID-19 relief funds, alleging that the city's former mayor and the ex-head of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce participated in "influence ped-

dling."

The report was done by an outside firm originally budgeted at \$750,000 but ironically ended up costing \$1.5 million.

The report named Harry Sidhu and his cronies at the Chamber, done after a political corruption investigation by the FBI became public that accused Sidhu of several misdeeds, including the sale of Angel Stadium.

Sidhu, who resigned, has denied wrongdoing.

Even though the price doubled, the report by the JL Group does not contain any blockbuster revelations. Still, it depicts a corrupt group of politicians and lobbyists influencing decisions

inside city hall.

The most serious allegation was the misuse of COVID-19 funds which occurred after the City Council approved Sidhu's plan in March 2020 to direct \$6.5 million to Visit Anaheim. But \$1.5 million was illegally diverted to a company controlled by the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce, headed at the time by Todd Ament.

The report stated that "there was a conspiracy between then-Mayor Sidhu, Ament, and the CEO and president of Visit Anaheim, Jay Burress. Sidhu directed Burress to divert \$1.5 million to the Anaheim Chamber's controlled nonprofit and

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### Pico Rivera Honors Its Neighborhood Watch Crew



STATE SENATOR Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), addresses and congratulates the volunteers who patrol the Villa Nova Mobile Home Park during last months ceremony. Courtesy Senator Archuleta's office.

### Fiona Ma Endorses Senator Bob Archuleta

LCCN Staff Report

This week, California State Treasurer Fiona Ma officially endorsed Senator Bob Archuleta in his campaign for Congress. Treasurer Ma, a highly respected figure in California politics, believes that Senator Archuleta will bring a positive and impactful representation to the state.

Treasurer Ma stated, "I am honored to endorse 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 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."

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#### Staff Report

Last month, a Pico Rivera community came together to celebrate and recognize the efforts of ten very special volunteers.

With their organized neighborhood watch group, the volunteers patrol the Villa Nova Mobile Home Park making the community safer.

Since 2021, the group of volunteers has been patrolling and as a result, calls for service to the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station have decreased.

During a ceremony held at Villa Nova last month, the volunteers were recog-

nized by local and state officials, along with the Captain of the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station.

Included in the recognition was group founder and commander, Alfredo Rosa, who has made it his priority to ensure the safety of all the residents inside Villa Nova.

Creating a neighborhood watch group for a neighborhood is easy. Many neighborhoods are encouraged to create watch groups to make not only their neighborhood safe, but the city of Pico Rivera safe.

**For info, contact the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station at 562.949.2421.**



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## La Palma Neighborhood Watch Thanks Volunteers



**WATCH OUT:** newly elected members of the '23-'24 LPNW Board of Directors, are (l-r) Treasurer Dickson Lew, President Karen Oliver, Vice-President Dee Vincenti, Communications/Membership Director Sally Hawkins, and Secretary Noella Lew. Photos by Edna Ethington.

By Edna Ethington

Members of the La Palma Neighborhood Watch gathered in the Royal Palm Room of the La Palma Community Center on Thursday, July 13, for the 37th Annual Appreciation Banquet.

Neighborhood Watch Board members recognized and thanked the past and present District Coordinators and Block Captains who volunteered hours every month to distribute the Neighborhood Watch newsletter in conjunction with the La Palma Police Department.

Dee Vincenti served as Master of Ceremonies; attending were La Palma Mayor Debbie Baker, City Manager Conan McNamara and City Council members.

Mayor Baker introduced La Palma Police Captain Ron Wilkerson who thanked the Neighborhood Watch volunteers for helping to distribute the newsletters with information about the activities that the Police Department

worked on each month.

Dee continued as emcee for the evening and introduced the retired District Coordinators and Block Captains, some of whom had served in their positions since Neighborhood Watch first started in 1986.

One of the retired volunteers was Grace Izuhara, who said she lived in La Palma since 1957, before it became known as La Palma in 1965.

The retirees stood and were applauded. The current District Coordinators and Block Captains were asked to stand and were thanked for their service on behalf of the community.

Neighborhood Watch invites everyone to come to the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the La Palma City Council Chambers. For more information, contact Sally Hawkins, regarding Communications/Membership, at [lapalmanw@gmail.com](mailto:lapalmanw@gmail.com).

### ANAHEIM from page 1

that Ament told Burrell to lie about the source of the funds if asked. The chamber nonprofit that received the \$1.5 million did not list those funds in their 2022 tax returns."

The report ended by slamming Ament and Sidhu: "All these activities point to the fact that Mayor Sidhu and Ament were working in concert on a grander plan to peddle Mayor Sidhu's influence and to enrich themselves in the process unjustly."

### AQUATIC from page 1

celebration on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, alongside city leaders and aquatic center staff.

"I am extremely pleased to see a much-loved part of our community receive funding that will enhance the quality of life for everyone who visits and lives near the Santa Fe Springs Aquatic Center," Senator Archuleta said. "I am excited to do my part to secure funding for this facility that has long been a source of enjoyment to the public."

## Invasive Fruit Fly Prompts Quarantine in LA Neighborhood

LCCN Staff Report

The discovery of an invasive fruit fly prompted a rare quarantine of produce of a neighborhood in L.A. County, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced last week.

This is "the first Tau fruit fly quarantine ever in the Western Hemisphere," according to the CDFA.

More than 20 Tau fruit flies were found in Stevenson Ranch, an unincorporated area near Santa Clarita. The Tau is described by the CDFA as a "serious pest for agriculture and natural resources."

Tau fruit flies are about the same size as a housefly. The adult females lay eggs in produce, and the larvae "tunnel through" and feed on it.

A quarantine was imposed that encompassed 79 square miles.

"To prevent the spread, residents living in the quarantine area are urged not to move any fruits and vegetables from their property," the CDFA said. "They may be consumed or processed at the property where they were picked. Otherwise, they should be disposed-of by double-bagging in plastic and placing the bags in a bin specifically for garbage."

The CDFA is working with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and L.A. County to eliminate the species and prevent it from spreading to new areas, treating them with "a naturally derived organic-approved material known as Spinosad."

"Finally, fly traps that incorporate a pheromone lure and a minute amount of pesticide will be used in a wider part of the treatment area," the CDFA said.

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## Downey Mayor Looks to Open Homeless Center in City

By Brian Hews

In a letter to the media, Downey Mayor Claudia Frometa wrote that the city, "due to an increasing homeless activity," will study opening a Homeless Center in the city.

"We are seeing increased transient activity throughout our city; this has become a greater concern over the last several weeks. Clean ups will continue in coordination with LA County Dept. of Mental Health, LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), PATH and DPD."

Frometa indicated the city approved a Homelessness Solutions Manager position to assist with the efforts.

"As this situation continues to

worsen, there are currently 60,000 homeless people in the City of Los Angeles, and another 12,000 in surrounding cities in Southeast Los Angeles, Downey must become proactive and aggressive in its efforts to curtail homelessness activity and its impacts on the quality of life for our residents and impacts to our businesses."

Frometa stated that the City Council, alongside the City Manager, we will be discussing efforts to open a Homeless Center with services in Downey.

"We can no longer stay idle and hope the 'clean' up efforts work. As we look at alternatives and common-sense approaches to address this growing concern, my goal is to protect the quality of life for our residents and tackle the safety concerns."

*If you know of someone that needs shelter, visit [www.lahsa.org/get-help](http://www.lahsa.org/get-help).*

## Thank A Servicemember Postcard Design Contest



WINNING DESIGN from 2021, deadline to enter is August 11, all ages are welcome.



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### Staff Report

Lakewood artists, photographers, graphic designers and creative types in any media (and any age!) are invited to submit a postcard design for the city's 2023 Thank a Servicemember campaign by Aug. 11.

Five designs will be selected from the entries.

The winning designs should reflect patriotism and city pride, and can be designed in any creative media.

The chosen designs will be printed and distributed around town this fall. The public will be invited to write their

own messages of thanks and holiday wishes to servicemembers overseas on the back of the cards.

The winning artists will be honored at a community event and their names publicized along with their submissions.

*How to enter:*

Create a patriotic design in a 4" x 6" size (with 1/4" margin).

Take a clear photo of it or save it as a digital file (.jpg, .png, .PDF, .tif ONLY)

Complete the online form and upload your design at [www.lakewood-city.org/submitdesign](http://www.lakewood-city.org/submitdesign).

## CA. Voters May Face Ballots About Oil Wells Near Schools

### LCCN Staff Report

California voters may be asked twice on the same November 2024 ballot whether to keep or to ditch a law mandating new oil wells be a certain distance away from homes, schools and parks.

Last year, lawmakers approved so-called buffer zones around oil wells, which dot communities around Los Angeles and the state's Central Valley, as part of a package of bills aimed at tackling climate change and pollution. The oil industry quickly moved to undo the law by gaining a spot on the 2024 ballot.

But on Wednesday, environmental advocates put forward their own proposed ballot measure aimed at getting voters to require buffer zones.

Environmental justice groups have made multiple attempts over the years to establish a minimum distance between oil and gas wells near places like homes and schools. Newsom signed the law last year

that banned new gas and oil wells within 3,200 feet (975 meters) of sensitive areas.

The oil industry quickly filed for the referendum to ask voters to overturn the law, and the group collected enough signatures earlier this year to put it on the ballot.

The oil industry's tactics to collect the 623,000 signatures needed to get their favored measure on the ballot have come under fire. The California Secretary of State's office said last year it was investigating complaints alleging signature gatherers were spreading misinformation about the measure.

The Legislature is weighing whether to change the referendum process so Californians don't get confused about whether they're voting to uphold or to overturn a law. The legislation would have voters decide to either "keep the law" or to "overturn the law." That would mean a departure from a "yes" vote to keep the law or a "no" vote to overturn it.



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## Cerritos Author Has Book Signing at Paris Baguette



**AUTHOR CECI BORJA** shares her second children’s book with her Dad who will turn 95 this November. She writes about adventures in the Ecuadorean Amazon Jungle. A subject they are both very familiar with.

By **Linda J. Hernández**

Cerritos resident María Cecilia Borja-Van Zitter, fondly known by all as Ceci, is a retired schoolteacher and author from Quito, Ecuador.

After relocating to Los Angeles in 1966, Ceci earned her Master of Arts Degree in Education at Point Loma Nazarene College.

Ceci hopes that her children’s books will inspire readers to pursue gratitude in their everyday lives and develop their self-esteem as they discover their God-given worth.

She believes that every child, no matter how young, can make a difference.

In addition to writing empowering children’s books, Ceci enjoys substitute teaching, travel and spending time with her friends and family. In her second bilingual children’s book, “One Joyful Adventure at a Time”, Ceci shares her love for the jungle and instills a love of nature in her readers.

You can connect with Ceci on Facebook at [AbuelitaCeciFanPage](https://www.facebook.com/AbuelitaCeciFanPage) and on Instagram [@instagramborjavan](https://www.instagram.com/instagramborjavan).

## McDonald’s is Launching a Spinoff Restaurant Chain

By **Brian Hews**

Back in 1986, McDonalds created a character called CosMc and featured the character in a series of McDonald’s commercials and print ads from '86-'92.

CosMc is a yellow-colored part alien, part robot appeared in the second phase of McDonaldland the franchise’s fictional world inhabited by Ronald McDonald and his friends.

The lesser-known character, which began appearing in McDonald’s ads in 1986, had six arms and relocated from his home in space when he discovered McDonald’s burgers and fries.

On July 27, McDonald’s revealed it would be launching a spinoff restaurant chain based on CosMc.

The revival of CosMc — who is known for pairing his futuristic outfit with clunky white sneakers — comes after McDonald’s saw great success by bringing back its pur-

ple fuzzy mascot Grimace.

According to McDonald’s “CosMc’s,” will be tested in a small handful of sites in “limited geographic areas” starting in early 2024 and will be a “small format” restaurant concept “with all the DNA of McDonald’s but its own unique personality.”

The chain will be called CosMc.



## Whittier Union Brings Free Public Transportation to Students

WHITTIER – Whittier Union High School District is kicking off the 2023-24 school year with the renewal of the GoPass program, offering students consistent and reliable transportation to school by providing unlimited rides at no cost on the Metro bus and rail.

The program began its pilot year in Whittier Union in October 2021 after the District was approached by City of Whittier Mayor Pro Tem and Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board member Fernando Dutra.

The Fare-less System Initiative aims to increase student ridership, student success, and improve student health.

According to Metro, students with access to public transportation have a higher rate of graduation and are also shown to be healthier due to a more active lifestyle.

“This program not only helps students get to school but provides them access to after school activities such as extracurriculars, sports, jobs and more,” Director of Student Support Services Amy Larson said.

After receiving a subsidy from the state, Whittier Union pays less than \$3 for each student enrolled and receives free annual electronic passes for each student.

While not every student has a need for the program, Larson said there are

many students that heavily rely on their free Metro passes.

The pass allows each student unlimited rides on Metro bus and rail, as well as bus lines including Norwalk Transit, Montebello Bus, City of Commerce, LADOT Dash, Culver City Bus and the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus.

“It’s really a privilege that Whittier Union gives us access to this program,” California High School junior Nadia Medina said. “I don’t have a car, so it’s really nice to

have a way to get to the places I need to go and to be able to get to school on time.”

Students continue to rely on the GoPass service during the summer vacation months to get around the city. Those interested can contact the Whittier Union Student Support Services office at (562) 698-8121 ext. 1180 for more information on how to receive a Metro pass.

“The GoPass program truly benefits our students and ensures that transportation is not a barrier to their school attendance,” Superintendent Dr. Monica Oviedo said. “At Whittier Union High School District, we pride ourselves on providing the necessary resources to help our students succeed every day.”



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# Cerritos Crime Map July 23-30, 2023



## Crime Summary

### La Mirada

July 17-30, 2023

#### Notable Arrests

- Eleven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- Four suspects were arrested for grand theft auto.
- One suspect was arrested for trespassing.
- Seven suspects were arrested

throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

- One suspect was arrested for grand theft auto.

#### Robbery

- A robbery was reported on the 15700 block of Valley View Ave. This incident is still under investigation.
- Aggravated Assault
- A domestic assault was reported on the 15400 block of Oakbury The victim sustained minor injuries.
- An assault occurred on the 14100

block of Bora Two victims sustained minor injuries and one suspect was arrested for the assault.

#### Residential Burglary

- A bicycle was stolen from an open garage on the 14300 block of Plantana
- A residential burglary into a garage was reported on the 13500 block of Meganwood Pl.

#### Other Structure Burglary

- A burglary was reported on the 15100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

#### Vehicle Burglary

- A vehicle burglary was reported on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.
- A burglary into a vehicle occurred on the 15400 block of Alondra Blvd.
- A vehicle burglary was reported on the 13700 block of La Mirada Blvd.
- A vehicle burglary was reported on the 13200 block of Crete

#### Grand Theft

- An afternoon theft occurred on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd.
- A catalytic converter was stolen on the 14100 block of Foster Rd.
- A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 14900 block of La Mirada Blvd.
- An early morning catalytic converter theft occurred on the 14600 block of Ragan
- A catalytic converter was stolen on the 12700 block of Tanfield
- A theft of a catalytic converter was reported on the 14700 block of Greenworth
- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 13000 block of Duffield Ave.
- Copper wire was reported stolen on the 13500 block of Beach Blvd.
- A theft was reported on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

- A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 14800 block of Jalisco Rd.
  - A theft was reported on the 14900 block of Costa Mesa
  - A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 15000 block of Ocaso Ave.
  - A theft was reported on the 14500 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- Grand Theft Auto**
- A SUV was reported stolen on the 13000 block of Duffield Ave.
  - An overnight theft of a sedan occurred on the 13900 block of Ramhurst
  - A theft of an SUV occurred on the 14000 block of Gladeside
  - A sedan was reported stolen on the 13900 block of Dilworth St.
  - A pickup truck was stolen on the 15200 block of Greenworth
  - A late-night theft of a pickup truck occurred on the 11600 block of Gayview
  - A sedan was stolen on the 13900 block of Larwin Rd.
  - An attempt to steal a sedan was reported on the 13200 block of El Moro Ave.
  - An attempted vehicle theft occurred on the 13000 block of Edwards Rd.
  - An attempted theft of a pickup truck occurred on the 13100 block of El Moro Ave.
  - A SUV was reported stolen on the 11800 block of La Mirada Blvd.
  - An overnight theft of a sedan occurred on the 15200 block of Campillos Rd.
  - A sedan was reported stolen on the 13800 block of Mansa

## Man Stabbed on Metro Green Line

A fight on a Metro train ended in a shooting and deadly stabbing Wednesday night in Hawthorne. The altercation between two men broke out around 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Green Line Crenshaw Station. Deputies responded to the station and found the 25- to 30-year-old victim with stab wounds to the upper body. Investigators determined the man was involved in a fight on the train with a 35- to 40-year-old man. The victim pulled out a handgun as he was being stabbed and shot the attacker in the upper body, deputies said. The man armed with a knife exited the train and was later taken into custody before he was hospitalized. Details about his condition were not immediately available. It was not immediately clear what led to the fight. Metro suspended train service between the Hawthorne/Lennox and Vermont/Athens stations, providing shuttle bus service for commuters.

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## LA Zoo to be Revamped Under Plan Approved by the City



A CALIFORNIA CONDOR perches on a wooden stump at the Los Angeles Zoo.

LOS ANGELES, CA — The City Council green-lighted a revised plan Wednesday that will guide the physical transformation of the L.A. Zoo and explore the feasibility of expanding transit service to get there.

According to Raman, the revised plan restores and protects some of the most “vulnerable trees,” Coast Live oak trees, by leaving an undeveloped hillside in a proposed Africa exhibit area.

The plan also commits “to reduce vehicle miles traveled for visitors who are coming into the park while also

aligning with the city’s existing efforts to preserve wildlife crossings and natural areas.

Raman said the city’s Department of Transportation and Metro are making plans to expand transit services to the zoo.

The final design and renovation costs remain unknown, but city officials said it would be paid for with private and public funding. A report from the Zoo Department stated the initial phase of construction is estimated at \$650 million.

## Cerritos College Helps Veteran Get to Princeton

By Fatima Durrani

Long Beach native Andres Solorzano joined the United States Army in 2016 after graduating from Lakewood High School and taking a year off.

“It’s something I had always wanted to do, and it has given me some of the best adventures of my life,” said Andres.

After serving on active duty for four years, Solorzano took a flight back to California from Georgia, where he was stationed in March 2020.

Just a week later, the COVID-19 outbreak shut down everything.

He enrolled at Cerritos College immediately and began taking general education classes on his own.

As the campus reopened in 2022, Solorzano became active on campus, utilizing the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) services and serving as director of veteran affairs for ASCC.

He was also involved with Modern United Nations and Safe Club.

The global studies major has always fascinated Solorzano with various countries and cultures since he could remember.

His experience in South Korea for nine months during his service also gave him a different perspective, which drove him toward pursuing a career in



ANDRES SOLORZANO was accepted to Princeton after attending Cerritos College.

international relations.

When Solorzano was ready to transfer to a four-year school, he wanted to see if he could compete among the best, and applied to some prestigious universities such as Yale, Stanford, and Princeton.

Just recently, he received an acceptance letter from Princeton.

Solorzano thanked the VRC, and instructors Katie Mishler, Sunday Obazuaye, and Dia Flores Vechayiem for their support and guidance.

“Cerritos College, VRC, and these instructors have given me everything I needed to succeed here,” he said.

Solorzano plans on pursuing a master’s degree in international relations to one day work for the State Department.

## Cerritos' Revolve Group Reports Profit

CERRITOS — Revolve Group Inc. (RVLV) on Wednesday reported second-quarter profit of \$7.3 million.

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# I Got Cancer Cerritos Resident Dealing With Cancer for Twenty Years

**L**ife with cancer can present tough questions about the quality of life versus longevity.

Benny Wasserman, 89, of Cerritos, had to decide long ago how he'd approach his cancer diagnosis and treatment. He's been dealing with prostate cancer for 20 years now.

By his early 70s, he had been having urinary difficulties, which ultimately brought attention to elevated PSA levels and by the age of 82, he was formally diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will turn 90 in April 2024 and will celebrate his 65th wedding anniversary in June. The couple has three sons, one geriatric physician and two attorneys, with nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, plus six nieces and two nephews.

With the help of his physician son guiding him, he long since has had a minimalist approach to his cancer.

"I learned that it was possible to stay away from biopsies and its own potential to harm," Wasserman explained. "I was able to stay away from unnecessary bi-

opsies and medications because of my son's input and expertise. I was very fortunate to have my son, a geriatrician of 25 years, at my side. He was able to agree, and at times disagree, with my Kaiser urologist and oncologist's decisions."

"I have never had surgery or chemo," he said. "I have had other kinds of treatments, mostly hormonal."

"I also learned how important it was that a patient learns as much as he can about his illness and possible treatments and their consequences," Wasserman explained. "It's important also to review the scientific literature and studies on the suggested medications. Every individual may or may not react to the possible side effects. These sometimes can be tough choices."

"Again, there is this balancing act between quality of life and longevity," he said. "No one but the patient can make that decision for you, not even my son."

But once his son saw his PSA had reached 50, it was all about treatment, according to Wasserman. With the latest medications available, they agreed to start on Casodex, and ended up on Lupron.

"I had to decide what could I live with and what would I be willing to give up by accepting side effects such as the hot flashes 24/7," he explained. "It hasn't been easy to accept multiple sleep disruptions during the night. I am now glad that I stuck with the Lupron, which kept the PSA down for as long as it has."

He added that though every individual reacts differently to medications, in the end it is still worth allowing them to do what they have done in scientific studies.

When his PSA began to climb from what it had been for a long time at 7 ng/ml to 11, his doctor asked him if he wanted a biopsy, something Wasserman found curious.

"I found it curious that he would ask me instead of telling me," Wasserman said. "What did I know about things like this?"

The doctor explained that some patients wish to know they have prostate cancer, as it turns out there is the slow-growing type and the more aggressive type. According to Wasserman, the research on this subject is still controversial, saying that the PSA isn't all that reliable.

Another test is the digital rectal examination (DRE), to feel the prostate for anything abnormal. Wasserman's urologist indicated that his prostate was beginning to enlarge and harden, meaning he might have prostate cancer.

"The literature was saying that once a male reaches age 75, it is probably the slow-growing type, and men would die of other causes before they would die of prostate cancer," he added. "All this time, I was consulting with my son, Michael, a geriatric physician. He suggested that I not even retake the PSA test. So, I didn't."

Then when I was in my late 70's, I started having urinary

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problems. For this, I was prescribed Finasteride, a medication for the prostate to alleviate urinary difficulties. And it worked."

When Wasserman turned 82, after another six or seven years, his doctor had him take another PSA test, and it read 50. At this point, a biopsy was suggested, and after his son consulted with his doctor, both agreed it was probably prostate cancer.

"My son still felt there was no need for a biopsy," he said. "But it was time for some kind of treatment. Both decided that I take the medication, Lupron

Depot by injection."

"The results were phenomenal," Wasserman said. "Both PSA and testosterone levels went to practically zero.

But the only problem was the side effects, the worst being hot flashes. The first injection was given to me in December 2016, and I took blood tests every three months. By the ninth month, the reading had returned to what it was before."

At this point, on the recommendation of Wasserman's grandsons, he tried a concoction of a variety of cannabis after obtaining a license from a doctor.

20-YEAR cancer survivor who has found his own wisdom, Benny Wasserman, 89, of Cerritos, enjoys doing Einstein impersonations. He hopes others make the most of life each day by doing what they love, too.

There were testimonials on the Internet that suggested that some individuals had their prostate cancer go into remission.

"This doctor had nothing to do with prescribing any particular kind or type of cannabis," he explained. "As far as I was concerned, it was a hit-or-miss proposition. I was given four different kinds of THC and CBD and suggested dosages. I took them religiously for three days. And then I began to hallucinate. That was the end of that."

It was then, by December 2017, that Wasserman decided to take the Lupron again.

"Again, the hot flushes came on," he explained. "This time I began to lose a lot of sleep and I was getting weaker and weaker. I decided I would no longer take the Lupron even if it meant that I would die sooner than later.

For me, it was again all about quality-of-life vs longevity."

"Emotionally, I try not to complain," Wasserman explained. "I am more than content with the care I have gotten from all the doctors and nurses at Kaiser Permanente for the care I have gotten for the past 40 years. I've had triple bypass heart surgery, an aortic aneurysm repaired and bowel obstruction

surgery." However, by June 2018, another blood test showed his PSA was at 100.

"Because I refused to retake the Lupron Depot, another urologist suggested I take a similar drug, Casodex," he added. "Not just a single dose, but a triple dose."

It was shortly after that year Wasserman got results of bone scans which showed cancer had spread in small lesions to the ribs, sternum, spine, and pelvic region and beyond to his hip joint on the left side of his body. A lesion in the right shoulder persists was shown to be more worrisome for metastasis.

"It is only recently that I have been taking radiation (Radium 223) intravenously once a month for six months to reduce the excruciating pain in the bones when they start to deteriorate," he explained. "At this moment, it seems that it has somewhat stabilized. For now, I'm not in any kind of pain, except for my spinal stenosis in my lower back."

"At [nearly] 90 years of age, I also have other health issues.

It's a horse race as to which one will take me down."

Wasserman is back on Lupron. While it is not a cure for advanced prostate cancer, he says people might choose it along with their doctor as part of their treatment plan to suppress testosterone which may cause testosterone-dependent prostate cancer cells from growing.

"The worst side effects from

Lupron, which has shown to be quite effective, are hot flushes, sweats, and tiredness which occur every half hour [every day, seven days a week]," Wasserman explained. "Not everyone who uses this drug, though, gets those side effects."

"At first, I felt the side effects were intolerable," he said. "I stopped taking it, and I started taking other drugs, but their side effects were much worse. All I can say is that I got lucky and learned to live with the side effects."

"It's also all about benefits versus discomfort. I continue to get Lupron injections every three months along with Radium 223," he said. "I have fans not only in my home to keep me cool when I get these hot flashes but also handy neck fans. It's called adapt and adjust as best you can at my age."

Wasserman believes in being grateful for all he has every day. His simple pleasures have been and continue to be reading, writing (he has written one page a day for the past 40 years) and he spends time playing the guitar or keyboard every day though he says he's not very good at either.

He plays a fair game of ping pong or shoots a few basketballs in his backyard with anyone who wishes to take him on. He also has a pitching machine for golf-ball-sized wiffle balls in his backyard and enjoys going to the batting cages at Home Run Park in Anaheim every Friday morning at 10 a.m. to hit 90 mph baseballs.

"I'm getting ready for 90 mph at 90 years old on my birthday," he added.

So far, he's enjoyed solid relationships with relatives and friends throughout his cancer experience. His wife and three sons have been super supportive by making sure he continues to use his body and mind as much as he can, and though he says he's slowed down, he hopes to reach age 90 on April 2, 2024.

Wasserman worked for TRW, an aerospace company now owned by Northrop Grumman, and was not employed when diagnosed with prostate cancer. He was forced into retirement at the age of 58 in 1992. For the last 25 years, he's been an Einstein impersonator doing gigs all around the world.

Though not a man of faith with either religion or spirituality, Wasserman has always been a positive person who looks to the future and is thankful for all he has.

"It's not easy to appreciate the life you have left when you are losing energy and feel increasingly tired every day," he said. "We all go downhill and fade away differently. We can fall apart physically but still retain our mental capabilities if we are lucky."

"Sometimes, somehow, you just have to keep pushing forward," he added. "Open your eyes wide and keep your eyes on the ball."

He hopes others will make the most of each day with things they love to do the most.

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# 2023 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

## YOUNGER NORWALK SQUAD MOVES TO THE GATEWAY LEAGUE HOPING TO HAVE SIMILAR SUCCESS

By Loren Kopff  
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### NORWALK LANCERS

10-2 overall last season, 3-1 in the Mid-Cities League, tied for first place, lost to John Muir High 21-0 in the Division 10 quarterfinals

Head coach: Ruben Guerrero (third season, 16-7)

Lost 26 seniors out of 58 players from 2022 opening day roster

Last time missed the playoffs: 2020

### 2023 schedule (last year record in parenthesis)

- Aug. 18 **BYE**
- Aug. 25 **@ La Canada (6-5)**
- Aug. 31 **South Gate (7-5)**
- Sept. 8 **@ John Glenn (2-7)**
- Sept. 15 **@ Linfield Christian (5-6)**
- Sept. 22 **Locke (2-9)**
- Sept. 29 **Downey (12-3)**
- Oct. 6 **@ Warren (9-2)**
- Oct. 13 **La Mirada (4-6)**
- Oct. 20 **@ Dominguez (4-6)**
- Oct. 27 **@ Mayfair (8-5)**

The first season in the Mid-Cities League of the inaugural Suburban Valley Conference was what Norwalk High needed to get back to where the program was from 2008-2013. Although the Lancers won just one Suburban League crown during that time, it advanced to the CIF-Southern Section quarterfinals twice, the semifinals twice and lost in the 2013 Southeast Division championship game. By virtue of sharing the Mid-Cities League title with Bellflower High and Gahr High, the Lancers move to the Gateway League where tougher competition awaits them.

Norwalk was its usual self in 2022, running the double wing offense as it has done for over 15 years and winning at least 10 games for only the third time since 2009. After seeing the program take a dip from 2018-2020, head coach Ruben Guerrero has put Norwalk back on the Southern Section map.

“You always want more when you’re in this position being a competitive person,” said Guerrero. “You always want more, but as I’ve had time to kind of just soak it all in and kind of reflect... we had a really good season; a successful season. I’m very proud of the kids in what they did and what they accomplished. They did some things we hadn’t seen around here in a while. I’m glad we were able to bring something to Norwalk High School that hadn’t been here in a while. I think that was our first playoff win [since 2013], moving on to the second round.”

Guerrero said the difference between his first and second seasons as head coach was the senior class, which was motivated to go farther in the playoffs than in 2021, when Norwalk was bounced in the first round and ended up 6-5. But with the graduation of 26 seniors from last season’s team and the move to the new league, it might be difficult to duplicate what the Lancers did last season.

“I know we lost a lot of players, but we’ve got some kids that have been in the program for a few years, and again, the message is the same,” said Guerrero. “What do you want out of this thing? You



will always get out of this what you put in. So, we have some kids that have said, ‘you know what coach, we want to pick up where the other guys

left off’. So, we feel really good. It was a special bunch [last season] and now we’re just trying to find a way to have as much success and carry on the legacy that they set up for us.”

### OFFENSE

Stop me if you’ve heard this before—Norwalk scored over 450 points, including at least 44 in eight games, and was held to one touchdown in the two losses. But as the 2023 season approaches, gone is quarterback Caden Barnhill, who completed six passes for 104 yards and a touchdown, and gone are running backs David Herrera and Michael Mueller, who combined for 3030 yards and 40 touchdowns. With that said, senior Rylee Sosa, who was Barnhill’s backup, will assume the quarterback duties with junior Nicolas Barrera as his backup. Sosa, who played in a few games as a junior, has paid his dues sitting behind Barnhill since the Covid-shortened 2020 season. But Guerrero says he knows the offense and has been running it since he was a freshman.

“He’s ready,” said Guerrero. “He’s been working his butt off in the weightroom, he’s been a vocal leader around here and he’s getting the guys in the huddle when we’re in practice. He’s showing every sign of being the captain out on the football field for us and that leader we’re looking for. We have a lot of confidence in him.”

Replacing the two 1,000-yard running backs will be seniors Caleb Mitchell and Anthony Rodriguez on one side of the backfield and junior Ezra Mueller solidifying the other side. Those three combined for 305 yards and five touchdowns last season. Sophomore Diego Cerritos figures to be the leading backup to the three returning backs. When Sosa or Barrera throws the pigskin, which won’t be much, seniors Alex Alvarez and Jorge Ortiz will be the tight ends.

The offensive line will consist of senior left tackle Rafael Rivas, senior left guard Jonathan Hernandez, senior center Adrian Lopez, junior right guard Bobby Mosqueda and junior right tackle Anthony Lemus.

“I think it’s just going to be a matter of how fast these guys can get up to speed as far as the experience needed to run our offense the way it can run to its fullest potential,” said Guerrero. “They’ve been working very, very hard. It’s not like they haven’t been in games on Friday nights. The only thing I look for is that learning curve, right? How soon are they going to get over that learning curve?”

### DEFENSE

The defense was just as impressive as the offense last season, allowing 189 points and posting three shutouts. There were four other games in which Norwalk yielded 21 points or fewer points. In fact, after giving up 61 points in the first two games, Norwalk allowed 42 points in the next five games. At defensive tackle, it will be senior Jonathan Anguiano, a three-year varsity letterman who had 30 tackles last season, and junior Papo Leiataua (27 tackles, two sacks) while Lopez will lock down the nose tackle position. In the rotation for the defensive line will be

senior Dominick Inzunza.

The secondary stacks up with senior Hector Cruz at one corner with Mueller (11 tackles, three interceptions) at the other corner. At safety will be senior Jacob Lopez and Mitchell (13 tackles) while the linebackers will be seniors Jesse Lopez (67 tackles, three sacks), Jonathan Orozco and Ortiz and junior Joel Espinoza.

“It is shaping up pretty well,” said Guerrero of his defense. “We’ve had a few changes, but the kids have really handled them well. They’ve really, really worked hard to come together as a unit because we had player turnover with graduation. It’s a group that’s coming together. They get fired up to fly around on the field.”

### SCHEDULE

Two things stand out when it comes to Norwalk’s schedule this season. First, it will play four home games after being home nine times last season, including both playoff games. Second, the Lancers will play 10 straight games after their bye before hitting the field for good, giving the young team that extra week before the regular season. Once the regular season begins, Norwalk will face a pair of teams that advanced to the playoffs last season. South Gate High went to the CIF-Los Angeles City Section Division 1 quarterfinals. After that comes the city rivalry game with John Glenn High, a team the Lancers have dominated for much of the history of the Mayor’s Cup. The only repeat opponents will be La Canada High, a 49-28 win in the second game, and of course, Glenn, which was a 59-6 contest.

“We’re preparing for that Gateway League, so if you want to be the best, you have to play the best,” said Guerrero of the first four weeks. “We’re just looking to level up the ballclub with everyone else.”

Once the Lancers get through with Glenn, they hit the teeth of their schedule as their next four opponents went to the playoffs last season. Downey High was in Division 4 last season while Warren High was in Division 2.

“This time last year, I could probably say my perception of [moving to the Gateway League] has changed,” said Guerrero. “But we’ve worked really hard at just developing our program and trying to get into a place where [we] put Norwalk back on the map. We’re going to put our best foot forward and just go for it. A lot of the kids who are returning... they’re pretty excited. [They] get to level up in our competition and I tell them that’s a result of all their hard work.”

“We’re going to see some familiar faces and old foes,” he later added. “But again, if you look at it, it is a slate of tough opponents. We’ve come to grips; we’ve come together as a coaching staff, we’ve come together as a team and we see this as an opportunity. We see this as an opportunity to show all the hard work that’s been going on at Norwalk High School for the last couple of years and the kids are fired up.”

### HOMECOMING

For just the second time in over 25 seasons, Norwalk’s homecoming game will be against a non-league opponent as Locke High, which won two games in 2022, is the foe. The other non-league homecoming opponent was Long Beach Jordan High in 2018, a 17-7 loss. The Lancers have won their last two homecoming games by a combined score of 100-8 after losing two straight. This will also be the fourth time since 1998 that the homecoming game is played in September and the second earliest. The game against Jordan was on Sept. 7. Since

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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. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

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**Solution on bottom of page 14**      **Solution: 9 letters**

## 2023 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

### FORMER CITY RIVAL AND NFL PLAYER HOPES TO TURNAROUND STRUGGLING JOHN GLENN PROGRAM

By Loren Kopff  
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#### JOHN GLENN EAGLES

2-7 overall last season, 0-3 in the 605 League, fourth place

17-25 overall last five seasons

Head coach: Elijah Penny (first season)

Lost 14 seniors out of 41 players from 2022 opening day roster

Last time made the playoffs: 2019

#### 2023 schedule (last year record in parenthesis)

Aug. 18	Bassett (5-8)
Aug. 25	@ Rancho Dominguez (3-6)
Aug. 31	University (1-8)
Sept. 8	Norwalk (10-2)
Sept. 15	@ Mark Keppel (0-10)
Sept. 21	@ Glendale (1-9)
Sept. 29	Godinez (1-9)
Oct. 6	BYE
Oct. 12	@ Cerritos (5-6)
Oct. 19	Pioneer (4-7)
Oct. 26	@ Artesia (1-8-1)

Just when you thought the John Glenn High football program might be turning the page and getting back to being competitive the way it was in 2018 and 2019 when the Eagles went to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, things have gone south. Glenn has won five games since Nov. 1, 2019. But new head coach Elijah Penny, a former Norwalk High standout and more recently of the New York Giants, takes over as the program's 11th head coach since 1998.

"I look at it as a great challenge, not

only for myself, but for the coaches who are on staff as well," said Penny. "I'm enjoying the process of watching these kids

just develop day in and day out. It's a huge testament already to the coaches who are here just helping me develop the kids at the pace they're moving at. I would say overall, it's definitely a blessing."

Penny said since he was hired, the players have bought in to the program well, work how the coaches work and have responded to every challenge thrown their way.

One of the two victories last season was a forfeit against Long Beach Cabrillo High in the second week, which was a 32-13 decision on the field. A week five home contest against Hawthorne High was cancelled and came a week after falling to Norwalk 59-6 and a week before its scheduled bye week.

Penny also added that the toughest part of him being Glenn's new coach has been relaying certain verbiage back to the kids as his last experience with football was in the NFL. But he wants to reiterate he has a great coaching staff, which includes Freddy Easter, former CIF champion Saeed Galloway from Dominguez High, Darrick Rice, a former defensive coordinator at Norwalk when Penny played there, plus former Norwalk



standouts Billy Moore and older brother Robert Penny along with Kurt Davis from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

#### OFFENSE

Glenn scored 122 points last season, but 49 of those came against Firebaugh High in the second game of the season and 35 in the last two games combined against Artesia High and Cerritos High. Of the 14 seniors lost, the Eagles have to replace Emmanuel Enriquez at the quarterback position and Penny has tabbed junior Raymond Acosta, a tight end last season, as the starting quarterback with sophomore Luis Vergara and freshman Israel Lewis as the backups.

Acosta was once a tackle in his earlier high school days and after seeing some film on him and watching him throw over the summer, Penny thought he was somebody who was just as talented as Enriquez.

"During seven on seven's this [past] spring and the tournaments that we've been to, Ray has been tearing it up and looking good," said Penny. "I'm excited for him and his transition... I believe that Ray is a football player. We call him a quarterback because he's a big guy. He throws with a huge arm, and he likes to hit too."

Last season, people were raving about

Tuiono Tuifua being the next best star running back to put on a Glenn jersey. Then he got injured early in the season and the ground game wasn't the same. Now, he returns as a junior and still considered as one of the premier backs in the 605 League. Penny says his progression in the offseason has been going well and he's been one of the players who has been picking up things fast. Even the former coaches from last season and current administrators who stop by to watch practice can't believe how much bigger, faster and stronger Tuifua has gotten.

Joining him in the backfield will be senior Devin Lewis and sophomores Terry Henderson and Darron Walker. Although Penny played in a double wing when he was at Norwalk, there will be some hints of that this season at Glenn, but nowhere near the consistency of Norwalk. All four running backs will also catch some passes.

Listed as wide receivers will be senior Alfonso Vega, whom Penny compares him to Julian Edelman because he makes a lot of tough catches, and juniors Noah Castanon and Jacob Ramirez. Sophomore Andres Escobar is another wide receiver to keep an eye on and senior Marcus Jackson will be the tight end.

The offensive line will have five new starters with senior left tackle Adrien Aleman, junior left guard Johdan Escobar, junior center Joshua Frausto, sophomore right guard Ivan Galindo and senior right tackle Damian Garcia.

"We definitely have some double wing in there just because of where i

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## 2023 PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### OLDER GROUP OF AREA TRAVEL SOFTBALL PLAYERS WRAP UP THEIR SUMMER

By Loren Kopff  
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IRVINE-Over 300 18-Under and 16-Under travel softball teams across the nation ended the week-long Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championship with the finals held last Friday and Saturday at Deanna Manning Stadium inside Bill Barber Park. A total of 72 teams in the 18-Under Premier Division, 80 in the 18-Under Platinum Division, 80 in the 16-Under Premier Division and 76 in the 16-Under Platinum Division played what figured to be their last travel games of the summer before heading back to their respective high schools next month, or to begin their freshman year in college.

Some of the area players who were in the biggest youth softball tournament of the summer, and their teams, enjoyed success and played well into last Thursday while others had a short-lived experience, playing in just five games (three pool play games and two games of the double elimination playoffs). Here's a look at how those players and their teams fared in the playoffs, which began on July 24.

#### 18-Under Premier Division Marley Cortez (Gahr High) (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Weil

July 25, defeated the (Pinole) Universal Fastpitch-Tatro 5-4

July 25, defeated the (Cerritos) Ohana Tigers-Quarles 2-1

July 26, defeated the (Mission Viejo) California Cruisers 3-2

July 27, lost to the (Keizer, OR) NW

Vandals-Vasas/Scott 2-1

July 27, defeated the (Murrieta) Athletics-Jendro Premier 4-0

July 27, lost to the (Forest Park, GA) Impact-Sampson/Gusaeff 10-1

**Natalia Hill (Gahr High/University of Nebraska) and Rio Mendez (Gahr High/Univ. of Utah) (Anaheim) Briggs Softball Club Bengals-Briggs**

July 25, lost to the (Moorpark) Southern California Choppers VC 12-3

July 26, defeated the (Elk Grove) Sorcerer-Bigley/Everett 7-2

July 26, defeated the (Omaha) Nebraska Gold National 1-0

July 27, defeated the (Woodland, CA) All American Sports Academy-Merrida 4-3

July 27, defeated the (Houston) Strykers-Esparza 7-1

July 27, defeated the (Redwood City) California Nuggets Gold 6-3

July 27, lost to the (Surprise) AZ Storm National-Mathis 7-0

Hill went five for 18 with a home run in the seven playoff games while Mendez went three for 18. In 32 games this summer, Hill batted .411 with 30 hits and drove in 22 runs.

**Camile Lara (Cerritos High) and Kayla Martin (Valley Christian High) (Cerritos) Ohana Tigers-Quarles**

July 25, lost to the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Weil 2-1

July 26, defeated the (Daphne) Alabama Thunderbolts-Sherman 3-1

July 26, defeated the (New Lenox, IL) Wildcats Chicago-JP 2-1

July 27, lost to the (Birmingham) Thunderbolts Premier 6-1

**Hayley Olivas (Gahr High/Loyola Marymount University) (Huntington Beach) Explosion Premier**

July 25, lost to the TN Mojo-Danley/Fisher 5-0

July 26, defeated the Texas Blaze United 7-6

July 26, defeated the Sparks Premier 1-0

July 26, lost to the California Cruisers Gold-Sievers 2-0

In the four playoff games, Olivas had one hit, which came against the Texas Blaze United, but this summer, Olivas had .379 average with 22 hits, 16 RBI, scored 25 runs and had four home runs.

**18-Under Platinum Division  
Hannah Bernal (Cerritos High), Melanie Perez (La Mirada High) and Rya Rivas (Gahr High) (Hawaiian Gardens) Wildcats-Amaya/Jacobsen**

July 24, lost to the (Novato) Ohana Tigers Gold Northern California 7-6

July 25, lost to the (Telford, PA) TNT National Godard 4-3

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

(Downey) Ohana Tigers-Colenzo  
July 24, lost to the (Phoenix) Arizona Storm-Walding 7-0

July 25, defeated the (Pasadena) California Thunder-LeVier/Milton 17-14

July 26, defeated the (Roseville) USA Premier National Team 10-4

July 26, lost to the (Mission Viejo)

Lady Dukes TWW National 5-4

Quibrantar had a hit against the Cal Thunder and scored three runs while adding another one against the Lady Dukes. She also scored once in each of the last two games.

**Irma Gonzalez (Artesia High) Santa Ana Xtreme-Maquivi**

July 24, lost to the (Pasadena) California Thunder-LeVier/Milton 6-0

July 25, lost to the (El Dorado Hills) Foothill Gold-Stinson 14-2

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

(Cerritos) Explosion-Sanchez  
July 24, defeated the (Kent) WA Acers 3-2

July 25, defeated the (Mission Viejo) Lady Dukes-Watson 10-0

July 26, defeated the (Needles) AZ Bombers-Williams 6-0

July 27, lost to the (Miami) Rock Gold-Manetta/Perantoni 2-1

July 27, lost to the (Mission Viejo) Lady Dukes TWW National 4-0

The Explosion, with Gahr High head coach Rey Sanchez, were one of the quarterfinalists in the 'B' bracket and had a 1-0 lead against the Rock Gold after half an inning on the strength of a solo home run from Hailey Sanchez. It was one of three hits for the Explosion in the game. Later in the day, the Explosion gave up a pair of runs in the bottom of the third and sixth innings, respectively. All four runs were unearned. In

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1998, Norwalk is 14-10 in such games.

**FINAL COMMENT**

“What I’ve discussed with the team and what we’ve come to as a big group is we’re taking this season in parts,” said Guerrero. “You can’t engulf any one thing at one time. So, we’re going to take it in parts. We have goals...that we can take step by step. Right now, we’re focusing on our first opponent and then we’re working on our preseason. Once we get to the preseason and get through that, then we start looking at league. Once we start looking at league and we get through that, our goal is to be in the position to compete in the Gateway and also have an opportunity to be in the playoffs.”

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come from and my history,” said Penny of this season’s offense. “But then again, we have other formations. We’re going to spread the ball out; open it up and pass the ball more. So, we’re definitely going to be a more balanced-attack team.

“What I like about my offense is that we obviously get to run and smash opponents and break their will with our run game,” he continued. “The extra blockers at the point of attack is always good for us, especially when we have talented runners like we have. The things I don’t like about the offense, or I dislike about it is that once you get down and you’re running the ball, your playbook is limited. But like I said, the staff that we have here...I had coaches up all night just scheming different things out of different formations. For those moments, we’ll be prepared.”

**DEFENSE**

Glenn gave up 385 points, including over 50 points in five of the last six points and trying to prevent numbers like that will be Aleman, Johdan Escobar, Garcia and sophomore Abraham Beltran on the defensive line with Ramirez and Walker in the secondary joined by Andres Escobar at one safety and freshman Samuel Reeves. Vega is listed as one of the top cornerbacks as well.

Probably the strength of the defense will be the linebackers, headlined by seniors O.J. Romero and Gabriel Vergara, Henderson and Tuifua.

“I love the fact that we’re able to get into different fronts and the kids [have been responding] to is,” said Penny. “We have so many packages that we’ve been practicing for different scenarios. The good thing about our defense is that the kids...they adapt well to when we make our adjustments and stuff like that. I love everything about our defense; I really don’t know what I don’t like.”

**SCHEDULE**

The Eagles softened up their schedule this season to make just about every game a comparable matchup. All non-league opponents except for Norwalk are new from last season’s schedule and four of the 10 opponents went to the playoffs last season-Bassett High, Norwalk, Cerritos and Pioneer High. Bassett was the only one that won two playoff games and Rancho Dominguez High and University High are from the CIF-Los Angeles City Section.

“We’ve seen a lot of Bassett on tape; they do a lot of things well,” said Penny. “But we’ve seen our guys progress at a fast pace, and we really don’t try to get caught up into too much of what teams did last year because this is high school ball and you have a totally different team from the team you had last year.”

Despite the domination by Norwalk in the Mayor’s Cup over the history of

the rivalry game, Penny refuses to act like it’s another game for Glenn. He says it’s going to be a good game for the city in general and believes it’s going to be good entertainment for everybody in Norwalk from the alumni of both schools to the students, staff and faculty.

If the Eagles can get to 5-2, or 6-1 before their bye week, they will be sitting in a good position to grab one of the two automatic playoff berths from the league or have a good enough record to get an at-large berth to the postseason.

“It is very important,” said Penny. “I believe it will give the boys the right kind of confidence that they need going into the playoffs. And that’s our plan. We plan on being in and playing in the playoffs. I believe that right after Norwalk, on paper, they are pretty good matchups and I believe that’s the most important stretch of the season.”

**HOMECOMING**

Glenn will be seeking the program’s seventh homecoming win since 1999 when it hosts Godinez High on Sept. 29. The Eagles last won a homecoming game in 2017 when they dismantled Cerritos 64-25. It marked the most points scored in a homecoming game in over 25 seasons. Godinez will also be the third non-league homecoming opponent in the last four seasons and fourth since at least 1999.

**FINAL COMMENT**

“Just taking over the program has truly been a blessing,” said Penny. “I’m just truly excited for what the future holds. Like I said, the kids have bought into the program. They’re confident, they’re fast, they’re physical and right now, we’re in the midst of teaching them discipline. Once I feel like we get the discipline all the way down, then I’m sure we’ll find some success.”

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the five playoff games, Hailey Sanchez went five for 15 and drove in four runs while Magcale scored three runs and drove in a run. In 27 of the 30 games played since the end of high school, Hailey Sanchez batted .455 with 30 hits, 25 RBI, 22 runs scored and hit nine home runs. She also struck out five times in 74 plate appearances.

**Alea Medina (Artesia High), Vanessa Soto (Artesia High) and Maya Torres (Artesia High) (Lakewood) Southern California Athletics-Rivera/Blanck**

July 24, lost to the (Signal Hill) USA Athletics-Mora 4-2

July 25, lost to the (Kirkland, WA) NW Grapettes 7-0

The So Cal A’s, coached by former Artesia Punishers assistants Tim Rivera and Ed Blanck, won six tournament games all summer and lost the last two pool play games, then the two playoff games. Torres went four for four while Medina and Soto each went one for four against the USA Athletics while against the NW Grapettes, Torres went two for three. In 22 tournament games since the end of high school, Torres batted a team-high .405 with 17 hits and was walked 10 times while Soto batted .357 with 15 hits and 10 RBI. Medina hit .308 with 16 hits and 13 runs scored.

**16-Under Premier Division Zoe Barrett (Valley Christian High) and Madison Morgan (Valley Christian High) (Chino Hills) Empire Fastpitch Premier Elite**

July 24, defeated the (Chattanooga, TN) Fury-Moyer/Perry 2-1

July 25, lost to the Birmingham Thunderbolts-Kemp 3-0

July 26, defeated the (Hanford)

Dirt dogs-Vasquez 3-1

July 26, lost to the (Chicago) Beverly Bandits-Holloway 4-0

**Larissa Flores (Gahr High) (Garden Grove) 5 Star PlayMakers-Siofele/Mulipola**

July 24, lost to the (Milwaukee) Velocity National 6-1

July 25, lost to the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Holcomb/Knight/Kingery 2-1

Flores went hitless against the Velocity but had a pair of hits and scored the lone run against the Wildcats.

**Peyton Kingery (Valley Christian High) (Riverside) Briggs Softball Club Bengals-Briggs**

July 24, defeated the (Cary, NC) Lady Dukes-Lamar 8-1

July 25, defeated the GA Impact-Caymol 6-3

July 26, lost to the Tampa Mustangs-Seymour 2-1

July 27, defeated the (Chicago) Beverly Bandits-Holloway/Mack 4-3

July 27, defeated the (Kane’ohe, HI) LK Black Hawaii Summer 3-1

July 27, defeated the (Phoenix) Arizona Storm National-Appel 3-2

July 27, defeated the GA Impact-Caymol 6-3

July 28, defeated the (Spotsylvania, VA) Unity-Johnson/Ross 2-0

July 28, defeated the (French Camp, CA) Sorcerer-Gann 3-0

July 28, lost to the (French Camp, CA) Sorcerer-Gann 1-0

While her dad Chet, who is a co-head coach for the Wildcats, was winning seven straight games in the loser’s bracket, Peyton Kingery was having similar success for the BSC Bengals, staying alive six straight times before falling to the Sorcerer in the “if necessary” game. Peyton Kingery played in only two playoff games and had a total of one plate appearance, which came on July 27 against the GA Impact. In 31 games since the end of high school, she batted .469 with 23 hits and 13 RBI.

**Katherine Villegas (Cerritos High) (Long Beach) USA Athletics-Rogers/Gunnar**

July 24, defeated the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Holcomb/Knight/Kingery 4-2

July 24, lost to the (Lexington, TX) Blaze United-Robertson 9-2

July 25, lost to the (San Rafael) California Grapettes-McNair 8-0

**16-Under Platinum Division Jailynn Banda (Norwalk High) and Angelie Kennedy (La Mirada High) (Pasadena) Firecrackers-Vines**

July 24, defeated the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Frazier 5-0

July 24, lost to the (Riverdale) Central California Dirt dogs-Close 6-0

July 25, defeated the (Murrieta) Southern California Athletics-Marina-

kis/Jaquish 5-2

July 25, lost to the (Thornton) CO Stars-de Thouars 5-1

**Alianna Calderon (Cerritos High) (Covina) Wildcats-Natividad**

July 24, defeated the (Las Vegas) MCLV Elite-Young 4-3

July 24, defeated the (Highlands Ranch, CO) Rocky Mountain Thunder-Swank/McAllister 11-2

July 25, lost to the (Bourbonnais) Illinois Stars-Pusateri 3-2

July 25, lost to the (The Woodlands) Texas Sudden Impact-Oglesby 5-4

**Quira Castillo (La Mirada High) and Angelina Ratzlaff (La Mirada High) (Signal Hill) USA Athletics-Rogers/Mathis**

July 24, defeated the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Laufou/Hunter 9-0

July 24, defeated the (Phoenix) Arizona Storm-Tull 5-2

July 25, lost to the (Meridian, ID) USA Explosion-Kloczko/Brooke 8-3

July 25, defeated the (Torrance) California Cruisers-Smith 3-0

July 26, defeated the (Clemmons, NC) CC Nationals-Sars 7-0

July 26, defeated the (Bourbonnais) Illinois Stars-Pusateri 8-2

July 26, defeated the (Meridian, ID) USA Explosion-Kloczko/Brooke 5-4

July 27, defeated the (Encinitas) OTI 4-0

July 27, defeated the (Riverdale) Central California Dirt dogs-Close 7-1

July 27, lost to the (Las Vegas) Lil Rebels-Gordie/TC 7-4

Ratzlaff went 10 for 27 in the 10 playoff games with six runs scored and four RBI. Since the end of high school, Ratzlaff batted .373 with 31 hits.

**Kylee Manibusan (Cerritos High) and Kendall Nakano (Norwalk High) (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Laufou/Hunter**

July 24, lost to the (Signal Hill) USA Athletics-Rogers/Mathis 9-0

July 25, defeated the (Rio Rancho) NM Sundancers 14-0

July 25, lost to the Chicago Cheetahs-Coronado 9-7

Manibusan came off the bench against the NM Sundancers to go two for two with a run scored and a run driven in while Nakano went one for two in that game with two RBI. Against the Chicago Cheetahs, Nakano went one for four and drove in a run. In 37 games played since the end of high school, Nakano batted .438 with 42 hits, 27 RBI, 26 runs scored and four home runs. In 105 plate appearances, she struck out five times. Manibusan batted .246 with 17 hits and 18 runs scored.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
LAURIE LOUISE ATKINS AKA LAURIE L. ATKINS  
CASE NO. 23STPB08067

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LAURIE LOUISE ATKINS AKA LAURIE L. ATKINS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHRISTINE MORGAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHRISTINE MORGAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/30/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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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**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKETING ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT, BID NO. 1517-23.** Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKETING ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT, RFP NO. 1517-23. Project Description:** The City of Cerritos is requesting bids from qualified consultants to assess the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) marketing and advertising practices, including communication channels, and provide recommendations on updated best practices and strategies to maximize ticket sales, develop audiences, and improve venue exposure and branding. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKETING ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT, RFP NO. 1517-23.”** It is the responsibility of the proposer to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. The bid cost shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Request for Bid and Agreement Documents:** The Request for Bids and Agreement can be obtained by contacting the City of Cerritos Communications Division at (562) 916-1320. The documents will then be provided via email. The cost of the Request for Bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE SWIM/FITNESS CENTER REHABILITATION BOILER REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 20201, BID NO. 1515-23.** Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: SWIM/FITNESS CENTER REHABILITATION – BOILER REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 20201, BID NO. 1515-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of the removal and replacement of the Olympic-sized pool water boiler, structural enhancements, plumbing improvements and other items as identified in the bid schedule. **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference: Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.** Cerritos Olympic Swim Center, 13150 E. 166th Street, Cerritos, CA 90703. **Bid Opening: Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“SWIM/FITNESS CENTER REHABILITATION – BOILER REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 20201, BID NO. 1515-23 – DO NOT OPEN.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A” and/or “B” and “C-4.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. 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**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 23204, BID NO. 1516-23.** Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 23204, BID NO. 1516-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of installing new security doors within the City Hall building, which consists of installing new doors and sidelights, providing electrical supply to doors, etc. as required per plans and specifications. Also, modify existing handrails at the exterior ramp per ADA guidelines. **Bid Opening: Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 23204, BID NO. 1516-23.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. 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The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A,” “B,” and/or “D-28.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. 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**NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BERNICE MARY LAMBERT AKA BERNICE M. LAMBERT AKA BERNICE LAMBERT CASE NO. 21STPB09979**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BERNICE MARY LAMBERT AKA BERNICE M. LAMBERT AKA BERNICE LAMBERT. A SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHRISTINE MORGAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHRISTINE MORGAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE SUCCESSOR 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: 08/30/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
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**NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLES FREDERICK LAMBERT CASE NO. 21STPB09986**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHARLES FREDERICK LAMBERT. A SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHRISTINE MORGAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
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## CITY OF PICO RIVERA Unclaimed Deposits

This is a public notice that the City of Pico Rivera ("City") is in possession of certain unclaimed monies. A specific list of unclaimed monies and individual names of potential claimants is available on the City's website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/unclaimed-property/> and at the Administrative Services Department.

Anyone who has a legal claim to the Unclaimed Property must file a written claim at the address below within 45 days from the first publication date of this notice, or else funds will become City property.

**City of Pico Rivera, Administrative Service, Finance Division  
6615 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera CA 90660  
[www.Pico-Rivera.org](http://www.Pico-Rivera.org)**

**Ph: 562-801-4392 or Email: [FinanceDepartment@Pico-Rivera.org](mailto:FinanceDepartment@Pico-Rivera.org)**

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 08/15/2023 at 11:00 AM.

- Franklin Rodriguez - Tools
- Tamara Jones - Household items
- Rebecca Rios-Preciado - Household items, clothing, sporting accessories, tools, memorabilia, camping gear
- Daniel Martinez - Household items
- Claudia Lorena Chavez- Household items
- Annette Crumaby - Household items
- Douglas Morse - Clothes
- Annette Crumby - Household items
- Lisa Castruita - Garage items, boxes, totes
- Debra Jean Westmoreland-Evans - Dresser, boxes, bed
- Amanda Sowa - Bedroom furniture, couch and a fridge
- Alicia Guerrero - Couch, bed
- Brady Kathryn, Kathryn Brady - Household goods
- Max Joseph Castillo - Fridge, couches

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.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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Proof of Publication of FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023166872 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CERRITOS WE THE PEOPLE LEGAL ASSISTANTS, 18758 WEST PLACE, ARTESIA, CA. 90701 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: JEANETTE HERNANDEZ 18758 WEST PLACE, ARTESIA, CA. 90701 THIS BUSINESS IN CONDUCTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 7/2023. 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/JEANETTE HERNANDEZ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 8/2/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the 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). 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25/23

### ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **24th day of August, 2023** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1626 Data Cabling

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the **Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may request for Bid Documents by calling (562) 926-5566 x 21218 Esthela Perez. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-10 or C-7 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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### NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Boxes/totes/bins, bags, Shelving racks, storage drawers, Rolling Work Seat Brake Stool big seating platform/tool trays/drawer, luggage, duffle bags, backpack, speaker, skateboard, storage bench, rug, blankets, throw pillows, style station, makeup organizer, solid top dolly, shoe boxes, piggy bank, wicker trash can, clothes, wrapping paper, toilet paper holder stand, bottle, TV, entertainment center, storage drawers, folding chairs, folding table, fan, shoes, seat cushion, dressing mirror, under bed storage container, books, Bikes, bike pump/parts, dog crate, golf clubs, baseball bat, football, tools, vacuum, outdoor turkey fryer pot/burner, helmets, clothes, baskets, buckets, IKEA PAX storage organizers, metal shelving rack, dresser, rolling utility cart, toolbox, , tools, extension cords, ladder, 2 large rolling ice chests, milk crates, wood, drawer organizers, planter box, bottled water, towels, Dining room table & chairs, TV stand with fireplace, gaming chair, computer desk, computer & keyboard, inversion table, headboard, mattress, Artificial plants/flowers, stuffed animals, hopper ball, and hats.

NAME	UNIT
VANESSA IRENE GUERRERO	B186
DAMON MARCELL HODGE	B638
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485
ENRIQUE PAREDES ORTEGA	B702
FAITH SHADENE STEVENSON	B155

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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**SUMMER GIVEAWAY**  
**Win a \$100 Petco Gift Card!**

Proof of Publication of FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023149500. THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: TAILORED BEAUTY COMPANY, 11428 ARTESIA BLVD., SUITE 6, ARTESIA CA. 90701, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: ANGELINA VARELA, 16305 3/4 CORNUTA AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706 THIS BUSINESS IN CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 7/23. 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/ANGELINA VARELA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/10/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the 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 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4/23.

### 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.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on 8/17/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Alfredo Rodriguez Cuevas; Michele Monica Rodriguez-Millikan; Ernesto Danan Vitug; Jules Taylor Christen; Karoline Guadalupe Castellon; Michael Njorvuenwu Minikwu; Toby Arthur Jr. Reyes. 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.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on 8/17/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Adeline Christlieb; Adolfo Flores Nunez; Adriana Revelez; Alicia Espinoza; Andres E Bautista; Connie Gonzalez; Cristina Irene Jimenez; Erica del Rocio Valle; Francisco Torres; Isidro Lira Parga; Ismael Sanchez III; Israel Navarro; Jorge de Jesus Marcial Cordova/DISTRIBUIDORA 3 HERMANOS LLC; Maria de Los Angeles Mendez; Maribel Salas; Mario Sedano; Martin Luis Renteria; Meneces Lorenzo Antonio; Nelida Lopez; Nella Porter; Norma Ysela Carrillo-Salinas; Paula Esparza; Sandra Cortez Carrion; Socorro Garcia Diaz; Ulises Munoz Chavez; Victor Hugo Vazquez Flores; Viridiana Zuniga Catalan. 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:

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 both of JEANNE Y. SHIMAZAKI.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JON S. SHIMAZAKI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JON SHIMAZAKI 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: 08/11/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
LINDA S. STOCKWELL - SBN 277324, LAW OFFICE OF LINDA S. STOCKWELL  
11138 DEL AMO BLVD., #366  
LAKEWOOD CA 90715, Telephone (562) 553-0569  
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### NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, August 15th, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Storage chest, artificial Christmas tree with lights, bag, Tool boxes, tools, shovels, wheel barrel, tool belt, ladders, motorcycle parts, motorcycle tires, motorcycle seat, tire cover for Honda, bicycle, golf clubs, boxes, totes, milk crates, wood, wood ramps, tv mount, TV, rugs, garden windmill, buckets, Tupperware, rain boots, leg brace, ice chest, ammunition storage container, safety vest, floor mat and gas can belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
WAYMON BROWN	B120
LISA BEANN BUCK	B106

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

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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### NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND BANDINI PARK REROOFING PROJECT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND BANDINI PARK REROOFING PROJECT and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, August 14, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

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

Working hours for are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The work shall be completed within 30 working days after the City's Notice to Proceed.

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on August 8, 2023, at 10:00 AM** in front of Senior Citizens Center at 2555 Commerce Way, Commerce. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive.

Each Bidder shall possess a valid C-39 Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission. Contractor must employ an asbestos abatement contractor for the asbestos abatement activities that has a California C22 Contractor's License in good standing with the Contractor's State License Board and is registered with the California Division of Occupational Safety & Health ('DOSH' or 'Cal/OSHA'). The asbestos abatement contractor must also provide workers and supervisors certified through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) lead-related construction program. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

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

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

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## 34th Annual Long Beach Jazz Festival Aug. 11

The three-day cultural experience boasts many performances across two stages by acclaimed artists including Kenny Lattimore, Maxi Priest, Najee, Will Downing and Mike Phillip.

### LCCN Staff Report

Rainbow Promotions announced this week that tickets are on sale now for the 34th Annual Long Beach Jazz Festival scheduled from August 11th – 13th, 2023 at Rainbow Lagoon Park in Long Beach.

Hosted in a Japanese style park with two connected islands, the three-day festival features music performances across two stages, a health and wellness pavilion, and a retail pavilion in support of local creatives and entrepreneurs.

"We are beyond excited to build on a legacy that spans more than 30 years," said Kimberly Benoit, President & CEO of Rainbow Promotions. "The Long Beach Jazz Festival has reached iconic status thanks to incredible music enthusiasts who return year after year for music, culture, and a waterside ambience that soothes the soul."

A merge of Jazz, Latin, and R&B artists, guests can also indulge in a wellness pavilion featuring world-renowned wellness experts, panel discussions, cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs, health screenings, vendors, and more. When the live music pauses between sets, attendees can attend life-changing sessions included in the price of the festival ticket. Further adding to the weekend, the festival features a second stage with diverse performances by artists across multiple genres.

"It's been an honor of a lifetime to provide the soundtrack for love stories across the world," said Grammy nominated artist and Day Two headliner Kenny Lattimore. "The Long Beach Jazz Festival allows me to connect with a sensational audience that is always ready to party, allowing me to share new music and romantic gems from the past."

Building on a history of music excellence, the Long Beach Jazz Festival presents three days of performances with Day One headlined by Grammy nominated artist Maxi Priest preceded by Erin Stevenson, The Soul of Jazz featuring Brian Simpson, Phil Perry, Jessy J, Marion Meadows and Jackiem Joyner. Day Two features Norman Brown, Will Downing, Mike Phillips, and more. Concluding the weekend, concert goers will experience the phenomenal Day Three sounds include Kenny Lattimore with performances by Marcus Miller, Najee, Lin Rountree, and more.

## Sheriff Luna Attends Hawaiian Gardens' National Night Out



**LOS ANGELES** County Sheriff Robert Luna, center, with officials (l-r) Councilmen Dandy De Paula and Ernie Vargas, Luna, Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio, Mayor pro tem Victor Farfan and Councilman Luis Roa.



**LET'S PICKLE!** (l-r) Cerritos Councilmember Lynda Johnson, LA County Parks and Recreation Commissioner Melissa Balocca, LA County Parks and Recreation Director Norma Edith Garcia-Gonzalez, John Letts with iPickle, Supervisor Hahn, Cerritos resident Norma Williamson, and Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki.

Photo by Stepheny Gehrig.

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to the park. Supervisor Hahn agreed, and last week, two tennis courts were adapted into ten dedicated pickleball courts.

"This is an example of democracy in action," said Williamson about her petition. "The people spoke and our elected official listened."

The grand opening began at 9 a.m., where residents were greeted with fresh fruit topped with lime, Tajin and chamoy, and coffee and donuts.

With many in attendance, the courts were opened for free play at 9:30 a.m. The ten new courts were divided among patrons and designated based on skill level. Beginners could join in on practices and gain experience as instructors were available to teach and supervise the game and players. Those with more experience playing were able to play on other courts available.

Residents were also given the opportunity to play pickleball for a chance to win prizes and to put their names in for a raffle where pickleball equipment was raffled off.

The courts can be booked for 2 hours at \$10 per person; during the day, they are available for free play from noon to 4 p.m., with drop-in play available for \$10. The schedule and information regarding how to reserve a court is available at [ipickle.com/cerritos](http://ipickle.com/cerritos).

According to the Supervisor's Office, there are plans to open more courts in the area, including La Mirada. In Jan. 2023 four pickleball courts were opened in La Mirada, but residents are asking for more.

"Pickleball is all the rage and it's easy to see why," said Hahn. "It's a fun game that people of all ages can play. Our parks should be keeping up with how our residents want to spend their time and right now our residents want more pickleball."

## L.A. Metro Continues to Increase Ridership

### LCCN Staff Report

This week, Metro reported a 13.3 percent year-over-year increase in ridership in June with nearly 24 million boardings, marking the seventh consecutive month of year-over-year ridership growth. Metro's monthly bus and rail ridership is now at 81 percent of its 2019 pre-pandemic level. Average weekend ridership is now at 91 percent of pre-pandemic level and 76 percent for average weekdays.

In June, Metro had nearly 24 million passengers board its bus and rail services. An average of almost 867,000 rides were taken each weekday, with Saturday boardings averaging 647,000 and Sunday boardings averaging 543,000.

More than 5 million trips were taken on the rail system in June, an increase of 14.2% over June 2022.

Metro has taken proactive steps to ensure its transit service is safe, friendly, fast, and frequent by:

- Implementing a new multi-layered public safety approach to increase the visible presence of both armed and unarmed security and customer care personnel on the system.
- Executing a Drug-Free Metro campaign focused on drug-related crimes with increased enforcement by law enforcement partners targeting the hotspots throughout the system resulting in cleaner, safer transit experiences for riders
- Engaging more than 300 Metro Ambassadors to help customers navigate the transit system.
- Hiring more than 1,000 new transit operators to ensure adequate staffing levels for buses and trains.
- And fully restoring bus service making many lines faster and more frequent.

Metro also continues to provide more accessible and affordable transit through its fareless and reduced-price transit pass programs. Metro's GoPass program offers free transit passes to K-12 and community college students in participating schools, and Metro's Low-Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) program, gives free rides and discounted fares to people with low incomes.

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ployment tenure and the local AFSCME Union, while costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The evidence presented by Gonzalez' attorney must have been compelling, with the city settling for \$325,000 plus unused sick and vacation pay owed to Gonzalez.

In return, Gonzalez agreed to dismiss the lawsuit against the city and agreed to release any and all claims.

The parties signed the agreement on June 11, which stipulated that Gonzales had to resign once her lawyer received the check, payable within thirty days.

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