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Exclusive: Accusations of Physical Abuse and Cover-Up Roil John Glenn Football Program

Norwalk-La Mirada School District has canceled the annual game between Glenn and Norwalk ‘due to safety concerns.’

By Brian Hews

The Norwalk/La Mirada School District canceled the annual Mayor’s Cup football game between Norwalk and Glenn after an LCCN story triggered comments alleging abuse by Glenn’s coaches.

Two weeks ago, Los Cerritos Community Newspaper pub-

lished an article, both in print and online, entitled “John Glenn’s culture changed last season, but pressure awaits the Eagles to duplicate in 2024.”

It was part of LCCN Sports Editor Loren Kopff’s comprehensive annual review of local football teams, which Kopff has written about for over 25 years.

Glenn logged an impressive 6-4 record in 2023 with former Norwalk High standout and NFL player Elijah Penny in his first year as head coach.

It was only the third time the

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LOCAL OFFICIALS ATTEND DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

BEAT REPUBLICAN RATINGS: Elected officials and business people at the Democratic National Convention from (l-r), Angela Pedrigal from San Jose, Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama, former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, Tennessee Congressman Justin Jones, Artesia Councilwoman Melissa Ramoso, Joel Dabu from New York, Mario Salazar-National Co-Chair of Filipino Americans for Harris-Walz, and Camille Valerio from San Jose. Average nightly views was 21.8 million for the Democrats - 2.7 million more viewers per night than the Republican Convention, which had 19.1 million.

New Whittier LGBTQ+ Center to Open Sept. 21



GETTING READY: Supervisor Hahn with Whittier Council Member Fernando Dutra, Asm. Lisa Calderon, and Whittier Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Warner at 7639 Painter Ave. as the site was under construction.

By Brian Hews

For too long, the greater Whittier area has gone without a space for the LGBTQ+ community to gather and have easy access to free resources.

LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn has been working to change that by transforming a vacant County building at 7639 Painter Ave. into the Greater Whittier LGBTQ+ Community Center. Finally, on September 21 it will open and Hahn is inviting residents to attend the opening.

The center will provide much-needed resources for

the whole Whittier community, including support groups, substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, legal assistance, age-appropriate youth programs, educational workshops, information and referral services. It will also provide cultural programs, social events, community outreach and volunteer opportunities.

I want to thank Assembly-member Lisa Calderon, who has been a critical partner on this project by helping us secure a \$4.2 million state grant to turn this idea into reality. This new center is proof of what we can achieve when we work together.

California Passes Bill To Limit Student Cellphone Use On K-12 Campuses

Every school district, charter school and county office of education must develop a policy limiting the use by July 1, 2026.

By Diana Lambert

California state legislators passed a bill Wednesday requiring school districts to ban or restrict student smartphone use on campuses during school hours.

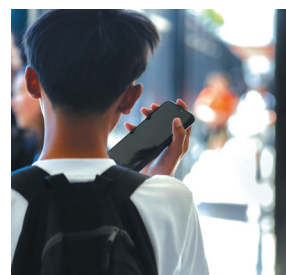
Assembly Bill 3216, re-named the Phone-Free School Act, requires that every school district, charter school and county office of education develop a policy limiting the use of smartphones by July 1, 2026.

“Extended studies have demonstrated that the use of smartphones in classrooms can detract from students’ academic performances while contributing to higher rates of academic dishonesty and cyberbullying,”

said the authors’ statement. “In consideration of California’s deficiency when it comes to academic performance, as compared to other states, it is imperative for the legislature to take action to resolve this issue.”

The Act was authored by a bipartisan group of Assembly

members that includes Republican Josh Hoover and Democrats Josh Lowenthal and Al Muratsuchi.



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The legislation comes as states, school districts and individual schools are increasingly banning cellphones, smart-watches and other personal de-

vices on campuses in an effort to curb classroom distractions, bullying and addiction to the devices.

At least five other states, including Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, South Carolina and Ohio have similar laws in place. It is likely that Gov. Gavin Newsom will sign the legislation into law. He sent a letter to school district leaders earlier this month urging them to take immediate action to restrict cellphone use this school year. Excessive smartphone use increases anxiety, depression and other mental health issues in children, he said.

The use of personal devices increased during pandemic school closures, resulting in some students doubling their recreational screen time, according to research. This has led to concerns about addiction to the devices.

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La Palma Appoints New Police Chief

City Manager McNamara appointed Captain Joe Guerrero as the next Chief, he will take over Sept. 8.

Staff Report

After 28 years, La Palma Police Chief Ron Wilkerson will retire from the La Palma PD effective Sept. 7.

Chief Wilkerson's made significant contributions across various roles during his 28-year career. Prior to his appointment as Chief, Wilkerson served many years as Captain, where he oversaw both the department's administrative and operational functions.

He helped expand the department's technology infrastructure, recruitment strategies which further strengthened the department's service within the community.

His career has been marked by a series of other roles, including assignments in the patrol division as a Watch Commander, Sergeant, and several special assignments such as Administrative Sergeant, Corporal, Motor Officer, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Rangemaster.

Additionally, he dedicated over six years as a Team Leader and Supervisor for the North Orange County SWAT Team.

His service has been recognized with numerous commendations, including the department's highest honor, the Medal of

Valor, and he was named La Palma's Supervisory Employee of the Year in 2015.

"Chief Wilkerson has consistently exemplified exceptional leadership, a profound understanding of our community's needs, and a steadfast commitment to building positive relationships with residents," said Mayor Marshall Goodman. "He will be greatly missed by the City, but I am confident his legacy will endure. On behalf of the City Council, we are deeply grateful for Chief Wilkerson's dedicated service and wish him the very best in his retirement."

With Chief Wilkerson's retirement, City Manager McNamara has appointed Captain Joe Guerrero as the next Chief of Police.

Captain Guerrero joined the department in 1996 and has served in several key roles, most recently as Captain of the Operations Division. Prior to that, he supervised the Detective Bureau and served as a patrol Watch Commander. Chief Guerrero holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University and is a graduate of the National Command & Staff College and the Sherman Block Leadership Institute. In 2016, he was honored as La Palma's Supervisory Employee of the Year.

"I have complete confidence in Captain Guerrero to succeed Chief Wilkerson, continuing the hard work and commitment to excellence that this department has consistently upheld," said Mr. McNamara. "I look forward to working with Joe as he takes on the leadership of this outstanding department, serving the La Palma community."

The City will hold an official swearing-in ceremony for Captain Guerrero in September 2024.



Ron Wilkerson

Cerritos 1st CEB Meritorious Marine



HONORING: (l-r) Nayos Thammaraks, Kammie Ngo, Treasurer of 1st CEB Adoption Committee; Connie Edwards, Jeri Florence, SoCal Quilts of Valor; Sadie Maydahl, girlfriend; Sgt Luke Morris, Mayor Naresh Solanki, Diane Searer, former 1st CEB President; Laurie Forward, Secretary 1st CEB Adoption Committee and El Pidio Andrion.

Sergeant Luke Morris, Alpha Company, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion was honored for his exemplary service on August 24, the presentation took place at the Cerritos Sheraton Hotel, Fountain Court.

Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed at Camp Pendleton, on November 11, 2007.

Sergeant Morris and his girlfriend,

Sadie Maydahl spent the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of sponsors which include the Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, Island's Restaurant, and Macaroni Grill.

In addition, the Bowlero Cerritos Lanes offered Sgt Morris and Sadie free bowling.

For their evening entertainment, Sgt Morris and Sadie were given movie tickets to the Cerritos Regal Theater.

Redesigned City of Cerritos Website Launched

The City of Cerritos launched its newly designed city website this past Tuesday, August 27.

The website features an updated design, with intuitive navigation and enhanced search functionality. The website promotes increased availability of online services such as bill payment, permit applications, service requests and more.

The City website is now optimized for mobile devices and will continue to be improved based upon feedback from the community.

Visit cerritos.gov to view the new design and features of the City's website. For more information, call the Communications Division at (562) 916-1320.

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Bellflower Powers Up New Messaging Board Welcoming Community to Downtown

Staff Report

Bellflower, CA — The City of Bellflower is proud to unveil the newest addition to Downtown Bellflower – the Downtown Entry way signage and public art installation at the southwest corner of Bellflower Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard that will welcome residents into the City’s downtown core. The 15-foot vertical sign, partially funded through sponsorship by ALDI Grocery Store, features a sleek bellflower design, the grocer’s logo, and a new programmable LED messaging board that can be used to display public service announcements and community event information to keep residents up to date about the community.

The new entryway also includes the installation of a bronze sculpture, “Journey to Market,” which was relocated to the site. Originally commissioned for the City’s Pacific Electric Depot, the sculpture depicts a man and a young boy sitting on a handcart filled with luggage and boxes and is reminiscent of the City’s early years. The artwork, created by artist Dee Clements in 2010, reflects the historical use of such carts at rail stations in the early 1900s and features items grown and produced in Bellflower, such as Bellefleur apples. The structure was temporarily removed during the construction of The Mayne Events Center.

“This project continues Bellflower’s commitment to the arts, and sets a distinctive entry for Bellflower’s Downtown core,” said Mayor Dan Koops. “The electronic sign welcomes pedestrians and drivers to Downtown Bellflower day and night, while also providing a valuable tool to help us connect with our residents and visitors.



THE NEW GATEWAY SIGN is now up and operating, attending the opening are, from (l-r), Council Member Sonny R. Santa Ines, Mayor Pro Tem Ray Dunton, Mayor Dan Koops, Council Member Victor Sanchez, Council Member Wendi Morse. To their left is “Journey to Market,” a bronze sculpture relocated from the city’s Pacific Electric Depot.

New Covid Vaccine On Way Amid Summer Surge

Last week, the FDA approved the latest slate of annual Covid vaccines, clearing the way for Americans 6 months and older to receive updated shots in the midst of a prolonged summer surge of the virus.

And in preparation for winter, when COVID typically surges again, federal officials said Americans will soon be able to register to receive four free tests in the mail.

In recent weeks, people have been hospitalized with Covid at a rate nearly twice as high as during the same time last summer. By late July, Covid was killing roughly 600 Americans each week, double the number from this spring.

Coronavirus levels in wastewater are considered “high” or “very high” in 45 states, including California, as well as in the District of Columbia.

Major retailers — including CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Ralphs, Vons, Pavilions, Albertsons and Safeway — are already accepting appointments for the new vaccines or soon will. Kaiser Permanente expects to begin administering the shots by mid-September and possibly earlier in some locations.

The new vaccine have been altered to provide protection against the most commonly circulating coronavirus strains, a process that can be comparable to development of the annual flu shot.

Last year’s Covid vaccines offered moderate protection against getting infected, but those defenses waned over time. But, according to reports, a vast majority of Americans who were hospitalized for Covid did not receive the shots offered last fall.

The coronavirus subvariants that succeeded last winter’s dominant strain were collectively nicknamed FLiRT — a play on some of the technical terms for their mutations. That group included a strain officially known as KP.2.

A successor subvariant, KP.3, had a different mutation and so was nicknamed FLuQE — pronounced “fluke.”

For most people, September and October are the best months to get vaccinated against both COVID-19 and flu, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Everyone age 6 months and older should receive updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines, and can get both during the same visit.



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La Mirada Honors Friends of the La Mirada Library



THANK YOU: Members of the Friends of the La Mirada Library pictured with La Mirada Mayor John Lewis, were honored for its 40th anniversary.

The La Mirada City Council recognized the Friends of the La Mirada Library at its August 27 City Council meeting for its 40th anniversary. The Friends of the La Mirada Library's mission is to support the La Mirada Library to help it grow and thrive through the 21st century. The organization raises funds through its spring and fall book sales, the Friends of the Library Bookstore located within the La Mirada Library, and memberships. These funds supplement the library with new books, newspaper and periodical subscrip-

tions, and many services and programs for all ages.

Programs funded through the Friends of the Library include artist led activities and crafts, author talks, STEM programs, cooking demonstrations, and much more. Friends of the Library was the sole sponsor of the circulating board game collection, which includes more than 80 unique board games for patrons to borrow. The Friends of the Library currently has 162 members, including 56 lifetime members and 106 regular members.

Cerritos Heritage Park Play Island to be Renovated

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$189,560 contract to David Volz Design (DVD) for architectural design and engineering services for Heritage Park play island renovations.

A couple months ago LCCN published

a front page story on the park that is in major disrepair.

DVD designed the Heritage Park play island in 2002. For more information, call the Public Works Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219.

What's Happening in La Mirada Public Safety Poster Contest

The annual Public Safety Poster Contest to promote safety awareness for school-aged children will be held in September. The theme of this year's contest is "Safety Starts with Me!"

Students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are invited to participate in the poster contest. The City's Public Safety and Traffic Commissioners will serve as judges and select first, second, and third place winners in the following categories: Kindergarten and First Grade; Second and Third Grade; Fourth and Fifth Grade; Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade; and Ninth through Twelfth Grade.

Entry forms will be available on September 2 at the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station and at La Mirada schools. Entries are due to the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 20. Award winners will be notified and invited to attend a City Council meeting in October to be recognized.

For additional information, contact Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres at (562) 902-2986. Make Preparedness a Priority La Mirada will observe

National Preparedness Month

To commemorate National Preparedness Month, residents are encouraged to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their home, business, school, and neighborhood.

To help residents prepare, the City offers Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness (NEP) training. La Mirada NEP is taught by members of the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members teach neighborhood areas how to make a plan, assemble a supply kit, stay informed, and get involved.

For more information or to sign up your neighborhood for training, contact Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres at (562) 902-2986 or email mcipres@cityoflamirada.org.

Buccaneer Bay Open Saturdays

The Buccaneer Bay waterpark at Splash! is open Labor Day weekend and then Saturdays only through September 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Single-day admissions are available for \$27, with seniors and those less than 48 inches tall priced at only \$22. For more information, visit splashteamirada.com.

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For more information, visit the Box Office, call (562) 944-9801, or visit the Theatre's website at LaMiradaTheatre.com.

All That Dance: Roaring Twenties

Seniors are invited to a roaring twenties themed All That Dance on Friday, September 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. The event will feature musical entertainment, snacks, and light refreshments. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Registration is required for this event. For more information or to pre-register, call (562) 902-3160 or visit cityoflamirada.org.

Health Information and Safety Fair

The City's annual Community Health Fair event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Activity Center, located 13810 La Mirada Boulevard.

The Community Health Fair offers a range of valuable health and wellness screenings and information on housing, education, and safety. Transportation and boxed lunches are available with advance reservation.

For more information, call the Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

Hometown Hero Spotlight

The Hometown Hero Spotlight Award recognizes La Mirada veterans who, in addition to having served their country, continue to make a difference by giving back to their community through volunteer or charitable service. Nominations for the Hometown Hero Spotlight Award are now being accepted through Monday, October 14. Selected nominees will be honored during the 2024 Salute to Veterans Celebration at Neff Park on Saturday, November 9.

Nomination forms are available online and at the La Mirada Resource Center. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

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Norwalk High Volleyball Player Honored by City Council



NORWALK HIGH volleyball star Mirei Sanchez, third from left, was recognized by the Norwalk City Council for her accomplishment with the Seal Beach Volleyball Club. From (l-r), Councilmember Rick Ramirez, Councilmember Ana Valencia, Sanchez, Mayor Margarita Rios, Vice-Mayor Tony Ayala, and Councilmember Jennifer Perez.

The sophomore helped her club volleyball team win the 2024 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship.

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

Norwalk High and the Seal Beach Volleyball Club are glad that Mirei Sanchez chose that sport instead of her first choice.

Not only has the sophomore made an impact for the Lancers in her brief high school career, but she has also done the same for her club team in one season, bringing home some hardware from a major tournament early last month.

The 6'1" outside hitter and middle blocker is one of 11 players on the Seal Beach 15-Under Black team that won the 2024 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship, held July 3-11 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas. The team was one of 48 clubs situated in the 15 Freedom Division. The tournament crowned close to 30 champions covering four age groups; there were seven divisions in each age group from 14-Under to 17-Under.

Hard to believe that Sanchez hasn't been playing volleyball for a long time, but that's the case as she began her athletic career as a softball pitcher at the age of six in T-Ball. Sanchez played softball for seven years before settling down with volleyball.

"To be honest, I quit softball because

I was sick of pitching 24/7," said Sanchez. "So I was like, 'let me try this sport that I played in private school', and I kind of enjoyed it. When I got into it, I was like, 'this seems fun'."

Her first position was middle blocker, and her coaches and teammates taught her how to hit, pass and set. She said she was intrigued and when her team went to nationals, she knew that volleyball was the right sport for her. Sanchez, who was 5'9" or 5'10" when she began volleyball, remembered that it took only a month into her time with her previous club team, ICON, at 12-years old before she knew she could be successful in it. The ICON Volleyball Club hails from Whittier and nearby communities. Sanchez was with that club for two years.

"I realized that wanting to hit the ball was my sport," she continued. "Wanting to get up there, block and do everything...I just enjoyed it, and I had to go out there and do it."

Her current club team, won two matches on July 8 and went 2-1 the next day, falling to Sky High Adidas out of Crystal Lake, IL 22-25, 25-21, 12-15. The Seal Beach Volleyball Club 15 Black then won three matches on July 10 and three more the next day, including a 25-22, 25-22 sweep over the Houston Skyline. Sanchez' team went 21-3 in sets played, the most victories by any team in the 15 Freedom Division. Sanchez and her team stayed off the Las Vegas Strip to reduce the distractions that comes with visiting or playing in Sin City

and spent most of her time in the hotel room with her friends and members of another Seal Beach Volleyball Club team. She said that there were 250-300 club volleyball teams in the tournament.

"The moment I walked into [the Mandalay Bay Convention Center], I was like, 'we have to get this gold medal; I want this gold medal'," she thought. "All of us wanted it."

Sanchez admitted she was off a bit on the first day of the tournament because the team knew it had to wait until the afternoon of each day to play its pool play and bracket matches. But after a team meeting with head coach Maria Fattal on the first day, the team knew what it had to do and regrouped. The 15 Black team is one of 19 teams in the program.

As the lone freshman during the regular season with Norwalk, Sanchez had 169 kills and 42 blocks, both second for the Lancers behind current senior Samantha Munoz, and led them in hitting percentage (.318). This season, she continues to be a big part of a Lancers team that aspires to make another deep run in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs.

"I really thought I wasn't going to make varsity, to be honest," said Sanchez. "I saw videos of me back then as a freshman and I was like, 'wow, I changed this much; I was so slow back then and not as strong. Now that I see myself [this season], I keep thinking that I'm not strong enough to play with higher levels. Getting to play with the seniors [who graduated], it was fun; I miss them. I wanted to help them more and probably make it past the quarter-finals and see if we could get [a CIF championship]. But sadly, we couldn't. So I'm hoping this year I can push for that and get first place, or second place in CIF."

Norwalk head coach Paola Nava and her assistant, Enrique Galicia, said she saw the athleticism out of Sanchez and that's why she was on the varsity team as a freshman.

"Yes, she's tall, but she wasn't that dimensional player as far as she can serve, she can pass, she can set," Nava continued. "She can definitely swing at a ball, and we knew that she was going to be young. We knew that her IQ in serving wasn't completely there, but we knew that with time, she would get smarter. We knew that it was a work in progress, and we definitely see it now that she's playing all around. She has a lot of learning and growing to do, and we're excited to see that."

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CELLPHONE from page 1

The legislation builds on a previous law passed in 2019 that gave school districts the authority, but did not require them, to regulate smartphones during school hours.

AB 3216 allows school districts to enforce their cellphone policies by limiting student access to their smartphones. Currently, some schools enforce phone bans by requiring students to check them into "cellphone hotels" or stow them in locked pouches that can only be unlocked by school staff with a special magnet.

Many schools with cellphone prohibitions confiscate phones until the end of the school day if students flout the rules.

The legislation allows for some exemptions. Students will not be prohibited from using their phones if there is an emergency, when they are given permission by school staff, when a doctor says that the student needs the phone for medical reasons or when a smartphone is required in a special education student's individualized education program.

The legislation also prohibits school officials and staff from accessing or monitoring a student's online activities.

School districts are required to have "significant stakeholder participation" in developing their cellphone policy to ensure it is responsive to the needs of students, teachers and parents, according to the legislation. The policies must be updated every five years.

Adopting cellphone policies could collectively cost school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to a state analysis of the legislation. Because it is a state mandate, the costs could be reimbursed by the state.

GLENN from page 1

Eagles finished north of .500 with Penny becoming the first rookie head coach to have a winning season during that same time.

Penny told LCCN, "I believe the season was a success because these kids aren't used to winning, so building that culture of just winning and expecting to win and putting the work in to win is a success without looking at the record. Just changing the culture and changing the mindset."

Penny said the players viewed the new coaches as changing the mindset, and that the coaches didn't cut any corners or any slack. The coaching staff was constantly on the players following the one-point loss to Bassett High on Aug. 22, and that he saw the demanding work the coaches were giving was working.

But were the coaches pushing the changing of the culture, the mindset, and the demanding work too far?

Kopff's article listed an alarming number of players who transferred out of the Glenn program to other high schools or quit the team altogether. The players spanned the position spectrum and weren't just frustrated freshmen or sophomores but top junior and senior players.

The biggest defection from last season's team, and probably the biggest loss in recent memory for the program, was senior running back Tuiono Tuifua, who transferred to La Mirada High. His absence will be greatly missed with the numbers he put together last season, logging 134 carries, 1,425 yards, 14 touchdowns, 26 receptions, 597 yards, and seven touchdowns.

Obviously, Tui was a great player," Penny told LCCN. "He's a good kid overall, and unfortunately, in this day and age, this transfer thing is like too big."

Other running backs who bolted were

senior Dylan Arrington and junior running backs Daron Walker and Terry Henderson, who had 54 carries, 569 yards, five touchdowns, and seven receptions for 143 yards in 2023.

"Any kid can be replaced," said Penny. Losing those guys definitely took a big hit on our offense, and it took a big hit on our program in the direction we want to go."

Adding to the concern, three starting offensive linemen from 2023 left the team: left guard Johdan Escobar, center Joshua Frausto, and right guard Ivan Galindo. There is also a battle for the left tackle spot. "We're in a frenzy on the line," Penny said.

"Just being here last year, definitely we had some skill," said Penny. "We had a lot more experience and more polished guys. But they came with a germ. They came with the germ of not being used to a winning culture, not practicing how to be a winner, and not knowing how to talk like a winner. This group of guys I have right now are the guys you want to go to war with on Fridays. They're not going to quit; they're not going to give up. I know that's not going to be an issue. The only issue we would have is the experience across the board."

That statement was evidently the last straw for Glenn parents who leveled abuse and harassment allegations against Penny and his coaching staff in online comments, including physical abuse by some coaches, while accusing Glenn Athletic Director and the NLMUSD of covering up the behavior.

One parent commented that it was her son who got hit, "I transferred my son because my son was the one hit by one of the coaches and after further investigation found out my other son was also punched in the stomach by another coach."

LCCN confirmed with high-level NLMUSD officials that two coaches were

reported by Glenn officials last year, investigated for abuse, and were later fired.

Glenn Athletic Director Linda Parra declined to comment on the story as did officials from the Norwalk-La Mirada School District.

In his statement canceling the Mayor's Cup game, Principle Dr. David Olea wrote, "We regret to inform you of a difficult decision regarding the upcoming city football game between Norwalk and John Glenn High Schools.

"After careful consideration and consultation between our respective athletic departments, it has become evident that the Glenn football program is facing significant challenges related to player participation and safety.

"Specifically, the number of participants available is below the required level to ensure a safe and competitive outcome. Our top priority is the well-being of our student-athletes, and we believe that proceeding under these conditions would not uphold the standards we strive for in our athletic programs and for the city of Norwalk.

"Therefore, the football game between Norwalk and John Glenn, previously scheduled for September 13, 2024, has been canceled. We understand how disappointing this news may be for students, families, fans, and to our communities who have been looking forward to this event. Please know that this decision was not made lightly but was necessitated by the current circumstances.

"We encourage everyone to continue to support our teams in fostering the positive spirit of sportsmanship and community that define our schools and the city of Norwalk. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate this situation."



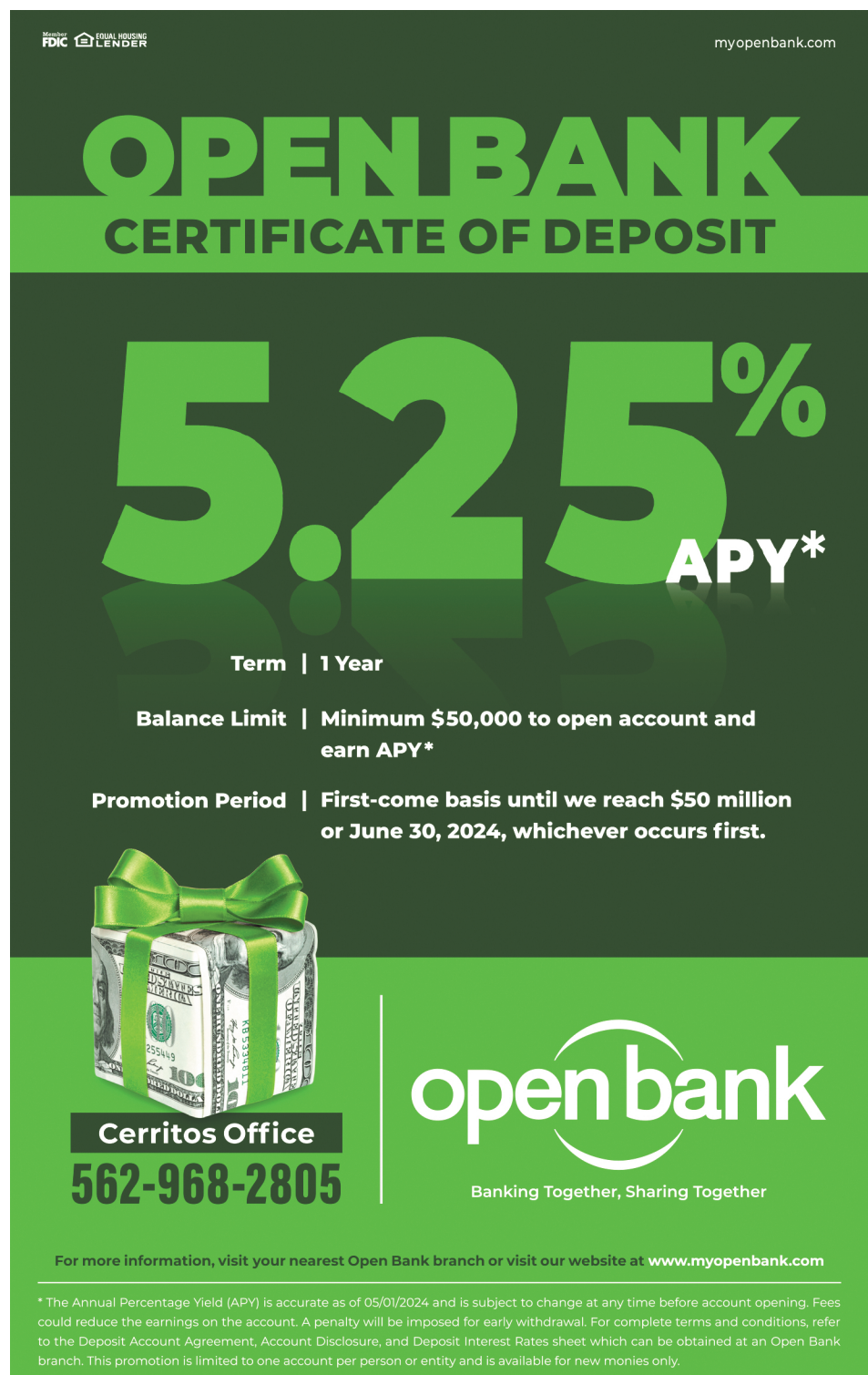
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6th Annual Ranchos Walk on Saturday Sept. 14



THE ANNUAL URBAN HIKE experience takes residents along the trail that links Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos.

Routes ranging from 3 to 9 miles will end with a free afternoon of games, giveaways and music.

Staff Report

The community is invited to step into the stream of natural, local history as the City of Long Beach hosts the 6th Annual Ranchos Walk on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The annual urban hike experience takes residents along the trail that links Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos.

The 9.4-mile scenic route connects the highest points across Long Beach and Signal Hill, including Reservoir Hill, Longview Point at Willow Springs Park, and Hilltop Park in Signal Hill.

Those who don't want to hike the full

9.4-mile route can explore the shorter 3.5-mile and 6-mile route options. This year's Ranchos Walk will highlight local water facts through the educational theme, "Step into the Stream of History."

The Ranchos Walk will end at Rancho Los Cerritos where participants can enjoy an afternoon of music, free refreshments, games, activities and giveaways. Additional Ranchos Walk merchandise will also be available for purchase by the Ranchos.

"We are proud to have a portion of the Ranchos Walk journey through our beautiful Fourth District," said Fourth District Councilman Daryl Supernaw in a statement. "I appreciate how the Ranchos Walk provides residents with the opportunity to explore our local landscape and learn about the rich history of our great city."

The "Step into the Stream of Histo-

ry" theme aims to educate participants about the local watershed, waterways, historical drinking water system and water features visible along the walk route. Participants may access a free audio tour using the izi.TRAVEL app, available for download on Apple and Android devices.

The 6th Annual Ranchos Walk is presented by the City of Long Beach, in partnership with Walk Long Beach, Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos, with additional sponsorship by the Office of Fifth District Councilwoman Megan Kerr, the Port of Long Beach and other supporters.

Led by the City's Office of Climate Action and Sustainability, the Ranchos Walk is also supported by various City departments, including Health and Human Services, Public Works, Long Beach Utilities and Port of Long Beach.

The goal of the Ranchos Walk is to support active, fun and safe ways for walkers to explore neighborhoods and discover historic landmarks and vista points.

"The Ranchos Walk encourages the community to come out and explore the city in an active and unique way," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and reflect on our local history and cityscape, this year with a focus on our local watersheds, waterways and water systems."

Updates about this year's Ranchos Walk will be shared on lbcity.info/rw and on the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability social pages @lbsustainability on Facebook and Instagram.

Participation in the 6th annual Ranchos Walk is free with online registration. Additional event details available at lbcity.info/rw.

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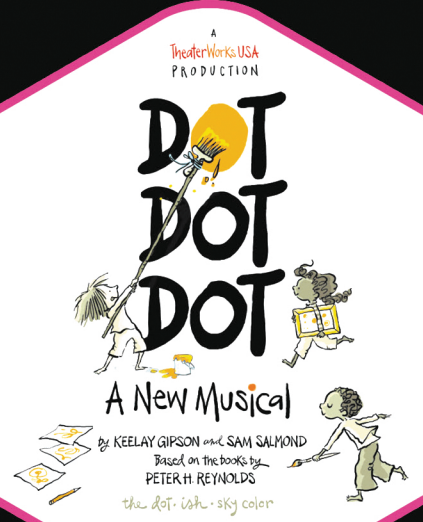
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It is possible to brighten up those shady spots in your landscape. It is all about proper plant selection, planting, and care.

Start by evaluating the sun and shade patterns in your gardens. Monitor the amount of sunlight different areas receive throughout the day and at various times of the year. You may be surprised the space gets more sunlight than you thought.

Make a list of plants you have successfully grown and those that failed in the shady location you are landscaping. Use this information to help you select other plants with similar light requirements. As always, select plants that thrive in your climate and tolerate the

amount of sunlight, moisture, and soil in the proposed garden location. Look for plants that provide attractive foliage all season long and flowers at various times.

When planting under or near trees be careful not to kill the tree when creating your shade garden. Plant a foot or more away from the tree trunk and don't cut or remove surface roots that create entryways for insects and diseases. Dig as small as possible planting holes to avoid disturbing the roots and for easy planting. Avoid adding soil over the tree roots and against the trunk as this can lead to tree decline and even death. Skip deep cultivation that damages the roots, the majority of which grow within the top 18 inches of soil with 50% of them in the top six inches.

Add seasonal color and vertical interest with shade-tolerant annuals like impatiens, begonias, and coleus. Avoid damaging the tree roots by planting these in containers and setting the pots on the soil surface amongst perennial shade-tolerant groundcovers or on mulched beds under the trees.

Once you've planted your garden, adjust the care to compensate for the



PLACING SHADE-TOLERANT container gardens below tree canopies beautifies shady spots without damaging the tree roots. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com



limited light conditions. Plants growing under large trees or overhangs must be watered more often, especially during the first year or two until the plants become established. The dense canopy of many trees and impervious overhangs prevent rainfall from reaching the ground below. Plus, the extensive root systems of trees and shrubs absorb much of the rainfall that does make it through, so check soil moisture several times a week and water thoroughly as needed.

Spread a layer of organic mulch over the soil surface and away from the tree trunk and crowns of the plants. Organic mulches help conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as

they decompose.

Tree and shrub roots also compete with plantings for nutrients. Use a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer that promotes balanced above- and below-ground growth. Apply it at planting and early each spring as needed.

Avoid high nitrogen, quick-release fertilizer that promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to insects and diseases. Plus, limited light is a potential plant stressor that can further increase the risk of problems. Sometimes there is just too much shade to grow even shade-loving plants. Consider mulching the area to suppress weeds, support the tree's health and protect the soil. Then relax and enjoy the shade on hot sunny days.

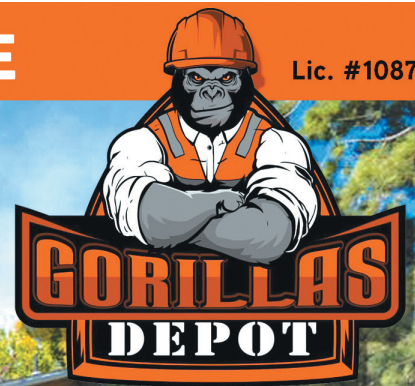
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WEEK ZERO FOOTBALL

Defense sets tone early as Valley Christian eases past Gahr

By Loren Kopff • @LorenKopff on X

What a difference a year can make. It was Aug. 25, 2023 when head coach Brendan Chambers made his Valley Christian High coaching debut against Gahr High. In a contest that saw both teams combine to score on five of six fourth quarter drives, the game was

and Chambers wasn't about to come anywhere close to the late game dramatics of last season's meeting. A pair of defensive plays from junior defensive end Max Douglas within the first 5:25 of the game led to a pair of first quarter touchdowns from senior quarterback Austin Abrahams. The quick start enabled the



PHOTO BY STEVE FERICEAN

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH senior wide receiver Seth Dahlenburg hauls in a 21-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Austin Abrahams late in the first half as the Defenders went on to defeat Gahr High 49-23 last Friday in the season-opener for both teams. It was the first of two touchdown passes for Abrahams, who also scored four rushing touchdowns. He combined for 322 all-purpose yards.

decided when Chambers decided to go for a potential game-winning two point conversion with no time left in the game.

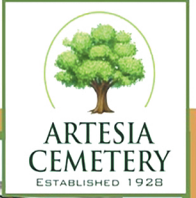
The conversion failed, giving Gahr a 21-20 road win. Fast forward to last Friday night at Hanford Rants Stadium,

Defenders to rout the Gladiators 49-23 as Abrahams accounted for six of the seven touchdowns V.C. scored.

"I think that was one of the best

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games I've ever had," said Abrahams. "I had a pretty good game versus Big Bear last year. But this one, I felt like I ran the ball, and I threw the ball and just overall, yeah, one of my best performances."

"It was a great team effort all around," said Chambers. "I feel like defensively, we have a lot of stuff we need to improve on. But they were physical and that's what we've been preaching all [summer] camp. The most balanced team is going to win; whoever wants it more is going to win, and they did a great job tonight."

"Offensively, [Gahr] came out with a different front than what we would see," he continued. "The offensive line struggled a little bit, but they got it down as the game went on. It was just a great game all around."

On the second play of the game, Douglas recovered a fumble at the Gahr 20-yard line and five plays into V.C.'s first possession, Abrahams scored on a seven-yard run. Then on the third play of the ensuing possession, Douglas sacked Gahr junior quarterback Roman Acosta for a seven-yard loss on third and four. The Gladiators were forced to punt, and

the Defenders eventually went up 14-0 after Abrahams went in from a yard out to cap off another five-play drive.

"That was huge; Max making those plays, applying the pressure...the whole D-line and linebackers did a great job applying the pressure, making it tough for [Acosta] to do anything," said Abrahams.

Gahr would get a 29-yard field goal from senior Noah Hernandez just 13 seconds into the second quarter. But Abrahams would continue his hot start to the game, adding an eight-yard touchdown run to his game's performance just over four minutes into the stanza, making it 21-3.

But the Artesia Blvd. neighbors refused to go away and found the end zone for the first time in 2024 when senior running back Ja'Shon Wallace ended a 5:07 drive with a two-yard run. Then with 58 seconds left in the first half, Abrahams showed that he can throw the ball as well, connecting with senior wide receiver Seth Dahlenburg. The back and forth half continued as the Gladiators responded quickly as Acosta scored on a 14-yard run with four seconds left in the half, making it 28-17 in favor of V.C.

"We got a good start when we got that fumble and were able to get six points on the board really, really fast," said

Chambers. "It changed the momentum of the game; they were trailing us the whole time from that point on. The defense really did set the tone. They were flying around, being physical."

Both teams were putting up good numbers in the first half with Abrahams completing seven of 11 passes for 92 yards and gaining another 82 yards on 10 carries. The only other V.C. running back with first half yardage was junior Karsen Wesley, who had five yards on half a dozen touches.

"In the beginning of the week, we were watching film and coach Chambers put on the last play of the game from last year where we lost it on the one-yard line," said Abrahams. "I just kept that in the back of my head the whole game and I think everyone on the team did that. We just didn't want to repeat that, and that just pushed us to play harder [in this game]."

For the Gladiators, Acosta was just as sharp, ending the half with six straight completions and had 116 yards through the first 24 minutes. The recipient of most of those yards was senior wide receiver Markell Slaughter, who caught four passes for 52 yards.

The Defenders went right back to work to begin the second half, orchestrating an eight-play drive that ended when he threw a seven-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Sean Bouma. That would be the lone score of the third quarter, but another stellar defensive play led to V.C.'s sixth touchdown.

On fourth and 15 from the V.C. 40-yard line, the Gladiators decided to go for it instead of punting. Junior linebacker Cole Hefner sacked Acosta for a 10-yard loss and the Defenders ran nine plays to wrap up the stanza, then made it 42-17 on the first play of the fourth quarter courtesy of a six-yard run from Abrahams.

Hefner would sack Acosta again on the sixth play of Gahr's next drive. But Slaughter responded by scampering 40 yards for the final touchdown for the blue and gold. Slaughter, who is a jack of all trades for the Gladiators, ended with 105 yards on eight receptions and 98 yards on 10 carries.

"[Slaughter] is a great player, right," said Chambers. "We knew that all along; that we were going to have to stop him. He's a heck of a ball player. When they put him at [the] wildcat [formation], it was an adjustment for us, and we just had to slow him down."

The last touchdown of the night came from junior running back Tyson McNeese, who went in from six yards out with 5:50 left to play. V.C. scored on seven of its nine possessions. The two times it didn't score was a quarterback kneel down to end the first half and a two-play, 11-yard drive to end the contest.

Abrahams finished with 14 completions in 22 attempts for 212 yards and led the Defenders with 110 yards on 15 carries. Junior tight end Lucas Witt caught six passes for 79 yards and Dahlenburg added 70 yards on three receptions.

"He's our guy," said Chambers. "We're trying to snap it to him and let him make plays and just be himself. He was slow, I feel like, in the passing game. But as the game went on, he got his feet underneath him and was able to throw the ball a lot better. But in the running game, he's just dynamic. He is very slippery; he's hard to tackle, he's smart and makes good plays."

"I think we were going into the game thinking that we were going to run a lot to see how that works," said Abrahams. "Once we started running more, then the passing started opening because the backers were coming up."

Wesley finished with 42 yards on a dozen carries while McNeese added 35 yards on four touches for the only other ball carriers. Bouma and junior wide receiver Dylan Teays each caught a pair of passes for 44 and 16 yards respectively while on defense, Abrahams had six tackles and senior defensive back Jayce Shields and junior defensive back Oliver Boateng each added four tackles.

"I enjoy playing defense for sure," said Abrahams. "Let's say I make a mistake on offense, I can go out there and try to make up for it on defense, or vice versa. I really enjoy playing both sides of the ball and I think it's fun to hit people."

Acosta, who had completed nine straight passes during one stretch, was 14 of 19 for 170 yards with Slaughter catching eight of them for 105 yards. He also picked up 98 yards on 10 carries while Wallace had 46 yards on six carries and caught three passes for 11 yards. On defense, senior linebacker Isaiah Portillo had seven tackles while five players had three tackles.

V.C. will visit Calvary Chapel Santa Ana High on Saturday night with the game played at Segerstrom High while Gahr will face another city rival in Cerritos High on Friday. The Gladiators will be the designated visiting team.

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on September 10, 2024, before the City Council of the City of Commerce for the consideration of the adoption of the City of Commerce 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and Negative Declaration, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c).

Description: The project is the adoption of the Commerce 2021-2029 Housing Element that represents an update of the City's certified Housing Element. The Housing Element addresses existing and future housing needs of all types for persons in all economic segment groups within the City and serves as a tool for decision-makers and the public in understanding and meeting housing needs in Commerce. State law requires that all housing elements address four key topics: housing needs, constraints to housing development, housing resources, and a housing plan. Analysis of these topics provides the foundation for the preparation of a housing element. Article 10.6, Section 65580 – 65589.8, Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code sets forth the legal requirements for a housing element and encourages the provision of affordable and decent housing in suitable living environments for all communities to meet statewide goals. Rezoning to implement the General Plan will follow within one year of the General Plan Update. The proposed land use densities for these mixed-use designations ranges from 40 to 85 du/ac.

On August 21, 2024, the City of Commerce Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing and approved a Resolution to recommend to the City of Commerce City Council to approve the City's Housing Element and the Negative Declaration.

Environmental Determination: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the City has determined that this project would not result in significant environmental impacts and no mitigation measures are required. Accordingly, the City intends to adopt a Negative Declaration, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c).

Hazardous Waste Sites: None of the Housing Element inventory sites are included on the list of hazardous materials facilities, hazardous waste properties, or hazardous waste disposal sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Cortese List). A copy of the Commerce Housing Element Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration can be viewed at <https://www.reimaginecommerce.com/document-library>

Submit Written Comments: We encourage submittal of written comments supporting, opposing, or otherwise commenting on an agenda item, for distribution to the City Council prior to the meeting. Send emails to planning-division@ci.commerce.ca.us; written correspondence may be sent to:

Louis Morales, Interim Director
City of Commerce Department of Economic Development and Planning
2535 Commerce Way Commerce, California 90040
Phone: (323) 722-4805
Email: Lmorales@ci.commerce.ca.us

The proposed project plans and environmental documents may be reviewed during regular business hours at the Commerce City Hall. The Planning Department, located at 2535 Commerce Way Commerce, California 90040.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL

Said public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Commerce in the City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, on September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents for the proposed Adoption will be heard.

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

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Adhikari, Cerritos pick up where it left off last season, routs Buena Park in opener

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

BUENA PARK-The Cerritos High football team wanted to make sure that its CIF-Southern Section Division 12 championship of last season was not a fluke. So, the Dons ushered their 2024 season in grand fashion with a shutout over Buena Park High in last Thursday's opener.

Cerritos scored on four of its first five drives to begin the game and did not allow the Coyotes to cross midfield until late in the first half in a 38-0 thrashing. The Dons posted shutouts of 38-0 and 58-0 last season and held six other opponents to under 20 points.

"Defense has always been the anchor of our team," said Cerritos head coach Demel Franklin. "We build the defense first. Offensively, we have to give ourselves some points. But we know we have a very good defense, and we make a mistake, they can give us the ball back and we can correct it."

After junior Mateo Arancibia booted a 26-yard field goal almost five minutes into the contest, junior safety Michael Quibrantar picked off Kevin Garcia three plays into Buena Park's next possession. The turnover would lead to a one-yard touchdown run from junior quarterback Justin Sagun with four minutes remaining in the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, senior running back Dikshanta Adhikari scored from 14 yards out. It was his third 14-yard run of the game as he would finish the contest with 109 yards on 16 carries with a pair of touchdowns. Senior running back Josiah Ungos gained 80 yards on 13 carries and scored on a 13-yard run in the fourth quarter to end the scoring. Sagun pitched in with 41 yards on four carries to give the Dons that balanced running attack they had last season.

"They're hot," said Franklin. "I don't believe in letting everybody touch the ball. If you're hot, you stay hot. That's it. You better pray that dude get cold. If not, you're on the sideline all night, and they know it. That's how it is."

Adhikari added an 18-yard touchdown run midway through the second quarter as the Dons built a 24-0 halftime lead while the defense was pinning the Coyotes back for most of the half. Of the first 18 plays by the Coyotes, half a dozen went for negative yardage and for the game, they did not have a play of more than 11 yards.

Junior Tyler Ky led the Cerritos defense with seven tackles while senior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford added five tackles with junior Labrenten Wilson getting four tackles. Sagun ended up completing five passes for 44 yards with senior wide receiver Ruben Castro catching four of them.

"Justin is a fighter," said Franklin. "Even when he makes mistakes, now he's at the point where he doesn't break all the way down. Last year he would break all the way down when he made a mistake, and I would have had to crush him. So, I had to ease up a little and let him grow and mature, and he's showing what he can do."

Cerritos will host Gahr High on Friday in the battle for the Silver Milk Barrel. It's also the Game of the Week. Gahr fell to Valley Christian High 49-23 last Friday, getting outscored 21-6 in the second half.

The Gladiators got the bulk of their offense from senior utility person Markell



PHOTO BY DAVE KY

CERRITOS HIGH safety Michael Quibrantar picks off Kevin Garcia of Buena Park High nearly midway through the first quarter of last Thursday's season-opener. The interception would lead to a touchdown by junior quarterback Justin Sagun, giving Cerritos a 10-0 lead at the time. The Dons would shutout the Coyotes 38-0.

Slaughter, who rushed 10 times for 98 yards and scored on a 40-yard run early in the fourth quarter. He also caught eight passes for 105 yards and completed one pass for two yards.

Gahr knocked off the Dons 27-20 last season and has won 14 of the past 15 games. In 2022, Cerritos posted a 21-6 over Gahr. Since the Cerritos-Gahr rivalry began in 1972, both teams have won 23 games with the results from the 1975 and 1981 games unknown. They did not meet from 2018-2021, probably because the Gladiators had outscored the Dons 561-56 during a 13-game winning streak, the longest in the series.

Prediction: Cerritos 35, Gahr 21
In other football action,

Mark Keppel High (0-1) @ Artesia High (1-0)-This game was played on Aug. 29. Artesia rallied last week at Long Beach Cabrillo High, scoring 16 points in the fourth quarter to escape with a 29-26 victory. Senior quarterback Charlie Lopez was nearly a one-man show, gaining 193 yards on 21 carries and scoring three times while completing five of eight passes for 75 yards. Junior running back Joe Thomas Jr. added 56 yards on eight carries and scored once as the Pioneers gained nearly 300 yards on the ground.

Mark Keppel lost to Mountain View High 63-22 last Friday as the Aztecs were held to 121 yards on offense, but Matthew Contreras had 207 yards just in kickoff returns. He was also the leading rusher with 44 yards and on the topic of the running game, Mountain View tore through the defense to the tune of 465 yards while building a 33-14 halftime lead. Last season, Artesia routed the Aztecs 41-0.

Prediction: Artesia 42, Mark Keppel 14
Rancho Dominguez Prep (0-1) @ John Glenn High (1-0)-This game was played on Aug. 29. Despite all the controversy and turmoil within the football program over the past several weeks, Glenn was able to hold off Bassett High 12-8 last Thursday. Senior quarterback Raymond Acosta tossed a touchdown in the first and second quarters and the Eagles defense surrendered just a safety in the second half. The win avenged a 29-28 loss to the Olympians last season. A week later, the Eagles posted a 46-0 win over Rancho Dominguez Prep.

The Lobos, who are out of the Metro League of the CIF-Los Angeles City Section, fell to Compton High 35-22 last Friday. Rancho Dominguez Prep, which first fielded a football team in 2012, has

had one winning season in school history (2015)

Prediction: Glenn 28, Rancho Dominguez 17

Western High (0-1) @ La Mirada High (0-1)-The Matadores will christen its renovated Goodman Stadium, hoping to notch their first win of the season. La Mirada fell to Cypress High 49-27 last Friday despite a pair of touchdown passes from junior quarterback Santino Garcia and a 98-yard kickoff return from senior Max Rankin. Garcia completed 10 passes for 254 yards.

Western is coming off a 71-0 loss to Los Alamitos High in which the Pioneers gained 221 yards on offense. Quarterback Noah Giddens was 10 of 28 for 90 yards while Malachi Alatorre picked up 89 yards on the ground. This is the first meeting between the two in at least 20 years.

Prediction: La Mirada 35, Western 21
Santa Fe High (1-0) @ Norwalk High (1-0)-Norwalk had no problems with Montebello High in a 49-6 win last Friday as senior running back Ezra Mueller rushed for 177 yards and two touchdowns and junior running backs Diego Cerritos and Derek Sandoval accounted for another 172 yards and three touchdowns. Those three were part of a vaunted rushing attack that picked up 439 yards on the ground. Senior quarterback Nicolas Barrera completed one pass, but it went for a 22-yard touchdown pass to senior Tyler Burton.

Santa Fe blasted Pioneer High 48-7 last Friday and this is the first meeting between the teams since 1999 when the Chiefs blanked the Lancers 37-0.

Prediction: Norwalk 38, Santa Fe 28
Valley Christian (1-0) @ Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana High (0-1)-This game is being played at Segerstrom High on Saturday. For the first time since 2001, the former Olympic League rivals renew acquaintances. In that game, V.C. squeaked out a 21-19 win. The Eagles lost a heartbreaking 22-21 contest to Woodbridge High last Friday with the deciding factor a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter, the only score of the final stanza. C.C.S.A. had rallied three times in the game.

Prediction: V.C. 35, C.C.S.A. 20
Last week's predictions: 5-1
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Artesia has played once this season, getting swept by Monrovia High and will host Bell Gardens High on Tuesday while Valley Christian swept Cerritos 25-15, 25-19, 25-12 this past Tuesday night. Cerritos

never led in the match and had a 2-2 tie in the first set before the Defenders reeled off seven straight points. Later in the set, V.C. went on a five-point scoring spree to go up 24-14.

V.C. sophomore outside hitter Tessa Dobmeier led everyone with 11 kills and had three aces while junior middle hitter Jordan Weston and senior outside hitter Cameron Warner added seven and six kills respectively.

Cerritos (1-3) was paced by senior middle blocker Sophia Toney, who had three kills and a block in the opening set. The Dons visited Gahr on Aug. 29 and will visit Downey High on Tuesday. V.C. (7-2) entertained St. Anthony High on Aug. 29 and will welcome Mayfair High and Warren High on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Gahr swept St. Paul High last Friday to improve to 7-5 and after its match with Cerritos, will host Bellflower High on Wednesday.

After winning four matches last season, Glenn picked up its fifth victory in seven matches with a 25-16, 25-15, 25-7 decision over San Gabriel Mission High this past Tuesday. It was the fourth sweep in the five wins. The Eagles will go to South El Monte High on Friday before hosting Anaheim High on Tuesday and Hawthorne Math and Sciences Academy the next day.

La Mirada rallied from two sets down to defeat La Serna High in five this past Monday, then knocked off Whitney High 25-13, 19-25, 25-20, 25-18 this past Tuesday to improve to 4-2. The Matadores visited California High on Aug. 29 and will travel to Sonora High and Santa Fe on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Norwalk defeated Schurr High 21-25, 25-18, 26-24, 22-25, 15-4 last Thursday, then was swept by Tustin High 25-19, 25-23, 26-24 this past Monday to fall to 4-5. The Lancers faced Mayfair on Aug. 29 and will go to Firebaugh High on Monday, Santa Fe on Tuesday and Bell Gardens on Thursday.

Whitney's loss to La Mirada was its first in five matches this season as the Wildcats travel to La Quinta High on Tuesday and Troy High on Thursday.

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Artesia picked up its first win of the season last Thursday at Cabrillo, 12-6, then lost to Westminster High 21-13 this past Monday. The Pioneers (1-2) visited Bellflower this past Wednesday and will go to Whittier High on Wednesday.

Gahr took care of Narbonne High (12-6) and St. Paul (14-6) last Saturday and blanked Pioneer 22-0 this past Monday to move its record to 4-1. The Gladiators hosted this past Wednesday and will welcome Ayala High on Tuesday.

Glenn (1-2) fell to La Mirada 26-12 this past Monday and will travel to Santiago High on Wednesday while La Mirada then shutout Magnolia High 46-0 this past Tuesday to move to 3-1. La Mirada will host California on Wednesday.

Norwalk crushed South El Monte 40-6 last Thursday before losing to California 25-19. The Lancers (3-3) host Whittier on Tuesday.



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**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 438-1**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 438-1 – A request for a ten-year extension to allow the ongoing operation and maintenance of an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility and related equipment on an existing 195’ lattice tower within the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), Zone.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 13650 Bora Drive (APN: 8059-029-032) / Triconic Engineering Consultants on behalf of Verizon Wireless, Attention: Emmanuel Higgins, 2415 Campus Drive., Suite # 265, Irvine, CA 92612

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

CEQA STATUS: The Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines – Class 1 (Existing Facilities). If the Planning Commission determines that the project is exempt from CEQA, a Notice of Exemption will be filed for this project.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and express their opinion on the items listed above. Please note that if you challenge the aforementioned items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence to the office of the Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS may be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department at City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs CA 90670 or, otherwise, e-mail the Planning Commission Secretary, Esmeralda Elise, at: esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.org. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission meeting. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 868-0511 ext. 7550.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Claudia L. Jimenez, Associate Planner, via e-mail at: claudiajimenez@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7356.

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**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ALCOHOL SALES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 89**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

ALCOHOL SALES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 89 – To allow the on-sale of beer and wine in conjunction with a restaurant establishment within the C-4-PD Zone (Community Commercial – Planned Development Overlay)

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 13321 Florence Avenue / Elevated Restaurant Group, LLC, DBA: Dave’s Hot Chicken

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FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Jimmy Wong, Associate Planner, via e-mail at: JimmyWong@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7451.

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600–1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com ending on Monday, September 16th, 2024 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Christopher Cromwell	E19
Anthony Rubino	H18
Randolph Rykschroeff	F66
Christopher Swanson	A18
Manager Special/Non-Lien Unit	F51

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 6th and 13th day of September 2024.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TITLE 10 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, BY REFERENCE, AND AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 6:30 p.m. on September 24, 2024, the City of La Mirada will conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 734 adopting Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code related to animals by reference. The public hearing will be held in City Council Chambers at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

The proposed Ordinance No. 734 would amend Section 8.04.020 of Chapter 8.04 of Title 8 of the La Mirada Municipal Code as follows:

“8.04.020 Code adopted.
Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on September 10, 2024, but excluding penalty provisions, is adopted by reference as the Animal Control Ordinance of the city.”

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment on this item at the public hearing. In addition, written comments may be submitted to the City prior to the hearing, mailed to 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, California 90638, Attention: City Clerk. Please reference hearing title and date of hearing in any correspondence.

If you wish to challenge the above in court, the challenge will be limited only to those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing described in this notice.

The agenda report for this item will be available at 5 p.m. on September 20, 2024, and a copy may be obtained. For more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 943-0131.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on September 10, 2024, before the City Council of the City of Commerce for the consideration of a First Reading to approve a Development Agreement for Commercial Cannabis Activities.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of adopting an Ordinance to approve a Development Agreement to allow for manufacturing, non-storefront delivery, and distribution of commercial cannabis products at 3019 Vail Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040. A copy of the proposed Development Agreement will be available on the City’s website and with the City Clerk’s Office.

Environmental Determination: The request for a Development Agreement has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(9); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Ch. 3, § 15301 [Class 1, “Existing Facilities”]). This section specifically applies to small additions, expansions, or alterations to existing structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use. In this case, the request includes a request to establish a Development Agreement.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL

Said public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Commerce in the City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, on September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents for the proposed Development Agreement will be heard.

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

City Manager
Ernie Hernandez

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 733 ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 56, ADDING LAND USE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO MAINTENANCE OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING ORDINANCE), AND APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 733.

Summary of Ordinance No. 733

The proposed Ordinance No. 733 would amend Chapter 21.30 of the LMMC and establish a new overlay within the Farm Animal Overlay Zoning District for chickens (-C). This overlay district would apply to all residential properties that have a detached residential dwelling unit. Residents in the overlay district would be permitted to have a maximum of six chickens. Poultry animals are already defined in the LMMC as “domesticated birds (fowl), customarily kept for eggs or meat. This classification includes chickens, roosters, ducks, geese, and turkeys.” However, this code modification will only be for chickens and the keeping of roosters and exotic animals would be prohibited. Any structure, coop, house, or pen containing poultry animals would be required to be kept at least five feet from all residential dwelling units and property lines.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 733 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 130-7714-RK

- (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
 - (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: XING HUO INC, 16127 CRYSTAL CREEK LN., CERRITOS, CA 90703
 - (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE
 - (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: LEE & ROW, INC, 6924 BEACH BLVD, K2-3381.1, BUENA PARK, CA 90621
 - (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND OTHER ASSETS of that certain business located at: 6924 BEACH BLVD, K2-3381.1, BUENA PARK, CA 90621
 - (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: TBAAR - BUENA PARK
 - (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 at the office of: GLEN OAKS ESCROW, 8447 WISLHIRE BLVD, STE 450, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211, Escrow No. 130-7714-RK, Escrow Officer: ROBIN KIM
 - (8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above.
 - (9) The last day for filing claims is: SEPTEMBER 17, 2024.
 - (10) This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
 - (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
- DATED: MAY 21, 2024
BUYER(S): LEE & ROW, INC,
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF PICO RIVERA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND FY 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to receive public comment for Substantial Amendments to the Annual Action Plans for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025. The City is an entitlement community and receives federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each fiscal year.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers
6615 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City is required to prepare and submit to HUD an Annual Action Plan that generally describes how the City will utilize federal money during the fiscal year to meet the goals and objectives approved by the City Council in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

For FY 2023-2024, the City received \$559,364 in CDBG funds. For FY 2024-2025, the City received \$589,071 in CDBG funds. As part of the proposed FY 2023-2024 Substantial Amendment No.2, the City anticipates reducing the FY 2023-2024 Teen Center Renovation funds by \$93,000 and roll over a balance of \$33,000 to FY 2024-2025. The City also anticipates allocating \$257,897 of unencumbered FY 24-25 funds and \$93,000 of FY 23-24 funds towards a sidewalk and street project.

In accordance with Section 15378 and Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and Section 24 CFR 58.34(a) of the National Environmental Protection Act (“NEPA”), the approval of the substantial amendment is exempt from CEQA and NEPA respectively. Under CEQA, the approval of the CAPER is exempt from CEQA under the Section 15061(b)(3)’s common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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

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

Availability of Documents for Public Comment: The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the planning process. The 30-day public review period for the Substantial Amendments to the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and the FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan runs from Friday, August 30, 2024, through Tuesday, October 8, 2024. A copy of the draft Plans will be made available for public review on the City of Pico Rivera’s website: <https://www.pico-rivera.org/community-development-block-grant/>. For more information, please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director, at (562) 801-4447 or via email at juliagonzalez@pico-rivera.org.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed Substantial Amendments to the Annual Action Plans 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 Pico Rivera City Clerk’s office at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia City Council will hold a Regular City Council Meeting Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 9, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following project:

Project Description: **Case 2024-15:** Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 24-959, Amending regulations in Article 11 (Off-Street Parking and Loading) of Chapter 2 of Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the Artesia Municipal Code relating to parking spaces required within the boundaries of Old Downtown

Applicant: Jay Bharat Restaurant

Location: **Old Downtown Area.** Within the area along Pioneer Boulevard bounded by 186th Street on the north, southerly parcels of 187th Street on the south, the first alley east of Pioneer Boulevard on the east and the first alley west of Pioneer Boulevard on the west

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Equality Act (CEQA), the Planning Department has determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

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 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, If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.

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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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

**CITY OF PICO RIVERA
ANNUAL SIGNING AND STRIPING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CIP NO. 50109**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California (“City”) invites Bids for the Project. Bids will be received electronically, and only through the PlanetBids System at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS. All Bidders are required to enter and submit their bid pricing electronically via PlanetBids Bid Schedule Tab. In addition, Bidders are required to upload scanned pdf copies of all items listed in the BIDDER’S CHECKLIST, including acknowledgement of all Addenda. Bids will be received prior to **2:00 p.m. on September 26, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened on the City’s approved electronic procurement platform. The City will have no responsibility for bids that do not arrive prior to the closing time, no matter what the reason.

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, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of the Contract, the Notice Inviting Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Proposal (including documentation accompanying the Bid Proposal and any post-Bid Proposal documentation submitted before the Notice of Award), the Bonds, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Plans, Standard Plans, Standard Specifications, Reference Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, and Supplemental Agreements.

DURATION: Time for completion of the Work is **Thirty (30) Working Days** from the date specified in the Notices to Proceed. The contractor’s bid shall reflect a schedule that utilizes sufficient amount of crews and equipment to complete all work within the required amount of time. No time extensions will be granted and liquidated damages will be strictly enforced.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents from the Planet Bids System. Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess either a valid Class “A” Contractor’s license issued by the California State Contractors License Board, or all of the following specialty licenses: C-32.

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material substitutions on the Planet Bids System prior to **4:00 pm on September 12, 2024**. Any materials substitutions or questions uploaded after the deadline, or asked by email or by telephone, will not be answered. The City will post on the Planet Bids System any applicable Addenda and/or supplemental information by 4:00 pm on September 19, 2024.

PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a “public work.” The selected 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.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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By: Noe Negrete Date August 26, 2024
Public Works Director

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:
SUJI DONG KIM
CASE NO. 24STPB09640**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SUJI DONG KIM.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to inter-ested 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: 09/26/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the peti-tion, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-tions 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 knowl-edgeable 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 as-sets or of any petition or account as provid-ed 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 EVA VASQUEZ aka EVA ELENA VASQUEZ
Case No. 24STPB09498**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of EVA VASQUEZ aka EVA ELENA VASQUEZ

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Bobbi Casillas 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 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 Sept. 24, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal rep-re-sentative 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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