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Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Sales Hit Record Low After City Alters Marketing

By Brian Hews

Ticket sales plummeted at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts in 2022-2023 hitting a record low of \$3.4 million as Cerritos management altered its marketing plan, completely eliminating community newspapers and spending its entire print budget with the L.A. Times and the O.C. Register.

The overall sales were obtained via a public records request.

The expense budget was

pegged at \$7.9 million, meaning the CCPA lost an eye-popping \$4.5 million, a fact the Republican-controlled City Council knew when they proposed to raise '23-'24 CCPA expenses by 21%, or over \$1.6 million, for a total expense budget of \$10.5 million.

Commenting to Los Cerritos Community News, Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci wrote, "The selection of the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register is based

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Councilmember Endorsed by the Cerritos Republican Club Wants to Ban Books

Gracey Van Der Mark was invited to speak at the Cerritos Library in 2022 by the Club, she is a known white supremacist and racist.

By Brian Hews

Gracey Van Der Mark, an extremely controversial Huntington Beach Councilmember who has been accused of being affiliated with white supremacists while at the same time being accused of racist social media

by Chamber Executive Director Noel Jaimes and Tammye McDuff, which outraged many at the meeting.

More than a hundred people signed up to speak, and more than 600 residents emailed comments to the city council.

The controversial proposal puts HB in the spotlight with other cities and school districts attempting book bans nationwide. Many residents said they are concerned that Van Der Mark's proposal could lead to book bans, but Van Der Mark has maintained that "isn't her intention."

Van Der Mark is asking the City Council to have the city manager and city attorney draft a new law to keep the materials from being made available to children. She also asked for a process to screen new books.

The proposal passed in a 4-3 vote shortly after 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, with the council's conservative majority echoing Van Der Mark's request to the city manager and attorney.

Book Bans Coming to Cerritos?

The Cerritos Republican Club has long supported Van Der Mark, with the Republican majority of Bruce Barrows, Chuong Vo, and Naresh Solanki approving Van Der Mark speaking at the Cerritos Library in September 2022.

A flyer was also circulated on social media under the Cerritos Republican Club logo, who sponsored the event.

The flyer was also seen on the right-wing Republican-leaning Facebook page Cerritos Press One, which has blocked LCCN from joining.

The flyer promoting Van Der Mark's appearance at the library was entitled What are your kids

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CERRITOS SHERIFF'S CAR SHOWS DRAWS OVER 1,000 ATTENDEES

VINTAGE IRON CAR SHOW: Over 100 cars were at the event at Heritage Park this past Sunday featuring food, music, several vendors and raffles including a 50/50 drawing.

Artesia Moves Closer to Permitting Commercial Cannabis in City

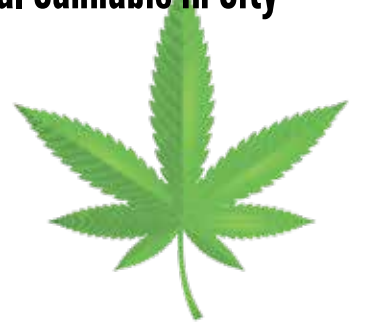
By Brian Hews

On October 10, 2022, the Artesia City Council adopted an ordinance that amended the city's code to provide for zones where commercial cannabis businesses could open a business.

The ordinance, which some businesses north of the freeway

complained about, mandated that the commercial cannabis facilities could only be located south of the 91-Artesia Freeway.

After adopting the cannabis ordinance, the city council approved two additional ordinances to create a framework for application submittals, reviewing and scoring applica-



tions, and awarding cannabis permits. The city mandated

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Cerritos Resident Max Park Breaks Rubik Cube World Record

By Brian Hews

Cerritos is home to a world record Rubik's Cube Champion and his name is Max Park.

Max Park pulled off the feat in just 3.134 seconds.

Park is a 21 year-old boy with Autism who, in 2016, placed third in the World Cube Association of Rubik's Cube champions and was ranked number one in California, United States and North America. Max participated in twenty competitions in 2016 and earned first place in seventeen of those competitions.

As part of his therapy, doctors recommended Max play with a Rubik's cube.

Schwan Park, Max's Father told LCCN, "Initially working with the Rubik's cube was aimed at working on his fine motor skills." But it became much bigger than that.

At the age of ten, the Parks took Max to his first competi-

tion to help with his social skills. Max made it to competition floor, solving the 6x6 Rubik's cube in just 2 minutes and 57.66 seconds.

"He was beating out other competitor's by a full minute, and these were college age kids," recalls Schwan. The win gave Max his first division title, placing him in the top 100 players in the world. Further, it was the 89th fastest time ever recorded.

A Rubik's Cube is a three-dimensional flexible puzzle with six sides containing colored squares. The goal is to

spin the sides so each ends up with the same color. A standard cube has three rows of each color, but the puzzle comes in various sizes and Max can solve the puzzle faster than most people on the planet.

In the beginning, Max tinkered with the cube, but really became enthralled while watching YouTube videos of people solving the puzzle. He then challenged himself to match their speed. As Max watched the other competitors, he memorized their moves.

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VAN DER MARK (front) at a rally. Behind her is a woman flashing a white supremacist sign.

posts - and who was invited to speak at a 2022 Cerritos Republican Club meeting attended by ACBUSD Board Members Soo Yoo and Michael Eugenio - has proposed to screen out what she views as "obscene and pornographic children's books" from city libraries.

Van Der Mark also spoke at a La Mirada Chamber meeting involving the Norwalk/La Mirada School District election, invited



WORLD RECORD:

Max Park celebrates after solving a Rubik's cube in 3.134 seconds.

Gun Buyback in Hawaiian Gardens Nets 18 Firearms



OFF THE STREETS: Deputies and Supervisor Janice Hahn representatives at the gun buyback in Hawaiian Gardens on Tuesday. The guns that were turned in for gift cards.

By Brian Hews

This past Tuesday a gun buyback sponsored by L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn's in partnership with the L.A. Sheriff's took 18 guns off of the streets in Hawaiian Gardens.

"This was a success," said Los An-

geles County Supervisor Janice Hahn. "There are 18 fewer guns that can be used in a violent crime or a tragic accident in our communities. I am grateful to everyone who came out today and turned in a weapon. It was the right thing to do and your families and your community are safer because of it."

Apple Store Camp at Los Cerritos Center



DESIGN YOUR DREAM INVENTION ON IPAD: the sessions are geared towards children between the ages of 8 and 12, as well as their parents or guardians.

By Renee Elefant

Children and their families will have the opportunity to explore their creativity in the form of Apple Store Camps, this year, the free sessions, titled "Design Your Dream Invention on iPad," will be held from June 10 to Aug. 5. There are a few sessions in July that remain open at the Los Cerritos Center Apple Store.

According to Apple, the sessions are geared towards children between the ages of 8 and 12, as well as their parents or

guardians.

During the 60-minute sessions, which are led by an Apple Creative, participants will be using Apple Pencil, Keynote and Freeform. No prior experience of these accessories and apps is necessary as Apple Creatives will teach children and their parents/guardians how to use the technology. All materials will be provided at the application as well, along with an Apple Camp t-shirt.

After participating in a discussion about inventions, students will then brainstorm an invention that could help improve a part of their neighborhood or help a loved one via the Freeform app, and the Apple Creative will draw it on an iPad. With Freeform, users can use shapes and sticky notes, as well as drawing and writing tools, to brainstorm their designs.

Participants will then use Keynote to insert details about the inventions and create GIFs in the style of trading cards that will be displayed in the session's "Wall of Fame." This segment will last an additional 30 minutes, and everyone has a chance to be featured and share their inventions with the other attendees. This final portion of the session is optional to attend.

Parents and guardians must register prior to attending a session.

Go to bit.ly/LCCNAPPLE to find a session in Cerritos.

Catalytic Converter Theft Deterrent Etching at Cerritos Sheriff's Station

Cerritos Sheriff's Station invites Cerritos residents and businesses to a catalytic converter theft deterrent event on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Cerritos Civic Center located at 18135 Bloomfield Ave. in Cerritos.

Participants can have their vehicle's catalytic converter etched with a unique identification number that will act as a theft deterrent.

This will also provide law enforcement with valuable information should it be stolen and later located.

The event will be provided at no cost to Cerritos residents and businesses.

It will also be extended to employees of businesses in the city of Cerritos. Attendees must present ID.

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2nd Women's Equality Day Youth Speech and Art Contests

By Norma Williamson, Event Chair

The second annual Women's Equality Day Youth Speech and Art Contests will take place on Sunday, August 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Clubhouse of Shadow Park, 12721 Alconbury St. Cerritos, 90703, a gated community.

This event is co-sponsored by the non-profit Arias Art Foundation and the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club. \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to K-12 winners of the speech and art contests, made possible by the generosity of Juan Garza, former Bellflower Mayor and his wife Mayra Garza, 2023 BUSD Board President.

Other sponsors include Al Barlevy, Diana Needham, Ret. Judge Lee Tipton and Mary Ann Tipton, Norma Williamson, event founder and program chair and Arias Art Foundation Director Leo Perez.

The annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day marks the 103rd anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment that granted American women the right to vote on August 26, 1920, culminating in 72 years of political activism by the "suffragists" the women who tirelessly advocated for the franchise. This event is largely organized by retired and current public school teachers (Pam Crawley, Emily Chen Darnell, Catherine Pascual, Mary Ann Tipton and Norma Williamson) who wish to instill in youth a sense of pride and knowledge of women's history. Keynote speaker is Asm. Sharon Quirk Silva D-67 who also is a former K-12 public school teacher.

Youth participants will create art and deliver speeches on famous historical women leaders and activists in politics. Area high school student finalists will be delivering a 3-minute speech on one famous female political/human rights leader like Mary McLeod Bethune, Malala Yousafzai,

Greta Thunberg &/or historical American suffragist like Alice Paul, Carrie Chapman Catt and more. First place winner will be awarded a \$300 check, 2nd place a \$200 check and third place a \$100 check.

Middle school students will compete for the best interpretive visual, two dimensional, 8 1/2 " x 11" multimedia art piece showcasing important female leaders like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Eleanor Roosevelt and others. Prize money levels for winning are \$100, \$75 and \$50.

Elementary school boys and girls will participate in a coloring page contest (watercolors, colored pencils, crayons, markers, charcoal allowed) of either Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, Susan B. Anthony, Shirley Chisholm, Kamala Harris and/or Sandra Day O'Connor. Winning award levels are \$75, \$50 and \$25. ALL finalists in attendance, will receive a small participation gift bag.

One distinctive feature of our scoring system is based on the popular American Idol television show where the audience votes. The adult family/adult friends of contestants, who are in attendance and have registered to attend, will be allowed to vote for the speech and art winners. Contestant or at least ONE adult family/adult friend MUST reside in one of the following 9 cities: Artesia, Bellflower, Buena Park, Cerritos, Cypress, Fullerton, Hawaiian Gardens, La Palma, Los Alamitos and identify their city on the contest registration form.

The keynote speaker will be former public school teacher and current Assembly Member Sharon Quirk Silva from AD67; more guest speakers will be announced later on.

Submissions should be no later than August 1st. Registration is online via this link: linktr.ee/hhhdcwed

LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE WILL CUT L.A. COUNTY POOL HOURS



LIBERTY PARK SPLASH PAD only requires adult or guardian supervision of kids, all county splash pads do not need lifeguards unlike the county pools.

Staff Report

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit another category of jobs: county lifeguards.

Normally operating six days a week in the summer, Los Angeles County's 25 swimming pools have cut their operating hours in half due to shortages of lifeguards, the county reported.

Half of the pools will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the other half will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The summer schedule begins this week.

The new Whittier Regional Aquatic Center and the San Fernando Regional Pool are year-round pools and will remain operational six days a week.

The county has tried to stagger the pools so if one is closed, another "close by" will be open.

Splash pads also are not affected and are located in City Terrace Park, Atlantic Ave. Park, Alondra Park Splash Pad, Los

Robles Park, and Cerritos Park Splash Pad.

One of the big reasons for the shortage is that the pandemic forced the closure of many pools that were an excellent recruitment source for lifeguards.

To counter, the county launched its Lifeguard Ready Training program that trains young people by matching them with an instructor. The instructor ascertains if the young person is a good swimmer, and then they can apply for a lifeguard position.

"Being a pool lifeguard is a great summer job, especially for a young person, and we need to make sure the salaries we offer are competitive," said Fourth District Supervisor and Board Chair Janice Hahn in a prepared statement. "It's also an important job, but hiring shouldn't take months."

To check out county pool hours and programming, such as classes and water polo, go to: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/aquatics/>

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Sheriff's Explorer Graduates, Will Join Cerritos Station Group



CERRITOS SHERIFF Station Deputies with Explorer M. Lee who graduated the L.A.S.D. Explorer Academy Class Number 108. Lee will be joining Cerritos Post 23 where his older brother is currently an Explorer. Requirements to become an Explorer: aged 14-20; G.P.A. 2.0 or higher; strong integrity and character; no serious criminal record/probation; must pass drug screening; must submit to background check; must be able to attend Wednesday evening Post meetings upon completion of Academy.

Cerritos Resident Appointed to Beyond Blindness Board

By **Brian Hews**

Beyond Blindness, an Orange County-based nonprofit that empowers children with visual impairments and other disabilities this week announced nine appointments to its Board of Directors and Ophthalmic Advisory Board, including Cerritos resident Hemant Mistry. "We are pleased to welcome this new slate of board and advisory board members, whose visionary leadership and wealth of expertise in diverse fields will help accelerate connection, partnerships and awareness for Beyond Blindness," said Angie Rowe, President and CEO of Beyond Blindness.



Hemant Mistry

Mr. Mistry is the global head of identity and risk management at Capital Group, where he collaborates with C-suite executives and business and IT governance committees to steer initiatives in the U.S., Europe and Asia regions. He is also the chair of the Nonprofit Leadership Committee at Capital Group, providing mentoring, networking and educational opportunities for company associates to become nonprofit advocates in the community. A globally experienced leader, his 30-year career includes tenure at several major financial institutions such as Citigroup, Barclays and JP Morgan Chase Bank. Hemant has a Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in mathematics from Middlesex University - Business School in London, United Kingdom (UK) and a diploma in export management (MIE) from Institute of Export & International Trade in London, United Kingdom (UK). Serving two-year terms through June 30, 2025, board members will provide strategic governance while also advocating on behalf of the organization's mission, vision, and values.



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LAB GROWN CHICKEN MEAT APPROVED BY USDA

Staff Report

For the first time, U.S. regulators on Wednesday approved the sale of chicken made from animal cells, allowing two California companies to offer "lab-grown" meat to the nation's restaurant tables and eventually, supermarket shelves.

The USDA gave the green light to Upside Foods and Good Meat, firms that sell meat that doesn't come from slaughtered animals — what's now being referred to as "cell-cultivated" meat.

The move launches a new era of meat production aimed at eliminating harm to animals and drastically reducing the environmental impacts of grazing, growing feed for animals and animal waste.

Cultivated meat is grown in steel tanks, using cells that come from a living animal, a fertilized egg or a bank of stored cells.

But don't look for this novel meat in U.S. grocery stores anytime soon.

The companies plan to serve the new food first in exclusive restaurants: Upside has partnered with a San Francisco restaurant called Bar Crenn, while Good Meat dishes will be served at a Washington, D.C., restaurant run by chef and owner Jose Andrés.

Company officials are quick to note the products are meat, not substitutes from plant proteins and other ingredients.

The finished chicken breast product was slightly paler than the grocery store

version. Otherwise it looked, cooked, smelled and tasted like pan-fried poultry.

Companies acknowledged that many consumers are skeptical, even squeamish, about the thought of eating chicken grown from cells.

The sentiment was echoed in a recent poll which half of U.S. adults said that they are unlikely to try meat grown using cells from animals. When asked to choose from a list of reasons for their reluctance, most who said they'd be unlikely to try it said "it just sounds weird." About half said they don't think it would be safe.


Cultivated meat begins with cells. Once the cell lines are selected, they're combined with a broth-like mixture that includes the amino acids, fatty acids, sugars, salts, vitamins and other elements cells need to grow. Inside the tanks, called cultivators, the cells grow, proliferating quickly.

Both firms emphasized that initial production will be limited. Upside says they can produce up to 50,000 pounds; Good Meat officials wouldn't estimate a production goal.

It could take a few years before consumers see the products in more restaurants and seven to 10 years before they hit the wider market.

Cost will be another sticking point. Eventually, the price is expected to mirror high-end organic chicken, which sells for up to \$20 per pound.

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LOSS OF LOCAL JOURNALISM HAS CREATED SPACE FOR ABUSE AND CORRUPTION

By Jan-Werner Mueller

“All politics is local,” is an old American saying. That might partly explain why democratic politics is going so badly — especially, but not only, in the United States. For local government to work properly, there must be local journalism to hold politicians and policymakers to account. But local journalism has been collapsing in many parts of the world.

This makes it more difficult for citizens to connect to civic life; local problems that could have wider significance go unreported.

But though there is no single “fix” for the decline of local journalism, we are not helpless. Experiments in different countries suggest ways to revitalize local reporting. All make the production of public interest news, by whatever economic means available.

For most of the 20th century, the news business relied on advertising revenue, but the internet put a huge dent in that. Local journalism was hit especially hard, not only because ads migrated to free online classified boards like Craigslist, killing the backbone of newspapers, the Classifieds

By some estimates, one-third of the newspapers that existed in the U.S. in 2005 will be gone by 2025. In the United Kingdom, 320 local newspapers closed between 2009 and 2019. The private equity firms like the one that owns Whittier and Long Beach papers, tend to make things worse. Rather than investing in

journalism, they downsize newsrooms and sell off newspaper buildings.

The implications for democracy are beyond debate. Social scientists who study the issue have demonstrated clearly that less local journalism results in higher levels of corruption, undermines political competition and reduces citizen engagement.

And even if there is good local reporting, it too often remains local. George Santos’ serial lying was covered by a local newspaper, but it did not become a national news story until weeks after he was elected to Congress.

Although no single business model has emerged as a reliable replacement for advertising revenue, alternatives to the tyranny of the market exist. Consider philanthropy. While there is an obvious danger of creating dependencies or conflicts of interest, a mixture of philanthropic funding and volunteering can give rise to inspiring initiatives like Report for America, which places people in local newsrooms to cover underreported issues.

Editors note: Here in California, the state spends hundreds of millions on advertising, and very little in print newspapers.

Countries could make it easier for journalism to qualify as a charitable activity, and governments everywhere can provide grants.

The peril of creating dependencies or conflicts of interest is avoidable if there are enough layers between the state and recipients of taxpayer money.

Contrary to what Elon Musk wants people to think when he calls NPR “state-affiliated media,” mechanisms for insulating journalists from political pressures have long been available in public service broadcasting.

There is no reason why they can’t be extended to local journalism as well.

Democracy depends on communication. But effective communication, in turn, depends on understanding which democratic decisions really matter. To that end, the nonprofit States Newsroom focuses squarely on state-level policies that affect citizens in ways that are not

obvious even to the relatively well-informed.

The Documenters Network trains and pays people to report on local government meetings that otherwise would go unobserved. The BBC, for instance, has partnered with local newspapers to increase the quantity of local reporting, sending a clear signal that decisions on the ground matter.

Some approaches will function better than others, depending on the locale.

But as a general matter, it is crucial to avoid strategies that primarily benefit larger regional or even national newspaper companies, rather than local institutions.

Innovative plans to let newspapers negotiate for content fees from big platforms like Google have worked for media companies in Australia, and they may yet work in the U.S. if new legislation such as the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act is approved by Congress. But money must go to the grassroots too.

The goal, after all, is to produce genuine news of public interest about and from places otherwise forgotten or ignored.

Jan-Werner Mueller, a professor of politics at Princeton University, is the author, most recently, of “Democracy Rules.”

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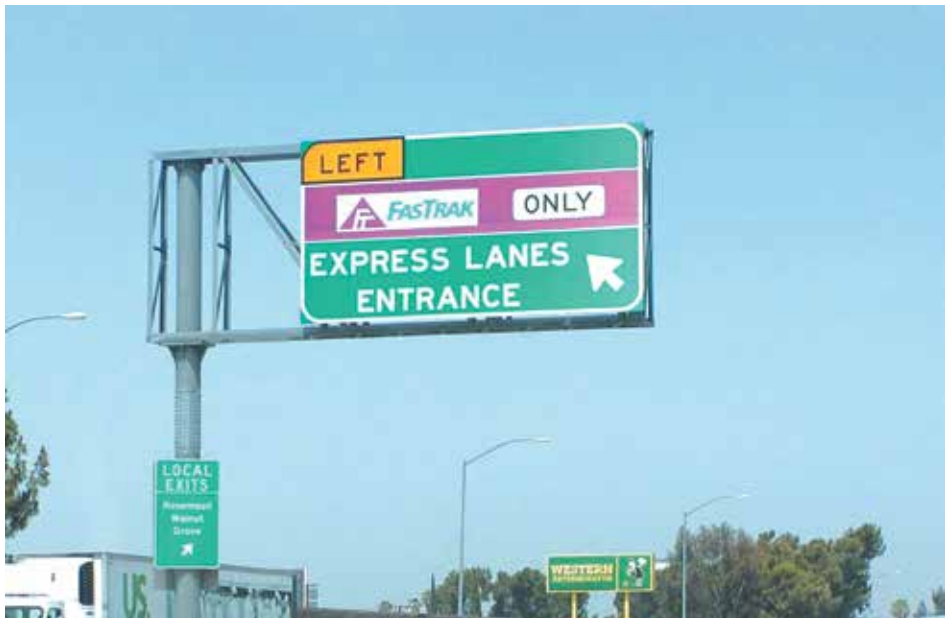
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Metro Allows Pay-As-You-Go on I-10 and I-110 Freeways



FOR YEARS drivers were not allowed in the Metro Express Lanes on the I-10 and I-110 freeways without a transponder in their vehicle, that will now change.

Staff Report

Yesterday, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn applauded a vote by the Metro Board to permanently "decriminalize" the Express Lanes on the 10 and 110 freeways. Hahn, who serves on the Metro Board, was the author of the original proposal to decriminalize, and replace it with a "pay-as-you-go" model in 2018.

For years, drivers were not allowed in the Metro Express Lanes on the I-10 and I-110 freeways without having an official transponder in their vehicle. If caught by the CHP in the Express Lane without a transponder, a driver would receive a \$250 citation. A camera would also capture the license plates of any vehicles without transponders and send the drivers a fine in the mail.

In 2018, Supervisor Hahn proposed a

plan to decriminalize the Express Lanes and allow drivers without a transponder to use the lanes and simply pay the congestion toll and a small processing fee which are sent in the mail. Metro implemented Hahn's plan as a pilot program starting in 2019.

"I proposed this plan back in 2018 because I know how intimidating the Express Lanes can be for drivers and that plenty of people haven't gone through the trouble of getting a transponder," said Hahn. "It is gratifying to know that the pay-as-you-go model has been working and that we can make this a permanent option for drivers and make our freeways a little more friendly."

Data compiled by Metro showed 900,000 more people using the express lanes without transponders during the pilot program.

Cerritos Honors Residents' 75th Wedding Anniversary

Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council congratulated longtime residents Bob and Mary Buell on their 75th wedding anniversary.

On June 17, 1948, the couple was married at St. Bernard Church in Bellflower, California.

They have been residents of Cerritos since 1966.

The Buells have owned B & B Stables, one of the oldest continuing businesses in the city, since 1962. Bob Buell served on the city's Economic Development Commission from 2004 to 2020.

LONG-TIME Cerritos residents Mary and Bob Buell.



La Mirada to Strictly Enforce Fireworks Regulations

Staff Report

La Mirada wants to remind the community that the La Mirada Public Safety Team will take a "zero-tolerance" approach to enforcing fireworks and party regulations.

The Public Safety Team will strictly enforce this policy, and will issue a \$1,000 fine to individuals caught discharging or in possession of illegal fireworks.

The discharging of fireworks on city-owned property, including parks, streets and sidewalks, is strictly prohibited.

The use of "safe and sane fireworks" is permitted and only allowed on Tuesday, July 4 from 3 to 10 p.m.

Trespassing laws will be enforced and individuals who discharge fireworks or conduct celebrations on private property without the owner's permission will be cited.

The city also reminds residents of La Mirada that streets may not be blocked to accommodate parties or large gatherings. Those hosting large parties that disturb the peace may be cited for the costs of dispersing the party. Public drinking of alcoholic beverages and public intoxication are also prohibited. All laws will be proactively enforced.

Residents are highly encouraged to take an active part in reporting criminal activity.

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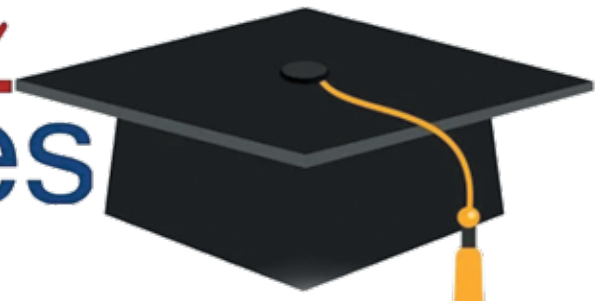


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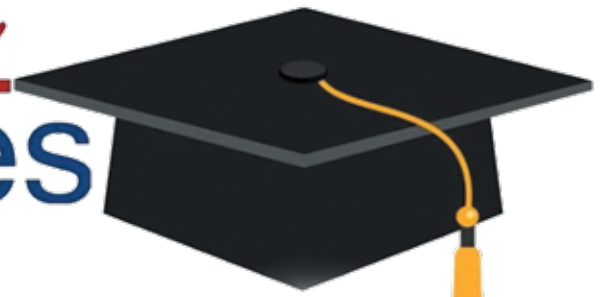
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FIVE YEARS OF 605 LEAGUE

CERRITOS HIGH AND OTHERS FINDING COMPETITIVE COMFORT IN 605 LEAGUE

By Loren Kopff
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Artesia High, Cerritos High and John Glenn High, once longtime members of the defunct Suburban League, were hoping for a better chance to be competitive in the 605 League when it was introduced to the CIF-Southern Section to kick off the 2018-2019 school year. The former Suburban League had been primarily dominated by La Mirada High and Mayfair High, though the three schools that broke ties with the Suburban League had spurts of success.

Five years into the existence of the 605 League and it's been a win-win for the six-member 605 League as every school has tasted life as a league champion, has gone deep in the playoffs and has even called themselves a CIF champion.

One of the main reasons for the formation of the 605 League, which also includes former Del Rio League member Pioneer High and ex-Academy League rivals Oxford Academy and Whitney High, was football driven. From 1998-2017, La Mirada and Mayfair combined to win all but one football league crown, though Cerritos was a tri-champion in 2001.

In the five years of the 605 League, Cerritos has two league titles in football and Artesia and Glenn have one each. There was no official league season in the fall of 2020 as the pandemic shifted the season to the spring of 2021 with no more



than six games played, and Pioneer went to the playoffs last season.

"I think Covid had kind of an effect on us, especially on the smaller schools," said Cerritos co-athletic director Robert Adams. "I think for some of the schools, the 605 League has done really well. For Cerritos, I think it's a mixed bag. Not all sports have benefitted at Cerritos because some of the other schools have not been able to field all the sports they committed to and/or all the levels they committed to in those sports."

Adams continued to say that he is hopeful that the schools which don't have all levels in certain sports will correct itself. But for now, the six institutions have to figure out ways to schedule competitive non-league games for their lower level teams

during league action if there aren't enough league teams to field a balanced schedule.

"The 605 League's first five years have been a success," said Glenn athletic director Linda Parra. "We have had the opportunity to create competitive equity in every sport. Teams who have not had much success in league play in the past, have been able to compete and qualify for the CIF playoffs. Many of our league teams have had success within the CIF playoffs as well."

Although Glenn's football team won the league in 2019, it has tried to stay within striking range of an automatic playoff berth in some of the other sports. Last season's girls volleyball team finished in third place, the 2021-2022 boys basketball team finished in third place and advanced

to the quarterfinals in the playoffs, the 2019-2020 boys soccer team was a second place finisher, the 2019 baseball team got third place and the last three Eagle softball teams have combined to go 18-12 in league action with a pair of playoff trips.

"Yes, while there are some athletic teams at John Glenn that might struggle a bit in the league, due to participation and lack of experience, I do believe the 605 League is beneficial for JGHS Athletics," said Parra.

While Glenn has struggled, Cerritos has thrived more than the other five schools. Of the four major sports in each of the three seasons, the Dons have claimed 33 league titles. That doesn't include the dominance in such sports like boys and girls cross country, boys and girls golf, boys and girls track and field and boys and girls wrestling. It's statistics like that that shows why the 605 League is a good landing spot for Cerritos.

"Right now, it certainly is," said Adams. "I think it's easier for us at Cerritos than it was for La Mirada. I don't think the situation is apples to apples in as much as when the Suburban League was attacked six years ago, or seven years ago, all the schools had similar population. For La Mirada to excel in as many sports as they did was very impressive. It's a less impressive feat for a 2,100 student school to dominate or to have success over a bunch of 1,000 or lower population schools. We're twice the size of most of the schools in the 605 League."

But with the good, comes the bad. Whitney was hit probably the hardest in a pair of sports when Covid shut everything down in the early spring of 2020. The baseball team was on the verge of a possible playoff berth in 2020 despite finishing in fifth place in 2019 and had a strong senior class returning. But low numbers wiped out the return of a team in 2021 and the Wildcats haven't fielded a team since then. The same happened with its girls soccer team, which went to the playoffs weeks before Covid hit. Some of the girls played for the 2020-2021 boys team which advanced to the Division 7 championship game. But even then, Whitney boys soccer has gone winless in league action the past two seasons while there has not been a girls soccer program.

In girls soccer, Cerritos has gone 40-0-0 in league action and went to the Division 4 semifinals this past February. But Artesia, Oxford Academy, Pioneer and Whitney have either been eliminated in the wild card or first round nine times and only Oxford has advanced to the second round once. On top of that, Glenn has yet to win a league game.

"Again, I think you can make an argument that Covid may have played a little part of it, but the 605 League has not shown as much competitiveness as we have hoped," said Adams. "And, we have dropped levels. Girls soccer, using them as example and I'm the coach of that, obviously, we don't participate in a six-team league. We participate in a five-team league [and] not only do we participate in a five-team league, but we participate in a five-team league with no junior varsity teams. So, that presents a huge difficulty on our side."

Adams said he and Cerritos would be open to entertaining expansion of the league as needed in order to preserve the competitiveness and the validity of the different sports in multiple levels.

Not winning a 605 League title doesn't mean you can't have success in the playoffs, especially with the CIF-SS having changed its divisional format over the years. Artesia's 2019 league title in foot-

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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June 21, 2023

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Puzzle answer on page 11.

Solution: **7 letters**

PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUALIFIER

AREA ATHLETES, COACHES VIE FOR A BERTH IN END OF SUMMER'S TOP TOURNAMENT

By Loren Kopff
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IRVINE-Many of the area's high school softball players' travel teams have already clinched a spot in the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championship, but they wanted more. Others were looking to stamp their name to the lengthy list of teams that will flock to several Orange County facilities at the end of July and early August in what will either be their last softball games before college, or a little bit of momentum for the 2024 high school season.

Those area athletes and a couple of coaches took part in the PGF Southern California Qualifier, and one team in particular came up short in playing for either an automatic spot in the Premier Division or Platinum Division of the National Championships. In the 18-Under age division, the Southern California Athletics-Rivera/Blanck had the bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, trailing the [Moorpark] Southern Cali-

fornia Choppers-Ashley by a run. But a base-running mistake ended the game and the Athletics fell 3-2. The Athletics, coached by Tim Rivera and current Artesia High head coach Ed Blanck, both of whom were once coaches in the Artesia Punishers organization, won three straight games before falling to the [San Marcos] Southern California Breakers-Beddo/Wright 5-1 this past Sunday morning followed by the setback to the Choppers.

"It was unfortunate we had to get to [that situation]," said Rivera. "We shouldn't have been there; all their runs were unearned. Otherwise, we would have won 2-0 and been still playing."

"I think as we go on, you're facing better pitching," he later added. "In the first game today, we didn't do too well. We should have won that game. This team right here, it was a very good team we lost to. We play them all the time and we battle with them. I don't feel as bad losing to them as I do losing that first game."

The Athletics took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second when Maya Torres (Artesia High) singled with two outs and scored from second when catcher Viki

Barron (Manhattanville College) reached on an error. The score remained that way until the top of the fifth when the Choppers scored twice.

The eventual game-winner was scored one inning later before the Athletics began to make things interesting. On the first pitch of the bottom of the sixth, center fielder Olivia Madkins (Columbia University) homered over the left field fence.

In the final inning with one out, Barron was walked on four pitches and went to second on a single from left fielder Jenessa Hernandez (Wilcox High). Then with two outs and after fouling off three straight pitches, Madkins singled to load



the bases. However, a blunder on the base paths ended the game.

Had the Athletics pulled out the victory, they would have faced the [Foothill Ranch] Southern California Athletics-Dave Lastrapes with the winner of that game earning a spot in the Premier Division and loser getting a berth in the Platinum Division of the National Championships. Heading into the qualifier, the Athletics were pretty much locked in the National Championships.

"We would have much rather earned it," said Rivera. "I think we earned it anyway, but to do it on the field and come out with a plaque would have been nice for the girls and their hard work."

Last Friday, the Athletics doubled up the [Corona] E1 Prospects-Marez 6-3 as a four-run bottom of the first inning proved to be the difference. Center fielder Alea Medina (Artesia High) went three for three and scored three times while shortstop Vanessa Soto (Artesia High) also went three for three, drove in a pair of runs and scored once. Designated player Alexis Rosales (Pioneer High) went two

for three and had an RBI.

Last Saturday morning, the Athletics got past the [La Mirada] Explosion-Sanchez, coached by Gahr High head coach Rey Sanchez. The Athletics scored a pair of runs in the top of the third to take a one-run lead before the Explosion tied the game in the fourth. With one out in the top of the seventh and second baseman Analeigh Herrera (Warren High) at third, Medina singled to center to make it 3-2 and that was followed by a base hit from Soto on a full count, accounting for the final tally of the game.

Later in the day, the Athletics had no problems with the [Downey] Ohana Ti-

gers-Colenzo in a 10-2 conquest. Already leading 1-0, the Athletics added four runs in the top of the second as Madkins tripled in a pair of runs with one out and Lianna Lara (Sierra Canyon High) hit a two-run home run to left field with two outs. She would finish the game going three for three and drove in four runs. After the Tigers scored in the third and fourth innings, the Athletics put the game away with a five-spot in the sixth. Medina went three for four and scored twice while Torres worked the first four innings, scattering three hits and striking out two.

"Alea is a stud," said Rivera. "We moved her to leadoff now and she's been amazing. Maya did a great job pitching yesterday. She's versatile; can play short, third and pitcher, and she's been hitting the ball very well. The same for Vanessa, our number four hitter. She catches for us, plays shortstop for us, plays third base for us. All three of them are amazing ball players."

This is the first year Blanck and Rivera have been coaching together for the So Cal Athletics. Blanck, the 2023 HMG-

Community News Coach of the Year, had been with the Punishers for roughly two decades before moving to the Athletics, where he has been for five years. Rivera, in his seventh year with the Athletics, spent 10 years with the Punishers.

"It was time for a change," said Rivera. "I left first, then he retired from over there and I brought him over here with us. We do so well together."

The Athletics will next be in action at the SurfCity Tourneys Summer Showcase, to be held July 7-9. In other action featuring some of the area softball players, Gahr graduates Sophia Magcale (University of Redlands), Hailey Sanchez (California State University, Northridge) and La Mirada High's Amber Valdez were on the Explosion, which went two and out. After the loss to the Athletics, the Explosion fell to the [Tracy] All American Sports Academy-Clark 7-4 later in the day. Hailey Sanchez went a combined three for seven with two runs scored and a RBI, while Magcale had a pair of hits in four at-bats.

Cerritos graduate Catherine Quibrantar, who went a combined two for eight with a run and a RBI, and John Glenn High's Sienna Contreras, who went hitless in her lone at-bat in the last game, are on the Tigers, which won their first two games before losing the next two.

In the 16-Under division, Norwalk High's Kendall Nakano, the 2023 HMG-Community News Player of the Year, calls the [Norco] Wildcats-Lauffou/Hunter her travel team, which went 3-2 last weekend. Nakano went a combined five for 14 with a double, drove in three runs and scored three times. Since the beginning of the summer travel season, Nakano is batting .490. Also on the team is Kylie Manibusan of Cerritos, who did not record a hit in 15 at-bats, but scored once and was walked once.

NOTE FOR ALL AREA TRAVEL PLAYERS:
If your team has qualified for the PGF National Championship, please let me know what team you play for via twitter or email me at LorenKopff@aol.com. I will be doing a preview of the PGF National Championship for the July 21 issue.

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ball got the Pioneers to the Division 12 championship game. No other league team has gotten out of the first round. Whitney girls tennis, which was 2019 co-champs with Cerritos and lost in the Division 4 semifinals, moved up a division for the 2021 season, won league and went to the semifinals again while Cerritos advanced to the quarterfinals.

The winter sports have been the most competitive with the farthest advancement in the postseason. In boys basketball, after seeing Cerritos open the league with three straight league titles, Artesia has won the last two and played in the Division 4AA semifinals two seasons ago. Last season, Whitney finished in third place, lost in the Division 5AA semifinals and played in the state tournament.

In girls basketball, which has seen four of the six schools have a share of a league title, Oxford Academy went to the Division 2A championship game in 2019 as did Cerritos in 2022 in Division 3AA. In 2020, Artesia finished in fourth place but won the Division 5AA crown while three schools have combined for four quarterfinals appearances. And in boys soccer, Artesia won the Division 5 championship two

seasons ago and Oxford Academy played for the Division 7 crown last season.

In the spring sports, Whitney's 2019 third place softball team lost in the quarterfinals and two seasons later, Cerritos fell in the semifinals in the same sport. Just a month ago, Artesia's third place softball team lost in the seventh inning in the Division 6 semifinals while in boys volleyball, third place Oxford Academy went to the 2019 Division 6 semifinals.

Finally, in boys tennis, 2022 was good for league champion Oxford Academy (quarterfinals), second place Cerritos (Division 4 champions) and third place Whitney (Division 3 finalists). This past spring, league champion Whitney and second place Cerritos both lost in the quarterfinals.

"From a community standpoint, the varsity sports obviously take the spotlight, and they should," said Adams. "That will always be the case. But, without a strong lower division, whether it's a two-level sport or a three-level sport, you're going to lose participation. I've always been of the opinion that the 605 is a lower competitive league, overall, taken in total from the Suburban League before the Suburban League split."

The original plans for the 605 League was to have a similar model that the Sub-

urban Valley Conference is using. That conference merged the Suburban League, which had five members once the 605 League was formed, and the San Gabriel Valley League, which had six members.

"That was always the target when the 605 League was developed," said Adams. "Now, keep in mind, the Suburban League has now merged in a model with the San Gabriel Valley League in a way that Cerritos and Artesia and [Glenn] tried to do for multiple years, and the Suburban League blocked it. That's when we were forced to leave."

"All three of us tried vigorously to try to bring in some other schools in order to form a conference," he continued. "The Suburban League six years ago was a seven-team league, and that presents some difficulties as well. Just by bringing in three additional teams, whatever those would have been, and going to a conference model would have changed the competitive nature."

While the SVC is trying to get a 12th school to make things equal between the Gateway League and Mid-Cities League, the 605 League is trying to do the same, especially for football since Oxford Academy and Whitney do not house football programs.

Some of the changes in the near future will take place in golf and water polo where the league will be entertaining guest schools coming into the league. Adams said that swimming and water polo are always in a difficult situation because of facilities. He would love to see badminton come into the 605 League, but it takes three or four teams to make that happen.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Valley Christian High will join the 605 League in boys and girls golf while Calvary Chapel Downey High come in for wrestling purposes. And, pending administration approval, Milken Community will enter the league for boys water polo.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with where the 605 League is," said Adams. "It's easy to take a microscope out and focus on individual sports and every individual sports can say 'yes, we would be better over here or we would be better with somebody else coming in with us'. In general, it has worked out really, really well."

"I would like to see our [league] participation numbers in certain sports improve so that we can all have healthy junior varsity and varsity teams," said Parra.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF CORAZON MAURICIO aka CO-RAZON DEL ROSARIO MAURICIO Case No. 23STPB06163

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of CORAZON MAURICIO aka CORAZON DEL ROSARIO MAURICIO

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Erlinda Mauricio Hacker in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Erlinda Mauricio Hacker be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 11, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

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 CN997292 MAURICIO Jun 16,23, 2023, Jun 30, 2013

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 DAVID DEVINE
 CASE NO. 23STPB03479

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALMA GOMEZ 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: 07/12/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **17701 Ibbetson Ave, Bellflower Ca. 90706 on 07/11/2023 at 12:30 p.m.**

Ashley Harris- 2 tables, shoes, desk, mirrors, clothing racks

Glen Sutherland- Household items

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

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-610

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 32, FIRE CODE, OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2022 EDITION, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 15.20 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

On June 13, 2023, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted Ordinance No. 2023-610, the 2022 Edition of the California Fire Code, as adopted by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on January 31, 2023, with certain local changes (Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 2023-0008). The Ordinance was introduced for first reading by the Hawaiian Gardens City Council on May 23, 2023.

The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-610, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DE PAULA, ROA, VARGAS, FARFAN, DEL RIO
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Any interested person may obtain a copy of the ordinance from the City Clerk's Office, cityclerk@hgcity.org or by calling City Hall at (562) 420-2641. Also, a copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available on the City's website at www.hgcity.org.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-611

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5.30 TO TITLE 5 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPOSING REGULATIONS ON SIDEWALK VENDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL 946 AND 972

Notice is hereby given that on June 13, 2023, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced for first reading, Ordinance No. 2023-611, which proposes to impose regulations on sidewalk vending in compliance with SB 946 and SB 972.

SB 946, went into effect on January 1, 2019, and established statewide governance of vending in the public right-of-way and parks. Local jurisdictions that wish to regulate sidewalk vending are required to first adopt an ordinance establishing rules and regulations consistent with SB 946. SB 972 took effect on January 1, 2023, and decriminalized sidewalk food vending under the California Retail Food Code.

The City currently regulates solicitors, peddlers, and vendors through Chapter 5.30 of the Hawaiian Garden's Municipal Code. With the State's adoption of SB 946, Chapter 5.30 is outdated and inconsistent with the new state laws. Therefore, Ordinance 2023-611 will repeal Chapter 5.30 and replace it with a new sidewalk vending regulation that are consistent with SB 946 and SB 972. In addition, the ordinance sets operational restrictions that are objective in consideration of the protection of public health, safety and welfare.

A copy of Ordinance No. 2023-611 is on file with the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

The City Council will hold the second reading and adoption of the ordinance on July 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PLACE 2023-24 DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL

The City of Artesia intends to collect delinquent solid waste service charges on the tax roll at the same time as the general taxes of the City.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City Council of the City of Artesia has caused a written report to be prepared and filed with the City Clerk regarding the City's delinquent solid waste service charges for fiscal year 2023-2024. Such report contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving solid waste services furnished by the City and the amount of the delinquent charges for each parcel for fiscal year 2023-2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. the Artesia City Council will conduct a public hearing on the above described report and the placement of the delinquent solid waste charges on the property tax roll. At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the reports and the placement of the charges on the property tax roll. The hearing will be located at the Artesia City Hall Council Chambers, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701. If you wish to provide written comments, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk's Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, by 12:00 pm on the date of the public hearing. The report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk at 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 and available upon request.

Jennifer Alderete
Acting City Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Boxes/totes/bins, bags, camping chair, yoga mat, books, paperwork, garden hose, tripod, gym rope, clothes, bedding, and hats.

NAME	UNIT
KENYON ROLAND LABOSTRIE	A307

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

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
PIONEER PARK RENOVATION, PROJECT 105

Public Notice is hereby given that City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON: Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the Pioneer Park Renovation, Project 105, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **11:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 6, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

The project will include the removal and replacement of the existing playground equipment and rubberized surface, and installation of new lighting for the park sign as **Base Bid**. Also, includes **Additive Bid Schedule A** consists of removing and replacing the park sign, ADA accessible drinking fountain, park benches, picnic tables, and installation of new bicycle racks, and **Additive Bid Schedule B** consists of removing existing irrigation controller and installing new weather base controller with dripline irrigation system, removal of two Chines Elm trees interfering with overhead utility lines, and planting new low shrubs and trees, and all other items included in the plans and specifications. The project includes without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and other incidental work necessary to renovate the Park.

Electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Bidders must submit their request for receiving the plans and specifications via email to Neema Ghanbari at nghanbari@hgcity.org. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562) 420-2641 ext. 206.

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 748

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider the approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 748 to allow the construction of a 6,493 square foot two-story manufacturing building development located at 9220 Bermudez Street, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (Assessor Identification No. 6382-021-009) in the Commercial Manufacturing (C-M) zoned district, as shown in **Attachment "A"**.

WHEN: Monday, July 3, 2023

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32 – In-Fill Development Projects. Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions as enumerated below:

- The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.
- The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.
- The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.
- Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.
- The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

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


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

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

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

 In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact the City's 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.

Attachment "A"



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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX SOIL RESTORATION, LASER GRADE AND SOD INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. 23118, BID NO. 1501-23. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project:

Project Identification: SPORTS COMPLEX SOIL RESTORATION, LASER GRADE AND SOD INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. 23118, BID NO. 1501-23. Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents for the Cerritos Sports Complex, located at 19900 Bloomfield Avenue. The project includes soil restoration (soil profile amendment and fertigation system installation), laser grade and sod installation (with Paspalum sod) of fields 3, 4, 5, and 6, with a total of approximately 403,000 sq ft/9.25 acres of area to be renovated. **Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened: Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **“SPORTS COMPLEX SOIL RESTORATION, LASER GRADE AND SOD INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. 23118, BID NO. 1501-23.”** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting the Cerritos Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), **only** if a printed copy of plans and specifications is requested. There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“C-27.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference, as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s action’s in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. MND 23-01 FOR STORMWATER CAPTURE AND TEEN/SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO. GPA 23-02 and ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 23-02

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California, to consider the Stormwater Capture and Teen/Senior Center Projects, General Plan Amendment Case No. GPA 23-02 and Zone Change Case No. ZC 23-02. The City Council will also consider Mitigated Negative Declaration No. MND 23-01 associated with the proposed projects and applications.

The stormwater capture project is a component of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Program that will improve regional water quality. It will construct underground infrastructure within Simms Park to divert stormwater runoff from an existing storm drain in Clark Avenue into a concrete storage reservoir proposed beneath the baseball/softball fields, and will also include new fencing, landscaping, and other park improvements. The teen and senior center project will replace the old teen center building that was demolished in 2019 and will construct a single-story, 12,355-square foot building east of the existing Woman’s Club building, near Clark Avenue and Oak Street. The existing Simms Park parking lot will be expanded to the east and will include ornamental landscape. Social programs will offer recreational activities for youth and senior citizens provided and lead by both City staff and contracted non-profit organizations. GPA 23-02 and ZC 23-02 are required to change the land use designation and zoning for the teen and senior center site from “Commercial” and General Commercial (“C-G”) zone to “Open Space” and Open Space (“O-S”) zone, respectively. Lot lines will be adjusted later to accommodate the teen and senior center.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), MND 23-01 was prepared, which means that the proposed Stormwater Capture and Teen/Senior Center Projects, GPA 23-02 and ZC 23-02 will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment with implementation of proposed mitigation measures. The 30-day public review period for this document will begin on June 23, 2023 and will close on July 24, 2023. All written comments concerning the MND may be submitted to Rowena Genilo-Concepcion, Planning Manager, (562) 804-1424, ext. 2228, rgenilo@bellflower.org, City of Bellflower, Planning Division, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706. The Initial Study and MND are also available online at (https://www.bellflower.org/departments/planning/planning_division/environmental_documents_and_information.php#outer-234) and may be reviewed by the public during normal business hours at: 1) City of Bellflower, Planning Division office and 2) Clifton M. Brakensiek Library located at 9945 E. Flower Street, Bellflower, CA.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report, MND, and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City’s website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division office. All written comments concerning the Stormwater Capture and Teen/Senior Center Projects may be submitted to City of Bellflower, Attn: Len Gorecki, Director of Public Works, (562) 804-1424, ext. 2259, lgorecki@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge the MND and/or the proposed projects in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No.: S.477-1175 APN: 8041-008-003 Title Order No.: 220481131-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/26/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: RUDY M. VIDAL AND YGNACIA F. VIDAL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: PROBER AND RAPHAE, ALC Recorded 9/1/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2114437 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 7/14/2023 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$394,724.25 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 13015 GAB-BETT DRIVE LA MIRADA, California 90638 A.P.N.: 8041-008-003 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 683-2468 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case S.477-1175. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 683-2468, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case S.477-1175 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 6/13/2023 PROBER AND RAPHAE, ALC 20750 Ventura Blvd. #100 Woodland Hills, California 91364 Sale Line: (800) 683-2468 Rita Terzjan, Trustee Sale Officer A-4788369 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/30/2023

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

FOR

ROOF REPLACEMENT AT

ALBERT O. LITTLE COMMUNITY CENTER [the “Project”]

Project number: PW 2023-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia, California (“City”) invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701 up to 12:00 P.M. on July 24, 2023 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, which includes, but not be limited to, the removal of the bitumen roof and replacement with a new thermoplastic polyolefin roof at the Albert O. Little Community Center located at 18750 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of Contract Documents online by visiting the City of Artesia’s website at: <https://ca-artesia2.civicplus.com/bids.aspx>.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT. A mandatory pre-Bid meeting will be held on July 12th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at 18750 Clarkdale Avenue Artesia, CA, 90701 followed by a mandatory site visit. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-Bid meeting and the Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder’s Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a “public work.” The successful Bidder (“Contractor”) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR’s determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier’s check, certified check or Bidder’s Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class B Contractor’s license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the Contractor must possess such a license at the time of the Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor’s expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

BIDDING PROCESS. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

By: Jennifer Alderete June 22, 2023
City Clerk Date

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 07/05/2023 at 11:00 AM.**

- Nichole Zellmer- Furniture, boxes, fabric
- Ashley Kemper- Household
- Tara Statler- Christmas goods, misc furniture
- Wiliesha Casey- Furniture
- Richard Martin- No appliance small 2bedroom apt
- Anthony Tipton- Rims, arcade game, boxes
- Natasha Castillo Madrid- bikes
- Clear Market Inc- Office supplies
- Paul Kiefer- Household items
- Maven of Books- house items

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

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on the number of subscribers reached, geographic scope of the newspapers and the demographics of the covered areas.”

Only 13% of people in households in LCCN’s delivery area subscribe to the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register, which was pre-pandemic, while LCCN is delivered to 98% of the homes in the same area. The numbers are similar in Downey, which also has a community newspaper that was excluded from the CCPA marketing plan.

Cerritos’ management chose to not reveal what LCCN asked for - the per show tickets sold and corresponding revenue. The sales document sent by the city clerk only revealed total revenue per show; per show tickets sold and revenue were redacted.

The city clerk cited California Government Code Section 6254.15 as the reason for non-disclosure, “Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require the disclosure of records that are any of the following: corporate financial records, corporate proprietary information including trade secrets, and information relating to siting within the state furnished to a government agency by a private company for the purpose of permitting the agency to work with the company in retaining, locating, or expanding a facility within California. The requested information may be released to you upon the City’s receipt from you, the consent of individual artists, of release of this specific information.”

When LCCN asked the city of La Mirada for its sales at the La Mirada

Theater for the Performing Arts, which had a record 2022-23 year, the city did not redact any information concerning ticket sales and revenue.

There are no plans to change the sales and operations of the CCPA for the 23-24 season; consequently, the city is looking at another multi-million dollar loss.

Emails into Cerritos management, Mayor Bruce Barrows and Mayor pro tem Naresh Solanki for comment went unanswered.

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learning? "Join the non-partisan, no-cost, educational conversation on our children's education. Critical Race Theory is being taught to our students without our consent, and we must engage together for the future of our kids."

Critical Race Theory is only taught in college graduate courses and not K-12; it is an alt-right talking point used to drive another wedge between American citizens.

The Cerritos City Council held a special meeting two days before Van Der Mark spoke on September 13, addressing the invitation by the Republican Club.

Similar to Huntington Beach, the fireworks started at public comment with speaker after speaker taking the dais and slamming the Cerritos Republican Club - and the Councilmembers who promote the club - for inviting Van Der Mark to speak.

"This is perpetuating hate in the City, and it is unacceptable."

"The Republican party in Cerritos is lost."

"I have a problem with leadership here."

Chris Foster angrily criticized the in-



ALT-RIGHT PROTEST: Holding a supremacist protest flag, Gracey Van Der Mark marches in an alt-right event where some of the members ended up in Charlottesville chanting “Jews will not replace us.”

invitation of Van der Mark by the Cerritos Republican Club.

Foster pointed out the relationships that she has with certain infamous alt-right members.

He cited many names who were filmed at several highly controversial events, including Charlottesville and neo-nazi book burning that Van Der Mark praises.

"Its time for members of the Republican Club, whom Barrows, Vo, and Solanki are members, to speak out against this."

Anantha Ramachadran pointed out that the council is dominated by members of the Cerritos Republican Club, endorsed by them for many years. "You need to speak out on this," he said.

Norma Williamson expressed her concern about Van Der Mark, "her only political experience is a stint as a finance commissioner and the fact that she ran and lost for Huntington Beach City Council endorsed by Tito Ortiz, another infamous right-wing hack."

Seth Grossman, son of Marty and Gail Grossman, said, "the Republican Club has

chosen to disgrace our city."

He pointed out that Van de Mark and two other men invaded a meeting at the Simon Wiesenthal Center. "They then showed up at Charlottesville chanting 'Jews will not replace us,'" he said.

"This is perpetuating hate in the City and it is unacceptable."

LCCN asked for comment from the City Council, only Councilman Frank Yokoyama has responded.

Yokoyama told LCCN, "I am outraged and deeply saddened whenever racism and racists are discovered or revealed in our City of Cerritos. The prevalence and tolerance of hateful and racist people threaten safety in Cerritos. I denounce these hateful and racist people and their hateful racist acts and speech that strike fear into the hearts of our diverse communities, and I urge my fellow leaders likewise to make such denouncements. I strongly urge the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to keep Cerritos safe from racist attacks and hate crimes."

ABC Unified School District

Call For Applicants
ABC Unified School District
Trustee Area 7
 (Hawaiian Gardens, portions of Long Beach)

The ABC Unified School District Board of Education is seeking applications to fill the vacant seat on the Board for Trustee Area 7 (Hawaiian Gardens and portions of Long Beach). Applicants must reside in Trustee Area 7 and complete an application to be considered for appointment. Appointees must satisfy all age, citizenship, and residency requirements per Education Code section 35107. This appointment will fill the current term for Trustee Area 7, ending on December 13, 2024. All applications must be completed and delivered to the ABCUSD District Office, Office of the Superintendent, by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2023.

ONLY HARD-COPY APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
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Applications should be submitted to:
ABC Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent
16700 Norwalk Boulevard
Cerritos, CA 90703

Scan the QR code with your phone to download an application or visit: abcusd.info/Board
Applications can also be picked up at the ABC District Office

30th Anniversary of Pat Nixon's Passing



A WREATH OF YELLOW ROSES was placed at Mrs. Nixon's Memorial Site on June 22, 2023 marking the 30th anniversary of the passing of First Lady Pat Nixon. During her more than 30 years in public life, she represented the United States in more than 80 countries. Mrs. Nixon made history as the first First Lady to visit a combat zone, and she personally flew supplies gathered by volunteers to earthquake-stricken Peru. In his tribute to her upon her passing 30 years ago, President Nixon said, "When you think of Pat, I hope you will always remember the sunshine of her smile. She would like that."

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that a maximum of three retail commercial cannabis permits could operate within city borders at any time.

Soon after the adoption, the city council designated a time frame to accept applications for cannabis permits, running from February 6, 2023 through March 8, 2023.

But before closing, an applicant north of the 91 freeway filed a lawsuit against the city alleging that the ordinance's language "was not clear and that it allows commercial cannabis businesses to locate north of the 91 freeway."

The city was forced to postpone the permit program on March 16 to evaluate the pending legal action. It came up with revisions to the code that reaffirmed that cannabis businesses may only be located south of the 91 freeway.

In essence, the city was doing that already when it denied any permits north of the 91 freeway.

In addition, Artesia also streamlined the process after permit approval related to modifications of the existing design or exterior of the building.

Usually, that kind of change go through a Planning Commission review, but under the proposed revisions, if an approved cannabis business seeks "minor modifications" to an existing structure, then it would be reviewed by the Community Development Director.

Minor modification means that less than sixty percent of the building facade is being modified; any changes over 60% or any appeal of an administrative design review would still go to the Planning Commission.

Finally, the city "strengthened the

City's oversight of permitted businesses," including providing the city manager more flexibility to create the process for how an application is scored. The changes will not change the scoring criteria set by the city council.

Revising the requirement that permittees must provide the city with signed leases. Instead, permittees would have to give the city a notarized and recorded memorandum of lease.

Scrutinizing whether applicants or renewal businesses have failed to collect, report, or remit cannabis-related taxes to the State or other local jurisdictions and providing the process by which a permit may be suspended or revoked.

Once fully operational, the businesses are expected to generate between \$600,000 and \$800,000 for city coffers.

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When Max isn't doing his homework, he spends time searching for better moves, "He does it all the time, like kids playing video games," Schwan said. "He'll just do it, practicing in bits and pieces, 10 minutes at a time, 15 minutes at a time."

Solving the puzzle involves mathematics and memorization, Schwan said, both of which Max has seemed to have mastered. Max also excels on the piano having perfect pitch, "Piano is similar to the cube in the mechanics of it," Schwan said. "Music is finite. If there's a finite knowledge base, that's what he likes."

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