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Pico Rivera Approves Innovative Solar Energy Program for Residents and Developers

City will offer complete Tesla solar and battery system with no up front cost and a payment of \$115 per month.

By Brian Hews

In early 2017, the Pico Rivera City Council established a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program and named it Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME) with the promise to increase the amount of locally supplied renewable energy to Pico Rivera residents and provide price stability and long-term electricity cost savings; PRIME began

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Taylor Swift Takes Over Inglewood

By Stepheny Gehrig

Fans strutted into Sofi Stadium donning cowboy boots, glittery outfits and friendship bracelets, as they wore full-glam outfits representing each of Swift's eras. In honor of Swift's track on "Midnights," "You're On Your Own, Kid" fans made friendship bracelets to trade with others attending the shows. The friendship bracelets contained phrases from Swift's songs, memes, or fan traditions. The excitement and sheer joy was palpable throughout the stadium as fans cheered upon entrance and were trading bracelets in the merchandise and entrance lines and at their seats.

Swift greeted over 70,000 fans at 8:15 P.M. when she graced the stage and did not leave the stage until 11:45 P.M.

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CELEBRATION: NaFFAA organizers, Supervisor Janice Hahn, L.A. City Controller Kenneth Mejia, Lakewood Councilman Jeff Wood, Cerritos Councilpersons Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama, Artesia Councilman Ali Taj, Cerritos Planning Commissioner Gloria Perlas Pulido, and Philippine consular officials at the event. Photo by Dan E. Nino.

Thousands Attend Philippine American Friendship Day at Knabe Regional Park

By Dan E. Nino

Under a bright sunny day, an estimated 4,000 people attended the 2nd Los Angeles County's Philippine American Friendship Day Celebration at Don Knabe Community Regional Park.

This yearly event is hosted by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Greater Los Angeles and co-sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn in partnership with So Jannelle TV Production.

True to its theme this year of "Build-

ing Bridges Across Communities", various cultural groups like the Samoan Cultural Dance performing the Tupulaga, the Club Magkaisa of Cerritos High School wowing the crowd with their Tinikling and Paso Doble, the Maranao Dance of Tata Malong Malong presented by Iligan City and Lanao Del Norte of Southern California, the throbbing acrobatic dance of the Junior New Systems, a finalist in "America's Got Talent" who came all the way from the Philippines with their six-inch high-heeled shoes and the Move Essentials composed of five women in their el-

evated skateboard-like dancing shoes performing intense rhythmic Sumba.

Elected officials from various mainstream and local communities attended, including Hahn, California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Los Angeles Controller Kenneth Mejia and Deputy Consul General Francis Maynard Maleon.

Supervisor Hahn said, "It is so good to be here at the second Annual L.A. County's Largest Philippine American Friendship Day. I'm so proud to have been a part of launching this event last year and make sure that we not only

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Artesia Will Study Raising the City Sales Tax

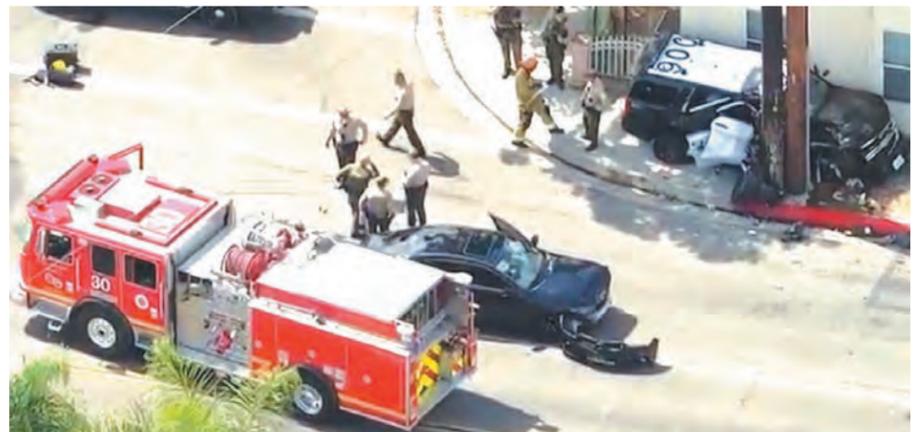
By Brian Hews

Facing a structural deficit, Artesia approved a study at its last City Council meeting in July, whether to join many other cities in Los Angeles County that have raised their sales tax, approving a sales tax survey and analytical analysis that will cost the city almost \$130,000

The City Council approved agreements with the Lew Edwards Group and FM3 Research to provide services "to assist the city with polling, community outreach, analytics, and elections support related to an up to three quarter-cent sales tax;" the contracts were for

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Crash in Cerritos Involving Sheriff's Deputy in SUV



By Brian Hews

Four injuries were reported Wednesday following a two-vehicle crash involving a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy in Cerritos at 183rd near Pioneer.

As a result of the crash, the deputy cruiser became wedged between a power line and a building.

LCCN has learned that the driver was a Field Sergeant responding to another deputy's call and that he sustained minor injuries.

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Back-to-School Supplies for Families With Critically Ill Children



OVER 100 VOLUNTEERS contributed to the annual event, providing over 800 backpacks and school tools to deliver relief to families with critically-ill children.

Staff Report

The Miracles for Kids "Back-to-School Basket of Miracles" event brought together over a hundred volunteers and donors to assemble and deliver 332 gift baskets containing 876 backpacks full of school supplies for area families.

As parents prepare to send their kids back to school, the expenses for school supplies accumulate. But that is multiplied when the devastation of a critically-ill child brings down a family.

Organizations like Miracles for Kids are there to help pick them back up. Bills, work, back-to-school needs and the pressures of life don't stop when a child receives a devastating health diagnosis, and siblings of sick kids still need to prepare for going back to school.

Miracles for Kids made it easy for volunteers to "be the miracle" for families fighting for their children's lives through their annual "Back-to-School

Basket of Miracles" event, which took place last Saturday, July 29th in Irvine, California.

"The Miracles team works tirelessly every year to ease the burden of families in crisis so the caregivers can focus on fighting the battle," said Miracles for Kids Co-Founder and CEO Autumn Strier. "Our Back-to-School Basket of Miracles event is just one way our non-profit helps to provide for these families, delivering school essentials for the kids."

The Miracles team collected back-to-school items through sponsors, donations, and local community initiatives to offer a smooth transition for families that need it most.

The "Back-to-School Basket of Miracles" impact in numbers:

- 332 families were surprised with backpacks and classroom essentials
- 876 children received backpacks
- 82 local deliveries
- 250 baskets shipped
- 2,628 spiral notebooks
- 1,752 crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- 22,000+ other school supplies
- 1,500 lbs of fresh vegetables
- 1,308 household essentials
- 100+ volunteers

Discover ways to get involved year-round - such as internships, community programs, giving circles, or events at MiraclesForKids.org.

Miracles for Kids is a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving children with life-threatening illnesses and the families that care for them.

Based in Irvine, California, the Miracles team currently serves families in treatment at the following hospitals: CHOC Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Rady Children's, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, City of Hope and Loma Linda University Hospital.

Supervisors Want to Let the Public Know-Gun Violence Restraining Orders Saves Lives

Staff Report

This week, the L.A. County Supervisors unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Chair Janice Hahn and Supervisor Hilda Solis which aims to raise awareness of gun violence restraining orders among LA County residents as tools to prevent gun violence.

In 2016, California's red flag law was signed into law, allowing law enforcement and members of the public to file Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs) if they have reason to believe a person is a danger to themselves or others.

The GVRO can prevent a person who poses a significant risk of harming themselves or others from having or purchasing a gun, ammunition, or magazine for a specified length of time.

"Gun violence restraining orders save lives, but right now most LA County residents don't know about them," said Hahn. "We are setting out to change that."

GVRO's are disproportionately underutilized in L.A. County. In 2022, only 66 were granted; 65 were filed by law enforcement while only one was filed by a member of the public; San Diego County had over 400 GVROs granted.

To improve public information and awareness of GVROs, the LA County Office of Violence Prevention has created a new webpage for members of the public.

The new webpage can be found at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ovp/GVROs.htm. It includes information about what GVROs are, who can file for them, videos about how to file GVROs in both English and Spanish, a list of legal aid organizations that can assist, and data about gun violence restraining order filings in LA County. The webpage also includes information about possible warning signs for both suicide and potential mass violence.

The motion stressed the importance of using GVROs to prevent suicide. 90% of suicides using a gun are fatal, compared to 4% of suicide attempts not using a gun.



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Norwalk Senior Center Hosts Summer Activities



RECREATION LEADERS Franchesca Miramontes (left) and Raul Meléndez give instructions to local seniors on August 8. Attendees were able to create a tie-dye tote bag with all materials supplied. Light refreshments were served as those present completed their projects.

By **Linda J. Hernández**

Norwalk Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Drive, has many fun and special activities planned for local residents in the months of August and September:

- August 15 -**
Deal or No Deal Game Show, 3-5 pm
- August 19 -**
Bellflower Symphony Trip, 5:30-9:30 pm
- August 22 -**
Karaoke, 2-5 pm
- August 24 -**
Sweet & Sugary Campsite Creations, 3-5 pm
- August 31 -**

- End of Summer BBQ, 6-8 pm, \$5 fee.*
 - September 14**
Magical Masquerade Dance, 6-8 pm
 - September 15**
Morongo Casino Tour, 8:30 am - 5 pm
 - September 19**
Grandparents' Day Hand Art, 3-5 pm
 - September 21 -**
Karaoke, 2-5 pm
 - September 26 -**
Community Garden Day, 2-4 pm
- Most of the above activities require prior registration. Norwalk Residents have first priority.

To register, call the Norwalk Senior Center at 562-929-5580 or visit the Front Desk.

70th Anniversary Party at McDonald's in Downey

LBPT~The Downey McDonald's located at 10207 Lakewood Blvd., is launching a major promotion on Aug. 18, its 70th anniversary.

Next week's event is part of a campaign called "As Featured In," which highlights product placement of "fan-favorite menu items" in movies and TV shows. Specifically, it publicizes Season 2 of Marvel Studios' "Loki," which will begin streaming Oct. 6 on Disney+.

The campaign starts Monday with a combo that includes the choice of 10-piece Chicken McNuggets, a Quarter Pounder with Cheese or a Big Mac, along with fries, a soft drink and a packet of "newly-branded Sweet 'N Sour Sauce" featured in "Loki."

McDonald's calls the Aug. 18 event in Downey a "pop-up fashion experi-

ence" that will show off branded merchandise created by London-based skateboard and streetwear company Palace, according to a news release.

The news release did not mention the restaurant's 70th anniversary as being part of the event.

The first McDonald's restaurant in the chain's history was founded by the McDonald brothers, Richard and Maurice, in 1948 in San Bernardino.

That building, at 1398 N. E Street, no longer exists but an unofficial McDonald's museum stands in its place. It was created by the late Albert Okura, founder of the chicken chain Juan Pollo.

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Cerritos Author to Have Book Signing



AUTHOR CECI BORJA was thrilled to share her second children’s book, “One Joyful Adventure at a Time” with her granddaughter’s pre-school class.

By **Linda J. Hernández**

Cerritos resident, María Cecilia Borja-Van Zitter, "Ceci," is enjoying her retirement from teaching by helping care for her grandchildren and writing children’s books.

She cordially invites the local community to join her on Sunday, August 20 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at Paris Baguette, 17416 Carmenita Road in Cerritos.

She will be signing her latest book

“One Joyful Adventure at a Time” and also will have her first book, “One Joyful Scoop at a Time” available in English and Spanish.

In addition, Ceci will be delighting local children and their parents by reading her books to them at a Cerritos Library Storytime on Friday, September 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Her second book describes a child’s adventures along the Amazon River in her native Ecuador. Ceci’s latest book will launch on Amazon on August 10.

Mayfair Pool Reopens, City Offers Free Swim Weekend

Mayfair Pool is ready to reopen to the public this coming Saturday, Aug. 12 for recreation swim sessions. On that weekend, residents can swim free. Then, starting Monday, Aug. 14, swims lessons, lap swim and family nights at the pool will return.

Mayfair Pool will remain open seven days a week through Sunday, Aug. 27 and

during Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4. McCormick Pool will also remain open through those days.

For information about swim lessons, hosting a private pool party, and other features of Mayfair and McCormick pools, go to www.lakewoodcity.org/aquatics or call 562-866-9771, ext 2408.

Public Safety Cameras Installed at La Mirada's Creek Park

Staff Report

La Mirada has implemented its public safety resource cameras project, the first of its kind in La Mirada.

The city recently installed twenty cameras at eight separate locations within Creek Park, "reflecting the City Council’s interest in ensuring parks remain safe for local families and visitors."

City crews routinely respond to graffiti vandalism and property damage in Creek Park, including within the lighted tunnel under Imperial Highway.

Reports of other minor criminal issues and nuisance activities occurring in the park are also periodically received.

“Sheriff’s Deputies, Public Safety Officers, and Sheriff’s Volunteers conduct regular patrols of City parks,” says City Manager Jeff Boynton. “The addition of cameras at Creek Park is intended to serve as a force multiplier, providing an extra tool for the Public Safety Team to address issues occurring within the park.”

The cameras feature 4K resolution and are focused on publicly accessible areas within the park and not on private property.

Video footage can be viewed on any device by the Public Safety Team in real time and is stored for 30 days.

The cameras feature environmental sensors to detect various disturbances, such as loud noises, and can promptly alert the Public Safety Team of potential issues. While the cameras may be viewed at any time, they will not necessarily be actively monitored at all times and park visitors are reminded to call 911 for emergencies.



THE CAMERAS feature 4K resolution and are focused on publicly accessible areas within the park and not on private property.

“Cameras are a useful public safety resource and video footage captured from home and business security cameras has been helpful in solving criminal cases,” says Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez. “Cameras can also deter criminal activity and the placement of these cameras in Creek Park is an additional step to help keep the community safe.”

Creek Park is the first park in La Mirada to feature public safety resource cameras. Next year, the City Council will review the usefulness and effectiveness of the public safety resource cameras in Creek Park and explore whether to potentially expand this program to other parks in La Mirada.

For additional information, please contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff’s Station at (562) 902-2986.

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\$100,000 and \$29,500, respectively.

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cal sales tax. The new tax, projected to add \$2.5 million to city coffers, would "stabilize the city's financial health and ability to provide enhanced parks and recreation services to the community, in addition to improving roads, streets, medians, alleys, parks and community centers."

If passed, Artesia would join the 10.25% club that includes Bellflower, Commerce, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Norwalk, Pico Rivera and Whittier.

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Erickson-Hall Construction to Celebrate Groundbreaking of Norwalk High Athletic Facility



THE 43,000 SQUARE FOOT athletic facility building will consist of a gymnasium, dance and cheer rooms, wrestling and weight rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, offices, auxiliary spaces with major site improvements.

Staff Report

Erickson-Hall Construction Co. has announced that it will be providing Lease-Leaseback services to Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District for the construction of the Norwalk High School Athletic Facility.

“Erickson-Hall has extensive experience in the construction and modernization of schools, and we are excited to begin work on the Norwalk High School New Athletic Facility,” said Dr. John Lopez, Superintendent of Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District.

“With this new athletic facility, we

will be able to promote our students' health, physical education and sports activities. We cannot wait for our students and athletes to have a new gymnasium, locker rooms, wrestling room, weight room, dance room and training room combined into one building. The project will showcase their hard work to the whole community.”

For this project, Erickson-Hall is working with architects from Rachlin Partners/Huckabee.

This new 43,000 SF athletic facility building will be on an occupied campus consisting of a gymnasium, dance & cheer rooms, wrestling & weight

rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, offices, auxiliary spaces and site improvements.

“We are honored to have been chosen to construct this exciting and important facility for Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District,” said Mat Gates, President of Erickson-Hall. “Our team is committed to delivering an innovative athletic facility for Norwalk High School that provides a safe, functional space for student-athletes to train, compete and enjoy, and for spectators to watch various sports with exceptional visibility.” The groundbreaking will be in September.

La Palma Police Chief Kim Announces Retirement

Staff Report

After nearly 29 years with the La Palma Police Department, Chief Terry Kim announced his retirement on August 3, 2023, effective August 18, 2023.

“Chief Kim has been a strong and solid fixture in La Palma, helping to keep our community safe for many years,” said Mayor Debbie Baker. Chief Kim started with the City in 1995 as a police officer, rose through the ranks, and was appointed Chief of Police in 2016.

City Manager Conal McNamara thanked Chief Kim for his service, saying “Chief Kim has been a consummate professional, shepherding the La Palma Police Department through challenging times including a budgetary downsizing and the COVID-19 pandemic.”

During his tenure as Police Chief, Terry Kim has been a steadfast advocate for community-oriented policing and has played a pivotal role in enhancing public safety and forging strong relationships between law enforcement and the citizens of La Palma. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering

commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism have left an indelible mark on the department and the community it serves.”

McNamara announced that La Palma Captain Ron Wilkerson will be appointed Acting Chief of Police on August 17th.

“I look forward to working with Captain Wilkerson as he assumes the role of Acting Chief, leading the men and women of the La Palma Police Department,” McNamara said.

Captain Wilkerson started his career with the La Palma Police Department in 1996 and, most recently, has been a Captain overseeing both the Administrative and Operations divisions for the Department.

“I am honored and humbled to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading the La Palma Police Department into the future,” said incoming Acting Chief Wilkerson. “I am committed to building upon the strong foundation laid by Chief Kim and working collaboratively with our officers, community members, and partners to ensure the City of La Palma remains a safe and welcoming place for its residents.”



Chief Terry Kim

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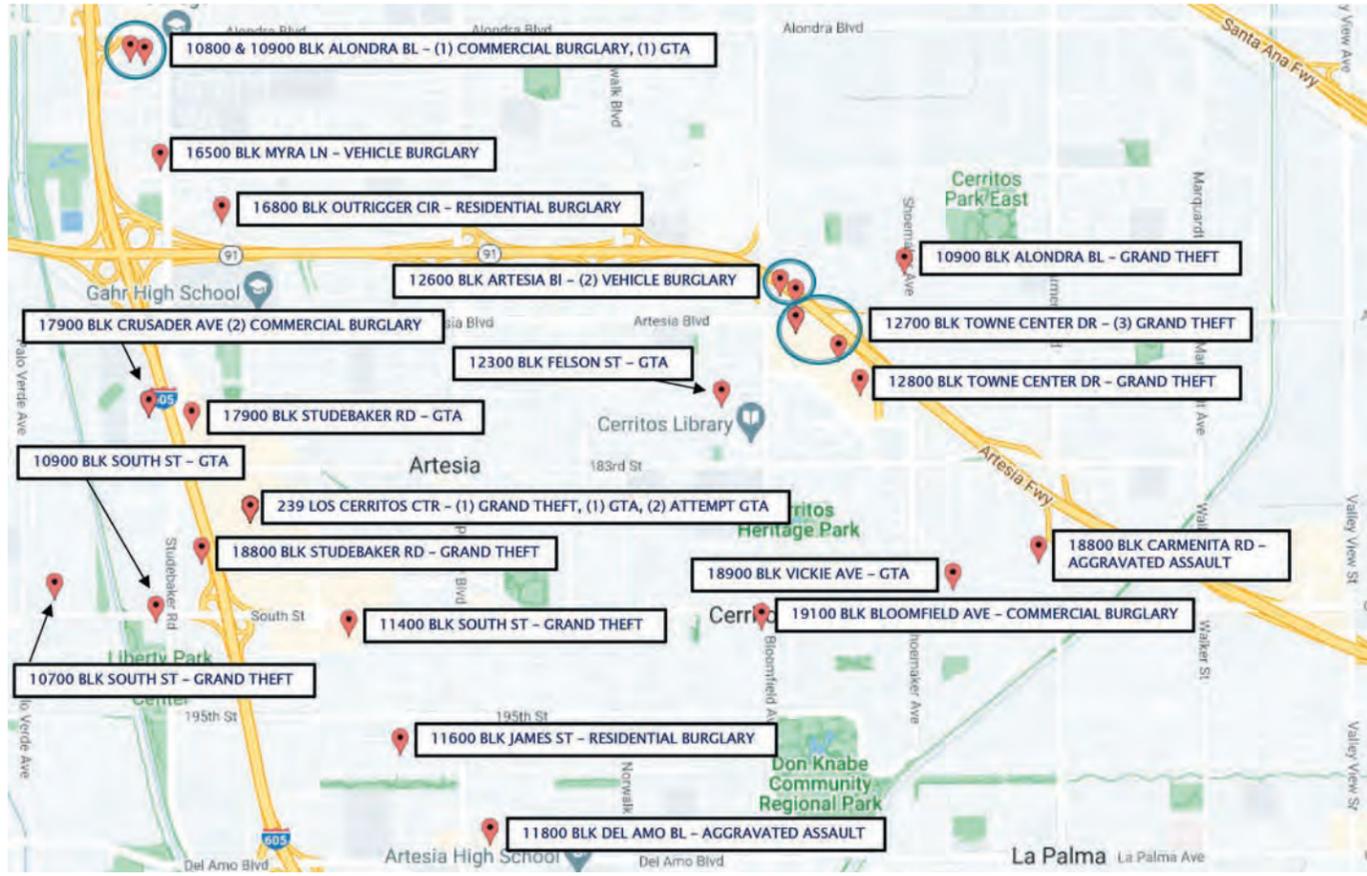
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Cerritos Crime Map July 31-Aug. 6, 2023



PEOPLE LOSING MORE MONEY TO SCAMS

FTC reports consumer losses to fraud totaled \$8.8B in 2022, a 30% increase from 2021.

(AP)—With the help of technology, scammers are tricking Americans out of more money than ever before. But there are steps people can take to keep their money and information safe.

The biggest losses were to investment

scams, including cryptocurrency schemes, which cost people more than \$3.8 billion, double the amount in 2021.

Younger adults ages 20-29 reported losing money more often than older adults ages 70-79, the FTC found. But when older adults did lose money, they lost more. Many retirees have assets like savings, pensions, life insurance policies or property for scammers to target.

With the rise of the digital economy, scammers now reach targets by social media and text, as well as phone and email. Online payment platforms, apps, and marketplaces also have increased

opportunities. Still, many of their tactics and strategies are similar.

“The first thing they’ll do is get you into a heightened emotional state because we can’t access clear thinking when we’re in that state,” said Kathy Stokes, director of fraud prevention for the AARP’s Fraud Watch Network. “It could be fear, panic, or excitement — ‘I just won a million dollars from Publishers Clearing House.’”

Once the sense of urgency is established, defenses are down.

“When approached with urgency, give it an extra three-second pause,” said Amanda Clayman, a financial therapist who works with digital payment network Zelle around issues of fraud. “When someone is trying to get us to take action quickly, that’s usually a red flag indicating we should do the opposite.”

Simply being aware of typical scams can help, experts say. Robocalls in particular frequently target vulnerable individuals like seniors, people with disabilities and people with debt.

“If you get a robocall out of the blue playing a recorded message trying to get you to buy something, just hang up,” said James Lee of the Identity Theft Resource Center. “Same goes for texts — anytime you get them from a number you don’t know asking you to pay, wire, or click on something suspicious.”

Scammers also will often imitate someone in authority, such as a tax or debt collector. They might pretend to be a loved one calling to request immediate financial assistance for bail, legal help or a hospital bill.

So-called “romance scams” often target lonely and isolated individuals, according to the FTC’s Will Maxson. These scams can take place over longer periods of time — even years.

“I think anyone who has participated in the digital economy has received

multiple attempts daily that have some sort of scheme, whether that’s, ‘Your account has been locked’ or ‘Your package delivery is delayed,’” Lee said. “Again, just take a breath and verify.”

Lee urges people never to click an unusual link in a text or email and instead go to the site in question directly, or call the number listed on the official site.

“It’ll take 30 or 40 seconds longer, but go ahead and do that because it could save you a lot of money every time,” he said.

Some indications to be extra wary could include an unrecognized sender, unusual wording or a tell-tale misspelling.

In 2022, consumers lost more than \$326 million from scam texts alone, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Crime Summary

La Mirada

July 31-August 6, 2023

Notable Arrests

- Four suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- One suspect was arrested for grand theft auto.
- One suspect was arrested for grand theft.
- One suspect was arrested for felony vandalism.
- One suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Residential Burglary

- Cash was stolen from a residential burglary on the 14400 block of Firestone Blvd.

Other Structure Burglary

- Three early morning window smash burglaries were reported on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.
- A burglary was reported on the 15000 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Vehicle Burglary

- An overnight vehicle burglary occurred on the 16400 block of Murphy Rd.
- An afternoon vehicle burglary was reported on the 12700 block of Valley View Ave.

Grand Theft

- Two thefts occurred on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.
- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 13800 block of Muroc St.
- A theft of a catalytic converter occurred on the 13100 block of Woodridge Ave.
- Tools were reported stolen on the 14900 block of Richvale Ave.
- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 13800 block of Ratliffe St.
- A catalytic converter was reported stolen on the 13200 block of Edwards Rd.

- A theft was reported on the 13700 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

- An attempted theft of a pickup truck occurred on the 14000 block of Las Puertas St.
- A pickup truck was stolen on the 13200 block of Clearwood Ave.

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three of the holes. The format will be the same as previous years with three teams of two on each hole limiting the tournament to 54 golfers.

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Cerritos Library Book Sale August 19-20

Stock up on books, music and movies at the Friends of the Cerritos Library book sale on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20.

A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be sold at bargain prices. The sale takes place inside the Cerritos Library, near the Craftsman area. Sale hours are 11 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 19 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 20.

The Sunday sale will offer fill-a-bag for \$4 per bag for Friends of the Library members and \$5 per bag for non-members. Come early for the best selection.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue in the Cerritos Civic Center. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

PRIME from page 1

providing power in September 2017.

There are over 200 cities and counties in California, with CCA energy providers generating more than 11,000 megawatts to over 14 million customers.

Using PRIME, the Pico Rivera City Council, at its last meeting, approved a new solar and battery program that will make solar energy and battery backup systems accessible to all Pico Rivera residents.

The system features zero upfront cost and no credit check, making it easier for all Pico Rivera households to install solar power and battery backup.

The council voted to approve the new entity, PRIME Power Choice Solar and Battery Program (PRIME-Power Choice) and authorized City Manager Steve Carmona to start negotiations for the proposed program.

"This innovative power solar and battery program reaffirms Pico Rivera's commitment to green initiatives, environmental stewardship, and the betterment of its community," said Carmona. "The program's launch is a significant step towards a more sustainable and inclusive energy future, bolstering Pico Rivera's position as a leader among environmentally progressive cities."

PRIME-Power Choice and Pico Rivera will be working with local solar power providers and installers through a partnership with CalChoice, Participate Energy, LLC (P.E.) and Tesla Energy Operations, Inc.

"Our partnership with our leading solar energy company partners has designed a unique power solution, breaking down the financial barriers that have previously prevented many households from accessing renewable energy resources. This pioneering program aims to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to take advantage of clean, renewable energy", Carmona continued.

The new power generating system, known as a distributed microgrid, will offer significant savings on utility bills using rooftop solar. At the same time, the battery backup systems will provide residents with a reliable energy reserve during power outages.

CalChoice will help the city navigate the regulatory hurdles inherent in establishing a distributed microgrid program. P.E. is responsible for funding, procuring, and managing the PRIME-Power Choice program, including ongoing operations.

Tesla manufactures solar and battery equipment and will be responsible for designing, building, and installing residential roof solar and battery; Tesla will be responsible for the system's operation and maintenance. The city, through PRIME, will put its creditworthiness behind the program, so credit scores are not

an issue, and most everyone can qualify. Additionally, PRIME will purchase the energy generated from solar and battery equipment and sell it to Power Choice participants at a competitive rate.

The customer contract between P.E., Tesla and PRIME offers no upfront costs, with a \$115 monthly lease for the Tesla solar and battery system and a contract term between 25-30 years.

Program participants are responsible for keeping solar panels clear from obstructions and clean. i.e., trees trimmed and washing dirt off the panels. However, P.E. and Tesla are responsible for monitoring and maintaining the systems at no cost to the customer. This includes no-cost replacement of batteries, which have an operating life of 10 years.

Under PRIME-Power Choice will also comply with California's 2020 mandate that all new single-family homes, condos and apartment buildings less than three stories high must be solar-powered. Along those lines, Pico Rivera will require new home builders to agree to purchase solar and battery equipment directly from Tesla, which will be installed by Tesla.

The program also addresses the current headaches with leased solar systems when homeowners move out. PRIME-Power Choice customers can either purchase the system before the sale of the home or transfer the contract to the new homebuyer. Unlike standard solar financing programs, PRIME-Power Choice does not require an underwriting process or securing the loan against the title of the property; the new owner can take over the contract and move in with a fully functional solar energy system with significantly lower electricity rates.

Once the program is operational, developers and homeowners can apply on the city's website at poweredbyprime.org. Upon completion, the information will be sent directly to Tesla, who will direct the developers and homeowners to the Tesla.com website; Tesla will be responsible for all installation-related work, including permitting.

In addition to having the ability to sell excess power, Pico Rivera will generate other including \$0.40 per watt for each installation of solar and battery systems, a \$0.02 kWh fee operating the service, and \$15 per month per battery installed.

Pico Rivera Mayor Erik Lutz told LCCN, "Our goal is to make sustainable energy inclusive and accessible to all our residents. Residents wanting to participate in this program can do so through a no-consumer credit check process and zero upfront cost. With this new program, we're not just providing affordable power solutions; we're also empowering our community to participate in sustainable living, helping to build a more sustainable future for all."

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Cerritos Will Add Bronze Statue to Collection at Sculpture Garden

By Brian Hews

At last night's meeting, the Cerritos City Council approved the purchase of "Moulding Our Future" a highly regarded bronze statue that is currently in the private collection of the artist Denny Haskew, who is seeking to downsize his holdings, as well as expand the opportunity for the general public to view his artwork.

Moulding Our Future was sculpted by Haskew in Loveland, Colorado in 1989.

Moulding Our Future is cast in museum-quality silicon bronze; its approximate size is 86 x 48 x 44. It is a small limited edition art piece (1/9), and no other pieces can be cast from the mold as it was destroyed years ago.

Moulding Our Future is the last remaining sculpture for possible placement in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden.

The purchase of Moulding Our Future would mark the purchase of another significant and prominent art piece by Haskew for the enjoyment of the community and future generations of Cerritos residents.

This sculpture is the last remaining art piece in the limited edition of 9 and

is available for \$48,000 plus shipping and insurance costs of approximately \$2,000.

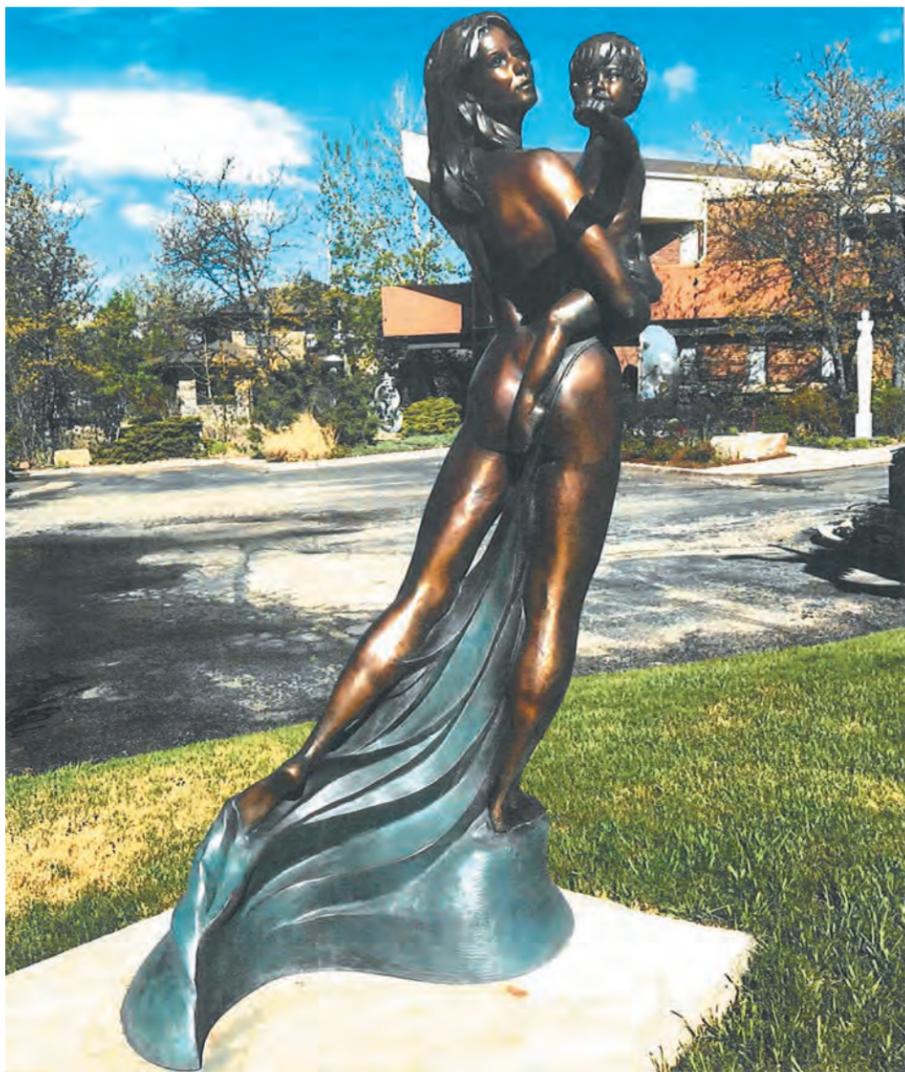
Moulding Our Future "features a simple moment between mother and child. A moment all may identify with, as a parent looking onward in strength and resolve, that all her efforts will go toward making their child's life as good as possible. As the child, excitedly taking in every new bit of the world uninhibited by the worries mom may have, protected within her embrace."

Moulding Our Future has been placed in the public art collection of the city of Loveland, Colorado and Grand Junction, Colorado, in several prominent private collections nationally and internationally.

The artwork has also won the following awards:

- Sculpture Award, Red Earth Invitational, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1990.
- People's Choice Award, Hillside Sculpture Invitational, Sedona, Arizona, 1993.
- Award of Merit, Sculpture at the River Market, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2012.

The installation and site design for the statue will now be determined by City Staff, who will proceed to develop



MOULDING OUR FUTURE is cast in museum-quality silicon bronze and is over seven feet tall. Funds will come from the city's Art In Public Places Fund.

concepts and provide the Fine Arts and Historical Commission and the City Council with information.

The money for the purchase will come from the Art In Public Places Fund, which has a balance of \$486,000.

Cerritos' Art In Public Places Fund is derived from fees imposed on private development projects and are restricted and may only be used to fund the purchase, installation, and maintenance of public artwork.

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How to Help Maui Fire Victims

The Island of Maui has suffered major devastation due to ongoing wildfires, displacing thousands and decimating entire cities. Here's how you can help:

The Maui Strong Fund received a \$1-million donation from the Hawaii Community Foundation. It is collaborating with other nonprofits and the county mayor to deploy those funds to pay for food, shelter and financial assistance, the foundation said in a statement, adding it is also accepting donations and would not collect any fees on gifts to the fund.

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is partnering with Alaka'ina Foundation Family of Companies and Kāko'o Haleakalā to match up to \$100,000 in community donations for 'ohana impacted by the wildfires. Visit Hawaiiancouncil.org/maui to give.

The Hawaii Community Foundation has launched the Maui Strong Fund. Any and all donations will go to help those in need.

- **GoFundMe** has launched a centralized hub for all fundraisers related to the Maui Wildfires.

- **The Lahui Foundation** is accepting monetary donations.

- **Maui Food Bank** is collecting do-

nations and accepting volunteers.

- **Donate air miles through Hawaiian Airlines**, through a partnership with the Hawaii Red Cross, for the entire month of August.

Hawaiian Airlines will match all miles donated, up to 30 million miles, for the month of August.

- **Farm to Barn Café** in Haleiwa is collecting donations, along with their dine-in and online ordering avenues. Items can also be donated on Maui at the Cream B ice cream shop. They are working in partnership with Aloha Air Cargo that's providing complimentary shipping of donations to Maui. They'll be accepting donations from Thursday-Sunday.

- Help UH Maui students by making a gift to the **UH Maui College Faculty and Staff Aid Fund**.

- **Maui United Way** has activated a Maui Fire Disaster Relief Fund, to give to those directly in need.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hara, from the Hawaii State Department of Defense, asked those who want to donate supplies or volunteer to do so through the **Hawaii Emergency Management Agency**.

GlobalGiving has also launched a **Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund**, which it says will be used in the short term to provide food, water and supplies to survivors, and in the long term will help with recovery efforts.



Pico Rivera Holds Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway



HUNDREDS of families lined up this past Tuesday afternoon at Pico Park to receive 500 free backpacks and school supplies for their K-12th grade students.

By **Brian Hews**

Hundreds of families lined up this past Tuesday afternoon at Pico Park to take advantage of Pico Rivera's back-to-school event that provided free backpacks filled with school supplies for students from kindergarten to 12th grade.

El Rancho Unified School District will begin its 2023-24 academic year on Aug. 17.

The event was in partnership with the nonprofit My Comunidad Foundation, a Pico Rivera based clothing brand called Miss Lola, and various other community organizations including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Junior Ranger program.

Sponsors included Supervisor Janice Hahn, the Water Replenishment District, Chick-fil-A and the Boys and Girls Club.

The event provided 500 free backpacks and school supplies to students.

The back pack contained very useful items, including pencils, pens, paper, erasers, rulers and notebooks.

"These supplies help students going back to school," said Councilmember John Garcia, who was at the event. "It's great when the city and the community come together with other organizations to hold this backpack giveaway."

Besides the backpacks and school supplies, families also received free burgers, pancake deserts, aguas frescas and snow cones.

Students could get free haircuts or manicures; even the Dentists of Pico Rivera attended.

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2023 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

YOUNG VALLEY CHRISTIAN SQUAD WITH NEW HEAD COACH TO BE TESTED WITH STRONG SCHEDULE

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

VALLEY CHRISTIAN DEFENDERS

6-8 overall last season, 1-4 in the Ironwood League, fifth place, lost to Lancaster High 44-42 in the Division 12 championship game

32-25 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Brendan Chambers (first season)

Lost six seniors out of 33 players from the 2022 opening day roster

Last time missed the playoffs: 2018

2023 schedule

(record last year in parenthesis)

- Aug. 18 @ El Dorado (7-4)
- Aug. 25 Gahr (3-7)
- Sept. 1 @ Aliso Niguel (5-6)
- Sept. 8 @ Chino (6-6)
- Sept. 15 Sierra Vista (7-4)
- Sept. 22 **BYE**
- Sept. 30 @ Heritage Christian (6-5)
- Oct. 6 @ Ontario Christian (9-3)
- Oct. 13 Aquinas (10-3)
- Oct. 20 @ Big Bear (4-6)
- Oct. 27 Village Christian (8-3)

After getting to the CIF-Southern Section Division 12 title game last season despite winning three regular season games, Valley Christian High made yet another coaching change with its football program as Brendan Chambers becomes the third head coach in as many seasons and seventh since 2017. Last season, Chambers was an assistant at St. Margaret's High and before that, he the head coach at Saddleback Valley

Christian High for seven years.

"I'm very excited to be taking over the program with such rich tradition," said Chambers. "I love the opportunity to speak life into these young men and be able to do that in a Christian school setting. It's huge for me. What makes things different about Valley Christian is the tradition they have. They've been around for...this is their 89th year, so players' parents have played in this program who have played for [former head coach Mike Wunderley]."

"Hearing just the tradition is something that gets me excited," he continued. "When I was at Saddleback Valley Christian, we never had that. It's a new school about 15-20 years old. So, to have former players be dads supporting their sons is huge. It brings a lot of values and traditions that makes Friday night lights special."

Chambers, who was hired in April, said when he was at C.V.C., he had a little insight about the Defenders and the school because former V.C. head coach Erick Strelman (2007-2012) was his receivers coach for a season and taught him a lot about V.C. Based on some of those talks, Chambers became aware of the longtime rivalry with Ontario Christian High. For added measure, Chambers is also connected with former V.C. boys basketball head coach Tom Lewis as the two were on the same coaching staff at C.V.C., and former



V.C. standout Trent Berkenkamp is on this season's coaching staff.

One advantage Chambers has for his first season with the Defenders is that V.C. graduated only half a dozen players from last season's team. Even with the departure of a few other players, Chambers still sees some good things on the horizon for the program. The varsity team will have 30-35 players with about the same number as the junior varsity team.

"It definitely is good to have a lot of returning players," said Chambers. "There are some kids who have left the program and did so before I took over. But I think the guys that we have are Valley guys and are buying into the culture of the program and the culture of the school. And I think the good news as a head coach is we only have 10 seniors in this class and only 11 juniors. So, we're just really, really young...and some of our best players are underclassmen and it's going to take them a little while to get going. But once they get going, I think that we're going to be all right."

OFFENSE

The Defenders scored 349 points last season, including four games of at least 40 points. They were shutout twice and held to 14 points three other times. On top of that, three games decided by three points or fewer, one of them was a 35-34 overtime win at Portola High in the quarterfinals. V.C. returns both of its quarterbacks from last season-senior Joe DeYoung (131 for 258, 2,219 yards, 17 touchdowns, 11 interceptions) and junior Keiran Edmundson (13 completions, 301 yards, five touchdowns, three interceptions) with the former taking over the starting gig a few games into the season. While both quarterbacks have been battling in the offseason as they did prior to last season, Chambers has tabbed DeYoung as the starter for this season.

"Joe played very well down the stretch [last season]," said Chambers. "Both of them have done a great job. Joe has a super strong arm, and I wasn't here last year, but just some of the stuff I've heard and watched on film...he looked like he was a little bit timid running the football. It doesn't look that way at all [this season]. He's looking to run the football a little bit. He's very accurate with his throws; doing a great job with his progressions and reads. And Keiran is doing a great job understanding the offense. It's a whole new system they have to learn, and Keiran has come a long way with his progressions as well and has been very accurate with the football, too."

One of the players not returning who was a major force in V.C.'s backfield last season is JoJo Apisala, who carried the ball 129 times for 849 yards and scored 13 touchdowns. DeYoung now becomes the leading returning ground gainer (17 carries, 55 yards, one touchdown), but replacing Apisala and the team's second leading rusher, Major Brown, will be senior Dylan Sawai and sophomores Tyson McNeese and Lucas Witt. Senior Isaiah Jordan may see some time running the ball but will be primarily used as a slot receiver. Last season, he caught 30 passes for 411 yards and scored three times.

In addition to Jordan, expect DeYoung to be throwing to senior Grant

Hefner, who was a tackle last season but is expected to be a tight end this season, junior Austin Abrahams, sophomores Oliver Boateng, Sean Bouma, Cole Hefner, another tight end, and Dylan Teays.

"We're just really young," said Chambers. "I think there's some talent there for sure, but a lot of inexperience at the varsity level. We'll kind of see how that goes."

The most experienced department on the offensive side, which is a plus considering the inexperience of the skill players, is the line and will be handled by junior left tackle Noah Klistoff, who was on the right side last season, senior left guard Tyler Hayes, senior center Jack Van Hofwegen, junior Logan Johnson or sophomore Isaac Morales at right tackle and junior right guard Noah Voecks. Johnson, Morales and Voecks were on the junior varsity team last season which went 9-1.

"I definitely love the offensive line; I love the depth of the offensive line," said Chambers. "We're about seven or eight deep and we're all over 200 pounds. At a small school like us, you always try to find guys like Grant that are bigger and say, 'hey, you have to go down and play offensive line'. And that's not the case this year. We have a bunch of guys who actually want to play offensive and defensive line. We're actually lighter at the skill position, which I think is a huge advantage because every high school wants an offensive line. We're all fighting for offensive [linemen] because it's hard to find them, and especially quality ones."

DEFENSE

As explosive as V.C.'s offense was, the defense couldn't hold its own in many games, allowing 383 points, including five games of at least 35 points. In fact, the Defenders were involved in eight games in which the decision was over 20 points, losing five of them. Grant Hefner will be playing at one end of the defensive line with Hayes, McNeese, Morales, and Van Hofwegen among those who are in the mix. Chambers says he and the coaching staff are still figuring out but just like the offensive line, there is depth on the defensive side.

The secondary will be led by Abrahams (57 tackles last season), Jordan (47 tackles), Teays at cornerback and junior Jayce Shields, another cornerback. Despite losing Apisala, who had 135 tackles last season, V.C. is still strong in the linebacking department with Sawai (40 tackles), Witt, Cole Hefner (82 tackles) and junior Jack Nichol.

SCHEDULE

The Defenders enjoyed their friendly confines eight times last season but in 2023, they will be home only four times in the regular season. The first four opponents are the same as last season, where V.C. began with a 1-4 mark. The game with Chino High was a 17-14 loss and in the other two setbacks against El Dorado High and Aliso Niguel High, the Defenders allowed 25 points each. Eight of V.C.'s opponents went to the playoffs with Ironwood League opponent Aquinas High advancing to the Division 5 semifinals. The 1-5 league record last season marked the third time since 1998 that V.C. had won one league game and the fifth place finish was the third time since 1998 that the program had lost at least four league games.

"It's going to be a tough one for sure," said Chambers of the season opener. "They're a very, very good team;

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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: 8 letters**

2023 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

LA MIRADA HOPES TO PUT LAST SEASON IN THE PAST WITH NEW BEGINNINGS, SAME CHALLENGES

By Loren Kopff
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LA MIRADA MATADORES

4-6 overall last season, 2-3 in the Gateway League, fourth place
22-27 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Lucas Mealy (first season)
Lost 24 seniors out of 54 players from 2022 opening day roster
Last time made the playoffs: 2021
2023 schedule (record last year in parenthesis.)

Aug. 18	Cypress (13-1)
Aug. 25	Yorba Linda (14-1)
Sept. 1	@ Servite (1-9)
Sept. 8	Long Beach Jordan (6-4)
Sept. 15	@ Baldwin Park (10-3)
Sept. 22	BYE
Sept. 28	Dominguez (4-6)
Oct. 6	Mayfair (8-5)
Oct. 13	@ Norwalk (10-2)
Oct. 20	@ Warren (9-2)
Oct. 27	@ Downey (12-3)

It was not the campaign La Mirada High or its followers expected as the Matadores were part of a new, tougher Gateway League, which was in its first season. The Matadores finished in fourth place, then were left out of the CIF-Southern Southern playoffs for the first time in over 40 years. To add insult to injury, former head coach Mike Moschetti left to take the same position at St. Paul High.

But it doesn't stop there as at least 30 players either graduated or transferred out and the team will have to play another season off campus as La Mirada's new stadium won't be completed for several months. With all that going on, former Orange High offensive coordinator of the past two seasons Lucas Mealy takes over knowing there is going to be a big challenge for the 2023 season. This will be his first head coaching job anywhere.

"Obviously, it's a dream come true in the sense of the program that I'm at," said Mealy. "I don't think very many people will get an opportunity to be part of such a very special program like La Mirada High School. The community that's involved in it, in my opinion, is second to none. You look at all these teams that come into place when they talk about high school football like Texas or down south, and it's one school, one city, one community, one town-type feel. I really do believe La Mirada is that same way."

Before that, Mealy was at Fountain Valley High and St. John Bosco High and had a brief stint at Cerritos College. He admitted that becoming a head coach was something he wasn't looking for right away. He loved being an offensive coordinator but over the past couple of years, he saw some things that made him believe he might be ready to become a head coach.

The history of La Mirada's program played a part in Mealy coming to the corner of Adelfa Dr. and Foster Rd. But he said the biggest thing was the school and the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District administration support and the community support. Mealy grew up in the city of Norwalk, which has two high schools, and where he coached the last two seasons, that city has three high schools.

"I think having one high school in one city is a huge, huge thing, at least

from my perspective with the support that you get from the community with the rallying of the community," said Mealy. "People care about this; everything about the school, whether it's football or another sport or an activity or the school itself. People care about it and to me, that was the biggest selling point."

Mealy, who was hired in April, which is somewhat late if a school is making a head coaching change, and especially for a successful program like La Mirada's, said when he got here, the numbers and morale were a little bit down. To him, the biggest thing was to try to get the kids excited and to promote the team to the school. By doing that, there are three or four players from the basketball team, about half a dozen from the baseball team and some from the track and field team. One bright spot for the program as it looks towards the next few seasons is that there are 16 seniors on a roster of 55 as of early August. Also, the only leftover from last season's coaching staff is Mike Ramirez, who was La Mirada's freshman head coach last season.

"I know the talent in La Mirada is great," said Mealy. "I know that if we can get to the point where we can



keep the kids from La Mirada in La Mirada, we're going to have a lot of success. But ultimately what I was trying to do is get kids to want to be a part of the program again, and I started that by going out and getting kids who were already on campus. We kind of used the motto 'it's a new era'. So, a lot of kids came out and I

think the kids are having fun and flying around."

He later went on to say that he loves a challenge and that a lot of programs use the word compete, but at La Mirada, it strives to win in everything it does.

"We want to win on the field; we want to win in the weightroom," he added. "Obviously, I think those two go hand in hand with football. But we teach our kids that we want to win every day. We want to win in the classroom, we want to win with our relationships, we want to win in the community... whatever we're doing, we want to have the mindset of winning and overcoming that obstacle."

OFFENSE

The Matadores scored 200 points last season, but 74 came in non-league games. And this season will certainly

look like a new team as a ton of last season's offense is no longer around. La Mirada is going to go with an air raid, spread style offense, which means up tempo and no huddle with three wide receivers, a tight end, one running back, and play as fast as they can, according to Mealy. Followers of the program may recognize the last name of the projected starting quarterback as sophomore Santino Garcia is the younger brother of Nehuel Garcia, who graduated this past May. Mealy says Santino Garcia has a very bright future and is a natural leader who has to get bigger in the weightroom. His backup will be senior Martin Aguilera, who is also a slot receiver. Mealy said nearly 100 percent of Garcia's or Aguilar's job will be done from the shotgun formation.

The top returning running back is sophomore Jordan Lauago, who touched the ball just five times last season, gaining three years. He also caught nine passes for 142 yards and Mealy calls him a 'very special football player for us'. Mealy also believes Lauago will be a really dynamic player for the Matadores who has a lot of explosion with great hands and has a natural ability for finding the hole with great acceleration. Other running backs expected to get some touches will be juniors Gavin Dionne and Max Rankin.

Those three players also figure to

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really well-coached and they have some guys coming back. They're going to give us trouble and like I said, we're going to be put to the fire early. We're going to see how we respond. I think it will be a closer game than last year.

"It's definitely a tough test," he continued. "It's probably one of the tougher games we'll play in the five games we play before league. Once we get to league, obviously we have some really good opponents in there."

The coaching staff recently was talking about how the first five games are no joke with four of those opponents going to the playoffs in higher divisions and Gahr High tying two other teams for the Mid-Cities League title. Chambers joked about having a second bye week between the Aquinas and Big Bear High games so the Defenders can regroup and finish the season because the first three league games will be extremely tough. Last season, Chambers saw St. Margaret's get trounced by Ontario Christian 35-7.

"I expect to go out there and compete in league," said Chambers. "I think we're going to kind of lay the foundation for this program and the culture under coach Chambers. I know it's a tough league. Aquinas is a very good football team. Ontario is a great football team, right? My biggest thing is how we finish-second place, third place, and making a playoff run like we did last year. Those first five games are going to be time for us as coaches to evaluate what we have and get those guys an opportunity to go out there and be successful and see where the pieces to the puzzle lie as we get into league play."

HOMECOMING

The Defenders fell to longtime rival Ontario Christian 40-18 in last season's homecoming game, just the program's third homecoming loss since 1998. This season, V.C. faces Sierra Vista High, its first non-league opponent since 2013 for this festive game and someone it hasn't faced in at least 25 seasons. The Dons, who hail from Baldwin Park, have had five winning seasons since 2004. Sierra Vista lost to Lancaster 28-16 in the first round of the playoffs last season.

FINAL THOUGHTS

"I want them to enjoy their time in this program," said Chambers. "They've been through a lot of turmoil-third head coach in three. and we had some kids that didn't really want to play this year. My biggest thing when I first met with them was that this program is going to be built on love and love is the cornerstone and that I'm going to treat them as human beings and not just a roster number."

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catch some passes from Garcia as will seniors Ernie Ortiz and 6'4" Christopher Cuevas, a tight end from the basketball team, junior Isaiah Robbins, sophomore Aaron Castro and Aguilar, when he's not playing quarterback.

Protecting those skill players on the line will be junior left tackle Ryan Molina, sophomore Genesis Afu or Noah Marquez at left guard, senior center Zachary Stein, senior Adrian Otero, who stands at 6'6", 305 or junior Mark Galindo at right guard and junior right tackle Elan Gomez with junior James Scott backing him up.

"What I like is these kids have done a great job of understanding what we're trying to do," said Mealy. "It was a complete change schematically. Not only did they buy in and accept it, but they also have proved to be able to do it on the field. I think that's a big thing. We're going to have some explosive plays this

year [and] we're also going to have some mistakes. That's part of running this type of offense; is when you run as many plays as possible, there are more opportunities for big plays and there's also more opportunities for mistakes."

DEFENSE

La Mirada allowed 247 points last season and had three games in which opponents put up over 30 points on the Matadores. The top four players leading the charge to be a starter on the defensive line will be seniors John Bynum and Pedro Gomez-Magallanes, junior Noah Duran and sophomore Donovan Davis. Also in the mix are senior Lorenzo Lutich and junior Charlie Dowlin.

Mealy says the secondary is one of the strengths of the team with seniors Gregory Leon and Frank Torres and Aguilera at safety. Mealy says Leon and Torres are the vocal leaders on defense and Torres can also be a linebacker. Other players who figure to be in the secondary are junior Chris Perez, sophomore Levi Reyes, Lauago and Rankin while the linebackers will be seniors Sean Gomez and Ary Montes, a transfer from Perris High where he had 103 tackles last season, Dionne and Torres at times.

"We attack; our defense plays with an attitude, and I firmly love it," said Mealy. "Don't get me wrong, but in practice, it makes it difficult because the offense is going against a real good defense day in and day out. But they fly around, they attack, and they play with an attitude. They swarm the ball and try to make as many plays on defense as possible. We don't just sit back and let things come to us. They go take the things they want, and I love that about our defense."

SCHEDULE

La Mirada will once again have one of the toughest schedules around, not just outside of the Gateway League, but overall. Seven opponents went to the playoffs last season and two of them are defending division champions-Yorba Linda High from Division 3 and Downey High from Division 4. Yorba Linda defeated the Matadores 28-13 in the second game last season and that was followed by Servite High's lone victory last season, a 10-7 decision with the game-winning touchdown coming in the fourth quarter. Those two opponents are repeats for La Mirada and after being home four times in 2022, the last three to end the season, four of the five home games this season will be played at Norwalk High with the other one at John Glenn High. Mealy added that the first two opponents are well-established programs who do what they do and do it well. There will be no rest for the weary for La Mirada before it gets to its bye, then hit another gauntlet that is the Gateway League.

"Cypress has a returning quarterback who is special," said Mealy. "They have a linebacker who is coming back who is really special and a couple other key pieces. We know Cypress is going to be a huge challenge, no doubt about it. They have some unique stuff offensively and I think our coaches will have a gameplan for them. But with that being said, we know that they are really well-coached."

Mealy coached against Yorba Linda the past two seasons and saw his team lose by a combined score of 86-50. He says that those players are a physical group of kids and when they get off the bus, they're ready to 'rock and roll'. He also said the bye comes at the right time as it will help the Matadores get an opportunity to rest and to prepare themselves for what will be a tougher Gateway League than last season.

Norwalk, the tri-champions of the Mid-Cities League, comes over to the Gateway League to replace Paramount High for at least this season and will be

a reunion as the two were longtime Suburban League rivals. Since at least 1998, La Mirada has lost twice to Norwalk with those defeats coming in 2008 (41-24) and 2013 (42-35).

"You look at Dominguez and they will always be a talented football team," said Mealy. "Norwalk runs some unique stuff, which takes a lot of time preparing for. They do similar to what Yorba Linda and Cypress do and they do it really well. And they're going to make you, from a defensive perspective, make you consistently beat them over and over again. As soon as you don't, they'll take that big play."

HOMECOMING

It's rare to find someone's last home game of the regular season the same as its homecoming game, but that's what will happen when the Matadores host longtime nemesis Mayfair High. Last season, La Mirada lost a heartbreaking 16-14 decision to the Monsoons when a last second field goal was missed. Mayfair has won six straight in the series and since 2004, own a 12-7 advantage. In fact, three of the last four losses to the Monsoons have been decided by a combined eight points. Last season, La Mirada defeated Paramount 40-20 for its homecoming game.

FINAL COMMENTS

"The fortunate thing is we have the juniors from last year who have become seniors and we have a great group of seniors," said Mealy. "They stuck around and gave me their trust that I will lead them to doing great things their senior year. I know a lot of kids over the years just haven't come here because of the stadium situation. Kids don't want to take the bus to John Glenn every day. I don't blame them. Kids don't want to be a part of what they think might be a rebuild, which we don't think it's going to be a rebuild. But from the outside looking in, there's no doubt about it, it looks like it's going to be a rebuild. We know what the expectations are for this program and we know what we have to do to accomplish them."

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Without any breaks or intermissions, Swift's high energy performance was nothing short of exceptional. Aside from 2-minute costume changes that set apart each era, neither Swift nor her fans got a break from singing.

The Eras Tour is set to showcase each of Swift's 10 albums, which are individually marketed as an era as Swift morphs her sound and fashion each time creating a theme and story for each album. Every album, except for her debut album "Taylor Swift", earned a spot at the tour. However, her latest releases, "Lover", "Folklore", "Evermore" and "Midnights," which have never before been performed live on tour, earned more time in the spotlight compared to previously performed and toured albums "Fearless", "Speak Now" and "1989".

Unfortunately, the only way to hear a live performance of any of the songs from the debut album is for a song to be chosen as the secret song for the night. Each show receives two special songs that were unique to each concert. Each surprise song is chosen from different eras, performed once, and, according to Swift's own rules, is not performed again on tour. The only exception to that rule were the first three nights at L.A., due to recordings that were taking place.

On night 1 of L.A. Swift performed vault track "I Can See You" and "Midnights" track Maroon". The Aug. 5 show received debut track "Our Song" and "1989" track "You are In Love". Night

three at Sofi earned "Death by a Thousand Cuts" from "Lover" and "Your on Your Own Kid" from "Midnights". "Dress" from her sixth album "Reputation" and "exile" from "Evermore" were the surprise songs for night four in LA. Night five earned "1989" track "I know Places" and "Reputation" track "King of My Heart". The last night, however, won with the best pairing of surprise songs, "1989" song "New Romantics" and "Reputation" track "New Years Day", along with the announcement of "1989 (Taylor's Version)".

Lights were a major factor in this performance. Any form of light ranging from lighted wristbands to fireworks and even fire, Swift utilized lights to tell a story. Engulfing fans into each era, wristbands, which were placed at each seat, lit up the stadium to the color associated with the era.

The "Lover" era, which began the concert, the wristbands lit up into a lovely rose pink and as the era went on, the lights turned into hearts all across the stadium. Similarly, the stadium glowed an incandescent gold hue as the "Fearless" era took over. Upon exiting the "1989" era with "Bad Blood", Swift shocked the audience as flames burst from the stage perfectly in sync with the song.

Known by fans as the "Great War", surviving the presale and general sale on Ticketmaster was a heist of its own. Enduring website crashes, postponements and resellers, earning tickets to the Eras Tour was more difficult than anticipated. However, the debacle of Ticketmaster was only slightly acknowledged by Swift during the show.

"Some of you put an extensive amount of effort to be with us here this Friday night, is that correct," Swift asked the audience during the introduction of "Champagne Problems" at the Aug. 5 show.

Despite this hassle of getting tickets, which were still selling during the concerts on Stubhub and Vivid for over \$800 for nosebleed seats, fans were still cheering, singing and dancing along to every song.

Swift's concert is not just a concert, it is a theatrical performance. The show is wholly entertaining and not one moment goes by without a spark of ingenuity. Spanning from country, pop, synth-pop and folk genres, Swift was able to successfully and impressively captivate each fan, and blend the songs perfectly.

Swift puts on a performance well worth the money spent. A performance so incredible that at L.A.'s Aug. 5 show, Swift received an almost 5-minute ovation after fan-favorite song "Champagne Problems." During L.A.'s Aug. 8 show, Swift received a 10-minute ovation for her performance of the same song.

Swift has two more albums to record: "Reputation" and debut album "Taylor Swift". As her masters were sold off in 2019 to Scooter Braun, who then sold the masters off to Shamrock Capital in 2020, Swift no longer owns the rights to her music from "Taylor Swift" through "Reputation". The rerecordings are largely important to fans as it symbolizes Swift earning back her name, while also earning her own work that charts her experience with growing up, heartbreak, love and loss. Through the rerecordings, not only will Swift earn her own songs back, she earns back her own name.

International shows will begin on Aug. 24 as she heads to Mexico City, and will be traveling throughout 2024. Swift will return to the U.S. during Oct. and Nov. 2024 for the Eras Tour.

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kept this new tradition alive but made it even bigger and better.”

She also gave a big shout out to Fil-Am Amiel Noble of Artesia-based Noble Creations where she got her Filipiniana outfit as well as huge shout outs to numerous Fil-Am City Council members and mayors across her district.

Hahn continued, “Los Angeles County is not only home to the largest community of Filipino-Americans in the country. We are home to the largest concentration of Filipinos in the world outside of Manila! And that’s why this event is so important. This festival is an opportunity to enjoy so many of the wonderful things Filipino American culture has to offer. But it is also an op-

portunity to lift-up the Filipino Americans who work to improve our community every day.”

Hahn also acknowledged the presence of her six commissioners including Filipino-American Hawaiian Councilmember Dandy De Paula as Human Relations commissioner. She also announced that she authored a motion to have Los Angeles County officially recognize the 125th anniversary of the Philippine Independence from Spain and celebrate the Philippine American Friendship Day.

Hahn then presented a proclamation to Janelle So-Perkins as chairperson this year on behalf of the entire Board of NaFFAA Greater Los Angeles Region.

While the entertainment was ongoing, the Don Knabe gym was pulsating with action for a one-day basketball

tournament from kids to adult players. Workshops were also conducted on the side on investment, government financing programs and immigration at the conference room.

The success of this event can also be attributed to the volunteers including California, Nevada, Arizona, Repeater Network (CNARN), a Ham Radio Organization, the combined force of APO-GLA/APO South Bay Alumni and the Alpha Kappa Rho Alumni.

To assure that the huge crowd were fed and hydrated -- seven food booths and two food trucks serving Filipino cuisines were on hand complimented by free fruit smoothies all-day long from McDonald’s and Jollibee complimentary meals to volunteers, VIPs and performers.

The non-stop entertainment was pre-

ceded by a simple ritual like the banging of the gong by this year’s chairperson, Janelle So, welcome remarks by NaFFAA CEO and Board Chairman Noel S.V. Omega and invocation by Holy Family Church Pastor of Artesia, Rev. Fr. John Roxas Cordero who also participated in the parade.

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 756

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider the approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 756 a request for a Type 41 Alcohol License (On-sale Beer & Wine – Eating Place) located at 6730 Rosemead Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (Assessor Identification No. 6378-019-058) in the General Commercial (C-G) zoned district as shown in **Attachment “A.”** If approved, the applicant would also be required to obtain approval from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

WHEN: Monday, August 21, 2023
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
WHERE: Parks and Recreation Community Room
6767 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 Class 1(a) (Existing Facilities). This section pertains to existing facilities that involve negligible or no expansion beyond what currently exists at the time of environmental determination.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER wishing to observe the meeting may do so in the following ways:

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City’s website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>
- (3) Email public comments to aneli.gonzalez@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
- (4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City’s website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/current-projects/>. Please contact Aneli Gonzalez, Assistant Planner at 562-801-4307 for additional questions.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact City Clerks Office at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.



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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 730 APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 15 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA AND BPREP 15910 VALLEY VIEW, LLC TO CONSTRUCT A NEW WAREHOUSE AT 15910 VALLEY VIEW AVENUE, LA MIRADA WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL (M-2) ZONING DISTRICT.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 730.

Summary of Ordinance No. 730

Ordinance No. 730 would approve Development Agreement No. 15 between City of La Mirada and BPREP 15910 Valley View, LLC:

- a. Completely raze the site including the existing approximately 202,310 square foot warehouse structure.
- b. Construct a new 180,766 square foot replacement warehouse structure with on-site and off-site improvements.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 730 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director
Dated: August 9, 2023

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Assistant Designer (Commerce, CA)

Conducting research and gathering information for illustration/design projects. Creating preliminary designs, sketches & layouts. Revising & refining designs based on feedback from senior designers & clients. Collaborating with cross-functional teams, such as marketing & product teams, to ensure that illustration/design projects are aligned with overall business objectives & branding. 40hrs/wk, Offered wage: \$43,888/year, Associate's Degree in Graphic Design/Illustration or related required.

**Resume to Moira Cosmetics, Inc.
Attn: John Kim, 2230 S Tubeway
Ave. Commerce, CA 90040**

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**Res to Attn: Cynthia Fuentes,
7000 Village Dr., Ste. 200,
Buena Park, CA 90621.**

Sr. Accountant

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Ph: 562-801-4392 or Email: FinanceDepartment@Pico-Rivera.org

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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.
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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:
GARTH ANDREW SINNOTT
CASE NO. 23STPB08199
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GARTH ANDREW SINNOTT.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BERNADETTE SINNOTT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BERNADETTE SINNOTT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to inter-ested 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: 09/12/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the peti-tion, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-tions 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 knowl-edgeable 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 as-sets or of any petition or account as provid-ed in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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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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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

In accordance with the provisions of California Commercial Code Section 7210, there being due and unpaid storage and associated charges for which Mesitis DWC LLC holds a lien as a Warehouse on the goods hereinafter described and due notice having been given to parties known to own or claim an interest therein and the time specified in such notice for payment on such charges as having expired, notice is hereby given that the goods will be sold at public auction at 3237 Garfield Ave., City of Commerce, County of Los Angeles, State of California 90040 on the 28th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The following is a brief description of the storage property to be sold:

AX Nitrile Gloves XL (1 pallet-26 cartons);	NitrileCare 4.6G Small (Elite) (7 pallets-591 cartons);
BestSafe Small (1 pallet-35 cartons);	Universal Nitrile Gloves Small (6 pallets- 595 cartons);
AX Nitrile Gloves Small (1 pallet-45 cartons);	Evergreen YTY Small (7 pallets-688 cartons);
Bulmro Vinyl Large (1 pallet-63 cartons); AX	BestSafe Medium (8 pallets-799 cartons);
Nitrile Gloves Medium (1 pallet-75 cartons);	NitrileCare 6.0 Medium (Premium) (11 pallets-1,053 cartons);
Bulmro Vinyl Medium (1 pallet-78 cartons);	NitrileCare 6.0 Large (Premium) (12 pallets-1,053 cartons);
TakeCare Small (2 pallets-98 cartons);	Hongray Small (10 pallets-1,138 cartons);
TouchFlex XL (2 pallets-151 cartons);	TakeCare Large (16 pallets-1,512 cartons);
NitrileCare 6.0 XL (Premium) (3 pallets-243 cartons);	BestSafe XL (16 pallets-1,669 cartons);
NitrileCare 6.0 Small (Premium) (3 pallets-244 cartons);	NitrileCare 4.6G Large (Elite) (27 pallets- 2,427 cartons);
TakeCare Medium (5 pallets-259 cartons);	NitrileCare 4.6G Medium (Elite) (26 pallets-2,428 cartons);
Hongray Blend Large (4 pallets-372 cartons);	Synguard Large (32 pallets-3,758 cartons);
Universal Nitrile Gloves Medium (4 pallets- 462 cartons);	Hongray Blend Medium (37 pallets-3,885 cartons);
NitrileCare 4.6G XL (Elite) (5 pallets-471 cartons);	TouchFlex Medium (136 pallets-15,985 cartons);
BestSafe Large (5 pallets-497 cartons); Universal	Hongray Large (163 pallets-18,206 cartons);
Nitrile Gloves Large (4 pallets- 504 cartons);	TouchFlex Large (198 pallets-25,570 cartons);
Disposable Face Mask CE 510K (23 pallets- 560 cartons);	Hongray Medium (225 pallets-26,268 cartons);
Universal Nitrile Gloves XL (5 pallets-588 cartons);	

The name of the entity on whose account the goods are being held is XPORT FORWARDING LLC.

Dated: August 8, 2023

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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.
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 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.
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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

CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS PRINTING OF THE 2024 CERRITOS COMMUNITY CALENDAR, BID NO. 1518-23. Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, California, 90703, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, for the printing of the 2024 Cerritos Community Calendar. The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. 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. Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2023**. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **"Bid for Printing of the 2024 Cerritos Community Calendar, Bid No. 1518-23"**. Please contact the City of Cerritos Communications Division at (562) 916-1320 to obtain specifications and contract documents. **Bids from print brokers will not be accepted.** No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label. The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law. Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php

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Top Tech to Enhance Education

6 devices to boost the back-to-school experience

Family Features

Gone are the days of paper and pencil being the necessities for learning. Schoolwork has gone digital, meaning it's time to gear up your students for success with the top tech that keeps them connected in the classroom and beyond.

From kid-friendly smartphones and earbuds to connected wearables and devices that keep learning fun, consider these on-trend solutions as your kids head back to school. Find more schooltime tech by visiting Qualcomm.com/snapdragonbts.



Power At-Home Productivity

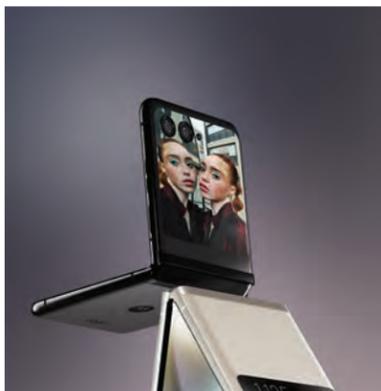
Students (and parents, too) can accomplish more after school like homework, studying and socializing with the Dell Inspiron 14 laptop powered by the Snapdragon 8cx Gen 2 Compute Platform. Equipped with the Qualcomm AI Engine, this processor enhances audio and visual experiences. Effortlessly multitask and shift between apps without sacrificing speed or battery life, given the power-efficient processor that helps deliver long battery life even in thin, light and quiet designs that don't require a loud, hot fan.

Listen and Learn

Whether students are listening to prerecorded lessons, immersing themselves in audiobooks or simply enjoying some favorite music while completing schoolwork, high-quality earbuds can help block out noise for maximum productivity. For example, the Moto Buds 600 ANC Wireless Earbuds feature Snapdragon Sound technology that delivers advanced wireless audio quality. A game changer for wireless audio, it eliminates the gap between wireless and wired connections for high-resolution music and synced entertainment.

Keep In Touch During Schooldays

Hectic schedules during schooldays and workdays can leave parents feeling out of the loop. When your children are ready for a ride home or a practice, game or activity gets canceled, ensure you can be the first to know by keeping them connected with the OnePlus 11 5G powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform. It combines power with effortless elegance and is driven by extreme hardware with Dolby Atmos Speakers, Dolby Vision, 80W SUPERVOOC Charging and 3rd Gen Hasselblad Camera for Mobile.



Stay Connected

Send kids to the classroom and stay connected with a modern smartphone featuring a throwback look that may call to mind your own days at school. Thoughtfully designed to allow users to capture, create and interact with their device, the Motorola RAZR runs on the powerful Snapdragon 8+ Gen 1 Mobile Platform with a modern, ultra-pocketable design. It offers an efficient battery with ultra-fast charging and the largest external flip phone display.

Opt for Kid-Friendly Wearables

If a smartphone is a bit too advanced for your little learners, an age-appropriate smartwatch that keeps them connected may be a better fit. Empower kids to be kids with an option like the Snapdragon Wear 4100-powered Verizon Gizmo Watch 3 with a range of benefits from 4G LTE cellular connectivity to games and GPS-safe zones. This smartwatch is designed with safety and fun in mind without the distractions of a smartphone so you can have some peace of mind while keeping students focused in the classroom.

Reward Making the Grade

Custom-built to be the ultimate Android gaming handheld, the Razer Edge with the purpose-built Snapdragon G3x Gen 1 platform delivers unrivaled performance. Combined with a 144Hz AMOLED display for clarity at high speeds and a Kishi V2 Pro console-quality controller, it allows for sustained performance so users can game for hours with high-quality graphics and high frame rates. Specifically designed and optimized for gaming with an active-cooling fan, it unleashes high framerates over long play sessions.

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