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## KEEPING THE TUNA CANYON DETENTION STATION MEMORY ALIVE

**OVER 2,000** Japanese-American Citizens and other legal immigrants were unlawfully incarcerated during World War II at the Tuna Canyon Detention Station. Located near Tujunga, it was one of many such facilities throughout the western USA. Each year, ABCUSD Clerk Ernie Nishii (right), sponsors a Day of Remembrance at all ABCUSD Secondary Schools so that students will be informed of and learn from this dark era in U.S. History. Seen here are decedents of Tuna Canyon detainees.

## Cerritos High Student's Project Could be a Solution to Removing Microplastics From the Ocean

By Laurie Hanson

With 24 trillion microplastics polluting the world's oceans, a 15-year-old Junior from Cerritos High School has developed a viable prototype for extracting them.

"Microplastic pollution is a serious problem that everyone is talking about, but no one is



**ADARSH SENTHILNATHAN**, 15, of Cerritos with his invention that could rid the earth's oceans of microplastics.

acting upon," said Adarsh Senthilnathan of Cerritos. "I hope my solution sparks a new light within the industry that can help motivate other scientists to find new solutions instead of simply addressing and acknowledging the problem."

His project prototype is entitled "Attraction of Microplastics using Transverse Waves and a Vortex." Specifically, it focuses on removing the most common plastic pollutant, polyethylene, at a below-average size of two millimeters.

"I am not much of a genius or a whiz kid," he explained. "I simply work extremely hard and am unwilling to give up until I reach my end goal."

Adarsh desires to become well-rounded and successful in multiple areas of life, not just in one. This may be his first step in achieving this.

"Someday, I hope to be an entrepreneur and public figure spreading my ideas to the rest of the world as a renowned figure in the industry of life," he said. "I hope my microplastic project will start a series of other projects that help save our environment."

Already recognized by the U.S. Naval Department of Research after entering his prototype in the Los Angeles County Science Fair and further attaining validation his "solution" is viable from a local university professor, Adarsh hopes to establish further credibility and go to work with other scientists.

Adarsh worked on the project for two years making nine different prototypes. All his efforts were simply researched on Google as he worked on different solutions.

"This project was done and worked on completely by me," he said. "However, I had assistance from Professor Mingheng Li to help guide me on what steps I should take and whether a projected prototype would work or not."

According to Professor Li, who teaches Chemical and Materials at Cal Poly Pomona, Adarsh's project is so valuable because it's the entry-level step in any microplastic extraction.

"Without this crucial step, scientists and other people trying to extract microplastics are simply going into the water blindly with their extraction method," Li explained.

"With Adarsh's project, environmentalist groups can now

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## Emmy Nominated Former Artesia Resident Passes Away Suddenly



Shawna Trpcic

By Kimberly Terasaki

Costume Designer Shawna Trpcic, best known for her work on Disney+ original Star Wars shows like The Mandalorian, passed away on October 6, 2023 at the age of 56.

She leaves behind two children, Joseph and Sarah.

Her family set up a GoFundMe fundraiser to help with funeral costs, and the campaign reached its goal of \$30,000 in only 3 days, with many donors being friends in the industry.

Born Oct. 18, 1966, in Artesia, California, Trpcic amassed 47 TV and film credits over a 33-year career. Trpcic has received three Emmy nominations and won two Costume Designer Guild awards in Excellence in Sci-Fi/Fantasy Television. She was nominated for this year's Emmys thanks to her work on The Mandalorian, though the Emmys have been indefinitely delayed due to the ongoing strikes in the entertainment industry.

Trpcic has worked on a wide range of projects over the years, most notably including multiple Mutant Enemy productions, including Firefly, Angel, and Doll-

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## Former ABCUSD Board Member Slams Trustee Soo Yoo for Endorsing Alternative Schools

Celia Spitzer was "appalled" by Soo Yoo's comments and demanded she step down and resign.

By Brian Hews

In early September, Los Cerritos Community News reported that ABC Unified School District Trustee Soo Yoo, at the September 5 board meeting, pulled out a four-page speech during board comment and spouted right-wing memes while suggesting that students and parents of ABCUSD should consider homeschooling or alternative schools.

It was another bombshell from Yoo in line with her racist comments that "Mexicans should stop having Quinceneras and save their money," and that "blacks should get over that slavery thing."



Soo Yoo

Yoo blasted the implementation of Common Core, which are State Board of Education standards for all students, K-12. Since 2010, a number of states across the nation have adopted the same standards for English and math.

Yoo claimed that ABCUSD students are behind in math because of Common Core, "ABC

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## La Mirada Friends of the Library Sale Earns \$3,700

By Stepheny Gehrig

On Friday and Saturday, the Friends of the La Mirada Library hosted its semi-annual book sale at the La Mirada Activity Center. The book sale garnered much attention and earned a total of over \$3,700, which will be used to provide funding for programs and services through the library.

The Friends of the La Mirada Library is a nonprofit organization that helps raise funds to facilitate and support events and resources through the La Mirada Library. Located inside the library, volunteers from the Friends of the Library have a bookstore that not only sells books, magazines, DVDs and CDs, but accepts donations as well.

Twice a year, the Friends of the Library arrange a two-day used book sale, where a selection of used books spanning

reference books to classic literature, is available for purchase.

Friday was host to the member-only sale, which gave those with a paid membership to the Friends of the Library the ability to get first pick on available sale items. Saturday was open to the public, allowing anyone interested to participate in the sale. On the final day of the sale, for about two hours, shoppers can participate in the bag sale where shopping bags can be purchased for \$3 and shoppers can fill the bag with as much merchandise as it can fit.

Available at the sale were children's books, fiction and nonfiction novels, classic and religious literature, along with PlayStation games, movies and CDs. A specialty table with autographed books, tabletop books and bundles of vintage

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**RUN BY VOLUNTEERS**, the Friends of the La Mirada Library hosts two book sales a year — once in spring and once in fall. The crew of hard-working volunteers made the event successful.



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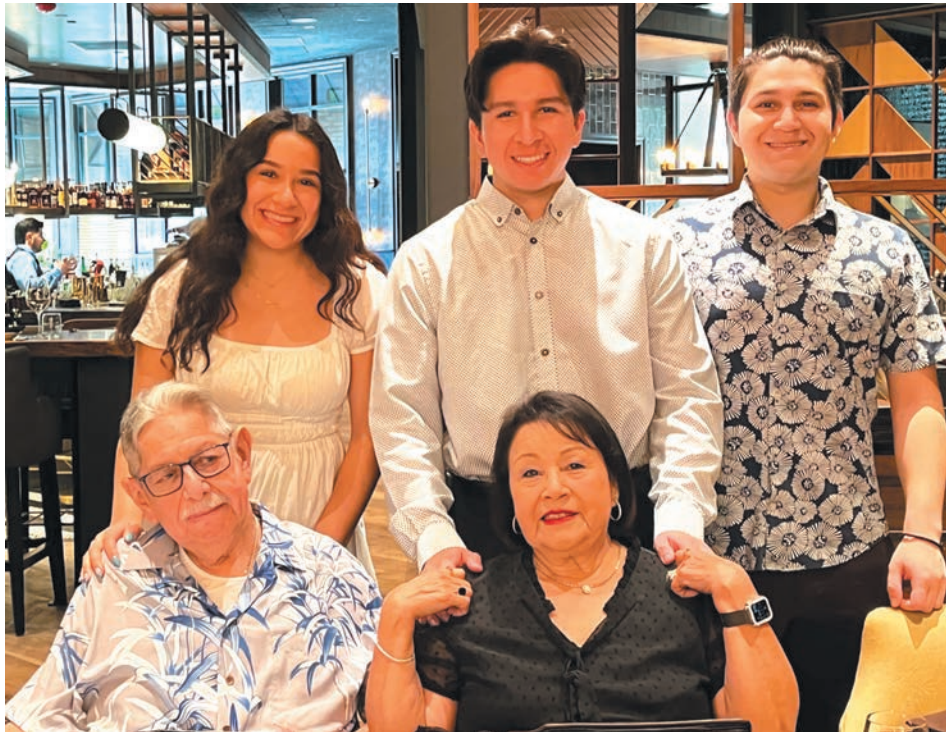
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## La Mirada Couple Celebrate 60th Anniversary and 80th Birthday



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** John and Angelita Ramirez surrounded by their three adoring grandchildren from left: Ashley, Jacob and Joshua. All three would agree that they are both candidates for Grandparents of the Year Award.

By **Linda J. Hernández**

Longtime La Mirada residents John and Angelita Ramirez have had a memorable year.

On June 22 of this year they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary and on October 8 their whole family gathered at the elegant Chop House in Brea to celebrate Angelita's 80th Birthday.

All ten of them dined on a gourmet dinner from appetizers to dessert. Angelita was an ABCUSD teacher in East Lakewood for 30 years. After being nominated by the Leadership Team at Melbourne Elementary School, she was

awarded Teacher of the Year Award by the Lakewood Rotary Club in 2005, the year she retired.

John retired as an IT Manager in the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power.

"My husband, John, helped me a lot and never stood in my way while I worked as a teacher's aide and attended night school", Angelita fondly recalls. Both were raised in Compton by hard-working parents and Angelita often says she married the boy across the street 60 years ago.

Congratulations are in order to this admirable local couple and their successful family.

## CARMAGEDDON: East 91 to Close Overnight Three Days a Week

By **Brian Hews**

Beginning Oct. 16, 2023 and continuing through November, the eastbound Riverside Freeway (91) will be shut down during the overnight hours, three days a week, for work on an interchange improvement project.

The lane closures will be in effect from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The same closures will be implemented again on Tuesday, Oct. 17, and Wednesday, Oct. 18.

All eastbound 91 lanes from Green River Road to Serfas Club Drive, on the west end of Corona, will be closed.

The agency said that the Monday-to-Wednesday schedule will be maintained, weather-permitting, to Nov. 30.

In addition to the general purpose lanes, the two toll lanes on the eastbound 91 will be shut down at the same time.

The closures are for the "71/91 Inter-

change Project," which will be replacing the current single-lane connector from the eastbound 91 to the Corona (71) Expressway with a two-lane connector loop, allowing a larger volume of vehicles and reducing congestion.

The Green River Road on-ramp to the eastbound 91 will also have to be shut down for traffic safety during the work.

Officials advised motorists to use the Pomona (60) Freeway to the north as an alternate and that would be a good idea!

The 91 traffic will be directed/crammed into a single lane, slowly taken off at Green River Road and funneled through the city until drivers can rejoin the eastbound 91 somewhere east of Serfas Club Dr. which is over three miles away.

The project is expected to conclude sometime in 2025.

*Project updates are available at [www.rctc.org/71-91interchange](http://www.rctc.org/71-91interchange).*

## Cerritos Councilman Gives City Tile to Consul General of Japan

**CERRITOS COUNCILMAN FRANK YOKOYAMA**, (I) representing Cerritos, shown meeting with Consul General SONE Kenko at the Consulate General of Japan in downtown Los Angeles. Yokoyama presented SONE with the Official Tile of the City of Cerritos.



## Lakewood's 'Fest-Of-All' Multicultural Food and Music Event

Lakewood's Fest-Of-All, the third annual multicultural food and music festival returns on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Lakewood Center in the large parking area south of El Torito and west of Target.

Representing the wide variety of cultures which Lakewood is proud to have in the community, Lakewood's Fest-Of-All will include the following fun features:

Two entertainment stages—with a wide variety of musical and dance acts.

Family Fun Zone with inflatable attractions will include a craft village, a children's cultural booth, an art and poetry showcase.

A multicultural food court with the following vendors:

- Big C BBQ (American BBQ & Brazilian)

- Smiles Jamaican Grill (Jamaican)
- Crazy Delights La Michoacana (Mexican Treats)
- Stinkin Crawfish of Lakewood (Cajun)
- The Berlin Truck (German)
- Cali Sweets Dessert Truck (French Fusion)
- Rice Balls of Fire (Korean/Hawaiian Fusion)
- Scooter's Italian Ice (Italian)
- Smile Hot Dogs (Korean style street food)

with more to be added.

*Free shuttle service runs every 15 minutes from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. from Lakewood City Hall (Clark/Del Amo) east parking lot to the Fest-Of-All entrance.*

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## Taiwanese Charity Group Volunteers at Cerritos College Food Bank



**CERRITOS COLLEGE** Board President Dr. Shin Liu (4th from left) with local volunteers from the Tzu Chi Foundation for the College Food Bank.

By Linda J. Hernández

The Tzu Chi Charity Foundation is a Taiwanese international, humanitarian organization.

Volunteers from the local group were invited to Cerritos College recently by Board President Shin Liu to help with their food bank distribution.

The group also visited and wanted to support The Falcon's Nest, where multiple services are provided to students. With their universal value of compassion, Tzu Chi believes in putting it into action through giving back to the community and social service.

They describe their four great missions as: Charity, Medical, Education and Humanistic Culture.

The Falcon's Nest, which opened in March 2022, provides a centralized network of resources that support meeting the basic needs of students.

It represents the Cerritos College Board of Trustees long-standing commitment to student success through meeting students where they are.

"By providing basic needs support such as food, housing, clothing and hygiene, we are removing obstacles from our students' lives so they can focus on their studies," stated President Dr. José Fierro on the college website.

For more information on needed donations and to schedule a visit of The Falcon's Nest, phone 562-860-2451, Extension 2494. For Basic Needs Inquiries, contact [FalconsNest@cerritos.edu](mailto:FalconsNest@cerritos.edu)

## Entries Sought for Kids Poster Contest

Students from the ABC Unified, Valley Christian Schools and Bellflower Unified are invited.

The City of Cerritos is hosting a Kids Poster Contest with the theme "With Art, Dreams Come True."

The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting

materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics).

Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form available at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Completed entries must be delivered to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18.

Winning posters will be displayed on the City's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us) starting Monday, October 30 through Monday, November 27. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

## Free Mulch Distribution, Paper Shredding, and E-Waste Collection Event

Household hazardous not accepted; the mulch distribution will be self-serve service.

La Mirada and EDCO will offer La Mirada residents a free paper shredding, e-waste collection, and mulch distribution event on Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The event will be held at the La Mirada Community Gymnasium parking lot, located at 15105 Alicante Road. Residents may shred up to three banker boxes (10"x12"x15") of personal infor-

mation on site.

Unwanted electronics, such as computer monitors and televisions, will also be accepted.

Household hazardous waste will not be accepted at this event.

The mulch distribution will be a self-serve, self-loading service.

Residents must bring their own cans/bags and shovel.

A limit of three cans/bags per vehicle will be enforced.

Participants are requested to bring a tarp to cover the material if bringing an open truck or trailer.

This event is limited to La Mirada residents only. Proof of residency (i.e., driver's license or a utility bill) will be required.

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## Postal Service Issues Winter Woodland Animals Stamps



**THE STAMPS** feature whimsical, graphic illustrations of the most familiar wildlife spotted across much of the American landscape—deer, rabbits, owls and foxes. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for the Postal Service, designed the stamps with Katie Kirk.

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Postal Service is celebrating four species that make their homes in the woodlands of North America with today's issuance of the Winter Woodland Animals stamps.

Among the most familiar wildlife spotted across much of the American landscape, deer, rabbits, owls and foxes connect us to the natural beauty around us.

White-tailed deer are one of the most plentiful species of deer in North America and are admired for their classic beauty and agility.

Rabbits often live near the forest's edge so they can easily find food from gardens, yards and meadows.

Foxes are resilient and adaptable and have learned to survive and flourish in almost every environment.

Owls are fascinating birds of prey that prefer to nest in tree cavities or nests abandoned by other birds.

The stamps feature whimsical, graphic illustrations of these creatures. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for the Postal Service, designed the stamps with Katie Kirk, who illustrated them using geometric shapes of bold, solid color. Each animal appears with details of its habitat in winter, such as a full or crescent moon, snow-covered trees, holly branches with berries, and delicate snowflakes. The illustrations were created digitally, and at the top of each stamp, the words "Forever/USA" appear in white.

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focus on a specific area, helping increase average removal rates. Additionally, it would also help save time and resources as they now only have to channel their energy and work in a given area to maximize their chances of removing microplastics."

According to Adarsh, the prototype's extraction process begins by placing the polyethylene plastic beads in a water container to represent the average concentration of microplastics within the Earth's oceans.

A simple tubular structure made of aluminum foil is placed at the center of the water container.

"By using Arduino code, engineering, robotics, a DC Vibration Motor is directly attached to the tubular aluminum foil structure. Inside the structure, a motorized frother is placed inside the tube underneath the water's surface to create a vortex. The vortex directs the flow of microplastics to the vertex point inside the center point of the tubular structure."

Air bubbles are created within the water, rise to the top of the water, and directly stick to the microplastics.

The bubbles act as a binding factor within each individual microplastic, making it much more efficient and easier to control.

The second step is to turn on the DC Vibration Motor and the Arduino Circuit to create a series of vibrations that radiate throughout the aluminum foil; these vibrations create waves that directly attract the microplastics to the tube.

"With the help of the vortex and the bubbles, it makes it extremely easy for these microplastics to fall into the range of the transverse waves and be directed to the tubular structure," Adarsh explained.

"Once both steps are complete, the microplastics cluster up on the edges of

the tubular structure and can easily be removed because the microplastics will have been grouped into one area.

"The experiment was conducted multiple times to receive an average removal rate of microplastics," he said. "With my previous prototype having an 8 percent average removal rate, this current removal rate has surpassed my previous solution's 94 percent average attraction/removal rate."

"It is after collecting the microplastics that they are effectively and successfully removed from the bodies of water," he said.

And all this might help save our oceans for future generations to come.

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books like Nancy Drew novels and the Boxcar Children collection, brought attention to the variety of collectable items that are available through the bookstore.

Run by volunteers, the Friends of the La Mirada Library hosts two book sales a year — once in spring and once in fall. The crew of hard-working volunteers made the event successful as they helped shoppers find specific books, recommended literature and even engaged in friendly and fun conversations.

The book store is open in the La Mirada Library, with the same hours as the library. The book store takes donations of books and audiobooks of all genres, magazines, DVDs and CDs. For volunteer opportunities or membership information, contact the Friends of the Library at [Lamiradafol@hotmail.com](mailto:Lamiradafol@hotmail.com), connect on Facebook @Friends of the La Mirada Library, or take a trip to the bookstore located in the La Mirada Library.

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was doing just fine before Common Core. In recent years, math skills have declined, and ABC students are less prepared for higher math, which is bad news for students who want to pursue STEM.

She went on to criticize Sacramento's "woke policies" finishing with a statement that drew audible gasps from attendees.

"If the parents don't like what's going on in their district, the parents should know about the options to either homeschool their child or consider alternative education. Either homeschool or alternative education you can choose. Sacramento will continue to push down Assembly bills and Senate bills that will attack parent's rights."

It was not only incendiary, but a very questionable statement given that Yoo owns a private tutoring company in Cerritos just one mile from ABCUSD offices.

There was silence for a few seconds, then a visibly angry Trustee Olga Rios spoke and excoriated Yoo. "Advocating for kids to join a non-public school.... that's not what we do up here Board Member Yoo. We stand behind the emblem of the Department of Education, we don't stand against it. I am really troubled by your comments tonight."

No other board member chose to speak about Yoo's comments, but ABC Fed-

eration of Teachers President Ray Gaer stepped up to the dais and pilloried Yoo.

"It's a shame that somebody who's on a public education board is actually advocating for homeschooling, which would take away funding from the school district. Ms. Yoo, I'm sorry you're advocating for that; makes it really hard to be on any page with you. You are so hypocritical."

Fast forward to the latest ABC Board meeting on October 3, where one well-respected former 16-year board member spoke at public comments about Yoo's statements.

Celia Spitzer, ABC Board Member from 1999 to 2015 did not mince words during her nearly five-minute speech, "I was deeply saddened and appalled when I read [in Los Cerritos Community News] where Soo Yoo said parents should consider homeschooling their kids or sending them to alternative schools.

"School board members are trustees of their district; the voters expect that they can trust the trustee to support their public schools. This includes advocating for ABC kids to attend one of our many outstanding schools.

"Mrs. Yoo did the opposite.... therefore, she does not deserve our trust and should not be on the board."

Over a year ago, the ABC Board established an ad-hoc committee to address

declining enrollment; Ms. Spitzer is a committee member. The group has met several times and will make a recommendation next spring about the fiscal and other challenges concerning declining enrollment.

Spitzer continued echoing what Trustee Dr. Rios stated, "In view of declining enrollment, not just a problem at ABC but in other districts, Mrs. Yoo's words are even more concerning.

"I served from 1999 to 2015; during that time, all board members were outspoken cheerleaders for the ABC. One of our goals was to encourage and facilitate enrollment in our schools. Mrs. Yoo, your statement about homeschooling or sending kids to alternative schools is counterproductive to maintaining and increasing the number of students at ABC.

"What you have said is harmful to our [school] district and not in the best interest of anyone living here or planning to move to ABC, which many do to attend our award-winning schools.

"While I certainly understand a parent's choice to send their kids to a non-public school, particularly one with religious affiliation, I do not believe it is appropriate for a school board member to suggest from the dais at a public board meeting that parents should not send their child to public school."

Spitzer then said what many in the

ABC are calling for, that Yoo should resign or be recalled.

"Mrs. Yoo, if you are not willing to promote attendance at our schools or at least not promote alternative schools, you should step down from the board so the voters in your area can elect someone who will.

"In closing, I want to thank Dr. Rios for speaking out as an ABC Board Member in criticizing Mrs. Yoo, who apparently does not believe in public school education. I hope that more of the board will speak out more tonight."

No other board member spoke later in the meeting; Dr. Rios was absent that night.

During board comment, Yoo went into defense mode, irrationally commenting on "Sacramento woke policies" while insulting the other board members saying, "even some of our board members don't know of some of the [Sacramento] bills passed every week and signed into law. Children 13 or 14 should not make medical decisions without parent's involvement."

Yoo proceeded to "set the record straight" on Ms. Spitzer's comments, resorting to outright lies. "I actually praised ABC [at the September 5 meeting]. I am proud of our principles, and I respect them."

This despite Yoo saying on video, "ABC students are less prepared for higher math, which is bad news for students who want to pursue STEM."

Yoo continued her rambling comments, "Nonetheless, every parent should have their choice. I homeschooled my kids.... When I look at parents, they are fearful, in tears, they are torn because of societal issues and the laws that are [being] passed down."

And in a familiar right-wing meme used by Yoo to gin up hatred and violence against the media and this newspaper, Yoo threw rules of decorum out the window, slandering and defaming LCCN.

"[LCCN Publisher] Brian Hews, I know that he has a record of putting words into my mouth, taking words out of context, lying, slander, division. We need to stop that because as we are going through difficulty, we need to stick together."

It was a not-so-veiled threat by Yoo, "we need to stop that" that Board President Brad Beach completely ignored, moving on to the next agenda item, giving tacit approval of Yoo's slanderous, defamatory and threatening statements.

LCCN sent a request for comment to all board members, except for Dr. Olga Rios who let her feelings be known already, no other board member responded.

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house, as well as films ranging from The Cabin in the Woods to The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run.

The GoFundMe fundraiser states that a fan of Firefly offered to give her a tour of Skywalker Ranch, where she met George Lucas.

But it was only 15 years later she fulfilled a lifelong dream of working on Star Wars, joining the production crew of The Mandalorian during Season 2.

Directors on her Work

StarWars.com has posted an article looking back on Trpcic's work in the franchise, including comments from the showrunners she has worked with.

"Shawna had a deep love and appreciation for Star Wars," showrunner, writer, and director of Ahsoka, Dave Filoni, said in the article.

"You can see that in every piece of work she did with us. She loved everything about being a part of these stories, including connecting with fans and being a part of that community. I feel like she has always been a part of Star Wars. Her costumes tell a story, I loved collaborating with Shawna, and I will miss her presence."

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### Long Time Cerritos Resident Grand Master Kim Passes



**GRAND MASTER CHAN YONG KIM** passed away on October 11. He and Mrs. Kim are holding the Proclamation awarded his Oriental Moo-Do School in 2016. His son, Olympic Gold Medalist Jimmy Kim, right, passed away in June 2023.

Grand Master (GM) Chan Yong Kim, 9th Degree Black Belt in judo and taekwondo and a graduate of Yong-In Martial Arts University in Korea, passed away Oct. 11

GM Kim arrived in Gardena, California, in August of 1971 after teaching in Australia and several countries in South East Asia. He immediately established the Oriental Moo-Do School (OMS).

In 1973, with his school enrollment booming, GM Kim searched for an area where he could expand. Although he wished to settle in Cerritos, he could only find a small space in Artesia.

In 1994, GM Kim relocated to Cerritos, on South Street and Carmenita Road.

GM Kim considered his school a business enterprise and, thanks to the tenets of martial arts training—discipline, respect, mental focus and perseverance—he was confident that participants would gain tangible benefits that would allow them to enjoy success in their future endeavors, and life in general.

Up until his passing, former students sought out GM Kim to thank him for the valuable lessons that they learned through their past training.

GM Kim's three children grew up in Cerritos and were all products of the ABC Unified School District, including Leal Elementary, Cerritos High School and Whitney High School.

His children graduated from UC Irvine and UC Berkeley before becoming a chiropractor and optometrists.

His son, Dr. Jimmy Kim, captured a Gold Medal for the United States at the 1988 Seoul Olympics in the Taekwondo Heavy Weight Division.

For all the benefits his family enjoyed in Cerritos, GM Kim returned the benefits by giving back to the community, serving as a Property Preservation Commissioner for the Cerritos.

### La Mirada Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be observed from Oct. 23 to Oct. 27 at La Mirada schools. Red Ribbon Week serves as a catalyst to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug-Free."

The Public Safety Team is proud to support the weeklong celebration and will be attending Red Ribbon rallies at La Mirada schools designed to prevent and raise awareness of the harmful effects of drug use.

For more information on Red Ribbon Week, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2986 or visit [cityoflamirada.org](http://cityoflamirada.org).

### Cerritos High HOSA Club Volunteers at Health Fair



**MEMBERS** of the Cerritos High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club volunteered to help provide health screenings at the Anaheim Health Fair. Students shadowed healthcare professionals, assisting where needed. It was a great learning experience for the students, who were the largest group of student volunteers at the event. Photo courtesy ABCUSD.

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## Plant a Few Trees for You and the Bees

By Melinda Myers

**F**all is a great time to add trees to your landscape. Not only do they provide shade, remove pollutants from the air, and help manage stormwater; but many also provide food for bees. Keep this in mind when selecting and planting new trees in your yard now and in the future.

Fruit trees are probably the first “bee” trees that come to mind. These spring flowering trees provide nectar and pollen many native bees, bumblebees and honeybees prefer. They also provide food and habitat for songbirds and other wildlife and fruit for us to enjoy. Many are grown



Spring bloomer-Black Tupelo.

on dwarfing rootstocks, allowing small-space gardeners the opportunity to grow these in their gardens and containers. Just make sure the plants selected are hardy for your location and have the varieties needed for pollination and fruit formation to occur.

Don't overlook the North American native maples that bloom in early spring before most other plants are flowering. Their nectar and pollen provide a welcome food source for native bees and honeybees. Select the maple best suited to your growing conditions and available space.

Another spring bloomer is black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*). Its highly prized honey is made by bees visiting the black and water tupelo (*Nyssa aquatica*). Black tupelo, also known as black gum or sour gum is hardy in zones 4 to 9 and is an excellent tree for supporting wildlife as well as bees. Water tupelo is a favorite of beekeepers and can be found growing in rivers or coastal swamps but is seldom seen in home landscapes.

Serviceberries (*Amelanchier*) are a four-season plant with spring blooms, fall color, and attractive bark in winter. These, along with crabapples and hawthorns, are popular ornamental landscape plants with flowers that support pollinators and fruit for the songbirds. Always look for disease-resistant cultivars when selecting the best crabapple for your garden.

The North American native yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*) is a medium-sized shade tree with attractive spring flowers. It provides winter interest in the landscape, nesting sites for songbirds, and high-quality pollen for bees and other pollinators.

Boost your summer garden's bee appeal with the addition of sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*), also known as Lily of the Valley tree and sorrel tree. The fragrant and showy flowers appeal to bees



**END THE SEASON** with a burst of fragrance and nectar-rich flowers for the bees, monarch butterflies, and other pollinators with the addition of the seven-son flower tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*). Once the flower petals fade and drop, the colorful calyx remains adding a vivid cherry red to rose-purple color to the fall landscape.

and other pollinators. Its ornamental fruit capsules feed songbirds while adding ornamental interest to the fall foliage display and winter garden.

End the season with a burst of fragrance and nectar-rich flowers for the bees, monarch butterflies, and other pollinators with the addition of the seven-son flower tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*). Once the flower petals fade and drop, the colorful calyx remains adding a vivid cherry red to rose-purple color to the fall landscape. The exfoliating bark adds year-round interest and texture to the garden.

These are just a few of the many bee-friendly trees suitable for home gardens. Try to include a variety of trees so your landscape provides needed nectar and pollen throughout the season or those that fill the flowering voids in your existing landscape.

Don't worry if you have no time to plant trees this fall. Take advantage of the winter to do a bit more research on the best trees for your garden. Then locate potential planting spots with space to accommodate the tree's mature size and the right growing conditions to help it thrive. Visit your local nursery in early spring and get started planting.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine.

Myers' website is [MelindaMyers.com](http://MelindaMyers.com).

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## 1.1 Mile Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Construction Begins

Construction of the Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project is now underway along Mines Avenue from Paramount Boulevard to east of Rimbank Avenue.

The Project will consist of constructing a 1.1-mile protected bicycle lane along the south side of Mines Avenue that will connect to regional trails along the Rio Hondo Channel and San Gabriel River.

In addition to the bicycle lanes, improvements within the project limits include pavement reconstruction, construction of bio-swales for stormwater capture, ADA improvements, traffic signal modifications at the intersections of Paramount Boulevard at Mines Avenue and Rosemead Boulevard at Mines Avenue, landscaping improvements and signage.

The Project will utilize sustainable native and drought-tolerant plants, shrubs, and trees with the goal of reducing water consumption.

The Project is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2024. Construction will be completed in phases along Mines Avenue to limit impacts to the residents and businesses.

Motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes during construction, as the city anticipates traffic and delays.

The overall goals of the Project are to provide a safe regional bicycle connection to existing trails, promote active transportation, promote stormwater quality, and beautify the community.

For more information about the Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project, call the City's Public Works Department at 562.801.4421

## Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico Sister City Delegation Visits Pico Rivera



**MEMBERS** of the Pico Rivera City Council along with sister city delegates from Mazatlán in front of respective street signs. Photo courtesy city of Pico Rivera.

### Staff Report

Cultural ties and friendships were made stronger last month during a special visit to Pico Rivera by officials from its sister city of Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico.

During a three-day visit, the Mazatlán delegation learned about the Pico Rivera's local economy by visiting several manufacturers based in the city, and highlighting the economic resources available to them.

City officials from both cities participated in discussions regarding their respective economies and how each can continue to collaborate on an economic relationship.

During the visit, the delegation also toured the Los Angeles County Sanitation

District Water Reclamation Plant, the Water Replenishment District's Albert Robles Center for Recycling, and children's furniture manufacturer, Million Dollar Baby Co.

The visit concluded at the historic Pico Rivera Sports Arena where charro demonstrations were put on display for the delegation.

Sister City programs started in 1956 at the urging of President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who wanted to cultivate goodwill and cultural exchanges between American and foreign cities as a way to create a more peaceful world.

A sister city, county, or state relationship is a broad-based, long-term partner-

ship between two communities in two countries. A relationship is officially recognized after the highest elected or appointed official from both communities sign off on an agreement to become sister cities.

Pico Rivera began a sister city relationship with the city of San Luis Potosí 11 years later. In 2016, the City of Mazatlán became Pico Rivera's second Sister City.

The City of Tlajomulco de Zúñiga, Jalisco, Mexico, became the city's third Sister City just last year.

The goal of the city's relationships is to contribute to each other's economies by enhancing foreign trade relations and expanding upon local economic interests.

## Official Sign Unveiling of Koreatown, Buena Park



**OFFICIAL:** Buena Park City officials and other at the sign unveiling. Far left is City Councilman Frank Yokoyama, moving right is Asm. Sharon Quirk-Silva and Sen. Josh Newman. Council Member Joyce Ahn, a driving force behind the initiative is behind the upper right portion of the sign in the light jacket.

### Staff Report

Buena Park officially designated the northern portion of the city as "Koreatown," this past Oct. 10. The Buena Park City Council approved this designation at the City Council meeting held on September 26, 2023. The official designation of this area honors more than two decades of Korean-American culture and influence in Buena Park.

Located on Beach Boulevard from Rosecrans Avenue to Orangethorpe Avenue, the area of designation is known for its vibrant Korean-American community and thriving Korean-American businesses.

"In officially designating this area as 'Koreatown', the city is acknowledging the immense contributions of our Korean-American residents and businesses. We look forward to fostering stronger ties

with our Korean-American community and welcoming visitors from all walks of life to experience the cultural diversity of Buena Park," said Mayor Art Brown.

Other southern California cities with similar cultural designations, such as Little Arabia in Anaheim and both Little Tokyo and Koreatown in Los Angeles, have witnessed tremendous benefits from such acknowledgments. Designating this area as "Koreatown" will further promote the City, ushering in more visitors and bolstering tourism.

Council Member Joyce Ahn, a driving force behind this initiative, expressed her excitement stating, "'Koreatown' is more than a name; it's a recognition of a community that has significantly shaped the cultural and economic landscape of Buena Park. I am filled with pride as we take this step forward in celebrating our city's beautiful diversity."

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## WEEK SEVEN FOOTBALL

## GAHR RALLIES FOR PAIR OF FOURTH QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS AGAINST CERRITOS, RECLAIMS SILVER MILK BARREL

By Loren Kopff  
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Recent history shows that when the Cerritos High and Gahr High football teams faced off on the gridiron, the contest would end in a, no pun intended, slaughter. From 2005-2017 Gahr won 13 straight meetings against its city rivals by an average score of 42.6-4.3 with seven shutouts.

After a four year hiatus, the rivalry resumed last season with the Dons finally knocking off the Gladiators 21-6. But last Friday night, Gahr junior Markell Slaughter stole the show as he rushed for 192 yards on 17 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns, including the game winner with 7:23 remaining in the game as Gahr got past Cerritos 27-20 in front of a raucous, late arriving crowd at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium. And whether you call it the Silver Milk Jug, Silver Milk Barrel or even the Dairy Bowl, for you historians, everyone who was at the game agreed it was one of the best Cerritos-Gahr games in a long time, maybe the best ever.

"Our past three games, we had been struggling a bit," said Slaughter. "We went on a two-game losing streak, then this game, I knew I had to step it up, take control of this team; take leadership, and get it done for my team."

"That's what I told [my team]," said longtime Gahr head coach Greg Marshall, who gladly took back the shiny silver barrel following the game. "I go, 'that was the best game, ever'. Win or lose, I'm not saying because we won, but either way, that was a very well-played game."

So well-played that Gahr had one drive in the first and third quarters while Cerritos had one drive in the third quarter. So well-played that Cerritos had three drives of over six minutes. So well-played that Gahr had four offensive players gain all the 317 yards it picked up and so well-played that Gahr was not penalized until the first play of the fourth quarter.

But trailing 20-13 entering the fourth quarter, Gahr senior running back Kalen Montgomery scored from a yard out less than two minutes into the final stanza. Six plays following that score, senior cornerback Ahmeer Barner picked off Cerritos sophomore Justin Sagun at the 37-yard line. That's where Slaughter took off on a 63-yard score which would be the deciding touchdown. Known more for his receiving duties where he entered the game with 381 yards on 25 receptions, this was his best rushing game as a Gladiator.

"I worked really hard for this, this week specifically," said Slaughter. "I was ashamed [last year], but I knew this year was my year to win the jug back and we're going to keep it here for the rest of our lives."

"We made him work for that touchdown, so the kids knew that they could do it," said Marshall. "I think it was just Markell who went with the running quarter-



**THE BLOCKING** of Cerritos High senior lineman William Peterson paves the way for junior running back Dikshanta Adhikari in last Friday's city rivalry contest at Gahr High. Adhikari gained 119 yards on 21 carries but it was Gahr that rallied for a 27-20 victory.

Photo by Roxy Ligorria.

back stuff."

For the past three weeks, Marshall's plan was to try to throw the ball more to limit the usage out of Montgomery. This was the plan since senior wide receiver Evan Spurlin-Renfroe injured his knee on the first play against Santa Ana Valley High on Sept. 24. As it turned out, senior quarterback Frank Williams was one of four for 17 yards and an interception against the Dons.

The game began with Slaughter gaining 22 yards on the first three plays, all by way of the direct snap. Later in the drive, Williams thought he had thrown an 18-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Calvin Thomas III. But the ball was bobbled as he went through the end zone and the Gladiators were held on downs at the Cerritos 15-yard line.

Thomas redeemed himself nearly a minute later when he picked off senior quarterback Julian Morales at the nine-yard line and went straight the end zone. The extra point attempt was no good and the 2023 installment of the "Dairy Bowl" was off and running.

"There were a lot of mistakes on our part," said Cerritos first-year head coach Demel Franklin. "A lot of mistakes; communication errors, turnovers, missed tackles and wrong play calling. I have to own that stuff too. It didn't go the way we planned, but I know we left everything out on the field just like they did."

Cerritos would run out the remainder of the quarter, getting a combination of rushes from senior running back Josh Park (18 yards, five carries), junior running back Dikshanta Adhikari (27 yards, four carries) and a Morales 11-yard gain.

But on the last play of the quarter, the drive stalled at the one-yard line on fourth and goal

from the two and the Gladiators immediately went 99 yards the other way to begin the second quarter. Slaughter, from the direct snap, and Montgomery did all the damage and with 6:42 left in the half, Slaughter scored on a seven-yard run. All 17 carries on the night from Slaughter were from the direct snap.

"We have to get that; that's absolutely unacceptable," said Franklin of the fourth down stop. "That's absolutely unacceptable to get stopped right there. Hats off to them for stopping us, but we have to score. That was definitely one of the key moments. Those six points, possibly seven, would have helped at the end."

"We went to the running quarterback because the thing is, we don't have anyone to throw the ball anyway," said Marshall.

The Dons got into the scoring action on their third drive of the game, highlighted by a 23-yard run from Adhikari on third and 14 and the power of junior running back Josiah Ungos, who barreled his way 16 yards for the score, getting help from his offensive linemen. On Gahr's next play, which began at the 20-yard line, Williams was intercepted by senior Diego Martinez and Cerritos parlayed that into a four-yard run from Park with 2:01 left in the half. The two-point conversion from Adhikari was stopped by senior free safety Gabriel Mariscal and the half ended in a 13-13 tie.

"We knew they had a bunch of guys going both ways, so our plan was to go tempo to get them tired, and it worked," said Franklin. "That's the only way we were going to get back in the game. However, in the second half, that's where more errors occurred. The communication was the issue. I can't put my finger on what it was, but I will call some

and that's not what I'll always see executed."

Gahr owned nearly every offensive advantage in the first half, holding the ball for 72 more seconds, gaining 29 more yards and running three more plays. But it would be a completely different story in the second half, especially in the third quarter when Cerritos began the half at its own 30-yard line, was moved back after one play on a face mask infraction, then ran off 17 more plays. The drive ended with Adhikari scoring from a yard out with 3:46 left in the stanza.

"We have a lot of guys going both ways again," said Marshall. "I think we were a little more winded when we have these emotional games, because this was the first time I've seen Kalen tired, and we didn't give him the ball [that much]. I think they were exhausted from the stress."

The Gladiators would use the rest of the quarter, and the first 1:47 of the fourth quarter when Montgomery tied the game with a one-yard touchdown run. After that, Gahr ran just one play the rest of the game, which was Slaughter's game-winning score.

"I knew either I had to take a step up and make a big play or I had to help Kalen make a play himself," said Slaughter of the fourth quarter. "That interception was a turning point in the game. It helped raise our level of intensity, concentration, and execution."

"That was absolutely a backbreaker," said Franklin of the interception. "From my angle, I can honestly say I thought we had [Slaughter] tackled. I would love to see that on film and see what happened. But I thought we had him."

Marshall admitted that the large gap in the rivalry that's nearly as long as the distance

between the schools is beginning to close, based off last season's Cerritos win and the seven-point decision last Friday. From 2001-2004, Cerritos had defeated Gahr by scores of 45-20, 34-28, 35-14 and 6-0. In fact, since the rivalry began in 1972, the teams have met 46 times with the series tied 23-23. The teams did not meet in 1975, or from 2018-2021 and no score was available in 1981. But, of the 46 recorded games, 13 have been decided by one possession.

"They're a good football team," said Marshall. "These are not the old days. One, we're probably not as good as we were back then and then they're much better. They're well-coached, they tackle and they're physical. That's a football team, without a doubt."

Adhikari led Cerritos with 119 yards on 21 carries while Park had 60 yards on 17 rushes and Ungos another 46 yards on nine touches. Defensively, senior linebackers Jeremiah Bagaygay and Gabe Gaudi each had five tackles while sophomore linebacker Tyler Ky added another four.

Cerritos kicks off 605 League action on Oct. 12 with a home game against up and coming John Glenn High, behind first-year head coach Elijah Penny, who has enjoyed his first head coaching job since retiring from the National Football League. The Eagles, who were off last Friday, have won three straight games, outscoring those opponents 141-24. Last time out, they posted a 31-10 decision over Godinez Fundamental High.

The Eagles, like their cross-town rivals at Norwalk High, run the double wing offense, led by senior running back Tuono Tuifua, who has rushed for 1,082

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### MID-CITIES LEAGUE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

## NORWALK SHAKES OFF SLUGGISH START, SURVIVES SCARE FROM FIREBAUGH TO CONTINUE HISTORICAL SEASON

By Loren Kopff  
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Coming into this season, the history of the Norwalk High girls volleyball program has been adequate at best. Since 1998, the Lancers have been to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs 11 times, have had eight winning seasons and have not won more than 16 matches in any season.

But Norwalk is embarking on a special 2023 campaign that could land the team one of the top two spots in Division 7 once the postseason begins as early as Oct. 19. The Lancers, fresh on the heels of a 25-6, 26-24, 25-17 win at previously undefeated (in the Mid-Cities League) Mayfair High on Oct. 3, found enough to get past third place Firebaugh High 25-17, 25-12, 23-25, 25-13 last Thursday at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex. Norwalk improved to 20-10 overall, 7-1 in league after the win and is in position to at least claim a share of the program's first league title since 2013.

"I think definitely the girls are coming off a great high that they took from that sweep over Mayfair on Tuesday," said Norwalk head coach Paola Nava. "But it's definitely a mental game for us; it always has been. I think we have a lot of talent on our team; a lot of young talent and I think sometimes it can be too much. It can be a lot of pressure and they don't know how to handle it yet. But we talk about it and the girls are trying to get over that hump. They understand that if they want to prolong their season as much as possible, mental games can happen like that."

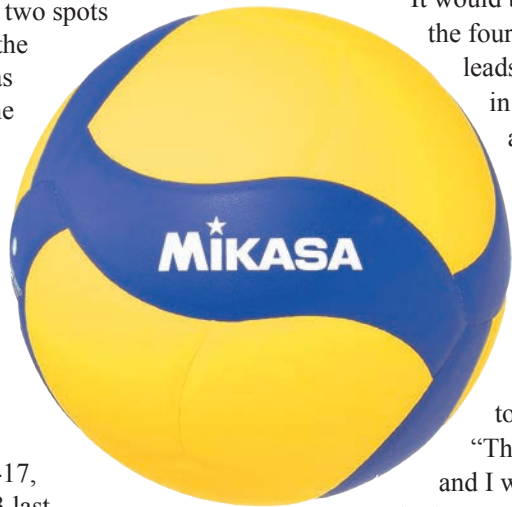
In the first set against Firebaugh, the Lancers never trailed and had a 19-8 advantage through the first rotation on the strength of seven aces from five players, three from junior opposite hitter Zaidee Zepeda, and three kills each from senior outside hitter Kendall Nakano and sophomore outside hitter Nicole Reyes. A block and a kill from junior middle blocker Samantha Munoz put the Lancers up 21-9. However, the Falcons made a late run that included four straight aces from Betzayde Zuniga to make it 22-17.

It was nearly the same script in the second set as the Lancers built early leads of 6-2, 11-5 and 13-9 in the first rotation. However, the Falcons again made a charge to get back in the set and this time, took their first lead at 15-14 on an ace from Kiara Carrasco. A serving error, plus two straight kills from Munoz made it a 17-15 Norwalk lead. But moments later, consecutive aces from Hanna Gastelum put Firebaugh back on top at 19-18.

The Lancers would close out the set on fire as 6'1" freshman middle blocker sensation Mirei Sanchez had her seventh kill and two straight blocks, followed by Nakano's fifth kill and back to back aces from Reyes.

"I called that timeout [at 19-18] and I let them know that right now, they weren't being aggressive enough," said Nava. "I want them to swing; I want them to dig deep, and I think that's what they did coming out of that timeout."

Even though the Lancers ended the set with momentum, the Falcons weren't about to go away just yet as the third set featured 11 ties, eight lead changes and no lead greater than four points. The final lead change came when Jovie put down her second straight kill to make it 20-18. Norwalk did make one last ditch effort to come back, scoring four straight points at the end, half on aces from senior setter Alyssa Dorado. But Zuniga's ninth kill gave Firebaugh the win.



It would be all Norwalk in the fourth set, building leads of 10-4 and 13-6 in the first rotation and never let the Falcons score more than three straight points at any time.

"I think [Firebaugh] came out defensively strong today," said Nava.

"They were hustling, and I want to give them kudos. But I wanted to give

my team an opportunity to kind of snap out of it. I think it's a great learning moment for them, even though they took that loss [in the third set]. But I don't want to feel that again."

Munoz led the Lancers with 14 kills while Sanchez added a dozen kills and six blocks. Nakano and Reyes each pitched in with 10 kills, making it a rare feat that four players would have double-digit kills in a match ending in less than five sets. As a team, the Lancers had 53 kills along with 22 aces, led by Zepeda's six. Dorado, Reyes and sophomore libero Ashley Castaneda all had five aces while Nakano had the other.

"We're working hard with our defenders and our setters to kind of keep that ball moving, because at the beginning of the season, it was very repetitive and our offense really wasn't scoring as much," said Nava. "Now, we're learning to move the ball around and I think that's kind of helping us a lot because teams were able to read us in the beginning."

Norwalk ended the regular season sweeping Dominguez High 25-12, 25-13, 25-21 this past Tuesday and went to Gahr High this past Wednesday in a non-league affair before going to Lynwood High on Oct. 12. Should the Lancers make a deep run in the playoffs, the prospects of a plus 25-win season look good.

"It's something that I never thought about when I took over the program three years ago," said Nava of winning 20 matches. "Myself and coach Enrique [Galicia]... we kind of wanted to rebuild this program and get it back to what it used to be. I think that we've done that, and we pushed our girls. We're always underdogs, and so when we've preached that to our players, they want to go out and show out."

"It's a huge accomplishment; I think the girls are proud of themselves," she continued. "They knew they could do it and we [as coaches] knew they could do it. We had a lot of high expectations coming into this season from other coaches and other teams. It's definitely a good feeling, but we're not done yet and I know they have their goal that they want to maintain. Their eyes are still on that prize."

### NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

## ARTESIA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SHOWS VALIANT EFFORT IN FOUR-SET LOSS TO OXFORD ACADEMY

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

CYPRESS-Artesia High girls volleyball head coach Tommy Dube always preaches to his players to have the mindset of getting one percent better in practice and always pushing each other. As the Pioneers visited Oxford Academy in the regular season finale this past Tuesday, it looked as if they would be swept badly based how the first set went.

But all those practices this season paid off and even though Artesia fell to the Patriots in a battle for second place in the 605 League, it showed that this is not the Artesia of old. Oxford Academy clinched second place with a 25-13, 25-22, 23-25, 26-24 win that sent the Pioneers to third place and an automatic berth in next week's CIF-Southern Section playoffs. The brackets will be released on Saturday morning with wild card action beginning on Tuesday and first round action on Thursday.

The Pioneers never led in the first set, trailing by half a dozen points twice in the first rotation until Jenelieve Urfino served seven straight points for the easy win. But senior outside hitter and setter Jocelyn Villarreal made sure her

team wouldn't go down without a fight. After collecting four kills in the first set, Villarreal doubled that total within Artesia's first six points of the second set as the Pioneers came out strong, leading 10-3. The Patriots took their first lead at 14-13 and never led by more than three points in the set, which featured seven ties and three lead changes.

In the third set, Villarreal continued her strong play, as she has been doing all season, getting half of her team's 12 kills as both teams couldn't distance themselves from each other.

There were 12 ties, six lead changes and the largest lead by either squad came at 8-5 when Oxford Academy's Hien Nguyen's fifth kill made it 8-5. Both teams would have

a two-point advantage five times and the Pioneers pulled out the win on kills by

junior outside hitter

Rylee Asumbrado and Villarreal, her 19th at the time.

"All over the place; definitely one of our key players," said Dube of Villarreal. "You're talking about the assists, plus being the outside hitter, and the primary one. She really excelled at the end of last year when she transferred into a setting position more than just a hitter. But she's really captured that role of

[ See NEWS, page 15 ]



# ARTESIA PIONEERS

## 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 to puzzle on page 13

Solution: 8 letters



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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the item listed below:

<b>HEARING BODY:</b>	Planning Commission
<b>DATE OF HEARING:</b>	October 25, 2023
<b>TIME OF HEARING:</b>	6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
<b>LOCATION OF HEARING:</b>	City Hall, Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Case numbers PLNG2023-0051VAR, PLNG2023-0052CUP and PLNG2023-0053DR are requests to allow a new roof mounted telecommunications facility and parapet, exceeding the maximum height allowed in the C-4 (General Commercial) zone. The maximum height allowed is 45 feet and the height proposed is 49 feet and 8 inches. The subject property is located at 12441 E Carson Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens.

**CEQA DETERMINATION:** The Planning Commission will consider whether the proposed action is exempt from requirements to prepare additional environmental documentation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3).

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641 Ext 248. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641 Ext 248.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** Case Number PLNG2023-0030 is a proposed amendment to minor use permit PLNG2017-0041, to expand an existing fitness facility to construct a new 1,994 SF outdoor fitness area located in the rear of the property. The subject property is located at 12120 E Carson Street.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM on the 13th day of November 2023** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1631 Lead Abatement at Various Schools

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders can request bid documents by emailing [esthela.perez@abcusd.us](mailto:esthela.perez@abcusd.us). There will be a mandatory jobwalk on October 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Aloha ES front of Administration Building, 11737 E 214th St. Lakewood. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class HAZ Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA**

Please take notice that on October 10, 2023, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 731 AMENDING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO  
GRAFFITI AND AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL  
CODE**

**Summary of Ordinance No. 731**

Ordinance No. 731 made the following amendments to Title 9 of the LMMC:

- The ordinance amended Section 9.90.070(a) and made it unlawful for a private property owner or person responsible for maintaining the property to permit graffiti to remain for a period longer than 72 hours after written notification or documented verbal notification by the City that the graffiti must be removed.
- The ordinance required the private property owner or responsible person to cover the graffiti with paint that is substantially similar in shade and color to the surface upon which the graffiti is placed.
- The ordinance deleted Section 9.90.090, which is no longer needed.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 731 are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Eng, Lewis, Otero, Mayor Pro Tem Sarega, Mayor De Ruse  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 731 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.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of La Mirada on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing three Members of the City Council from Districts 3, 4 and 5 for the full term of four years.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk  
City of La Mirada

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

FELIPE CHOLICO  
CASE NO. 23STPB09982

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/08/23 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 ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANNE LARUE FRIEDMAN**

Case No. 23STPB10117

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ANNE LARUE FRIEDMAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Rachel Perl in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Rachel Perl be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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**County of Los Angeles  
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**Notice of Divided Publication**

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

**Notice of Online Public Auction  
of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the  
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Whereas, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell at online auction certain tax-defaulted properties.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on the last business day prior to the first day of the online auction, or Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 21, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online auction at [www.bid4assets.com/losangeles](http://www.bid4assets.com/losangeles).

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online auction at [www.bid4assets.com/losangeles](http://www.bid4assets.com/losangeles) beginning Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the TTC at [ttr.lacounty.gov](http://ttr.lacounty.gov). Bidders are required to pre-register at [www.bid4assets.com](http://www.bid4assets.com) and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at [ttr.lacounty.gov](http://ttr.lacounty.gov) or email us at [auction@ttr.lacounty.gov](mailto:auction@ttr.lacounty.gov).

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at [assessor.lacounty.gov](http://assessor.lacounty.gov).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 11, 2023.

*Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg*

Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg  
Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector  
County of Los Angeles  
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

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**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt a Negative Declaration in compliance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Project Title:** City of La Mirada 2021-2029 Housing Element Update General Plan Amendment 2023-1

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration – Environmental Review (California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA)

**Lead Agency:** City of La Mirada, Community Development Department  
13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA 90638  
Contact: Mr. Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director

**Applicant:** City of La Mirada, Community Development Department  
13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA 90638  
Contact: Mr. Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director

**City/County:** La Mirada, Los Angeles County

**Location:** The City of La Mirada Housing Element would apply to the entire City. The City of La Mirada is located in the easternmost portion of Los Angeles County and is centrally located within the larger Los Angeles urban region. The City’s eastern boundary is also the boundary between Los Angeles County and Orange County. La Mirada is located approximately 16 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles and 14 miles northwest of Santa Ana. La Mirada is bounded by the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County on the north; the cities of La Habra, Fullerton, and Buena Park on the east; Buena Park on the south; and Santa Fe Springs and Cerritos on the west.

**Description:** The State of California requires that all local governments (both cities and counties) prepare and maintain housing elements to identify strategies to conserve, rehabilitate, and provide housing to meet the existing and projected needs of the community. Specific requirements concerning the scope and content of housing elements have been established by the State Legislature. The Legislature, in turn, has delegated the responsibility of implementing its directives to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The HCD is responsible for ensuring that State housing law is being implemented at the local level. To monitor compliance with these requirements and the State’s overall housing policies, all housing elements must also be reviewed by HCD prior to, and following, their adoption by the local government. The policies and implementing programs contained in the Housing Element will serve as the City’s blueprint in defining how the existing housing stock in La Mirada is to be maintained and conserved while facilitating new residential development in accordance with State law. The focus of the Housing Element is to establish a comprehensive and long-range planning strategy that specifically addresses the City’s Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The current RHNA (Cycle 6) covers the eight-year planning period of June 30, 2021 to October 15, 2029. The Housing Element identifies the following: 1) housing needs 2) constraints to housing development 3) housing resources (available sites and funding sources) and 4) a housing plan, with goals, policies, and implementation actions that further housing opportunities for La Mirada residents. The proposed Housing Element is designed to support the achievement of the City’s Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) which is 1,962 dwelling units.

**Findings:** The environmental analysis provided in the attached Initial Study indicates that the proposed project will not result in any significant adverse impacts with the implementation of the appropriate mitigation measures. For this reason, the City of La Mirada determined that a Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA document for the proposed project. The following findings may be made based on the analysis contained in the attached Initial Study:

- The proposed project will not have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened species or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- The proposed project will not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable.
- The proposed project will not have environmental effects which will cause substantially adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

**Review:** The Initial Study and Negative Declaration will be available for public review at the following location:  
City of La Mirada, Community Development Department  
13700 La Mirada Boulevard  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Copies of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration can be found online at:

<https://www.cityoflamirada.org/about-us/city-clerk/public-notices-postings>

Please send your comments to the attention of Mr. Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director, City of La Mirada, Planning Department, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. Mr. Munoz’s contact number with the City is (562) 943-0131 or [manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org](mailto:manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org). Your response is requested by 5:00 pm on November 15, 2023. The Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled to take place at 6:30 pm on November 16, 2023, in the City Council chambers. The City Council Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:30 pm on November 28, 2023.

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director

Date

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 551  
6311 E. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 551 to allow a double-lane drive-through facility in conjunction with the operation of a new 3,822 square foot fast food restaurant (Chick-fil-A) in the City’s C-2 (Unlimited Commercial) zone. Pursuant to Chapter 19.09, Table 19.09.010A of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), eating-places with drive-through service require the review and approval of a CUP. The project site is located at 6311 E. Washington Boulevard in the City of Commerce.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit No. 551 will be heard. Any comments, objections or other information may be offered in person at the time of the hearing or in writing, prior to the hearing.

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Viviana M. Esparza

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**Public Hearing  
Instructional Materials Compliance**

A Public Hearing will be held at the ABC Unified School District Office on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. as part of the School Board meeting. The location of the Public Hearing is in the Boardroom at 16700 Norwalk Boulevard, Cerritos, California. The Public Hearing is held in compliance with State guidelines to determine the adequacy of instructional materials in the District.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
BUN HEANG NY  
CASE NO. 23STPB09915**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BUN HEANG NY  
A Petition for Probate/Letters of Administration has been filed by PHIBUN NY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

The Petition for Probate/Letters of Administration requests that PHIBUN NY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on NOVEMBER 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 North Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012/ Stanley Mosk.

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

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Saman Behnam, Esq. 354 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802, Telephone: 562.436.1500

10/6, 10/13, 10/20/23  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File Number 2023216201

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: DIYANA’S DESIGNS 19729 JACOB AVE., CERRITOS CA., 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. REGISTERED OWNER: DIYANA SIEM 19729 JACOB AVE., CERRITOS CA., 90703 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2023. 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/ DIYANA SIEM, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/3/23. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 10/6, 1/13, 10/20, 10/27/23

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
PLOT (SITE) PLAN NO. 998  
7400 SLAUSON AVENUE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a hearing on Plot (Site) Plan No. 998 to consider a development review to allow the construction of a new 292, 029 square foot warehouse building on a 13.94-acre site in the City’s M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district, at 7400 Slauson Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.39 Division 10 (Site Plan Review) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), a Plot (Site) Plan and Development Plan Review is required for any new building or structure in excess of 25,000 square feet in area. The project will also involve the demolition of existing structures and associated parking totaling 249, 597 sf.

As part of this decision, the Planning Commission will consider the certification of the 7400 Slauson Ave Project Environmental Impact Report, and adoption of the environmental Finding of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was prepared in conjunction with this project.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of Plot (Site) Plan No. 998 will be heard. Any comments, objections or other information may be offered in person at the time of the hearing or in writing, prior to the hearing.

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

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public scoping meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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being the go-to person for setting and the control with that as well as being the go-to for our hitters.”

The Pioneers were in a good position to tie the match, leading 17-12 in the fourth set after an ace from junior libero Emily Hernandez. But a serving error, plus three straight aces from Kelly Vo and another kill from Nguyen quickly tied the set. She would give her team its first lead of the set with an ace, but the Pioneers would stop the Patriots at match point four times as Villarreal had her 24th and 25th kills around an ace from sophomore outside hitter Djulianne Goze. After a timeout, Oxford Academy ended the match with kills from Abigail Tago and Nguyen.

Asumbrado had nine kills while Goze and junior opposite hitter Rebecca Gooden added six and five kills respectively. But lost in the mix is the improvement of the Artesia girls volleyball program. The loss dropped the Pioneers to 10-8 overall, 6-4 in league but Artesia is assured of its first winning season in over two and a half decades, its third playoff trip since 2010 and its second double-digit win season since 2010. On top of that, the Pioneers will finish with fewer than 10 losses for the first time since 2007 and the third place finish is the program's best when Dube guided the team to a 5-5 league mark and a wild card appearance two seasons ago.

“The mindset was we're always playing ourselves and we're always pushing ourselves to be the best we can be, and what can we learn from tonight and how that can empower us more the next step,” said Dube. “So, win or lose [tonight], we just wanted to make sure we were rolling.”

“When I came into the program in 2019, it's been up and down,” he continued. “Coming out of Covid, we kind of had to rebuild. We lost a lot of players, but I think the message has been consistent; the players have been very adaptive. The players that were grown through our system right now are latching on to the message that is being sent.”

In other girls volleyball action, Cerritos High completed another undefeated 605 League season, with another sweep, this time with Whitney High being the latest victim, 25-18, 25-8, 25-18. The Dons improved to 19-4, 10-0 while the Wildcats finished the season at 13-17, 5-5 and fourth in the 605 League.

Gahr High swept Paramount High 25-15, 25-23, 25-21 this past Tuesday to improve to 19-11, 3-5 in the Gateway League, which is good for fourth place while La Mirada High, ranked fifth in Division 6, fell to Warren High 25-18, 23-25, 25-16, 25-18 to drop to 17-10, 4-3 in the Gateway League. The Matadores visited Paramount High on Oct. 12 while Valley Christian High locked down second place in the Olympic League as the Defenders defeated Whittier Christian High 18-25, 25-10, 25-19, 21-25, 15-9 this past Monday. V.C. (14-10, 5-2) travelled to Heritage Christian High this past Wednesday.

**FOOTBALL**

**Artesia (4-3) @ Pioneer High (2-5)**-This game was played on Oct. 12. The 605 League season has arrived for the four-team circuit and half of league will see their seasons extended to an 11th game on Nov. 3. Artesia, which was once an offensive juggernaut, having scored 151 points in its first three games, has

managed just a dozen points in its back to back losses. Last Thursday, the Pioneers fell to Garey High 28-12, a team that entered the contest 1-5. With junior quarterback Charlie Lopez not in action, senior quarterback Santiago Parrilla was seven of 12 for 65 yards and a touchdown while the Pioneers were held to 106 yards on the ground.

After winning the first three games over the Titans since the league was formed, Artesia lost last season's contest 22-0. Pioneer has lost three straight games, including 26-20 to Bassett High last Thursday. Scoring has been a problem for the Titans as they have not scored more than 21 points in any game while allowing nearly 200 points thus far.

**Prediction: Artesia 28, Pioneer 14 Glenn (5-2) @ Cerritos (2-5)**-See Cerritos/Gahr game story. This game was played on Oct. 12.

**Prediction: Glenn 28, Cerritos 27 Gahr (4-3, 0-1 in the Mid-Cities League) @ Firebaugh High (3-5, 0-2)**-See Cerritos/Gahr game story.

**Prediction: Gahr 42, Firebaugh 14 La Mirada (2-5, 1-1 in the Gateway League) @ Norwalk High (3-4, 0-2)**-Once longtime rivals of the former Suburban League, it has been very one-sided for La Mirada, which has won 22 of the past 24 meetings dating back to 1998. The last loss to Norwalk came in 2013, a 42-35 affair. Before that, the Lancers were celebrating a 41-24 victory in 2008.

The Matadores dropped a 35-21 decision to arch-nemesis Mayfair High last Friday as sophomore quarterback Santino Garcia was 12 of 27 for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns while senior running back Martin Aguilera rushed for 47 yards and the other score as La Mirada has scored 21 points in consecutive games, both season highs.

Norwalk was overwhelmed by Warren 50-14 last Friday as the Lancers have scored a combined 24 points against the league's top two favorites. The heart and soul of the double wing offense continues to be senior running back Caleb Mitchell and junior running back Ezra Mueller. The winner of this contest has an outside chance of third place and an automatic playoff berth, but the Matadores still have to face Downey High and Warren.

**Prediction: La Mirada 28, Norwalk 24**

**Aquinas High (4-3, 2-0 in the Ironwood League) @ Valley Christian (2-5, 1-1)**-For the fourth time this season, V.C. was held to single digits as the Defenders were beat up by Ontario Christian High 51-6 last Friday. Junior quarterback Austin Abrahams scored on a one-yard run early in the contest before the Knights scored 22 points in the third quarter. V.C. was outgained 471-237 and has surrendered at least 33 points four times.

The Falcons, who knocked off Heritage Christian 39-28 last Saturday, have won three straight games and four of their last five. During the winning streak, Aquinas has scored at least 39 points and when the teams met last season in the inaugural season of the Ironwood League, the Falcons were victorious, 50-14.

Aquinas loves to run and has nearly 1,700 yards on the ground with Jusyis Solis leading the way with 966 yards and 11 touchdowns. Champ Brown, just a freshman, is second on the team with 346 yards and five touchdowns.

**Prediction: Aquinas 38, V.C. 14**

*Last week's predictions: 3-2  
Season to date: 35-11*

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yards and scored 13 touchdowns. Complementing him is sophomore running back Terry Henderson, who has 550 yards and five touchdowns. As a team, Glenn is averaging nearly 300 yards a game on the ground. Glenn has also passed for 1,331



**CERRITOS HIGH** junior linebacker Devyn Chantha (#23) and senior cornerback Ruben Ligorria stop Gahr High senior running back Kalen Montgomery in last Friday's city rivalry game. Gahr defeated Cerritos 27-20 as Montgomery rushed 12 times for 90 yards and scored the tying touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

**Photo by Roxly Ligorria.**

yards and a dozen touchdowns making this season's team one of the most prolific Glenn squads in the program's history. On a side note, the five wins equals the combined output from the last two seasons and the Eagles have not won more than six games in any season in over two and a half decades.

“It's going to be another physical game,” said Franklin. “They run a double wing; they just run the ball, run the ball, bleed the clock, run the ball. It's going to be a quick game. We're going to have to protect the ball just like they do.”

Junior linebacker Isaiah Portillo led Gahr's defense with nine tackles, followed by Mariscal (six), Montgomery (five and a half), sophomore lineman Marc Saldana (four and a half) and senior lineman Myles Merchant (four) as the Gladiators jump back into Mid-Cities League action where they visit Firebaugh High on Friday.

Gahr lost to Bellflower High 44-21 on Sept. 29 in what was probably the de-facto league championship game. The Falcons enter the contest at 3-5 overall but have been blown out in two league games already, including last Friday's 45-0 whitewash to Bellflower. The Gladiators should be able to run through Firebaugh's defense, which has allowed at least 37

points in all five losses while scoring 32 points in those setbacks. The combined record of the opponents Firebaugh has defeated is 2-19 and last season, Gahr defeated Firebaugh 49-0.

“That's just a game where I think we have to just go out and play, and play hard; not make any silly mistakes,” said Marshall. “It's kind of where we were last year. Even though we didn't win the Cerritos game [last year], I thought we played better football, then we played well against Firebaugh. Hopefully we'll start that roll again.”

“Crean [Lutheran] and Bellflower were good, without a doubt,” he continued. “Bellflower was a lot better than I thought. Those are good football teams, and it would be nice, hopefully, to go and just execute and win a football game because these last three football games have been stressful, physically.”

**Norwalk Social Services Center Offers Many Fall Family Activities**

**INSTRUCTOR** Cynthia Luján, seated, gave a well-attended “Into the Arts Drawing” class on September 21 at the Norwalk Social Services Center. Here participants proudly display their creations.

**By Linda J. Hernández**

Area Residents are encouraged to attend the following Special Fall Family Activities from 5-7 pm where snacks and light refreshments are provided. All materials, bilingual instruction and activities are FREE:

October 19 - Spooky Sweets and Treats. Participants of all ages will be able to create edible Halloween themed goodies and decorate them. They will then be able to enjoy eating their tasty treats.

October 23-November 3 - Día de Los Muertos Ofrendas - Day of the Dead Offerings - Area residents are encouraged to

honor the memory of their loved ones with a photo in the Ofrenda Display. Images must be 4"x6" and submitted between above dates.

November 2 - Music Mania Karaoke where you can sing your hearts out in a judgment-free environment.

Family Zumba Nights - Ongoing 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Classes and Activities are always free of charge and you may register by phone at 562-929-5544. The Norwalk Social Services Center is located at 11929 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk.

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