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HAHN HELPS RAISE PRIDE FLAG AT L.A. COUNTY OFFICES IN DOWNEY

THIS WEEK Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn held a Pride Flag Raising Ceremony at the LA County Office of Education in Downey, weeks after the Downey City Council narrowly voted to stop flying the Pride Flag on city property. The LACOE is one of eight Los Angeles County facilities in Downey that will fly the Pride Flag.

Thousands to be Given World's First Cancer Vaccine

The project will use cutting-edge mRNA technology to customize each jab, working in tandem with vaccine maker BioNTech.

The United Kingdom's National Health Service (NHS) is fast-tracking patients for its upcoming cancer vaccine trials — and each one will be tailored to every individual's needs.

The Guardian reported, that patients who meet eligibility criteria need only sign off on having their blood and tissues sampled to gain immediate access to the vaccine trial, which will use cutting-edge mRNA technology to customize each jab to the DNA of the people

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La Palma Residents Will Consider Election Reforms

The measure would limit City Council members to three consecutive terms in office with a four-year out-of-office period to reset.

By Brian Hews

At its June 4, 2024 reg-

measure on the November 2024 ballot for La Palma voter consideration.

The measure, if enacted, would limit City Council members to three consecutive terms in office with a four-year out-of-office period required to reset the term limit pe-

will help our council better fight for La Palma in the broader Southern California struggles so we can address housing policy, homelessness and public safety with a stronger voice," said Mayor Marshall Goodman.

"The reality is, every four years, the voters can



La Palma Council Chambers: residents can place term limits if measure is passed.

ular City Council meeting, the La Palma City Council voted to place a reform-oriented ballot

riod. "This is a matter for the voters to decide, but in my opinion these reforms

limit the term of the incumbent to only one term.

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LCCN EXCLUSIVE

Central Basin Directors' Scheme to Hire Questionable GM Fails

VP Martha Camacho and Director Juan Garza attempted to call a special meeting to hire the GM, a violation of Government Code.

By Brian Hews

Two weeks ago, Los Cerritos Community News exclusively reported that Central Basin [CB] Municipal Water District Board members Martha Camacho-Rodriguez and appointed Director Juan Garza forced an illegal vote at a CB special meeting to hire interim (and unknown) General Manager Elaine Jeng for the Commerce-based water agency.

It was a blatant politics-over-water-agency move by Camacho-Rodriguez, at the last regular Board meeting she and Garza got into a heated argument with Camacho calling Garza "a dictator."

Current President Art Chacon tried to stop the vote, but it was clear that Camacho and Garza, with the support of CB attorney Victor Ponto, Zach Lopez and Stephani Gutierrez with L.A.-based Burke, Williams & Sorensen, were going to allow the vote to hire the GM.

But the hiring was illegal and should catch the attention of the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, the California Bar Association and the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Let's start with the blatant violations.

Government Code 54956 states, "any action to approve the contract of a local agency executive

[Jeng] must be taken at a regular board meeting and cannot be approved at a special meeting of the board."

In addition, GC 54956(b) states, "A legislative body shall not call a special meeting regarding the salary of a local agency executive."

But the Desperate Duo, along with their see-no-evil, hear-no-evil attorneys, eschewed those violations and then moved on to violating the Brown Act.

The Act clearly defines any item that is not on a posted agenda [Jeng hiring] as a "walk-on" item that could not be voted on unless the following strict circumstances were met:

1. That the agenda item came to the attention of staff and/or the Board of directors after the agenda was posted;

2. and there is a need to take immediate action.

The Board must state that the circumstances were met and approved by the majority, but they did not occur.

Despite the Code and Act violations, Camacho and Garza forced the item on the agenda and voted to hire Jeng.

But Chacon, who voted no along with Director Vasquez-Wilson, vowed he would not sign Jeng's contract.

Where is the District Attorney?

Undeterred, Camacho and Garza hatched another illicit Code-breaking scheme to finalize the hiring of Jeng.

Under Central Basin Code, a special meeting can only be called by a ma-

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By Dan E. Nino

Now in its third year, Los Angeles County's largest Philippine American Friendship Day will happen at Cerritos' at the Don Knabe Regional Park on Saturday July 13 from 10:30 am to 8 pm; this year's theme is "Fostering Friendships Beyond Borders."

Cerritos Councilmember Lynda Johnson is this year's Event Chair.

The free event is hosted by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) in collaboration with the Los Angeles County and L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn and is completely free.

Among the pop and cultural entertainers lined up is Club Magkaisa of Cerritos High School, the Maranao Tata Malong Iligan-Maranao and Lanao Del Norte Dance Troupe, and the heart-stopping hip-hop Junior New Systems, a finalist in "America's Got Talent" from the Philippines.

A fun parade, a highlight of the

festivities, will wind its way around the picturesque Don Knabe Lake, with active participation

were the Holy Family Church Catholic Community (Largest Contingent), the combined forces of Alpha

As an added attraction, the Philippine-made Sarao jeepney and the newest Toyota electric car models will be on display.

NaFFAA Greater Los Angeles Region President Noel S.V. Omega told LCCN that the proceeds will be used to fund the event production expenses and the rest if any will be added to the organization's funds for community empowerment and civic engagement programs.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, in last year's celebration, expressed, "I am excited I'm so proud to have been a part in launching this Filipino community event in the City of Cerritos and make sure that we not only keep this tradition alive but make it even bigger and better."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn told LCCN, "Los Angeles County is not only home to the largest community of Filipino-Americans in the country, we are home to the largest concentration of Filipinos in the world outside of Manila. And that's why this event is so important. This festival is an opportunity to enjoy so many of the wonderful things Filipino American culture has to offer. But it is also an opportunity to lift-up the Filipino Americans who work to improve our community every day."

For booth reservation and further information, interested parties may call Mary Ann Omega at 747-777-9811 and Lynda Johnson at 310-650-6159. denino1951@gmail.com

Philippine-American Friendship Day in Cerritos

L.A. COUNTY'S LARGEST Philippine American Friendship Day

from various community organizations.

As a token of appreciation, group participants will be rewarded with cash prizes for the Largest Delegation, Most Colorful Delegation, and Liveliest Delegation.

Last year's community winners

Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles and APO South Bay (Liveliest

Contingent), and the Iligan City and Lanao Del Norte of Southern California (Most Colorful).

Elected officials from local communities and Philippine consular officials will be present to greet and mingle with attendees.

The event will include a kids zone, merchandise and food booths, and food trucks serving Filipino and international cuisines. In addition, free fruit smoothies will be served.

JUNIOR NEW SYSTEMS, a finalist in "America's Got Talent" is from the Philippines and will highlight the entertainment at the event.



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Message from La Mirada Mayor John Lewis

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER IN LA MIRADA!

Summer is here! On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I would like to invite you, your family, and friends to join the many exciting events and activities planned for our community this summer.

Spend your Thursday summer nights with music, dancing, and delicious food at the Concerts



La Mirada Mayor John Lewis

Under the Stars series beginning on Thursday, June 13 at La Mirada Regional Park. Enjoy concerts featuring a variety of musical genres including funk and soul, Taylor Swift tribute, 80's music, and country through Thursday, August 15. Entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. and the market vendors will begin selling tasty dishes, fresh produce, and creative crafts at 5 p.m.

Seniors are invited to join us at the "under the sea" themed All That Dance on Friday, June 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Activity Center. The dance will feature musical entertainment, snacks, and light refreshments. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

La Mirada's popular Independence Celebration will be held on Wednesday, July 3 from 4 to 9:30 p.m. at La Mirada

Regional Park. Enjoy live music from country band Brad Johnson & the Killin' Time Band and rhythm and blues funk band Remix, along with a variety of food and treats sold by food vendors. The celebration will conclude with a patriotic program and exciting fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Kids 6 to 12 are invited to the City's "Fun under the Sun" summer program. They will have the opportunity to have fun and create new friendships Monday through Friday from 12 to 4 p.m. at Frontier, Gardenhill, and Windermere Parks. Outdoor games, arts and crafts, water play and more will be available. Recreation staff will be on-site for this free-drop-in program.

Don't miss the Theatre's all-time biggest hit, Disney's The Little Mermaid. It is back to thrill a new generation for the first time in nearly a decade. "Kiss the Girl," "Part of Your World," and other catchy tunes energize the elaborate production on the La Mirada stage. Join the Broadway-style excitement through June 23.

Help the City celebrate Parks and Recreation Month in July. Parks and Recreation Month has activities for everyone! Join us at Family Game Night, Movies in the Park, Family Camp, and more! Check out the City's website cityoflamirada.org for the full list of activities.

Save the date! One of La Mirada's most popular summer events is the annual Stroll in the Park at Creek Park on Thursday, July 25 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Live bands playing great music can be heard as you stroll through the park or choose your favorite band and sit back, relax, and enjoy the music. Entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Public Safety Team on

Tuesday, July 30 for a refreshing event "Pops with Public Safety." Deputies and members of the Public Safety team will be visiting La Mirada parks and providing children and families with popsicles. This fun summer event provides a relaxed environment for children to meet our friendly deputies who help to keep them safe. The Pops with Public Safety schedule is 1 p.m. at Neff Park, 2 p.m. at Frontier Park, 3 p.m. at Gardenhill Park, and 4 p.m. at Windermere Park.


Join your neighbors during the National Night Out against crime event being held alongside the summer concert on Thursday, August 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The National Night Out event brings the community and law enforcement together to heighten crime awareness and drug prevention in our community.

Splash your way to Buccaneer Bay! The pirate-themed water park is open daily from Monday, June 3 through Friday, August 16 and weekends through September 28. Enjoy the six-lane mat-rider slide or grab an inner tube and relax in the lazy river. Don't forget to purchase a season pass and enjoy Buccaneer Bay at Splash! all summer long!

As always, grab your fresh produce and specialty treats at the Farmers Market most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the La Mirada Civic Center. Visit cityoflamirada.org for additional information on these events or follow our Facebook page @cityoflamirada and our Instagram page @lamiradagov to stay informed on all things La Mirada.

On behalf of La Mirada, I wish you a safe, fun, and exciting summer.


*Sincerely,
John Lewis, Esq., La Mirada Mayor*



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL of Artesia-Cerritos hosted two Dream It, Be It conferences at Gahr High School in Cerritos this school year. Many of the club members were Mentors to the 26 selected sophomore girls who attended.

Cerritos Councilman Attends CADEM Party Meeting



CERRITOS COUNCILMAN Frank Yokoyama with State Treasurer Fiona Ma at the California Democratic Party Executive Board Meeting in San Diego. Yokoyama attended as the Executive Boardmember for Assembly District 67. Artesia Mayor pro tem Ali Taj also attended the event.

Entries Sought for Cerritos Kids Poster Contest, Deadline June 12

Cerritos is hosting a Kids Poster Contest with the theme "Parks Make Life Better in Cerritos - Get Your Play On." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11" x 17", and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters.

Include the entrant's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form available at cerritos.us. Submit entries to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12.

Winning posters will be displayed at cerritos.us through the month of July, starting Monday, July 8. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

Santa Fe Springs Offers Free Lunch to Kids

Children ages 2 to 12 can have a free lunch at Santa Fe Springs City Parks, Monday, June 10 to Friday, August 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meals must be consumed on-site, which is a requirement of this grant-funded program.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation Department Office at (562) 863-4896.

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majority of board members, which currently is three.

Sources are telling LCCN that Chacon, Vasquez-Wilson and Crawford are fed up with Camacho and Garza's unethical behavior and have formed a solid majority.

So what did the Desperate Duo do? They called for a special meeting on June 6 [violating Code] and placing Jeng on the agenda. However, they only had two votes, so in another illegal move [that's five now], they claimed that former Director Thomas Bekele had also called for the meeting and would be attending.

But Bekele resigned in an email to attorney Victor Ponto on April 23 and confirmed his resignation on video at a May 20 regular board meeting. Ballots were sent out May 21 by the CB Board Secretary to replace Bekele.

Camacho and Garza persisted, but the CB Board Secretary, who had indicated Bekele had resigned in a memo of her own obtained by LCCN, did not post the agenda due to lack of a majority.

That brave move stopped Camacho and Garza's scheme in its tracks, but Jeng remains and is already stirring things up to help the Desperate Duo.

During the process LCCN sent out emails to all CB Board Members and CB GM/Attorney Victor Ponto several times asking for comment on Bekele's resignation.

One question to Ponto involved an incriminating April 6 agenda document showing that Ponto was aware of Bekele's resignation two weeks prior to Bekele's April 23 resignation email to Ponto. Under GM comments, Ponto wrote, "The election process is to begin for both Bekele and Gualtieri replacements." Ponto did not respond.

Only Garza answered about Bekele's resignation, conveniently leaving several words out of Bekele's original email to justify his fantasy that Bekele did not resign.

"In his April 23 email, Director Thomas [Bekele] did [sic] NOT indicate "he was going to resign at the next CB Board meeting". He in fact informs our agency of his 'decision to step down from my role

as Director'.

"What he [sic] DID state in his April 23 email was "We can make a formal notice of some kind during the next board meeting" and to "please initiate any applicable proceedings that will expedite my replacement." He even ends his email with a commitment "to assist as much as I can during this [sic] TRANSITION."

Below is the actual April 23 email from Bekele, bold indicates words Garza used in his email to LCCN, unbolded were not included:

"Victor [Ponto], I am writing to inform you of my decision to step down from my role as a Director (At-Large) at CBMWD. The demands of my current position as Public Works Director at the City of Signal Hill have significantly increased, necessitating my full attention and commitment."

It has been a pleasure to work with you, and I am grateful for the experiences and insights gained during my tenure. I am confident in the Board's continued success and look forward to witnessing the District's future achievements."

We can make a formal notice of some kind during the next board meeting [May 20]. However, please initiate any applicable proceedings that will expedite my replacement. I will try my best to assist as much as I can during this transition."

But apparently a conversation between Garza and Ponto concerning the resignation did not occur.

LCCN has obtained email communications between Bekele, Victor Ponto, Juan Garza, and Sharon Kumar related to the resignation. The email exchanges clearly show Ponto knew and agreed that Bekele had resigned as of April 23.

The emails also show collusion between Ponto and Garza; Garza was the only CB Director in the emails.

Initial April 23 email from Bekele to Ponto

From: Thomas Bekele <tbekele@cityofsignalhill.org> Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:18 PM To: Ponto, Victor M. <VPonto@bwslaw.com>

Subject: Thomas Bekele - Stepping Down from Director (At-Large) Position

Hi Victor, I am writing to inform you of my decision to step down from my role as a Director (At-Large) at CBMWD. The demands of my current position as Public Works Director at the City of Signal Hill have significantly increased, necessitating my full attention and commitment. It has been a pleasure to work with you, and I am grateful for the experiences and insights gained during my tenure. I am confident in the board's continued success and look forward to witnessing the District's future achievements. We can make a formal notice of some kind during the next board meeting. However, please initiate any applicable proceedings that will expedite my replacement. I will try my best to assist as much as I can during this transition. **Thanks, Thomas Bekele** Public Works Director Signal Hill Public Works

April 24 email from Ponto (note only Director is Garza)

From: Ponto, Victor M. <VPonto@bwslaw.com> Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:08:16 AM To: mike@lhhcw.com <mike@lhhcw.com>; Juan Garza <juan@sixheron.com>; Sharon Kumar <sharonk@centralbasin.org>; Elizabeth Brizuela <elizabethb@centralbasin.org>; Naja Braddock <najab@centralbasin.org> Cc: Lopes, Zachery A. <ZLopes@bwslaw.com>; Gutierrez, Stephanie <SGutierrez@bwslaw.com>

Subject: FW: Thomas Bekele - Stepping Down from Director (At-Large) Position

All,
See the email below from Director Bekele. What do we need to do as staff to assist with this process?

Regards, Victor Victor M. Ponto Part-

ner 1770 Iowa Avenue, Suite 240 Riverside, CA 92507-2479

April 24 email from Kumar

From: Sharon Kumar <sharonk@centralbasin.org> Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:13 AM To: Ponto, Victor M. <VPonto@bwslaw.com>; mike@lhhcw.com; Juan Garza <juan@sixheron.com>; Elizabeth Brizuela <elizabethb@centralbasin.org>; Naja Braddock <najab@centralbasin.org> Cc: Lopes, Zachery A. <ZLopes@bwslaw.com>; Gutierrez, Stephanie <SGutierrez@bwslaw.com>

Subject: Re: Thomas Bekele - Stepping Down from Director (At-Large) Position

Victor, we need to start the election process to get a replacement. What is the effective date of his resignation?

Best, Sharon Kumar

April 24 email from Ponto (note only Director is Garza)

From: Ponto, Victor M. <VPonto@bwslaw.com> Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:15 AM To: Sharon Kumar <sharonk@centralbasin.org>; mike@lhhcw.com; Juan Garza <juan@sixheron.com>; Elizabeth Brizuela <elizabethb@centralbasin.org>; Naja Braddock <najab@centralbasin.org> Cc: Lopes, Zachery A. <ZLopes@bwslaw.com>; Gutierrez, Stephanie <SGutierrez@bwslaw.com>

Subject: RE: Thomas Bekele - Stepping Down from Director (At-Large) Position

My assumption is that it would be at the next regular meeting as his email suggests but we can get clarification.

Victor

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Most people do not hesitate to wear glasses because they can't read small words or see objects far away, yet most people don't feel the same about wearing hearing aids.

Hearing experts and patients alike are now seeing how hearing aids can prevent cognitive decline while increasing longevity through greater personal engagement.

Audiologist Natalie Calderon Moultrie, who graduated from a Joint Doctoral Program at SDSU-UCSD, has seen evidence in her 10 ½ years of practice.

According to a study released in early 2024 by Dr. Janet Choi, an otolaryngologist at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine,

Study Suggests Hearing Aids Lower Cognitive Decline and Mortality Risk

By Laurie Hanson, LCCN Staff Writer

adults with hearing loss who regularly use hearing aids have a 24 percent lower mortality risk than adults with hearing loss who never wear hearing aids.

The results strongly suggest hearing aids can protect health and prevent early death. "The lower risk of death may be linked to the benefits that improved hearing provides for a person's mental health and cognitive function," Moultrie explained. "Simply improving engagement with an individual's health-care team can lead to a better understanding and proper treatment plans."

A 2023 study from Aging and Cognitive Health Evaluation in Elders (Aging) published in *The Lancet* found that hearing aids and assistance/counsel from an audiologist can reduce an individual's risk of dementia and cognitive decline by 48 percent, according to Moultrie.

"Researchers believe this is due to the benefits that improved hearing can bring to a person's brain function and mental health," she said. "Individuals with hearing loss often need more cognitive effort to understand speech and process auditory information. This increased cognitive load can lead to mental fatigue, limiting cognitive resources for other tasks, such as memory, attention, and problem-solving."

"Hearing aids make it easier for individuals with hearing loss to process auditory information," Moultrie explained. "When sounds are clearer and

more audible, the brain does not need to work as hard to interpret speech and environmental sounds, reducing cognitive load."

The Aging study concluded that hearing intervention could more effectively reduce cognitive decline over three years in older adults at increased risk for cognitive decline compared to those not at risk.

Before that, researchers had known that cognitive decline was linked with hearing loss but did not have research on the link between treatment and mental health," Moultrie said.

"Anecdotally, I have quite a few patients who have been long-time hearing aid wearers who are still very socially active," she explained. "Their cognitive health seems less impacted compared to peers of similar age who are not wearing hearing aids."

Moultrie mentioned that improving communication helps hearing aid users to participate in conversations and social interactions. This can help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness, which are common challenges for individuals with hearing loss and can have negative effects.

Just look at one of Moultrie's eldest client who at the age of 103, is still very sharp and cognizant.

"He is an undercover jokester when the hearing aids are on, but without his hearing aids on, he is quiet and withdrawn," she said. "His hearing aids allow him to stay socially engaged with his family and his care team."

"I have many patients over 90 years of age and quite a few centenarians as well," Moultrie added. "While I do not believe the hearing aids are the sole factor leading to these long lives, I do believe the ability to remain socially engaged by using the hearing aids plays a significant role."

"Each patient, as an individual, is a bit different," she said. "I have some patients at 90+ who are very tech savvy and eager to learn more, and I have others who are averse to the technology yet still socially engaged. Some acclimate to new hearing aids quickly while others may need more time and assistance."

Moultrie recommends properly fitted prescription hearing aids which meet the patient's needs over amplifiers as the best option.

Prescription hearing aids must be purchased through a licensed provider like those found at HearUSA. There they have a variety of hearing aids, both prescription and over the counter (OTC), to fit the specific needs of each client.

Tamra Dale, 56, of Glendora is one of her clients. She noticed hearing loss in her early 30's and has been wearing hearing aids for almost 10 years now. She first noticed her hearing issues watching television.

"The TV always sounded too loud when I turned it on, but when I turned the volume down, I was unable to hear it, leading me to turn it back up," she said. "That is what brought me to an audiologist for the first time in the 1990's."

"Given my age, the first audiologist I saw didn't believe me— saying that I was too young to have hearing loss,"



Dale said. "After demanding a test, my suspicion was confirmed. But I was told there was nothing to be done.

Part of Dale's persistence in getting help was to better engage with her family. In her career before having her children, she worked in finance as a clerk on a trading floor which exposed her to loud sounds constantly. She also frequently spent hours at the gym wearing headphones exposing her to loud music.

A few years later, she started to receive feedback in smaller group environments that she "wasn't catching things." She also started to notice, as a new mom to three kids under 3 years old, that she was struggling to hear sounds that required her attention.

It was by fall of 2023, Dale made a life-changing visit to Dr. Natalie Calderon at HearUSA in Los Angeles to be fit for her now current pair of hearing aids.

Her hearing aids leveraged AI/machine learning to make automatic adjustments depending on the hearing setting, allowing Dale to avoid a lot of the tampering with settings that she had experienced previously.

"This 'self-teaching' makes it so easy for me to be in different environments without fiddling with my phone to change settings," she said. "I was able to attend my son's choir concert and hear every voice and sound despite being in a noisy concert hall. It is a major quality-of-life booster."

"My top priority is being fully present for my children and spouse," she explained. "If you cannot hear, you cannot communicate and connect – and connecting with my family is the most important thing to me. Now, after many years of trying different solutions, I do not miss things like I used to."

Dale purchased her current hearing aids out of pocket. Though she had recently purchased hearing aids and was reluctant to invest in a new pair financially, she knew that there was no better investment than staying engaged with the world around her.

"I always tell people to 'get checked' so you will not miss out on life," she explained. "With hearing loss, you do miss a lot and unfortunately people stop engaging with you and you stop engaging with the world. You also put yourself at increased risk for other health issues, so it is imperative to act quickly."

Looking to the future, Dale wishes hearing care becomes as normalized as eye care.

"People are not generally hesitant or embarrassed to wear glasses, which signals sub-optimal eyesight," she said. "I hope someday hearing aids have that same level of normalcy. It would make a massive difference in the world."

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Cerritos' Rod Pulido Publishes Book, Holds Event at Library



TO HONOR Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Councilmembers Lynda Johnson and Frank Yokoyama officially recognized publisher and filmmaker Rod Pulido at a Cerritos Library book event on May 20. Former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, along with friends and family also attended.

Staff Report

Rod Pulido was recognized on May 20 at a Cerritos Library event. Pulido grew up in Ceraritos and as a child, he loved making toy spaceships out of cardboard and devouring ice cream straight from the carton—he still does both.

Pulido earned his Bachelor of Arts in film production from California

State University, Long Beach, where he founded the first Filipino Graduation Ceremony in Southern California.

His movie *The Flip Side* became the first feature by a Filipino director to world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival.

Rod strives to uplift and entertain with stories that highlight the Fil-Am experience.

First Annual "Celebrate Asian Heritage" Event in La Palma



LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL member organized the first ever "Celebrate Asian Heritage" event May 24 in recognition of the Asian and Pacific Islander recognition month to award citizens for extraordinary accomplishments.

The La Palma City Council handed out key awards to more than 80 citizens from around the state of Asian or Pacific Island heritage on May 24 as they celebrated the inaugural Celebrate Asian Heritage event in conjunction with AAPI Heritage Month in May. La Palma City

Council member Janet Keo Conklin, a Cambodian/Laotian descendant, said she worked with a group of key community members to determine key members of the AAPI communities throughout the local and regional communities who have displayed courage and leadership.

Central Basin Director Sworn in as MWD Board Member



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR Janice Hahn at the Metropolitan Water District's ceremony this past week swearing in Central Basin Director Jim Crawford as a MWD Board Member. With Crawford is from (l-r), Communications Director for Senator Bob Archuleta Yolie Crawford, MWD Board Member Michael Camacho, Crawford, and Hahn. **Courtesy Sup. Hahn's office.**

Hawaiian Gardens Offers Free Lunch Program Returns

Hawaiian Gardens, CA – Hawaiian Gardens announced the return of its Free Lunch Summer Program, running from June 3 to August 9, Monday through Friday.

Sponsored by the California Department of Education, this program will provide free summer lunches to children ages 3-18 at three city facilities from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.

This initiative aims to ensure children have access to essential nutrition during school closures and summer break periods.

Locations and Schedule:

Clarkdale Park –
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All students can participate in school nutrition programs; however, students with family incomes under 130 percent of the federal poverty line are eligible for free meals, and those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty line are eligible for low-cost or "reduced-price" meals.

Lunch is served on a first-come, first-serve basis. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer meal sites are located in communities where at least 50 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. All meals must meet the U.S. Department of Agri-

culture (USDA) nutrition requirements. Please note that lunch will not be served on June 17, June 19, and July 4.

Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Victor Farfan expressed his support for the program, stating, "The Free Lunch Summer Program is a crucial initiative for our community. It ensures that our children receive the nutrition they need during the summer months when school is not in session. We are committed to supporting the well-being of our young residents and providing resources that help them thrive."

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Laguna Festival of the Arts & Pageant of the Masters —



John Singer Sargent's *Madame X*.

By Lydia E. Ringwald

Another fabulous summer! The Festival of the Arts July 5-August 30 invites art lovers to wander through the maze of artist booths and attend for an evening performance the Pageant of the Masters July 6 - August 30 in the Festival amphitheater.

This annual theatrical celebration brings selected artworks to life in living tableaux to tell the story of art, each year with a unique selected theme.

The theme of the 2024 Pageant, 'A La Mode—The Art of Fashion,' explores the world of fashion as depicted

in selected artworks through time, from images in King Tut's tomb to Renaissance, 17th, 18th, and 19th-century art masterpieces to images from Hollywood movies and the fashion photography of our time.

Pageant Producer Diana Challis Davies masterminds the Festival Theme format and selection of the artworks, a year-long project that includes designing the sets, costumes, and makeup, selecting volunteers for the live tableaux, and coordinating the original music with the theme and final presentation.

For 'A La Mode' Challis Davies comments, "Before the advent of photography, art provided our only visual

record of how people chose to dress. In the hands of classic designers like the House of Worth in the 19th century on up to today's modern masters like Alexander McQueen, fashion has become increasingly more extravagant."

Featured works to be re-created include paintings by American artist John Singer Sargent, French artists Edouard Manet and James Tissot, as well as British painters Thomas Gainsborough and David Hockney.

Three-dimensional works that will appear in the upcoming summer production include pendants from early 1900's jewelers and the elegant figurines of artist and designer Erté.

Academy Award-winning Hollywood designer Edith Head will be recognized with sketches and movie posters from her collaboration with director Alfred Hitchcock.

Challis Davies concludes, "The clothes will tell their stories. Through the magic of living pictures, we'll take a walk on the red carpet runway of art history."

Seasoned scriptwriter Dan



Royal Parisian Wedding actors waiting to go on. Photo Christopher Allwine.



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— ‘A La Mode - The Art of Fashion’ July 5 to August 30



Duling researches the unique history of each of the artwork tableaux to write amusing and enlightening text that charms not only audiences seeing the tableaux art for the first time but also seasoned art collectors and aficionados.

The result is magical. ‘Viola!’... ‘A La Mode’ - a Pageant masterpiece show that inspires educates, and entertains!

The show is performed nightly from July 6-August 30, with a Gala performance, “Art and Fashions Affair” on Saturday night, August 26, that includes spectacular dining at Tivoli, the outdoor restaurant on the Festival campus.

A ticket to the Pageant also includes entry to the Festival of Arts.

The Festival of Arts offers an array of concerts throughout the summer and 120 exhibiting artists with diverse works ranging from paintings to jewelry, ceramics to photography.

Art classes for children and adults are also offered throughout the summer.

Set in a beautiful open-air gallery, this highly acclaimed juried fine art show

features the work of over 100 award-winning Orange County artists.

From paintings, glass, ceramics, photography and more, the Festival showcases a variety of mediums and artwork styles for avid collectors and festivalgoers to browse and purchase directly from the artists. In addition to the artwork on display, visitors can enjoy art demonstrations, live music performances on select days, opportunities to meet the artists and more.

The Festival of Arts Permanent Collection, expanded annually through purchases made from the exhibiting artists’ work, contains more than 1,000 pieces of fine art: paintings, sculpture, ceramics, glass, even furniture and jewelry – a collection as eclectic as the festival itself. In the collection’s trust is the Lorna Mills Collection; upon her death, bank president Mills entrusted her entire collection of paintings to the Festival of Arts.

The Festival’s Collection is housed at foaNORTH and occasionally loaned to local institutions like the Laguna Art Museum and Laguna

Elizabeth Vigée LeBrun’s *Marie Antoinette*.



Beach City Hall and others.

The Festival of Arts Fine Art Show is one of the longest-running art exhibitions in the state

From its humble beginnings, the Festival of Arts has grown into a world-famous cultural institution, awarding hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships and grants to art and cultural organizations. And yet the mission of the event remains the same: to promote, produce and sponsor events and activities that encourage the appreciation, study and performance of the arts. The juried fine art exhibition is one means of fulfilling its mission – providing local artists with a

venue where they can display and sell their art.

The Laguna Festival of the Arts is a great day trip for Cerritos residents. Art and Pageantry are only an hour away and great fun for friends and families.

For information and tickets, please visit www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org



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CIF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION I BASEBALL REGIONALS**LA MIRADA'S BID FOR TWO-OUT, TWO-STRIKE SEVENTH INNING RALLY COMES UP SHORT IN REGIONAL FINALS**

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

ORANGE—It would have been fitting for La Mirada High's baseball team, once down by five runs, to pull off a seventh inning rally with two outs and three straight players facing a two-strike call. But with the tying at second base, junior center fielder Travis Friend struck out on three pitches and the Matadores dropped a tough 7-6 decision to Orange Lutheran High last Saturday evening at Hart Park in the championship game of the CIF Southern California Division I Regionals.

La Mirada, the Gateway League champions which was making its first trip to the regionals, now in its fourth year, concludes the season at 25-8. The 13 runs scored are the most for a Division I championship game and matches the combined total of the scores from the previous three championship games. Orange Lutheran also became the third Trinity League school to call itself Division I champions from Southern California with JSerra winning in 2021, Huntington Beach High claiming the 2022 title and Santa Margarita High capturing the last season's top prize.

Just 48 hours prior, the Matadores trailed Huntington Beach 6-1 after the first inning, came back to take a 7-6 lead going to the bottom of the fourth, and eventually pulling off a 10-8 victory. Against the Lancers, the Matadores were down 5-2 after the first inning and 7-2 after two innings before scoring four runs in the last two frames.

"We can't get into the habit of spotting guys runs," said La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn. "We didn't get some pitches that we wanted. I think more importantly other than the game is just what these guys showed in terms of just the ability to compete for 21 outs, and they took them to the ropes. Their dugout was starting to press the panic button over there. We're a 'that-flag-win-coming-down' just a little bit from tying that game up."

Zurn was talking about junior shortstop Aiden Aguayo's at-bat in the top of the seventh. On a 0-2 count, he sent a fly ball deep that was inches away from clearing the left field fence. But instead, it went for a double and brought in junior first baseman Kevin Jeon.

In the sixth, Aguayo reached on an error, stole second and third and came home on another error. The seventh inning began with a single to right field from sophomore left fielder Noah Rodriguez and junior pinch hitter Jacob Celiz reaching on an infield single. He was replaced by freshman pinch runner Michael Burgueno and later with both runners moving up a base, Rodriguez made it 7-4 on a wild pitch. Now with two outs, Jeon fouled off two straight pitches after getting the count to 2-2 before reaching on an infield



LA MIRADA HIGH baseball team fell to Orange Lutheran High 7-6 last Saturday evening in the championship game of the CIF Southern California Division I Regionals. It was the first time the Matadores had played in the finals of the regionals, which began in 2021. **PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.**

single with Burgueno scoring.

"Kevin leads our team in hits," said Zurn. "Just his at-bat to extend the inning in the seventh was awesome. Kevin is a special talent and his week from top to bottom was good. Every time he's up, we feel something good is going to happen. The same thing with Aguayo; he had a really good week. Aguayo hit that ball and I could hear [Orange Lutheran's] dugout going, 'oh no'. He hit it in the right spot where if it was going to leave Hart Park, that's the spot, and it hit the wall. So, it wasn't our day today when it comes to that kind of stuff."

La Mirada struck first with one out in the top of the first as Jeon tripled to the right field gap and came home when Aguayo reached on the first of four Orange Lutheran errors. Another error would send Aguayo to third where he would make it 2-0 on a groundout from Friend.

But the Lancers would have their way with freshman pitcher Luke Armijo in the bottom of the first, collecting three hits and a pair of walks. The big blow was a bases-clearing double from Finnegan Stewart, making it 4-2. He would tack on the fifth run following a sacrifice fly from Hamilton Friedberg.

In the next inning, Armijo walked Evan Wiley and was behind 2-0 to Wyatt Hanoian before Zurn replaced him with sophomore Kaden Corns, who threw two straight balls to Hanoian, then yielded an infield single to Derek Curiel to load the bases. Two straight sacrifice fly balls would make it 7-2.

Corns worked the final five innings, scattering three hits and allowing one run, keeping his team in the game. In the regionals, Corns pitched seven innings, giving up five hits and a pair of runs. Armijo entered the game pitching three innings, allowing three hits and one unearned run.

"I would go to Luke again if we had to do it all over again," said Zurn. "That doesn't happen very often with Luke."

The trip to the finals was made possi-

ble because the Matadores refused to go away after falling behind big in the first inning against Huntington Beach. But



JUNIOR FIRST BASEMAN Kevin Jeon scores the first run of the championship game of the CIF Southern California Division I Regionals against Orange Lutheran High. Jeon, who went two for four against the Lancers, had tripled with one out and came home on an error. **PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM McCORMACK.**

Jeon's grand slam in the fourth inning put the Matadores up 7-6 and his solo home run in the sixth made it 10-7 as La Mirada held on for a 10-8 victory.

La Mirada busted out the bats to the tune of 12 hits with Jeon going three for five, three runs scored and five runs batted in. Aguayo went three for four with a run scored and one RBI while sophomore catcher Justin Torres collected a pair of hits.

"That was a pretty good offensive performance," said Zurn. "[Senior pitcher] Walker [Calvo], he's our ace; he's our guy. Obviously, he got hit around. We made a mistake in the first getting picked off. We botched a bunt on defense on the second batter. It's very easy in a 6-1 game to just kind of, 'let's just ride the game out and get through it'. But they did it. It's really a testament to the entire program; to our coaches, to our players, to our fans. Our fans were still in it the whole game."

LA MIRADA HIGH junior shortstop Aiden Aguayo is safe at third after a botched pickoff attempt in the top of the first inning against Orange Lutheran High last Saturday in the championship game of the CIF Southern California Division I Regionals. Aguayo had reached on an error and scored La Mirada's second run of the inning. **PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM McCORMACK.**

Zurn continued to say the largest comeback for a victory this season was a tribute to what they do in practice and that it literally comes down to heart.

For the three regional games, the top three in the batting lineup of junior third baseman Maverick Russell, Jeon and Aguayo went a combined 14 for 24 with 12 runs scored, 12 RBI, four doubles, four home runs, including the grand slam, and a triple. Sophomore left fielder Noah Rodriguez went five for 10 and Torres had three hits.

"I think it's going to be hard to find a better 1-2-3 in your lineup than what we've got," said Zurn. "It's pretty impressive. They go, we go. Let's call it what it is. That's a typical high school team. If they're doing what they're capable of doing, we are a dangerous team that can beat anybody in the country."

Not to be outdone was the perfor-

mance put in from junior pitcher Jason Rodriguez. After replacing Calvo, who faced 10 batters, with two outs in the first inning, Rodriguez pitched four and a third innings, giving up two hits, one run and striking out five. It was his longest outing of the season.

"Jason has been itching for time," said Zurn. "He's in his second year on varsity; he's got the potential to be really, really good for us and today, he was a fresh arm. Just him giving up one run in four innings gave us a chance to chip away."

The 25 victories this season is one shy of the school record set in 2018 (26-4-1) and in 2019 (26-7) and the 33 games played ties the 2019 season. Had it not been for the invitation to the Southern California Regionals, La Mirada's season would have ended on May 10 after its 9-4 loss to Orange Lutheran in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 quarterfinals. Corona and Harvard-Westlake, the two finalists, opted out of the extra games, thus giving La Mirada and Orange Lutheran the invitation.

"From the system, the way it is... but at the same time, all those teams are a hit away from each other or an error away from each other," said Zurn. "We beat Corona this year and like I said, that's how good Division I baseball is in Southern California. There's not a lot of difference between the top team to the... it's pretty remarkable when you think of the talent that we're sitting in."



2024 HMG-COMMUNITY NEWS SPRING ALL-AREA TEAMS

GAHR, VALLEY CHRISTIAN SOFTBALL, LA MIRADA BASEBALL ENJOY FINEST SEASONS IN HISTORY OF PROGRAMS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

Never had there been a spring season like the one just completed as the Gahr High and Valley Christian High softball teams captured CIF-Southern Section divisional championships. It was also a banner season for the La Mirada High baseball team, which advanced to the finals of the CIF Southern California Division I Regionals. The Cerritos High baseball and softball teams were on top of the 605 League again while the La Mirada baseball and softball teams claimed the Gateway League for a second straight season.

Listed below are the recipients of the 2024 HMG-Community News Spring All-Area Teams.

BASEBALL

FIRST TEAM

- P-Walker Calvo (La Mirada)
- P-Jake Ourique (Gahr)
- C-Justin Torres (La Mirada)
- 1B-Jacob Oropeza (La Mirada)
- 2B-Justin Sagun (Cerritos)
- 3B-Maverek Russell (La Mirada)
- SS-Dalton Chi (Cerritos)
- LF-Noah Gapuz (Cerritos)
- CF-Johan Gibbs (Cerritos)
- RF-Kevin Jeon (La Mirada)
- UTL-Mike Lee (Gahr)

SECOND TEAM

- P-Kaden Corns (La Mirada)
- P-Christian Wright (Cerritos)
- C-Jonathan Masella (Cerritos)

- 1B-Elijah Pannell (Cerritos)
- 2B-Bear Calvo (La Mirada)
- 3B-Carter Chi (Cerritos)
- SS-Aiden Aguayo (La Mirada)
- LF-Angel Aguilar (John Glenn)
- CF-Travis Friend (La Mirada)
- RF-Braxton Reed (Cerritos)
- UTL-Tristen Chen (Cerritos)

THIRD TEAM

- P-Jack Lake (Cerritos)
- P-Matthew Sandoval (Gahr)
- C-Oscar Grijalva (Gahr)
- 1B-Evan Perez (John Glenn)
- 2B-Jonah Mason (John Glenn)
- 3B-Jose Perez (Gahr)
- SS-Andres Gonzalez (Gahr)
- LF-R.J. Estrada (Valley Christian)
- CF-Logan Bruce (John Glenn)
- RF-Adrien Ramirez (Gahr)
- UTL-Sebastian DeAvila (La Mirada)

HONORABLE MENTION

- P-Luke Armijo (La Mirada)
- P-Riley Jones (Valley Christian)
- C-Daniel Carbajal (Artesia)
- 1B-JoJo Eljaik (Gahr)
- 2B-Victor Sanchez (Artesia)
- 3B-Lucas Witt (Valley Christian)
- SS-Ethan Mertz (Valley Christian)
- LF-Ruben Ramirez (Norwalk)
- CF-Angel Martinez (Norwalk)
- RF-Bert Rodriguez (John Glenn)
- UTL-Alex Escobar (Artesia)

CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR-

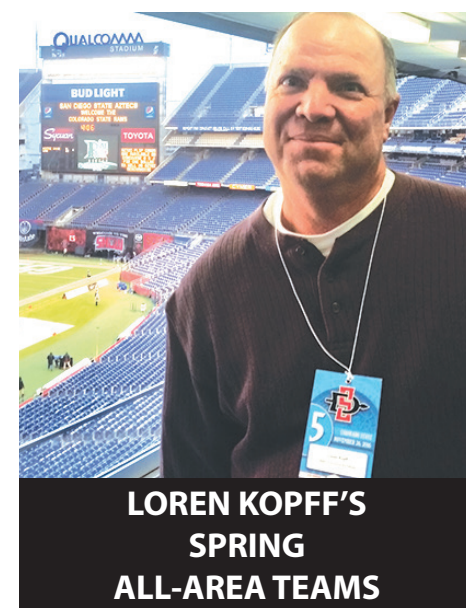
La Mirada has never been short of extraordinary talent and juniors Kevin Jeon and Maverek Russell are two more to have worn the blue and gold uniform.

Jeon, a right fielder, led the Matadores with a .406 batting average, 39 hits, 29 runs and 25 runs batted in. He was also tops with three triples and hit three of the team's 23 home runs.

Russell, the third baseman for the Mats, was right behind him with a .402 average 33 hits, 24 runs, 21 RBI and 12 doubles. On top of that, Russell is 23 hits shy of becoming the school's all-time leader in that category. Russell was also the most valuable player of the Gateway League and was named to the All-CIF-Southern Section team for Division 1.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR-This award could have gone to any of the three pitchers who amassed over 30 innings pitched but La Mirada senior Walker Calvo gets this honor. He went 7-1 with an earned run average of 2.62. He led the team in innings pitched (42.2) and fewest walks allowed by a starter (seven). His lone loss was the season-opener against Santa Margarita High and was one of three La Mirada pitchers to have faced over 150 batters. Calvo was the Gateway League's most valuable pitcher and was also named to the All-CIF-SS team.

COACH OF THE YEAR-La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn, who has never advanced to a CIF-SS divisional championship game, can call himself a CIF Southern California Regional Division I finalist. He guided the Matadores to a 25-8 record this season and reached the quarterfinals for the second straight season. La Mirada lost its first two games of the season and



**LOREN KOPFF'S
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was 3-3 before winning 10 straight. Of the eight losses, five were to Division 1 teams and five were by one run.

SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

- P-Jalynn Banda (Norwalk)
- P-Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas (La Mirada)
- C-Rebecca Eckart (La Mirada)
- 1B-Arianna Franco (Artesia)
- 2B-Larissa Flores (Gahr)
- 3B-Kendall Nakano (Norwalk)
- SS-Rio Mendez (Gahr)
- LF-Angelina Ratzlaff (La Mirada)
- CF-Natalie Hill (Gahr)
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[See ALL-AREA, page 13]

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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE VACANCY

MEASURE BB CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The ABC Unified School District's Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee has an opening for a parent representative. This committee was established as part of Measure BB, the \$258 million school facilities improvement bond passed by voters in November 2018. The committee is responsible for ensuring the proper spending of Measure BB funds by carefully reviewing expenditures.

To qualify for this position, the applicant must be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the ABC Unified School District AND must be active in a parent-teacher organization, such as a PTA or school site council. The committee typically meets quarterly but may convene more frequently if necessary.

Applications for the position can be found online at www.abcusd.us. For further questions, please contact the Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer's Office at (562) 925-5566, extension 21257.



Dear Business Owner/Manager,

I would like to ask for your support of the 2024 Miss Artesia & Miss Artesia Teen Pageant. The pageant is a non-profit organization and ambassador program operating within the City of Artesia.

The Miss Artesia & Miss Artesia Teen Pageant is an event held annually to offer the young ladies of our community an opportunity to expand on their speaking, interviewing, and networking skills. Our pageant focuses primarily on the contestant's ability to communicate in a group, on stage, and in one-on-one interviews. We believe these skills to be essential components to individual growth and preparation needed for these young ladies to further themselves in today's competitive job market.

Platinum: \$400.00 Includes a full page advertisement in the pageant program (\$500 for inner cover/color – space is limited), acknowledgement at all pageant activities, and verbal recognition at the pageant itself (held on 6/22/24)

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Please feel free to contact us to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding sponsorship of our pageant. If you choose to mail your sponsorship please be sure to include two unblemished business cards in the envelope. Sponsorship checks or money orders should be made payable to “**Miss Artesia Pageant**” and can be mailed to the address below. Please scan the QR below to complete the Sponsor Form.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Miss Artesia Committee

MissArtesiaSponsor@gmail.com

(562)331-6113 or (562)632-2540

Miss Artesia Pageant Committee

P.O. Box 623

Artesia CA. 90702

Sponsor Form



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getting them.

The NHS told the newspaper that dozens of people have already been enrolled in the program, called the Cancer Vaccine Launch Pad, and thousands more will be able to get into the trials at 30 sites around the UK. To start, the agency is looking for patients with bladder, colorectal, kidney, lung, skin, and pancreatic cancers, but more types will be added as the program progresses.

“As more of these trials get up and running at hospitals across the country,” explained NHS England head Amanda Pritchard, “our national matchmaking service will ensure as many eligible patients as possible get the opportunity to access them.”

Announced ahead of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) conference in Chicago, the NHS program is working in tandem with German vaccine maker BioNTech, whose mRNA COVID-19 vaccines have paved the way for the technology to be applied to all manner of illnesses and diseases.

At the conference, BioNTech is also slated to present preliminary evidence on research suggesting that measuring circulating tumor DNA could help early detection of colorectal cancer, which accounted for an estimated 930,000 deaths globally in 2020 alone.

The program’s first patient, 55-year-old Elliot Pfebve is also suffering from colorectal cancer. As The Guardian reported, the man had no symptoms and only learned that he had it during a routine doctor’s appointment.

Pfebve had his cancerous tumor and part of his large intestine removed and went through chemotherapy prior to enrolling in the NHS pilot, which saw him getting the world’s first jab of the same type of mRNA vaccine that was used in Pfizer and BioNTech’s COVID vaccine.

Victoria Kunene, the trial’s principal investigator, told The Guardian that it’s too soon to tell if Pfebve’s cancer has been completely cured, but she is “extremely hopeful” about the outcome.

“Based on the limited data we currently have of the in-body response to the vaccine, this could prove to be a significant and positive development for patients,” Kunene told the newspaper, “but more data is yet needed and we continue to recruit suitable patients to the trial to establish this further.”

For his part, the groundbreaking lecturer seemed to be thrilled at the chance to help cure cancer and make history in the process.

“Being part of this trial has been a really important decision in my life, both for me and my family,” Pfebve enthused. “Having been through the difficulty of diagnosis and debilitating chemotherapy, it felt wonderful to be able to take part in something which could lead to a new way of treating cancer, and if others can benefit from what the trial might discover, then that’s great, too.”

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SECOND TEAM

- P-Isabella Gonzalez (Gahr)
- P-Rachel Zhang (Valley Christian)
- C-Peyton Kingery (Valley Christian)
- 1B-Natalie Gardea (Cerritos)
- 2B-Reese Hilliard (La Mirada)
- 3B-Marley Cortez (Gahr)
- SS-Britton Brown (Valley Christian)
- LF-Zoe Barrett (Valley Christian)

- CF-Choyce Chambers (Valley Christian)
- RF-Diana Avina (Norwalk)
- UTL-Alyssa Aguilar (Gahr)

THIRD TEAM

- P-Kylie Manibusan (Cerritos)
- P-Maya Torres (Artesia)
- C-Vanessa Soto (Artesia)
- 1B-Kayla Martin (Valley Christian)
- 2B-Ava Ceron (Cerritos)
- 3B-Brianna Ramirez (Valley Christian)
- SS-Amarie Encarnacion (Norwalk)
- LF-Malaia Huskey (Gahr)
- CF-Alea Medina (Artesia)
- RF-Ella Nelson (Whitney)
- UTL-Alianna Calderon (Cerritos)

HONORABLE MENTION

- P-Monicka Manni (Whitney)
- P-Alison Ortega (La Mirada)
- C-Jezrael Acosta (Norwalk)
- 1B-Nayeli Sanchez (Norwalk)
- 2B-Kristen Sutton (Whitney)
- 3B-Angelyna Conde (La Mirada)
- SS-Michelle Meza (Cerritos)
- LF-Julie Vega (Norwalk)
- CF-Diana Bravo (John Glenn)
- RF-Presley Hendrix (Cerritos)
- UTL-Alyssa Avila (La Mirada)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR-Rebecca Eckart was the heart and soul of a La Mirada team stacked with talent. The senior catcher, who will be taking her talents to the University of Notre Dame, led the Matadores with a .402 batting average, 33 hits, 20 RBI and 11 extra base hits. In 82 at-bats, Eckart struck out just five times.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR-There is no tougher pitcher in the area than La Mirada’s Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas. The junior was tied among area pitchers with 15 victories and had 189 strikeouts. She and her batterymate, Eckart, took home the top Gateway League honors and made it on the All-CIF-SS Division 1 team.

CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

It was a magical season for Gahr head coach Rey Sanchez and Valley Christian head coach Chet Kingery, who won their respective divisional championships within hours of each other. The last of four championship games played on May 18 saw Gahr rally from a 3-0 hole after five innings against California High and a 4-3 deficit going to the bottom of the seventh to pull out a 5-4 win for the Division 2 title. The Gladiators went 19-10 and won nine of their last 10 contests. V.C. edged Liberty High 8-7 in the second of the four championship games of May 18 to win the Division 5 crown. The Defenders wound then fall to Steele Canyon High in the Southern California Regionals to end their season at 19-7. During their run to the championship game, the Defenders rallied from three runs down in the first inning to defeat Shadow Hills High 8-5 in eight innings in the second round and trailed St. Bonaventure High 13-10 heading to the seventh inning before tying the game to send the game to extra innings. There, V.C. erupted for eight runs in the ninth to win 21-13. Kingery will bring back nearly the entire team as the Defenders graduate three players.



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Now voters will get more say on how long people can serve on Council.”

The La Palma City Council has seen the impact of regional governance and how small cities get lost among big organizations like Los Angeles, Riverside and Santa Ana.

“Voters will have an opportunity to help the City gain a stronger regional voice, but of course under the voter’s terms and still requiring incumbents to return to the voters every four years,” said Council Member Nitesh Patel.

As La Palma has recently transitioned to district elections in compliance with State laws, the City is seeking voter reconsideration of term limits to broaden the pool of candidates.

Having reduced the pool of potential candidates by 80% in each district, setting a three-term limit to council service could ultimately mean more names are on the ballot for voters to consider.

This change is partly driven by the need for effective representation in regional organizations that influence local quality of life through policies on public safety, homelessness, housing development, and the reinvestment of regional funds into local projects.

Residents will have an opportunity to vote on this reform at the ballot box in November 2024 during the General Election.

Reform Timeline:

The last day to submit City Attorney’s impartial analysis & City Manager’s fiscal analysis to City Clerk is June 17, 2024

Last day to submit ballot and counter-arguments to City Clerk is June 18, 2024.

A Public Review Period of Arguments will follow from June 19 - 28, 2024.

The Last day to submit rebuttal arguments to City Clerk is June 28, 2024

Election Day November 5, 2024

For more information email: city-council@cityoflapalma.org or call 714-690-3334

To learn more visit www.cityoflapalma.org/termlimits.

Santa Fe Springs Recognizes Philatron Wire for 50 Years in Business

Staff Report

The Santa Fe Springs’ City Council recognized Philatron Wire and Cable Company for 50 years in operation at their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Philatron Wire and Cable is the largest manufacturer of electrical wire and cable in Southern California.

On May 1st, 2024, Philatron celebrated the extraordinary achievement of 50 years in business in the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Founded in 1974, by Phil Ramos Jr., the company has been at the forefront of innovation and sustainability in the wire and cable industry for 50 years.

Reflecting the company’s commitment to quality, safety, innovation, and environmental stewardship, Philatron’s products serve a wide range of industries including aerospace/airports, auto/heavy duty trucking, consumer, electrical vehicle, entertainment, medical, military, mining, oil & gas, transportation, and utility & power.

At the heart of Philatron’s success is its customer-centric approach. The company takes pride in building strong, long-lasting relationships with its clients, understanding their unique requirements, and delivering tailored solutions that exceed expectations.

With a focus on collaboration and communication, Philatron strives to be more than just a supplier but a trusted partner in driving success for its customers.

For more information on Philatron Wire ad Cable, please visit their website at <https://philatron.com/>.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

GLORIA VEGAS

CASE NO. 24STPB05838

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that OLIBERTO VEGA 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: 06/25/24 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.

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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HAWAIIAN GARDENS COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Artesia Street Lighting Maintenance District
Adoption of Engineer’s Report And
Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Artesia will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Ave, Artesia, California 90701 to consider adoption of the Engineer’s Report (the “Report”) and levy of an assessment for the City of Artesia Street Lighting Maintenance District (the “District”) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Said Report describing each levied assessment of the District has been filed with the City Clerk of the City of Artesia. This notice is given pursuant to Pursuant to sections 22626, 22552 and 22553 of the Streets and Highways Code and 6061 of the Government Code, the City Clerk shall publish the Resolution of Intention one time at least 10 days prior to the public hearing on Monday, June 17, 2024. Objections or protests must be filed in writing with the City Clerk, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Ave, Artesia, California 90701, or emailed to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us before 12:00 p.m., June 17, 2024, describing the property owned and stating the name and address of the owner.

Date: June 7, 2024 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Special Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 17, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-12: Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 24-954, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Artesia Regulations in Article 31 (Open Space and Recreation) of Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the City of Artesia Municipal Code relating to Permitted Uses and Development Standards in the Open Space and Recreation (OS-R) Zone and making a determination of exemption under CEQA pursuant to 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed Municipal Code amendments will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

Project Location: Citywide.

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the City Clerk, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us until 12:00PM the day of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed action, please contact the Artesia Community Development Department at (562) 865-6262.

If you challenge any action related to this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for ABC Bid # 1658 – CALSHAPE PLUMBING PROJECT, ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 2:00 PM on the 14th day of June, 2024 Responses for Pre-Qualifications and shall be informed of their Qualification no later than June 21, 2024. Only Pre-qualified Bidders will be allowed to submit bids for ABC Bid # 1658 – CalSHAPE Plumbing Project. No Bids shall be accepted after 11:00 AM July 8, 2024, the time set for Public Bid Opening. All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the **Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may request for Bid Documents by calling (562) 926-5566 x 21218 Esthela Perez. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B or C-36 Contractor’s License and DIR Registration will be required.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF MANINDER PAUL
Case No. 23STPB12957

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of MANINDER PAUL

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Guneet Singh be appointed as personal representa-tive 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 obtain-ing court approval. Before taking certain very im-portant actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or con-sented 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 June 28, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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 rep-resentative 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 Cali-fornia 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 pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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CNI107254 PAUL May 31, Jun 7,14, 2024

CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of La Mirada on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing one Member of the City Council from District 2 to fill an unexpired term ending in June 2026.

The candidate nomination period is July 15 through August 9. During this period, a candi-date may submit the nomination form, candidate statement and other documents required by the City. For more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 943-0131.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk
City of La Mirada

Published at La Mirada Lamplighter 6/7/24

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-617

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA (1) AMENDING CHAPTER 6.47 (URBAN STORM RUNOFF CONTROL) TO TITLE 6 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING URBAN STORM RUN OFF; (2) AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04 (WATER SYSTEM) TO TITLE 13 (UTILITIES) OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER SYSTEM; (3) AMENDING CHAPTER 13.20 (LOW IMPACT DE-VELOPMENT STANDARDS) TO TITLE 13 (UTILITIES) OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER SYSTEM; AND (4) FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

Notice is hereby given that on May 22, 2024, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced for first reading, Ordinance No. 2024-617, amending the municipal code to align with the 2021 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and update the 2021 Low Impact Development (LID) Plan categories. The municipal code updates allow the City to maintain its legal authority to monitor and eliminate pollutant discharges, as well as implement and enforce the requirements contained in the NPDES Permit, to regulate stormwater and non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system.

A copy of Ordinance No. 2024-617 is on file with the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. Also, a copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available on the City’s website at www.hgcity.org.

The City Council will hold the second reading and adoption of the ordinance on June 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID DOBRUSKY AKA DAVID J. DOBRISKI, DAVID J. DOBRUSKY, DAVID JAY DOBRUSKY
Case No. 24STPB05663

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID DOBRUSKY AKA DAVID J. DOBRISKI, DAVID J. DOBRUSKY, DAVID JAY DOBRUSKY

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Los Angeles County Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Los Angeles County Public Administrator be appointed as personal repre-sentative 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 on July 1, 2024 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF MARY E. CABRERA
Case No. 23STPB13181

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY E. CABRERA

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Edward Cabrera be appointed as personal repre-sentative 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 codi-cils 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 obtain-ing court approval. Before taking certain very im-portant actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or con-sented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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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 rep-resentative 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.

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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 pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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