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Corporate Welfare: The Auto Square Wanted Money for Its Billboard, Cerritos Obligated With a \$446,000 Gift and a Cheap Loan

By Brian Hews

It is no secret that the Cerritos Auto Square is the largest tax revenue generator for Cerritos, selling an average of 60,000 cars per year. Each year, the CAS generates approximately \$1.5 billion in annual sales, with Cerritos receiving nearly \$15 million in sales tax; the CAS essentially pays for Cerritos' L.A. County Sheriff's Station and Community Center, which is budgeted at \$15 million annually.

The partnership benefits both Cerritos and the CAS, but as one City Councilmember told LCCN off the record, "the city bends every time they [CAS] asks for something."

And the city did it again. At its September 28, 2023 meeting, the city bent once again for the CAS, with the City Council voting to hand out what one observer called "corporate welfare."

In March of 2023, Cerritos

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Review: 'Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour' Film Earns Over \$135 Million



By Stepheny Gehrig

The Eras Tour hit the silver screen on Oct. 12. Spanning 17 years and 10 eras, Taylor Swift documented her six nights performing at Sofi Stadium in August. The concert film is rated PG-13 with tickets set at \$19.89 — an ode to her newest Taylor's Version album releasing on Oct. 27.

According to CNBC, the Eras Tour film has made an estimated \$129.8 million in domestic box office sales as of Oct. 12. The Eras Tour concert made an estimated \$2.2 billion just in North America, according to Time. Swift will return to the stage on Nov. 9 to continue the international leg of the tour, with the next stop in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

But for now, fans can still get that concert experience with the Eras Tour film and purchase merchandise for the concert movie, including popcorn buckets, specialty cups, and, depending on the theater, tote bags, and light-up wands.

Expect singing and dancing in the theater while viewing the film, as Swift says in her Aug. 31 post regarding the movie: "Eras attire, friendship bracelets, singing and dancing encouraged."

With the expectation of crowded theaters and

loud singing fans, the volume of the film is almost equivalent to that of the actual concert. Despite the excessively loud volume of the film, the in-theater experience was amazing. There were moments when attendees got up, danced, and sang along, but it was not overbearing.

The movie offered an experience that even concert-goers were not able to experience, as the film gave up close and thorough views of the dances and the interactive stage while also giving the backup dancers their time in the limelight.

Impressive costuming and Swift's interaction with the camera

[See TAYLOR SWIFT, page 9]



SUPPORT NEEDED FOR LOCAL CHP SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

550 SENIOR VOLUNTEER UNIT: At the Buddhist Temple for Formal Inspection is the 550 Senior Volunteer Unit, who support the California Highway Patrol Area 550, based in Santa Fe Springs. The non-profit is seeking financial support for uniforms and equipment for their volunteers who help and assist the CHP in many vital ways in cities including La Mirada, Cerritos, Pico Rivera and Hawaiian Gardens.

The cost of uniforms is \$800 each, the group of volunteers needs them to perform their duties and fully participate in charitable programs.

By Laurie Hanson

Helping law enforcement create safer communities, a unique group of senior volunteers in Santa Fe Springs seeks the public's support to continue their vital work.

The 550 Senior Volunteers support between 90 and 110 CHP Officers serving the communities of all 19 service areas assigned to

the Santa Fe Springs Area including Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, South Whittier, West Whittier (unincorporated), North Whittier, Commerce, Pico Rivera, Downey, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, Cerritos, Artesia, Lakewood, Paramount, and North Long Beach at the 405.

As a non-profit public benefit corporation doing fundraising, they support CHP charities such as CHiPs for Kids and the Special Olympics.

But they must wear uniforms, and neither the state nor the CHP will pay for them.

Out of a sincere desire to pro-

mote and participate in the public service programs authorized by the local California Highway Patrol (CHP) Area, 550 wants to raise more than \$25,000 by June 30, 2024 to keep their volunteers equipped and in uniform.

"The cost of those uniforms has risen over the past four years to about \$800 per volunteer, including sales tax," explained 550 Senior Volunteer Unit President Harry Jacobs. "We need to purchase [them for] the performance of duties and to fully participate in the charitable programs of the CHP, including "CHiPs 4 Kids."

"Our current project is to raise

[See CHP 550, page 5]

Organized Retail Theft Task Force Catching Smash-and-Grab Thieves

By Brian Hews

This past week, L.A. County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis and Sheriff Robert Luna held an event to discuss the progress made so far by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Organized Retail Theft Task Force.

Last month, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$15.6 million grant from the state to fund the task force. The funds will go towards training for law enforcement personnel involved and new technology.

The task force will feature 22 full-time investigators devoted to organized retail crime, according to Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher, the chief of detectives for LAPD.

The California Highway Patrol will "triple its resources" in Los Angeles to help address organized retail crime, according to the governor's office.

"In the first five weeks of the task force, our teams have made



CATCHING RETAIL THIEFS: L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn with L.A. County Sheriff Robert Luna at the Citadel Outlets in Commerce. A retail theft occurred at the Lululemon at the Outlet a few weeks ago. 89 suspects have been taken into custody since the task force started.

89 arrests for retail-related thefts, recovered six firearms, and executed 52 search warrants," Luna said.

It's something that authorities and store owners say is becoming all too common, and on

Thursday, Los Angeles County officials held a press conference at the popular outdoor shopping mall in Commerce to provide an update on the progress being

[See TASK FORCE, page 9]

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Health and Transportation Expo at Commerce Senior Center



EXPO IN COMMERCE: Two attendees of the Expo hosted by Supervisor Janice Hahn (right). With them is (left) Commerce Mayor Hugo Argumedo.

By Brian Hews

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn hosted a Health and Transportation Expo at the Commerce Senior Center which was in partnership with the Department of Public Health, LA Metro, and the City of Commerce.

The expo consisted of two events: a health fair aimed at providing seniors easy access to health resources including flu and COVID vaccines, and a transportation workshop by LA Metro to provide information about using TAP cards, planning a trip on Metro, and senior discounts.

Two Lakewood Taco Eateries Earn Yelp’s Top 100 List



STR8 UP TACO’S Al Pastor taco especial plate with pickled onions, cilantro and salsa.

By Stepheny Gehrig

Lakewood’s Str8 Up Tacos and Adobo Taco Grill made the list of Yelp’s nationwide Top 100 Taco Spots of 2023.

Str8 Up Tacos (ranked #21) is popular for its creative vegan and vegetarian tacos like crispy potato, cauliflower, chickpea elote and black bean pepper, in addition to classic proteins like shrimp and chicken.

Adobo Taco Grill (#37) earns high marks for its meat-heavy options for que-

sadillas, burritos, tacos and “vampiros,” including carne asada, pastor, chorizo and lengua on handmade tortillas, a salsa bar and free house-made beans.

Yelp’s Top 100 list looked at reviews for businesses identified in the restaurant and tacos categories, ranked by Yelp using total volume and ratings of reviews, among other factors.

Str8 Up Tacos is located at 20900 Pioneer Blvd. Adobo Taco Grill is located at 5695 Woodruff Ave.

Cerritos Library Seeks Teen Volunteers

Staff Report

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking dependable teen volunteers for a variety of tasks. Applications for the 2024 Spring session will be available on Monday, Nov. 13 at the Circulation Desk. The session runs from Mon., January 8 through Sat., May 25, 2024.

Volunteer duties include shelving library materials, helping with arts and crafts projects, monitoring the children’s com-

puter workstations, operating the Friends Bookstore, assisting with birthday party packages and participating in the Child and Teen Read Aloud program.

Volunteer applications are open to students at least 13 years old in grades 7 through 12. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to successfully pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy, which includes a live scan records check, prior to their start date.

For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. Cerritos Library is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Hawaiian Gardens to Host Halloween Spooktacular

Hawaiian Gardens' annual Halloween Spooktacular returns on October 31, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The family-friendly extravaganza will be hosted at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center and Tennis Courts at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA.

The Halloween Spooktacular promises an evening, perfect for children and families. Highlights of this year's event include:

- **Cute Costumes:** Witness an array of adorable and creative costumes as children and families join in the Halloween spirit.
- **Trick or Treating:** Kids will have a blast on a thrilling trick-or-treat adventure.
- **Stage Show:** Enjoy entertaining performances designed for children.
- **Safe Atmosphere:** Rest easy knowing your family is in a secure and monitored environment.
- **Pumpkin Patch:** Get into the fall spirit with a pumpkin patch and explore the many fun activities it has to offer.
- **Costume Contest:** Participate in the costume contest for a chance to win awards for the scariest, funniest, and most original costumes. Show off your creativity and imagination!
- **Music, Games, Prizes:** Groove to the music, engage in exciting games and have the opportunity to win fantastic prizes throughout the event.
- **Spooky Zones:** Discover the spooky zones and experience thrilling adventures and surprises that await.

Don't miss this fantastic community event that promises a memorable Halloween for everyone. It's a night filled with laughter, fun, and the spirit of the season.

For more information, please get in touch with the City of Hawaiian Gardens at 562.420.2641, extension 229.

Hawaiian Elementary Participates in Public Safety 'Trunk-or-Treat'



TEACHERS AND STAFF from Hawaiian Elementary School joined the city of Hawaiian Gardens for the annual Public Safety Trunk-or-Treat. A Trunk or Treat is decorated car trunks where kids come by and say 'trick or treat' and receive candy just like they would at a house. The school hosted a Jurassic Park-themed trunk staffed by adventurers, a friendly T-Rex, and other dino friends. Photo courtesy ABCUSD.

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Arts Colony of La Mirada 'Mirrors of Your Mind' Art Show

November 13th to 17th, 2023

Call for entries, all artists welcome, cash awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place.

The Arts Colony of La Mirada will present its "Mirrors of Your Mind" Art Show. Art take-in will be November 7,

8, & 9 at the La Mirada Activity Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The art exhibit will be open to the public on Monday, November 13 through Friday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. An award reception will conclude the art show on Saturday, November 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This is an Open Show, artists do not need to be a member to submit their art.

For more info, contact Victoria Pflanzler-artscolonylm@gmail.com or call Mike Lamb at (562) 760-3175.

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12741 Towne Ctr. Dr.</p> <p>Artesia City Hall
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11880 Elaine Ave</p> <p>Artesia Cemetery
11142 Artesia Blvd.</p> <p>Artesia Christian Home
11614 183rd St, Artesia</p> <p>Artesia Senior Apts
10427 Artesia, Bellflower Ave. 3</p> <p>12612 South Street</p> <p>Bellflower City Hall</p> <p>Bellflower Terrace Apts.
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\$25,000 to cover the cost of uniforms and equipment required by the 30 CHP Senior Volunteers serving or who will be serving at the Santa Fe Springs Area Office," he added. [We hope] to achieve this through donations from service and employee clubs, organizations, businesses, and individuals.

"The CHP does not fund the cost of uniforms, personal protection equipment (PPE), or third-party liability coverage for any of its Senior Volunteers," Jacobs explained. "However, Area Commanders issue Senior Volunteers two-way radios, reflective traffic vests, flashlights, a self-tourniquet, and rain gear on an as-needed basis."

The 550 Senior Volunteer Unit provides support as a "force-multiplier" for data entry, data retrieval, public affairs, auto-service, and maintenance. They also assist with ambulance and tow truck inspections, provide proctors for school bus driver testing, and help with traffic control at accident scenes.

They also provide emergency responses along with Special Duty Support, including in hit-and-run investigations and tracking along with vehicle registration violations.

They also provide clerical and administrative support, accident record processing, and more. According to Jacobs, all of this is done voluntarily without compensation for their assistance.

"Senior Volunteers are expected to cover their own costs associated with the program [while serving as] CHP Senior Volunteers in administrative and field operations," he said.

Jacobs explained how the 550 Senior Volunteers Unit got its name.

"The California Highway Patrol is administratively divided into Divisions and

Areas," he said. "The Divisions are geographically named, and the Areas are identified by the city in which they are located and a 3-digit number. Santa Fe Springs Area is 550 and is in the Southern Division."

Though about 90 of the Areas in California have a Senior Volunteer Unit, less than 25 of them have created a separate unit as a non-profit, according to Jacobs.

"For the record, some Senior Volunteer Units have recruited retired CHP Personnel as members, but we have not," he added.

The age of 550 Senior Volunteers range from 55 to 85 years old, with the current minimum age being 55. Their volunteers are from Hacienda Heights, Whittier, Whittier unincorporated, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Downey, El Monte, Artesia, and Cerritos.

"We are authorized to have up to 25 volunteers," he said. "The Unit [now] has 12 volunteers with 7 candidates going through the Background Investigation process and DOJ/FBI Records Check. If all pass, the Unit will have 19 members."

If you, your club, organization, or business wishes to donate, please make checks payable to the "550 Senior Volunteer Unit" and send them to 10051 Orr and Day Road, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670. Individuals can also contribute through ZELLE® using the QR Code below for the 550 Senior Volunteer Unit.

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Lottery to Ride on Cerritos Holiday Float

Staff Report

Santa's Holiday Float returns this year to spread seasonal cheer throughout Cerritos neighborhoods. This year residents can enter a lottery for a chance to ride with St. Nick. Residents can enter the Santa's Holiday Float Rider Lottery at cerritos.us through Sunday, October 29.

Offered on seven nights in December, the popular holiday attraction features a festive float with holiday music and Santa traveling through the residential areas of Cerritos.

Santa's Holiday Float will travel through the City starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 4 through Wednesday, December 6; Monday, December 11 through Wednesday, December 13; and on Friday, December 15.

Maps showing the float's route each evening will be posted on the City's website at cerritos.us by early December. A GPS tracker will be placed on the float to allow residents to track its location through a link on the City's website.

If it rains, the float will be canceled for that evening and the route will be rescheduled to another night.

Parents are asked to supervise their children to keep them from running into the streets while the float is passing.



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Cerritos Library News for November

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CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link. You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class. For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

ONLINE REGISTRATION at CERRITOS.US

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins Wed., Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins Wed., Nov. 8

at 11 a.m.
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Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins Thurs., Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins Wed., Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins Wed., Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins Wed., Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.

The following Library programs require advance registration: For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute story-times incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater.

Only children registered for story-time may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under
11535 Thurs., Nov. 9

11536 Thurs., Nov. 16
11537 Thurs., Dec. 7

SUCCULENT TERRARIUM WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Create a beautiful succulent terrarium. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

11538 Mon., Nov. 6
6-7 p.m.

Ages 18+, Skyline Room A

WATER CONSERVATION MAKER CHALLENGE

Are you ready to lead the way in water conservation? Come and join us in this hands-on activity and create a unique method for saving water. By conserving water, we help preserve our environment and secure access to water for future generations. Time to invent! Space is limited to 20 participants. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

11539 Wed., Nov. 8
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12-Skyline Room A

MOSAIC WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Learn the art of pique assiette, a style of mosaic using recycled materials with a variety of textures, colors and patterns, in a workshop presented by artist Dawn Mendelson. Each participant will create a small heart-shaped piece using repurposed ceramic and scrap glass. All materials are included. The fee is \$5 per child. Space is limited to 15 participants.

11540 Tues., Nov. 14
3:30-5 p.m.

Ages 8-12
Skyline Room A

ANIMATION WORKSHOP: MARVEL VS. DC WITH CERRITOS CODER SCHOOL

Beginner to intermediate coders will use Scratch to create a superhero-themed animation. Recommended for children with intermediate reading skills and an interest in games and coding. Space is limited to 20 participants.

11541 Fri., Nov. 17
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12
Hi-Tech Lab

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: PAINTED ORNAMENTS

Create an abstract, free-form painted design on a wooden ornament. Students will use latex paints and ribbon to make a one-of-a-kind ornament for the holiday tree. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 18 participants.

11545 Tues., Nov. 28
6 p.m.

Ages 18 & Over
Skyline Room

EDIBLE PLANT PARTS WORKSHOP

Learn about edible parts of plants with master gardener Rebecca Guillen-Perez. Children will examine the parts of plants and learn about the vegetables, fruits and seeds we eat. Space is limited to 20 participants. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

11542 Mon., Dec. 4
4-5 p.m.

Ages 8-11
Skyline Room A

HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Participants will make a decorative wreath to take home and use as a beautiful decoration for the holidays. Supplies will be provided. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 15 participants.

11543 Tues., Dec. 5
6-7 p.m.

Ages 18 & Over
Skyline Room

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SCIENCE: FLOWERS TO FRUITS

Have you ever wondered where your favorite fruit comes from or why plants make flowers? Join us as we learn about the magic of flowers! Students will observe specimens, identify anatomy and create a flower press to take home! Space is limited to 20 participants. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

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received a request for financial assistance from the CAS to upgrade the existing Cerritos Auto Square digital billboard; the self-proclaimed “largest auto square in the world” needed financial help to fix their billboard.

The city provided financial assistance ten years ago when the sign was upgraded, but since then, the digital display panels have aged and are now operating at less than half brightness.

Now, the CAS wants financial help again, and the Cerritos City Council obliged, in a big way.

The CAS “recently solicited bids,” to upgrade the digital sign; based on one bid accepted by the CAS, the total cost to upgrade the existing sign will be over \$892,000.

But recall that Cerritos will be paying for the billboard.

When a public agency needs a project done, for example, major street improvements, the city must publish a Request for Proposal in a newspaper of general circulation, such as LCCN, and also post the notice in three conspicuous places in the city.

No such public bidding process occurred for the CAS bid.

In the staff report, the city had to cite Cerritos’ Municipal Code 3.20.060 “to dispense with competitive bidding.” Reasons to dispense with formal bidding are plentiful under 3.20.060, but the city could only use two reasons, and they were a stretch: (1) the city trusted CAS’ bid was competitive and (2) Cerritos’ familiarity with the billboard vendor who schedules Cerritos’ free ads on the billboard.

When a city cites its code to bypass the public bidding process because “the city knows the vendor who schedules the city’s free ads on the billboard,” something seems amiss.

The other reasons are do not apply: sole source company to do the work, emergencies, cooperative agreements, and contracts with government agencies.

The final reason, “in the best interests of the city as judged by the City Council,” looks like the culmination of good old-fashioned pay-to-play; in 2020, the CAS gave over \$12,000 to certain City Council candidates and their campaign coffers.

That’s a Return on Investment (ROI) that would make Wall Street blush: \$12,000 investment that yielded \$892,000 in 2.5 years.

Yessirritos!

Finally, in a move typical of the anti-union majority on the City Council, Cerritos will allow the CAS to guard the henhouse regarding wages paid by the contractors to refurbish the billboard.

The billboard is a privately-owned sign, and the CAS will privately manage the project. The city will “require” the CAS and its contractors “to follow all applicable prevailing wage requirements because the city is paying in part the repair work for the project. The CAS will be responsible for implementing prevailing wage requirements that may apply to the project.”

Cerritos did not show much confidence that the CAS would pay prevailing wages; Cerritos asked for indemnification from any claims about prevailing wages during or after the project is finished.

Other People’s Money

In their proposal, the CAS wanted a down payment of 446,000 from Cerritos. \$446,000... free money from Cerritos, no strings attached; a blatant gift of public funds from the Bank of Yessirritos and Mayor Bruce Barrows.

But the \$446,000 wasn’t enough; the CAS also asked the Bank of Yesirritos to bundle the remaining \$446,000 in a five-year loan at 4% interest. Consequently, the CAS will pay nothing for the billboard up front.

But it gets better. The city will gra-

ciously pull all the permits; once the permits are approved, the city will fund the \$446,000 loan, but will not require the first loan payment for 60 days.

The CAS presumably charges its dealers to advertise on the billboard, so the CAS could have cash flow from their free city of Cerritos billboard before the first loan payment is due.

But wait, there’s more. Since 2013, the city has received 10% of the board’s airtime, six minutes per hour, “for the display of public art, advertising and promotion of city-sponsored events, programs and other items as the city deems appropriate.”

After handing the CAS \$446,000 in free money and a \$446,000 deferred loan, the city (Art Gallucci) kept the free airtime at 10%. No state law dictates the amount of free advertising the CAS (or any billboard owner) can give, yet Cerritos did not ask for additional time.

The not-want-to-be-identified Cerritos City person told LCCN, “personally, I don’t like to give them (the CAS) anything. They are making record profits, and they are asking for money? They are Art [Gallucci’s] favorite.”

Hawaiian Gardens Recognizes Red Ribbon Week Poster Winners



THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL recently recognized Furgeson Elementary School students for winning the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest, October 23-27. All students received certificates and trophies, along with winning entrants from other city schools. Each year all area cities and school districts sponsor activities to remind students of the dangers of illegal drug use.

Photo and story by Linda J. Hernández.

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Interactive and animated displays allow guests to become part of the experience, including luminous swings, "holiday hopscotch," a giant walk-in kaleidoscope, and more.

This year's program features some exciting new additions that are sure to amaze and delight. Some highlights include:

An enchanting "Winter Wildlands" set amongst towering pine trees and snow-loving animals, where guests will be transported to a magical forest where the northern lights dance in the sky above.

Two captivating aquatic animal displays where guests will have the unique opportunity to view giant otters and piranha swimming and harbor seals frolicking, all from an underwater perspective.

A mesmerizing "Dazzling Desertscape" set amongst Joshua trees and cacti with live roaming entertainment that makes the scene come to life.

Enjoy the spirit of winter with whimsical photo ops, warming treats like hot cocoa and churros, and the peace of the natural surroundings only the L.A. Zoo can offer.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) announced this week the return of its highly anticipated holiday lights festival L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow, Presented by U.S. Bank.

This enchanting all-new spectacle will run from Nov. 17, 2023, through Jan. 7, 2024.

The event boasts stunning lantern sculptures, vibrant interactive displays, roaming live entertainment, and festive holiday photo opportunities creating a wonderland of lights under the stars.

L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow is a festive, dazzling celebration of nature, wildlife, and the winter holiday season.

Step into an immersive landscape where artistry, lights, color, and sound meet the beauty of the natural world.

L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow



A range of other tasty food and beverage options, as well as cash bars, will be available.

L.A. Zoo Lights Holiday Happy Hours offer an exclusive VIP-style experience for adults (21+) with two special happy hours with distinct themes: "Tinsel & 'Tinis" on Thursday, Dec. 7 and "Ugly Holiday Sweaters" on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The ticket provides guests with express entry to L.A. Zoo Lights along with access to a private lounge with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine,

and a signature cocktail.

This event is exclusively for adults aged 21 and older and costs \$75 per person.

This Family New Year's Eve celebration is the perfect way for families to welcome the new year together in a festive and safe environment.

Whether you're enjoying a delicious meal, dancing with your loved ones, or counting down to the New Year, this event ensures that everyone, both young and young at heart, can join in the festivities and create lasting memories.

The ticket price includes entry into L.A. Zoo Lights, buffet dinner, dancing, live broadcast of the iconic Times Square ball drop, champagne or apple cider toast, and more. Tickets cost \$90 (18+) and \$75 (2-17).

In addition to VIP-style experiences, all-ages community nights are also available.

L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow will be open to the public from Nov. 17, 2023, through Jan. 7, 2024, from 6-10 p.m. Tickets start at \$18 for children and \$29 for adults (13+). GLAZA members save up to 27%

on nightly tickets.

Closed most Mondays and Tuesdays, plus Thanksgiving Day (November 24), Christmas Eve (December 24), and Christmas Day (December 25). To learn more about the event and to purchase tickets, please visit: www.lazoo.org/zoollights.

Tickets start at \$18 for children and \$29 for adults (13+) with free parking. Become a GLAZA member and save up to 27% on nightly tickets. To learn more about the event and to purchase tickets, please visit: www.lazoo.org/zoollights.

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made in the ongoing campaign against thieves.

Steve Craig, owner of Citadel Outlets in Commerce, has seen it firsthand.

"A few months ago, several ladies walked into Lululemon with 55 gallon trash bags, loaded them up as full as they could and ran out the door with them," Craig said. "They're organized; these products end up in other places, and it's for profit."

Sheriff Luna mentioned that investigators have recovered \$370,000 worth of stolen merchandise.

"The task force is working closely with the business community, establishing new lines of communication with store owners and managers," Hahn said.

When asked how many repeat offenders are among the 89 arrested, Luna said he wasn't certain but believed they accounted for some of the total.

"I am going to take an educated guess right now that several of the individuals being arrested are repeat offenders, and that's a significant challenge for us," Luna said.

The challenge, according to authorities, is holding those people accountable with the current laws in place.

"Our intent is to get them prosecuted to the full extent of the law, so when I talk about prosecutors, we're going to do

everything that we possibly can," Luna said.

He stressed that it was critical for authorities and the public to consistently apply pressure to hold the criminals accountable.

KTLA reached out to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to see how many of those arrested are facing prosecution and we have yet to receive a response.

Hahn finished the event by saying, "The work of the Organized Retail Theft Task Force is just beginning, but this is a promising start, and I know our Sheriff's deputies will continue their diligent work to address the whole chain of these crimes - the criminals who carry out the smash-and-grabs, the getaway drivers, the people who are organizing these robberies on the back end, as well as the sellers of stolen goods."

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are also notable as the film progresses. The film impressively captured the Eras Tour and gave jaw-dropping visuals for Swift's performances, particularly during the eras "Reputation" and "Midnights."

A few of the 44 songs on Swift's setlist did not make the final cut. Fan favorites like "The Archer," "Tis the Damn Season," "No Body, No Crime (Featuring Haim)," "Cardigan" and most notably, "Wildest Dreams" were all excluded from the film.

Unfortunately, viewers do not get a live performance of "Long Live," a song dedicated to the fans, but viewers can hear the song during the credits, where short clips of fans and bloopers from the tour are played.

It was not until the release of the album "Speak Now (Taylor's Version)" made it to the setlist of the Eras Tour. By that time, July 7, the first leg of the North America tour was two months away from ending, meaning that most North American tour attendees could not see "Long Live" performed live.

Of the six nights performing, there were 12 surprise songs that were recorded for the film, but only two songs made it: "Our Song" and "You're On Your Own, Kid". With the inclusion of these two tracks, every album of Swift's discography is included in the film. The film is a fun experience for Swifties, even those who attended her concerts. Brush up on Swift's discography and fan chants before attending the film to get the best experience. With a PG-13 rating for suggestive material and strong language, the film might not be suitable for everyone. But with its two-hour and 48-minute run-time, the film impressively showcased Swift's talent and success, living up to her title as The Music Industry.



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605 LEAGUE FOOTBALL

CERRITOS GAINS INSIDE TRACK FOR THIRD STRAIGHT LEAGUE TITLE AS DEFENSE CARRIES DONS OVER ARTESIA

By Loren Kopff
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Since the inception of the 605 League at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, two schools have been consistent when it comes to their football programs advancing to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. With two automatic berths coming out of the four-team league (Oxford Academy and Whitney High do not field football teams), Artesia High and Cerritos High have combined for five of the eight playoff spots with the two claiming a league title in three of the four non-Covid seasons.

A share of at least this season's league crown was on the line when Artesia hosted Cerritos last Thursday night and what was expected to be a back and forth contest turned out to be a one-sided affair as the visiting Dons came up with a 27-7 victory. Cerritos improved to 4-5 overall and undefeated in two league contests as it can go for its third straight outright league title with a win at Pioneer High on Thursday in the regular season finale. Artesia fell to 5-4, 1-1 and will host John Glenn High on Thursday with the winner claiming second place outright.

The numbers favored Artesia entering the contest as it was tied for the league lead with 255 points scored and had yielded a league low 146 points. But after a scoreless first quarter, it was looking more towards a defensive game for one, or even both combatants.

"Defensively, we've tried a bunch of different things with a bunch of different guys," said first-year head coach Demel Franklin. "When they get in the game, if it's out of hand one way or another, then we're going to see some young guys. but no matter what, they're going to play their butt off and they're going to hit and they're going to chase that ball down."

The Dons drew first blood on the first play of the second quarter as junior Ruben Castro got loose for a 61-yard touchdown run. Although the extra point was blocked, the momentum game had started. The scoring drive began at the Cerritos 16-yard line with three straight runs of at least 10 yards, the latter being a 12-yard gain from senior running back Josh Park as he took a pitch from sophomore quarterback Justin Sagun and went around the right side.

When Artesia got the ball back, it engineered the longest drive of the night by either team, going 59 yards on 17 plays and taking nearly 10 minutes off the clock. It ended with junior running back Julius Padilla scoring from two yards out on third and goal with 1:53 left in the half. Even with a one-point lead at the



CERRITOS HIGH junior wide receiver Ruben Castro celebrates his 16-yard touchdown reception from senior quarterback Julian Morales in the third quarter of last Thursday's 27-7 win over Artesia High. The pass interference call of declined as the Dons are sitting all alone in first place in the 605 League. Castro caught a pair of 16-yard passes and rushed twice for 63 yards. PHOTO BY ROXY LIGORRIA.

half, the Pioneers still struggled offensively, gaining 85 yards in the half and seeing the league's leading rusher at the time, junior quarterback Charlie Lopez, held to 26 yards on nine carries.

"I think we're still a good offensive team," said Artesia first-year head coach Connor Crook. "I think we can still put points on the board and move the ball. It just wasn't our night tonight. Things like that happen."

"Our kids played hard," he continued. "Things just didn't bounce our way at times or maybe we went the wrong way or just little mistakes that we can fix watching film tomorrow. But they played hard, and they battled. I'm not super worried going forward the rest of the season."

"We weren't concerned about [Padilla]," said Franklin. "It was all about [Lopez], and we know they were talking all week; all our kids heard it. So, this was personal. They were calling our guys and saying stuff; they're all this and they're so dynamic. That's great; that just gives us fuel and our defense was up for the challenge."

The Cerritos offense, which had 113 yards on only 16 plays in the first half, began to pick up some steam in the second half and went up 13-7 on its first drive, which ended with a one-yard run from senior quarterback Julian Morales. After a quick three and out by the Dons defense, Castro caught a 16-yard scoring pass from Morales and with 5:46 left in

the third quarter, it was 20-7.

The Pioneers then put together the game's second longest drive in both plays and time, beginning at their own 20-yard line and using a combination of Lopez and Padilla runs, sprinkled in with a three-yard pass to junior tight end Ahkil Sampson to finish the stanza. But that drive, and the next combined two drives of the fourth quarter ended in punts.

The final score of the night came when Morales found junior wide receiver John Lim for a 48-yard connection with 3:14 left to play. Cerritos would end the night with 230 yards, including the combination of Morales and Sagun going six of nine for 96 yards. Castro was the leading rusher, albeit 63 yards on two touches. He also caught a pair of passes for 32 yards.

"The offense is still a process," said Franklin. "You have to remember we have a sophomore quarterback. This is his first year playing varsity. My senior quarterback-this is his first year playing varsity. So, we're going to take our lumps. Yeah, we're late in the season, but it's still their first year. As long as our defense is amazing, they give us chances to make mistakes and come back to correct them."

"I think it was mistakes on our end and then they came in, obviously, [seeing film on us]," said Crook. "They've seen the stats [on Lopez] and so they know that we run the ball, and we've been running it pretty well all year. They had a good game plan. But there are little mistakes that we can fix."

Defensively, Cerritos was led by sophomore linebacker Tyler Ky (eight and a half tackles), junior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford (eight tackles), senior linebacker Jeremiah Bagaygay (seven tackles) and junior linebacker Devyn Chantha (six tackles). As a team, the Dons had 10 tackles for losses.

"What I always focused on, even when I was a lower level coach, is development," said Franklin. "What I noticed when we play other teams...they don't pay attention to [their lower levels]. We pay attention to the lower levels. I'm at every single game with my whole staff and we're developing and cheering for those kids, and then they come out here on Thursday night at a varsity game and they get to play as well."

Artesia, which held the ball for 32

minutes, got 63 yards on 25 carries from Padilla and 43 yards on 17 carries from Lopez, who also completed four of six passes for 26 yards. Sophomore linebacker Nehemiah Levu led the defense with two and a half tackles while half a dozen other players all had two tackles.

"The good news is we still have something to look forward to," said Crook. "Glenn next week; if we beat Glenn, we have a chance to get in. So that's mainly what we were talking to them at the end. We really wanted this one; we knew this would probably determine who was going to win league. It didn't go our way, but we still have a lot to play for."

Glenn enters the contest with a 6-3 overall record after it defeated Pioneer 28-17 last Friday. Junior running back Tuiono Tuifua rushed for 174 yards on 20 carries and scored once while senior running back Gabriel Vergara gained 54 yards on 10 rushes and scored twice. Tuifua also caught four passes for 81 yards and scored the other touchdown. He takes over the league lead with 1,358 yards on 119 carries and scored 14 touchdowns. Only once has he been held to under 100 yards. One more win will give the Glenn program its most victories in a season in over 25 seasons. The Eagles won six games in the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

"I think the main problem is their offense," said Crook of Glenn. "It's just something we haven't really seen all year. A lot of the teams we've played haven't really ran the double wing offense. It will be new to us and it's a short week. But our kids are pretty good at picking things up, especially defensively."

The Dons will be facing a struggling Pioneer team that has scored a league low 127 points and has allowed a league high 255 points. The Titans are on a five-game losing streak and their best game has been a 21-7 win over Gabrielino Sept. 15. However, the teams have split the last eight meetings with Cerritos winning the last three after Pioneer won the previous three.

"I saw when they played Artesia last week, they ran a lot of Wildcat [offense]," said Franklin. "That team was running the ball. Also, they ran trick plays and passes. So, we have our hands full of them as well. But as long as our defense plays like they've been playing, then we have a great shot of beating them."



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 7 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS-

NORWALK CONTINUES TO MAKE HISTORY, ADVANCES INTO UNCHARTERED TERRITORY

By Loren Kopff
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Only four times in the history of the Norwalk High girls volleyball program have the Lancers reached the second round of the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. In 1979, Norwalk lost to Cajon High in the 2A Division, in 2013, the Lancers were swept by Valley View High in Division 3AA action and two years later, they suffered the same fate to Rim of the World High in the same division.

The fourth time came last Saturday and unlike the previous three times, Norwalk moved on to the quarterfinals as it held off a pesky Orange Vista High squad 25-20, 23-25, 25-19, 25-13. The Lancers, ranked second in Division 7, improved to 24-11 as they continued to add to their school record for most victories in a season.

The challenge facing the Inland Valley League champions from Perris was that Norwalk didn't know anything about them. Every opponent Orange Vista faced was on the east side of Interstate 15 in the Inland Empire or from the Apple Valley and had won nine of its previous 11 matches.

"I always preach to my girls it doesn't matter about the team on the other side; it doesn't matter about your opponent," said Norwalk head coach Paola Nava. "At the end of the day, we can control what's on our side, and I think that's what we did today. We saw them during warm-ups, and I don't think one of our players was fazed. So, I applaud my players for that; for sticking to their side, focusing on their side, and worrying about their game at the end of the day."

Norwalk never trailed in the opening set as it pounded down 16 kills while serving half a dozen aces. Freshman middle blocker Mirei Sanchez was dominant early with six kills in the first set and five more in the second. But junior setter Zaidee Zepeda was showing there's more to her than her setting

skills. She had five kills in the opening set, including three in a row to make it 21-14, and served three aces in the second set.

The Lancers would lead for most of the second set, gaining advantages of 15-10 at the end of the first rotation, and then 18-15 moments later. But Naomi Jackson's fourth kill put the Coyotes

up 22-21, their first lead since it was 7-6. Then

with the score tied at 23-23 as the third rotation was beginning, Jackson had a kill followed by an ace from Jayla Ross. After being held to four kills in the first set, Orange Vista erupted for 15 kills in the second set before combining for 14 kills in the final two sets.

"I think that set was definitely a game of errors on our end," said Nava. "We made a lot of errors. A lot of communication errors, a lot of serving errors; things that we were able to control, and I told our girls at a timeout it's a game of errors. Which team is going to make the least errors and which team is not? I think that's why we fell short that set, because we made the majority of our errors."

But Norwalk, the co-Mid-Cities League champions came out stronger in the third set and pulled away at the start of the second rotation when junior middle blocker Samantha Munoz had a kill, then senior setter Alyssa Dorado had back to back aces. Then with the score 19-17, Sanchez had a kill, sophomore libero Ashley Castaneda had an ace and Munoz and junior opposite hitter Brenda Quezada combined for a block to extend the lead. The set ended with a pair of kills from Munoz sandwiched around one from senior outside hitter Kendall Nakano.

It was all Norwalk in the fourth set, especially when sophomore defensive specialist Nicole Reyes served five straight points to break a 7-7 tie. She had three aces during that stretch as the Lancers served 26 aces to go along with the 55 kills they posted. Sanchez led everyone with 17 kills followed by 16 from Munoz, nine from Zepeda and half a dozen from Reyes, who also served eight aces.

"Nicole and Zaidee are two girls that love volleyball and I think out of their CIF run from last season, they were hungry, and it encouraged them to be aggressive," said Nava. "The want to play volleyball. It wasn't a matter of winning or losing. It was a matter of playing volleyball, playing hard, playing tough and that's what they did today. I'm really, really proud of them."

Norwalk will host its third straight playoff match on Wednesday when it faces seventh-ranked Loma Linda Academy. The Roadrunners, who began the season with 14 straight wins, are 24-2 and went undefeated in the Tri County Premier League. If Norwalk comes away with a win, it will travel to third-ranked Wildwood High or sixth-ranked Gabriellino High for the semifinals on Saturday.



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

GAHR'S MONTGOMERY REACHES PAIR OF MILESTONES AS GLADIATORS ROLL PAST PARAMOUNT

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X/Twitter

One could agree that anyone in attendance at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium for last Friday night's Gahr High football game against Paramount High did not go home disappointed. As part of Gahr's 32-6 victory, it was homecoming night, it was senior night and the Gladiators moved into sole possession of second place in the Mid-Cities League.

But the highlight of the night was senior running back Kalen Montgomery, who reached the 1,000-yard plateau for the season and rushed for a career-high 209 yards on 20 carries while scoring twice. The win improved Gahr's overall mark to 6-3 and 2-1 in league with one game remaining in the regular season.

"I have to give it all to my linemen," said Montgomery. "They've stuck through the thick and thin no matter what happens. No matter how bad we do on one play, we always come back and get it again. So, I have to give it all to my linemen. They really made me get this performance."

"It's funny because he really wasn't sharp," said Gahr head coach Greg Marshall. "Early on, he wasn't hitting the holes, and we were like, 'what are you doing'. But then he got going later. I don't know if it was senior day or homecoming. He wasn't his normal [self]. He's a hard worker. He really is a freight train; he just plows along."

After both teams did nothing on their opening possessions, Gahr ended an 11-play, 69-yard drive that lasted 5:33 when

junior kicker Noah Hernandez booted a 27-yard field goal. Then on the ensuing kickoff, senior defensive back Gabriel Mariscal-Isleib recovered a fumble and Montgomery began the next drive with a 24-yard run to conclude the first quarter. Six plays later, he scored from four yards out to put him at 967 yards on the season.

The only other score of the first half came with 2:17 left before intermission when junior Markell Slaughter scampered 32 yards, then added a two-point conversion run for an 18-0 lead. Not only were Montgomery and Slaughter doing their thing on the ground in the first half, but the defense was also equally dominant, limiting the Pirates to 39 yards on 20 plays in the first 24 minutes.

In fact, the defensive leader was junior linebacker Ja'shon Wallace, who had three and half tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery. Paramount did not have an offensive play of more than 10 yards until the fourth quarter when the Pirates went on their touchdown drive. This was the second straight game Gahr had allowed less than nine points and the fourth time it had yielded 12 points or fewer.

"I didn't think it was going to go that way," said Marshall. "But then when I came out, I was like, 'oh, I think we're going to dominate this thing', because they couldn't block us."

"We have four or five linebackers who all look the same and whoever is playing the best, stays," said Marshall. "That's why [Wallace] started playing well."

After a three and out to open the second half, Montgomery's 55-yard run led to

[See NEWS & NOTES, page 13]

WONDERWORD

By DAVID QUELLET

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 14.

Solution: 7 letters



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Slaughter scoring from four yards out 90 seconds in the stanza. The final Gahr score of the night came early in the fourth quarter when Montgomery had runs of three and six yards before a 57-yard touchdown run, making it 32-0. His previous career-high was 193 yards against Santa Ana Valley High on Sept. 15.

“My mindset is to go for the best, shoot for the stars and land on the moon,” said Montgomery. “I always think I’m getting three touchdowns, 200 yards and what happens, happens. But I’m always coming in with that mindset of me being great.”

Besides Montgomery, Slaughter had a solid game, rushing 14 times for 92 yards. Senior quarterback Frank Williams completed four passes for 21 yards and on defense, senior linebacker Ethan Whiteman had four tackles while junior linebacker Isaiah Portillo added three tackles.

The win snapped a 10-game losing skid to the Pirates after Gahr had won five straight in the series. The Gladiators will end the regular season at Lynwood High on Friday, an opponent they have defeated seven straight seasons and 13 of the last 15 and would need to beat the Knights to retain second place all by themselves. Lynwood enters the contest at 5-4 overall, 1-2 in league and the last thing Marshall needs is a loss and a Paramount win over last place Firebaugh High, which would create a three-way tie for second place. Last season, Gahr was on the short end of a three-way tie with Bellflower High and Norwalk High for the league title and is looking to get back to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs for the first time since 2019.

“Second place is critical because you know how well we do with at-large bids,” said Marshall. “I didn’t think we could lose two in a row, like maybe beat Paramount and lose to Lynwood and go to a coin flip. We still have work to do. We don’t want to go to a coin flip. That’s not in our best interest; it never has.”

The Knights fell to league champion

Bellflower 16-10 last Friday and have been a solid defensive team all season, yielding 123 points in the nine games with a season-high 25 given up to Orange Glen High on Sept. 8. Lynwood lost to Whittier Christian High in last season’s CIF-SS Division 14 championship game.

“We just have to stay focused on our goal,” said Marshall. “We’ve been talking about going to the playoffs and you don’t want to go to a coin flip. We don’t want CIF to make the choice. We want to make our own choice, and I think they got that as their mindset.”

“There’s been a lot of tough losses,” said Montgomery. “We were expecting to get a league championship this year. But we still got that win against Cerritos to get that milk jug back. That really motivated us, and we had to come through and get this win against Paramount to really stick it to their face and make sure we get that [automatic] playoff spot.”

In other football action, **John Glenn High (6-3, 1-1 in the 605 League) @ Artesia High (5-4, 1-1)**-This game was played on Oct. 26. See Cerritos High @ Artesia game story.

Prediction: Glenn 31, Artesia 24 Cerritos (4-5, 2-0) @ Pioneer High (2-7, 0-2)-This game was played on Oct. 26. See Cerritos @ Artesia game story.

Prediction: Cerritos 35, Pioneer 10 Gahr (6-3, 2-1 in the Mid-Cities League) @ Lynwood (5-4, 1-2)-See Paramount @ Gahr game story.

Prediction: Gahr 38, Lynwood 17 La Mirada High (3-6, 2-2 in the Gateway League) @ Downey High (7-2, 3-1)

If La Mirada wants any shot of third place in league and pick up style points along the way in hopes of getting an at-large berth in the playoffs, then it would need to pick up an upset win against the second place Vikings. The Matadores were trounced by league champion Warren High 40-6 last Friday as sophomore Jordan Lauago caught an 87-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Santino

Garcia for their lone score. The last time La Mirada was held to single digits was its season opener against Cypress High, a 28-0 defeat.

Downey poses as much as a problem as Warren did and has amassed over 3,800 yards on offense, led by quarterback Oscar Rios. He’s been double trouble for opponents as he has thrown for 2,000 yards and 17 touchdowns while rushing for another 596 yards and seven more scores. He has thrown at least one pass to 11 different players with Dante Sams the leading target (22 receptions, 432 yards, three touchdowns). If that’s bad enough, the Vikings defense has 18 sacks from a dozen different players.

Prediction: Downey 35, La Mirada 14 Norwalk (3-6, 0-4 in the Gateway League) @ Mayfair High 6-3, 2-2)

Norwalk lost a back and forth battle at Dominguez High last Friday in a 32-30 affair. There were four lead changes, three coming in the second half. Junior running back Ezra Mueller scored twice and senior running back Caleb Mitchell and senior quarterback Rylee Sosa each added a touchdown as the Lancers had a 22-20 halftime lead. The regular season finale figures to be another challenge for Norwalk, which has lost seven consecutive games to the Monsoons. The last time the Suburban League rivals met, which was in 2021, Mayfair posted a 48-7 win.

The Monsoons were dominated by Downey 49-14 last Friday and through the first eight games, quarterback Jeremiah Calvin has passed for over 1,600 yards and 13 touchdowns opposite two interceptions. Mayfair was once on a four-game winning streak and wins in five of six games and has scored eight more points than given up.

Prediction: Mayfair 35, Norwalk 21 Village Christian High (6-3, 2-2 in the Ironwood League) @ Valley Christian High (3-6, 2-2)

Third place in the league and an automatic place in the playoffs is on the line as Valley Christian hopes to win two games in a row for the second time this season.

The Defenders routed Big Bear High 40-13 last Saturday up in the mountains. It was a season-high in points scored for a team that has been blanked three times and held to a touchdown each in two other games.

Village Christian, which defeated Heritage Christian High 30-14 last Friday, has scored over 300 points through nine games. The Crusaders shutout Valley Christian 23-0 last season and feature sophomore quarterback Chase Everett, who needs two more yards for 2,200 on the season. He has thrown 30 touchdowns, but also a dozen interceptions. Village Christian isn’t much of a rushing team as Zavontae Flournoy-Trice leads the team with 298 yards. Yet, the Crusaders have gotten 1,047 yards on the ground from 16 different players.

Prediction: Village Christian 31, Valley Christian 14

Last week’s predictions: 5-1 Season to date: 44-13

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Artesia was swept by third-ranked Wildwood High 25-19, 25-10, 25-18 last Thursday in a Division 7 first round match and ends the season at 11-9 while 605 league champion Cerritos was upset at home by Culver City High 25-18, 26-24, 25-23 last Thursday in a Division 5 first round match. The Dons wrap up the season at 19-5.

In Division 6 action, seventh-ranked Gahr (22-11) swept Coachella Valley High 25-19, 25-17, 25-21 last Saturday in the second round and hosted second-ranked Glendale High this past Wednesday while in the same division, Tarbut V’Torah High knocked off sixth-ranked La Mirada 19-25, 26-24, 18-25, 25-17, 16-18 this past Monday as the Matadores end their season at 19-11.

Finally, Valley Christian, which survived a five-set affair at seventh-ranked Paloma Valley High last Thursday in Division 4 action, swept La Serna High this past Monday. The Defenders (17-10) travelled to second-ranked Capistrano Valley Christian High this past Wednesday.

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The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City’s website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division’s Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2011. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to Eliana Muñoz at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at emunoz@bellflower.org.

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TELEPHONE: (562) 801-4389

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(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. L-040946-JB
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: ALIMENTS FSU, INC, 131 LOS CERRITOS CENTER, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: JC COCO, INC, 721 E. CYPRESS AVE #105 BURBANK CA 91501
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, AND EQUIPMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, TRADE-NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, of that certain business located at: 131 LOS CERRITOS CENTER, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: GREAT KHAN'S MONGOLIAN GRILL CERRITOS
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is NOVEMBER 16, 2023, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3400 W. OLYMPIC BLVD, #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019, Escrow No. L-040946-JB, Escrow Officer: JULIE BAHANG
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
(9) The last date for filing claims is: NOVEMBER 15, 2023
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE
Dated: OCTOBER 6, 2023
TRANSFEREES: JC COCO, INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
ORD-1946954 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 10/27/23

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Furniture, storage shelving unit, nightstands, glider chair, table, golf clubs, toolboxes, boxes, totes/bins, storage/shelving racks, duffel bag/bags, workout bench, weights, printers, rocking horse, doll house, tricycle, bedding, wreaths, shoes, crutches, kid's toys, mattresses, brooms, microwave, packing tape, TV, pots/pans, Canon printer, pitcher, vase, kitchen items, stuffed animals, home decor, wall art, purse, pillows, wrapping paper, rugs, picture frames, cabinet, bikes, bike pump/parts, dog crate, baseball bat, football, tools, vacuum, outdoor turkey fryer pot/burner, helmets, clothes & shoes, baskets, buckets, subwoofer, TV Stand, dining room chairs, wall sconces, statues, ladders, drywall tape, blower, folding table, storage drawers, faux plant, lamp, curtains, boogie board, crib mattress, bed spring, ironing board, stuffed animal, wine bottle holders, Halloween Decor, games, ss refrigerator, side table, chairs, bench, stroller, rolling basket, extension cord, wood crate, milk crates, cross, decorative pillars, baking pan, wok, dishes, snow sleds, car battery, birdhouse, bed frame, trash cans, kayak, tires, shop vac, camping stove, gas can, luggage, car engines, car bumper, treadmill, and wall heater belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT
ULLOA, ABEL S	B408
SEVILLA, UNISIA TRUDY	B433
RENDON, JEANETTE	B842
LOPEZ, JOSE LUIS	B500
JONES, CHARLES JERMAINE	B485
FLORES, RICARDO JR	B113
CRUZ, BRIAN	B479

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party. Publication Dates: 10/27/2023 AND 11/03/2023

**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular City Council Meeting at the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023**, to conduct a Public Hearing adopting updated fees related to nuisance abatement and Parks and Recreation Department Programs. The Council will also consider a finding that this project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).
Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk's Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, by 12:00 pm on the day of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed fees and charges, please contact the Artesia City Clerk's Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.
If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title II)
PUBLISHED: 10/27/23 & 11/3/23 Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600-1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.
The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com ending on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Rudy Ortiz	I06
Bryce Tubbs	F60

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Dated this 27th day of October 2023, and 3rd day of November 2023.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

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CITY OF CERRITOS. STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX SOIL RESTORATION, LASER GRADE AND SOD INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. 23118, BID NO. 1534-23. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project:
Project Identification: **SPORTS COMPLEX SOIL RESTORATION, LASER GRADE AND SOD INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. 23118, BID NO. 1534-23. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents for the Cerritos Sports Complex, located at 19900 Bloomfield Avenue. The project includes soil restoration (soil profile amendment and fertigation system installation), laser grade and sod installation (with Paspalum sod) of fields 3,4,5, and 6, with a total of approximately 403,000 sq. ft./9.25 acres of area to be renovated. **Mandatory Pre Bid Meeting:** Friday, November 3, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Cerritos Sports Complex, 19900 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **"SPORTS COMPLEX SOIL RESTORATION, LASER GRADE AND SOD INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. 23118, BID NO. 1534-23."** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "C-27." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference, as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 11/16/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Alfredo Rodriguez Cuevas; Antoinette Cox-Nicholson; Latanya Reed; Yolanda Vega Arguello; Earl Jameel Howard; Karoline Guadalupe Castellon; Jacqueline Marie Oliver. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 003095-CK
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: KNIGHT & BISHOP ROYALTY, LLC, 12236 CENTRALIA AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: VAKIA PATTERSON, 124 E MORNINGSIDE ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90805
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE of that certain business located at: 12236 CENTRALIA AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SUDZ COIN LAUNDRY
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is NOVEMBER 16, 2023 at the office of: HANA ESCROW COMPANY, INC., 3580, WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1170 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above
(9) The last date for filing claims is: NOVEMBER 15, 2023.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
Dated: OCTOBER 18, 2023
TRANSFEREES: VAKIA PATTERSON
ORD-1947997 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 10/27/23



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CITY OF CERRITOS, NOTICE TO BIDDERS, Project Identification: ARTERIAL ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 24305, BID NO. 1535-23. Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of cold milling 3” of existing asphalt concrete (AC), removing and reconstructing AC structural section (4” AC on 8” CMB) and the construction of a 3” AC surface. Additional improvements also include adjustment of utilities to grade, installation of traffic signal loops and re-striping of lane lines, arrows, and stop bars along Carmenita Road from Alondra Boulevard (not including the intersection) to Artesia Boulevard (including the intersection) and Artesia Boulevard from Carmenita Road to Marquardt Avenue (not including the intersection). **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. Bids must be marked: **“BID – ARTERIAL ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 24305, BID NO. 1535-23 - DO NOT OPEN.”** All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), only if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a special meeting on **Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF RESTRICTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$200,000, DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, TO CONSTRUCT AND RETROFIT ACCESSIBLE CURB RAMPS ALONG TOWNE CENTER DRIVE AND PARK PLAZA DRIVE WITHIN THE CERRITOS TOWNE CENTER.** This public hearing will be conducted in person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Wednesday prior to the public hearing. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. If you challenge the above-mentioned item and related actions 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 emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 11/16/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Roberto Gonzalez; Isidro Lira Parga; Christine Carole Wells; Gil Joseph Lopez; Miriam Deisi Barrera (2 units); Valery Monic Vega; Sandra Cortez Carrion; Alicia Espinoza; Mireya Anna Yanda; Roselani Lozano (2 units); Marleen Alamilla; Rene Flores; Paul Jr. Garcia; Andrea Elizabeth Paul; Francisco Torres; Edgar Israel Luna Ceden; Jacqueline Vk Long; Eduardo Alberto Espinosa; Christina Leiva; Brendon Angel; Carolina Genesis Alvarez; Socorro Garcia Diaz; Patricia Bernal-Gomez; Maria Sanchez; Adriana Corona; Israel Navarro; Gloria L Angulo. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION: NEEDLES

CITY OF CERRITOS, NOTICE TO BIDDERS, Project Identification: HERITAGE PARK ROOF REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 23208, BID NO. 1530-23. Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed consists of providing all labor, material, tools, and equipment necessary to re-roof the adjacent shelter #4 at Heritage Park located at 18600 Bloomfield Ave, Cerritos, CA 90703. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. Bids must be marked: **“BID – HERITAGE PARK ROOF REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 23208, BID NO. 1530-23 - DO NOT OPEN.”** All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), only if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. 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The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A,” “B,” and/or “C-39.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. 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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 11/07/2023 at 11:00 AM.**

- Rafael Urbino- Furniture**
- Christine Maramba- Household items (furniture)**
- Anthony Acuna- buckets**
- Maria Cano- boxes, clothes**
- Aaron Reid- Boxes of clothes, bed frame, mattress dresser**
- Margaret Nyachae- Household Items**
- Stephanie Alvarado- Furniture, boxes**
- Kamelah Thompson- 1bdrm, queen size, dresser, boxes**
- Abelardo Iancu- Boxes of clothing**
- Roosevelt Dixon- Boxes with personal items, clothes, etc.**
- Natasha Castillo Madrid- bikes**
- Requell Thurman- items**
- Jeffrey Pierce- 1 BR, two couches, weight bench, fridge, tables**
- Samantha Blount- Furniture**
- Dean Raulston- boxes queen bed queen murphy bed pool table china cabinet fridge freezer tbl chairs recliner**
- James Williams- House Items**
- Cheri Cummins- small couch, kitchen appliances, clothing**
- Alicia Guerrero- Couch, bed**
- Donald Brown- Household Goods**
- Teresia Collins- Misc item, boxes, totes**
- Smith Damion- household goods**
- Nichole Weston- T.V., furniture, totes**
- Leslie Wade- Boxes, bikes, garden tools**
- Jack Guarino- Winnebago 1972 red, white, blue**

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. Please publish on 10/20/2023 and 10/27/2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

KIYOKO MIYABE
CASE NO. 23STPB11332
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KIYOKO MIYABE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHIGEYUKI MIYABE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHIGEYUKI MIYABE 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 in this court as follows: 11/16/2023 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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