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Cerritos Refuses to Sign Letter of Support for Light Rail Line From Artesia to Union Station

Cerritos elected officials want the half-billion station; Metro said it was not feasible, so Cerritos withheld support in a letter to ask for DOT funds.

By Brian Hews

Work continues on the transformational light-rail line from Artesia to Union Station, with cities and their elected officials and staff along the line participating and contributing mightily, seeing the tremen-

dous short and long-term economic and social benefits to the entire area and its residents and businesses.

That is, except for the city of Cerritos and Mayor Bruce Barrows.

As he did years ago when he suddenly pulled Cerritos out of the ten-city light-rail consortium, Barrows is leading the charge, along with Councilmen Naresh Solanki and Chuong Vo, to get a nearly three-quarter of a billion station - instead

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CA. Bill Banning Harmful Chemicals From Candy, Cereals Passes Assembly

By Brian Hews

Last Monday, the California Assembly approved A.B. 418 by a vote of 54-11 to ban five harmful chemicals from candy, cereals and other processed food.

Fourteen Assemblymembers walked and did not vote at all, including Asmewomen Blanca Pacheco and Blanca Rubio.

The bill bans brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, Red dye No. 3 and titanium dioxide in food products sold throughout the state.

Pacheco and Rubio's votes are odd considering, with the exception of Red dye No. 3, regulators in Europe previously banned the other four substances outright.

Proponents have sounded the alarm for years over these chemicals' potential adverse health impacts, both short-term and long-term.

"Californians shouldn't have to worry that the food they buy in their neighborhood grocery store might be full of dangerous additives or toxic chemicals," Democratic Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel,

the legislation's sponsor, said in a press release in February.

The chemicals are in different foods; some are associated with neurological problems, some are reproductive problems, and some have been

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MAN BRANDISHING WEAPON AT COMMERCE CITY HALL HIT WITH RESTRAINING ORDER

By Brian Hews

Last week, Los Cerritos Community News exclusively reported that Commerce



Dan Griffith

resident Dan Griffith, who sources say is friends with former Commerce Councilmember Leonard Mendoza, walked into Commerce City Hall and brandished what looked like a 9-millimeter pistol but turned out to be an imitation handgun

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LA COUNTY'S NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGENCY

BOARD MEMBERS of the new task force include all the L.A. County Supervisors and sixteen other elected officials and representatives from area cities collaborating to tackle homelessness.

By Brian Hews

A new county-wide task force met for the first time this week to tackle what has become one of the area's worst problems, keeping people in their homes so they don't fall into homelessness. Comprised of all five LA County Supervisors and elected officials from 88 cities, the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) is a collaborative attempt to address the housing and homelessness crisis.

In a statement, Supervisor Janice Hahn wrote, "On

Wednesday, we launched a brand new region-wide effort to tackle the affordable housing crisis with the inaugural meeting of the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency, or LACAHS. I am one of 21 board members, including my fellow Supervisors, Mayor Bass, Long Beach Mayor Richardson, Bellflower Councilmember Victor Sanchez, and housing experts, who are charged with building this agency from the ground up.

"Housing affordability is one of the most dire problems we face. This new agency is

a chance to lock arms across jurisdictions to build more affordable housing and preserve what affordable housing options we do have.'

LACAHS has three major objectives: to hold the affordable housing that already exists, build more affordable housing, and to prevent people from losing their homes and falling into homelessness.

To do so, the agency plans to scale up financing tools that will allow people to stay in their homes, including compensating developers for keeping rents affordable.

Norwalk Residents Voice Concerns With SEAACA, S.E. Area Animal Control

By Fatima Durrani

At the Norwalk City Council's May 16 meeting, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority [SEAACA] presented its business plan to the council, stating they care for abandoned animals and are dedicated to providing spay and neuter services at a reasonable cost for pet owners.

But it was after the presentation that the fireworks started.

Over twenty Norwalk residents angrily expressed frustration towards SEAACA related to its euthanization policies, hours of operation and fees.

During the public com-

ment section, multiple Norwalk residents said that SEAACA is unorganized and lacks communication within the system.

One Norwalk resident talked about an alarming experience with SEAACA. The resident said he previously fostered a pregnant female dog who was put on the euthanization list without reason.

"No one knew that she was pregnant," he said. "The same day that she gave birth to her six puppies, she was still on the list to be euthanized."

The resident said the dog ended up with eleven puppies, now in loving homes. He said that if SEAACA didn't take care

of the situation, the female dog would've been euthanized.

"All of what SEAACA presented looked lovely, but the reality was different," said Lisa Lampin, a resident of Norwalk. "The reality is that dogs need to be spayed and neutered. It's \$500 and people don't have that kind of money. The policies are not what they look like on the website."

Lampin said that owners resort to dumping animals because of the \$300 fee SEAACA requests for surrendering that animal - which is a difficult price to meet for low-income households.

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ABCUSD Holds Elementary STEM Olympics



WINNERS: Leal Elementary students took home the top prize in the STEM Olympics.

On Saturday, May 13th, fifteen elementary schools participated in the 8th annual ABCUSD Elementary STEM Olympics at Gahr High School.

Schools competed in scientific events like parachutes, catapults, dominoes & ping-pong ball races.

Awards were given to top competitors in each event,

Overall first place went to Leal Elementary—Honorable Mention to Hawaiian Elementary for taking overall 2nd place and Willow Elementary for taking overall 3rd place.

Pico Rivera Presents State of the City

By Brian Hews

Pico Rivera Mayor Erik Lutz and other elected officials returned to the Pio Pico Woman's Club to present the State of the City report; it was the first time since 2020.

City officials offered a positive outlook on the current state of Pico Rivera and plans for the future.

Under the leadership of City Manager Steve Carmona, the city's financial health continues to be in top condition, per the California State Auditor's Report.

Sales tax revenue accounts for 49% of the city's revenue, followed by Property Tax, Utility Users Tax, Licenses and Permits, and other miscellaneous sources.

With that revenue, city officials continue to use a significant portion on the City's Public Safety and for the contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which accounts for a quarter of the city's budget, keeping in place their commitment to safety and ensuring the Pico Rivera Station has all available resources.

The State of the City report also highlighted the city's financial rankings with the State Auditor and the bond rating by Standard and Poor's (S&P).

The California State Auditor's report, which ranks the financially riskiest cities in California, ranked Pico Rivera amongst the highest, the city improving its overall score from 82 to 84 out of a total of 100 possible points. With 430 Cities in California rated, Pico Rivera was again labeled a "low-risk" city, coming in at 284.

In addition to being one of the least financially riskiest cities, the city obtained a AA Bond Rating by S&P after an evaluation of the city's creditworthiness for the potential issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds.

An S&P Global issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about a city's creditworthiness related to a specific financial obligation. S&P also commented on the city's stability noting a robust local economy and fiscal outlook and strong financial management policies and practices, including an enhanced risk-adjusted reserve policy, strong budgetary performance, and a resulting moderate leverage debt capacity.

The report also highlighted the city's housing growth. Over the next couple years, several housing developments will be completed, including the 255-unit Mercury Project at the former El Rodeo site, and a 45-unit townhome development on Durfee Avenue.

Two housing development projects were recently completed, a nine-unit townhome development and a 12-unit townhome development.

Officials also noted other major projects coming to the city in the next few years.

The highly anticipated Fiber Optic Network Project, a project to construct a privately-owned fiber optic system that will be open access, low cost to the consumer and available to every resident and business within the city, will begin construction later this year.

Updates on other projects, including the Smith Park Aquatic Center, Rio Hondo Park, the PAD Park, and the Dog Park, were provided to the attendees.

City Manager Steve Carmona commented, "It's a privilege to bring this report to the Pio Pico Woman's Club and show all our progress in the last few years. Like many cities, we are still recovering from the pandemic. However, the city continues to grow with new housing developments, and we continue to improve the city's infrastructure. It's exciting to talk about all the progress the Pico Rivera is making to this special group."

Starbucks Store Removes Customer Seating, Who's Next?

A Starbucks store in Studio City has removed its seating for customers due to "safety concerns."

A sign on the door of the store, located on Ventura Boulevard and Vineland Avenue, says it's a temporary move. It's not clear what sparked the decision or how long seating would be unavailable.

Six Los Angeles area Starbucks stores are now closed, with the coffee giant citing safety issues. The closures took on heightened significance because of an ongoing unionization effort at Starbucks' U.S. stores.

The move follows the closure of six other Starbucks locations across Southern California last year when the company said crime, vagrancy and vandalism in and around those stores was creating an unsafe environment for employees and customers.

LA City Councilmember, Nithya Ra-

man, who oversees that district, spoke about the issue, "I have so much empathy for those baristas. That was my first job, a barista at Starbucks and I understand what it's like to deal with customers who are unruly or hard to handle. I have so much empathy for their situation. This is why I am laser focused on ending homelessness. We have to address it encampment by encampment near that particular Starbucks," she said.

Raman was asked if she would visit that Starbucks location to meet with employees, and she said she would.

"Absolutely and we do that kind of outreach every single day. We have a strong outreach program. We're connecting people who are in those businesses to the kind of supportive services they need," said Raman.

Gas Rises for Seventh Consecutive Day

LCCN Staff Report

The average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in Los Angeles County rose Thursday for the seventh consecutive day after dropping six of the previous seven days, increasing three-tenths of a cent to \$4.873.

The average price has risen 4.5 cents over the past seven days, attributed to higher demand prompted by the Memorial Day weekend.

The average price dropped 2.4 cents during its run of six decreases in seven

days, according to figures from the AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Despite the streak of increases, the average price is 5.3 cents less than one month ago and \$1.218 lower than one year ago.

The Orange County average price rose for the sixth time in seven days, increasing a half-cent to \$4.839. The Orange County average price is 4.6 cents less than one month ago. It has dropped \$1.62 since rising to a record \$6.459 on Oct. 5.

Cerritos Asphalt Repairs

Cerritos awarded a \$622,000 contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. for asphalt repairs and upgrades.

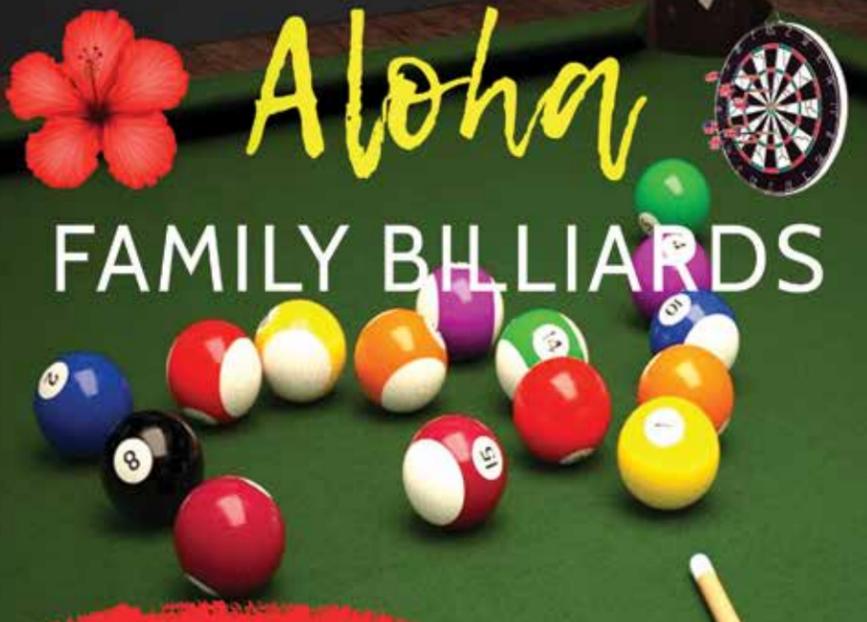
Onyx will perform rehabilitation, tree removal and replacement, and concrete

improvements in the residential neighborhood bordered by Norwalk Blvd., 195th Street, Bloomfield Ave. and Viarna St. This project is funded primarily through the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which was created from Senate Bill 1. The project is scheduled to start in June and to be completed in August.



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La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Academic Achievement Awards



ATTENDING the Academic Recognition and Awards Program are (l-r) Cerritos College Representatives: Board of Trustees President Dr. Shin Liu, Professor of Communications Dawn Trickett, Director of Diversity, Compliance and Title IX Erin Miles, Academic Awards Chair Joan Pylman, Award winners Sofia Heejae Chun and Leidy Barrios, Awards Selection Committee Member Gail Ross, Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director Martha Pelayo, and Cerritos College Executive Assistant to the President/Superintendent Andrea Wittig.

By Edna Ethington

The Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library was decorated with balloons and flowers for the 30th Annual Recognition and Academic Achievement Awards Program for the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on Wed., May 17, 2023.

Chair Joan Pylman, and her committee chose two outstanding students to receive this year's awards. The students were selected according to their academic achievement with a 3.5 GPA or better and active participation in service activities at Cerritos College or the community.

The first student selected was Sofia Heejae Chun. Sofia had a 4.0 GPA at Cerritos College and majored in Theater Arts. She was active in several clubs at Cerritos College and was President of the Helping Hands Project Club. She was also Secretary of the Cerritos College Artists Club. She became an immigrant in the United States when her family moved to the City of Cerritos in the United States in 2019. She graduated from Cerritos High School in 2021 and attended Cerritos College to learn about universities. She has been accepted at five universities so far.

Sofia's passion for helping other immigrants is because she is also an immigrant. Sofia was born and lived in South Korea in 2002 and moved to Jakarta, Indonesia in 2009 for one year. She lived in Manila, in the Philippines until 2015, where she learned English. She moved back to South Korea for one year in 2016. Later, in 2016, she moved with her family to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, where she learned Spanish and some Vietnamese. Sofia learned American Sign Language while she was at Cerritos College.

The second student who received the Academic Achievement Award was Leidy Barrios. Leidy was a "Re-entry" student who has been married to her husband, Johnny Gomez, for 22 years; they have two sons, 21-year-old Benjamin and 11-year-old Adrian. Leidy has worked as a teacher assistant and worked hard at Cerritos College to maintain a 3.8 GPA in her studies. She is the first in her family to receive an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. She hopes to earn a B.A. in Child Development at Cal State Dominguez Hills and become a teacher.

Leidy was born and raised in Guatemala City and immigrated to the United States in 1997 when her birth mother, Maria del Carmen, invited her to live in the United States in 1988 and asked Leidy, her brother, and her sister to join her when she had a green card. Leidy said that she wanted to thank her mom for making it possible to have a better life in the United States. When she first came to the U.S., she learned English at La Mirada Adult School with English as a Second Language classes. She completed high school classes and graduated with a High School Diploma. She also took classes at UCLA and received a Certificate in Early Childhood Education in 2015. When she becomes a teacher, she said that she would encourage immigrants to pursue higher education. Sofia and Leidy received Certificates of Recognition from the AAUW and \$1,375 each when they confirm their enrollment at the four-year college or university.

The next AAUW meeting is the Installation of Officers on June 3 followed by the Branch Planning Meeting on June 24.

For more information, go to lapalma-cerritos-ca.aauw.net.

Netflix Will Add an \$8 'Fee' for Sharing

LCCN Staff Report

Netflix on Tuesday outlined how it intends to crack down on the rampant sharing of account passwords in the U.S., its latest bid to reel in more subscribers.

To combat password sharing, Netflix said it will limit U.S. viewership of its programming to people living in the same household.

Those who subscribe to Netflix's standard or premium plans will be able to allow another person living outside their household to use their password for an additional \$8 per month, a \$2 discount from the company's standard stand-alone basic plan.

Without providing details how it authenticates subscriber identities or accounts, Netflix assured that everyone living in the same household of a U.S. customer still will be able to stream TV series and movies "wherever they are — at home, on the go, on holiday."

The long-anticipated move seeks to end a practice that the company allowed to go unchecked for years while its streaming service was attracting subscribers in droves. At that time, management had little incentive to risk riling customers by reining in password sharing.

While Netflix looked the other way, an estimated 100 million people worldwide were getting passwords from family and friends to freeload on Netflix TV series such as "The Crown" and films such as "All Quiet On The Western Front." Those passwords were funneled through Netflix's 232.5 million worldwide paying subscribers, who generated the bulk of the company's \$32 billion in revenue last year.

But after a year of lackluster subscriber growth that included its largest customer losses in more than a decade, Netflix is putting its foot down.

In February, it began blocking free-loading viewers in Canada, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain, following similar moves in Latin America.

Before the crackdown on password sharing, Netflix began introducing features, such as the ability to transfer the profiles set up on subscriber accounts to make it easier for people to retain their viewing histories after they are no longer able to watch shows for free.

Netflix's effort to force more of its viewers to pay for access to its programming follows the launch of a \$7 monthly plan that inserted commercials into its service for the first time.

Netflix has picked up an additional 9 million worldwide subscribers since the ad-supported option debuted, although not all of those signed up for the low-priced plan.

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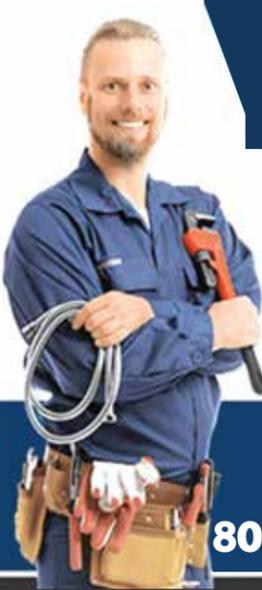
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Ten ABCUSD Students Receive Pathways to Success Scholarships

The ABC Education Foundation, founded in 2011 to support all ABCUSD schools with funding for programs in education where State funding falls short, announced this year's CTE Pathways Success Scholarship recipients.

Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in one of ABCUSD's 18 CTE pathway programs and are planning to align their college and career goals with the education, training, and skills they acquired in the pathway.

Ten ABCUSD students were awarded a \$250 scholarship based on their commitment to their CTE program of study and essays regarding college and career plans.

2023 CTE Pathway Scholarship Awardees:

1. **Alixandra (Angeline) Caceres** - Bio-Technology, Cerritos High;
2. **Lynariz Sajise** - Computer Science, Cerritos High;
3. **Cayelee Villasin** - Graphic Design, Cerritos High;
4. **Christina Castro** - Education, Cerritos High;
5. **Kale Adriel S. Nipales** - Engineering, Artesia High;
6. **Zonyea Redd** - Business, Artesia High;
7. **Dulce Ordonez** - Patient Care, Tracy High;
8. **Michelle Marie Carnicer** - Pharmacy, Artesia High;
9. **Hannah Bautista** - Production and Managerial Arts, Whitney High;
10. **Cesar Sepulveda** - Welding, Artesia High

Funding for these scholarships is provided by the Giordano Family, Toyota of Cerritos, and the City of Artesia.

Norwalk Teams With Red Cross to Install Free Smoke Alarms



SOUND THE ALARM team members rest after installing alarms. The program, in partnership with the Red Cross and the Norwalk Public Safety Department, has been busy making a positive impact in Norwalk. On May 20, the team contacted 72 households and installed 51 smoke alarms in homes to increase safety and peace of mind.

"We are extremely proud of this year's recipients of the CTE Scholarships," said Joseph Porter III, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "Thanks to the generosity of the Giordano Family, and other donors, we are able to support these amazing students."

The awardees will be recognized during senior award events held at each high school throughout the month of May

Scottish Fest at OC Fair This Weekend

Family friendly event celebrat-

ing Scottish and Celtic Culture. Enjoy two packed days of fun with bagpipes, drums, highland dancing, Scottish clans and genealogy, Scottish athletics, shopping, food and so much more.

It's a fantastic way to explore the culture of the Scots and the Celts. And the best part?

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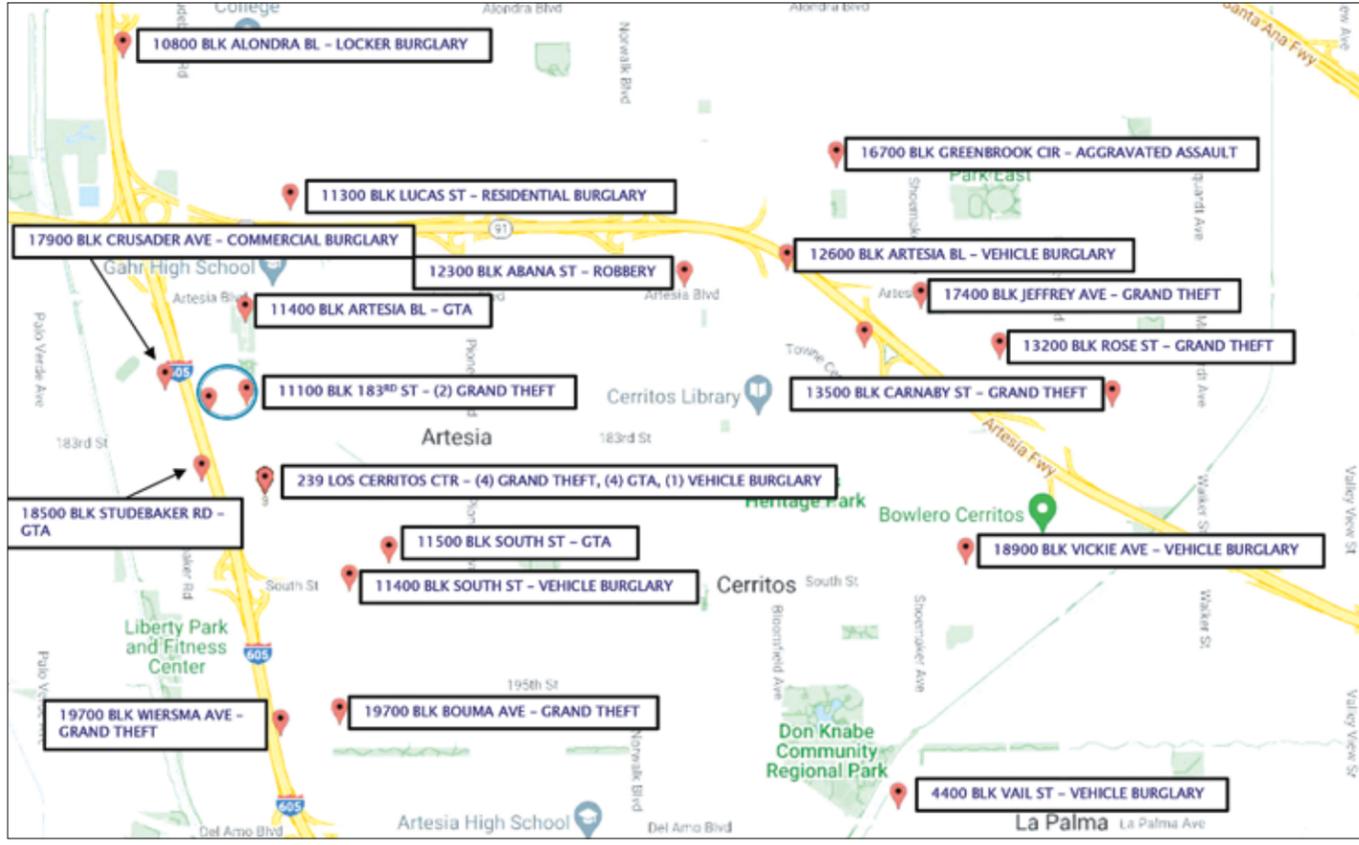
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--Supervisor Janice Hahn

LOCAL MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS:

- City of Cerritos Memorial Day Remembrance**
Cerritos Civic Center
May 29, 2023 | 10 am
- Lakewood Memorial Day Commemoration**
Del Valle Park Veterans Memorial Plaza
May 29, 2023 | 11 am
- Artesia Cemetery District Memorial Day Remembrance**
Artesia Cemetery
Friday May 26, 2023 | 10am
- La Mirada VFW Post 9148 Memorial Day Service**
Olive Lawn Memorial Park
May 31, 2023 | 11 am
- Pico Rivera Memorial Day Ceremony**
Pico Rivera Veterans Memorial Plaza
May 29, 2023 | 10 am
- Downey Cemetery District Board of Trustees Memorial Day Ceremony**
Downey Cemetery
May 29, 2023 | 10 am
- Bell Gardens Memorial Day Ceremony**
Veterans Park
May 29, 2023 | 10am
- Huntington Park Memorial Day Ceremony**
Huntington Park Community Center
May 29, 2023 | 11am

Cerritos Crime Map May 15-21, 2023



Crime Summary

La Mirada

May 15-23, 2023

Notable Arrests

• Four suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations. Robbery

• A robbery was reported on the 15000 block of La Mirada Bl. This incident is still under investigation.

Aggravated Assault

• An aggravated assault was reported on the 14100 block of Bora Dr. No injuries were sustained in the incident and the incident is still under investigation.

• An assault was reported on the 15200 block of Imperial Hwy. There were no reported injuries, and the incident is still under investigation.

• An assault occurred on the 14500 block of Telegraph Rd. Two suspects were arrested for the incident and there were no injuries sustained from the assault.

• An aggravated assault occurred around Rosecrans Ave. and Jalon Rd. Two victims sustained minor injuries and one suspect was arrested.

Residential Burglary

• A rear sliding glass door was smashed during a morning burglary on the 13100 block of Avenida Santa Tecla. Jewelry was reported stolen

Other Structure Burglary

• Two suspects were arrested during a burglary that occurred on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

• A burglary occurred on the 14300 block of Industry Cir. Copper wiring and other metals were stolen.

Grand Theft

• Tools were reported stolen on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

• A theft was reported on the 15100 block of Las Flores Ave.

Vehicle Burglary

• A vehicle burglary was reported on the 14700 block of San Ardo Dr.

• A window smash vehicle burglary

occurred on the 14900 block of La Mirada Blvd. A purse and wallet were stolen.

• A vehicle burglary was reported on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• A window smash vehicle burglary was reported on the 14200 block of Gannet St.

Grand Theft Auto

• A coupe was reported stolen on the 14900 block of Beach Blvd.

• A sedan was stolen on the 14000 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• A vehicle was reported stolen on the 15800 block of Alicante Rd.

• A SUV was stolen on the 15000 block of Lofthill Dr.

• An overnight theft of a sedan occurred on the 14500 block of Cortina Dr.

• A cargo trailer was stolen on the 14300 block of Gannet St.

Cerritos Crime Summary

There was a rash of catalytic converter thefts this week in Cerritos basically all over the city: 13500 block of Carnaby, 17400 block of Jeffrey, 13200 block of Rose, 19700 block of Bouma, and 19700 block of Weirsma.

The Los Cerritos Center, once again, took the prize for most auto thefts, four. Two were recovered two were not including a Road Glide Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Five vehicle burglaries occurred all involved the windows getting shattered, and items on the seats were taken. The sheriffs remind residents to not leave anything out in the open in their car to deter theft.

Part 1 crimes were 45 for the week, up from 41 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 43.8, 2022 YTD average is 37.6, an increase of over 16%. A majority of the part one crimes occurring are auto theft, burglary, and petty theft.

Miscellaneous crimes were 11 for the week, up from 6 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 11.1, 2022 YTD average is 11.1. The majority of the miscellaneous crimes of involve vandalism, assault, and forgery.

Alarm calls were 47 for the week, up from 38 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 43.3, 2022 YTD average is 45.4, an decrease of nearly 9%.

Calls for service were 338 for the

week, flat from 338 the week before; YTD 2023 average is 325.9, 2022 YTD average is 322, negligible increase.

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that shoots metal B-B's using a pressurized air cartridge.

"It looked like a real gun," said one resident who contacted Los Cerritos Community News, "as soon as I saw the gun, I ran out of the building."

According to witnesses, Griffith said

he was going to shoot up the building and then fired a B-B into the ceiling.

Witnesses told LCCN that frightened customers and employees inside the building screamed and scattered, thinking it was an active shooter situation, only to finally see it was a B-B gun.

Many were shaken and wanted to leave for the day; some called in today, still affected by the incident.

Residents who contacted LCCN said Griffith "seems to be mentally ill and has caused issues throughout the community, including trying to fight Commerce City Hall employees."

Sheriffs from the East L.A. Station arrived and took Griffith into custody around noon.

Griffith was arrested and charged with brandishing an imitation weapon under penal code 417.4 PC.

417.4 states, "Every person who, except in self-defense, draws or exhibits an imitation firearm in a threatening manner against another in such a way as to cause a reasonable person apprehension or fear of bodily harm is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a term of not less than 30 days."

A person who violates 417.4 is charged with a misdemeanor punishable by custody in county jail for a mandatory minimum of 30 days and up to 6 months.

The judge in this case slapped a GPS ankle monitor on Griffith and hit him with a restraining order mandating he stays 100 yards away from city hall.

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Artesia Officials Attend Municipal Seminar



CONTRACT CITIES 64th Annual Municipal Seminar occurred on Mother's Day weekend emphasizing sustainable and successful futures rely on collaborating with different agencies. Seen here representing Artesia is (l-r) Mayor pro tem Tony Lima, Councilperson Ali Sajjad Taj, Mayor Monica Manalo, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilpersons Melissa Ramoso and Rene Trevino.

Bellflower Resident Awarded for 50 Years of Service



ED SMITH was presented with the EMS Cross Monday night in Bellflower. Smith started his career in 1972 and has been with the local ambulance company for 50 years. The EMS Cross is the highest honor given by the California EMS Authority.

Little Lake City School District Superintendent Retires

LCCN Staff Report

SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA - Little Lake City School District (LLSD) Superintendent, Dr. Bill Crean announced his retirement after serving as the Superintendent since the fall of 2016.

Under Dr. Crean's leadership, the District has achieved significant milestones and advancements in education.

Dr. Crean was guided the District's policies, educational initiatives, and overall growth.

Board President Manuel Cantu conveyed his best wishes to Dr. Crean on his well-deserved retirement. "We are incredibly grateful for Dr. Crean's exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to our students, staff, and community. His dedication has left a lasting impact on our District.

His dedication and visionary leadership have played a vital role in providing Little Lake students with a comprehensive and high-quality education."

Reflecting on his tenure, Dr. Crean expressed his gratitude to LLSD, stating, "I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the entire Little Lake community for their unwavering support throughout my tenure. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Superintendent for the past seven years at Little Lake City School District."

During their May Board meeting, the District announced the appointment of Jonathan Vasquez as the new Superintendent, who brings a wealth of experience to the community.

Mr. Vasquez brings over 31 years of experience in education and leadership to the District with a track record of success in improving student outcomes



Jonathan Vasquez was named new superintendent.

and building strong relationships with stakeholders.

He most recently served as the Superintendent for the Los Nietos School District for 13 years, where he advocated for partnerships and bond measures that would bring much-needed resources to students and their families.

"We welcome Mr. Jonathan Vasquez as our new Superintendent and look forward to the exciting new chapter ahead," said Board President Manuel Cantu.

"I am honored and excited to join the Little Lake City School District as superintendent," said Mr. Vasquez.

"I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the Little Lake community, and I look forward to serving the students, families, and staff of this great District. Together, we will continue to build on the strong foundation of academic excellence and student success that has been established here."

Little Lake City School District is deeply grateful for Dr. Crean's contributions and welcomes Mr. Vasquez as the new Superintendent. The District remains committed to its mission to provide a quality education that ensures success for every student.

St. Linus Church in Norwalk Holds Inaugural 'Brew Walk'



NORWALK RESIDENTS and parishioners of St. Linus Church in Norwalk enjoyed the church's inaugural Brew Walk fundraiser this past Saturday May 13.

By Brian Hews

Norwalk residents and parishioners of St. Linus Church in Norwalk enjoyed the church's inaugural Brew Walk fundraiser this past Saturday May 13 with proceeds going to St. Linus School.

Attendees from the area shared their enthusiasm for the walk "as an event bringing the community together in a fun and peaceful setting, sharing drink, food, music and comradery."

Participants received an inscribed tasting glass and sampled beers from 18 local breweries, including Amarak Brewing, Brewjeria Beer Company, Breweryard Beer Company, Brown Soul Brewing Co., Burning Bridge Brewing, Cerveceria Del Pueblo,

Cerveza Cito, Common Corners Brewing, Crowns and Hops, Eagle Rock Brewery,

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Jara Brewing, Lit Brew, Los Barbones Cerveceria, Norwalk Brew House, Over Town Brewing Co., Pacific Plate Brewing Company, Upshift Brewing Company, and Angry Horse Brewing.

Entertainment was provided by Buyepongo, La Mera Candelaria, Antenna To The Gods, and DJ Tony Tigah.

Also present were local vendors selling their products including Norwalk's Very Own, Leaf Me Hanging, Requena-creations, Soy Candles, Chamoy La Chicana and Gemming It Up.

Food vendors included Tropic Truck, Something Good LA and Papa Churros.

Parent volunteers, led by Ray Rivera and Yvette Ortiz from the St. Linus School, spent several months planning this event. They are already gearing up for the St. Linus First Annual Brew Walk to be held next spring, hoping the word spreads about this event and its success.

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Hawaiian Gardens Schools Receive Top Honors in ABCUSD Reading Olympics

Two local elementary schools recently participated in a friendly competition in the ABC Unified Scholl District called the Reading Olympics.

The Reading Olympics is a district-wide competition for that involves twenty elementary school and students in the ABCUSD.

The goal is to foster the love of reading while teaching essential skills such as teamwork, responsibility, cooperation, leadership, active listening, and

problem-solving.

Each school forms a team of 10 to 12 students with two alternates in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

Each team collectively reads all 20 books from the official book list.

This year's competition was held at Gahr High School where students from each school team collaboratively answered 60 questions broken up into three rounds. Each round consisted of 20 questions, one for each book.

The competition was fierce, but in the end, several students from both schools were recognized for their out-



MELBOURNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL winners in the ABCUSD Reading Olympics with the Hawaiian Gardens City Council are, in no particular order, Juan Hernandez Gonzalez, Tiffany Hurtado, Emir Jimenez, Ryder Licon, Giovanni Lopez, Sammy Padilla, Briana Requeno, Aiden Sanchez, and Kobe Soto.



FURGESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL winners in the ABCUSD Reading Olympics with the Hawaiian Gardens City Council are, in no particular order, Cristobal Sanchez, Captain Angelique Uc, (Co-Captain) Ismael Gracian, Kamila Barajas, Angel Esquivias, Kendrick Ruiz, Ammeriah Salas, Sofia Rivas, Isabel Sifuentes, Federer Mendoza, Jesus Calderon, Yeidi Ramos, and Damian Miranda.

standing performance.

Students received the Blue Ribbon, the highest award, followed by the Red Ribbon and Green Ribbon.

"The Reading Olympics is a fantastic event that encourages our young students to read and learn," said Mayor Maria Teresa Del Rio. "We are thrilled to see so many students participating in this competition and actively interested in reading. Congratulations to all the students who participated, especially those who were recognized for their outstanding performance."

At a recent meeting, the Hawaiian

Gardens City Council recognized and congratulated the students on their hard work and dedication.

The council members praised the students for their commitment to reading and their efforts to improve their literacy skills.

The Reading Olympics was a great success, and it is hoped that it will inspire more students to take an interest in reading and improve their literacy skills.

The event was made possible thanks to the hard work of the teachers and staff of the ABCUSD.

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Cerritos Adds Another Piece to the Its Sculpture Garden

By Brian Hews

In August of 2019, Los Cerritos Community News reported the bronze sculpture in front of Extra Space Storage in Cerritos entitled Strength of the Maker was stolen; the sculpture had been in that spot for over 20 years.

John Grant, a Cerritos resident who uses Cerritos Storage reported the theft to LCCN and was very disappointed and angered about the theft.

The sculpture is an icon to us here in Cerritos, it will be missed," said Grant

"It looks like, from the markings around the base, that they pulled up a truck, pulled the sculpture down and took it," a spokesperson for the Cerritos Sheriff's told LCCN.

The sculpture was valued at \$34,000.

If area residents are missing the sculpture they can now find it at the Cerritos Sculpture Garden. Cerritos recently acquired and installed the Strength of the Maker art piece in the Garden.

Cerritos purchased a new statue using funds paid by Extra Space Storage as part of a settlement offer for the storage company's "failure to maintain and prevent the original art piece from being removed."

Strength of the Maker was created by Colorado artist Denny Haskew and depicts a Native American man bending a bow across his back.

The bronze sculpture is meant to represent the strength of a higher power that created nature and man.

It measures 60 inches high and 60 inches wide including the bow.

Haskew, a member of the Potawatomi citizen nation, is known for creating art that reflects the Native American and southwestern culture.

His work has been described as intensely personal and honest, reflecting recurring themes of spirit, love, forgiveness, healing, endurance and strength. Haskew has another piece, "Luminaire," located at the Transpacific Development Company office building in the Cerritos Towne Center.

In creating the piece, Haskew, a member of the National Sculptors Guild, states, "Strength of the Maker right from its title...to the strength shown even in the toes, is a statement of how I view my very inner belief. Nature and all things natural have always been of the utmost importance to me all my life. Believing in a God, the Great Spirit, Buddha, Mohammed, the Mysterious One and any other beings of greatness is important. I feel they all exude the same message, a life of oneness, of love, of honesty and a source of emotional strength. 'Strength of the Maker' is my visual version of how I see my Maker."

A limited edition of the "Strength of the Maker" sculpture has been selected for permanent display in the Native American Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. It has won five best of show or first place prizes in the top art shows in the country.



La Mirada's Concerts Under the Stars and Night Market

LCCN Staff Report

Enjoy Thursday nights under the stars filled with great food and live music all summer long as La Mirada's summer concert series kicks off Thursday, June 8 at La Mirada Regional Park.

Every week, the concert will feature live family-friendly music and Night Market vendors. Food is available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. and the music begins at 6:30 p.m.

The concert line-up includes:

June 8 - Upstream (Steel Drum, Caribbean/Calypso)

June 15 - The Kings of 88 (Classic Piano Rock)

June 22 - Suave the Band (Latin Jazz)

June 29 - 80z All Stars (80's Pop)

July 13 - L.A.vation (U2 Tribute)

July 20 - Bump City (Soul/Motown)

August 3 - Just Dave Band (Country)

August 10 - Electric Vinyl (Classic Rock Hits)

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION MASTERS MEET

JOHN GLENN'S UDENGWU SHAKES OFF SLUGGISH START, ADVANCES TO STATE PRELIMINARIES WITH ONE THROW

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

MOORPARK-After throwing a career-best 193-00 in the discus event at last Saturday's CIF-Southern Section divisional championships, John Glenn High senior Mikel Udengwu knew it wouldn't be as easy to punch his ticket to Friday's CIF state preliminaries in Clovis. While he was excited to advance to last Saturday's Masters Meet at Moorpark High with the top mark in Division 3, he admitted that it's the hardest to throw and get the qualifying mark when you're expected to win.

Udengwu knew there was going to be more pressure to get the qualifying mark of 171-00 for state, and on top of that, he had been sick since the day after the divisional finals and wasn't himself. The medicine he was taking to solve a sore throat, which hit its peak around last Wednesday and Thursday, was making him dizzy and that's why Udengwu scratched on three of his first four throws before sending himself to state on his fifth attempt with a throw of 181-10.

"It feels good; it's something I really wasn't expect-

ing coming into the season because my [personal record] was around 130 [feet] last season," said Udengwu. "My very first mark was around 130, and then I don't know...last week was 190 and now I hit a 181. It's just a crazy feeling, but I knew with hard work, I was going to get there, though.

"I just had to use my confidence," he later said. "That's the one thing that really carries me to the next level; just being confident in myself and know that I'm going to succeed."

He added that his balance was off because when he scratches, it's because he just throws out of the sector. He rarely has problems spinning back into the sector or going out. On top of that, he didn't sleep well last Friday night.

"It means a lot [for the school and community]," said Glenn head coach Andy De La Torre. "I probably got to [the city of] Norwalk when I was about 10 years old. So, I've been around the city for about 14 years now and I think it's big. Typically, Glenn isn't a school that's looked at for athletics. Personally, I lived in Norwalk and went to La Mirada [High], so it's just one of

those things where even at La Mirada when you would see Glenn on the schedule for any sport, you really didn't think too much. But when I got here, that's something that I wanted to change. I wanted people to see us...when they see us on the schedule, they would say this is a school we shouldn't take lightly. That's the biggest thing for us."

Udengwu had the top mark from the divisional finals and was the last of a dozen competitors to throw at the Masters Meet. Three of the first nine didn't have a mark after their first throws and the top score from the other six was 169-2, set by Zach Lewis of Pacifica High. Then Udengwu's friendly rival in the competition, Brandon See of JSerra High, threw a 180-6 before Redondo Union High's Kai Deines had a 165-10 before Udengwu's turn.

After the first three rounds, the competitors are re-seeded based off the top throws. Knowing that he had to have some type of mark to continue for the final three rounds, Udengwu, who scratched on his second attempt, tossed his discus a mere 12-1 to stay alive. He would be the first to go for the fourth round and



JOHN GLENN HIGH discus thrower Mikel Udengwu is flanked by throwers coach Ray Neimann and Glenn track and field head coach Andy De La Torre after last Saturday's CIF-Southern Section Masters Meet. Udengwu qualified for the state preliminaries with a throw of 181-10, which he did on the fifth of his six attempts. **PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.**

after scratching again, qualified on his fifth throw. He would end the event with the second best mark as Justice Mephors of J.W. North High threw a 184-7 on his fifth attempt. Mephors entered the day with the fourth best mark from the divisional finals and had scratched on three of his first four attempts.

"There was a point after the four throws I went to the ring and I spun my practice spin around 15 times," said Udengwu. "On my throw of 181, I was sweating just because I was like, 'I need to get a mark, I need to get a mark'."

"I thought it would ease up because now I'm first again," he

later added. "It's usual for me not being at the top of the list. But I still scratched, so I was so confused. I tried to slow down and just get into my rhythm, and I still scratched. I was just lost, to be honest, and I really didn't know what to do."

"I think he tried too hard in his first throw," said Glenn throwers coach Ray Neimann. "I asked him to just get a nice mark; throw 80 percent or so and get a decent mark, and then after that mark is set...past 171 [feet], then go for the gold. I think he tried a little too hard with the medicine [he was taking], the strep throat and issues

[See **UDENGWU** page 11]



MIKEL UDENGWU getting ready to launch at last Saturday's CIF-Southern Section Masters Meet. **PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.**

WONDERWORD

By **DAVID OUELLET**

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

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Answer at bottom right of page 11.

Solution: **9 letters**

UDENGWU from page 10

he was having. I think he's been a little dizzy and that's why he scratched so many times."

Udengwu said last year's results prepared him for this year as he had no issues during the warmups at the 2022 divisional finals, then scratched on his first two throws before getting a mark to keep his junior season going.

After getting 181-0 with one more attempt, knowing he had qualified for state, he said he was pushing harder on the last attempt to get a personal record. But he scratched again to become the first of two throwers to scratch four times.

"Once I saw the white flag go up, I was like, 'alright, let's just see what the distance is,'" said De La Torre. "Then we heard the 181-0 and I was like, 'alright, sweet'. I didn't care whether we took first, second or sixth. All we wanted to do was get a qualifying mark to go on to compete [in the state preliminaries]."

Jake Stafford of JSerra High (176-0), Christopher Nora of Oak Hills High (175-1) and Jesse Goldman of Harvard-Westlake High (171-8) were the other state qualifiers but as it relates to Udengwu, he has built a competitive rivalry with See and has gotten the upper hand lately. They were the top two Division 3 finishers in the CIF-SS finals with marks of 193-0 and 179-04 and had the second and third best marks at the Masters Meet.

"To be honest, I didn't think it would be me versus him at the beginning of the season," said Udengwu. "But now, I've embraced it. It's an honor to be one and two in California, so hopefully we do good in state and I'm up for the challenge."

"He has had a lot of dedication and stuff," said Neimann. "I coached him in football and we did well. He's just a good worker; he understands the concepts and so he applies those to work. That's what it is."

"He's a role model for the kids, especially at Glenn because they don't understand what it takes to be dedicated and what success will come once you dedicate yourself and be diligent to what your passion is," he continued.

As far as preparation this week, Neimann said they were going to make sure he eats well and gets his [sore throat] cured up. Neimann also believes that Udengwu will throw over 200 feet in Clovis. Udengwu will go into Friday's preliminaries with the third best mark in the state, trailing Mephors and McKay Madsen of Clovis North High (191-03). He is one of 25 discus throwers to have advanced to the state preliminaries and if he stays within that range, Udengwu is poised to bring a medal back to the high school.

CHEMICALS from page 1

linked to cancer.

Over 10,000 chemicals are allowed for use in food sold in the U.S., 99% of which were approved by the food and chemical industry but not the FDA, tasked with ensuring the safety of America's food supply.

Expert's best advice is to limit exposure as much as possible when it comes to diet.

Still, at this time, while some evidence is stronger than others, there isn't conclusive proof that any of the chemicals cause adverse health conditions for humans -- just that there could be a risk.

Brominated vegetable oil: In high quantities, it has "often been linked to neurological changes, like balance problems and memory problems in humans. Brominated vegetable oil is used primarily to help emulsify citrus-flavored soft drinks, preventing them from separating during distribution."

Potassium bromate is a chemical additive commonly used to enhance the texture of baked goods. It's often added to bread, rolls and other baked goods. The International Agency for Research on Cancer classifies potassium bromate as a possible human carcinogen.

Propylparaben: Propylparaben has been proposed to be a reproductive toxin that can cause hormonal dysregulation; there have been documented studies where it caused earlier or delayed menstruation.

While the research has hinted at those links to disruptions in the hormone systems in humans, the evidence is weak, and research is ongoing.

Red dye No. 3: Red No. 3, which gives that reddish or pink color to food, is banned in cosmetics as it is a known carcinogen, a substance capable of causing cancer. In addition, it has been linked to hyperactivity and other neurobehavioral effects in children. Research in California linked it to behavioral problems in children.

Titanium dioxide: a possible carcinogen, the food color additive can be very irritating to mucous membranes like the eyes, nose and throat

and has been linked to cancer in rodents. There is no research on that link in humans.

The concern with titanium dioxide centers on its tendency to break into nanoparticles that can accumulate in the lungs and elsewhere in the body.

AB 418 will now move to the Senate; if enacted, California would be the first state to impose such a prohibition.

METRO from page 1

of a much cheaper option - and is spending hundreds of thousands in Cerritos' taxpayer dollars using a costly law firm and a lawsuit against Metro in an attempt to secure the costlier station.

Undaunted, Supervisor Janice Hahn held a meeting on May 8, bringing together leaders from the ten cities along the line in an attempt to put on a united front and garner additional dollars for the line from the Department of Transportation.

After the meeting, Hahn wrote, "Metro's future West Santa Ana Branch line is going to serve ten cities in Southeast LA and the Gateway Cities region, from Artesia all the way to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles. So on Monday, I brought together elected leaders from those communities for an update from Metro staff."

"Construction on this line isn't set to begin for some time, but we're already charging full steam ahead in advocating for this project. The West Santa Ana Branch is my biggest transit priority because it's going

to bring high-quality transit to 1.4 million residents. 44% of those residents are at or below the poverty line, and 18% don't own a car. This project is about equity."

"I'm thankful for the partnership of these city leaders in seeing this project through."

Hahn was not referring to the city leaders of Cerritos.

Los Cerritos Community News has obtained an internal memo from Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci, who has one foot out the retirement door, to all Cerritos City Councilmembers outlining the May 8 meeting.

Gallucci wrote, "On Monday, May 8, Mayor Barrows, Mayor pro tem Solanki, and I attended an in-person briefing hosted by Janice Hahn, which focused on discussing the Metro proposed West Santa Ana Branch Project... Supervisor Hahn solicited the support of all cities in an effort to establish a united and enthusiastic front in pursuit of federal monies... specifically, cities were asked to memorialize their support of the project by way of signing a letter to the US Department of Transportation to request federal funding."

Cerritos then made its demands for the more expensive station, holding the support and signing of the letter as hostage.

"Metro deemed the [more expensive station] financially unfeasible and will not be considering the aerial alignment. Discussions commenced, and there was no determination at the meeting...[all station choices] will need to be explored by City Council and staff."

LCCN contacted Supervisor Hahn, informing her of the letter; that is when Hahn confirmed that Cerritos did not sign the letter of support; Cerritos was the only city not to sign.

Just days later, Metro and Cerritos were due in court for a trial-setting conference; once again, Cerritos delayed the lawsuit; the parties are due in court in mid-June.

Cerritos' law firm has once again delayed the lawsuit, moving a pre-trial hearing from May to June.



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Art Gallucci, City Manager 

DATE: May 17, 2023

SUBJECT: **SUMMARY OF WSAB BRIEFING HOSTED BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN**

On Monday, May 8, 2023, Mayor Barrows, Mayor Pro Tem Solanki, and I attended an in-person briefing hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, which focused on discussing the Metro-proposed West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) project. During the briefing, which was attended by City Managers and Councilmembers of cities along the WSAB corridor, Supervisor Hahn provided information on the current status of the WSAB project, discussed rebranding efforts to rename the project, outlined action items for respective cities along the corridor, and solicited support by corridor cities in an effort to establish a united and enthusiastic front in pursuit of Federal monies to facilitate the construction of the WSAB project. Specifically, corridor cities were asked to memorialize its support of the project, by way of signing a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation, to request federal funding for the WSAB project from the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 budget, for continuing preliminary engineering, environmental analysis, and other project related tasks.

In response to the request for the City of Cerritos to sign the referenced letter, showing its full support of the WSAB project, the City's concerns were conveyed to the consortium of cities and representatives at the briefing. Concerns were raised regarding the above-grade, aerial alignment proposed for the 183rd Street and Gridley Road intersection due to the impacts of the bridge and associated infrastructure on residents of the cities of Cerritos and Artesia, as well as financial implications to commercial centers and businesses in both cities. While Metro recently completed its analysis of constructing a cut-and-cover alignment at this intersection, in lieu of an aerial alignment, such analysis concluded that the insurmountable costs associated with a cut-and-cover alignment at this intersection, or any other intersection along the WSAB corridor, deemed the project financially infeasible, and therefore will not be considered or pursued by Metro. As a result of such determination, discussions of assessing the above-grade aerial alignment compared to an at-grade alignment at this intersection commenced. While no determination was made during the briefing, it is anticipated that any assessment of now considering at-grade in lieu of cut-and-cover or aerial alignment, will need to be explored by the City Council and staff, inclusive of determining the feasibility of recouping funds from Metro that otherwise would be used to fund an aerial alignment at the subject intersection in Cerritos, and determining the feasibility and cost differential for a future at-grade station location versus a future aerial/above-grade station location.

Letter from City Manager Art Gallucci to the City Council.

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NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

- 1. Nonresidential commercial parcels, as defined in R&TC Section 3691, which will have been defaulted for three or more years;
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The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have

accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of Friday, June 30, 2023.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 6th day of April, 2023.

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The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit our website at tcc.lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

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, June 13, 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:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Unit #. Rows include Wellington Tilley, Jr (132), Angela Norris (110), and Angela Norris (F58).

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.

Self Storage Management Company Bond #: WL11254152

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

At the Board Meeting of June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom-16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the LCAP and the Budget of the District for the fiscal year 2023-2024, prior to Final Adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103. The proposed budget will be on file and available for public inspection at the following location should members of the public wish to review the budget prior to the public hearing.

Location: ABC Unified School District 16700 Norwalk Blvd. Cerritos, Ca. 90703

Date(s): June 2 - 5, 2023 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but no later than 11:00 AM on the 2nd day of June 2023 sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC - 1621 Rotary and In-Line Filling Machine

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on May 26, 2023 or later.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF RICHARD CHAN Case No. 23STPB04654

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD CHAN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William Chan in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 6, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: W STEVEN CHOU ESQ SBN 202412

LAW OFFICES OF W STEVEN CHOU PLC 6 CENTERPOINTE DR STE 700 LA PALMA CA 90623 CN996643 CHAN May 19, 26, Jun 2, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LOUIS J. COROSU

Case No. 23STPB03267 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of LOUIS J. COROSU.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LOUIS SCIARROTTA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LOUIS SCIARROTTA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost 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: 06/15/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: MICHELYN R. MILLER - SBN 210355, PATTERSON LAW FIRM, APC 1800 E. IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, SUITE 110 BREA CA 92821 BSC 223336 5/12, 5/19, 5/26/23 CNS-3699034# LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

Proof of Publication of FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023094630 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SENIORS HELPING SENIORS 13066 POINT ARENA PL., CERRITOS, CA. 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: SON-LIGHT 7 INCORPORATED, 13066 POINT ARENA PL., CERRITOS, CA. 90703, INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/SONLIGHT 7 INCORPORATED, LUIS HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 4/28/2023. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/23

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 6/15/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Antoinette Cox-Nicholson; Marco Antonio Leon; Ernesto Danan Vitug; April Marie Perez; Eduardo R Gutierrez. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 6/15/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Claudia Raquel Rodriguez; Eileen Alvarez; Isabel Abigail Robles; Norma Ysela Carrillo-Salinas; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Ruemy Ixcoy; Veronica Chavez Jimenez; Sandra Cortez Carrion; Virginia Caldera Madrid; Marleen Alamilla; Jason Micheal Lockwood; Joyce Audrey Salgado; Blanca Arely Zuniga; Dani Cano Flores; Josefina A Linares; Samuel Ramos; Felipe Palma; Adeline Christlie; Euridice Richardson; Maria de Los Angeles Mendez; Antonio Sierra Diaz. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SCOTT DELANE WILLESON

Case No. 23STPB05062 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SCOTT DELANE WILLESON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAMI SOBER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TAMI SOBER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/31/23 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.

Attorney for Petitioner: C. TRACY KAYSER - SBN 230022, KAYSER LAW GROUP, APC 1407 N. BATAVIA ST., SUITE 103 ORANGE CA 92867 BSC 223360 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/23 CNS-3700344# LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following items:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 15 AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPATIBILITY NO. 65: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN ORDINANCE AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND A CERTIFICATE OF COMPATIBILITY TO RAZE AN EXISTING WAREHOUSE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCT A NEW 180,766 SQ. FT. REPLACEMENT WAREHOUSE AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15910 VALLEY VIEW AVENUE, WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL (M-2) ZONING DISTRICT AND FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15302 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the environmental assessment, staff report and recommendations, as well as all testimony and public input, prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing, or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the Community Development Department, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. Comments may also be emailed directly to the project planner, Eric Garcia, at egarcia@cityoflamirada.org. Emailed comments must be received by Thursday, June 15, 2023 by 12:00 p.m.

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g., sign language interpreter).

IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Eric Garcia
Senior Planner

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a Public Hearing to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the item listed below:

HEARING BODY:	Hawaiian Gardens City Council
DATE OF HEARING:	June 13, 2023
TIME OF HEARING:	6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF HEARING:	City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

PUBLIC HEARING The City of Hawaiian Gardens City Council will hold a public hearing to adopt a Resolution ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments within the City of Hawaiian Gardens Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) No. HG-LLA1 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

FY 2023-24 LLAD
No. HG-LLA1:

The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 provides for the levy and collection of assessments by the City of Hawaiian Gardens to fund public improvements, maintenance, and servicing landscaping and lighting for the District.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD

Those persons desiring to testify in favor of or in opposition to the proposal listed above will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. If you challenge the subject application 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 submitted to the City Council at, or prior to the public hearing.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 23-16597-TN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: PHO2GUYS LLC AND TUAN PHAM, 11700 SOUTH ST. #108 ARTESIA, CA 90701
Doing Business as: PHO REDBO
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: RED JADES, INC., 1728 COLWYN AVE. HIGHLAND, CA 92346
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 11700 SOUTH ST. #108, ARTESIA, CA 90701
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, INC., 13305 BROOKHURST STREET GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the anticipated sale date is JUNE 14, 2023
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the last date for filing claims shall be JUNE 13, 2023, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: 05-18-2023
BUYER: RED JADES, INC.,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC 6105)

Escrow No. BU-2977-SR
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name and business address of the Seller is:
(1) The name of the Seller: ANTHONY'S SHELL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
(2) Name of the Business being sold: BELLFLOWER CIRCLE K AND FUEL
(3) Business address(es) of the Seller(s) is: 9355 SOMERSET BOULEVARD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(4) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 2460 NEWPORT BOULEVARD, UNIT E, COSTA MESA, CA 92627
(5) All other business names and addresses used by the Seller within the past (3) years, as stated by the Seller is: NONE
(6) The name of the Buyer is: IMPERIAL STATIONS INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION (7) The address of the Buyer is: 8221 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92844
(8) General description of the assets of BELLFLOWER CIRCLE K AND FUEL to be sold is described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, AND EQUIPMENT located at: 9355 SOMERSET BOULEVARD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(9) The Bulk Sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: SECURED TRUST ESCROW, INC., C/O SALLY ROWSHAN, ESCROW OFFICER, 21111 VICTOR ST, TORRANCE, CA 90503, TEL: (310) 318-3300; EMAIL: INFO@SECUREDTRUSTESCROW.COM;
Escrow No. BU-2977-SR
(10) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JUNE 14, 2023
(11) The last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be JUNE 13, 2023, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
(12) This Bulk Sale is not subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
DATE: 5-12-2023
BUYER: IMPERIAL STATIONS INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
ORD-1673734 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 5/26/23

CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF ZONE RECLASSIFICATION NO. 328, ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 190 AND ADDENDUM TO THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider Zone Reclassification No. 328, Zone Code Amendment No. 190 and addendum to the MND to apply a new R-40 overlay zone to parcels identified in the 6th Cycle Housing Element. The R-40 overlay zone will allow residential development at 40 dwelling units per acre (du/ac). The sixty-nine (69) properties identified are zoned primarily commercial and industrial along major transportation corridors and will permit standalone residential uses or mixed-use as part of the standards of the overlay. The R-40 Overlay Zone would be in addition to the existing zone and would not change the existing underlying zone. Zone Code Amendment No. 190 includes various text amendments to Title 18, Zoning, of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code as specified in the adopted 6th Cycle Housing Element.

WHEN: Monday, June 5, 2023

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: Parks and Recreation Community Room 6767 Passons Blvd
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Addendum was prepared in accordance with Section 15164 of CEQA Guidelines. The Project will not result in a greater environmental impact than analyzed in the approved Housing Element Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), CEQA Guidelines § 15164, a lead agency may prepare an addendum to a previously approved MND if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary and none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have occurred.

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

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

Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City's website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/housing-element/>. Please contact Estefany Franco, Planner at 562-801-4026 for additional questions.

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

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-943

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING ARTICLES 20 AND 44 OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 9 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGN REVIEW FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES, AND REAFFIRMING THAT COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES MAY BE A PERMITTED USE SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS ENTITLEMENTS WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL, COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, ARTESIA BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN, ARTESIA BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, AND SOUTH STREET SPECIFIC PLAN ZONES THAT ARE SOUTH OF CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE 91 (ARTESIA FREEWAY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Special City Council Meeting at the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-943 amending Articles 20 and 44 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Artesia Municipal Code related to design review and commercial cannabis use and cultivation. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- Proposed revisions to Article 20 propose an administrative design review related to commercial cannabis uses in certain circumstances. Under the proposed revisions, if an approved commercial cannabis business seeks "minor modifications" to an existing structure, then it would be reviewed by the Community Development Director. In order to approve an administrative design review, the Community Development Director would still need to make required findings. Any appeal of an administrative design review would go to the Planning Commission for consideration. Modifications that implicate 60 percent or more of the building façade would also still go to the Planning Commission for review.
- Proposed revisions to Article 44 are to strengthen the language and reaffirm that commercial cannabis businesses may only be located south of California State Route 91 in the Commercial General, Commercial Planned Development, Artesia Boulevard Specific Plan, Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, and South Street Specific Plan zones subject to permit requirements and operating regulations. The proposed revisions also acknowledge State law relating to the right to limited cannabis cultivation for personal use.
- The Council will also consider a finding that this project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3). The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Planning Commission considered the proposed ordinance at a special meeting held on May 15, 2023, and unanimously recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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 the Artesia City Clerk's Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, before 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

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)

Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.

Jennifer Alderete
Acting City Clerk

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Pico Rivera Parks and Rec. Dept. Reels in Three Awards



PICO RIVERA'S Roldan Mini-Pitch project won the Award of Excellence for Best Design in Park Planning from the California Parks and Recreation Society the highest award at the State level for CPRS.

LCCN Staff Report

Pico Rivera's Parks and Recreation Department was recently recognized by the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) for the Roldan Mini-Pitch in an award ceremony held last month in San Diego.

The Department submitted the Roldan Mini-Pitch project to the annual CPRS awards for "Best Design in Park Planning" for the California Parks and Recreation Society and was subsequently awarded the Award of Excellence, the highest award to receive at the State level for CPRS.

The Roldan Mini-Pitch opened at Pico Park last Spring much to the delight of area residents. The Mini-Pitch re-

Many attendees at the CPRS Conference held in San Diego last month were impressed with the transformation of the dilapidated area into a full use recreational space. In addition, the design and concept were also complimented by many Cities.

The idea of the mini-pitch came about when city staff met with resident and MLS Soccer star Cristian Roldan of the Seattle Sounders to bring a 5-on-5 mini-pitch soccer field to the city.

Since the initial meeting held in 2021, the wheels were set in motion, and the court became a reality when it opened in 2022.

In addition to the Award of Excellence, the Department was presented with the 2022 Innovative Programming



DURING THE ANNUAL California Association for Coordinated Transportation conference held last month, Pico Rivera's Transit program was recognized and awarded 1st Place – Excellence in Marketing for the design of the Pico Rivera Transit bus wraps

placed an unused black top area that had an aging handball court and faded basketball court markings on the floor.

The Mini-Pitch is a small, outdoor soccer court that is utilized for 5-on-5 competitive soccer play, training, and conditioning. The mini-pitch can also be used as a full court basketball court by local youth teams or park patrons when not in use for soccer games or training.

Award by CPRS – Aquatics Section for the city's Summer Pool Days program. With the Smith Park Aquatic Center closed last summer, city staff was adamant about hosting an aquatics program for residents who wanted to enjoy a day of swimming. The idea to arrange for a local trip to take residents to a nearby community pool, and Summer Pool Days was born.

The program was an instant success, with each free trip "selling out." Residents were able to visit aquatic centers in Rosemead, Commerce, and Whittier, with a special end of summer celebration hosted by the city of Commerce.

The city's Parks and Recreation Department received yet another recognition last month. During an annual California Association for Coordinated Transportation conference held last month, the city's Pico Rivera Transit program was recognized and awarded 1st Place – Excellence in Marketing, for the design of the Pico Rivera Transit bus wraps, and the associated marketing to launch the program.

Pico Rivera Transit is the city's Dial-A-Van service that provides curb-to-curb service to Seniors and disabled residents in the city of Pico Rivera. For information on the program, including enrollment, call 562.948.4844.

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Many residents mentioned that money is an issue for most people, leading them to undergo euthanization for their pets. They said it's difficult to spend hundreds of dollars to surrender an animal living paycheck to paycheck.

"Last week they killed eight dogs, and today, eight dogs," alleged one angry resident. "These dogs are not given the proper time, care and attention."

"We are still seeing animals that are staying longer in our care," said Denise Woodside, executive director at SEACA. "As we continue to expand our team, it is our goal to continue to expand availability hours."

In other news, the Norwalk City Council announced an update on the City's Urban Forest Management Plan.

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WRD CELEBRATES ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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Established in 1959, the Water Replenishment District (WRD) manages the Central Basin and West Coast Basin in southern Los Angeles County, two of the most utilized urban groundwater basins in the nation. Groundwater from these basins provides 50% of the total water supply for four million people within WRD's service area, which includes 43 cities within 420 square miles. WRD is charged with:

- Replenishment of the groundwater basins,
- Protection and cleanup of groundwater against natural and human-made contaminants (such as PFAS), and
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